



## A NOTE FROM PASTOR HUGH

### *IS JESUS A SOCIALIST?*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, no matter what your politics:

ELECTION YEAR POLITICS seem filled with demagoguery that preys on our biases and on sound-bite slogans, personal attacks, and deceptions. It is hard not to be cynical and to lose sight of the tremendous blessings of freedom and opportunity we have in the U.S. But shame on us for accepting dishonesty as normal or acceptable, no matter who the source.



IT IS TEMPTING TO ASCRIBE ONE OR ANOTHER POLITICAL VIEWPOINT TO JESUS – BUT IT WOULD BE SIMPLY WRONG. You, as an individual Christian living in the new life and love of Jesus Christ, are encouraged to be an educated voter, but you should expect your church to be free from the politics of our nation and world. As your Pastor, I will not preach a specific political viewpoint and claim it to be based on God's Word, even though I may have personal preferences.

SO WAS JESUS A SOCIALIST? Certainly Jesus had a deep concern for the poor, the marginalized, those with disabilities. With the prophets of the Old Testament, he spoke against the arrogance and callousness of some of the religious leadership of his day, who not only condoned injustice but even profited from it and perpetrated it. He called his followers to be both generous and wise in their financial stewardship. He strongly warns about the materialistic mindset that creates anxiety and worry in individuals. Some would claim that our Lord affirms the notion of social responsibility and that living in his kingdom would demand sharing God's gifts with those in need. Unbridled profiteering and capitalism without Jesus is not moral – and the income inequalities we see in our nation, while market-driven, do not reflect our Father's sense of justice and compassion. Maybe Jesus would be a socialist.

BUT JESUS IS NOT ABOUT A GOVERNMENT SYSTEM that COERCES fulfilling an earthly plan of "sharing the wealth." The New Testament is clear – that the Kingdom that Jesus brings has its origins in the Father's love (fulfilled in his sacrifice at the cross) and not in being forced by the systems and powers of the world, no matter how well-intentioned! The Romans incorrectly saw Jesus as a threat to their empire. The Gospel writers used the language of "Lord" to show how God's ways and the ways of the world are not identical. In fact, they are often contradictory and no earthly governance (no matter which political party, dictatorship, or other system or scheme) will solve the inequities and poverty of our world ("The poor you will always have with you"). Power and human systems CANNOT create the Kingdom of God! At best, we can aim to reflect that Kingdom more fully.

IN ADDITION, TODAY'S "SOCIALISM" SEEMS TO DEMAND PROGRAMS AND FUNDS without also requiring personal responsibility or accountability – as if we have a right to prosperity, even if it is forced to come at the expense of the labors of others (usually with class division that feeds on envy and greed). Real need calls for Christians to step up for those in real need in ways that encourage responsibility, education and opportunity for ALL persons. It is a tall order that calls for the wisdom of God. Historically, individual freedom has brought the most prosperity to communities and nations and peoples. So maybe Jesus would not be a socialist.

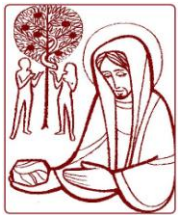
I AM GRATEFUL FOR OUR PLACE IN A KINGDOM THAT TRANSCENDS all earthly systems. And I am grateful for the generous goodness of God. But I am most grateful to share God's mercy and grace and the promise of his eternal Kingdom. Let's share it again this Sunday in worship, fellowship, and study together.

*Pastor Hugh*

The Revised Common Lectionary provides lengthier readings from the Gospel according to St. John this year for March 8, 15, 22, 29 with unique insights for our Christian faith and walk.

MARCH 1

LENT 1

**EYES OPENED**

[Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7; Matthew 4: 1-11]

The phrase "eyes opened" is about the awareness of human disobedience of God and its consequences. Jesus is also confronted by evil but he triumphs over it and shares his victory with all who turn to him. May our eyes be opened to him and not merely to temptation.

**HOLY COMMUNION (PEW)**

MARCH 8

LENT 2

**BORN AGAIN**

[John 3: 1-17]

Only our Lord provides a new birth, a spiritual rebirth required to enter God's kingdom! If we have received Jesus as our Savior as those who believe in him, then we not only have eternal life (Jn. 3:16) but we have been "born again." We do not concede this understanding to those looking for some kind of "higher level" of Christian faith.

**NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

MARCH 15

LENT 3

**LIVING WATER**

[John 4: 5-42]

The conversation between Jesus and a woman at a well in Samaria becomes the springboard for Jesus to speak of his being our "water of eternal life." To drink of him is to see beyond ritual and religion, beyond tradition and location – to worship the Lord "in spirit and in truth."

**HOLY COMMUNION [ALTAR]**

MARCH 22

LENT 4

**WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE**

[John 9: 1-41]

Jesus commonly uses circumstances, healings, miracles to get us to a deeper understanding—spiritual sight, to recognize the work of God for which Jesus came. We may not always understand all the circumstances, but we are witnesses to the blessed reality.

MARCH 29

LENT 5

**A RISEN LIFE**

[John 11: 1-45]

Richard Boyd will be our musical guest leading us in worship and praise. He is from Lebanon and will provide a different way of worship for us.

**FIFTH DIMENSION SUNDAY (ONE SERVICE ONLY – 10:30 AM)****CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC**

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INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
TO  
SPECIAL WORSHIP  
FEATURING GUEST MUSICIAN  
**RICHARD BOYD**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**  
**10:30 AM**  
(ONE SERVICE ONLY)



Richard is an Ordained Deacon and, for 41+ years, the Minister of Music at First United Methodist Church in Lebanon. He and Marilyn operate their own music studio. Richard Boyd has been a soloist and principal singer with several well-known area choral groups, including the St. Louis Symphony Chorus (currently), American Kantorei, Belleville Masterworks, Bach Society of St. Louis, and the Belleville Philharmonic.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from McKendree College. He did his graduate studies at SIU-E and Perkins Seminary, Dallas, TX. He was the Bass Section Leader for the 7th Army Soldiers Chorus in Heidelberg Germany for 3 years. He has studied with Glenn Freiner, Dale Moore, and W. Stephen Smith. He was selected to sing in the National Men's Honors Chorus in 1995.

## FLOWER CHART

The 2020 Flower Chart is posted by the "Apple Tree" in the Gathering Area. Indicate on the chart which Sunday you wish to present flowers or bulletins. Be sure to notify the church office what you want printed in the bulletin by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday you have chosen.



Thank you to all who have provided flowers!

## HOW'S YOUR GIVING?

The end of February is approaching and hopefully that the coldest part of the season is behind us. Lent is upon us and time to reflect on our relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ. During this time, let us reflect on our commitment to our Church and its financial support. Our receipts to the General Fund during the month of January were \$30,481 and the disbursements were \$42,018 for a deficit of \$11,537. January is not a good month as far as receipts are concerned and since half of our insurance is payable at that time, it generates a larger deficit than most months. However, I am encouraged to find that our receipts this past January are \$5,000 greater than they were last year at this time. If our contributions continue to be \$5,000 greater each month then we will not have a deficit at the end of the year. This is very encouraging. Let's make sure that we continue on this trend.



*Kent Schroeder*  
Stewardship Ministry



## HAVE YOU REMEMBERED ST. JOHN IN YOUR WILL?

SOME GENEROUS BEQUESTS have been beautiful expressions of faithfulness and generosity even when individuals have passed away. Mission projects, matching fund requests, and building renovations and updates have been funded by such gifts from the estate through such PLANNED GIVING. Talk to your attorney or financial planner to maximize your benefit especially if there are stocks involved (unique rules).

