



**A WORD FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR**

As I write this message, I have been in the office for two and a half weeks and have led three worship services. Every day is new. I have noticed what a gracious and kind people you are and am grateful to have had an easy entry as your interim pastor. Just as a reminder that my role is to prepare you for the one who will be your “called pastor,” which includes helping you prepare the facility and upgrade your technology, review and update your policies, helping you connect more strongly with the United Church of Christ and its missions, and to help you to develop a vision for your future into which you can invite your pastoral candidates. All of this while providing the congregation with the spiritual nurture and pastoral care you expect from any pastor that you call to serve your congregation.

During this brief time, I have been with you, I have already discerned some paths along which we can walk together. I will be introducing some new things, but please be assured that anything I introduce is not meant to be a permanent change. These are to allow St. John to have new expressions of worship, prayer, study, and even administration, so you can move beyond “we’ve never done it that way before.” (I’m laughing as I write that! We’ve all been there before, including me!)

Between now and the end of the year (holidays and all), we will get to know each other better and begin laying the foundation for the interim process which will hit the ground running early in 2023. We should not rush through the process, nor should we get too comfortable in this interim time. May we be thorough and diligent while being filled with hope and great joy as we work together during this time together.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Rev. Bob Goddard* (commonly known as Bob or Pastor Bob)



Make sure to read Rachael’s Report in this newsletter for a special Thanksgiving church activity!

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY  
READINGS (ADAPTED)

**NOVEMBER 6**      *[Psalm 98]*  
**PENTECOST 22**      “God Has Done Marvelous Things”  
All Saints Sunday  
**TOTENFEST**      **HOLY COMMUNION (PEW)**  
**OBSERVANCE**      **8:00 and 10:30**

Haggai 1: 15b – 2: 9  
Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21  
Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20: 27-38

**NOVEMBER 13**      *[Isaiah 65: 17-25]*  
**PENTECOST 23**      “Infinite Possibilities”  
  
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**8:00 and 10:30**

Isaiah 65: 17-25  
Psalm 98  
2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13  
Luke 21: 5-19

**NOVEMBER 20**      *[Colossians 1: 11-20]*  
**PENTECOST 24**      “Together in Christ”  
  
**HOLY COMMUNION (ALTAR)**  
**8:00 and 10:30**

Jeremiah 23: 1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1: 11-20  
Luke 23: 33-43

**NOVEMBER 27**      *[Isaiah 2: 1-5, Matthew 24: 36-44]*  
**ADVENT 1**      “Get Ready for Jesus”  
  
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**8:00 and 10:30**

Isaiah 2: 1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13: 11-14  
Matthew 24: 36-44

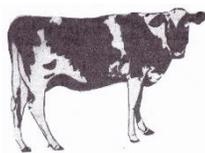
Videos of Sunday services are posted every Monday to watch during the week for those unable to attend in person worship--  
[www.facebook.com/StJohnUCCMascoutah](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnUCCMascoutah)  
[www.saintjohnucc.org](http://www.saintjohnucc.org)  
[www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)  
(search for St. John UCC Mascoutah)



WHY NOT READ ALL OF THE LECTIONARY READINGS provided to enrich your Sunday worship? The message each Sunday is usually based on one or another of these assigned readings.

# BEEF AND NOODLE DINNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>



LUNCH: 11 am – 1 pm  
DINNER: 5 pm – 7 pm

Adults: \$13 / Children 6-12: \$5 / Under 6: Free

Benefits go to the Senior Center & Leu Civic Center

## ROLE OF THE INTERIM MINISTER

The role of the interim minister is easy to articulate, but, as with many things around the church, it is not always easy to accomplish. So, here are the basics.

The Fundamental Tasks of the Intentional Interim Minister:

- Joining the system of the church in a healthy manner
- Analyzing the System of the Congregation
- Discerning Responsibility and Establishing Priorities
- Connecting the Congregation and the Denomination
- Evaluating and Adjusting to a New Future: Exiting in a healthy manner so the newly called pastor has a clean entry.

The interim minister, along with the Conference, educates the congregation in the areas around which they are responsible. The following articulates those responsibilities.

The Fundamental Tasks of the Congregation:

- Heritage: Reviewing how the congregation has been shaped and formed.
- Leadership: Reviewing the member needs and its ways of organizing and developing new and effective leadership.
- Mission: defining and redefining a sense of purpose and direction.
- Connections: Discovering all the relationships a faith community builds outside of itself.
- Future: Developing congregational and pastoral profiles

These tasks, along with all the responsibilities of any called local church pastor and all the continuing ministries of this congregation, outline the fullness of this interim period. Let's not see these tasks as a burden, but as a time of fun and fellowship and spiritual renewal for all ages of the St. John UCC congregation.

I look forward to our time together.

*Pastor Bob*

## STAFFED SUNDAY NURSERY

The NURSERY for younger children is now available from 7:45 – 11:45 am every Sunday. We also welcome children in our worship services—it helps them get used to being in church from their youngest years. Our new attendants will rotate and include Calista Hosler, Morgan Waller, Julie-Anne Erickson, and Jasmine Brown.



## GET IN TOUCH WITH THE PASTOR HAVING SURGERY? IN THE HOSPITAL?

Please call the church office (618 / 566-7311) if there is a pastoral need.

Our Interim Pastor Bob Goddard will begin October 1<sup>st</sup> and will be available for pastoral care and visits.

Pastors often have prayer before surgery and have been arranging those brief visits with prayer at your home just before you leave for the hospital (or the evening before) or at the hospital prior to the procedure. This is intended to encourage and remind us of God's healing and eternal grace and love.



*Hearts In Service* volunteers visit, call, text, and send cards.

When having a procedure or hospitalized, we **still do not have access to that information at Memorial and Memorial Shiloh**, so please notify our church office.

As always, if you wish some or all information not to be public, just ask to keep it confidential.

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## NOW MORE THAN EVER...



KEEPING YOU POSTED with up-to-date information about our church life and ministry opportunities. Please check frequently. Our Facebook pages are open, but you are also encouraged to join. [www.facebook.com/StJohnUCCMascoutah](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnUCCMascoutah)



### WORSHIP GUIDELINES

Though coronavirus variant cases continue, guidelines to be minimal. However, we aim to respect and love one another with our various views and our Worship Ministry will consider further changes. While masks are optional, some will continue to use them. At this time,

- ✦ We are to be WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER IN FELLOWSHIP AND LOVE, but some may not be ready for “handshakes and hugs”, so please continue to respect others’ personal space at this time.
- ✦ We will have PASSING OF THE PEACE during service.
- ✦ OFFERING PLATES will be passed through the pews during service in the sanctuary.
- ✦ COMMUNION is celebrated both in pews and at the altar with intinction.

