

# 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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Pastor

Office Manager

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## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023**

**Immediately following the church service**

**Committee Reports for the Annual Report  
are due in the Church Office by  
Friday, January 6, 2023.**



## FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Whenever there is a new year, we reflect, of course, about the last year. What events happened? What surprises happened? Were they bad or good news? How did we cope? How did our loved ones fair? How is life different now because of them? New babies, weddings, new jobs, new homes are usually celebrated. Diagnosis or accidents and especially deaths, not so much. Still, we think back and remember. And then, we look forward to doing something very special: Hope.

The New Year will absolutely bring surprises. Every year does. If you believe you live life without surprises of one kind or another, look harder! Maybe not huge changes occur, but something will happen. We will be different at the end of this year just like we are different because we lived through the year of 2022, and every year before that. And of course, some make resolutions, but I find the older people get, the less likely they are to make them since they know they are always broken, usually before the end of January.

What shall we do then, to prepare for the surprises of 2023? First, we need to remember that we have survived and thrived through other surprises, both good and challenging. Knowing we have lived through hardships before and remembering how we did that helps us to hold on through any storm that should pass our way. Trust that God will give you everything you need to cope and will walk through any difficulty with you, side by side, hand in hand. Trust that when you rejoice, God will rejoice! When you mourn, God is mourning. When you suffer, God suffers with you. When you celebrate, the Spirit of God dances for joy with you!

Second, remember that change in life is normal. Sometimes when we have new changes to cope with, it feels like our pain or our rejoicing is unique. And while it is unique because each of us

is created that way, we can share some common empathy and sympathy with those who need it. It helps so much to have each other in church to share our journey! No everyone is “helpful” but everyone in our church is willing to be there with each other and that’s sometimes the most important part!

And third, remember to ask for help! We were not created to walk this earth alone. We were created for interdependence. Total independence or dependence is not healthy for us or those around us. It’s frustrating for loved ones who are wanting to help and sometimes just be present during times of change. No one has ever achieved greatness, accomplished wonderful tasks or creative works without help along their way. Brace yourself in 2023 because changes will happen. Brace yourself with faith, with prayer, with Bible study, with devotionals, with worship, with love for God and for God’s people. With our braces, there is absolutely nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ our Lord!

Peace,  
Pastor Laurie





**ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
UNAPPROVED CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, December 19, 2022**

**Present:** Kent Paulus, Carolyn Pech, Jack Leich, Jan Hahn, Bill Gosda (via phone), Tricia Pineda, Sandy Meinershagen, Darlene Begolka (Office Manager) and Pastor Laurie Hill.

**Absent:** Leland Semple, Dan Row

President Paulus called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2022. Pastor Laurie gave the invocation.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

President Paulus inquired if there were any items up for discussion as it related to the Consent Agenda items. No issues or concerns were raised. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. All voting aye, the motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Jan Hahn indicated she had received a thank you note from Paul Gleason for the church's contributions and recognition at the Veterans Celebration.

Jan stated that the Christmas brunch went well and that due to covid fears the current number of attendees at St. John's Gamers has declined.

Jack Leich announced that the Christmas parade was a success and that the Boy Scouts did a great job with passing out pencils. Sandy Meinershagen indicated to Jack that next year the Boy Scouts would like more aprons to hold the pencils during the parade.

Jack also made mention that next year the church may want to consider replacing the Christmas Tree in Fellowship Hall. President Paulus thanked Jack for all of his hard work in setting up the church for Christmas.

Council discussed and determined that the taking down of the Christmas decorations would take place on January 8th and 9th, 2023.

Council discussed how valuable the Boy Scouts are to St. John's and how much they are appreciated. It was determined at the recommendation of Sandy Meinershagen to increase the budget for the Boy Scouts from \$500 to \$1500 annually. The Boy Scouts have their own line item in the budget. It was moved and seconded to increase their budget in 2023 to \$1500. All voting aye, the motion carried.

**PASTORS REPORT**

Pastor Laurie provided Council a copy of her monthly report for review and highlighted some of the items on the report. She indicated she would not be present on December 26 through December 30, 2023 as she will be with family in New Jersey. Rev. Adam Quine will be on call.

