

PRAYER REQUESTS

Comfort and Healing:

Jim Elledge: Rick Weaver; Tony Altobell; Todd Michael; Francis Hardwick; Tom Gooch; Ronnie & Lois Roberts; Vera Villa; Dennis Davenport; Gayle Winchell; Wanita Morris; Gerri Russo; Edie Shave (Hospice).

Others for whom we have concern:

*Mike Scoles (Stage 4 Liver Cancer, friend of Ron Hahn); Collin Iler (Treatments for Leukemia, friend of Rhonda Hanne); David Dieckmann (Had surgery , son of Mary Ellen Dieckmann); Sharon Moore (Mother of Kristy Kniest); Pam Wolverton (friend of Connie Wildt); Carole Herrmann (Sister of Suzie Weaver who is having memory issues); Sandy Forrest (Having chemo, friend of Pam Hoffert); Joanne Dunaway (Friend of Kristy Kniest diagnosed with Leukemia); Tyler Schaffer (Mary Ellen Dieckman's friends 5 yr. old Grandson has a brain tumor); Angela Restifo (Niece of Shelia Frederick); Sally McBride (Diagnosed with Throat Cancer, friend of David & Jill Carr); Neala Bowman (Friend of the Wooten's diagnosed with (Brain cancer); Ron Graveman (Heart issues, brother of Diane Falkner); Michael Wooten (Father-in-law of Natalie Wooten diagnosed with Lung Cancer); Michelle Lenz (Niece of Jeff & Debbie Kolkmeier, diagnosed with Breast Cancer); Eric (Allan Hopkins, niece's husband 46 years old diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer); Janet Iler (Brain Cancer, friend of Rhonda Hanne); Shannon Boland (friend of Connie Wildt, battling cancer); **Please let us know when it's time to remove a request from the list.***



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

May 19, 2024, 10 a.m.



“Trending or Transforming?”

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Patrick Gruber

Organist & Choir Director: Ann Gaadt

Pianist & Organist: Ken Waterman

Handbell Director & Children's & Youth Choir Director:
Joyce McClain

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Greeter: Kevin Buescher

Ushers: Bob & Paulette Becker and
Kevin & Mary Lou Buescher

Liturgist: Polly Wagner

Nursery: Jewell Nadler and Hassie Rehm

Bell Ringer: Dick Wade

Sound Booth: Ken Waterman and Jean Hoskins

SonShine Kids: Ellen Waterman & Lisa Kaiser

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: 134
Facebook Views: 88 YouTube Channel Views: N/A



For the 2nd summer - our children - age 3 thru 8th grade - can enroll in

FUN WITH MUSIC - SUMMER OF '24!

Guests are always welcome!

We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in June, July, and August. *[This coincides with St John's Sunday School Summer Schedule.]* We will meet for 30 minutes: 11:10 to 11:40 and will begin with our own light snack!

For questions or to offer to help me 1 or 2 Sundays this summer, my home phone # is 636-441-0121. A sign-up sheet for children and workers will soon be posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

St. John's Director of Children & Youth Music Ministry,
Joyce Ann McClain



Starting in June, July, and August the Office will be closed on Fridays!

See your email-eblast for all other announcements.



Reminder: June, July, and August we have Summer Sunday School on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month!

[This coincides with the Fun with Music Sunday Summer Schedule.]

Join us June 9th for the first Summer Sunday School Fun!

If you have any questions, contact Jewel Nadler at 636-373-1860

Have a great Summer!



The choir will not be practicing on Wednesday nights for the Summer. They will meet at 9:15am on Sunday mornings.

Handbell practice and ringing is off for the Summer!

Prayer Shawl will not meet now until Monday Sept. 9, 2024. We are taking the Summer off.

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart"
Arranger. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

All: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

All: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

All: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do.

Unison Prayer

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. Amen.

*Hymn #292 "As the Wind Song"

Anthem "We will Glorify"
Arranger. Twills Murray Jack Schrader

Children's Time

Scripture Readings Polly Wagner
Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts 2:1-6

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Trending or Transforming?"
By: Pastor Pat Gruber

*Hymn #482 "Baptized in Water"

Sacrament of Baptism Emma Grace Bitney
Parents: Brian and Kayla Bitney
Godparents: Amanda Myers and Derek Bohnsack

Pastor: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them, **All: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."**

Pastor: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptized by you," John said, "Yet you have come to me!"

All: Jesus said, "Let it be so for now. For in this way, we shall do all that God requires." So, John agreed.

Pastor: As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him.

All: Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Pastor: At another time Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Baptismal Vows

Pastor: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Emma as she lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Please stand if you are comfortable and able.

Do you believe in God?



DOMINOES ANYONE? Our next dominoes game will be **Monday, May 20 at Rosemarie Reis game room (3rd floor) at The Boulevard -- at the corner of Woodstone & Old Hwy 94 (across from the post office) at 1 PM.**

Marilyn is bringing a snack this time.

Let Jean Hoskins know if you can come 314-307-7223.



Thank you to all who volunteered and donated to the BBQ, what a success!

We couldn't have done it without you!

We all know it takes a **VILLAGE!**

Next BBQ, June 15, 2024



All: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

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

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"**

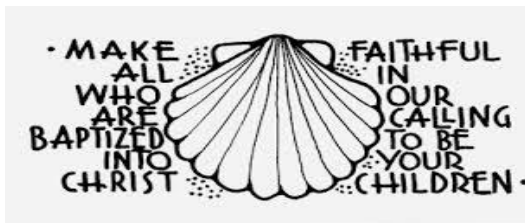
***Charge and Benediction**

***Alleluia**

*Alleluia, Alleluia (3x)
God be with you, Alleluia (3x)*

***Postlude**

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The Beautiful Flowers in Worship Service today is in Honor of Emma's Baptism!

Congratulations, Emma Grace Bitney

This Week at St John's

Monday **1:00 Domino's at The Boulevard-St. Peters**
Tuesday 9:30am Bible Study at Scrambled Egg
3:00pm Worship Committee Meeting
6:00pm Mission & Caring Meeting
Wednesday 11:00am Staff Meeting
Thursday 10:00am Articles due for bulletin
Sunday 10:00am Worship w/ SonShine Kids Club
11:00 am Christian Ed Meeting
11am Fellowship Coffee Hour
11:20 - 11:45am Children's Choir Practice



Today is the last collection for "Strengthen The Church" envelopes are available in the pews.

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports congregations and initiatives that help us live into the United Church of Christ's "big tent" vision. Funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and renewal initiatives in existing congregations. Your conference and the national ministries work together to use these funds for projects that matter now and for the future of our movement.

Through this offering, we further our commitment to being a multi-racial/multi-cultural church that is accessible to all.