## HAVE TAB TOPS OR OLD KEYS AT YOUR HOUSE?

Please bring them to the Gathering Area!  
Helps Ronald McDonald House

## GET IN TOUCH WITH PASTOR HUGH

YOU ARE WELCOME TO CALL OR TEXT ME DIRECTLY using my mobile phone (☎ 618 / 566.2480) which looks like a landline number!

HOWEVER, UNLESS THERE IS AN URGENT PASTORAL NEED, please avoid those texts or calls between 8:00 pm and 8:00 am. And matters that can be handled by our Office Administrator Sherri Daniel should be addressed through the office (618 / 566.7311). If there is a death, injury, crisis, or emergency, do not hesitate to contact me 24/7. I am here for you as your pastor and friend. *Pr. Hugh*

## MISSION OFFERINGS

### JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS GO TO *KIDS FOR CHRIST!*

→Our St. John Sunday School kids have a goal to raise \$200 to help purchase supplies for the Kids for Christ program. Kids for Christ meets for 5 weeks in the spring and fall to do a mini-VBS style program at Mascoutah Elementary. Our Community & Social Ministry purchases drinks and snacks for the program. Please consider helping support this offering! Write your check to St. John and in the memo line, please write Kids for Christ. If you have any questions, contact Rachael.



**PLEASE SEND AN OFFERING  
WITH YOUR CHILD EACH WEEK  
TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION PROJECTS!**

----- ✂ ---return to the church office-----

## SAVE PAPER AND POSTAGE GET YOUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE

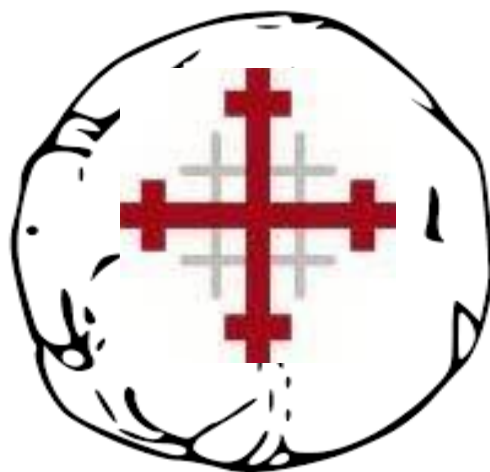
Save postage and paper by getting your newsletter online (email link) in a beautiful color format! Please provide the church office your email address (not shared)

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A SPECIAL SEASON  
OF SPIRITUAL  
RENEWAL  
AT ST. JOHN

*LENT*  
*2020*



## STONES

LENTEN MEDITATIONS  
WEDNESDAYS 7:15 PM  
BEGINNING ASH WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 26, 2020  
THRU APRIL 1

### WEDNESDAYS THROUGH APRIL 1

- MARCH 4 GOD'S PROMISES -- BEYOND STONES, BEYOND BREAD (Matthew 4)  
MARCH 11 A STONE TO SLAY OUR GOLIATH (1 Samuel 17)  
MARCH 18 WHEN A STONE SERVES AS OUR PILLOW (Genesis 28)  
MARCH 25 MELTING THIS HEART OF STONE (Ezekiel 11 and 36)  
APRIL 1 LIVING STONE(S) TOGETHER AS HIS TEMPLE (1 Peter 2; Ephesians 2)

### WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 4 THROUGH APRIL 1

- 6:00 pm DINNER PROVIDED (5:45 pm for CHOIR AND CONFIRMATION)  
7:00 pm HYMN SING (FAVORITE SONGS)  
7:15 – 7:45 pm LENTEN WORSHIP

These are family-friendly services with weekly skits,  
children's message, and brief liturgy

### CHECK YOUR STATEMENT OF GIVING

OUR BOOKKEEPER TOM KLINGELHOEFER sent these out in January. Check them for accuracy and ask if they adequately reflect the blessings God has provided you. May our giving express our faithful living.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - MARCH 8

Daylight Saving Time begins that Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday evening.



## ***"EGG" CITED TO END HUNGER*** **LENTEN - EASTER FOOD DRIVE**

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 TO EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Lent represents the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness prior to his crucifixion and resurrection. Often, people replicate Jesus' sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert by observing their own 40 days of Lent by fasting from food and festivities. Although this time period is actually 46 days, Sundays are excluded from fasting during this time period, leaving 40 days.

Perhaps you would consider making part of your Lenten experience by donating to the Mascoutah Food Pantry to help those less fortunate. Each day, add an item to a box/bag. At the end of this period, donate the contents to the Food Pantry which is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 – 12:00. Your food items may also be brought to church at your convenience. Please feel free to contact Karen Harris (618-566-7814) with any questions.

The following are suggestions. Please feel free to substitute.

- ☐ February 26 - scalloped potatoes
- ☐ February 27 - tuna
- ☐ February 28 - kool-aid
- ☐ February 29 - canned sauerkraut
- ☐ March 2 - jelly
- ☐ March 3 - chili beans
- ☐ March 4 - pancake syrup
- ☐ March 5 - sweet relish
- ☐ March 6 - saltine crackers
- ☐ March 7 - shampoo
- ☐ March 9 - chicken helper
- ☐ March 10 - facial tissues
- ☐ March 11 - canned chicken
- ☐ March 12 - cake mix
- ☐ March 13 - coffee



- ☐ March 14 - applesauce
- ☐ March 16 - ramen noodles
- ☐ March 17 - paper towels
- ☐ March 18 - canned spinach
- ☐ March 19 - ketchup
- ☐ March 20 - Tang
- ☐ March 21 - canned peaches
- ☐ March 23 - frosting
- ☐ March 24 - egg noodles
- ☐ March 25 - canned ham
- ☐ March 26 - razors
- ☐ March 27 - mashed potatoes
- ☐ March 28 - canned mandarin oranges
- ☐ March 30 - graham crackers
- ☐ March 31 - hair conditioner
- ☐ April 1 - brownie mix
- ☐ April 2 - tea
- ☐ April 3 - mac and cheese
- ☐ April 4 - taco seasoning
- ☐ April 6 - tuna helper
- ☐ April 7 - pasta salad/pasta sides
- ☐ April 8 - cereal (hot or cold)
- ☐ April 9 - dish soap
- ☐ April 10 - jello/pudding
- ☐ April 11 - diced tomatoes

SAVE THIS LIST and let's *"outdo one another in love and good deeds..."*

## **MUSIC AND WORSHIP NOTES**

### **HOW ABOUT A CHILDREN'S CHOIR?**

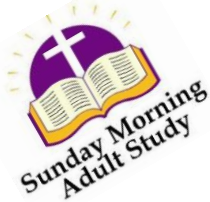
DO YOU HAVE A CHILD INTERESTED IN SINGING? We are hoping to start a children's choir! The group would practice several weeks before singing during church services, not have a regular weekly practice. All ages would be welcome! We are also looking for several adults that would be willing to help oversee the group. Please contact the church office or Rachael if you and your child(ren) are interested! Thank you.



### **SUMMER ANTHEMS**

Our church is blessed with many talented individuals and we would love that talent to be shared during the summer months. Summer is only a few months away and we will need individuals or ensembles performing anthems for the various Sundays throughout June, July, August and early September. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED in using your talent to praise the Lord with an anthem in church this summer, contact Andrew Renth in person or by phone at 618-402-2500. We appreciate your time and consideration.

