

St. John's UCC
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Sunday, January 9, 2022
Baptism of Jesus



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.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gather from East and West, from North and South.

God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.

The voice of God thunders through our midst.

The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

Bow in awe before the one who created you.

God knows you completely, yet accepts you.

The voice of God commands our attention.

The voice of God is like fire and tornado.

God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us.

God brings us through terror to a place of peace.

Ascribe to God glory and strength.

Worship God in awe, wonder, and joy!

***HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

God of cleansing waters and purifying fires, touch our lives today to recall us to the power of our baptism and reconfirm our commitment to Jesus Christ. Name us again as your own people: precious, gifted, created to glorify you in fullness of life, in peace with ourselves and one another. Send your Holy Spirit once more to energize our worship and enliven our witness in the world. Hear us as we pray for one another and for your church in every place. 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.*

READING OF SCRIPTURE - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON “Shovels and Pitchforks”

***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**

**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.**

***HYMN “It Is Well with My Soul”**

***BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Verse 1: *“Alleluia, Alleluia”*

Verse 2: *“God be with you, Alleluia”*

***POSTLUDE**

Participants: Rev. David Poe, Intentional Interim Minister; Ann Gaadt, Organist & Pianist; Karla Cunningham, Liturgist; Roy & Carol Boschert, Ushers; Ron

Winchell & Jean Hoskins, Sound Booth; Greg Hale, Bell Ringer; Jewell Nadler & Susie Weaver, SonShine Kids.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Week's Worship Attendance: ***No count was taken!***
Facebook Views: 163 Youtube Channel Views: N/A

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

Sunday, Jan. 9

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

11 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, Jan. 10

1 p.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 11

8 a.m. Men's Bible Study

6 p.m. Mission & Caring Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 12

1 p.m. Women's Bible Study

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Jan. 13

10 a.m. Deadline for Bulletin & eNews Articles!

10 a.m. Staff Meeting

7 p.m. Pastoral Relations Committee

Saturday, Jan. 15

11 a.m. Frostbite BBQ

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!

COUNCIL NEWS

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** on January 23, 2022 after Worship Service. We will be voting on the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and receive the financial reports from 2021.

The council is still seeking a new Christian Foundation leader. If you are interested in helping out, please contact any of the council members.



NOVEMBER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the month, we had a net income of \$3,154, favorable to the budget by \$2,776. While revenues of \$17,493 were unfavorable to the budget by \$3,912, expenses of \$14,339 were favorable by \$6,687. Expenses were primarily underspent in Salaries, Programs, Utilities and Buildings and Grounds.

This leaves us with a year to date net income of \$9,174. In December, we will recognize the income from the Holly Berry Fair, Bar-B-Ques and the March to the Manger fundraising efforts. We will go out of the year in excellent financial shape.

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 January)

It's because we have been blessed beyond our wildest expectations with donations of both food and clothes this Christmas season, we are able to start 2022 ready to

help those referred to us for support. Praise God for touching so many hearts with a giving spirit.

With HIS blessings we now can focus on replenishing our very low supply of **MEN'S ITEMS.**

Items needed;

- Body Lotion
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- BIC for men, disposable razors
- shave cream
- shampoo

We could also use:

- Laundry Detergent and Dish Soaps
- Toothpaste (adult & children)
- Toothbrushes (adult & children)
- Women's personal care (pads & tampons)

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.

MISSION AND CARING MEETING. Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00 PM This is the planning meeting for the year. If you would like to join the committee, please join us in Fellowship Hall at 6PM.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Monday, January 10 at 1 p.m.** Even if you don't Knit come learn! Start the new year with something new or just Come

for the wonderful fellowship! If you need a prayer shawl to give to a friend or loved one who is going through a difficult time, please contact the church office at 636-926-8995 or by email at office@stjohnsweldonpring.org or Suzanne Weaver.

ANGEL TREE UPDATE:

Uni-Pres KinderCottage, an UCC Child Development Center in East St. Louis, IL. sent a Thank You for the generous donations from our Angel Tree. Her words read:

“On Behalf of my staff, our children and families, I thank you for our relationship and your blessing us by sharing your gifts”.

God Bless you, Brenda Crisp

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS UPDATE: 30 poinsettias were ordered. \$202.50 will be donated to the Christmas Fund Veteran’s of the Cross Fund. A huge thank you to everyone who ordered poinsettias. The poinsettias came from Parkview Gardens in St. Charles. They generously provided us with 6 additional poinsettias this year to add to the sanctuary decorations for Christmas Eve services.



FROSTBITE BBQ

Please stop and sign up on the sheet located in the fellowship hall where you can volunteer to work. Or respond to the email from Jewel that was sent out several days ago. It's going to depend on the response as to whether there will be a BBQ! The date is **Saturday January 15th**, 11 a.m. till it's gone. Any questions please contact Jewel Nadler at 636-373-1860.



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.



The Beautiful flowers at this Sunday's worship are in honor of Lyn Rose Wade on her 55th Birthday. With Love, Mom and Dad, Julia and Max.

(Wes and Sharon Kolkmeier)

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; Linda Long and Family; Buzz Saeuberlich; Zoey Poyser; Danny Kolkmeier; Larry Nadler; George Schile; Kendra Howell; Dave & Dorothy Kappeller; Pat Fischer; Hartman Family; The Harms Family.

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); 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); Valevie Logaglio (Kidney Surgery, friend of the Weavers).

Is there a loved one or Friend that you would like to remember or honor? Special anniversary, birthday or 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 \$35.00 per arrangement.