### CHILDREN’S CHURCH WEEKLY DURING 10:30 AM SERVICE

After the Children’s Message, children will go to Fireside for a lesson, game, craft, and fun! Pickup will usually be in Fireside. If you have any questions, please contact Rachael. Hope to see you there!!!



→We could use a few more adults on our rotating schedule. Would you be willing to serve?



**THANK YOU** to those who donated toward new tables! An update from Rachael will be available soon!

YOU ARE INVITED  
AS A GRATEFUL COMMUNITY  
GATHERS FOR THE ANNUAL

## ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 20  
**6:00 pm**

TO BE HELD AT  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
816 West Church Street  
Mascoutah, IL



- Message by Pastor Justin Iverson, of Bethel United Methodist Church
- Uplifting music
- Scripture and prayers
- Offerings for *Mascoutah Weekend Meals*

Participating will be  
pastors and churches of Mascoutah

Hosted by the Ministerial Association of  
Mascoutah and First Baptist Church

## HELP OUR THANKSGIVING MEAL FROM THE *SERVING OTHERS* COMMITTEE

ST. JOHN *SERVING OTHERS* COMMITTEE is asking for your assistance with the annual THANKSGIVING DINNERS. For 2022, we will again deliver a "MEAL IN A BAG" consisting of the following:

- Freshly baked turkey (will be baked, carved and stored at church)
- Can of turkey gravy
- Box of turkey dressing
- Box of mashed potatoes
- Can of corn
- Can of applesauce
- Box of brownie mix



No pies are being provided this year!

**HELP IS NEEDED** — To help the *Serving Others Committee* get a sense for this project, use the form below to participate. We are going to do this! We are on a mission from God! We do need your help!

Masks will be required in the building. If you are not vaccinated, please do not participate. We wish to ensure the safety of all participants.

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- DRIVERS: Masks are the only requirement. Will need 16 drivers.
- RUNNERS: You wear a mask because you are going in and out of the building. This job involves taking the orders to the cars, through the side door to the side parking lot. We can use young adults, athletic adults and youth. Will need 7-8 people.
- PACKING OF TURKEY: Masks and gloves will be required. Will need 4-5 people.
- MONETARY DONATIONS: Donations are always appreciated. These can be mailed to St. John United Church of Christ, PO Box 153, Mascoutah. In the memo area put Thanksgiving Dinner. If you have any questions, contact Charlotte Schifferdecker at 618-741-2577.

Thank you,  
*Charlotte Schifferdecker*  
 Coordinator, *Serving Others* Committee

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

## AN UPDATE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

November is finally here, and the year is winding down. During the month of November, we embark on the Fall Stewardship Campaign. The kickoff for this campaign is on November 6, the first Sunday of the month and continues through November 20. The theme of this campaign is "A New Beginning". We are going through a transition may take us in a new direction. There are some uncertainties, as there always will be when there are changes. But by keeping everything Christ centered, we can be assured that the grace of God will live within us, and we will continue to grow in faith.

During the month of September, our General Funds receipts were \$27,545 and expenses \$32,891 for a deficit of \$5,346. Year to date receipts are \$259,650 and our year to date expenses \$311,455 for a deficit of \$51,805. Please keep St. John Church in mind when making your contributions.

A very easy way to continue your support is to enroll in the automatic giving program. This program is easily accessible through the St. John website, <https://saintjohnucc.org/>. Please consider this enrolling in this program taking into consideration your contribution for the upcoming year.

*Kent Schroeder*

Treasurer & Director,  
 Stewardship Ministry



## SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS

Please make sure to have your child(ren) at Sunday School on December 4, 11 and 18 so they are able to practice for the Sunday School Christmas Message on December 18 at the 10:30 service.



Thank you!

## MASCOUTAH WEEKEND MEALS

**Next packing date: November 17 at 3:30 at  
Mascoutah Middle School**

Current needs: breakfast bars or granola bars, packets of instant oatmeal, boxes of Pop-Tarts, apple sauce or fruit cups

→There is a wooden box for donations by the elevator.  
Look for the Mascoutah Weekend Meals sign! Thank you!



**Mascoutah Weekend Meals**

Supporting Healthy Kids, Healthy Minds, & Healthy Community

This program reaches kids on the free lunch program in all 5 schools of the Mascoutah School District and works in conjunction with the Summer Lunch Program. You can help by donating food items, help on packing dates, double bag grocery bags, donating gift cards (Tom's would be great!) or by donating financially. Checks can be written to Mascoutah Weekend Meals. Talk with Rachael if you have any questions or would like to be involved in some way!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

# YOUTH NEWS

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We normally meet each Wednesday in Fellowship Hall and sometimes on the church grounds from 6:00-6:30! We have fun and faith—and usually snacks, too! This is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders! Bring a friend to join us!

\*Please make sure to check out and read your Middle School Upcoming Events page EACH WEEK!

\*\*No MS Youth Group on November 23<sup>rd</sup>

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Watch in the announcements or in the mail for our next time together! Text Rachael an idea for an upcoming event! A friend is always welcome to join us!

## YA (Young Adult) GROUP FORMERLY COLLEGE YOUTH

YA Group (Young Adult, formerly College Youth) will meet soon! Watch the announcements and your mail for our next time together! 😊



## MASCOUTAH FOOD PANTRY IN SUPPORT OF THE BOY SCOUTS

Please support the  
Boy Scout Food Drive  
November 19, 2022



Watch for the blue bags on your door. They'll be delivered soon! Our local Mascoutah Boys Scouts will pick up those bags of donations on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for your support!

## CHANCEL FLOWERS



THE 2023 FLOWER CHART - to sponsor flowers for your anniversary, birthday, memorial or other special occasion (or just to honor the Lord) - is available in the church office.

## THE APPLE TREE

Please check out the Apple Tree for needed items! These may be for Youth Groups, Sunday School, VBS, or needs around the church. Your generosity helps out so much! Thank you!



# St. John Sunday School Dates November/December 2022

(Dates may change)



November 6—Sunday School

November 12—OCC Shoebox Packing Party 9:00-10:30am -- FLYER on next page!

November 13—Sunday School, **Sunday School kids sing at 10:30 service**

OCC Shoeboxes are due back!

November 20—Sunday Funday with Mrs. Theresea during Sunday School hour

November 27—Sunday School, Mitten Trees are going up!

December 4—Sunday Funday with Mrs. Theresea during Sunday School hour and

**Sunday School Christmas Message parts handed out**

December 11—**Sunday School Christmas Message practice during Sunday**

**School hour & Last day for Mitten Tree items**

December 18—Sunday School Christmas Message at 10:30 service

**Please send an offering with your child each week**

Our Sunday School Offerings from July - December 2022  
will go to Ronald McDonald House

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Sunday School from 9:15-10:15 starts each week in Fireside Room. Pick up for parents will be from your child's classroom or from the Chime Room at 10:15. Please consider joining Rachael's adult class while your child(ren) is in Sunday School!

## WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO TEACH OR SUB FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL?



We are in need of several people that love being with kids! Curriculum is easy to follow. Have some questions? Please speak with Helene Seibert or Rachael!

## CONFIRMATION PARENTS / STUDENTS

On Wednesday evenings, Year 1 (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade) meets with Rachael from 6:30-7:30. Year 2 meets with Pastor Bob from 6:30-7:30. Youth Group is each Wednesday from 6:00-6:30.



\* Youth Group will not meet on Wednesday, November 23 due to Thanksgiving.

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



is sponsoring a Bake Sale on November 13<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Hour to support Kindercottage! If you would like to donate goodies, we'd appreciate it! Contact Karen Detering or Rachael with any questions. Thank you!



# Operation Christmas Child Shoebox PACKING PARTY!

Whether you have packed for years or this will be your first, join us to pack your shoeboxes!

Pop by  
or  
stay  
awhile!

Saturday, November 12

9:00 - 10:30am

Fellowship Hall

Donuts  
provided!

Bring:

- Items you have already purchased for your shoebox. See next page for ideas!
- \$10 for each shoebox for shipping (cash, check or you can also pay online!)

→ Items will be available to help pack your shoeboxes. They have all been donated from generous donors!



Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Rachael at 618-719-9702 (call or text)

## Suggestions for what to pack:

Wow Items: doll, stuffed animal, harmonica, recorder, soccer ball (deflated & include manual air pump)

Personal Care Items: comb, hairbrush, wash cloth, toothbrush (not toothpaste), band-aids, mirror, nail clipper, flashlight (with extra batteries) and nail file

Clothing & Accessories: flip-flops, socks, hat, scarf, mittens, watch, sunglasses, bag or purse, hair bows/bands, friendship bracelets and bandana

Crafts & Activities: puzzles, binoculars, compass, stickers, chalk board and chalk, sewing kit, playing cards, jump rope, playdough, slinky, coloring books and craft kit

School Supplies: pencils, erasers, pencil case, manual pencil sharpener, colored pencils, pens, crayons, markers, small notebooks, index cards, calculator, scissors and ruler

Toys: foam ball, yo-yo, building blocks, marbles, kick ball (deflated and include a manual air pump), small frisbee, etch a sketch, and plastic toy figures



\*Please don't forget your label and \$10 shipping donation per box!\*

→ Please DO NOT pack any edible items, gum, toothpaste, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, seeds, lotions; medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers and aerosol cans.

**- - WATCHING OUR FIGURES - -**

	Sunday Worship			Sunday School
	8:00 am	10:30 am		
Oct 2	9 am only	140	--	(-- adults, -- children)
Oct 9	72	80	36	(22 adults, 14 children)
Oct 16	80	72	40	(23 adults, 17 children)
Oct 23	67	99	37	(22 adults, 15 children)

Average Sunday Worship Attendance – 153

Average S.S. Attendance – 38

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS SOUTH CONFERENCE**

October 15, 2022

St. John UCC – Collinsville, IL

Beth Miller, Jerry Dougherty and Dreaux Barnes, along with Pastor Bob, were our delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Illinois South Conference (ISC) of the United Church of Christ (UCC). It began with a very nice sausage and egg breakfast followed by wonderful music and worship. We then moved into the traditional church agenda items such as the presentation of the budget and the slate of nominees for the Conference Teams and Committees.

If you would like to serve in any of these capacities in the years ahead (Mission, justice, finance, committee on ministry, DuBois Center, etc.), please let one of your delegates know.

There were brief, but very informative, presentations from Hoyleton Youth & Family Services, Uni-Pres Kindercottage, The UCC Pension Boards, the UCC Investment Board, and DuBois Center, as well as by our Conference Minister, the Rev. Shana Johnson, on the “State of the Conference.”

DuBois Center has surpassed its initial goal for its 6.0 Capital Campaign (now sitting at \$240,225) and is now striving for its Second Mile Goal of \$300,000. During the worship the delegates gave \$6,309 to DuBois 6.0 and \$3,463 for UCC Disaster Relief Ministries.

The delegates also voted, with no descension, to become a WISE Conference (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged with those with Mental Health situations), which is also a designation available to local congregations with training available for those interested. Delegates also voted, with about a two-thirds positive vote, to divest our investments of companies involved in the fossil fuel industry.

A musical group from Chicago (“The Many”) inspired us with inspirational music and lyrics and greatly enhanced our worship experience.

Our delegates enjoyed exploring the Market Place booths that included the Eden Seminary Bookstore, Hoyleton Youth and Family Services, Kindercottage, Messy Church, Fair Trade products, the ISC Hunger/Food Action Committee and many more.

Thank you for allowing us to represent you at this important annual meeting of the Illinois South Conference.

**ADVENT BEGINS LATE NOVEMBER**  
LOOK FOR DAILY DEVOTIONALS  
AVAILABLE IN THE COMING WEEKS

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

WE MAKE ITEMS such as wheelchairs, knee rollers, shower chairs and benches, crutches, walkers, chair scooters, crutches and canes, etc. available to our community without cost.



IF YOU HAVE SOME ITEMS TO DONATE please let the church office know. While we have limited storage, the need is always there.

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**COLLEGE STUDENT and OTHER YOUNG ADULT ADDRESSES NEEDED!**



**Update your contact info!**

We want to stay in touch with our college students and other young adults no longer living with parents. Please provide updates, including fall semester addresses and phone information. Thanks.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE NEXT ALL-ILLINOIS SOUTH CONFERENCE EVENT**  
“Day Of Discipleship” (Workshop Day)  
Saturday, March 4, 2023

# Rachael's Report



I was recently at the last store on my normal "circuit" of grocery shopping and had my car's hatchback nice and full with ingredients for a week or more of meals. A man came up to me and asked for money for something to eat. I know that this causes people uneasiness and it did for me, as well. About 14 things quickly flashed through my head, but the one that stuck out the most to me was my grandfather.

As a state policeman, he was asked for money many times. Do you know what my grandfather, Charles Graul, would do? (This won't surprise those of you that knew him.) He would take them for a meal, usually a burger.

Can I do that? I'll be honest. Nope. However, I did open my wallet. I was standing next to my car, which was very full of food. How could I tell him no?

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." We are all so blessed. Incredibly blessed.

As I drove home with my groceries, I thought about all my blessings. The full car of groceries. The ability to pay for my groceries. The car I was driving. The home I was driving home to. The family I would prepare the meals for...