Pastor Laurie provided Council a copy of a Post-Pandemic Giving Plan and recommended we review and discuss at a later date.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Building Use Policy** - Pastor Laurie shared the new Building Use Policy for consideration. Sandy Meinershagen recommended amending the policy to include allowance for the BBQ grill to be used for the Cheeseburger in Paradise event and allowance of use to the Boy Scouts. It was moved and seconded to approve the building use policy with the recommended change. All voting aye, motion carried.

**Nursery Care Giver** - Pastor-Laurie indicated she would advertise for a Care Giver for the nursery on Facebook. It was agreed upon that a background check would be mandatory and all applications would be considered for review.

**RTech Update** - Darlene Begolka informed Council the monitor in the entryway is up and running and the speaker will be soon installed in the nursery. RTech is waiting for assistance with the wiring in the nursery and then the project will be complete.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** - President Paulus just noted for the record it will be held on January 29, 2023.

**Nominating Committee** - Carolyn Pech and Jack Leich indicated they have not yet secured replacements and that Jim and Sandy Willmert are assisting with the search.

**Treasurer's Books** - President Paulus noted they will close on December 30, 2022 at noon.

President Paulus also noted for the record reports for the Annual Report are due in the church office by January 6, 2023.

**ONA Update** - Pastor Laurie brought our official ONA Certificate from the Open and Affirming Coalition from United Church of Christ for council to view. It was recommended that we frame it and put it in the entry way until a permanent place be determined for it at a later date. The rainbow decals also arrived. They will be placed on the doors. She also indicated she had contacted Lincoln Community High School and they do not have any type of official support group for LGBTQ. Pastor Laurie indicated the importance of children having a safe space in this arena and in developing a program for the church. She recommends we should visit the P-Flag group established in Springfield to get some ideas and direction.

Council agreed that our O&A statement will be listed on Facebook and the website and also placed in the Christmas Eve Bulletin to share awareness since community members often attend.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Darlene Begolka mentioned she and Pastor were recently at a Rotary meeting where I3 Broadband Representatives made a presentation. Darlene had a conversation with a sales representative who thought our church may benefit from their service as he was aware of other churches who really liked their service. Council will ask a representative to speak to the council early in 2023 so we could get an overview and have an opportunity to ask questions.

**Stewardship #'s** -Darlene Begolka presented Council with the following numbers:

Current Funds - \$80,135

OCWN - \$14,574

Sister Church - \$4,528

Contingency - \$4,778

Good Samaritan - \$3,184

Total - \$107,199

Respectfully submitted,  
Tricia Pineda, Secretary Pro-tem



### **WHAT IS OCWM?...**

For those who have forgotten or never knew, OCWM stands for "Our Church's Wider Mission". It is an offering that supports our denominational leaders, camps, and missions. Each United Church of Christ across our nation is encouraged to give generously so we can function well as a denomination who is historically groundbreaking, known for "Radical Hospitality" and "Abundant Love for All". But the bottom line is that 25% of the offering is sent to the national office to pay for the General Minister and other staff's salaries along with mission and programs they produce for the support of congregations. 75% of the offering stays in the Illinois Conference to support our own staff: Rev. Molly Carlson, Conference Minister, and three Associate Conference Ministers: Rev. Kathy Lawes, Rev. Terrill Murf, and Rev. Stephanie Purdue. It also supports office staff and our two Camp Staff Directors for Pilgrim Park and Tower Hill.

I continually brag on St. John UCC's dedication and devotion to our Conference and Western Association. You know how important they are in the life of our church! As your pastor, I depend on the Associate Conference Ministers, especially Rev. Tom Norwalk until he retired and Rev. Kathy Lawes who has walked with me through many "sticky



wickets". The church has benefitted richly from the help of Conference staff when in need of "Search and Call" for pastors. It's vital to the health of our churches to have the support of the congregations and they feel YOUR support! Rev. Molly Carlson writes, "In our Conference, the average OCWM giving is \$25.00 per member per year. Some of our churches meet or even exceed this average and we are beyond grateful for your support. Your giving demonstrates that you understand and are committed to the covenant that holds us together as the United Church of Christ."

So, from Molly and Kathy and especially me: THANK YOU!!!!!! For your undying and devoted support for the OCWM offering! It means so much to so many! And it really makes a huge difference in the health of our church and all UCC churches, in Illinois and nationally!

