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

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Grace and Peace.

Welcome to May! It's only the 23rd of April, but most of you will be sharing this in early May, so let me be the first to welcome you to it.

This past Sunday marked 1 year of being in the pulpit with you. While it's not what I had signed up for, I can't say I'm surprised. We've all known for a long time how scarce ministers are, and it's something that plagues most all churches in most all denominations. To that point I'd like to bring you up to date on a few things we've learned.

This past Saturday, several of us from St. John attended the joint spring meeting between our Western Association, the Prairie Association, and a few from the Eastern Association. One of the workshops, which was led by Rev. Shernell Edney Stilley, our contact for Search and Call, as well as our Conference Minister, Rev. Molly Carlson, was about search and call, in light of the scarcity of ministers. We all enjoyed their presentation and came away with a few suggestions that both our Search Committee and the wider church should be aware of. I'll do my best to highlight a few things.

- A point was made that it will most likely be necessary to think outside the box as we look at our next call. Their point was, that while most churches used to receive several candidates to choose from, that's no longer the case. For this reason, it's important to make sure churches are meeting the needs of their next minister.
- Additionally, the point was made that there will certainly be more semi-retired, bi-vocational, and/or part-time candidates in the pool. This is not only due to the size of the pool to choose from, but also the fact that more and more churches can only afford part-time ministry.
- One suggestion of the panel was to be proactive in helping a new minister find that second income which may be a factor in their acceptance of a call. It was understood that most churches have community leaders within their congregations or have other business contacts throughout their communities. Using these resources to help a new minister with additional income might very well be a key to helping them make their lives whole.
 - It's important to note within this, that if the next minister is indeed bi-vocational or part-time, that church members will need to respect that they will not always be in the church office.
- Something I found very interesting was the mention of 'mental health' days. The pair suggested that it's becoming more and more important for congregation members to fill the pulpit from time to time to ease the weekly preparation stress for the pastor. As they mentioned this, I couldn't help but think of several churches where I know this is taking place.
- Parsonages were not really discussed at length, but I have had other conversations both within and outside of the church. In several cases, it seems like churches calling part-time ministers are finding that they might already have homes in an adjacent community. For this and any other reason, it's important for churches to explore the option of renting their parsonage to offset the living expenses that will be part of the new pastor's contract.
- Something that also caught our interest was the suggestion that churches need to be thinking about raising up new ministers from within their congregations. A gentleman sitting next to me at the time was exactly that, and had ministered to his church for the past 7 years, after the congregation asked him to do so. He has been taking online classes and workshops

when he can attend, with the church making sure the fees are covered and the time away is allowed.

- Calling the right person was also mentioned. The point they were making, was to make sure that the person they called fit the congregation and could minister to their needs, but could also be a representative part of the community. Someone who could minister to the congregation, but not be accepted within the community, might not find living there to be very fulfilling.
- Expectations must also be real. I think this is an important piece. As I mentioned above, if a part-time minister is called, they must be allowed to be part-time. This might well be due to a semi-retired person needing their grandchildren time, (me!) or in some cases to earn outside income.
 - Another expectation area is the desire of so many congregations that the new minister be able to 'grow the church'. This is a fallacy in most communities and has no place in the search and call conversation. This may or may not happen for many reasons, but it should not be a goal of the next pastorate.
 - Further in this, congregations need to be the ministers for the community and spreading the Good News of the Gospel and of their church. St. John does this very well and I'm very proud of your community involvement, which should be shared during your interview conversations.
 - The pastor of a church should also not be expected to 'run the church'. I relate this story – I was sitting in the office of a mentor many years ago, and we heard a fair amount of noise in the adjacent fellowship hall. When we went to the door we saw several gentlemen pushing a piano out so they could load it onto a truck. When I asked the pastor what they were

doing, he promptly replied that he didn't know, and that property wasn't his responsibility.

Now as you might imagine, this list from our meeting, as well as other conversations I've had, is by no means complete. The point from the host's and myself, is that the next minister arrangement may not be of the 'cookie cutter' type. The more flexible the church is in meeting the needs of the next pastor, the more candidates you will attract. St. John has so very much to offer, and we have been warmly welcomed, but as our hosts on Saturday made the point, whoever the next minister is, will need to be part of the community. If we lived closer, that's a discussion we could have, but that's simply not the case, and not the call God has placed on our relationship.