This November, please remember what you are thankful for. There will be a Thankful Tree in the Gathering Area and it needs lots of leaves! Please consider writing on a leaf or two what you are thankful for and add it to the tree.

Jesus, thank you for feeding me and for blessing me to help feed others. May that be your prayer this month and for your Thanksgiving.

Abundant blessings,  
Rachael 😊

My cell # (618) 719-9702

My email: [rachael.bearth@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.bearth@gmail.com)



## 🎵 FALL / WINTER MUSIC NEWS 🎵

### CHANCEL CHOIR

CHANCEL CHOIR meets every Wednesday evening, 6:30 - 7:30 pm and will perform November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>.

JOIN IN OUR "CHRISTMAS CANTATA" -- "Glory of Christmas" by Lloyd Larsen. This will be December 11<sup>th</sup> during both services, featuring your favorite carols and spirited music for the season.

WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO COLLECT SINGERS FOR THE MASCOUTAH CHRISTMAS PARADE as well! (previously planned for the first Friday evening after the week of Thanksgiving. Date not yet announced for 2022)



### JUBILEE RINGERS PERFORM

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> and DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>  
Led by Director, Will Layman

### ST. JOHN BAND PERFORMS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>  
Led by Director, Andrew Renth

**PLAN NOW TO HELP  
HANGING OF THE GREENS**

SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 3, 2022  
at 3:00 PM

Your assistance is needed to help Worship Ministry do the Advent and Christmas decorating in our church, especially the sanctuary. We would love to see you there!



**SEPTEMBER 2022**  
Financial Summary

<b>General Fund Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 27,545.00</b>
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 32,891.00</b>
<b>Receipts minus Expenses</b>	<b>\$ - 5,346.00</b>
<b>Receipts minus Expenses (Year to Date)</b>	<b>\$ - 51,805.00</b>

Please help us overcome our deficit  
by your ongoing generosity!  
Cheerful giving comes from a  
Christ-filled heart

**OUR ORGANIZATIONS  
INVITE YOU!!**

**HAPPY QUILTERS –**

The St. John Happy Quilters meet on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Visitors as well as quilters are always welcome to stop by.

**EVERFAITHFUL FELLOWSHIP OF WOMEN**

**(GUILD)** invite all the ladies of the church to join them on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

**FEAST OF FRIENDS & THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Let's do lunch! Let's head to Sugarfire (1425 N Green Mt Rd, O'Fallon) on November 13 after late service! Please RSVP to Rachael by November 11.

If you have a suggestion for a future event, please give them to Karen Detering or Rachael. Thanks!



**SATURDAY NIGHTERS –**

Invite EVERYONE to join them for the Mascoutah City Cemetery Walk on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Contact Suzy Friederich for more information: 618-531-5049. Then join everyone for dinner at 4:00 pm at Camino Real. Watch the Announcements page in our Sunday bulletin for upcoming plans!

**THE APPLE TREE**

Please check out the Apple Tree for needed items! These may be for Youth Groups, Sunday School, VBS, or needs around the church. *Your generosity helps out so much!*  
Thank you!

**UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONS**

The regular NOVEMBER / DECEMBER **UPPER ROOM** daily devotion booklets are available in the Gathering Area. Take time daily for the Good News of Jesus Christ

**BEFORE GOING TO BED!  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>**



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**SAVE PAPER AND POSTAGE  
GET YOUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE**

Save postage and paper by getting your newsletter online (email link) in a beautiful color format! Please provide the church office your email address (not shared)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## EDEN SEMINARY: OUR ROOTS RUN DEEP

*From Frontier Churches*

Eden Theological Seminary was established in the summer of 1850 in Marthasville, Missouri, to fit the needs of frontier churches. These Evangelical congregations required better-educated pastors, who were less focused on European traditions and more suited to North American religious life.

An ecumenical spirit lies at the heart of Eden, the seeds of which were planted from the very start. A Methodist and Mennonite joined six Evangelicals to form the very first graduating class of Eden. The hard work of that first class laid the foundation for Eden to branch out west of St. Louis, serving more frontier congregations and in turn recruiting new students who discovered their own calling.

*To St. Louis, the United Church of Christ, and Forward*

Since then, Eden has actively pursued the progressive Christian movement. To fit the growing urbanization of the country, Eden moved to the outskirts of St. Louis in 1883. The Seminary's first African American student enrolled in 1933, and the next year Eden merged with Central Theological Seminary and Oakwood Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio. Eden Seminary was the only Seminary at this time affiliated with the Evangelical Synod. In 1934, Eden also became part of the Evangelical and Reformed Church through the merger of the Evangelical Synod of North America, which it served, and the Reformed Church in the United States. Eventually this partnership and a continued focus on ecumenical discussions and conversations which included Eden President Samuel D. Press, lead to the formation of the United Church of Christ in 1957. In 1965, Cardinal Joseph Ritter of the St. Louis Archdiocese was the first Roman Catholic Cardinal to address a Protestant Seminary graduating class.

Now and throughout its history, Eden affirms that Christian faith and critical scholarship are compatible and that dedicated discipleship is neither alien nor hostile to the truth of love. Faith is nurtured and openly affirmed at Eden, and we feel these discussions will serve us well in spreading God's greater good into the twenty-first century and beyond.

**Sunday School  
Christmas Message during  
December 18th 10:30 service!  
Don't miss it!!!**

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022  
11:30 AM**

In the United Church of Christ, each congregation and its members owns its own property, organizes itself to fulfill its mission and purpose, sets its own financial budget, calls its pastor(s) and hires staff, and chooses its liturgies (however informal) and songs (or hymns) for its worship. Through the UCC we can extend our mission and ministry with other congregations and partner churches in its Conference, nationally, or worldwide. Together we can support programs and organizations such as Outdoor Ministry (DuBois Center), disaster relief, development programs for areas in poverty or chaos, health and retirement plans, social justice witness, community human care agencies (Uni Pres Kindercottage), etc. The denomination and local staff help in the process of "search and call" for pastors authorized by the UCC.



So, here at St. John, we gather for our ANNUAL MEETING every November. At our November 27 meeting, the members of St. John will —

- **adopt a 2023 budget** (spending plan) as recommended by the Budget Committee and endorsed by the Church Council
- **elect specific positions on our Church Council** (acting on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee)
- **recruit and ratify members to each of the 10 Ministries** that lead and guide us in fulfilling our purpose as a Christian congregation
- act on **other items** brought to the meeting as needed. Often these items need to be forwarded for action to one of the Ministries or the Church Council.

We will provide the Budget and Nominating Committee materials in printed form before this Annual Meeting.

Your active participation and ongoing support is very important to ministry of St. John United Church of Christ as we fulfill Christ's ministry in our community and in the world.

