



DOMINOES ANYONE? Please join your St. John's friends for **Dominoes on Monday, March 18 at 1 PM** in fellowship hall. Sue Evans will bring a snack. We're delighted to have new players and will be happy to teach you -- it's easy!

Contact Jean Hoskins if you have any questions.



A **BIG** shout out **THANKS** to **Brad & Hassie Rehm, Greg Hale, David Carr, and Mark Falkner** for repeatedly moving the tables and chairs in and out of the Fellowship Hall for the last two functions this past week!



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*St. John's United Church of Christ
Weldon Spring, MO
March 17, 2024, 10 a.m.*



“Forward Looking Faith”

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Patrick Gruber

Organist & Choir Director: Ann Gaadt

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Greeter: Dottie Seiter

Ushers: Mark Leuthauser, Janet Summers,
Dottie Seiter and Dick Wade

Liturgist: Bryan Wildt

Nursery: Vera Villa & Jewell Nadler

Bell Ringer: John Hampshire

Sound Booth: Ron Winchell & David Carr

SonShine Kids: Jan Hopkins and Ellen Waterman

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: 78

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



EASTER GIFTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Would you consider sharing the joy of Easter with our members who are homebound?

The Mission & Caring Ministry is preparing gifts for these folks and will have them and a list of names in Fellowship Hall on **Sundays, March 17, and March 24.**

If you would like to deliver a gift to a homebound member, please sign up next to that person's name and take a gift on one of those two Sundays.



CALLING ALL KIDS!!

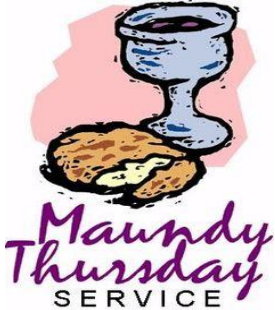
Sign up for the Easter Egg Hunt after 10am Worship Service on Easter Sunday.

See the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall....

See your email-eblast for all other announcements.

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# Order of Worship



Service will start at 7p.m. on Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>.

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Good Friday March 29th and Holy Saturday March 30th from 12noon to 3pm, prayer stations will be set up in church for silent prayer throughout the day.

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**The Easter flowers may be taken home following the 10 AM worship service on Easter morning. Please pick up the flowers you ordered by Sunday, April 7.**

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Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Change My Heart O God Larry Shackley

Call to Worship

One: This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice.

All: Be with us, Lord, as we take this step.

One: This requires the willingness to give all of your life to the Lord.

All: Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.

One: Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

All: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day.

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain, and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. (Moment of Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn #753 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Anthem Celtic Blessing Music Patricia Thompson

Children's Time

Scripture Readings Bryan Wildt
Jeremiah 31:31-34 and John 12:20-36

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Forward Looking Faith” By: Pastor Pat Gruber

Reception of New Members

One: Let us, the members of St John’s UCC Weldon Spring express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

***Hymn #829 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

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 #726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Alleluia**

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

***Postlude**

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This Week at St John’s

Monday

1:00pm Dominos

Tuesday

9:30am Bible Study at Scrambled Egg
3:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday

Bell Choir Practice 5:30pm
Choir Practice 7pm

Thursday

5:30pm Last Lenten Dinner
6:00pm Lenten Study

Sunday

10:00am Worship w/ SonShine Kids Club
Palm Sunday
11:00am Fellowship Hour
11:20am Children’s Choir Practice
11:20am Christian Ed Meeting




Easter Morning Breakfast *Make sure you sign up for our 9am Easter Breakfast. All are Welcome! See the signup sheet in the fellowship hall!*





PRAYER REQUESTS

Comfort and Healing:

Gayle Winchell; Vera Villa; Dennis Davenport; Wanita Morris; Ann Lippincott; Gerri Russo; Martha Cook; Mary Ellen Dieckmann; Edie Shave (Hospice); Hank Kroeger (Hospice).

Others for whom we have concern: *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 in ICU); Matthew Scott (Stationed in Japan, friend of Joyce & Gary McClain); 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 Surgery 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.