Please take some time to consider these thoughts and begin imagining what your next ministerial relationship might look like.

Love and blessings,
Pastor David



ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
UNAPPROVED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, April 15, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Present: Leland Semple, Silas Tockey,
Keith Birnbaum, Dan Row,
Roger Michalsen, Laura Lee,
Randy Pech, Sandy Meinershagen,
Pastor David Marquardt, and
Darlene Begolka (Office Manager)

Absent: Kaye Wilmert

President Leland Semple called the meeting order on Monday, April 15, 2024. Rev. David Marquardt gave the invocation.

It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor David had nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

YMCA: It's time for contract renewal. Some discussion. It was moved and seconded we renew the YMCA contract for an additional year. Motion carried.

Interim Search Team and Pastoral Search Team: In early May there will be a meeting with the Associate Conference Minister, Rev. Shernell Edney Stilley for the Search Team to update the Church Profile. Membership total that will be used for the Church Profile is 115.

Membership Roles: It was moved and seconded we approve the removal of 3 additional members. Motion carried.

Update to Cry Room: This has been turned over to the Memorial Committee.

Open and Affirming: The new banner is in. It was shown to the Church Council at their meeting.

Church Membership Directory: In the process of updating.

2024 Committee: A committee list was provided to the Church Council members and copies will be available in the back of the sanctuary.

Sound – Mics: The mics for the music groups are now in place and well as a new mic for the pulpit. We may need to purchase a lapel mic.

Building and Grounds: It was reported that the roofing company came to repair small patches on the parsonage and church roofs to last while church funding is raised for full project.

Current Fund Treasurer's Report: Sandy Meinershagen had a question regarding the Current Fund Treasurer's Report with some of the totals. This matter will be looked into and reported back to the Church Council at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Communion: We will be returning to serving communion on Sunday, May 5th.

3rd Fridays Downtown Events: St. John UCC will be participating again this year in the 3rd Fridays Downtown event with the Pick-up a duck game. The months are May, June and July. Each month has a different theme.

Pridefest and Juneteenth: It was moved and seconded to have a booth at the 2024 Pridefest Event on Saturday, June 8th. Motion carried. We are waiting to hear back from Jennifer Hunt from the Juneteenth event.

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Everyone recited The Lord's Prayer.

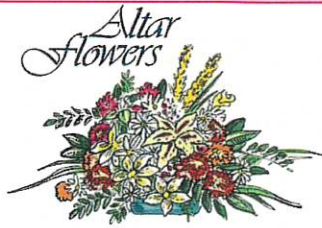
Respectfully submitted,
Silas Tockey
Church Council Secretary





MARCH FINANCIALS

Beginning Balance		\$55,593.91
Income	\$15,401.71	
Expenses	\$27,863.82	
Ending Balance		\$43,131.80



- May 5th:
- May 12th: Bill Gosda, Jr.
- May 19th: Nancy Dexter
- May 26th: Nancy Gehlbach



Articles for the **June 2024** newsletter should be in the Church Office by **May 19th**.



Celebrate Life Birthday Group
Friday, May 10th
11:30 a.m.

Kickapoo Creek Park
(weather permitting)
Bring your own lunch and drink.

May birthdays will be celebrated.



I would like to thank all of you who sent me 80th birthday cards, prayers, and good wishes.

The lovely cards and messages were a wonderful remembrance of

the many times we have worked together at St. John in "serving our community".

I am blessed to be a member of the 80's group at St. St. John.

Let us all Celebrate Life together at what every age we have reached.

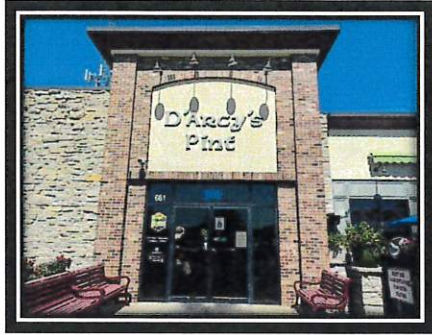
Karen Birnbaum



Thank everyone who signed the Easter and Birthday cards. Thank you very much.

Esther Denney

**St. John Diners
Saturday, May 18, 2024
D'Arcy's Pint in Springfield
11:30 a.m.**



For the May outing, St. John Diners will be going to D'Arcy's Pint in Springfield.