Thank you a-kazillion!  
Blessings!  
Pastor Laurie



## **LET'S REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND**

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

1450 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Leola Dowling  
Evelyn Fulkerson  
Bill Krepps  
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

### **CEDARHURST OF SPRINGFIELD**

3520 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62711

Helen Opperman

### **CARRIAGE CROSSING SENIOR LIVING**

1402 Leslie Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704

Sandy Morgan

### **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



**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m.  
Imo's Café**

**All Men of the Church are Welcome**

**ST. JOHN DINERS  
Saturday, January 21, 2023  
11:30 a.m.  
Chi Restaurant**



Sign up sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary.



Articles for the **February 2023** newsletter should be in the Church Office by **January 19<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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.

**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.



**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!!!



## ATTENDANCE

December 4<sup>th</sup>

36 In-Person, 57 on Facebook, 16 bulletins mailed  
and website = 109+

December 11<sup>th</sup>

31 In-Person, 41 on Facebook, 17 bulletins mailed  
and website = 89+

December 18<sup>th</sup>

41 In-Person, 50 on Facebook, 17 bulletins mailed  
and website = 108+

December 25<sup>th</sup>

No Church



**Celebrate Life Birthday Group**

**Friday, January 13, 2023**

**11:30 a.m.**

**Cracker Barrel**

**January birthdays will be  
celebrated.**

Let Tonita Reifsteck or Sandy Wilmert  
know if you are coming by January 10<sup>th</sup>.



## NOVEMBER FINANCIALS

Beginning Balance	\$ 8,977.86
Income	\$ 8,787.90
Transfer	\$25,000.00
Expenses	\$25,438.24
Ending Balance	\$17,327.52



Our Boy Scout Troop 1102 and Cub Pack 101 are  
holding an Avanti's Gondola Fundraiser.

Full length Avanti's Gondolas are \$7.00 each  
or a Loaf of Bread is \$3.00 each.

Orders due  
Monday, January 23, 2023 by 12:00 noon.

Pick up  
Friday, January 27, 2023  
between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. at St. John UCC.

Contact Dean Meinershagen for tickets.  
(Jean's number (217-737-1883)  
or Don Begolka (217-737-6177)

## ALTAR FLOWERS

January 1<sup>st</sup>:  
January 8<sup>th</sup>:  
January 15<sup>th</sup>:  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>:  
January 29<sup>th</sup>:



*Thank  
you*



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

Dear members of St. John UCC,

Thank you for your wonderful donations of \$212.50 and \$222.50. 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.



Dear St. John UCC family,

Thank you so very much for the bonus check! Your love and support for my ministry and the ministry we do together is very much appreciated.

Gratefully,  
Pastor Laurie

**St. John Gamers  
Sunday, January 8, 2023  
2:00 p.m.  
Game – Chicken Scratch**

**Come and enjoy an afternoon  
of fun and fellowship.**

## **GREETERS**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>: Bob Meinershagen**  
**January 8<sup>th</sup>: Sandy Meinershagen**  
**January 15<sup>th</sup>: Carolyn Pech**  
**January 22<sup>nd</sup>: Jack and Nancy Leich**  
**January 29<sup>th</sup>: Tonita Reifsteck**







**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.**

## TOYS FOR TOTS

Thank you everyone who donated to our Toys for Tots project! We blessed the toys on December 10. The toys were delivered the following week by our scoutmaster, Jason Maxheimer. We sent three big boxes of toys and a check for \$110.

Once again, thanks to those of you who made Christmas gifts possible for local kids with your donations.

## PORK

Winter has finally arrived with bitter cold temps and howling winds. What could be better on a cold day than a hot serving of pork? Pork burgers, seasoned up on a pizza, served with rice or noodles or potatoes or apples . . . But I am getting carried away.

The Pork Project makes it possible for local families to bring home pork from the food pantry. Not just

any pork either. These pigs are raised and processed right here in Logan County. Remember that the pork producers donate the pigs. We just pay for the processing.

Please fill one of the envelopes in the back of the sanctuary with your donation to the Pork Project or send it to the church office. Working together, we can feed the community.

## January Food Item Is...



**Food items are delivered to the Community Action Food Pantry. All non-perishable items are **WELCOME.****

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM...