## MISSIONS & UCC RELATIONS MINISTRY

Trick or Treat!! No, I'm not here to get candy from you. Mmmm...chocolate. Uh, what was I saying?! Oh yeah, I am hoping that you will consider donating to a very good cause. Will you please donate to Convoy of Hope? You could donate for:

- The people of the Ukraine
- Flood victims of East Kentucky and/or Missouri
- Hurricane Ian victims
- Lifesaving medicine, supplies, and other relief to health care workers and families in Haiti and Indonesia

Other projects and organizations that could use support include UNICEF, Shriner's Hospital in St. Louis, Ronald McDonald House, homeless shelters, Moms on a Mission in Dupon, Red Cross, Gateway Pet Guardians in East St. Louis, Hoyleton, or Kinder Cottage.

These donations are requested to assist people in need in our communities, state, country, and world. I tend to share about multiple needs because what you might be passionate about donating to might not be the same project or organization that your neighbor (in your pew or on your street) feels compelled to support. All I know is that the more we help one another near or far, the more we can spread the love, works, and word of God.

*Cindy Layman,*

Director of Missions & UCC Relations Ministry



### UKRAINE - THE NEED CONTINUES

**PLEASE CONSIDER A FURTHER FINANCIAL GIFT FOR UKRAINE REFUGEES** through *Convoy of Hope*. Mark checks or cash for Disaster Relief (Convoy of Hope) Thank you.

## CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC



## FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

SUNDAYS 9:00-10:30 am

The sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area. Take a look at dates available in 2023! Information is available on the sign-up sheet or call the church office for more details! 618 / 566-7311



## FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Our Ministry continues to look for ways to love thy neighbor and be inviting. We continue to support our own St John Church family and our community by supporting our local Mascoutah Food Pantry with food donations. To date we have donated over 4,300 items. Our ministry wants to express our gratitude to our many volunteers that made this happen. Fellowship Ministry will continue to support the food pantry in 2023! Please watch for opportunities to support this important event.

Fellowship Events:

- Please remember to sign up for Fellowship Coffee Hour between services.
- We will be hosting a fish fry and planning is in the early stages. Date to be determined watch for future announcements.

Thank you for all those that came and supported our Beef-N-Noodle Meal on 4 Nov 2022. Looking forward to 2023!

Please ask yourselves "What do I think and feel about what I did today and where I saw God at work?"

This is the reason why our group of like-minded people meets regularly. Our Ministry is always looking for support and fresh ideas. Please visit us during one of our regularly scheduled meetings – Check Bulletins for future dates. All are Welcome!

Please continue to offer prayers to all those that need it and have not yet found Jesus Christ! Keep the faith.

*Dreaux & Becky Barnes*  
Fellowship Ministry

## HAVE TAB TOPS OR OLD KEYS?

Please bring them to the Gathering Area in our church. This benefits Ronald McDonald House



## SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES (9:15 am)

### WHY NOT JOIN US?

BIBLE STUDY IS FOR EVERYONE -- INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN YOU

### ***FORGIVING WHAT YOU CAN'T FORGET***

[IN THE LIBRARY WITH RACHAEL @ 9:15 – Sundays through November 18th]



Have you ever felt stuck in a cycle of unresolved pain, playing offenses over and over in your mind? You know you can't go on like this, but you don't know what to do next. #1 *New York Times* Bestselling author Lysa TerKeurst has wrestled through this journey. But in surprising ways, she's discovered how to let go of bound-up resentment and overcome the resistance to forgiving people who aren't willing to make things right. With deep empathy, therapeutic insight, and rich Bible teaching coming out of more than 1,000 hours of theological study, Lysa will help you:

- **Learn** how to move on when the other person refuses to change and never says they're sorry.
- **Walk** through a step-by-step process to free yourself from the hurt of your past and feel less offended today.
- **Discover** what the Bible really says about forgiveness and the peace that comes from living it out right now.
- **Identify** what's stealing trust and vulnerability from your relationships so you can believe there is still good ahead.
- **Disempower** the triggers hijacking your emotions by embracing the two necessary parts of forgiveness.

Join Rachael for a DVD and book study as well as discussion! Consider inviting your spouse or a friend to join us!

### NEW CLASS WITH PASTOR BOB

Starts Sunday, November 20

***INCARNATION*** by Adam Hamilton



I look forward to leading my first adult class, "Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas," which will begin between services on Sunday, November 20. This study will begin with a video presentation followed by group discussion. A book is available both for participants and for those who do not attend but would like to read along. It is available on Kindle if you would like an e-reader format. We have also ordered the children's and youth resources for Rachael and she will review it to see how she may integrate it into her Advent lessons.

Sign-ups are now available on the Resource Table. We look forward to a great time together!

### 2023 MISSION TRIP

Rachael is planning on a **July 2023 Mission Trip** through YouthWorks. There will be a meeting this fall about the location, what work will be done and more information about the trip. Have you been wanting to try a mission trip? Not sure what it all entails? Gone on a mission trip and ready for another?



Our trip will be for (completed) 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up. There was a meeting on October 23. Did you forget? Were unable to make it? Please speak with Rachael ASAP!



*From the staff of St. John Church...*

HAPPY  
Thanksgiving!



## SPIRITUAL LIFE MINISTRY

If you read our St. John Constitution, you will see that the Spiritual Life Ministry is responsible for a lot of “stuff.” That stuff includes encouraging spiritual growth, spiritual reflection, prayer groups, providing material for family devotions, reaching out as caregivers, and coordinating with other church ministries to enhance each element of church relationships. In my opinion, we have a group of Spiritual Life Ministry members (Hearts in Service) who do a great job of visiting, making phone calls, sending cards, and generally expressing care and concern to those who need spiritual attention. This all happens because we have a small group of people dedicated to this cause.

With more people, we could do much more. You may have seen that Hearts in Service are always reaching out for more people, particularly men. I’m also sending an invitation to everybody in our congregation who may have that special talent to accomplish what we need to do. We are also always looking for new and fresh ideas. Thank God for the women who currently serve with our group, but we DO need some men to reach out to men in our congregation who may be homebound, in need of a phone call, or whatever else. Can you spare some of your time to do God’s work?? If you think you might be interested and want to know more, please call me at 618-210-0059. God Bless.