## Join us for SUNDAY MORNING CLASS (9:15 am)



WHY NOT JOIN US?

BIBLE STUDY IS FOR EVERYONE! INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN YOU  
No Bible-background is required!  
You need not answer questions  
(unless you would like to do so)



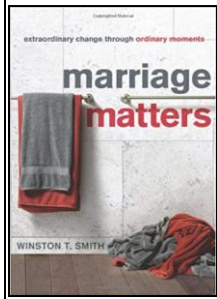
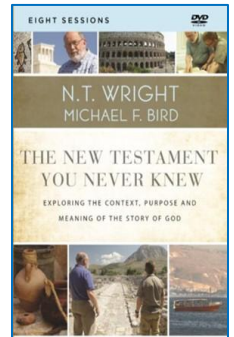
### THE NEW TESTAMENT YOU NEVER KNEW

[FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH PASTOR HUGH]

This video-based series explores the Context, Purpose, and Meaning of the Story of God. You will be saying "I never knew that!" Bible scholars N.T. (Tom) Wright and Michael F. Bird, who between them have written over 100 books on theology and the New Testament, team up to take us on a tour of the story behind the story of the New Testament.

By discovering things you never knew about the setting of Jesus' birth, the events of his ministry, the meaning of his death and resurrection, and the birth and expansion of the early Church, you will uncover new significance in familiar texts, and in doing so, the Scriptures will impact your life in a way that they never have before.

N.T. Wright is a well known pastor and former bishop of the Church of England, whose easy-going, conversational writing style makes his books accessible to believers from all walks of life.



### marriage matters

[LIBRARY WITH RACHAEL BEARTH]

See details about this new study below. A practical course for this important part of so many lives.

Come for discussion! Bring a friend with you! This book offers a simple, yet powerful prescription for changing marriages one ordinary moment at a time. Change begins with understanding how and why small disagreements evolve into major problems.

**Questions? Need a book? Contact Rachael at 618-719-9702**

### MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE HERE FOR YOU

H.I.S. activity reported for January is as follows:



- Cards sent: 20
- Phone contacts: 6
- Visits: 5
- Transportation assists: 6
- Baskets: 1 baby and a bear for older sibling
- Food for funeral luncheon
- One loaf of bread for home visit

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

Next check-in is March 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Library. You are invited to come and consider participating in this important care ministry. Blessings,  
*Sabia Hinkle, Director*

### CAN YOU HELP?



LIFE GOT YOU UPSET? LOST YOUR JOB?  
LOST A LOVED ONE?

JESUS GIVES PEACE, STRENGTH AND JOY!

YOUR PASTOR IS HERE TO HELP and  
♥ **HEARTS IN SERVICE** ♥ **VOLUNTEERS**  
ARE ALSO READY TO ENCOURAGE YOU

LET PASTOR HUGH, SABIA HINKLE KNOW!  
(CONFIDENTIAL IF REQUESTED)

## Rachael's Report



I am so glad that spring officially starts this month! I felt that this winter was especially long and my family was sick more than ever. Add the dreary weather, not being able to be outside and the cold? Again, I'm so glad that spring is officially here!

I already have bulbs popping up and every year, I think I get more excited about it! Do you? I think bulbs are an absolute miracle. They survive dark, cold dirt for months. Then, they pop up bright green and bloom. Oh, this sounds familiar...

I think of Lent as sometimes being a darker time, but really it's a time of reflection. You see, while that bulb is in the dark, cold dirt, it's preparing for what is to come.

Stay tuned! There's more to come!

My cell # (618) 719-9702

My email: [rachael.bearth@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.bearth@gmail.com)

Happy Spring,  
*Rachael ☺*



## TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Would you be willing to teach Sunday School or be a substitute? We are in need of several people that love being with kids! Curriculum is easy to follow. Have some questions? Please speak with Helene Seibert or Rachael!

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST THANK YOU

THANK YOU to everyone who worked or attended our Pancake Breakfast on January 26th. We served 157 adults, 21 children. Attendance was down a bit compared to last year. We're not sure why - attendance from other churches and the community was down possibly due to the fact that the ad given to the Herald did not make the paper.

We again appreciate the help of the youth who graciously showed up expectantly to help. All leftover sausage was sold except for 4 pounds which was given to the Food Pantry. We were able to raise \$1,214.32 and with matching funds that will be \$2,428.64. Wonderful!! Thank you again. We hope all our travelers are doing well. We miss you.

*John and Karen Harris    Bob and Sandy Detering  
and Saturday Nighters*

## CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK



Find us on  
**Facebook**

KEEPING YOU POSTED – Join our groups

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[www.facebook.com/groups/1444844422420433/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1444844422420433/)  
(St. John UCC Christian Education & Sunday School)

## JULY 2020 MISSION TRIP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL KIDS & PARENTS

We're headed to Indianapolis and working with Youth Works for our summer mission trip! We will work with homelessness, hunger and other needs of the community



16 people are going--8 kids and 8 adults! **Please consider supporting us during our upcoming fundraisers:**

- Sunday, March 15--Bake Sale
- Saturday, April 18--Quilt Show Luncheon
- Ongoing sales of World's Finest Chocolate bars

Thank you!

## HOSPITALIZED? UPCOMING SURGERY?

Pastor Hugh ordinarily visits (even before outpatient surgery) to have brief prayer with you. If you wish this kept confidential, please mention that.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP FRIENDS

We will not meet in April, May and during the summer. In the meantime, please send event suggestions my way! Thank you! --Rachael ☺

## IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN RACHAEL FOR HER BOOK STUDY "MARRIAGE MATTERS"

*He snapped at her at breakfast. She brought up a past mistake. He walked out angry. She left without saying good-bye.*

*Just one day in an ordinary marriage. But what if things could be different? What if the ordinary moments of annoyance, conflict, pain, or cold indifference could become moments to understand God's incredible agenda for love and begin something new?*

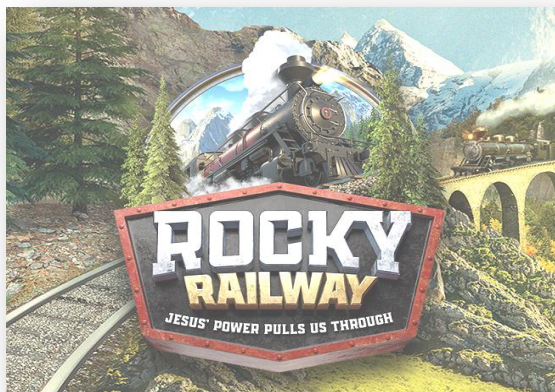


This book offers a simple, yet powerful prescription for changing marriages one ordinary moment at a time. Change begins with understanding how and why small disagreements evolve into major problems, taking practical steps to love one another more effectively, and learning how to take those same steps over and over again. Interactions that used to devolve into pointless annoyances and fights can become opportunities for God's love to become increasingly evident and powerful.

Winston T. Smith takes abstract, Christian principles and applies them to the concrete details of life so that ordinary marriages can become extraordinary using the power of the gospel and the love of Jesus.

Class is meeting in the St. John library at 9:15 on Sundays. Each week, you can read a chapter or two and it will be discussed the following Sunday.