This Christmas let us recall the greatest gift of all!  
Dave and Marilyn Armbrust

To: St. John Church Family

May the beauty of nature brighten your Christmas and all the days of the year.  
Karen and Loren Birnbaum

During the holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those congregations who have partnered with us to be the church in the world in service. It is in this spirit that we say thank you and wish you a Merry Christmas and joyful New Year.  
Your friends at Church World Service



"Merry Christmas to everyone at Church"  
Wishing you Peace and Joy this Christmas  
Esther Denney

Dear St. John family,

Sing a song of Christmas!  
Make a joyful noise—  
Let everyone rejoice!  
Merry Christmas  
from Rev. Steve and Rev. Laurie Hill

We wish you the special gifts of this holiday  
season... Peace, Joy and lasting Happiness.  
Merry Christmas to all!  
Larry and Verdeen

Joy to the world...  
...and a world of joy to you!  
Merry Christmas  
Janet Johnson

With every carol, every prayer,  
and every celebration, may you feel  
God's love in a special way  
this Christmas  
Have a Wonderful Christmas and New Year  
Love, Norma

May your holidays be filled with peace, love and  
happiness, and may your New Year bring you every  
joy.

Thanks for all you do for the community!  
Your Mission Committee

Merry Christmas  
Carolyn Remi and Oreo

To my faith family,

Wishes for the gift of faith, the blessing of hope  
and the peace of his love at Christmas and always  
Hugs,  
Tonita Reifsteck

Warmest wishes for peace, love and happiness.  
Merry Christmas to our church family! We wish  
you a blessed holiday season with health and  
happiness throughout the new year. Rejoice!  
Shanda and J. D. Ryer

Christmas never loses its magic...Hope you feel it all  
around you this holiday season.  
A blessed Christmas to all the St. John family  
Lynn and Hank

To our Church Family,

May His presence abide with you Today and in the  
new year. Have a Blessed Christmas.  
Love and Blessings,  
George and Marlen Wilmert

"Christmas...a time to think of those who mean so  
much."  
May the holiday season touch your heart and  
home with all that bring you joy.  
Merry Christmas to my church family  
Sandy Wilmert





# January BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Colleen Pech
- 7 Ty Row
- 17 Jackie Curry  
Bret Paulus
- 18 Janet Johnson
- 19 Norma Kramer
- 22 Jonathan Pagel
- 26 Connor Costello  
Brandon Muhlach
- 27 Jean Meinershagen
- 28 Kyle Atteberry
- 30 Lori Christensen



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

Outreach/Publicity meeting date was night of the Lincoln Christmas Parade. Entered church bus in parade “Candyland” is theme. Adults rode bus driven by Bob Meinershagen. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts passed out pencils along the parade route!



Coffee Hour still looking for host/hostesses for Sunday to make coffee. Snack is optional.

Devotional Booklets for 2023 will be available the week of Christmas in Narthex of church/obtained through Immanuel Lutheran by Outreach. If more than 3 LARGE PRINT are needed see a member of Outreach. Devotional are for self or to share with a friend.

Registration pad for visitors will be in the narthex and popcorn will be given to visitors as they are recognized by ushers or others.

Caroling had to be cancelled due to illnesses in the facilities.

SPECIAL THANKS to all who donated ‘small items’ for the gift bags for the residents of St. Clara’s “Angel Tree”.

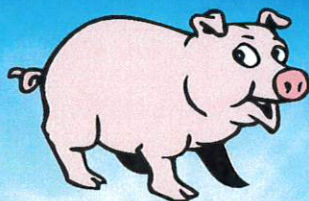
Meeting closed – noting January 10<sup>th</sup> is next Blood Drive at St. John UCC.

Christmas cards were shared by the CELEBRATE LIFE group in narthex for church family to sign to send to the shut-ins! Cards were mailed on December 18<sup>th</sup>. THANKS to those who took time to write a note!



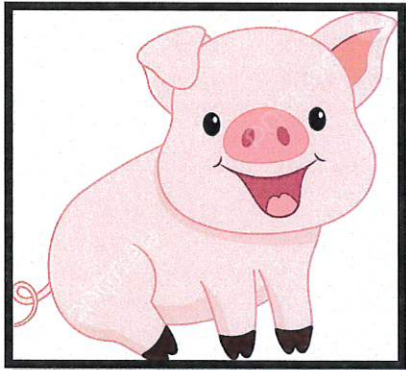
Charity Guild

## JANUARY IS PORK PROJECT MONTH...



Be sure to memo your check for  
Pork Project.