*Jerry Daugherty*

Director, Spiritual Life Ministry

LIFE GOT YOU UPSET? LOST YOUR JOB?  
LOST A LOVED ONE?  
JESUS GIVES PEACE, STRENGTH AND JOY!  
YOUR PASTOR IS HERE TO HELP and  
**♥ HEARTS IN SERVICE ♥**  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
ARE ALSO READY TO ENCOURAGE YOU  
TO LISTEN, AND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE  
SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION  
LET PASTOR BOB or SABIA HINKLE KNOW!  
(CONFIDENTIAL IF REQUESTED)

## HEARTS IN SERVICE MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE HERE FOR YOU

In my heart, I think Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, but it gets overshadowed by the “big” holiday a month later. It is traditionally the “start” of the holiday season -- great food, time off work, time with family, enjoying nature’s beauty, good health, and the list is endless. Is that what makes Thanksgiving the best holiday? These are all worthy of gratitude, OR, is it something different?

On a deeper level, there is an opportunity to recognize that we were created by a loving and able God who provides in various ways, but individually for his creatures. He gives abundantly and continuously to all, and without distinction. More importantly, He offers a relationship with Himself.



*Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

We give thanks for God’s continued healing and strength for Charlotte Schifferdecker as she recovers from a fall. We send our prayers to you, Charlotte!

The Hearts in Service volunteers wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy time with your families!

The next check-in session is November 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Guests are always welcome!

Blessings,  
*Sabia Hinkle*



## SEPTEMBER H.I.S. ACTIVITY REPORTED IS AS FOLLOWS:

- Cards sent: 43
- Note sent: 1
- Phone calls: 9
- Texts: 12
- Home visits: 7
- Care Center visit: 1
- Baskets: 1
- Transportation: 1

## "YOUNG" WORDS FROM WORSHIP MINISTRY

One day I was spending time with my eight-year-old grandson, Michael. In thinking about church worship services from my point of view, especially in light of all of our recent changes, I asked him what church was like for him, how did **HE** see things that go on during our worship services. Here is his point of view in his own words:

### WHAT CHURCH IS LIKE FOR A KID

After Sunday School, we go into the sanctuary for church service. Our pianist, Catherine Burge, plays a song that welcomes everybody in the church sanctuary. She always plays the prettiest songs. As everybody comes in, the church bells ring. I go to St. John United Church of Christ in Mascoutah, and it is always fun! I play in chimes, and we practice with our teachers, Suzy Friederich and Joshua Layman, and when we practice enough, we play in front of a CROWD! Now THAT is fun! There is also a Children's Choir. I can sing in front of a crowd in that, too! Sometimes we have outdoor service. People bring lawn chairs to sit on outside, and Catherine brings out a keyboard and a few speakers and amps for people in the back to hear, like in a movie theatre.

There is an adult choir that is like Children' Choir, but for adults. They sing in front of a crowd, too. And they are BRAVE to sing in front of a crowd. Whew! Anyway, at mid-service, there is a Children's Message where all the kids come up to the front of the sanctuary and talk to Rachael Bearth and sometimes it is someone else, but it is usually Rachael. When that is over, we go into the fireside room downstairs. Somebody else does that. This is called Children's Church. Sometimes, people act to be somebody from the Bible. In Children's Church, words in the Bible are corrected into words that kids understand. Like, in the Bible, there is a word that I DEFINITELY don't understand: "Thou." There is a prayer that we also say every Sunday:

"Thou, Father, Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

My kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation and, deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

Even though I don't understand some of the words, I still love the prayer. After the Children's Church, we play a game. So far, the games I've played there are Four Corners, Wax Museum, Tree Tag, and Red Light, Green Light.

When I go to church, I feel blessed by God. It feels good. It feels peaceful and I'm happy.

By: Michael Donovan

Isn't it interesting on what our children choose to focus? Michael is eight; in four years he will be in confirmation classes, and then in 10 years, he will be considered an adult, hopefully still taking part in the ministries of our church. What can WE do now in our worship services to help him and all of our children to continue into adulthood to be a vital part of the church? May all of our children continue in the knowledge that Jesus is for adults too!

*Colleen Hoercher,*

Director of Worship Ministry

(A postscript: I did explain what "thou" meant!)

## OVER 80's BIRTHDAY CLUB (NOVEMBER)

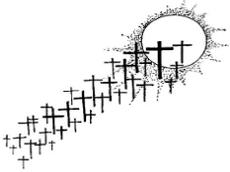
November	5	Marilyn Lamb	86 years	Four Fountains	101 S. Belt, Belleville IL	62220
	6	Scheron Boker	88 years	112 S. County Road	Mascoutah IL	62258
	7	Don Taylor	87 years	1011 W. Corrington	Mascoutah IL	62258
	15	Jeanette Alsup	86 years	315 South 5th Street	Mascoutah IL	62258
	16	Frieda Justus	82 years	7320 Woodland School Rd	Mascoutah IL	62258
	25	Sue Mathews	85 years	14 W. Poplar Street	New Baden IL	62265
	26	Keith Grodeon	89 years	649 Legacy Place #114	Mascoutah IL	62258
	27	Carolyn Surmeier	85 years	416 West Oak	Mascoutah IL	62258
	30	Dan Dietz	83 years	1115 Hackberry Drive	Mascoutah IL	62258



## SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (NOVEMBER)

November	3	Joseph & Laura Zinck	38	November	18	Scott & Jennifer Walthes	22
	5	Tamala & Mark Press	39		19	James & Mary Heberer	28
	10	Scott & Anne Oltmann	33		25	Dale & Donna Mae Schlueter	57
	18	Mary Anne & Mick Jenkins	55		30	David & Nancy Groff	54

Are we missing your birthday or anniversary from this listing? We publish birthdays of 80 and over and wedding anniversaries of 20 years or more. Please let the church office know so we can update our records. Thank you!



## MEMORIAL SUNDAY (TOTENFEST) – NOVEMBER 6, 2022

It is our congregation's tradition to remember those who have passed away during the past year and give thanks for their lives. Totenfest will be observed on All Saints Sunday (November 6). In our worship services, at both 8:00 am and 10:30 am, we will name our loved ones as a bell is tolled.

