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“Letting God’s love shine through us to the Community we Serve”

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**DEAN MEINERSHAGEN’S
STATEMENT OF FAITH**



I am Dean Meinershagen. I am getting confirmed and joining the church. I believe that the big bang happened, but that God created all the creatures, us and plants. I think God provides the sureness that loved ones or friends are being watched. God is there for us to talk when worried or thankful. I am thankful for the creation of dogs because of the joy they give us. I also believe that Jesus is the living embodiment of God. I think His death and resurrection would teach people eternal life and He teaches us how to live and make good decisions.

One time I was walking in Kickapoo Park and saw some people messing with a snake and I thought you shouldn't mess with it because it might bite you and that it was not a good decision. I believe the Holy Spirit is how God communicates back to the people. I also believe the Holy Spirit gives us goodness, joy, grace, etc. My greatest gift is the gift of joy because of the dogs and Maci. I want to

spread my gift of joy with "Toys for Tots" or "Disaster Relief".

I believe prayer is the way you and I talk to God. And that is also why I believe that prayer is how you can tell him important things like to watch someone or something or to thank Him. I believe the church is here to speak and teach the word of God. I am glad I got baptized as a baby because now I belong to the Church. I think me and my sisters are the future of the church.

I think the Lord's Supper is important because it's a symbol of Jesus's body and blood and it kind of renews your body with Jesus.

Thank you for your attention. Goodbye.



FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Continuing the request of the ONA task force, in this article, I'd like to talk about the issue of marriage and the Bible. The history of marriage is so very multi-layered, it's the proverbial "can of worms". The institution of marriage and its many meanings have widely changed all throughout history. So many people of faith claim that marriage started with Adam and Eve, but if you read that story, there is no mention of marriage. They are helpmates to each other, which is a portrayal of a good relationship between life partners and in Old Testament times. There are clearly defined male roles and female roles that developed throughout Hebrew culture. We must remember that procreation was very most important in Old and New Testament times. People did not live as long as we do now, but children especially did not always live to adulthood. So, it became important for women to have multitudes of children. This lasted until relatively recently when the earth became overpopulated.

Since the Old Testament teaches that procreation is the main reason for marriage, if we want to be Biblical literalists, no one "should" get married except for that reason. Of course, those of us in modern times who are married and enjoy marriage, know that marriage in our day is far more about a relationship than bearing children. Marriage is a partnership between two people who agree to be faithful to each other as long as they both shall live. The only place Jesus speaks of marriage at all in the Gospels is when he addresses divorce. Jesus lived in the age when marriage was still for procreation and is harsh when it comes to those who divorce to marry another person. So do we now condemn those who are divorced and remarried? No, of course, not, even though Jesus is abundantly clear about it. Our understanding of marriage is very different than Jesus's day.

Marriage for us is a covenant, a promise, a vow between two people to be faithful to each other; to hold each other in trust, honor and esteem; to forgive each other, to love and bless each other; to create a family IF that's what they want to do and most especially, to be in relationship with God together. In our day, most couples are "in love", but in the past, marriage was a business contract, often arranged by the parents. Jesus and the disciples said that it's better to not marry so one can be more devoted to God and the Church, but he understood that some believed they should procreate. (Jesus wouldn't have said that he understood some people were in love since it wasn't part of his world view). We will never know about Jesus's life when it came to being "in love" with another person. He did call John his beloved disciple and gave the care of his mother to John upon his pending death. He did have loving relationships with women as well.

In Matthew 19: 10-12, right after divorce, Jesus discusses eunuchs. Eunuchs were usually men born with ambiguous genders or who later self-mutilated, so they were not able to procreate. Jesus explains some are born that way and some choose to be that way. He lifts them up as a blessed community because they can spend more time building the Kingdom of heaven. So, what is the truth for us today? Nowadays, we marry for love above other "business" sorts of arrangements. Since Jesus was all about love in every aspect of his life, Jesus would bless the love between any two people as long as they were in a covenant of faith with God and each other. I believe these two people can be any two, including those who are same sex people, who pledge their love with each other before God.

