

St. John's UCC
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Sunday, November 14, 2021
25th Sunday after Pentecost

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*(The congregation's parts are printed in **bold type**.)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us present ourselves before our God.
Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

Surely God knows our thoughts and hears our prayers.

We find strength for living as we praise God.

Lay down your arrogance and false pride.
Admit your needs as you seek God's favor.

We pour out our souls before the living God.

We do not withhold from God our misery and distress.

God grants our petitions and gives us peace.
The counsel of our God gladdens our hearts.

In God's presence there is fullness of joy.

As we meet together, we are encouraged and comforted.

*OPENING HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Source of all wisdom, who in Jesus Christ offers to teach us the way of love, we have asked for signals and signs of your presence and your leading but have often been led astray by our own desires and interpretations. Testify to us now that we may hear your counsel above the clamor of other voices and, hearing, respond as you intend. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

*CARE CHORUS *(children may leave for Sonshine Kids Club)*

*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.*

GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-8 (NIV)

SERMON

“Sign of the Times”

***APOSTLES CREED (*in unison*)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Universal Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Petitions are offered by the Pastor, ending with the following phrase to which all may respond, as indicated below.)

Christ, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** (*sung*)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***CLOSING HYMN “Jesus--The Very Thought of Me”**

***BLESSING**

The blessing of God Almighty:
the Creator,
the Redeemer,
and the Sanctifier,
be with you all.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Participants: Rev. David Poe, Intentional Interim Minister; Ann Gaadt, Organist & Pianist; Jerry Wagner, Liturgist; John & Sharon Hampshire, Ushers; Bill Cunningham & Ron Winchell, Sound Booth; Jerry Wagner, Bell Ringer; Pam Johnston & Lyn Feuerbacher, Son Shine Kids Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Week's Worship Attendance: 87
Facebook Views: 48 Youtube Channel Views: 14

GET CONNECTED

Welcome! We are glad you came. Please locate a "Welcome Card" in your pew and fill it out so we can send you our weekly *eBlast* and *One Call Now* updates about upcoming activities at St. John's UCC.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Office Hours M-F from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mary Trostel, Admin.)

Sunday, Nov. 14

10 a.m. Worship Service
10 a.m. Son Shine Kids' Club (following Children's Time)
10 a.m. Facebook Live & 88.9 FM - Live Streaming

Tuesday, Nov. 16

8 a.m. Men's Bible Study via Zoom
11 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom
3 p.m. Worship Committee
6 p.m. Cabinet Meeting
7 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 17

1 p.m. Women's Bible Study
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Nov. 18

10 a.m. ***Deadline for Article Submissions***
7 p.m. AA Meeting

POLICY ON MASKS Per CDC guidelines, our church council recommends you wear your mask in our church, but if you are fully vaccinated, masks are not required. If you are not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask. Thank you!

Search Committee Volunteers Wanted!

We need people who have relational and detail skills and a willingness to dedicate time to meetings; who are compelled less by a personal agenda and more by a commitment to the future of the church; who represent diverse ages, races and cultures, genders, life experiences and perspectives present in the church. Contact the Church Office, (636) 926-8995, email: office@stjohnsweldonspring.org Or, for more information, please speak to our Church Council President, Brad Rehm.

TOTENFEST / MEMORIAL SUNDAY, NOV. 21

We will be remembering those who passed away this year during the worship service on Sunday, November 21st. Please call the church office with the name of your loved one, the date they were born, and the date that they died, so we can include them in this very special worship service. Thank you.

COUNCIL UPDATES

The Pastoral Care committee met on Tues 11/9 and reported positive feedback about the October seminars and the data we gathered for use by the search and call committee. Reminder that if anyone would like to serve on the search and call committee, please see a council member or call the church office. Also, if anyone has feedback for the pastor that they'd like to share and would rather share it through that committee, that is part of its function. Committee members are Diane Faulkner, Roy Boschert, Dick Wade and Kristy Kniest.

Loire Kroeger represented our church at the Missouri Mid South annual conference meeting last weekend. Some highlights of the meeting included:

The Conference Board of Directors will comprise 18 persons (previously 24 persons). It was becoming more difficult to fill 24 spots on the Board. The Conference feels this will help prevent burn-out and high turnover.

The 18 members will be 13 at-large members who will serve on the Core Ministries, & 5 Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer, and Secretary).

The Board will oversee the Conference ministries, allocate financial resources, and provide resources to support the ministries.

Diversity – A diversity commitment was added, along with how the Board will aspire to diversity.

Standing Committees will be changed to the following Core Ministries:

- o Creating Community
- o Visioning the Future
- o Empowering Congregations
- o Pursuing Justice & Equity

Changes to the Bylaws were approved.

o **Redevelopment of Camp MoVal** – A 5 Year Plan for re-developing Camp MoVal was researched, created, and presented to the Business Meeting for approval vs selling the property.

The Plan was approved.

o **2021 Budget** – The Budget was presented for approval. The Budget had a deficit due to several 1-time expenditures, but money in reserves can be used if needed. A Representative from Columbia stated they were increasing their OCWM Support and challenged all other congregations to do the same.