This year, among those we will remember, we include:

Delores M. Hobbs	98	August 7, 1923	November 3, 2021
John D. Long	75	November 9, 1946	December 21, 2021
Michelle L. Smith	48	October 5, 1973	January 9, 2022
Melvin "Mel" Callico	71	October 13, 1950	January 30, 2022
Joseph Michael O'Hara	93	September 30, 1928	February 5, 2022
Lorraine F. Yarber	89	August 2, 1932	March 15, 2022
Evelyn A. Warner	83	May 19, 1938	March 20, 2022
Herb A. Endrijaitis	90	October 28, 1931	March 22, 2022
Evelyn L. Renth	73	May 16, 1948	March 23, 2022
Daniel A. Wombacher	90	January 25, 1932	March 26, 2022
Betty Rose Schanz	89	June 9, 1932	April 10, 2022
Matthew Aaron Sprehe	37	November 3, 1984	June 6, 2022
Dorothy B. Schanz	95	August 17, 1926	June 29, 2022
Leonard "Leo" Wesselman	75	April 1, 1947	July 19, 2022
Dean Mark Engelman	60	April 2, 1962	August 3, 2022
Anna May Krausz	88	October 30, 1933	August 6, 2022
Donald "Mick" Erwin	91	July 7, 1931	August 6, 2022
Jeffrey Gerard Burton	55	May 17, 1967	August 15, 2022
Udell V. Cook	91	June 19, 1931	August 16, 2022
Patricia Ruth Bleisch	83	April 10, 1939	September 1, 2022
Larry N. Yarber	74	November 21, 1947	September 3, 2022
Shirley Mae Mueth	87	May 27, 1935	September 30, 2022



-----Return to Church Office-----



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Two opportunities are available for special memorial or recognition gifts during our Christmas celebration:

1. Provide a poinsettia to decorate the chancel area. The office will order the plant for you. We have ordered 26 plants – first come, first serve. Cost is \$15.00 each.
2. Make a memorial or honor gift to the church as a spiritual bouquet.

Please fill out the form below and return it as soon as possible to the church office.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to order a poinsettia through the church office.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will purchase my own plant and deliver it to the church by December 16.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to give a cash gift to the church Memorial Fund. Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Poinsettias

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to St. John UCC and return with this form by **DECEMBER 16, 2022** to be included in the printed list.)

## SICK AND/OR HOSPITALIZED



Those who are ill appreciate your prayers. If you have opportunity to visit (being sensitive to the specific situation) those who are hospitalized, it will help them feel that they are part of our caring church family. We are signs of God's presence and peace in Christ for one another.

Below is our current prayer list. Many of these were hospitalized, injured, or reported ill and we pray for God's comfort, strength, and healing for all:

John Surmeier, Rodger Long, Gary D. Johnston, Joan Loucks, Karen McCollum, Shorty Groff, David Gray, Ruth Gramm, Ron Mueller, Charlotte Schifferdecker, Karen Nevarez, Adrian "Dede" Jacquot, Bertha Pfeiffer, Jake Reinneck, Katy Lowrance, Dorothy Schrempp, Marion Rud, Alex Amburgey, Estelle Dalman, Christine Vogt, Jack Fyans, Ralph Renth, Sophie Ysursa, Krista Eckert, Mary Ann Krummrich, Kathleen Forth, Linda Long, Wanda Sigman, Jenny Cagle, Barbara Hill, Marilyn Lamb, Rev Bill Causer, John Grubaugh, Barbara Emig, Bret Rasch Sr, Jack Harris, Kay Ostrom, Scott McQuiston, Bob Wheeler, Dennis Lindsey, Wayne Wetzler, Jill Justus, Larry Matthews, Jeff Richter, Donna Jenkins, Tom Grubaugh, Ken Reinnert, Annabelle Fortner, Megan Wentland, Beckett Krieg, Cameron Callico, Alexander Schubert, Brad Wesselman, Sunny Comer, Lynn Lintz, Andrea Moeller, Butch Shimkus, Ed Grubaugh, Mike Sur, Joel, Linda Juenger, Danielle Urban, Dan Roth, Mary Richter, Greg Stepp, Kevin Gray, Darryl Seering, Christine Braunseis, Rick Pullen, Adam Shofner, Ray Carr, Diana Walker, Danette Bartelbort, Brian Moll, Linda Eckerman, Greg Weber, Heather Ploesser, Michelle Detering, Margaret Oltmann, Barbara Farrero, Sarah Herndon, congregations with conflict or pastoral vacancies. Military: Jake Schmittling, US Army

**In addition, the following persons are in nursing care/retirement/assisted living center facilities.** St. John Family – visit these folks as you are able, pray for them, and assist them and their families as you can. If you have an hour or two, why not visit them – they appreciate the visits.

**Nursing Homes and Rehab Centers:**

Four Fountains, 101 S. Belt W, Belleville IL 62220 – Marilyn Lamb  
 MarKa Nursing Home, 201 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Mascoutah IL 62258 – Esther Grodeon  
 Freeburg Care Center, 746 Urbanna, Freeburg IL 62243 – Eunice Wahl  
 Washington County Extended Care, 705 S. Grand Ave, Nashville IL 62263 – Charlene Underwood  
 Cedar Ridge Health & Rehab Center, 1 Perryman St, Lebanon IL 62254 – Clarence Vogel

**Assisted Living Centers:**

Assisted Living at Silver Creek, 1227 Winding Oaks Lane, Mascoutah IL 62258 – Dorothy Schrempp, Betty Long, Roger Roehrig, Pat Schroeder  
 Allen TX – Laverne Bischoff  
 Oak Hill, 623 Hamacher, Waterloo IL 62298 – Janet Heberer # 210  
 Brightly Assisted Living, 649 Legacy Place, Mascoutah IL 62258 – Keith and Donna Grodeon # 114, Diane Knipp # 31, Ruby Yarber # 122, Carrie Knipp # 17, Kathy Morio # 112



The Colonnades Senior Living, 700 Weber Road, O'Fallon IL 62269 – Terry Kissel # 105  
 Cedar Creek of Shiloh, 1201 Hartman Lane, Shiloh IL 62221 – Betty Wager # 202  
 The Atrium of Belleville, 201 S Belt W, Belleville IL 62220 – Mary Ann Krummrich # 136

**Homebound Persons:** Some of these folks get out and to church on occasion but are limited. Please keep in touch with them.

Wayne Boller	Pam Pullen
Barbara Emig	Peg Ratliff
Bob and Kathryn Ganschinietz	Mary Richter
Ruth Gramm	Jeff Richter
Warren Klingel	Joe and Elsie Smith
Judy Kraske	Judy Watschinger
Karen McCollum	Jeanette Zinck



IF THERE ARE OTHERS, please let the church office and Pastor know – our goal is to resume providing the Sunday services online and visits with Communion. Meanwhile, if possible, steer them to the website and Facebook for a weekly video of worship.

