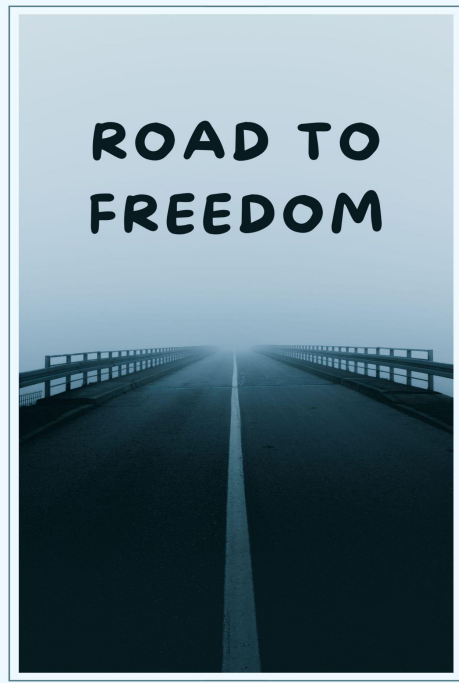


Weekly Announcements

09/17/2023

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This Week's Participants: Rev. David W. Poe, Intentional Interim Pastor; Ann Gaadt, Organist Pianist, Choir Director; Joyce Ann McClain, Handbell Director & Children's & Youth Choir Director; Ken Lippencott, Liturgist; Brad Rehm, Greeter; Brad & Hassie Rehm, Connie Wildt and Joan Huntebrinker, Ushers; Ron Winchel, Jeff Kolkmeier Sound Booth; Dick Wade, Bell Ringer; Dana Fehr, Gina Hale, Nursery; Natalie Wooten and Bill Cunningham, SonShine Kids.

Pastoral Care: If you find yourself experiencing illness, hospitalization, grief, or other critical challenges, contact us at (636) 926-8995. For emergencies, contact Pastor David Poe, (636) 667-2541.

Financial Contributions: you can give electronically via our website, set up automatic monthly contributions, or receive weekly envelopes, contact the office for assistance.

Announcements: If you would like to have something announced in the bulletin, please email the information to office@stjohnsweldonspring.com no later than 10 a.m. each Thursday. Thank you!



Use your QR reader app to make an electronic contribution to St. John's UCC. Thank you.

Last Week's Worship Attendance: 72
Facebook Views: 204
YouTube Channel Views: N/A

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES



Pastor "Pat" Gruber

Exciting News we have a New Pastor!

Here is a little bio on Pastor Pat and the churches he has been:

First Presbyterian Church in Mexico MO.

Trinity Chapel Presbyterian Church in Cuba MO.

First Presbyterian Church of Washington MO.

Pastor Pat has a bachelors of Science (English) degree from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota and a Master of Divinity from Bethel Theological Seminary. He has served as a youth director and Stephen Ministry Leader, along with a moderator of Presbytery, as well as serving on many other committees within the Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Gruber will have "Dual standing" in both the Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ.

Pat, his wife Karen and son, Alex Johnson currently live in Eureka, MO, with plans to move to this area.

Karen works for Boeing in St. Louis and Alex is currently in pharmacy school.

Pastor "Pat" will start the first Sunday in December.

We are excited to welcome Pastor Pat to our family here at St. John's.

The search committee has been very diligent in searching for the right pastor that will not only be a good preacher, but also minister to our members, children and community, teach us God's love, and grow our church family through a new & fresh commitment.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and prayers during our search process. We believe that God has called us to share this ministry of Christ with Pastor Gruber.



God knows your name...
but your group is still learning!



*Please wear your
name tag!*

REMINDER:

Don't forget to start wearing your name tag every Sunday.

On average, it takes more than 2 months before a new behavior becomes automatic — 66 days to be exact. Haha!

This habit should put us right into the start of Pastor Pat.

If you need a name tag (members & non-members) call the office and Mary will make sure to get you one.



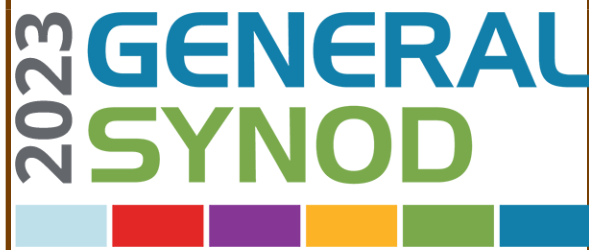


**UCC General Synod 34
(Delegate Speaker)**

Rev. Lorin Cope, a local UCC minister and delegate to this year's UCC General Synod, will be here this Sunday to share his experience with us.

