

# ST. JOHN'S CHIMES

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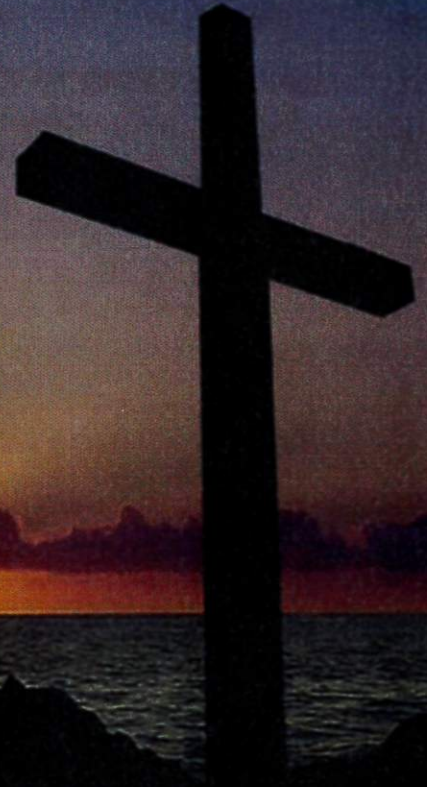
*"Letting God's love shine through us to the Community we Serve"*

Rev. Laurie Hill  
Darlene Begolka  
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## A Lenten Prayer

Lord, I know how much you love me  
It's hard for me to feel it sometimes  
but I know your love is always with me  
Help me to use your love as a way  
to persevere in my Lenten intentions  
I am weak, but I know with your help  
I can use these small sacrifices in my  
life to draw closer to you. Amen





## FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As I'm writing this, war has begun in Ukraine. And our country as well as other democracies have been supportive of Ukraine and its president, Mr. Zelenskyy because he is "one of us", a president of a democracy based system of government. For as long as I can remember, even as a child, I have heard about the Cold War, the "bad Russians" and the fight against communism. There are endless movies about these political fights. There are even more books written on the subject of anti-Russian philosophies, which mean, really, anti-communist ideals. And yet in recent years, it seems that has softened and we liked Russians again. About fifteen years ago, I went to visit a woman who had a Russian home health care worker. She spoke very few words of English. She taught me to say goodbye in Russian, which is "Dasvidaniya" (Das-vi-dan-ia). For years, though, I thought it was the word for thank you (spacibo, pronounced spac-ee-buh). We got our wires crossed about the word but she respected me and I, her. It was a good relationship and the only Russian relationship I have ever had.

As we pour out our hearts in prayers for the Ukrainians, let us please have a humble heart. We live on conquered land, stolen from Native Americans. Although I know we did not do the conquering, one lesson I hope we have all learned is that we are all capable of such abuse of power, all have potential to be greedy and take what does not belong to us. Evil and its temptations are ours as much as anyone else's. So since we know this, we have a responsibility to protect ourselves and others from its grips. Praying for Ukraine is one thing but we may be asked to pay higher prices for fuel and we may lose money in the stock market. There may be even harsher realities we live with due to our hopes that we can help in the Ukraine, 5320 miles from Lincoln, IL. Ukraine, about the size of Texas, who is being invaded by a power bigger than the United States. We may not

like these sacrifices but just as in any state of war, there are costs that extend to people all over the world.

Loving Church family, we have declared 2022 a time for prayer. There are so many reasons to be talking to our God in these days. Let us continually pray for those most effected by war: The victims who are severely wounded, frightened children, those mourning the loss of their loved ones. Let us continually pray for love to win, instead of greed and the abuse of power. Let us continually pray for leaders both near and far to make decisions that will help end the destruction and horror caused by war. Let us continually pray we will be both humble and brave in the face of the costs to us in this war. Holy and Merciful God, hear our prayers! Amen.

Pastor Laurie







**LENTEN DRAMA SERIES  
"CALL ME SOMETIMES"  
Wednesday evenings**

Bring your own dinner: 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Lenten Service: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

"Avocado Go Go"

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

"Caught in Traffic"

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

"Francis, Francis, whatever!"

**Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

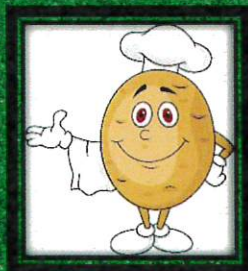
"High Power Calls"

**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

"Bad news, What news"

**Coming Soon...**

**POTATO BAR**  
**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**following church**



**Watch for more info**

**PAINT PARTY**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022**  
**2:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**St. John United Church of Christ**



Join us for a fun afternoon and paint your own cute bunny! St. John UCC in Lincoln is sponsoring a paint fundraiser (for the 2022 Veterans Celebration) and you are invited! Yummy snacks provided. Canvases will be pre-sketched, and no experience needed! DM Joyful Painting or text 217-871-9100. Cost is \$40 per person.

**ST. JOHN GAMERS**

**Sunday, March 13, 2022**

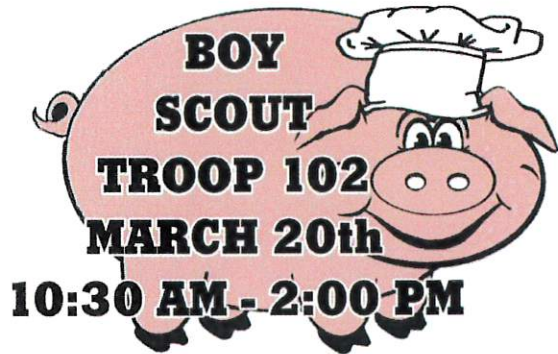
**2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**



Come enjoy some relaxing fun and fellowship and play some games with your church family.



# SPRING BBQ



Knights of Columbus Hall, 207 Limit Street, Lincoln, IL

## Menu

Authentic Southern Pulled Pork BBQ  
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw,  
Potato Salad & Dessert  
Iced Tea, Lemonade & Coffee

Tickets \$8.50

Dine In or Carry Out

(Kids hotdog meal  
available upon request.)



Support Scouting...Because Character Counts



## LET'S REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

### ST. CLARA'S REHAB and SENIOR CARE

1450 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Dave Armbrust

Steve Aue

Leola Dowling

Evelyn Fulkerson

Amanda Leich

Susan Webb

John Wilmert

### CASTLE MANOR

1550 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Carol Turner

### CENTENNIAL POINT SENIOR LIVING

3440 Hedley Road, Springfield, IL 62711

Patty McCann

### AT HOME

Jean Cummings

1114 Pekin Street, Lincoln, IL 62656



## Celebrate Life Birthday Group

Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

11:30 a.m.

Cracker Barrel

**March birthdays will be  
celebrated.**



## WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Ellen Pickett.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bob and Sandy Sanders and family at the death of his brother, David.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Randy and Terri Paulus and family at the death of Brad Slayton.



**ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
UNAPPROVED CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, February 21, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Kent Paulus, Tricia Pineda,  
Sandy Meinershagen, Leland Semple,  
Bill Gosda, Jan Hahn, Carolyn Pech,  
Dan Row, Jack Leich, Pastor Laurie Hill  
and Darlene Begolka (Office Manager)

President Kent Paulus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2022.

Opening Prayer was given by Rev. Laurie Hill.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

President Paulus inquired if there were any items up for removal or discussion as it related to the Consent Agenda items. President Paulus asked that the financial reports be removed for later review. No other issues or concerns were raised. It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda without the financial reports. All voting aye, the motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the January Church Council meeting minutes. All voting aye, the motion passed.

The Annual Congregational meeting minutes were reviewed.

It was moved and seconded approve the Reorganizational Meeting minutes of the Church Council. All voting aye, the motion passed.