Once again, we learn through all Scriptures that loving relationships are good. The worst thing you can do to God is to worship an idol, which is unfaithfulness to God. The worst thing we can do to those we love is to be unfaithful to them. Rejection hurts. We all know that. There are complicated reasons why people are unfaithful in relationships, whether that cheating is sexual or a rejection of our spouse or significant other in

another way like hostility or contempt. (That's another article.) So, I hope you can glean from this article that it's my understanding of God that marriage is between two people who agree to a covenant of faithfulness until death do they part. The two people can be any two people. I know several gay couples who've been married for decades, just like heterosexual couples. I hope you will, like me, celebrate marriages as a love reflecting of God's love for us, in us and with us, just as I do. I have officiated at many same sex marriages and they are all still together, (which I cannot say for some of the heterosexual marriages). Love is love. The heart knows who we need in our lives as a life partner. I hope you will, like me, celebrate love in all its glorious ways!

Peace,
Pastor Laurie

FEISTY WOMEN of THE NEW TESTAMENT

Sunday, July 3rd
The Widow
Mark 12:41-44

Sunday, July 10th: (Outdoor Service)
Herodias and her daughter
Mark 6:17-28

Sunday, July 17th: Rev. Molly Carlson preaching

Sunday, July 24th: Christmas in July
Mary, Mother of Jesus
Luke 1:38 and Luke 2:48

Sunday, July 31st
Anna, the High Priestess
Luke 2:36-38

COME AND MEET REV. MOLLY CARLSON, (ILLINOIS CONFERENCE MINISTER)



Join us on Sunday, July 17th
for the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service when our
Illinois Conference Minister, Rev. Molly Carlson
will be preaching.

Following the service will be a boxed lunch. Menu
is Chicken Salad or Ham and Cheese croissant,
Chips, Potato Salad, Fruit Cup, Drinks

Sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary or call
the church office (217) -732-6957 by July 12th
to make your reservation for the lunch.

WHAT/WHO/HOW IS ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST?

If you or someone you know might be looking for a church to belong to, on Saturday morning at 10:00 am, July 23rd in Wilmer Lounge (a basement room across from the office). Pastor Laurie is holding an orientation to our church life. It will be an hour to hour and a half long. Refreshments provided. She will do a swift overview of the church: past, present and future! She will cover what it means to be a member and how to become one. She promises, there is no hazing or bloodshed required. (That's a joke!)

Let the office or Pastor Laurie know if you're coming! Babysitting can be arranged!

GREETERS

July 3rd: Edna Mara

July 10th: Wayne Mara

July 17th: Marlene Wilmert

July 24th: Sandy Meinershagen

July 31st: Bob Meinershagen

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



SUNDAY, JULY 10th at 10:00 a.m.
KICKAPOO CREEK PARK

and



Menu: Fried Chicken,
Potato Salad,
Lettuce Salad, Dessert,
Drinks

Games to follow



LET'S REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

ST. CLARA'S REHAB and SENIOR CARE

1450 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Leola Dowling
Evelyn Fulkerson
Amanda Leich
Susan Webb
John Wilmert

CASTLE MANOR

1550 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Jerry and Mary Berglin

COPPER CREEK

203 Stahlhut Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Steve Aue (March 27)

CEDARHURST OF SPRINGFIELD

3520 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62711

Helen Opperman

CARRIAGE CROSSING SENIOR LIVING

1402 Leslie Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704

Sandy Morgan

CARLINVILLE REHAB/HEALTH CARE CENTER

751 N. Oak Street, Carlinville, IL 62626

Bill Krepps

VONDERLIETH LIVING CENTER

1120 N. Topper Drive, Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548

Jerry Gehlbach

ASHTON PLACE

4151 Ashton Road, Sarasota, FL 34233

Patty McCann

AT HOME

Dave Armbrust

922 Decatur Street, Lincoln, IL 62656

ST. JOHN DINERS
Imo's Café
Saturday, July 16th at 11:30 a.m.



The Small Group Ministry has planned the July St. John Diners outing will be to Imo's Café in Lincoln.

Reservations are for 11:30 a.m.

A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates for St. John Diners:
Saturday, August 20th to Rio Grande



WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Jeff and Jackie Curry and family at the death of his mother, Nancy Curry-

The family of Carol Turner.

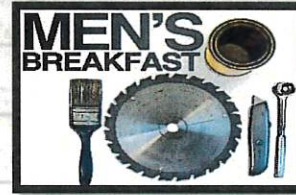
EAT AT LINCOLN CULVER'S
Wednesday, July 20th | 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by:

★ St. John UCC Veterans Ministry Committee

★ 10% of the sales that day will go to the Logan County Veterans Celebration

★ Drive-thru, Carry-out or Dine-in



Saturday, July 2nd
8:30 a.m.
Imo's Café

All Men of the Church are Welcome.

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.

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

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.