He will bring us greetings and a quick overview during our 10 a.m. worship service and then he will continue the conversation during our coffee fellowship time.

Come and learn more about the United Church of Christ and the work we do together beyond our local church setting.



**Worship Committee Meeting
today after Service in the
Fellowship Hall all are WELCOME!**

**CHURCH
COUNCIL NEWS**

“Due to the approaching Cold, Flu, and Increased COVID infection season, we will temporarily discontinue holding hands as part of the weekly Church Postlude.

We encourage anyone who experiences infectious symptoms, or has been exposed to infectious symptoms to feel comfortable wearing a mask as appropriate.”





Our Council has approved the purchase of a “Square” This is so we can accept credit card payments during the BBQ’s and the Holiday Bazaar.

In order for this to work we are in need of an IPAD. If anyone has an IPAD they no longer use and would like to donate it to the Church Please call the church office.



TODAY IS BLANKET SUNDAY!



The donations given to this mission project will benefit the CWS (Church World Service) Blanket Program. \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way.

Please consider helping with this worthwhile cause by making out your check to St. John’s UCC, writing Blanket Sunday in the memo line and putting your check in the CWS envelope you received this morning with the bulletin.

Learn more about this CWS program at cwsblankets.org





DOMINOES, anyone? Please join us tomorrow, Sept 18 in fellowship hall at 1 PM for dominoes.

It's an easy game and we will be happy to teach you if you're a newcomer. Linda Long is bringing a snack.

Hope to see you then.....call Jean Hoskins, 314 307 7223 if you have any questions.



SAFE SANCTUARY *BOUNDARY* *TRAINING*

It is time to renew your background check if it was done over 3 years ago.

If you have had your background check within the last 3 years but did not go through the policy training so that you know the procedures we need to use at St. John's, you will need to attend one of the classes offered after church.

The classes will be on September 17th and 24th, October 1st and 8th.

If you want a refresher course on the policy you may also sign-up for the class. If these dates won't work for you please talk to Jewell Nadler and we will see about another date.

Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board.

The church will pay for the background check and you need to talk to Mary in the office to receive the computer information you will need.

Classes will be held in the Christian Education room.



***ST. JOHN'S
SINGERS FOR
THE SAVIOR***



Our Children and Youth Music Program rehearsal is every Sunday at 11:15am following the close of worship and Sunday School.

We welcome new members at any time and any age up through 8th grade.

Please contact our Director, Joyce Ann McClain, at 636-441-0121 for more details.



ST. JOHN'S UCC HANDBELL MINISTRY



SUNDAY WORSHIP - Our choir rings in the 10 AM worship service the 2nd Sunday each month: Sept. thru May

WEEKLY REHEARSALS are held in the Music Rehearsal Room

Wednesday evening- 5:30 to 6:50. August thru mid-May

Maybe this is **YOU?** "This looks like a great ministry and I know it would be fun to rehearse with these people, **BUT I DON'T READ MUSIC!!!**"

"NOT A PROBLEM-Not everyone in our choir reads music!

Make a
Joyful
Noise!

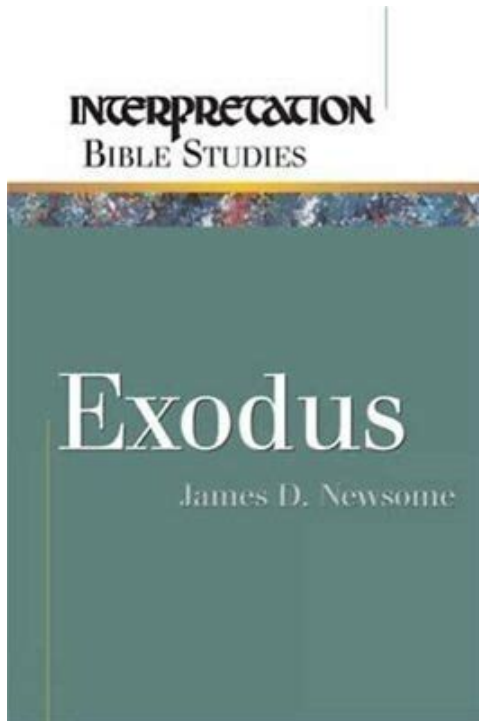


*"Volunteers are not paid
-- not because they are
worthless, but because
they are priceless."*

Would you like to **Volunteer** to be a **Liturgist, an Usher/Greeter, a Bell Ringer or even a Sound Technician or how about adding yourself to another position.**

We are always looking for members. Contact Jewel Nadler 636-373-1860.