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

Due to inclement weather the piano was not moved from Marcella Lenhardt's house to the church in February. Another date in March has been set for the move. Pastor Laurie will consult a business in Springfield about the cost of moving Marcella's piano to the church and removing the other two pianos which are in disrepair. If the move is within an agreed on amount, Pastor Laurie can proceed with those plans.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Security System** – Waiting on some more information from Tech Electronics.

**PROTOCOL – MASKS:** Masks are now a personal choice. We urge you to wear one if you feel even slightly sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick. Masks will be available in the entrance way as usual, but signs will be removed from the doors. **SINGING:** We will be singing again! The choir will rehearse again! **ROPES:** The ropes are coming down in the sanctuary. **FOOD:** Food offered at events can be homemade, but we ask groups in the church to also offer a commercially prepared option for those who would prefer their food made in that way. It was moved and seconded to accept the new protocol. All voting aye, the motion passed.

**Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society** – Nothing new to report. It was moved and seconded to table this item till the March meeting. All voting aye, the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Snow Removal Thank You** – There was some discussion on snow removal. Our person that does the snow removal has been doing a wonderful job, but we are concerned about him not presenting us with a bill. Ice melt is a rather costly item. President Paulus will ask Gary Atteberry (Building and Grounds Chair) to visit with Mr. Moody regarding this matter. It was moved and seconded to send a thank you and offer a donation letter for his taxes. All voting aye, the motion passed.

**Conference Minister Letter and Visit** – It was moved and seconded to extend an invitation to Rev. Molly Carlson to come for a visit in May; the church will provide a room at a local hotel if needed. There was some discussion about a meal following the church service for time to visit. All voting aye, the motion passed.

**Up the Internet Speed** – Due to some technical issues with Facebook buffering on Sunday

mornings we are looking into upping the church's internet speed.

A question was asked about the Hearing-Impaired Systems. They are located back at the Sound Desk.

A review of the financial reports will be on the agenda of the March Church Council meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE and EMAILS – None**

**ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION**

With no further business to discuss a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m. with everyone reciting The Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Gosda, Jr.  
Church Council Secretary



**ST. JOHN DINERS  
Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**



The Small Group Ministry has planned that the March St. John Diners outing will be to The Old Brickyard Grill and Pub in Mt. Pulaski. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 11:15 a.m. Reservations are for 11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary. As always you can either ride the bus or drive on your own. Just sign the sheet accordingly.

**ATTENDANCE**

January 30<sup>th</sup>

39 In-Person, 66 on Facebook, 17 bulletins mailed and website = 122+

February 6<sup>th</sup>

31 In-Person, 60 on Facebook, 18 bulletins mailed and website = 109+

February 13<sup>th</sup>

35 In-Person, 74 on Facebook, 18 bulletins mailed and website = 127+

February 20<sup>th</sup>

35 In-Person, 150 on Facebook, 19 bulletins mailed and website = 204+



**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m.  
Imo's Café**

**All men of the Church are WELCOME**



## OUTREACH and PUBLICITY NOTES

Co-Chairs: Jim and Leslie Wilmert  
and Tonita Reifsteck – 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planner

Outreach/Publicity meeting in February was done via phone due to the weather. Birthday card for Pastor Charlotte Nold's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday was set to be signed by all attending worship or the Celebrate Life group before mailing for the February 19<sup>th</sup> date. A 'gift idea' did not materialize – yet.



On Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> the scouts and their scoutmasters were treated by the church at Culver's. Several came and a group picture was taken with THANK YOU's again relayed for their help with Christmas.



On Scout Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, several scouts and their scoutmasters attended church. During the service (picture-L-R) Calvin Aukamp, Stephen Starasta, Kyle Marten, Soren Aukamp (speaker) and

Dean Meinershagen told of their scouting program and presented the church with their 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy in the district's First Aid competition (will be displayed at St. John). Their activities involve around 20 boys (plus 4 that 'come and go') and include about 8 campouts a year, participation in Klondike in January (placed 2<sup>nd</sup> of 7 troops) annual BBQ fundraiser in March, week-long summer camp in June, a group to Philmont in August. They also help several local organizations with projects and events to get service hours for their badges. Scoutmaster is Jason Maxheimer with assistant Darren Karrick (and others).