## THE CHURCH CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2022

November	1	Tuesday	9:30 am	Happy Quilters
			6:00 pm	YCE Meeting
			6:30 pm	Creative Critters 4H
	2	Wednesday	6:00 pm	Middle School Youth Group
			6:30 pm	Confirmation – Year 1 & Year 2
			6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
			6:45 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	3	Thursday	7:00 pm	Stewardship Ministry Meeting
	4	Friday		BEEF & NOODLE DINNER
	5	Saturday		Daylight Saving Time Ends – “Fall Back”

November 6 Sunday **8:00 am HOLY COMMUNION / TOTENFEST SUNDAY (ALL SAINTS SUNDAY)**  
 9:00 am Coffee Hour  
 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal  
**9:15 am SUNDAY SCHOOL / ADULT AND YOUTH CLASSES**  
 10:00 – 10:15 am Heavenly Chimes Rehearsal  
**10:30 am HOLY COMMUNION and CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
 1:00 pm Mascoutah Cemetery Walk with Saturday Nighters  
 4:00 pm Camino Real Dinner with Saturday Nighters

7 Monday 1:00 pm Everfaithful Guild of Women  
 1:00 pm Ukulele Practice  
 1:00 – 5:00 pm Rehearsal for Private Event (Fell. Hall)  
 6:00 pm Pack 43  
 7:00 pm Christian Education Ministry Meeting  
 7:00 pm AA

8 Tuesday **ELECTION DAY**  
 9:30 am Happy Quilters  
 6:30 pm Troops 44 & 144  
 7:00 pm Building & Grounds Ministry Meeting  
 7:00 pm Worship Ministry Meeting

9 Wednesday 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group  
 6:30 pm Confirmation – Year 1 & Year 2  
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 6:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal

10 Thursday 6:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting  
 6:00 pm St. John Brass Rehearsal

11 Friday **VETERANS DAY**

12 Saturday 9:00 am Harvest Home Decorating  
 9:00 am Shoebox Packing Party



November 13 Sunday **8:00 am MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:00 am Coffee Hour ( YAYA Bake Sale )  
 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal  
**9:15 am SUNDAY SCHOOL / ADULT AND YOUTH CLASSES**  
 10:00 – 10:15 am Heavenly Chimes Rehearsal  
**10:30 am MORNING WORSHIP and CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
*TOT and FOF to Sugarfire for lunch after late service*

14 Monday 1:00 pm Ukulele Practice  
 1:00 – 5:00 pm Rehearsal for Private Event (Fell. Hall)  
 6:00 pm Pack 43  
 7:00 pm New Ideal 4H  
 7:00 pm AA

15 Tuesday 9:30 am Happy Quilters  
 3:30 pm Private Event Set-up (Fell. Hall)  
 6:00 pm St. John Band Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Serving Others Committee Meeting  
 7:00 pm Private Event (Fell. Hall)

16 Wednesday 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group  
 6:30 pm Confirmation – Year 1 & Year 2  
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

17 Thursday 3:30 pm Mascoutah Weekend Meals at MMS

18 Friday

19 Saturday Boy Scout Food Drive Pick-Up Day!

November 20 Sunday **8:00 am HOLY COMMUNION**  
 9:00 am Coffee Hour  
 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal  
**9:15 am SUNDAY SCHOOL / ADULT AND YOUTH CLASSES**  
 10:00 – 10:15 am Heavenly Chimes Rehearsal  
**10:30 am HOLY COMMUNION and CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
**6:30 pm COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

21 Monday 1:00 pm Ukulele Practice  
 7:00 pm AA  
 22 Tuesday 9:30 am Happy Quilters  
 7:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal  
 23 Wednesday NO Middle School Youth Group  
 NO Confirmation Classes  
 24 Thursday THANKSGIVING DAY – Office Closed  
 25 Friday Office Closed  
 26 Saturday

November 27 Sunday **8:00 am MORNING WORSHIP**  
 9:00 am Coffee Hour  
 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal  
**9:15 am SUNDAY SCHOOL / ADULT AND YOUTH CLASSES**  
 10:00 – 10:15 am Heavenly Chimes Rehearsal  
**10:30 am MORNING WORSHIP and CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER LATE SERVICE**  
 28 Monday 1:00 pm Ukulele Practice  
 6:00 pm Pack 43  
 6:00 pm Concerned Christians / Food Pantry Meeting  
 7:00 pm AA  
 7:00 pm *Hearts In Service* Check-In  
 7:30 pm Spiritual Life Ministry Meeting  
 29 Tuesday 9:30 am Happy Quilters  
 30 Wednesday 7:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal

### NOVEMBER SCHEDULE FOR MEALS ON WHEELS



	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Route</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Route</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Route</u>
November 3	--	--	--
10	Jack Klopmeier / Suzy Friederich	Gail Owen / Jerri Strate	Treva Carr / Rhuann Caliper
17	Tom & Cathy Klingelhofer	Dan Dietz	Rosie & Don Taylor
24	Treva Carr / Rhuann Caliper	Sue Wagner	Jerry Daugherty



Mail Back or Return to Church Office



### IS GOD CALLING YOU TO LEADERSHIP AT ST. JOHN?

Please talk to any Council member and consider being available to serve on our Church Council as:

- Secretary – taking minutes of Council / Congregational meetings and signing documents as a Corporate Officer
- Director of Building and Grounds Ministry – coordinating maintenance, upkeep, and repairs of property
- Director of Community and Social Ministry – providing practical help and advocacy to our local community
- Director of Evangelism and Church Growth Ministry – bringing Jesus / St. John to the unchurched nearby



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE – NOVEMBER 2022

	8:00 am ++ 10:30 am	LITURGISTS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	BELL RINGERS	SOUND TECH	POWER POINT	VIDEOGRAPHER	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
NOVEMBER 6 COMMUNION		+Jeremy Bearth ++Lindsey Carr	+Lucia Greene ++Bradley Rush	+Dennis & Kathy Kimmle ++Jim & Eileen Kuehn	+Harry Friederich ++John Harris III	+Mark Pruett ++Clint Jackson	+Becky Riestler ++Cindy Layman	Harry Friederich	Casey Hoercher
NOVEMBER 13		+Suzy Friederich ++Steve Beimfohr	+Julie-Anne Erickson ++Nick Riess	+Don Taylor ++Paul & Erin Aten	+Myron Renth ++Jeremy Bearth	+Len Wolf ++TBD	+Mary Wolf ++Gail Owen	Dennis Wetzler	Rachael Bearth
NOVEMBER 20 COMMUNION		+Melanie Bernat ++Dreaux Barnes	+Matthew Kimmle ++Olivia Aten	+Rob & Lori Welch ++Jacob & Sara Reinneck	+David Tiedemann ++Darryl Seibert	+David Tiedemann ++Kevin Endrijaitis	+Lisa Tiedemann ++Josh Layman	Don Taylor	Darci Materkowski
NOVEMBER 27		+Beth Miller ++Cindy Layman	+Brady Benson ++Adelyn Mazander	+Larry & Kathy Wesselman ++Colleen Hoercher	+Dale Schuetz ++Nancy Schubert	+Becky Riestler ++Bruce Bergheger	+Phil Krieg ++Lindsay Carr	Jim Kuehn	Heather Land

**IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED, WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU.** If you cannot serve, please arrange for a substitute, perhaps trade with another person, and, if possible, let the church office know for the printed bulletin. Help us avoid a last-minute scramble to find someone to take care of your task. Thank you!