The following is a Thank You note from Rev. Dr. Charlotte Nold, Pastor and the congregation of St. John Church in Chicago (our Sister Church):

Dear members of St. John UCC Church in Lincoln,

Thank you for your wonderful donation \$245. We truly appreciate your continued support for our church and mission work. What an incredible blessing you are to us. Thank you.

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. One of our clients is from Ukraine and is sending several boxes of food to her family overseas or whoever needs food there.

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



Thank you so much for donating the use of your grill for CAPCIL's Cheeseburger in Paradise fundraiser. We grilled over 300 burgers for the event. You were a big help in raising over \$26,000 for our programs!

Thanks again – and also thanks to the St. Johners who came out for a fun evening!

Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

Verdeen Ingram



The following is a note from Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ:

Dear Friends at St. John United Church of Christ:

Thank you for your generous donation to the United Church of Christ to support disaster relief in Ukraine. Your gifts of \$1,1019.63 and \$625 were received. Through your gift, families that have been displaced and are in need of shelter and basic necessities will receive support.

Hand in hand with our Partners in Service and other volunteers, congregations, and conferences, UCC Disaster Ministries seeks to serve families and communities by identifying and meeting unmet needs and providing spiritual and emotional support.

Your love of neighbor will be made tangible through your gift. With the help of our global partners, you will provide welcome, shelter, and respite for families in local and international communities. Through your giving, those in need will be provided with spiritual support and physical resources to rebuild their lives.

United in prayer, action and giving, we stand as a people of faith in love and compassion. Thank you again for spreading God's hope, peace and love through your financial assistance as the United Church of Christ continues to build a world for all.



St. John's

I am so very Thankful for everything you have done for me and my family throughout all of these years. I have been going to this church since I was a little girl and appreciate all the fun I have had through volunteering and chimes while building my faith. The memories I have made will stay with me the rest of my life and so will my faith.

Love always,
Bailee Pineda

FUNDRAISERS FOR THE VETERANS CELEBRATION...

The month of June was busy with fundraisers for the Veterans Ministry raising funds for the upcoming Veterans Celebration.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraiser at the Country Aire Restaurant. A check for \$300 was received for that event. Thank you to Nick and his staff at the Country Aire for letting us do a fundraiser.

June 10th and 11th saw us at the VFW for the Route 66 Garage Sale. Baked Goods and Garage Sale items were on tap for that event. Thanks to everyone who brought baked good and/or garage sale items.

Our final June fundraiser was a Carry-out Chicken Noodle Dinner from Mama's Arcade. Our goal was to sell 150 tickets. We exceeded our goal and 193 tickets were sold. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and/or helped out that evening.

We have more fundraisers coming up the next several months to raise enough funds for the Veterans Celebration in November.

Working together (having FUN together) to say THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS what a great feeling that is.



VETERANS MINISTRY

The following fundraisers have been planned:

- July 20th – Fundraiser at Culver's
- September 17th and 18th – Bake Sale at VFW during Railsplitter Festival
- September 28th – All day Fundraiser at Country Aire Restaurant in Atlanta
- October 16th – A Silent Pie Auction

Watch for more info on these events in the newsletters, bulletins, emails, etc.

ATTENDANCE

June 5th

44 In-Person, 72 on Facebook, 17bulletins mailed and website = 133+

June 12th

No Church

June 19th

24 In-Person, 38 on Facebook, 18 bulletins mailed and website = 80+

June 26th

33 In-Person, 40 on Facebook, 16 bulletins mailed and website = 89+

The Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. You are encouraged to sign up for flowers in memory of loved ones or for a special occasion.

Altar Flowers



Articles for the August 2022 newsletter should be in the Church Office by July 19th.



OUTREACH and PUBLICITY NOTES

Co-Chairs: Jim and Leslie Wilmert
and Tonita Reifsteck – 160th Anniversary Planner

Outreach/Publicity met June 2nd in Wilmert Lounge. Jack presented an update on the plans for the Scout Wall. All the names have been given to engraver, both plaques have arrived. The cost of the program will be given to the Council.

The “Rec Team” only has 3 home games – Toni will get treats to the team at their home games and the Team Treat at Culver’s was set for after the June 13th game.

Coffee Hour will only be held on special occasions or if someone chooses to set it up during the summer months. Outreach will not meet in July or August.

Devotional Booklets for July, August and September are on table in Narthex of the church and entryway for anyone to take for self or friend.



160th 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 160th Board in the entryway.