## PLEASE SAVE THE DATE! MASCOUTAH COMMUNITY VBS



**JUNE 22-26, 2020 8:45 am-12:00 pm  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 5!**



## Bake Sale



## 2020 MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale MARCH 15 BETWEEN SERVICES

Proceeds will help with mission trip registration fees for 8 adults and 8 kids.

Please consider buying some goodies! If you would like to donate baked items, please do! It's appreciated! Questions? Ask Rachael.

The sale is sponsored by the Mission Trip Team.

Thank you for your support!

## UPCOMING MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS

PLEASE SUPPORT THE MISSION TRIP TEAM...

- →by purchasing "World's Finest Chocolate" bars which will be for sale starting this month. Different kinds for only \$2 each! *Make sure to get a sample on March 15 during our St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale!*
- →by donating or purchasing items at our St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale on March 15!
- at the April 18 Quilt Show in the St. John kitchen for breakfast or lunch! Thank you to the Happy Quilters for offering us to do this fundraiser!
- →by writing a check to St. John and writing "Mission Trip Donation" in the memo line. Checks can be given to Rachael.

**HELP US  
HELP  
OTHERS**

**Thank you for supporting our trip this summer!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STILL MATTERS!**

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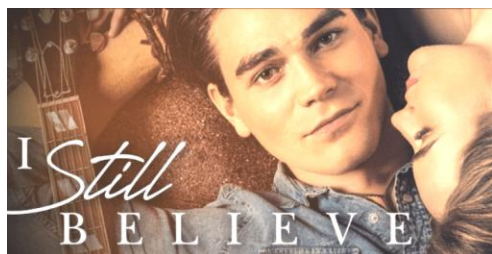
## 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL QUILT SHOW -

The Happy Quilters and the Everfaithful Fellowship of Women (Guild) will host the Annual Quilt show at St. John UCC on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers who can help with setup on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, as well as the day of the show. Contact Beth Zerkle at 566-7483.

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## LET'S GO SEE THE MOVIE *I STILL BELIEVE*

Let's go on Sunday, March 22! It's the true story of Christian music star Jeremy Camp and



his journey of love and loss. Please watch the bulletin for more information! --Rachael ☺

## REPORTS NEEDED FOR OUR CHURCH'S ANNUAL REPORT

EACH MINISTRY AND ORGANIZATION is asked to provide a short summary of their 2019 activities for publication in the Annual Report. These reports are needed as soon as possible. Email them to Office Administrator Sherri Daniel at [office@saintjohnucc.org](mailto:office@saintjohnucc.org).




## ST. JOHN SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES 2020

(subject to change)



March 22 Sunday Funday! Easter Cards for Marka & Aperion

April 12  Easter Sunday Lesson/Activity and bring flowers to decorate the Cross



May 3 Confirmation Sunday--Reception in Fellowship Hall for Confirmands between services

Sunday Funday! Make Mother's Day Gifts



May 10 DuBois Camp Sunday  DuBois Center

Our Offerings (January through March) go to KIDS FOR CHRIST to purchase supplies for their program in elementary schools.

→Please send an offering with your child each week to support these missions.

## MASCOUTAH WEEKEND MEALS



### Mascoutah Weekend Meals

Supporting Healthy Kids, Healthy Minds, & Healthy Community

#### NEEDED THIS MONTH--

- breakfast or granola bars of any kind
- canned tuna or chicken
- ramen noodles
- oatmeal packets

→→Next packing date: Thursday, March 19, 3:30 pm at MMS

This program reaches 180 kids on the free lunch program in all 5 schools of the Mascoutah School District and works in conjunction with the Summer Lunch Program. You can help by donating food items, help on packing dates, double bag grocery bags, donating gift cards (Tom's would be great!) or by donating financially.



Checks can be written to St. John and in the memo line "Mascoutah Weekend Meals" or written to Mascoutah Weekend Meals. Talk with Rachael if you have any questions or would like to be involved in some way!

## \*Feast of Friends Family Event\*



### It's Taco and Game Night at St. John!

Enjoy a taco bar & dessert with our *Feast of Friends* (family) group!

**Friday, March 20 from 6:00-8:00**

### Fellowship Hall

Please bring:

Games your family likes to play

Drinks for your family

Monetary donation for dinner items



**Please contact Rachael to RSVP by March 18!**

→Please let Rachael know if there is something specific your family enjoys for our taco bar or any allergies.



***Hope your family can join us for a night of fun!***

## YOUTH GROUPS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

WHAT IS YOUTH GROUP and WHY DO WE HAVE IT? *It's a way to have fun, get to know one another, and grow in our faith and fellowship in Jesus.*

Middle School  
All 6th-8th Graders and  
Friends Welcome!  
will not meet during our  
Wednesday Lenten schedule.  
We will meet again on  
Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from  
6:00-6:30 pm



Please note Lenten time changes in your Upcoming Events and calendar page. Watch the bulletin and your mailbox for upcoming events!

Bring a friend to join us—FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

College Youth

meets certain Sunday evenings  
at 6:00. Contact Rachael for more  
information!

High School Youth Group

will meet this month! Please watch the bulletin for  
more details! Join us also for the "*I Still Believe*"  
movie on March 22!

**YOUTH  
GROUP**

**All Youth Groups:** Join us for the "I Still Believe" movie on Sunday, March 22! Watch the bulletin for more information.

FOR ALL YOUTH ACTIVITIES

→Please contact Rachael at 618-719-9702

→Watch for more information in the weekly bulletin!  
Have a suggestion for an activity? Talk to Rachael! ☺

## DUBOIS CENTER ACTIVITIES

### BLOCK PARTY! SUNDAY, APRIL 26

We're having a Block Party in the Rustic Village and middle and high school youth groups are invited! Join DuBois Center staff and volunteers for an afternoon of fun, food, games, contests and music. One of the best parts - IT'S FREE! We'll roast hot dogs and make s'mores, meet some of the horses, and explore the Rustic Village. Whether you are a DuBois Center camper or not, you're invited! Load up right after church, grab some lunch, and head to camp. We'll be on the move from 1-4 pm, but arrive when you can. Youth must be accompanied by adult chaperones or parents. RSVP by Monday, April 20 - we need to stock the coolers and send you permission forms. For more information, check out the flyer posted at church.

### WRANGLE & RIDE SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Join our equestrian team on Saturday, April 4 from 9am - 5pm for a full day of fun with the DuBois Center herd!



Designed for both beginner and more experienced riders, this is a horse-intensive day of grooming, tacking, riding, instruction and other horse-related activities. Beginners will be introduced to basic skills, while experienced riders

work on more advanced options. The cost for this event is \$65 with lunch included. See the bulletin board for more information or to register by mail.

### FATHER-SON RETREAT APRIL 24-26

Fathers, Grandfathers and Uncles - SAVE THE DATE and plan now to bring your sons, grandsons, nephews or another significant young man in your life to DuBois Center for a weekend of quality guy time! Fish, hike, canoe or just hang out together. Make cool crafts, share in vespers and work on your archery skills. Horseback riding is available for an additional fee. Lodging is in heated cottages and Hickory Lodge. The weekend is geared for those age 5 and older, and families participate together.



Online Registration is open at [www.duboiscenter.org](http://www.duboiscenter.org) Questions? Contact us at [dcinfo@duboiscenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@duboiscenter.org) or 618-787-2202.