The "Certificate of Appreciation" presented to Roger Michalsen for his "Creative Visions and Artwork for St. John Projects" at the Annual Meeting was delivered to him. (Thank you, Edna Mara, for lettering!)

A donation was given to Immanuel Lutheran Church for the copies of Daily Devotional "Christ in Our Home" a 3-month edition (20 regular print – 3 large print). Response will be revisited to see if this count is enough.

A box for Kleenex for Lincoln Junior High School and Central School is under The Giving Tree. Lincoln Junior High School was given more ear buds

### 160<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

BULLETIN BOARD in Fellowship Hall is open for anyone who has a picture or article to share. Explanation/details should be put on a memo note and tack behind the item so there is space for everyone wanting to participate.

Memories can still be shared on the 160<sup>th</sup> Board in the entryway.

Questions – see Tonita Reifsteck.



## ST. JOHN 160<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

By: Tonita Reifsteck

1921 – 2022

### Recap #6 — History of Pipe Organ

The first pipe organ was purchased in 1893 – A pump organ that was ‘pumped’ by Richard Knorr for 25 cents per Sunday for the worship services music. The church membership was proud of the elegant tone and pitch of their organ.

In 1921 Mr. O.F. Mittendorf, president of the congregation at that time, appointed a building committee consisting of R. Henry Knorr, chairman; August J. Baker, Charles Lauer, Gustave Wilmert and Frank Klemm.

One of their assigned responsibilities was to purchase the pipe organ for the new church. In 1924 the committee went to St. Louis, Missouri, to attend a church service in a new church to observe its furnishings. They were impressed with their pipe organ and learned the organ had been purchased from the Walcker Organ Company of Ludwigsburg, Wurtemberg, Germany near Stuttgart. A similar 14 rank was purchased from this company. It was shipped directly from the factory in Germany to New York, then onto Lincoln.

R. Henry Knorr developed a great interest and love for the organ. He helped the company to install the organ; thus, he learned the working of the organ. Although professionally a printer he gave many hours and often closed his shop to fix the organ when trouble appeared. He also helped the ‘pro-organ’ maintenance man to repair and tune the organ.

Raymond Klemm, a proprietor of a grocery store, took care of the organ motor. At times, he found it difficult to find parts because the motor also came from Germany.

When installed in the new church built in 1925, the organ was placed on the floor outside of the choir rail, with the organist’s back to the congregation.

The purpose was to give the organist a clear view of the choir director.

In 1962, Mr. Harry Kriisa of Decatur, who was tuning and repairing the organ, was authorized to build and install a new organ console for the sum of \$3,000. (The final cost was \$3200.)

When installing the new console, a decision was made to set the console at right angles to the old console – this would give the organist a view of the congregation as well as the choir director.

After years of usage trouble, such as ciphers, singing notes when no stops were on (!) or silence when stops were on (?) and motor problem became more bothersome, the congregation in 1971 voted to renovate the organ thoroughly, at a cost of \$17,000. with the initial payment to come from the Knorr legacy. Mr. Harry Kriisa with his wife, Vera assisting him, would do the work. Among those who helped assemble the organ was Elmer Hoefler, who at that time was a senior at Eden Theological Seminary. He often recalled Mr. Kriisa guiding him in putting ropes on the pipes so they could be pulled up to the loft.

The Kriisa rebuilt organ has a total of twenty-one



ranks, fourteen of them with pipes from the old organ and seven new ones. The organ contains

1259 pipes that measure from eight feet in height (some are combined to sound like sixteen feet) to the smallest being about one-half inch. A new motor was also installed.

