

# ST. JOHN'S UCC

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*Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*(Bulletin for online worship service)*



**GATHERING SONG**      “Welcome Holy Spirit, Be Here With Your Presence”

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Brothers and sisters, the love of God is poured over you.

**P: We feel our thirsting souls quenched by God’s mercy.**

L: We are called to share God’s love by our words.

**P: We are invited to share God’s love by our compassionate acts.**

L: Come, let us worship the Lord!

**P: Let us bow down and proclaim God’s goodness. AMEN.**

**OPENING SONG**                      “Holy, Holy, Holy” by Hillsong United

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**God of power and might, help us to recognize the imprint of your love and mercy in our lives. Open our hearts to that love that we may grow in our faith and be strengthened in our witness to you. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.**

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER SONG**

*“Cares Chorus”*

*I cast all my cares upon you,  
I lay all my burdens down at your feet.  
And anytime that I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon you.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

*Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' Faith*

<sup>2</sup>We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup>We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep

conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup>And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup>The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, <sup>9</sup>for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

## **Matthew 22:15-22**

### *Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar*

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup>They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup>Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

<sup>18</sup>But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup>and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

<sup>21</sup>“Caesar's,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.”

<sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

**SERMON**                      “What Are We Known For?”

**SERMON SONG**              “Faith and Faithfulness” by New Wine Worship

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**CLOSING SONG**              “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

**BENEDICTION**

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**PARTICIPANTS:** Pastors: Rev. Todd Bean, Rev. Shana Johnson; Liturgist: Dot Janitch

## *Joys and Concerns Prayer List*

Please have the person's permission ***before*** adding him or her to our prayer list.

### **TODAY AND THROUGH THE WEEK, PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Our church family:** Zoey Poyser (healing), Danny Kolkmeier (surgery recovery), Jack Fredrick (strength, pneumonia), John Long (healing/strength), Joan Huntebrinker (healing/strength), Vince Morris (comfort/healing), Larry Nadler (comfort/strength), Steve Marshall and family (comfort), Gayle Winchell (healing), Vera Villa and daughters (comfort and strength), Denny Freant and family (comfort), Carol Crosson and family (comfort), George Schlie (surgery recovery), Barb Eickmeier and family (comfort), Judy DeClue (healing), Jean Mauntel (healing), Henry Kroeger, Kendra Howell (healing/recovery), Mary Verdone (sight), Dave & Dorothy Kapeller (comfort/healing), Pat Fisher (healing/strength).

**Others for whom we have concern:** Shirley Gibson (Debbie Lilley's mother; illness); Matt, Tisam and baby Rita Garvey (Vicie Smith's grandson, granddaughter, great granddaughter; strength/healing), Rusty and Jeremiah Overstreet and the Lockett family (comfort), Family of Virgil Gravemann (uncle/godfather of Diane Falkner), Gary Rose (Barb Rose's stepson; cancer), Angela Farwell (Barb Rose's niece; cancer), Maureen (Barb Yocks' friend; starting breast cancer treatment), Tina Raeber (Barb Rose's daughter; surgery), Michelle Hargraves (surgery/shoulder), Carol Becker (Chris Volz' friend; cancer), Zack Paulus (Shirley Paulus' great grandson, Charissa Guyre's great nephew; deploying to Iraq), Sharon (Kristy Kniest's mom; surgery recovery), Rachel McCollum (Chris Savage's granddaughter; surgery recovery), Lynn Schaefer (friend of Connie Wildt; cancer), Valeta Schien (cancer treatment), David Raming (Barb Horstmeier's brother-in-law; heart problems), Dot Peich (cancer), Daniel Nadler (family strength & direction).

**Please contact the church office with prayer request updates.**

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

Today after worship (approximately 10 a.m.) is the next St. John's congregational meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to elect three new Council Members and to approve the proposed budget for 2021.

## SELECTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Today, the St. John's congregation will once again be responsible to select three (3) new church council members. We ask you to consider the following individuals for these roles:



### **Polly Wagner**

I am on the St. John's Worship Committee and serve as secretary. I created and lead the St. John's Book Club. I am active in Pairs and Spares and was the organizational chairperson for many years. I help with coffee hour, BBQs and I also serve as a greeter and liturgist. I helped with Messy Church and am a member of bell choir.