Questions – see Tonita Reifsteck.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED – know of a recently retired friend looking for a chance to serve the community? Meals on Wheels has an opening for the 1st Monday of any month that has that scenario. This would involve 10:30 a.m. to noon. (Norma and Kim have taken the 5th Friday opening – THANK YOU) Any questions or if interested please see Tonita Reifsteck or call 217-855-1645.



CHARITY GUILD NEWS

By Tonita Reifsteck

June brought COVID and rain (again) so it was a small group of seven who enjoyed the CELEBRATE LIFE luncheon on June 10th in Wilmert Lounge. Birthday, Get Well and Thinking of You cards were signed and mailed. Toni shared some trivia and a poem for the group. Because everyone is really hoping to enjoy the time we share at the park we will try again - Celebrate Life will be held at Kickapoo Park on July 8th. In case of rain, it will be held in Wilmert Lounge and as always, anyone is welcome to bring their own lunch and drink and join in the fellowship and fun.

The Coffee Maker in the kitchen has been cleaned. Water HAS TO BE RUN THROUGH twice a week to keep reservoir fresh. Unless something is to be scheduled, the coffee maker will be unplugged during July and August. Any questions please call Toni, ASAP. THANK YOU!!!!

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.**

A mission thought for the day taken from Pastor Laurie's sermon:

Our mission work is done with love, and love is never wrong!

Aluminum Cans



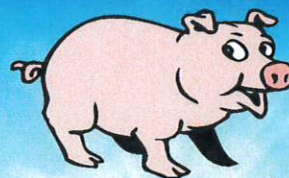
Thanks to all of you who bring us your aluminum cans for recycling. Larry recently took two loads to Lincoln Iron

and Metal. Just like everything else, the price of aluminum has gone up. Cans are now worth 50 cents per pound! We received \$73 which has been given to the local Humane Society.

Recycling the cans helps to care for God's Earth and God's animals. It is just one way we can make a difference here in Lincoln.

Thank you all!

JULY IS PORK PROJECT MONTH...



Be sure to memo your check for Pork Project.

FARM TO TABLE is a great way to eat. Putting locally sourced food on our tables makes sense - especially now when fuel costs so much. Shipping food across the country is really expensive. (Even driving across town is costly!) We can eat some fine tasting food and support our local farmers and business owners when we buy their products.

I suggest we support FARM TO PANTRY as well. Our local pork producers generously donate hogs for the Pork Project. The Atlanta Locker gives us a discount on processing. The clients of the food pantries then get to pick up packages of pork burger to use for their next meal.

We will be collecting for the Pork Project during the entire month of July. Please put your donation in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary or send it to the church.

Thank you so much for your support!



It can't be time to think about school starting can it? Well, not quite. But it is time to think about school supplies. They will be going on sale soon and we want to have ours ready when the kids return to school in August.

The Mission Committee will be gathering up school supplies during July, August and September. You may drop off your donations of supplies under the Giving Tree. (Pencils, pens, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, glue, rulers – all of these and more are welcome.) If you would rather, we can shop for you, just drop a donation in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary or send it to the church.

We will take these supplies to Central School and to Lincoln Junior High and wish them a successful school year.

Thank you for supporting the students of our community!

July Food Item Is...



**Food items are delivered to the
Community Action Food Pantry.**

All non-perishable items are WELCOME.

SCHOLARSHIP INFO

The Scholarship Committee is offering the St. John Education Scholarship to members of St. John United Church of Christ in Lincoln who are pursuing higher education.

Applications will be mailed soon. The deadline to have your application into the church office is **July 22, 2022**. Extra applications are available by calling the church office (732-6957).

In Loving Memory...



Carol Turner, 81, of Lincoln, Illinois, passed away on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at Castle Manor.

Carol was born on February 12, 1941, in Sorento, Illinois, to Arthur and Wilma (Schallenberg) Otto. She married Raymond Edward

Turner on September 12, 1965, in Lincoln, Illinois.

She is survived by her children, Michael (Debbie) Turner, Jeffrey (Elaine) Turner, and Kimberly (Brad) Bryant; siblings, Lois Crammond, Shirley (Jack) Guckenberger, Ruth (Tom) Scott, and Anita (Keith) Meadows; her grandchildren, Alexandra (Tim) Koehler, Chase Turner, Jake Turner, Kenzie (Jewel) Reed, and Blake Bryant; her great-granddaughter, Emersyn Koehler; and another great-grandchild (Reed) on the way.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Raymond; and brother, Harold Otto.

Carol enjoyed camping and going to antique car shows with her husband. She greatly loved her cats and watching birds. Carol was a member of St. John UCC Church. She worked as a bank teller at Regions Bank in Lincoln and retired in 2001 after many years of service. Carol had a deep love for her family, especially her grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on June 20, 2022 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Illinois.