Leave the Church Parking Lot at 11:00 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

April 7th

46 In-Person, 78 on Facebook, 13 bulletins mailed and website = 137+

April 14th

36 In-Person, 63 on Facebook, 13 bulletins mailed and website = 112+

April 21st

48 In-Person, 63 on Facebook, 13 bulletins mailed and website = 124+

OUTREACH and PUBLICITY NEWS...

Tonita Reifsteck and
Jim and Leslie Wilmert, Co-Chairs

Outreach Ministry met on Thursday, April 4th.
Opening thought/prayer read in unison.

Present were Jack and Nancy Leich, Lee Westerfield, Sandy Wilmert and Tonita Reifsteck.
Jim and Leslie Wilmert asked to be excused.

Noted from council minutes: new members being received/name tags have been ordered.
Communion procedure will change in April.

OLD BUSINESS

- Potato Bar deemed a success – donations of \$278 toward purchase of 100 training cups for WIC to distribute in their program.
- Devotionals available in vestibule and entryway for 2nd quarter (April-May-June).
- Culver's treat to Scouts for their work at Christmas has been delayed due to busy schedule of theirs. Now bringing in treat to April 22nd meeting.
- Hosts and Hostesses for coffee hour past month have been Jack and Nancy Leich,
- Bob and Sandy Meinershagen, Marlene Wilmert and Toni Reifsteck. A big supply of creamers was given by Gail Marquardt!
- Celebration Stamps have been discontinued. Karen Birnbaum and Sandy Wilmert donated the remainder of theirs to PRAYER CHAIN and CELEBRATE LIFE programs.
- LCHS principal and staff sent a list of items students need – especially for the commissary that we have been 'stocking'. NEEDED: all toiletry items (i.e. deodorant body spray, shampoo, bar soap, feminine products, hairbrushes, hair ties, socks also any 'freebies' from hotel/motel visits are good for this service). Also listed notebooks, 3 ring binders, pocket folders, and coats or hoodies, gloves or winter hats

next fall. They were directed to contact CAPCIL for the coats and gloves needs.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion on sponsorship of a Rec Team – which all were in favor of. Sponsorship covers cost of the shirts with St. John logo. This year with a shortage of coaches we were asked to sponsor a Tee League team – shirts will be BLUE. Schedule will be posted as it is received.
- Discussion on sponsoring a PATRIOTIC SING the Sunday before July 4th (June 30th) to the shut-ins in nursing facilities and/or their homes. Sign up to join in this event will be in Narthex beginning in June.

Meeting closed with reading an excerpt from Pastor David's April Chimes article.

LINCOLN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS...

- Deodorant (Male and Female)
- Hairbrush
- Body spray
- Hair Ties
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Bar or liquid soap
- Toothpaste
- Feminine products
- Mouthwash
- 3 ring notebooks
- 2 pocket folders
- Notebooks

LOGAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH has a new program...

USED SHARPS COLLECTION PROGRAM

Stop by the Logan County Health Department located at 109 3rd Street.

Pick up a FREE sharps disposal container. When it is full drop it off for a new one

ALL CONTAINERS NEED TO BE RETURNED NOT LATER THEN JUNE 21, 2024



Saturday, May 4th
8:30 a.m.
Imo's Café

All Men of the Church are Welcome.

Coming Soon...

MUSICFEST SUNDAY
Sunday, May 19, 2024

Thursday, June 20, 2024
from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
at LINCOLN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Trauma-Informed Care Training is being offered.
Limited space. Registration required.
For more information call 217-605-5014.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

By: Lynn Spellman

On Sunday, April 7th during the morning worship service we took in 3 new members: Rev. Dan and Nancy Dexter and Hannah Meece.

REV. DAN AND NANCY DEXTER



We at St. John UCC have two new members familiar from their visits here as supply pastor and wife. In this capacity, the Rev. Dan and Nancy Dexter have joined us off and on for over a decade.

Dan grew up in Springfield. His mother Jacqueline remarried when he was four to James Shepherd. The family attended First United Methodist Church, which had 3,300 members. He says it was not very personal. Since his early teens, Dan has enjoyed working on electronics, especially vintage Hi Fi equipment. He graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a major in political science and minors in business and insurance. For twelve years he worked as a financial and administrative manager, living in five cities, from Boise to Albany.