I am presently employed as a receptionist at Bull Moose Tube Company in Chesterfield, MO. It is corporate offices for a company that manufactures steel tubing and sprinkler pipe. I have held this position for 23 years.

In November I will be married for 51 years to my husband Jerry. I am the proud Mother of a son and daughter and Grandma of 5. My son Eric and daughter-in-law Melissa, Madison 19, Nate 15 and Avery 13 live in Cary, North Carolina. My daughter Katie and son-in-law Greg, Lily 13 and Henry 10 live in Chesterfield, Mo. I live in Forest Hills in Clarkson Valley with Jerry and 3 beloved rescue dogs, Chief, Sampson and Juliet.



### **Loire Kroeger**

#### **How are you presently involved at St. John's? And how have you been involved at St. John's in the past?**

Currently I am part of the Women's Bible Study, and I frequently read the weekly scripture for Worship. In the past I have also helped in the kitchen during coffee hour or special events. I have also volunteered to help in various areas for the Holly Berry Fair, including donating baskets or items to be part of the Silent Auction, etc.

#### **Share what you have done maybe in a former church or in other organizations:**

I have been active in my community and in various Professional Organizations over the years. In previous church communities I taught Sunday School and Bible School when my children were growing up. I also sang in the church choir and participated in Bible Studies.

Most recently:

- I was President of our Home Owners Association for 5+ years;

- I was Membership Director for the Women’s Council of Realtors of St Charles County.

I continue to be an Active Member of:

- Women’s Council of Realtors of St Charles County
- Senior Resource Options – an organization of professionals that provide various services to Senior Adults

**Where you are presently employed or from where you are retired, how many years, in what capacity:**

I owned my own Computer Training and Consulting Company for 8 years in St Louis.

After selling my business, I went to work for Computer Associates (CA) (an international Computer Software Company) as a Sales Executive for 9+ years. From CA, I took a position with IBM as a Client Executive until I retired in 2015. It was my responsibility to understand my Client’s objectives, position the appropriate IBM Hardware, Software, and Services to assist in meeting those objectives, and to continue to support my clients and assure customer satisfaction after the sale. After retirement, I obtained my Real Estate License and have been a Realtor for Grassmuck Realty in Lake St Louis for 5 years. Real Estate is a passion of mine that also allows me to maintain a very flexible schedule. This provides me the opportunity to better manage home/family responsibilities, travel, participate more in activities and organizations that are important to me (like our Church), and to enjoy this phase of my life.

**Tell us about your family:**

I have been married to Hank Kroeger for 31 years. Together we have been blessed with 6 daughters, 10 Grandchildren, and 1 Great-granddaughter (with #2 on the way). Two of our Grandsons are in the military – One just returned from Germany to attend Law School in VA to be a JAG Lawyer, and the other is currently deployed in South Korea. We have 1 Granddaughter currently attending the University of Arkansas – Go Razorbacks. Another Granddaughter & husband living in Chicago, and 1 Daughter and husband plus a Grandson, his wife, and our Great-Granddaughter living in Springfield, IL. All of our other Daughters and Grandchildren currently live in the St Louis Area and we enjoy seeing them frequently.

**Charissa Guyre**



**How are you presently involved at St. John’s? And how have you been involved at St. John’s in the past?** I have been a member of St. John’s for 10 years. I was heavily involved in the youth group while it was active. I was the organizer of the “FUN” group. I participated in Messy Church. I help in the kitchen with special events, breakfasts and dinners. I have helped with the Holly Berry Fair by assisting with set-up, during the fairs and by donating items. I enjoy helping with the Sunday school on occasion.