As there was much empty space to heat in the organ chambers, and so much of the organ sound remained up in the chambers, walls were built



to enclose the working parts of the organ; thus, now all sound comes out into the sanctuary. The temperature in the organ loft is now approximately the same as in the sanctuary. For many years, Clifford Wilmert, with the help of Wilbur Wilmert hauled water up to the organ chambers to take care of the humidity needed to keep the organ parts from drying up and shrinking. Following Mr. Kriisa's retirement and death, Jon L. Bertschlinger of Quincy, Illinois serviced the organ.

On September 30, 1973 The Rev. Mr. Paul Bode of St. Paul United Church of Christ in St. Louis, Missouri dedicated the Kriisa rebuilt organ with a concert. The concert and a reception following the concert was open to the public.

On the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the house of worship of St. John United Church of Christ (dedicated July 12-15, 1925/St. John Evangelical Church) was celebrated with a complete remodeling of the church sanctuary. At this time of remodeling the organ console was moved into the chancel area to its present location. In 2001 a trumpet stop was added to the ranks in

honor of Wilbur Wilmert.

Dedicated organists 'on the bench' providing amazing music from the two manuals and the pedals below, have been Naomi Hauffe (over 50 years), David Hirst and Laura Lee (25 at present). Substitutes throughout the years have been Alice Paulus and The Rev. Larry Maffet.



(\*Some information taken from articles by Naomi Hauffe, and The Rev. Elmer Hoefler.

## CELEBRATE LIFE BIRTHDAY GROUP HIGHLIGHTS



Nine ladies attended the luncheon meeting in Wilmert Lounge to celebrate January and February Birthdays. We decided to "bring your own lunch" due to Omicron virus numbers. Also, the Wilmert Lounge has

better acoustics and privacy for our program and signing cards.

Toni brought cards for January and February birthdays, as well as sent cards to those with health issues and remembered shut ins with Valentines.

Norma again presented an interesting program (as well as sharing a box of chocolates). She gave some thoughts for the times, as well as articles that her mother had saved.

The group decided to meet on March 11 at the Cracker Barrell at 11:30. Please contact Sandy W. or Toni if you plan to attend.



A special thank you to Nancy Gehlbach for the well written Church History in the Annual Report for 2021. The report included how the

COVID has changed our lives and the way we attend church which includes worship service, our gatherings and other business of the Church. Your hard work is deeply appreciated by all. Well done, Nancy.

Sandy Wilmert



The following is a note from Rev. Dr. Charlotte Nold, Pastor and the congregation of St. John Church of Chicago:

Dear members of St. John Church,



Thank you for your church's wonderful donation of \$561.50. Thank you.

What a blessing you are to us here at St. John church here in Chicago. Our food pantry is growing every week and it is a blessing for us to be able to feed the families in desperate need of food so that their children do not need to go to bed hungry. We also have many people who live alone who need and receive food.

Thank you again for the wonderful blessing of much needed financial support that you are giving to the church.

Thank you!  
You truly are a blessing to us.



The following is a letter from Melissa Hamblin, the new Director of Volunteer Services or the Foster Grandparent Program with Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois (CAPCIL):

The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) is an amazing opportunity for people 55 years and older to stay active and make a positive impact in the lives of children as well as the community they serve. The (FGP) is just one of the many services CAPCIL provides to help individuals in need. The primary focus area for the FGP is education. Our projects designed to engage our foster grandparent volunteers in service activities that will promote genuine improvements in the lives of children we work with, which in turn enriches the lives of the foster grandparent volunteers.

The reason I am writing is because we have several local-area Head Start and childcare sites that we would like to recruit more volunteers for.

The volunteer applicants must be 55 years or older and able to serve a minimum of 15 hours (no more than 40 hours) per week in a classroom setting. Must pass a background check and health physical examination. If applicants qualify, they can receive a tax-free stipend for services if income eligible. The program aims to keep seniors actively involved in the community and engaged in the program and the children they serve.

There is a flyer about this program in the back of the sanctuary or you can contact Melissa at 217-732-2159, ext. 290.