JULY BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Darlene Begolka, Edward Spellman, Mike Turner
- 3 William Mulach
- 4 Dana Kline
- 6 Glen Birnbaum
- 11 **Helen Opperman**, Glenn Shanle
- 16 Mark Goergen
- 20 Valerie Coombs, Andrew Pagel
- 21 Judy Kline
- 22 Gary Atteberry
- 25 Sandy Wilmert
- 27 Donald Begolka, Katherine Christensen, Shanda Ryer, Lynn Paulus
- 29 Benjamin Spellman
- 30 Kevin Kurtz, Alice Paulus

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



PRIZES NEEDED

St. John United Church of Christ is no longer doing their monthly Bingo at St. Clara's Rehab and Senior Care. But we can still help them when their activity department does Bingo. Here's how we can help. They are in need of Bingo prizes. Some ideas are SMALL stuffed animals, door or window décor, adult coloring books and colored pencils, word search books (large print might be helpful), some gently used white elephant type gifts and little knick-knacks (non-breakable) to mention a few. No jewelry, please. These items can be placed under "The Giving Tree." Thank you!!!

ALTAR FLOWERS

- July 3rd:
- July 10th: Church Picnic
- July 17th: Church
- July 24th:
- July 31st:

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 Tom and Leanne Pech
Ed and Michelle Spellman
- 3 John and Linda Larson
- 7 James and Erin Abbott
- 10 Wayne and Edna Mara
- 21 Rod and Lori Christensen
- 23 Kent and Lynn Paulus
- 24 Loren and Karen Birnbaum
- 30 David and Marilyn Armbrust



MAY FINANCIALS

Beginning Balance	\$11,512.23
Income	\$ 6,769.26
Transfers	\$15,000.00
Expenses	\$26,659.54
Ending Balance	\$ 6,621.95



July Calendar

Saturday, July 2nd

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

Sunday, July 3rd

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service with Communion at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, July 4th

Church Office closed for 4th of July Holiday

Tuesday, July 5th

Special Events Committee meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 7th

Small Group Ministry meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, July 8th

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

Sunday, July 10th

Outdoor Service at Kickapoo Creek Park at 10:00 a.m.

Church Picnic

Monday, July 11th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Veterans Ministry meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 12th

Blood Drive from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Creative Delights at 3:00 p.m.

Friday, July 15th

3rd Friday Downtown Event - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 16th

St. John Diners at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 17th

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Molly Carlson Preaching

It's Birthday Sunday

Time to celebrate July Birthdays

Meal

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 18th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Church Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 20th

Fundraiser at Culver's for Veterans Celebration from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 21st

LifeLine Screenings

Saturday, July 23rd

New Member Orientation at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 24th

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, July 25th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 26th

Creative Delights at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 31st

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.





Linda Barrow
Barb Bauer
Sharon Bauer
Rev. John Bock
Wayne Bowns
Brian Boyer
Ron Brandy
Helen Dalpoas
Alta Gehrke
Ruth Gordon
Cindy Hansen
Rev. Don Hoover
Larry and Marcia Howen
Emily Jewsbury
Dwayne Keiffer
Peter Lawes
Sammy McClure
Chad Martin
Sherri Mester
Drake Miller
Lynn Price
Kayleigh Reifsteck
Mercedize Reyes
Zac Schafer
Alissa Smith
Kathy Staten
Jan Steele
Karen Sutton
Kent Tangman
Jim Walsh
Susan Webb
Vicki Smith Williams
Leslie Wilmert
Fred Wiseman
Barb Braley
Sherry Reed
Tonita Reifsteck
Mary Fuller
Kyle Lucas
Wayne Mara
John Wilmert
Marlene Wilmert

Ann Holloway
Maureen Smith
Jen Steele
David Armbrust
Harold Boyer
Carla Jurgenson

Chris
Sherri
Lisa
Scott
Allen
Fred
Lynn
Regina
David
Betty
Kelli
Rachel
Jim and Becky and Grandmother
Sam
Cliff
Connie
Susan

- 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

Steve Aue,
Jerry and Mary Berglin, Leola Dowling, Evelyn Fulkerson, Jerry Gehlbach, Bill Krepps, Amanda Leich, Patty McCann, Sandy Morgan, Helen Opperman

Staff of St. John United Church of Christ

Members and Friends of St. John UCC

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
Tricia Pineda (Elder)

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