### LENTEN WORK DAY APRIL 4 - DON'T MISS IT!

Looking for a meaningful Lenten discipline? How about pitching in with family and friends, and making a difference at DuBois Center? Stretch your muscles, get a little dirty and help spruce up the grounds. Projects vary depending on the weather and the skills of the workers - carpentry, cleaning and painting are on the list.

A hearty lunch is provided. **RSVP** to DuBois Center by Monday, March 30, at [dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org](mailto:dcinfo@DuBoisCenter.org) or 618-787-2202. If this date doesn't work with your schedule, call or email to set up a different day for your group!

### WORKING AT CAMP IS A REAL JOB!

There is something to be learned from every job, but there are more resume-building skills and practical work experience packed into one summer at camp than with almost any other job! Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking, Leadership and Planning are just some of the critical skills that come to mind. Working at summer camp IS a real job, but also a great opportunity to share your faith, serve others and make forever friends. DuBois Center is currently accepting applications for energetic, child-focused and fun-loving individuals to serve on our summer staff. Positions include cabin counselors/activity leaders, barn assistants/counselors and coordinators. FAITH. FUN. HARD WORK. GREAT FRIENDS. LONG HOURS. AMAZING MEMORIES. Applications are now available online at [www.DuBoisCenter.org](http://www.DuBoisCenter.org).

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### A UNIQUE SPECIAL WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

## PASSOVER SEDER MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020 (7:15 PM)



Join us for Christian form of the Hebrew Passover meal in FELLOWSHIP HALL that commemorates the institution of Holy Communion. To make arrangements, we will need you to sign up. Our Seder will be a symbolic meal without a real entrée. It includes Holy Communion and the Word.

Sign up in Gathering Area or using this form so we can make arrangements.

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY? \_\_\_\_\_

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## WATCHING OUR FIGURES – FEBRUARY

	Sunday Worship		Sunday School
	8:00 am	10:30 am	
February 2	91	80	48 (17 children, 31 adults)
February 9	53	110	71 (25 children, 46 adults)
February 16	82	136	63 (30 children, 33 adults)
February 23	73	73	46 (22 children, 24 adults)

Average February Worship Attendance – 175

Average February S.S. Attendance – 57

### JANUARY 2020 Financial Summary

**General Fund Receipts \$ 30,481.00**

**General Fund Expenses \$ 42,018.00**

**Receipts minus Expenses \$ -11,537.00**

**Receipts minus Expenses \$ -11,537.00  
(Year to Date)**

**YOUR ONGOING GIFTS WILL HELP US  
AVOID A DEFICIT!**

## BIRTHS

**February 18 - ZOE LUCCA BROMMELHOFF SEIBERT,**

daughter of Lucas Seibert and Jessica Brommelhoff. Zoe has a big sister, Ada, almost 4 years old. Proud grandparents are Darryl and Helene Seibert.



**February 20 – ADELAIDE (ADDIE) ROSE SUOMELA,** daughter of Gary and Amanda (Tiedemann) Suomela. Addie has a big brother, Alex, who is 3 years old. Proud grandparents are David and Lisa Tiedemann.

**February 21 –GRACYN MAE JANSEN,** daughter of Andy and Haley (Klingelhoef) Jansen. Gracyn has a big sister, Emmarie, who is almost 3 years old. Proud grandparents are Tom and Cathy Klingelhoef.



**YOUR DONATIONS  
ARE ENCOURAGED→**

## DEATHS



**LEROY BISCHOFF**, 89, of Mascoutah died February 4 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon Illinois. He is survived by two daughters; Cindy (Bruce) Heller and Rhonda (Dennis) Richie-Lindsey; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; a sister, Shirley Falkenrath; two step grandsons and six step great grandchildren. Funeral service was held on February 8 at St. John with Pastor Fitz officiating. Burial with military honors in Mascoutah City Cemetery.

**ROBERT MASCHAL**, 93, of Mascoutah passed away February 9 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, O'Fallon Illinois. Surviving him is his wife, Dorothy; three daughters; Kathy (John) Walsh, Renee Lintz; Karen (Philip) Moore; a son, Robert A. Maschal, II; grandson, Jason (Rachael) Schneider; two granddaughters, Stephanie (William) Bergmann, Kalli Morris; step grandson, Michael Moore; step granddaughter, Kaytlin Moore. A memorial service was held on February 13 at St. John Church with Pastor Fitz officiating. A private inurnment with military honors was held at Jefferson Barracks.

**JUDITH WESTBROOK**, 77 of Mascoutah passed away February 16 at her home. She was the sister of Roger Bergher and Bruce (Dee) Bergher.

## MEMORIALS RECEIVED

**Leroy Bischoff** by Myron and Evelyn Renth, Bob and Bettie Lercher, Don and Mary Ann Haas, Warren and Barbara Klingel, Tom and Cheryl Sax, Donna Chitty, Jane Grodeon

**Robert Maschal** by Myron and Evelyn Renth, Vernon and Paula Carr, Jr, Red and Carol Lemke, Paula Morris, Suzanne Morio, Jerry and Sylvia Daugherty, Kent and Jeanette Schroeder, Mike and Angie Klein, Julie Heberer, Keith and Donna Grodeon, Karen and Michael Stukenberg, Scott and Judy Ricketts, Steve and Sarah Wilhelm and family, Jerry and Rhuann Caliper, Lee and Linda Yohn, Andrew Renth, Treva Carr, Rich and Sandy Nelson, Brent and Kim Bergher, Bob and Beth Zerkle, Brad and Amy Albrecht, Bill and Lisa McDonald, Barbara Farrero, Jane Grodeon

## DESIGNATED GIFTS FOR ASSISTING PEOPLE IN NEED

THE "HELPING HANDS" FUND is the discretionary account administered (confidentially) by Pr. Hugh and is used solely for emergency needs of St. John members.

THE LOCAL BENEVOLENT FUND is for major financial needs of individuals in the community and is screened by representatives of our Community and Social Ministry. Assistance is also provided confidentially.

WE SUPPORT CONCERNED CHRISTIANS, INC which also provides emergency aid to those living within the Mascoutah School District (and operates the Food Pantry). Requests for help are carefully screened.

## OUR ORGANIZATIONS INVITE YOU!!

**HAPPY QUILTERS** The St. John Happy Quilters meet on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Visitors as well as quilters are always welcome to stop by.

**EVERFAITHFUL FELLOWSHIP OF WOMEN** invite all the ladies of the church to join us on Monday, March 2 at 1:00 pm for a program and refreshments.

**MEN OF THE CHURCH** will gather at McDonald's on Wednesday, March 11 at 8:30 am. All men are welcome to come and fellowship.

**FEAST OF FRIENDS** (FOF: Family activities for all ages) – Taco and Game Night from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on Friday, March 20. See Rachael for more info!

**THEOLOGY ON TAP (TOT) Adults Only Event** – Join us – no event in March

**SATURDAY NIGHTERS** invite everyone to join them at their Fried Chicken/Potluck/Game Night on Saturday, March 14 starting at 5:30 pm in the Fireside Room. RSVP by March 11<sup>th</sup> to Sandy Detering at 566-4621.



## FELLOWSHIP TIME

**Coffee Hour means much more than simply a cup of coffee.** Coffee Hour is where we slow down in our hectic lives to talk with one another, share stories from the week, meet new friends in the community, and make plans for future events.