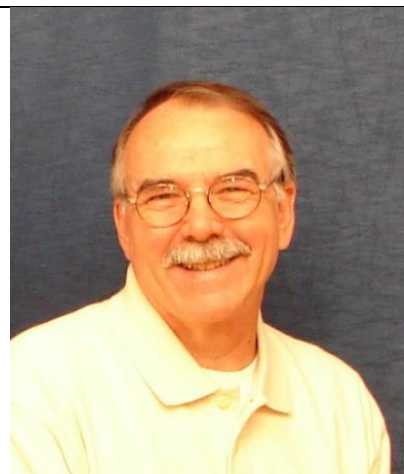
**Share what you have done maybe in a former church or in other organizations?** I have attended the UCC church my entire life. I grew up in north county attending Friedens Chapel in Bellefontaine. My husband and I were married there. Friedens was an awesome church filled with kids and great people. I loved the size of the congregation not being too large yet not too small, and it left a lasting impact on me to find that same type of church as we moved out to St. Charles County. Smaller in size and great people, which is what we have found here at St. John’s. I also had the misfortune of

seeing Friedens church close as the number of attendees kept dwindling. The last service held at that church was my father's funeral. However, nothing can take away my awesome memories that I have growing up there. Weekends and summer camp at Camp MoVal, Easter egg hunts on the large lawn, dinners, volleyball, the youth group and so much more. I hope to see the youth group here again at St. John's. Our youth is the survivorship of the church!

**Where you are presently employed or from where you are retired, how many years, in what capacity:**

I have been a registered nurse for 24 years. I currently work for Pathways Hospice and Palliative care as a quality control/auditor nurse and have been there for 4.5 years. This is my second time entering the hospice field as I have found this to be my calling.

**Tell us about your family:** I have been married to my husband Jim for 30 years and we have been together for 34 years. We met at his current employer, Valley Industries, started dating within 2 weeks of myself being hired and the rest is history! We have 3 wonderful children: Brandon, 23, currently a mechanic and has just been accepted into Lineman school where he will follow in my father's footsteps. Amanda, 21, is a senior at Purdue University studying Metallurgical Engineering and has already accepted a position when she graduates in May at Nucor Steel in KY where she has spent the last 2 summers as an intern. Christina, 17, is a junior at Fort Zumwalt West taking all advanced practice courses with current desires to become a Computer and Wireless Engineer.



**Dennis Davenport**

Currently serves as head of security and is a member of the property and grounds committee. Served as church council president in 2019 after filling a vacancy in 2018. Installed security cameras in church building and exterior. Arranged for the AED/CPR class at the church and donated funds to replace outdated supplies. Previously donated funds to install digital church sign, arranged and financed the painting of the church building, arranged and financed the painting of outdoor lawn items, coordinated with both the Red Cross and Francis Howell School District for the church to serve as an emergency shelter, recorded all internees at the church cemetery and created a computerized record of same, and finally, submitted a list of security related recommendations to the church council. Primary responsibilities with Clayton involved planning and organization. Researched and drafted the police department's Policy and Procedures Manual, the City's Emergency Operations Plan, and numerous VIP and special events security plans. Currently retired from the Clayton Police Department after 38 years of service. Achieved the rank of Lieutenant and served as a commander in Field Operations, Criminal Investigations, and finally as an Assistant to the Chief of Police. A widower, Dennis' wife Pat passed away in 2012. He has three grown sons and eight grandchildren.

**News & Announcements**  
**FOR OCTOBER 18, 2020**



## **SOCK-TOBER COLLECTION THIS MONTH**

We will collect items for Youth in Need through October 25. If you wish to help with this mission project, all items must be new. Some needs are underwear, socks, leggings, generic T-shirts, and sweatpants – sizes are youth, anywhere from newborn to middle school-age. The ushers will be collecting the items during the drive-in services. If you aren't able to attend the drive-in services, a tub will be by the church door before and after the service for donations to be dropped off. Monetary and gift card donations will also be accepted. Thank you for supporting this mission.

## **CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHET-ERS!**

We are collecting scarves for the Crider Center again this fall! If you can make a scarf for us to give, please drop it off at one of the drive-in worship services by Sunday, October 25 so we can count them and have them blessed before we give them to Crider. For more information, contact Suzanne Weaver at 636-970-1188.

## **RECYCLING – ALUMINUM CANS**

Thank you to all those who help support our church and its mission by dropping off your aluminum cans for recycling! Also, anyone that has old Christmas tree lights, brass, copper or insulated wire can drop it off, as well. However, please keep it separate from the aluminum cans. You can leave your items by the utility building (with the garage door) when dropping them off. There is a marked bin inside the swinging gates for these items.