The Budget was approved.

o **Osage Headrights Fund Motion** – A Motion was presented to donate the income from the Osage Headrights Fund back to an organization supporting the Osage Nation. The Rights were gifted to our MMS Conference through an Estate. The Conference does not want these funds due to the manner the original rights were acquired with lives lost, and land rights stolen. To actually transfer the rights is very complex and costly, so the motion will allow the funds to be donated back annually.

The Motion was approved.

MISSION & CARING MINISTRY TEAM NEWS

Members of the Mission and Caring Committee are Gina Hale, Suzie Weaver, Connie Wildt, Rhonda Hanne, and Dana Fehr

- **F.I.S.H. (Food Pantry Needs for November)**
- Chili

- Canned Pasta
- Pork & Beans
- Stuffing Mix
- Jiffy Muffin Mix
- Pumpkin
- Cereal
- Saltine Crackers

Place your donations in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall.

- **Meals Made with Love** - If you, or someone you know needs a meal while recovering from a hospitalization, please contact Connie Wildt, cjwildt@yahoo.com, or 636-928-4719.
- **Homebound?** If you know of someone who should be included on our shut-in list to receive quarterly Holy Communion from the minister and occasional visits and gifts from our team, please contact the church office at 636-926-8995 or office@stjohnsweldonspring.org.
- Soda tabs for the **Ronald McDonald House** are still being collected. So far this year we have turned in 6.6 pounds of soda tabs.
- **Old eyeglasses** can be put in the bin in fellowship hall. The eyeglasses are collected throughout the year for the Festival of Sharing.
- **Hats and Mittens** collection is for the Boys and Girls Club of O'Fallon/St. Peters. If you would like to donate new hats and mittens for ages 5-18, please bring them to the services through November 21 and hang them on the tree in the sanctuary.

The Angel Tree goes up November 28, 2021.

This year we are adopting a family from St. Charles county as well as continuing to support Uni-Pres Kinder Cottage, an UCC Child Development Center in East St. Louis, IL.

Our adopted family consists of a mother, Lucia, her two sons John, 14 and Jose, 21 and her 3 month old baby daughter, Vi. They really need food and clothes.

There will be angels on the tree with what they need. Please take one and return it with the unwrapped item taped to it by December 12.

If it's a gift card or a monetary gift, place it in the envelope attached to the angels and put it on the offering plate. There will be extra envelopes under the tree if you misplace your envelope.

We also plan to provide 6, \$25 gift cards to grocery stores for food.

For Kinder Cottage there will be 20 angels for monetary giving with an envelope attached so you can place them in an offering plate. These donations will be mailed to Kinder Cottage.

The Angel tree collection will be from November 28 through December 12. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Dominos - Who wants to play Dominos? We will meet on Monday, November 15th, at 1:30pm. In the Fellowship Hall. Bring your set of Dominos if you have one. Hope to see you there. Call Shirley Hahn 636-379-8453 or Jean Hoskins 636-447-2775 if you have any questions.

Movie Time - The movie date for November will be Tuesday, **November 30th** at St Charles cinema on Hwy 94. Movie options are “**Ghostbusters: Afterlife** or “**King Richard**”. Check Rotten Tomatoes for synopses. Please email your preference to jeanahoskins15@yahoo.com. Showtime will be announced later. We will have dinner at Ginghams on 94.

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 21st immediately following the worship service. A luncheon will be provided. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the fellowship hall, so we know how many to expect for the luncheon. Thank you! Rev. David Poe

PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2022

Members received a special mailing recently asking you to prayerfully consider your giving to support St. John’s UCC, Weldon Spring, as we head into 2022. Please mail it to the church, or drop it in the collection box in the sanctuary. We will be collecting these throughout the month of November.

PRAYER LIST

Prayer request cards are located on the small table as you enter for worship. Please fill one out and give it to the Minister, or an Usher. Make sure you have the person’s permission before filling out a card and let us know when it’s time to remove a request for this list.

Comfort and Healing: Sharon Kolkmeier; John Long (St. Joseph's Hospital, Lake St. Louis); Buzz Saeuberlich; Zoey Poyser; Danny Kolkmeier; Larry Nadler; George Schile; Kendra Howell; Dave & Dorothy Kappeller; Pat Fischer; Sue Hartman.

Others for whom we have concern: Sharon Moore (mother of Kristy Kniest), Mark Steven Leuthauser (son of Mark A. Leuthauser); Dylan Jensen (per Jinnielynn Howell); Mike Robertson (Vicie Smith's nephew); Nelson Morrem (Marian Lonning's brother); Gail Smith (Vickie Smith's daughter-in-law); Mike Hollis (friend of Pam Johnston); Rose Stamm (friend of Barb Eickmeier); Shara Power (Dot Janitch's granddaughter); June Bonn (Chris Savage's sister); Joy Bellow; Larry Smith (friend of Weavers); Pastor Jeff Willey; Sandy (daughter of Mary Lafser); Shirley Gibeson (mother of Debbie Lilley); Gary Rose (Barb Rose's step-son); Brenna Rolle Stretch (friend of Shelia Fredrick); Noelle Billy (sick with covid, Bleeckert family); Elesha Winschel (friend of Mary Trostel); Valevie Logaglio (Kidney Surgery, friend of the Weavers).