While the Community and Social Ministry is honored to serve as the organizer of Coffee Hour, it really takes the entire congregation to keep this fellowship time continuing each and every week. We would greatly appreciate volunteers from the congregation to pick a Sunday on the calendar and donate baked goods to the Coffee Hour.

Gene Engelman brews the coffee for us, but we ask that you take the coffee pots downstairs to the kitchen once the second church service has started, clean them and place back on the counter so they are ready to go for the next Sunday. Please take all leftover food with you, and clean up any church dishes that are used.

please help

**SIGN UP NOW TO HOST  
A SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR**

There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area, so please take a few moments to volunteer for an upcoming Sunday. And thank you to everyone who has donated to Coffee Hour in the past as we all enjoy the yummy goodies in between services.

## SHERRI DANIEL—OFF THE CLOCK

ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, SHERRI (OUR OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR) should not be asked about church business when she comes to worship even if she is in the office for some reason. Please respect these boundaries. *Pr. Hugh*

## ST. JOHN OVER 80'S BIRTHDAY CLUB (MARCH)

March	8	Carrie Knipp	80 years	142 St. Christopher Court
	12	Marilou Crumley	83 years	738 Dere Bere
	16	Viola Vogel	90 years	209 E. South Street
	17	Patricia Schroeder	98 years	300 Wilmaglen Drive
	23	Ruth Gramm	87 years	35 W. George Street

## SPECIAL KNOWN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES (MARCH)

March	1	Kevin and Nancy Endrijaitis	20 years
	5	Ken and Clara Walthes	34 years
	8	Angie and Melvin Callico	23 years
	22	Roger and Tammy Klingel	40 years
	22	Sharol and Jason Reese	23 years
	28	Dreaux and Becky Barnes	28 years
	31	Herbert and Elizabeth Knobloch	53 years



(Are we missing your birthday or anniversary from this listing? We publish birthdays of 80 and over and wedding anniversaries of 20 years or more. Please let the church office know so we can update our records. Thank you!)

## SICK AND/OR HOSPITALIZED



Those who are ill appreciate your prayers. If you have opportunity to visit (being sensitive to the specific situation) those who are hospitalized, it will help them feel that they are part of our caring church family. We are signs of God's presence and peace in Christ

for one another.

Below is our current prayer list. Many of these were hospitalized, injured, or reported ill and we pray

Wayne Laquet, The families of Leory Bischoff and Robert Maschal; Kris Fricke, Tim and Sandy Ritter, Ursula Klapetzky, Myron Potthast, Bill Layman, Grayson Roemer, Rich Joellenbeck, Joann Manning, Jean Ann Manning, Stan Mehosky, Ivan Mehosky, Danny Schremp, Ryan, Zach Matthews, Michael Daugherty, Rick Pullen, Mark Wachtel, Debbie Woodrum, Everett Laird, Sharon Fournie, Judy Kautz, Carrie Knipp, Joan Loucks, Charlie Knoth, Rylie McLeod, Fred Davis, Mary Ann Krummrich, Shirley Dickhaut, Jack Weyant, Michael Engelman, Dotty Menchau, Linda Shofner, Carol Seibert, Alexandra Green, Skye and Savannah Baker, Helen Friederich, Maren Poettker, Adam Shofner, Barbara Emig, Mark Wilhelm, Tiffany Sherman, Ruth Ann Erwin, Cindy Cahill, Camryn Belcher, Loraine Yarber, Patricia Voss, Carol Seal, John Venarsky, Ray Carr, Larry Mathews, Diana Walker, Courtney Bergheger, Julia Burgard, Hudson and Mason, Bruce Owen, Molly Taylor, Dorothy Renth, Peg Ratliff, David Endsley, Edward Wondolowski, Jordan Knipp, Sunny Comer, Lou Schubert, Dorothy Larson, Robert Schlecht, Kelle Schmidtke, Chris Sauerhage, Chuck Ridge, Rich Dawson, Maurice Hill, Mary Richter, Debbie Hoercher, Brent and Liz Tinsley, Rosemary Cooper, Rita Wilhelm, Alivia, Matthew Riester, Jerry Caliper, Alice Bushue, Doris Sailer, Shorty Groff, Vernon Andres, Larry Bell, Gary Vielweber, Kent Barber, Andrew Seitz, Jackson Cruthis, Sandy Bloos, Pat Bleisch, Peyton, Nora and Owen Larson, Sharon Fournie, Kyle Kolander, Danette Barttelbort, Carmelita Sensel, Brian Moll, Jenny Cagle, Roger Middendorf, Paul Schanz, Debbie Gross, Travis Grubaugh, Charles Harris, Betty Hill, Linda Harris, Trent, Jennifer Crum, Mary Kay Webb, Dolly Browder, Bob Welker, Ned and Dorothy Meyer, Louise Franke, Lena Kaczur, Merv Winters, Jon Edd, Alana Fanous, Dean Roehrig, John Mehaffey, Carol Simpson, Laura Lemke, Wanda Sigman, Matthew, Brian Dawson, Julie Ringhofer, Lennie Roy, Natasha Jarden, Kaitlyn, Dale Vogel, Dave Schlueter, Steve Patrick, Lonnie Ostrom, Ann Graul, Lisa Fredrick, Randy Clover, Jaclyn Danner, Dan Wombacher, Linda Eckerman, Alan Snowden, Crystal Huber, Chris Cagle, Greg Weber, Joshua, David Long, Christine Braunseis, congregations with conflict or pastoral vacancies, Heather Ploesser, Michelle Detering, Margaret Oltmann, Barbara Farrero, Andy Kuehn, Steve Jolly, Nursing Home/Homebound, those seeking employment, caregivers.

### In addition, the following persons are in nursing care/retirement/assisted living center facilities.

John Family – visit these folks as you are able, pray for them, and assist them and their families as you can. If you have an hour or two, why not visit them – they appreciate the visits.

### Nursing Homes and Rehab Centers

Marka Nursing Home, 201 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street – Paul Knipp, Esther Grodeon

Aperion Care Center, 901 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street – June Riess

Cedar Ridge of Lebanon, 1 Perryman Street, Lebanon 62254 – Elsie Kebel

### Assisted Living Centers:

Assisted Living at Silver Creek, 1227 Winding Oaks Lane, Mascoutah – Dorothy Schremp, Betty Long, Dorothy Larson  
Morningside of Shiloh - Room 202, 1201 Hartman Lane, Shiloh IL 62221 – Betty Wager

Oak Hill, 623 Hamacher St. # 210, Waterloo IL 62298 -- Janet Heberer

Cedarhurst of Shiloh, 429 S. Main Street, Shiloh IL 62269 – Terry Kissel

Brightly Assisted Living, 649 Legacy Place, Mascoutah – Vernon Andres, #103, Laverne Bischoff, #12, Eunice Wahl, #122; Maurice and Barbara Hill, #30, Yolanda Paterline

### Homebound Persons

Some of these folks get out and to church on occasion, but are limited. Please keep in touch with them.

Barbara Emig

Bob and Kathryn Ganschinietz

Warren and Bobbie Klingel

Marilyn Lamb

Bruce Owen

Mary Richter

Judy Watschinger

Ruby and Loraine Yarber

Clarence Vogel

Jeanette Zinck

Peg Ratliff

OTHERS? Call the church office!



**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS UNABLE** to come to worship but would like to have the Sunday service delivered on DVD? We have a faithful crew of individuals who handle this ministry. Call the church office.

