

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

News from Your Church Council

INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:

We are THRILLED to announce that Rev. David Poe from St. Peters UCC in New Haven will be joining us as our intentional interim pastor beginning April 1, just in time for Easter! Pastor David comes to us after having served there for 17 years and recently felt a calling to do intentional interim ministry and comes highly recommended by the conference. He's very excited to join us, too!

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Council discusses the COVID-19 situation each month and again decided that the church will remain closed at least through March. We are hoping to be able to do some worship services outside in chairs when the weather gets warmer!

Council welcomed our new interim pastor to our council meeting. He expressed a desire to get to know the congregation as soon as he comes on board on April 1. We were very happy to have him join us even before his first day.

We are forming a Pastoral Care and Relations committee and will be seeking two at-large congregation members to join Kristy Kniest and Roy Boschert on that committee. If you are interested please contact one of them or the church office.



Mission & Caring Ministry

EASTER GIFTS FOR HOMEBOUND

Would you consider sharing the joy of Easter with our members who are homebound? The Mission and Caring Ministry is preparing gifts for these folks and will have them and a list of names at a table on Sunday, March 21 and 28. If you would like to deliver a gift to homebound members, please sign up next to that person's name and take a gift on one of those two Sundays. Due to COVID the gifts will need to be dropped off at the front door. Please wear a mask and be safe.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING HAPPY, HEALTHY BABIES AND FAMILIES!

St. John's will be hosting a collection for Shower of Love in April! Across the nation, 1 in 3 families struggle to provide an adequate supply of diapers and baby care necessities for their child. Shower of Love is a local community effort to collect donated baby care basics for non-profits serving families and babies in St. Charles and Lincoln counties. By donating to Shower of Love, our community helps reduce child abuse and neglect while easing the stress on fragile families in their time of need. A list of "wanted" items will be available in upcoming bulletins and the April newsletter. Collections will be taken at services April 4 through April 25.

F.I.S.H. NEEDS FOR MARCH

St. John's UCC supports F.I.S.H. food pantry of St. Charles County by contributing food and financial contributions made by our members and friends. Items can be left in the shopping carts. You can find out more about FISH at www.fishofstcharles.com or by calling 636-447-5482. Here are the items FISH is especially in need of this March:

- Fruit - especially Applesauce
- Tomatoes - whole, diced
- Condiments - Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo
- Microwave Popcorn
- Snacks
- Body Lotion

PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer shawls, made by our members, are available. If you know of someone that could use a prayer shawl, please contact Suzanne Weaver or the church office.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Old eyeglasses are being collected and can be dropped off at the shopping carts during drive-in services.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Soda tabs may be dropped off at the shopping carts during drive-in services.

NEXT MEETING OF THE WORSHIP MINISTRY: Monday, March 15 at 6 p.m.

Thank you to the congregation for all your support!



EASTER FLOWER SALE FOR SANCTUARY DECORATION

As a project of our Mission Committee, we ask our members and friends to purchase potted lilies and geraniums to decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday on April 4! Proceeds from this sale will benefit the



annual ***Shower of Love***, a baby care drive serving families in St. Charles County. Learn more at **showeroflovestc.org**.

We ask a **minimum** donation of \$15 for each potted plant. They may be taken home following the worship service on Easter morning. Orders can be placed by contacting the church office.

YOUR NAME _____

QTY. POTTED FLOWERS: _____ TOTAL DONATION: _____

*Checks should be written to **St. John's UCC**. Please indicate "Easter flowers" on the memo line

Please place in the Easter worship bulletin that my plant is: (please circle)

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

or To the glory of God

For office use only: Total amount of Check _____ or Cash _____

Worship Ministry

The Worship Committee met on January 13 to discuss a conversation Vera Villa and Donna Bleeckert (worship ministry chair) had with Rev. Damien Lake. Rev. Lake's discussion confirmed some titles within St John's Bylaws and Constitution.

The Worship Committee created a letter to be submitted to Council for review and approval. When approved, more information will be forthcoming.

NEXT MEETING OF THE WORSHIP MINISTRY: Tuesday, March 16



News & Notes

DON'T MISS WEATHER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

"One Call Now" is the phone alert system we use to get the word out to our friends and members about important events, weather-related cancellations, meeting reminders, bereavement notices and more. If you miss the voice call, the system will leave a message on your voicemail. If the message gets cut off, simply dial 1-877-698-3261 to retrieve the message in its entirety. If you are not receiving the One Call Now notices and would like to, please contact the church office at 636-926-8995.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study meets on Zoom every Tuesday at 8 a.m. If you would like to join the group, please look for the information you need in the weekly "Ways to Connect" email that is sent on Mondays, or on the website calendar. If you do not receive the email and would like to, please contact the church office..

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study meets on Zoom every Wednesday at 1 p.m. Look for the information you need to join the virtual Zoom Bible study in the weekly "Ways to Connect" email that is sent on Mondays. If you do not receive the email and would like to, please contact the church office.

March 7, 2021—WE ARE CURRENTLY IN PHASE 1 of the St. John’s reopening plan approved by the church council. What does this mean?

Suspension of all “in-person” worship and church-sponsored activities due to the COVID-19 health crisis. The church building remains closed. We will continue to provide the drive-in worship service as well as the online worship service.

Drive-in Worship Service Every Sunday – Ongoing

- Sundays at 9 a.m.
- All are welcome
- Remain in car
- Tune in on 88.9FM
- Bathrooms available for emergency use only

Weekly Online Worship Service – Ongoing

Services will continue to be recorded and shared on the St. John’s [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) so you can **watch on-demand**.

Any changes in status will be communicated to members via a One Call, email, Facebook post and on the St. John’s website at stjohnsweldonspring.org/covid19.

Stay in Touch

Please consider visiting, calling or sending a note or card to our St. John’s friends who may not be able to go out. Your expressions of caring and thoughtfulness are truly wanted and your cards and prayers are appreciated! Find contact information for the following members in your church directory or call the church office. If you do not have a directory and would like one, contact the church office.

John & Chris Attaway	Isabel Hess	Jean Mauntel
Jack Fredrick	Pat Honaker	Rita Marcum
Bob Greeley	Don Howell	Chris Savage
Val Gumper	David & Dorothy Kapeller	Rick Weaver
Janett Heitert	Ginnie Loika	

Birthdays

Ashley Schmuhl	3/2
Haley Hale-Aubuchon	3/3
Ken Shave	3/4
Mark Markel	3/11
Val White	3/11
Don Orlor	3/13
Kristy Kniest	3/18
Jean Mauntel	3/25
Emily Bradford	3/31



Anniversaries

Bill & Cindy Bradford	3/3
Howard & Jean Hoskins	3/15

Is there a loved one or friend you would like to remember or honor? A special anniversary, birthday, graduation or other occasion to recognize? If so, please contact the church office at 636-926-8995 or office@stjohnsweldonspring.org to sponsor chancel flowers in their name(s). The cost is \$35 per arrangement.

St. John's United Church of Christ

Our **purpose** is to change the world one person at a time
by sharing the love and power of Jesus Christ
with family members, friends and neighbors.

Our **mission** is to lead our members to become faithful and beloved
friends and disciples of Jesus Christ;
and to equip and support them to minister to others in Jesus' name.