

PRAYER REQUESTS

Comfort and Healing:

Rick Weaver Family; Adam Averett (torn bicep); George Schlie (Hospice);
Ken Schlote (knee surgery); Rosie DeJarnett;
Wes Kolkmeier (Knee Surgery); Paul & Jane Langenwalter;
Joan Huntebrinker; Gerri Russo; Wanita Morris;

Others for whom we have concern:

Melvin Kassel (Upcoming Spinal Surgery on May 8th, Father in law of Dana Kassel); Hunter Perry, (Friend of Kim Robertson); Steven Matney, (Lung Cancer Surgery, Son in Law of Tom & Alice Gooch); George Hughes (for healing from surgery, uncle of Dottie Seiter); Ella Magnin (pray for healing, she is the mother of Dottie Seiter); Renee Greer (Neighbor of Ken & Pat Schlote starting Chemo); Emil Magnin (45 yrs old with Colon Cancer, Dottie Seiter's cousin son); Sister of Barb Yocks has Alzheimer's; Layla Garvey (Great granddaughter of Vicie Smith, has Hypothyroidism); Gail Smith (Pray for Strength and Healing, daughter in Law of Vicie Smith); Pam Woverton's daughter, Taylor recovering from brain surgery friend of Connie Wildt; Meg Kinnin (Recovering from surgery related to her Breast Cancer, pray for comfort and healing); Dennis Hopkins (Allan Hopkins brother, Stage 4 Lung Cancer); Cindy Restifo (strength for handling illnesses of both children and care of grandchildren, sister of Shelia Fredrick); Jay Restifo (Nephew of Shelia Fredrick battling bone cancer); Angela Restifo (Kidney removed, Niece of Shelia Frederick); Eric (Allan Hopkins, niece's husband 46 years old diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer); Shannon Boland (getting better from her Bone Marrow Transplant still needs prayer, friend of Connie Wildt);

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

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**Rev. Patrick Gruber**  
**Church Pastor**

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***St. John's
United Church of Christ
Weldon Spring, MO***

May 11, 2025, 10 a.m.



***“A Great Woman with a
Terrible Name”***

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor: Patrick Gruber

Organist & Choir Director: Ann Gaadt

Handbell Director & Children's & Youth Choir Director:

Joyce McClain

Audio Visual Specialist: Bryan Wildt

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Acolytes: Madison & James Averett

Greeters and Ushers: Ken Lippincott, Connie Wildt
and John & Sharon Hampshire

Liturgist: Barb Horstmeier

Bell Ringer: Dick Wade

Sound Booth: Todd Michael

SonShine Kids: Ellen Waterman and Dottie Seiter

Nursery: Karla Cunningham and Hassie Rehm

Pastoral Care: If you find yourself experiencing illness, hospitalization, grief, or other critical challenges, contact us at (636) 926-8995. For emergencies, contact Pastor Patrick Gruber (636) 253-1287.

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: 88

Facebook Views: 70 YouTube Channel Views: 23



It's that time again!! Fire up the Grill!!

Our BBQ is this Saturday May 17th.

We have a new item on the menu: Pulled Pork! YUMMY!!!

We are doing donations a little different, instead of **YOU** buying the items, we will have the amount of each item on the sign up sheet. You donate the amount on the sheet and put it in the designated envelope by the sign up sheet then put it in the offering or bring it to the office.

We will do the shopping!

See the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**If you have any questions contact Dottie Seiter
314-890-0186 or call the church office.**



Next Sunday May 18, 2025 is Graduation Sunday, if you have a 2025 graduate from Kindergarten to College we would love to acknowledge them.

Please email a picture to office@stjohnsweldonspring.com or bring into the office by **Tuesday May 13th**, along with a small bio and we will get it in the presentation for Graduation Sunday!

Congratulations to the class of 2025!



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

It is with our deepest Sympathy to announce that **Rick Weaver** has passed away. Please keep Suzie and her family in your prayers.

Arrangements are as follows;

Service is Saturday May 24, 2025, Visitation at 11am and 12noon service at St. John's UCC. Gravesite service following with a luncheon in the fellowship hall.



*Blessed is she who has
Believed that the Lord
Would fill his promises to her
Luke 1:45*

Stop by the Photo Booth for a picture with MOM!

Order of Worship

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "God, Give Us Christian Homes"
Art. Cindy Berry

Call to Worship

One: Awake! Rise up!

All: There is much to be done in the Lord's Name today.

One: Get ready to worship and to serve God.

All: We are ready to hear God's word for us and to respond in action and love.

One; Open your hearts to God's will this day.

All: Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us.

Unison Prayer

With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #246 "Christ is Alive"

Anthem "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" Arr Joel Raney

Children's Time

Scripture Readings Barb Horstmeier
Acts 9:36-43 and John 10:22-30

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "A Great Woman with a Terrible Name"
Rev. Patrick Gruber

*Hymn #7 "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

***Litany for Mother's Day**

One: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.

One: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

All: We pray for peace.

One: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

All: We pray for healing.

One: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

One: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

All: We weep with those with broken hearts.

One: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

One: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares upon you,

I lay all my burdens down at your feet

And anytime that I don't know what to do,

I will cast all my cares upon you

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (using "sins" and "sins against us")

Offertory "God Can Make a Way" Arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #324** "For All the Faithful Women"

***Charge and Benediction**

***Alleluia**

Alleluia, Alleluia (3x)

God be with you, Alleluia (3x)

This Week at St John's

Monday 1:00pm Prayer Shawl

Tuesday 9:30am Bible Study at Scrambled Egg

6:00pm Mission & Caring (Bemo's)

Wednesday 5:20pm Handbell Rehearsal

7:00pm Last Choir Rehearsal for Summer

10:00am Articles Due

Thursday Mary Off / Office Closed

Friday Mary Off / Office Closed

Saturday BBQ 11am-3pm

Sunday Graduation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday

10:00am Worship Service

10:00am SonShine Kids

11:00am Council Meeting

11:00am Adult Education



**Mary will be out of the Office
Thursday May 15th and Friday May 16th**