## FRIENDSHIP AND FUN

Fellowship Ministry had a very successful movie night on January 31, where we viewed *A Dog's Purpose*. We had 31 in attendance, with Jase Donovan and Elise Grodeon winning the attendance prizes. Keep an eye out for information about new and exciting things in store for our church picnic.

*Dreaux and Becky Barnes, Directors*

## MASCOUTAH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH

Kleenex, Tuna Helper,  
Graham Crackers, Tomato Sauce,  
Canned Chicken, Sugar,  
Fruit Cocktail, Ramen Noodles



THE FOOD PANTRY SHELVES  
ARE GETTING PRETTY BARE -- YOUR ONGOING  
DONATIONS ARE VERY  
IMPORTANT to provide for those who  
are needy in our community.



Thank you for your support.

## LENTEN MEAL SCHEDULE

Here is your Lenten meal schedule:

- March 4 Hot dogs, Chili and Dessert- provided by the Fellowship Ministry
- March 11 Pizza, Salad and Dessert- provided by Community & Social, Building & Grounds and Evangelism & Church Growth Ministries
- March 18 Brinner (Breakfast for Dinner)-provided by Youth and Young Adult and Christian Education Ministries
- March 25 Lasagna, Salad and Dessert-provided by the Saturday Nighters
- April 1 Soup and Salad-provided by the Worship and Spiritual Life Ministries.

These meals are provided to encourage everyone to attend our Wednesday night services during Lent. Although these meals are free of charge, any donation is greatly appreciated. Thanks to the groups providing these meals.



SERVING 6:00 – 6:45 pm (Choir and Confirmation at 5:45 pm).

## DON'T WAIT TO BE ASKED~

SPIRITUAL LIFE MINISTRY encourages our spiritual life and the **Ministry needs a few dedicated individuals** with a heart for the faith-journey of our church members. Spiritual Life Director is Sandy Weyant. If you want to learn more, contact her.

## NOTES OF THANKS

"Dear friends at St. John Church:

As one of the Board members of the Mascoutah Weekend Meals NFP, I would like to express on behalf of the organization our deepest gratitude for the monetary donation of \$370.00. The organization began six years ago as a grass roots movement to feed those children during the school year that we were currently feeding through the Summer Sack Lunch Program. A few other parents and I partnered with Operation Food Search for two years through a grant from Boeing aimed at providing nutrition education to military families and through local donations by individuals and organizations.

We began by providing enough groceries for six meals once a month on the third Thursday of the month. Our numbers are hovering just under 200 students being fed a month. Approximately half of those bags being delivered to Scott Elementary students. So, the impact on the military family has been a significant part of our efforts.

With your generous donation, we will be able to provide meals for yet another month for these students. Again, thank you for your part in feeding the students of Scott AFB and the Mascoutah School district.

Warm regards,  
Rhonda Ross, Board  
President – MWM NFP"



"Thank you for your support of Mosaic during this past year. Through your contributions we have been able to continue our ministry to those who attend Mosaic, as well as those in our community and throughout the world. During 2019 we were able to send a mission team to Tennessee, host our annual church picnic, and provide hot chocolate and candy to the community on Halloween night. In addition, we offered a tutoring club, a women's Bible Study, a Wednesday night small group, a Ladies' table talk group, a young adult group and a mom's group. Furthermore, we minister on a monthly basis to the people of the Rockford Rescue Mission. Finally, we were able to minister and support several missionaries and missionary organizations.

All these events allowed us to minister to hundreds of men, women and children in the Rockford regions and the world. Thank you again for your generosity!

*Mosaic Rockford Church"*

"St. John Church,  
Thank you for your donations to Mascoutah Food Pantry. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and support.  
Sincerely, *Concerned Christians"*

"Dear friends:

Thank you to all who helped when I became ill a couple of weeks ago at church: those who cared for me, notified my family, called emergency personnel, showed concern or helped in any way. I am doing well; being blessed to have all of you dear friends and thankful for your love and care.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn (Welch)"

## ♥ HEARTS IN SERVICE ♥ OUR INTENTIONAL MINISTRY OF CARE AND CONCERN

The St. John **Hearts in Service** Ministry began in June 2009. We have had a very successful care ministry (cards, visits, baskets, notes, transportation). However, **additional volunteers are needed** in order to continue the level of service that is required. Please consider joining our Ministry of Service to others by contacting Sabia Hinkle to volunteer. Training will be provided.

-----✂-----return to the church office a.s.a.p.-----

### I AM WILLING TO CONSIDER:

#### Making and/or delivering a care basket

- ☐ new baby
- ☐ nursing home or assisted living
- ☐ bereavement

#### Sending greeting cards / writing notes of encouragement

- ☐ birthday
- ☐ sympathy
- ☐ notes of encouragement

#### Visiting

- ☐ hospital (we especially need some men!)
- ☐ nursing home
- ☐ assisted living
- ☐ homebound persons

#### Connecting with others

- ☐ making phone calls
- ☐ providing transportation to church, doctors, pharmacy, etc.
- ☐ where there is unemployment
- ☐ depression or anxiety situations
- ☐ personal or family issues
- ☐ provide meals on a temporary basis as needed (after hospitalization, birth of baby, etc.)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

BEST TIME TO CALL: \_\_\_\_\_

## THE CHURCH CALENDAR – MARCH 2020

March 1	Sunday	8:00 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION (PEW)</b>
		9:00 am	Coffee Hour Fellowship and Refreshments
		9:00 am	Heavenly Chimes
		9:15 am	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
		9:15 am	<b>ADULT &amp; YOUTH BIBLE CLASSES</b>
		10:30 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION (PEW)</b>
		10:30 am	Aperion Chapel Service (Sandy Weyant)
2	Monday	1:00 pm	Everfaithful Fellowship of Women (Guild)
		6:30 pm	Scouts
		6:45 pm	Christian Education Ministry meeting
3	Tuesday	9:30 am	Happy Quilters
		6:30 pm	Creative Critters 4H
		7:00 pm	Building and Grounds Ministry meeting
		7:00 pm	Worship Ministry meeting
4	Wednesday	6:00 pm	LENTEN MEAL (5:45 pm for Confirmands & Choir)
		6:00 pm	Confirmation Classes
		6:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 pm	<b>HYMN SING</b>
		7:15-7:45 pm	<b>LENTEN SERVICE</b>
5	Thursday	6:30 pm	St. John Woodwind Rehearsal
		8:00 pm	AA
6	Friday	4:00 pm	Youth leave for <i>Believe</i> Conference
7	Saturday	4:00 pm	Youth return from <i>Believe</i> Conference



March 8	Sunday	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>
		9:00 am	Coffee Hour Fellowship and Refreshments
		9:00 am	Heavenly Chimes
		<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
		<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION</b>
		<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>ADULT AND YOUTH BIBLE CLASSES</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>
9	Monday	6:00 pm	Clover Buds
		6:30 pm	Scouts
		6:30 pm	Mascoutah Weekend Meals Board meeting
		7:00 pm	New Ideal 4H
10	Tuesday	9:30 am	Happy Quilters
		6:00 pm	Youth and Young Adult Ministry meeting
		6:30 pm	Pack Meeting
11	Wednesday	8:30 am	Men of the Church (McDonald's)
		10:00 am	Ministerial Association meeting (Library)
		6:00 pm	LENTEN MEAL (5:45 pm for Confirmands & Choir)
		6:00 pm	Confirmation Classes
		6:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>HYMN SING</b>
		<b>7:15-7:45 pm</b>	<b>LENTEN SERVICE</b>
12	Thursday	6:30 pm	St. John Woodwind Rehearsal
		7:00 pm	Fellowship Ministry Meeting
		7:00 pm	Stewardship Ministry Meeting
		8:00 pm	AA
14	Saturday	5:30 pm	Saturday Nighters Fried Chicken/Potluck/Game Night