Women's Bible Study is every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

We are studying "Exodus" by James D. Newsome. This can be purchased on Amazon, Target or your local bookstore.

If you would like to participate but cannot attend in person, please contact the church office.

Hope you can join us!



Men's Bible Study meets in person on **Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Scrambled Egg.**

All men are welcome to join us.



LENDING LIBRARY

Looking for some books to help increase your understanding and inspire your devotion to Jesus?

Check out our new lending library, which is located in the large basket next to the main building doors.

You can take a book, or leave one to share. Just remember to return the book you take within a month, so others can benefit from it as well. Thanks.



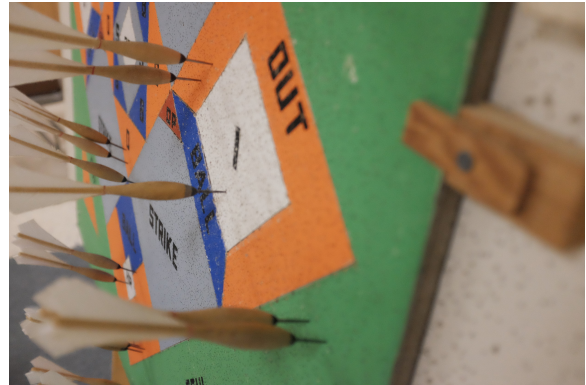
ST. JOHN'S MENS *DART BALL* *SCHEDULE*

GAMES START AT 7:30P.M.

**Monday September 18th
Our Savior at St. John's**

**Monday September 25th
St. John's has a BYE**

**If you are interested in joining the
Men's team call Dick Wade at
636-448-0238**



F.I.S.H. FOOD *PANTRY NEEDS* *FOR SEPT. 2023*

**Pancake Mix
Canned Pears
Canned Meat - Beef Stew, Spam,
Potted Meat, ETC.
Canned Tomatoes
Shampoo
Kids Toothbrushes
Newborn Disposable Diapers &
Size 1 & 2 Disposable Diapers**

May you all be blessed for your generosity!

Place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall.



MISSION & CARING MINISTRIES TEAM NEWS

Homebound? If you know of someone who should be included on our shut-in list to receive quarterly Holy Communion from the minister and occasional visits and gifts from our team, please contact the church office.

Festival of Sharing Eyeglass Collection Old eyeglasses or sunglasses need to be **Prescription glasses**. They can be dropped off in the bin in fellowship hall. We cannot take glass cases or non-prescription sunglasses.

Support Ronald McDonald House - bring in your soda tabs!

Come join us... Mission & Caring meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR & QUILT RAFFLE



Quilt raffle tickets on sale now!

We have given our quilt top to a group of ladies that quilt at Emmanuel UCC in Weldon Spring.

They will be finishing it for us and we will hang it in church as soon as it's finished. In the meantime, you can show this picture to your friends and family.

ST. JOHN'S UCC
HOLIDAY BAZAAR &
SILENT AUCTION
November 4th
9 AM. TO 3 P.M.
945 WOLFRUM RD.
IN WELDON SPRING; ONE MILE SOUTH OF MID RIVERS
MALL DR. ON HWY. 94.

FUN FOR THE KIDS FROM 10 A.M. TILL NOON
VISIT WITH SANTA CLAUS!
FACE PAINTING!
GAMES AND CRAFTS!

SILENT AUCTION, QUILT RAFFLE,
LUNCH CAFE, COOKIES BY THE
POUND, GIFTS TO GO, COUNTRY
STORE, CAKE WALK, GRANDMAS
ATTIC

*SILENT AUCTION BIDDING
CLOSES AT 2 P.M.
*RAFFLE DRAWING AT 2:15P.M.