Then Dan's life took a turn. "What made me decide to go to seminary and into ministry," he says, "is truly known only to God as I'm still scratching my head after more than 45 years." He graduated from Oral Roberts Graduate School of Theology in Tulsa. His diverse credentials also include four units (years) of clinical education in Psychosocial Care from SIU Medical School and Chaplain Residency, also through SIU at Memorial Center in Springfield. Pastor Dan has served United Methodist churches in Buffalo/Mechanicsburg and Mt. Sterling, where

he met Nancy. Then he took another turn and switched to the United Church of Christ. In our denomination he has served churches in Minier; Lake Geneva, WI; Tripoli, IA; and First Congregational UCC in Springfield. He has also worked as a staff chaplain at both St. John and Memorial hospitals for many years.

Dan's daughter Amy from his first marriage lives in Springfield and works for the state. Her son John lives in Minnesota and her mother in Florida.

Nancy grew up in Mt. Sterling in Brown County. There her family consisted of her parents Clinton and Maye Barker and her brother Ronnie. She says she grew up in the Baptist Church until she was old enough to make up her own mind, and then she joined the Methodist Church. She is trained as a Licensed Practical Nurse and worked for many years at nursing homes in Quincy, Jacksonville, and Springfield. Dan and Nancy were married June 11, 1988. Nancy says the adjustment for her was learning to be herself and not "the minister's wife."

Now there's a new adjustment for both the Dexters as they have joined the St. John family. Nancy says she was proud of Dan when he was in the pulpit because she knows he loved the churches he served, but she is very happy to have him beside her in worship now. He says he feels just fine sitting in the pew after holding the reins for so long. These new members say they have felt welcomed and cared for since they first attended St. John – more than ten years ago. And we are delighted to have them with us on our journey. Welcome, Dan and Nancy!

HANNAH MEECE

New member Hannah Meece is no stranger to St. John UCC. She was baptized here by the Rev. Rich Reinwald, who also confirmed her and officiated at her wedding. Her parents, Roger and Jenna Michalsen, are members, and her brother Ted was ordained here, also by Rev. Reinwald. She said church attendance has been a way for the family to connect to Ted, knowing that is also how

he is spending his Sunday morning. Hannah and her husband James's three-year-old daughter Tilly (Matilda), calls St. John "Papa and Nana's church," and she considers the Baby Jesus at the back of the sanctuary her friend. She also loves the animals in the lower level murals painted by Papa. No wonder Hannah says St. John Church "feels like home."

Hannah Meece has earned two bachelor's degrees, one from Eastern Illinois in history and the other from Illinois State in education. She is finishing her third-year teaching social science at Athens High School. Her courses include U.S. History, Advanced Placement U.S. History, and Pre-Modern History. That last course begins with the Egyptians and Sumerians, ends with the French Revolution, and includes Asian and African history as well as Europe and the Americas. When asked about other interests, the busy wife, mother and teacher said she has tried to morph her hobbies into school activities. Accordingly, she is a class sponsor, coaches the Scholastic Bowl team, and supervises the yearbook staff. In addition, she loves to read, and her family really enjoys watching TV. In addition to all that, Hannah is working toward a master's in history at Eastern Illinois University.

Over the years Hannah has participated in many St. John organizations, starting with Sunday School, Youth Group and the many choirs that Rich and Barb Reinwald encouraged her to join, then whatever committees Roger and Jenna served on, all the way up to Church Council. She has to be one of the youngest Council members ever, serving a three-year term in her 20's.

Clearly, Hannah Michalsen-Meece has been actively involved at St. John UCC her whole life EXCEPT the three years she worked at First United Methodist Church in Lincoln. That position required membership there and is the reason for the hiatus in her time here and for our now having the pleasure of welcoming her back. We're glad you've returned home, Hannah!

CELEBRATE LIFE BIRTHDAY GROUP...

by Tonita Reifsteck



Fourteen CELEBRATE LIFE members met on Friday, April 12th at newly renovated County Aire Restaurant in Atlanta. Birthday, Get Well and Thinking of You cards were signed. Some shared their "Spring memory or Spring plans" (can you believe someone said, 'spring cleaning'!) Happy birthday was sung to Karen Birnbaum, Mary Fuller and Laura Lee.

