

PRAYER REQUESTS

Comfort and Healing:

Francis Hardwick; Tom Gooch; Ronnie & Lois Roberts (he has Parkinson's, and she has Dementia, both moved into The Landing / Memory care); Gayle Winchell; Vera Villa; Dennis Davenport; Wanita Morris; Gerri Russo; Edie Shave (Hospice).

Others for whom we have concern:

Sharon Moore (Mother of Kristy Kniest); Pam Wolverton (In rehab for a staph infection, 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

April 28, 2024, 10 a.m.



**“A Branch on a Tree,
not a Stick in the Mud”**

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: Gina Hale

Ushers: Greg & Gina Hale,

Jim & Sharon Elledge

Liturgist: Natalie Wooten

Nursery: Dana Fehr and Sherry Self

Bell Ringer: Dick Wade

Sound Booth: David Carr and Bill Cunningham

SonShine Kids: Lisa Kaiser & Dottie Seiter

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: 89

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



St. John's UCC is hosting a collection again this year for "Nurses For Newborns".

This agency provides a safety net for families most at risk in order to prevent infant mortality, child abuse and neglect by providing in-home nursing visits which promote healthcare, education and positive parenting skills.

A baby crib will be in the Fellowship Hall from **April 7 to April 28th** If you would like to contribute to this collection.

Priority Items

- Baby Care Items (Lotion, Shampoo, Wash), Bottles, Teething Rings
- Baby Formula (Preferably Enfamil w/Lipil)
- First Aid Supplies, Vaseline, A & D ointment
- Adult Toiletries, Adult Hygiene Items
- Car Seats (5-point car seats only less than 5 years old)
- Clothing (Premie to Size 4T)
- Diapers (All Sizes, & Pull-Ups), Diaper Wipes
- Gift Cards – Gas, Grocery
- Pack 'n Plays, Highchairs
- Peanut butter & Jelly
- Macaroni and cheese (and other boxed pastas)
- Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)
- Tuna and other canned meat
- Canned pastas, Cereal, Fruit juice in boxes or cans
- Canned fruit (in juice or low-sugar), Canned Vegetable (low-sodium), Fruit rolls, Raisins, Graham crackers, Applesauce
- Cheese and crackers, Fruit cups, Pretzels, Granola bars
- Cleaning Supplies

A Playpen is set up in the Fellowship Hall for donated items.

Due to Federal Regulations, cribs will no longer be accepted.

We do not accept furniture or maternity clothing.





Sunday May 5th there will be usher training for current and new ushers. The training will start at 11:30am in the sanctuary. If you think you would like to usher but haven't signed up yet, you are welcome to attend the training. If you have any questions prior to the meeting check with Jewell Nadler or Pastor Pat.



Fire up the Grill, our next **BBQ is May 18th!** See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin boards, if you can donate items that would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are needed!

Let's start the Summer off with a Successful BBQ!

See your email-eblast for all other announcements.

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Love Divine/All Loves Excelling/Joyful Joyful
Arranger. Melody Bober

Call to Worship

One: Come to the vineyard of God.

All: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.

One: Drink from the waters of life.

All: We live in the light of God's grace.

One: Come to the vineyard of God.

All: Everyone is welcome here.

Unison Prayer

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Remain in us, that we may remain in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #238 "Thine is the Glory"

Anthem Think About His Love Walt Harrah
Arranged by Mary McDonald

Children's Time

Scripture Readings Natalie Wooten
1 John 4:7-21 and John 15:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “A Branch on a Tree, not a Stick in the Mud”
By: Pastor Pat Gruber

***Hymn #245** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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 #248** “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

***Charge and Benediction**

***Alleluia**

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

***Postlude**

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This Week at St John's

Tuesday 9:30am Bible Study at Scrambled Egg
Wednesday Bell Choir Practice 5:20pm
Choir Practice 7pm
Thursday 10:00am Articles due for bulletin
Sunday 10:00am Worship w/ SonShine Kids Club
Sound Booth dedication for Jeff Kolkmeier
Children singing during Worship.
11am Fellowship Coffee Hour
11:20 – 11:45am Children's Choir Practice



*The Beautiful Flowers in Worship this morning are in honor of Tom & Alice Gooch's Wedding Anniversary!
“In Thanks, that Love can be found at any age”*

In Loving Memory

Join us next Sunday during Worship Service as we Dedicate the Sound Booth in Memory of Jeff Kolkmeier