CALL 636-926-8995 OR EMAIL
OFFICE@STJOHNSWELDONSPRING.COM FOR
MORE INFORMATION



LET'S SUPPORT
OUR LOCAL UCC
CHURCH'S

St. Paul's
United
Church of
Christ
Defiance
MO

Sept
24th
2023



Chicken Dinner

Drive-thru

150 Defiance Road
Defiance, MO 63341

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Inside seating available.

@stpaulsuccdefiancemissouri

\$15

Dinner includes:

- 1/2 of a fried chicken
- Mashed potatoes, with
gravy on the side
- Hot vegetable
- Special-recipe cole slaw
- Homestyle applesauce
- Delectable desserts
- Bottled water available

FRESH APPLE BUTTER and
QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS
available, too!

GIVE BLOOD

Red Cross Blood Drive
Is next Monday,
September 25, 2023 From
2pm to 6pm

**We are experiencing a national
blood shortage and many of our
hospital blood orders are going
unfilled.**

PLEASE GO ON LINE OR CALL TO
RESERVE YOUR SPACE

Thank you so much for helping us
get much needed blood on our
hospital shelves for patients in
need!

redcrossblood.org and enter the
sponsor code: Cliff or call
1-800-Redcross



Keep your contact information

UPDATED



Reminder: If you have a change of
address or change in phone
number please reach out to the
church office 636-926-8995 so we
can update our files.



New address for Shelia Fredrick:

Bethesda Meadow
320 Old State Rd
Ellisville MO 63021



OUR
HOMEBOUND
FRIENDS

Martha Cook	Hank Kroeger
Calvin Hagen	Marian Lonning
Pat Honaker	Rita Marcum
Barb Hofstetter	Chris Savage
Don Howell	George Schlie
Edie Shave	Rick Weaver
Mary Ellen Dieckmann	
David & Dorothy Kapeller	



Don't forget to bring your recycled
cans to church!
There is a canister out in the trash
corral that is marked

"Aluminum Cans"



[Monthly Birthday Sunday](#)
is going to be every other Month.

The end of September will be
celebrations for [August &](#)
[September](#)



Clint & Kylie Hanne	9/18
Tom & Kristy Kniest	9/18
Rusty & Lisa Kaiser	9/20
Bill & Karla Cunningham	9/23
Kraig & Dana Kassel	9/28
Kevin & Mary Lue Buescher	9/29



Kevin Buescher	9/17
Jason Marco	9/18
Sally Silea	9/18
Don Howell	9/20
Lucy Anstedt	9/22
Clint Hanne	9/22
Gina Hale	9/30

ALTAR FLOWERS



Is there someone that you would like to remember, or honor? Special anniversary, birthday, or graduation to recognize?

If so, contact the church office (636) 926-8995 to sponsor chancel flowers in their name(s). The cost is \$35 per arrangement



PRAYER LIST

Prayer request cards are located on the small table as you enter for worship. Please fill one out and give it to the Minister or an Usher. Make sure you have the person's permission before filling out a card.

Comfort and Healing: Jackson (12 year old nephew of Linda Long had Spinal Surgery); Alice Gooch; Carol Kaiser (Cancer); Kenny Schlote; Karla Cunningham; Connie Wildt; Wes Kolkmeier; Elizabeth Gilliam; Barb Horstmeier; Jean Hoskins; Jeff Kolkmeier; Edie Shave (Hospice); Marian Lonning (Hospice); Hank Kroeger.

Others for whom we have concern: The Family of Rev. David Lauer (Suzie Weaver's first cousin who passed away over the holiday weekend); Ron Gravemann, (Brother of Diane Falkner); Eric (Allan Hopkins, niece's husband 46 years old diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer); Michael Wooten (Father-In-Law of Natalie Wooten, diagnosed with Lung Cancer); Diane Weilmuenster (Heart Problems, Sister of David & Jill Carr); Michell Lenz (Niece of Jeff & Debbie Kolkmeier Diagnosed with Breast Cancer); Mary Gibson (battling Lymphoma, friend of Shelia Fredrick); Jessica White (stage 4

Liver Cancer, friend of Barb Yocks); Janet Iler (Brain Cancer Surgery, Friend of Rhonda Hanne); Angela Restifo (Niece of Shelia Fredrick who has an Autoimmune Disease); Shannon Boland and Family (friend of Connie Wildt, battling cancer); Dylan Jensen (per Jinnielynn Howell).

Please let us know when it's time to remove a request from the list.



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