### JANUARY FINANCIALS

|                   |             |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance |             | \$26,504.42 |
| Income            | \$54,907.61 |             |
| Expenses          | \$30,768.56 |             |
| Ending Balance    |             | \$50,643.47 |



## MISSION COMMITTEE

By: Verdeen Ingram, Co-Chair

**SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAYS...**The Mission Committee has designated the following Sundays:

- **Second Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken following church for the **Children of Lincoln project.**
- **Fourth Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken following church for the **Diaper Project for Head Start at Community Action.**

### GALLONS OF POP TABS!



On January 27, Larry and I delivered 19-gallon bags full of pop tabs to the folks at Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. The tabs filled up 3 boxes and weighed in at 63.5 pounds!

A big thank you to everyone who made this delivery possible. Some of the tabs came from as far away as Florida. Some were collected right here in the kitchen of St. John. And of course, many tabs were brought in and placed under The Giving Tree.

By donating these tabs, we are helping to provide a place for families to stay while their children are being treated in the hospital. That means they have one less thing to worry about and one less bill to pay.

No matter who you are or where your tabs came from, they are welcomed by your Mission Committee. Keep up the good work!



*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
Sunday, March 27, 2022*





## NEW PROTOCOL

**SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE "HYBRID":** (a combination of online and in-person).

**MASKING:** Masks are now a personal choice. We urge you to wear one if you feel even slightly sick. But it now completely up to you to wear a mask or not.

**SINGING:** We will be singing again! The choir will rehearse again!

**ROPES:** The ropes are coming down in the sanctuary.

**OFFERING:** The Offering Plates will still be in the back of the sanctuary, but the usher will be bringing the plate forward during the offering time in the service. Another offering plate will remain in the back

**COMMUNION:** Communion sets will remain in the back for you to pick up as you come in. If you wish to bring your own, of course, that's fine. Darlene has "smidget" Tupperware containers if you wish to use one for your own juice/wine.

**FOOD:** Food offered at events can be homemade, but we ask groups in the church to also offer a commercially prepared option for those who would prefer their food made in that way.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Emily Sanders
- 2 Donna Kessinger
- 3 Randy Pech
- 5 Savannah Conrady
- 8 Linda Nowack
- 10 Kendall Paulus  
Suzanne Tockey
- 11 Nancy Gehlbach  
Malachi Tockey
- 12 Henry Spellman
- 14 Melissa Wilmert
- 17 Erin Abbott
- 19 Robert Sanders, Jr.
- 21 Beth Wright
- 22 Katelyn Atteberry  
Maci Meinershagen
- 23 Shyanne Conrady
- 24 Andrew Goetsch
- 26 Verdeen Ingram
- 27 **Steve Aue**
- 28 Michelle Mayfield
- 30 Jim Wilmert
- 31 Austin Sanders

Names in **red** are members of our church who are on the visitation list. Let's fill their mailboxes on their birthdays.



## March ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Troy and Jean Meinershagen
- 15 George and Marlene Wilmert
- 20 Charles and Michelle Mayfield

## ALTAR FLOWERS

- March 6<sup>th</sup>: Norma Kramer  
March 13<sup>th</sup>: Bob and Sandy Meinershagen  
March 20<sup>th</sup>:  
March 27<sup>th</sup>: Laura Lee



## *In Loving Memory*



Mary Ellen Pickett, 83, of Weston, West Virginia, formerly of Mount Pulaski, passed away at 9:07 a.m. Sunday January 30, 2022, at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, West Virginia.

Mary Ellen was born on December 10, 1938, in Chicago, to Vernon J. and Margaret M. King Smith. She married Donald Wasik in 1960. He preceded her in death in 1966. She then married Leroy Pickett in 1967. He preceded her in death in 1999.

Surviving are her children, Victor (Faye) Wasik of Weston, West Virginia, Lynnette (Ronald) Austin of Mobile, Alabama, and Bernard Pickett (Virginia Shoub) of Mobile, Alabama; her sister, Janice Ickes of Chicago, her brother, Jay (Lorraine) Smith of Lemont, three grandchildren, Stephanie (William) Bertrand, Nicholas (Jennifer) Adkins and Brittany Stapleton; and three great grandchildren Heyden, Adam, and James.