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March 15	Sunday	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION (ALTAR)</b>
		9:00 am	Coffee Hour Fellowship and Refreshments
		9:00 am	Heavenly Chimes
		<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
		<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>ADULT &amp; YOUTH BIBLE CLASSES</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION (ALTAR)</b>
		10:30 am	MarKa Chapel Service (Jody Schuff)
16	Monday	6:30 pm	Scouts
17	Tuesday	9:30 am	Happy Quilters
		6:30 pm	Troop 44
18	Wednesday	6:00 pm	LENTEN MEAL (5:45 pm for Confirmands & Choir)
		6:00 pm	Confirmation Classes
		6:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>HYMN SING</b>
		<b>7:15-7:45 pm</b>	<b>LENTEN SERVICE</b>
19	Thursday	3:00 pm	Silver Creek Communion Service
		7:00 pm	Church Council meeting
		8:00 pm	AA
20	Friday	6:00-8:00 pm	<i>Feast of Friends</i> -Taco and Game Night

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March 22	Sunday	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>
		9:00 am	Coffee Hour Fellowship and Refreshments
		9:00 am	Heavenly Chimes
		<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
		<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>ADULT AND YOUTH BIBLE CLASSES</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>
		3:30-4:30 pm	St. John Band Rehearsal
23	Monday	6:00 pm	Concerned Christians meeting (Fireside)
		6:30 pm	Scouts
		7:00 pm	<i>Hearts in Service</i> Check in
		7:30 pm	Spiritual Life Ministry Meeting

March 24	Tuesday	9:30 am	Happy Quilters
		6:00 pm	Lions Den
		6:30 pm	Troop 44
25	Wednesday	6:00 pm	LENTEN MEAL (5:45 pm for Cofirmands & Choir)
		6:00 pm	Confirmation Classes
		6:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>HYMN SING</b>
		<b>7:15-7:45 pm</b>	<b>LENTEN SERVICE</b>
		8:00 pm	Jubille Ringers Rehearsal
26	Thursday	8:00 pm	AA
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March 29	Sunday		<b>NO EARLY SERVICE-FIFTH DIMENSION</b>
		9:00 am	Coffee Hour Fellowship and Refreshments
		9:00 am	Heavenly Chimes
		<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>
		<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>ADULT AND YOUTH BIBLE CLASSES</b>
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>MORNING WORSHIP - FIFTH DIMENSION SUNDAY</b>
		3:30-4:30 pm	St. John Band Rehearsal
31	Tuesday	9:30 am	Happy Quilters
		6:30 pm	Troop 44



## SCHEDULE FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

March	5 East-	West-Linda Juenger	Third-Dot Maschal
	12 East-Jack Klopmeier	West-Charlotte Schifferdecker	Third-Treva Carr/Rhuann Caliper
	19 East-Tom & Cathy Klingelhofer	West-Dan Dietz	Third-
	26 East-John Surmeier	West-Sue Wagner	Third-Sue Nichols

## EASTER LILIES

Two opportunities are available for special memorial or recognition gifts during our Easter celebration:

1. Provide a lily plant to decorate the chancel area. The office will order the plant for you. We have ordered 30 lilies – first come, first served. The price this year will be the same as last year - \$11.00.
2. Make a memorial or honor gift to the church as a spiritual bouquet.

- ☐ I wish to order a lily plant through the church office.
- ☐ I will purchase my own plant and deliver it to the church by April 11.
- ☐ I wish to give a cash gift to the church Memorial Fund. Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_



(Please make checks payable to St. John United Church of Christ  
and return with this information by **April 6, 2020** to be included in the printed list.)

# SCHEDULED TO SERVE

+8:00 am

++10:30 am

## BELL RINGERS

March 1 +Harry Friederich  
4 Lent - 7:15 pm  
8 +Myron Renth  
11 Lent - 7:15 pm  
15 +David Tiedemann  
18 Lent - 7:15 pm  
22 +Dale Schuetz  
25 Lent - 7:15 pm  
29 +No 8am service

++John Harris III  
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++Josh Layman  
Myron Renth  
++Darryl Seibert  
Josh Layman  
++Lou & Nancy Schubert  
David Tiedemann  
++Clint Jackson

## SOUND SYSTEM

March 1 +Mark Pruett  
8 +Len Wolf  
15 +David Tiedemann  
22 +Becky Riester  
29 +No 8am service

++Clint Jackson  
++Kevin Endrijaitis  
++Kevin Endrijaitis  
++Bruce Bergheger  
++Phil Krieg

## HEAD USHERS

March 1 +David & Lisa Tiedemann  
4 Lent - 7:15 pm  
8 +Jack Klopmeier  
11 Lent - 7:15 pm  
15 +Dennis Kimmle  
18 Lent - 7:15 pm  
22 +Rob Welch  
25 Lent - 7:15 pm  
29 +No 8am service

++John Harris III  
Sherri Daniel  
++Jack Weyant  
Sherri Daniel  
++Dennis Wetzler  
David & Lisa Tiedemann  
++Darryl Seibert  
Kirk & Kim Graul  
++Colleen Hoercher

## VIDEOGRAPHERS

March 1 Harry Friederich  
8 Clint Jackson

March 15 Dennis Wetzler  
22 Jim Kuehn  
29 Dennis Wetzler

## LITURGISTS

March 1 +Anna Reese  
8 +John Hinkle  
15 +Lynnette Hinkle  
22 +Marion Rud  
29 +No 8am service

++Steve Beimfohr  
++Lindsay Carr  
++Jerry Daugherty  
++Jeremy Bearth  
++No liturgist needed

## GREETERS

March 1 +Charlotte Schifferdecker  
8 +Andrew & Myron Renth  
15 +Jim & Eileen Kuehn, Diane Knipp  
22 +Dennis & Kathy Kimmle, Jack Klopmeier  
29 +No 8am service

++Rod & Becky Cook, Brenda Richter  
++Tom & Cathy Klingelhofer  
++Larry & Sue Mathews, Susan Zaring  
++John, Chris, Jack & Frankie Harris, Dan Dietz  
++Steve & Janis Beimfohr, Ruth Gravitt

## ACOLYTES

March 1 +Lana Knoebel  
4 Lent- 7:15 pm  
8 +Alexis Detering  
11 Lent -7:15 pm  
15 +Emelia Stein  
18 Lent - 7:15 pm  
22 +Dan Walthes  
25 Lent - 7:15 pm  
29 No 8am service

++Garrett Sands  
Ava Moore  
++Jack Schuetz  
Emelia Stein  
++Katy Lowrance  
Evie Kolak  
++Kaitlyn Reinneck  
Jack Schuetz  
++Grace Bearth

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

March 1 Sharon Hosler  
8 Heather Land

March 15 Charlotte Schifferdecker  
22 Beth Potratz

March 29 No Children's Church

NURSERY-- Sundays 7:45 - 11:45 am April Hawley and Mackenzie Barttelbort. Volunteer assistants are welcome!