## **DON'T MISS AN IMPORTANT UPDATE: USE ONE CALL NOW**

One Call now is what 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.

## **HOLIDAY BAZAAR ONLINE AUCTION, QUILT RAFFLE, DRIVE-THRU CHILI SUPPER**

Because of the COVID-19 situation that we are still experiencing, we will not be holding the annual Holly Berry Fair at the church this year. Instead, our fundraiser this year will be an online auction with a quilt raffle. We will close out the event with a drive-thru chili supper at the church. Current plans are for the online auction to start on Saturday, October 31 at 10 a.m. and continue through the week, ending on Saturday, Nov. 7 at noon. (times subject to change). The winning quilt ticket (along with a thanksgiving dinner and restaurant gift certificate) will be drawn at 12:30 p.m. Auction items will be available to be picked up at 3 p.m. on Nov. 7 at the church using an at-the-door pickup process. At that time, we will also offer a drive-thru chili supper (chili, hot dogs, chili dogs, chips).



This fundraiser will be very important, since we have not been able to have any of our barbecues this year. There are a lot of things to accomplish in this short period of time and as in the past, we need the help of our members and friends. You can help by:

- Donating auction items valued at \$20 or higher (baskets, décor, gift certificates, etc.). Items may be dropped off at the church at one of the drive-in worship services or you can call the office to schedule a time to drop it off when someone will be there. The absolute last day to drop off an item for the auction will be Wednesday, October 28.

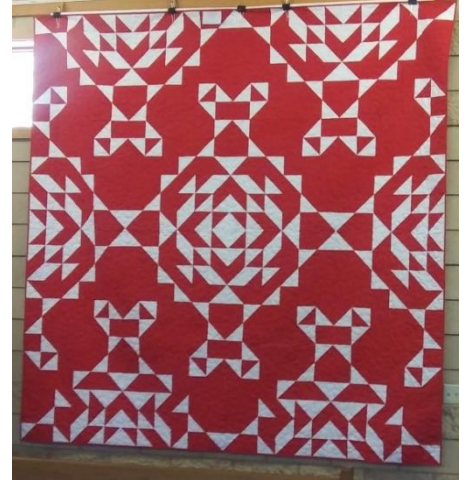
- Purchase or sell quilt tickets. Barb Horstmeier made a beautiful king-size quilt that will be raffled on Nov. 7. Prices are \$1 each or six for \$5. Quilt tickets will be mailed to church members/friends. If you don't receive tickets and want some, please contact the church office. Tickets/money will need to be returned by mail to the church no later than Nov. 5.

- Donating chili dinner items. The items need to be brought to church by Nov. 4. Please contact Rhonda Hanne for quantity needed and contact the church office for a time to drop them off. Food items needed are: Hamburger; Chili Beans; Buns; Hot Dogs; Canned Tomatoes; Cheese.

- Donating your time to help with selling the chili and giving out the auction items on Nov. 7. We will adhere to wearing masks, gloves and social distancing with a limited number of volunteers.

- Telling your friends and family about our fundraiser.

Information about this event, including the website to register and bid on auction items, will be coming and will also be posted on our church website at [stjohnsweldonspring.org](http://stjohnsweldonspring.org). Your help is welcome and very much appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Rhonda Hanne at 314-623-4356.





# St. John's UCC Annual Holiday Bazaar

## **ONLINE AUCTION: OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 7**

See auction items and bid at [biddingowl.com/stjohnsauction](http://biddingowl.com/stjohnsauction). Bidding opens at 10 a.m. on October 31 and closes at noon on November 7. **Pick up items at 3 p.m.** Cash, check or credit card accepted.

## **QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!**

1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. 1st prize: King-size quilt; 2nd prize: Food basket; 3rd prize: Restaurant gift certificate. Drawing at 12:30 p.m. on November 7.

## **CURBSIDE CHILI SUPPER: SAT., NOV. 7, 3-6 P.M.**

Payments accepted: cash or check only

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