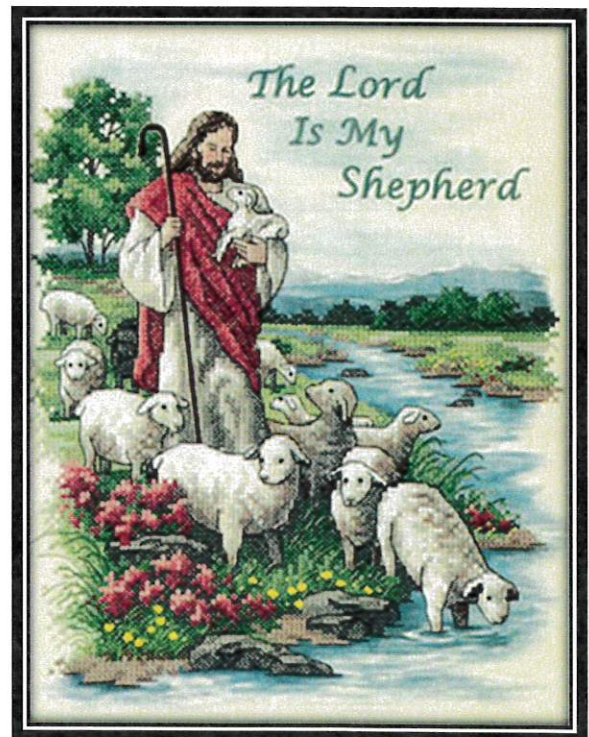
Mary Ellen was a homemaker. In her early years, she worked at the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, Pepperidge Farm Bakery and as a waitress at the

Mobile airport in Mobile, Alabama. She was a member of the Lincoln Oasis Center and enjoyed her bingo, fishing and bowling.

Mary Ellen faithfully attended St. John United Church of Christ in Lincoln, Illinois. She was active with the Charity Guild; various Christmas activities hosted by the church and enjoyed the numerous bus trips she took with the Church.

Funeral services were held on February 15, 2022 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski, Illinois with Rev. Laurie Hill officiating; burial was in Steenbergen Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski, Illinois

Services for Mary Ellen will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mount Pulaski, with Rev. Laurie Hill officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m. prior to services. Burial will be at Steenbergen Cemetery, Mount Pulaski.







**Ash Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Rotary at 12:00 noon  
Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m.  
Outreach and Publicity meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
St. John Chimers practice at 7:15 p.m.

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Men's Fellowship at 8:30 a.m.

**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service  
with Communion at 10:00 am  
St. John Ringers practice after church  
St. John Singers practice at 11:30 a.m.  
Paint Party at 2:00 p.m.

**Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Creative Delights at 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Rotary at 12:00 noon  
Lenten Drama Series\*  
St. John Chimers practice at 7:15 p.m.

**Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Blood Drive from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Celebrate Life Birthday Group at 11:30 a.m.

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service  
at 10:00 am  
Children of Lincoln Special Offering Sunday  
St. John Ringers practice after church  
St. John Singers practice at 11:30 a.m.  
St. John Gamers at 2:00 p.m.

**Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Rotary at 12:00 noon  
Lenten Drama Series\*  
St. John Chimers practice at 7:15 p.m.

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Diners at 11:15 a.m.

**Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service  
at 10:00 am  
It's Birthday Sunday  
Time to celebrate the March Birthdays

St. John Ringers practice after church  
St. John Singers practice at 11:30 a.m.

**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.  
Church Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

CAPCIL  
Creative Delights at 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Rotary at 12:00 noon  
Lenten Drama Series\*  
St. John Chimers practice at 7:15 p.m.

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service  
at 10:00 am  
Diaper Project Special Offering Sunday  
Potato Bar following church  
St. John Ringers practice after church  
St. John Singers practice at 11:30 a.m.

**Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.  
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Rotary at 12:00 noon  
Lenten Drama Series\*  
St. John Chimers practice at 7:15 p.m.

\* Lenten Drama Series

Bring your dinner – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Lenten Service – 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.



# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



John Barrick  
Linda Barrow  
Barb Bauer  
Jerry Berglin  
Wayne Bowns  
Ron Brandy  
Miley Bruder  
Marsha Fernandez  
Alta Gehrke  
Ruth Gordon  
Cindy Hansen  
Dave Harding  
Marianne Ingram  
Emily Jewsbury  
Judy Kline  
Laura Lee  
Amanda Leich  
Kris Lucas  
Kyle Lucas  
Sammy McClure  
Mary Francis (aka Franny)  
Ronnie Merold  
Helen Opperman  
Bill Post  
Lynn Price  
Kayleigh Reifsteck  
Laurie Reifsteck  
Mercedize Reyes  
Alissa Smith  
Chris Sprague  
Kathy Staten  
Karen Sutton  
Kent Tangman  
Vicki Smith Williams  
Leslie Wilmert  
Fred Wiseman  
Jason Yates

Caryn  
Kenneth  
Jo  
Joyce  
Kyle

Nathan  
Elizabeth  
Gunner and family  
B. J.  
Tony  
Donna  
Bethany  
Cheryl  
Kate  
Jeff  
Chris  
Sherri  
Lisa  
Scott  
Allen  
Fred  
Lynn  
Regina  
David  
Betty  
Kelli  
Lucille  
Jim and Becky and Grandmother  
Rachel  
Ray  
Sam  
Barb  
Dave

- The Residents at the Christian Village and St. Clara's Rehab and Senior Care
- All those from our "Church Family", Community, State and Nation working in the Medical Field
- Illinois Conference/Wester Association

**MILITARY** – Wyatt Conrady

## **FACILITIES AND HOMEBOUND**

David Armbrust, Steve Aue, Jean Cummings, Leola Dowling, Evelyn Fulkerson, Patty McCann, Carol Turner, Susan Webb, John Wilmert



# Staff of St. John United Church of Christ

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Rev. Laurie Hill  
Darlene Begolka  
Carolyn Pech  
Dana Denny  
Steve Spaulding  
Laura Lee  
Darlene Begolka  
Calob Pluhm

## Ministers

Pastor  
Office Manager  
Financial Manager  
Custodian  
Maintenance Person  
Organist  
St. John Chimers Director  
St. John Ringers and St. John Singers Director

## Church Council for 2022-2023



Kent Paulus (Elder), President  
Leland Semple, Vice President  
Bill Gosda, Jr., Secretary  
Jan Hahn, Current Fund Treasurer  
Danny Row, Special Funds Treasurer  
Bill Gosda, Jr., Financial Secretary  
Jack Leich  
Sandy Meinershagen (Elder)  
Carolyn Pech  
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**"Letting God's love shine through us to the Community we serve"**



## 2022 SPRING FLOWER ORDER FORM



The Worship Team is going to add color to the sanctuary for Easter this year. We are purchasing a variety of potted spring flowers (Tulips, Daffodils, Gerbera Daisies). Please support and help with decorating the sanctuary for Easter.

What about Easter lilies? Due to an increase problem with allergies; the Worship Team has purchased silk Easter lilies, so they will be present, not to worry!

The potted Spring Flower will be \$10 each.



**ALL ORDERS FOR THE POTTED SPRING FLOWERS ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY  
MONDAY, APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE: ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.  
PLEASE MAIL YOUR ORDER FORM(S) AND CHECK TO THE CHURCH OFFICE  
ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
204 SEVENTH STREET  
LINCOLN, IL 62656  
or  
BRING TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

-----**DETACH**-----

**(USE A SEPARATE ORDER FORM FOR EACH PURCHASE)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gift \_\_\_\_\_

or

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

from \_\_\_\_\_

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