Friday, May 10th Celebrate Life will be held at Kickapoo Park – weather permitting. This is a bring your own lunch and drink – to the first shelter in the park. In case of rain, we will meet at the church. If you have any questions call Sandy Wilmert or Toni Reifsteck. No reservations necessary – the first shelter in the park is ours every 2nd Friday. The topic will be 'Tell about a time you got in trouble as a child – "YOU did WHAT?"



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**.

For the month of March, 6 boxes and 2 bags of groceries were delivered to Lincoln/Logan Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous donations!

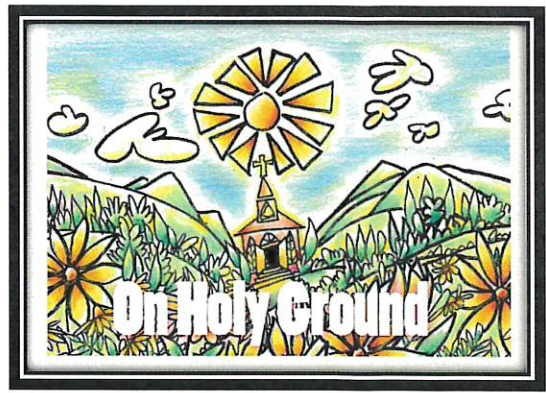


106 Teddy Bears were delivered to Lincoln Memorial Hospital for distribution to children in ER or patients.

May Food Item Is...



All non-perishable items are **WELCOME**.



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

The following is a note from Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President/Chief Executive Officer:

God calls us into community. God desires for us a big, inclusive, expansive, welcoming community. One where “no matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you’re welcome.” I call this a “big tent” community. God wants our congregations and our whole Christian movement to be a “big tent” where all can be genuinely welcomed. The Strengthen the Church Offering supports congregations and initiatives that help us live into the United Church of Christ’s “big tent” vision. Funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and renewal initiatives in existing congregations. Your conference and the national ministries work together to use these funds for projects that matter now and for the future of our movement. Through this offering, we further our commitment to being a multi-racial/multicultural church that is accessible to all. Will you join people across the UCC in making a gift to Strengthen the Church? Together, we can be the “big tent” God calls us to be.

The following is a note from our Sister Church in Chicago written by their pastor, Rev. Dr. Charlotte Nold;

Dear members of St. John UCC in Lincoln,



Thank you for your wonderful donation of \$163. 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.



Boy Scout Troop 1102 recently hosted the Spring Camporee held at Memorial Park in Lincoln. These are the winners from Troop 1102.



LET'S REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

ST. CLARA'S REHAB and SENIOR CARE

1450 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656
Susan Webb
John Wilmert

CASTLE MANOR

1550 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656
Jerry and Mary Berglin
Bill Krepps

COPPER CREEK

203 Stahlhut Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656
Steve Aue

CEDARHURST OF SPRINGFIELD

3520 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62711
Helen Opperman

ASHTON PLACE

4151 Ashton Road, Sarasota, FL 34233
Patty McCann

IN THEIR HOME

Sandy Morgan
931 – 1575th Street, Lincoln
Send mail to: 12 Pheasant Run, Lincoln





May

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Elaine Aue
Angela Coombs
Reagan Rader-Ingram
- 7 Jack Leich
- 9 David Hansen
- 10 Amellia Nowack
Pat McCann
- 14 Leslie Wilmert
- 17 Noah Morgan
- 19 Skylar Morgan
- 21 Tricia Pineda
- 22 Dan Dexter
- 23 Henry Abbott
- 24 Marge Hansen
- 26 Russell Wright
- 31 Kaye Wilmert

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



Are you or someone in your family graduating from 8th grade, High School or College this year? Please let the church office know as soon as possible. Thanks!

GREETERS

- May 5th: Marlene Wilmert
- May 12th: Nancy Gehlbach
- May 19th: Randy Pech
- May 26th: Bob Meinershagen



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Charlie and Miki Spellman
- 17 Russell and Beth Wright
- 18 Jerry and Mary Berglin
- 31 William and Twila Muhlach



The Church received the following letter from the Regional Housing and Supportive Services, Inc. The Church Council decided to include it in the May Newsletter.

April 2024

Dear Congregation,

We know that people in our community often look to you for assistance. The Board of Regional Housing & Supportive Services (RHSS) want to make you aware of an exciting new project in Logan County.