**DO YOU LOVE SAUSAGE?  
It's Sausage Sale Time at  
St. John's UCC in Miner**

This St. John's Youth Annual Fundraiser

Sausage price is \$4.50 per pound

Orders must be received by January 8, 2023

Sausage pick-up will be January 21, 2023 at Faith Fellowship Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Bloomington meats will be making the sausage.

Bulk Sausage Choices are: Seasoned, Unseasoned and Italian. All are one-pound bags for \$4.50 each.

Link Sausage Choices are: Seasoned or Brats. All are one-pound bags for \$4.50 each.

Sign-up sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary.



**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL PROJECT...**

A gift from Rev. Laurie Hill.

A gift from Laura Lee.

A gift from Bob and Sandy Meinershagen.

A gift from Alice Paulus.

A gift from Kaye Wilmert

In memory of Rudy and Louise Baumhardt  
from Sandy Wilmert.

In memory of Ray and Evelyn Begolka  
from Darlene and Don.

In memory of Earl and Ruth Bidner  
from Verdeen and Larry Ingram.

In memory of my mother, Millie Bunner  
from Bill Gosda, Jr.

In memory of Mary Jean Cummings  
from Gary and Judy Atteberry.

In memory of Albert and Iola Gehlbach, Richard  
and Edith Lawrence and Norman Lawrence  
from Jerry and Nancy Gehlbach.

In memory of Harold and Gene Gockel  
from Twila and William Muhlach.

In memory of Harold and Gene Gockel  
from Glenn and Terri Shanle.

In memory of my father, William E. Gosda, Sr.  
from Bill Gosda, Jr.

In memory of Mike Hansen from Mom and Dad.

In memory of Greg Jurgenson from Carla.

In memory of Rev. Kenneth D. Kramer, Jr.  
from Norma Kramer.

In memory of Donald and Blanche Kurtz  
from their children and grandchildren.

In memory of Larry Kurtz  
from his brothers and sisters and families.

In memory of André Nemeth  
from Mom and Wayne and Anton

In memory of Wallace Reifsteck, Lucinda Reifsteck,  
parents, other loved ones from family.

In memory of Jim and Charlotte Shearer  
from Lynn Spellman.





**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

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

**Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Church Office closed for holiday

**Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Chimers practice at 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Reports for the Annual Report are due

**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

St. John Ringers practice

St. John Singers practice

St. John Gamers at 2:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Taking down the greens at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

Blood Drive from

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Chimers practice at 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

Lifeline Screenings

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

St. John Ringers practice

St. John Singers practice

**Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Church Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Chimers practice at 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

St. John Ringers practice

St. John Singers practice

**Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Chimers practice at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

Annual Congregational Meeting following  
morning worship

**Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Head Start meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.



# PRAYER LIST

Linda Barrow  
Wayne Bowns  
Ron Brandy  
Helen Dalpoas  
Alta Gehrke  
Cindy Hansen  
Larry and Marcia Howen  
Emily Jewsbury  
Dwayne Keiffer  
Sherri Mester  
Drake Miller  
Lynn Price  
Mercedize Reyes  
Alissa Smith  
Kathy Staten  
Jan Steele  
Kent Tangman  
Jim Walsh  
Vicki Smith Williams  
Leslie Wilmert  
Fred Wiseman  
Barb Braley  
Sherry Reed  
Kyle Lucas  
Ann Holloway  
Jen Steele  
Harold Boyer  
Lin Ziemer  
Jackie Curry  
Martha Pagel  
Nathan Lucas  
Ron (Donna's boss)  
Lindsay (Donna's co-worker)  
Donnie Kirk  
Angela Rogers  
Ruth Olson  
Allen  
Dustin  
Sandy Sanders  
Kristin  
Marie Johnson

Bob Sanders  
Judy Woodard  
Sophia  
Kay Hurd  
Bill Gosda, Jr.  
Edna Mara  
Donna Kessinger  
Nancy Gehlbach  
Debbie  
Jim Fuhrer  
Baby Shay  
Ryan Edgecombe  
Bethany Edgecombe  
Wayne Mara  
Barb and Don Bauer

Illinois Conference/Wester Association

## FACILITIES AND HOMEBOUND

Dave Armbrust, Steve Aue,  
Jerry and Mary Berglin, Leola Dowling,  
Evelyn Fulkerson, Jerry Gehlbach, Bill Krepps,  
Patty McCann, Sandy Morgan,  
Helen Opperman, Susan Webb, John Wilmert





# 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  
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