RHSS was created to oversee the task of converting the former St. Clara's Nursing Home building into a functional space for the community. This project was made possible through the donation of the building from Lincoln College.

Our vision is that this building, now known as *Hope on 5th*, will be a future home to veterans, families, and individuals, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and as a location to provide services that will assist any community member with transition to a better life.



To date, work is being completed to get the building operational, including updates to plumbing, electrical, and HVAC and restoration of the large kitchen.

This work has been supported financially to date by a donation from Logan County Board, a grant from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, and various donations from community individuals and organizations, including the Woods Foundation and Ameren.

Space is currently being leased in the building by Land of Lincoln Group, for hosting local AA and NA meetings. The Land of Lincoln Legal Aid is now providing legal services using an office in the building. Talks with other organizations and service providers are also in the works currently about how to best use available space.



How can you help us create this resource for Lincoln and Logan County and provide hope for those in need in Logan County?

Financial support is needed to continue the work to make this dream a reality.

Volunteers are needed to help do the work and ideas for services and support are needed.

If your organization would like to get involved in any way, or would like to learn more about this project, please contact us at rhss2005th@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hopeon5th

Sincerely,

RHSS Board

Kim Turner, Tom Funk, Dea Welsh, Nadia Klekamp, Joe Schaler, Lori Jackson, and Patti Schonauer

PO BOX 24 Lincoln, IL 62656

RHSS2005th@gmail.com



May Calendar

Wednesday, May 1st

Women's Retreat Breakfast
St. John Chimers practice at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 2nd

LCT at 6:30 p.m.
Outreach and Publicity at 7:00 p.m.
Search Team meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4th

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

Sunday, May 5th

St. John Singers practice at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour at 9:15 p.m.
Morning Worship with Communion at 10:00 a.m.
St. John Ringers practice after church

Monday, May 6th

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

Tuesday, May 7th

Cub Scouts at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8th

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

Thursday, May 9th

Friday, May 10th

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

Sunday, May 12th

Mother's Day
St. John Singers practice at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour at 9:15 p.m.
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
St. John Ringers practice after church

Monday, May 13th

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

Wednesday, May 15th

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

Friday, May 17th

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

Saturday, May 18th

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

Pentecost Sunday, May 19th

Coffee Hour at 9:15 p.m.
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Strengthen the Church Offering
MusicFest Sunday

Monday, May 20th

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

Tuesday, May 21st

CAPCIL meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday May 23rd

YMCA Training Camp at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 26th

Coffee Hour at 9:15 p.m.
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, May 27th

Church Office closed for Holiday

Tuesday, May 28th

YMCA Summer Camp (6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, May 29th

YMCA Summer Camp (6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Thursday, May 30th

YMCA Summer Camp (6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 31st

YMCA Summer Camp (6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

NOTE:

The YMCA will be here Monday – Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. until May 17th for the After School program.
LCT will be here on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.



Prayer List

Linda Barrow
Drake Miller
Alissa Smith
Leslie Wilmert
Cheryl F.
Katrina Opperman
Lynn
David
Kathy Staten
Jim Walsh
Kristen
Lee Wolfe
Joyce (Gail Marquardt's mom)
Lynn (Friend of Donna)
"Pete" Luckhart
Zach (Friend of Pastor David, Gail, Joshua)
Abigail
Middle East
Cierra
Raymond
Stephanie Opperman
Janet Dullard
Jean (C.J.) Sutton
Amy Tabor
John Tabor
Karson
Ruth Post
Duane Ingram
Sharlene
Elizabeth Miller, Lainey, Hunter
Alexis and baby Maverick
Emily Hyde
Rachelle Riggs
Raelynn Babbs' family
Mike Meares family

Jen Steele
Miguel Durban family
Pat O'Neil
Donnie Kirk
Ellen Schweizer
Nancy Dexter's father
John Hebenstreit
Beverly
Bill Dennis
David Dennis
Louise Jeffries
Eric Hill
Kami (Maas) Mefford and Payne
Mike Schneider family
Bob Sanders
Martha
Jackie Curry
Wayne Mara
Debbie
Marc Wendt
Pastor David

Illinois Conference/Western Association

FACILITIES AND HOMEBOUND:

Steve Aue
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