



ST. JOHN

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



We are a family of Christians raising children in Christian faith.

From Our Pastor

November & December 2022 & January 2023

Dear St. John,

You may have heard that saying, “The only constant in life is change.” Even though this statement is true in most areas of life, we still tend to fight against it. Change is hard, even if we know it’s coming. And, not all change is positive. But, change is inevitable and a part of life.

Recently, I was looking through pictures on my phone from five years ago, and I came across some I had taken of St. John’s sanctuary and lobby. These pictures showed very different spaces than what we see today. When I saw those pictures, I was reminded of how much has changed at St. John in the last few years!

If you have been attending worship at St. John on Sundays over the past few months, you now are probably used to the new look and feeling of the lobby area. But, if you were walking into it for the first time, you might be in shock. Everything has changed! Walls are gone, space opened up, new furniture, new windows, new carpet, an elevator-lift, and more.

I hear regular positive comments about how nice everything looks and the new feeling of entering into St. John. The most common response I hear from visitors or people who haven’t been in the building for a while is, “Wow! This is beautiful!” Some change is good.

Churches/spiritual communities that are open to change and are aware that sometimes change is necessary, and are aware that sometimes change comes whether we want it or not, are the churches that have the most positive impact on the wider community and on the people within their community. These churches are healthy in their life outlook and know that there should always be a balance between tradition and change. We ground ourselves in the spiritual and moral and wait for God’s call to what is next.

Here’s the good news: St. John is one of these churches! So much has changed recently in our physical building, but if you take a close look at our community life, you’ll see that we have opened ourselves to many new ways of being a spiritual community, especially since the pandemic. We’ve found new ways to live out our mission through the Little Free Pantry, becoming a PADS site, and more. We’ve adapted our Sunday School program, enhanced our livestream and video worship opportunities, and have continued to support what we know we do well in our music program and more. I have also been preaching on topics that I feel are more challenging, in the good way, encouraging all of us to go deeper in our spirituality and understanding of God.

All of the above is what I love about St. John. I’m confident in St. John’s future, whatever changes may come.

Peace to you in these Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas Seasons,

Pastor Michael

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Planned Giving to St. John

Have you ever thought about leaving something for St. John in your will or a trust as part of your estate planning? Many of us give regularly to St. John, but we forget that we have the opportunity to continue to support St. John into the future. Many faith communities rely on gifts that are given through estate planning, so if you've never considered this for you and your family, please consider remembering St. John. Contact the office if you have any questions.

ONLINE giving



Bible Study

Bible Study

Tuesday at 10:00 A.M.



Message from Our Moderator

St. John members, as I write this newsletter, I am excited to see all we have accomplished! The remodeling of our church is nearing completion and everything looks fantastic! Invite your friends to see our beautiful church and all that we have done. St John will be a church for all to use and enjoy.

PADS has started and will be a much needed service for our community. Please consider helping out however you can, volunteering, donating meals, or contributing financially. This is a very rewarding mission and we should feel very fortunate to be able provide a much needed service to those in need.

Lastly, as we emerge from the pandemic, we have resumed coffee hour. This is a great way to interact and communicate with church members both old and new. Please consider hosting a coffee hour. Sign up sheets are located in Fellowship Hall. If we all hosted one or two coffee hours, we would fill up our schedule for the entire year! You can host by yourself or with a friend. It does not have to be fancy, anything you can bring would be greatly appreciated, from cookies to coffee cake, or anything you want either homemade or store bought. Coffee and lemonade mix are provided. If you would like help in making coffee, please let us know. Myself or others would be happy to help

Paul Giambarberee

Moderator

All Saints' Sunday Recognition

On Sunday, November 6, St. John will celebrate All Saints' Sunday, a day when we remember our loved ones who have died both in the past year and beyond. If you have a family member or friend who has passed away in the past year, please submit their name to the office if you would like their name to be read in worship during the remembrance ceremony. There will also be the opportunity for all present at worship to light a candle during worship in memory of loved ones.

Bible Study

Please join us for Morning Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 A.M. We read some, talk about it, laugh, and attempt to apply it to our lives. All are welcome to join! We will be meeting in person at St. John. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Michael.

Student Care Packages

Do you have a student that is attending college or trade school? Would they like to receive a care package from St. John? If so, please send your student's address (home or school) to office@stjah.org. Care packages will be sent in late fall. **Donations of food or money (for mailings) can be left in the large blue box in Fellowship Hall. Deadline: Monday, November 1.** Questions? Contact Mary Santi at maryfs2154@sbcglobal.net or 847-907-1586 (call or text).



Youth Fundraiser

St. John is selling greenery/wreaths for the youth fundraiser. Orders are being taken now through November 6. Please note that the Pickup/Delivery date will be on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 19 around noon. Any questions, see Julie Kurka or email her at schupple18@gmail.com.

Heifer is Back! Save your Loose Change!

This Advent, children and youth will again collect money for Heifer International. The organization promotes sustainable development by providing animals to families in need around the world. Children will receive collection boxes on the first Sunday of Advent and turn in the money on Epiphany. They will decide what animal to purchase. Thanks for your support.

Church Calendar

Did you know that all of St. John's events are on a calendar which you can find on our website, www.stjah.org? Once you're on our website, click "About St. John" and you will see Upcoming Events/Calendar. Click on that and you'll see the calendar.



2023

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Worship Service Update

The State of Illinois and CDC have dropped mask mandates. At St. John, masks are encouraged, but not required; masks are now optional.



Message from Our Financial Secretary

The function of the Financial Secretary is to keep an accurate record of each donation. At St. John, we have three ways to donate money to the church: 1) the collection plate on Sunday morning or mail-in during the week, 2) on-line through our website, or 3) have your bank send a weekly or monthly donation.

At the present time, there are 34 active on-line givers. In addition to these 34 families, there are a few who give quarterly, semi-annually or annually via on-line transactions. There is a small fee for this type of giving, however, the consistent flow of money into the church is a great benefit for the church. If you use a credit card for donation, there is a larger fee, as the credit card companies create an additional charge for this service.

Every member and friend of the church who gives regularly has a number for identification. This number is used to enter each gift into the computer system. If you have forgotten your numbered envelopes, all you have to do is use a pew envelope with your name on that envelope and it will be credited to your account. I apologize to new friends and members who want envelopes and I have none to give. Somewhere in our construction the extra envelopes have gone astray. However, I have given you a number if you requested it, and I do record your offerings if I know it is from you.

For the 2023 year, we will be doing some reassigning of envelope numbers as we have only ordered 50 boxes of numbered envelopes. Therefore, people with numbers 51 through 100 will be receiving new numbers. This is possible due to so many families/individuals that give on-line who no longer need envelopes. Additionally, if you give monthly, quarterly or yearly, 52 envelopes are no longer needed.

If you have any questions or concerns about your giving statements, please contact me any time. I can usually be found on Sunday mornings at church or I can be contacted by e-mail or phone. Church email is: StJohnfinancialSecretary@gmail.com or home lanacochran315@comcast.net or home phone 847-258-3232. Thank you for supporting the work and employees of St. John. Without your financial support, it would not be possible.

Lana Cochran



Message from Our Spiritual Life Committee

The Spiritual Life Committee has been quite busy helping with worship on Sunday mornings. Committee members have been serving as greeters, ushers, communion servers, providing the announcements and performing other duties, as needed, to try and help Pastor Michael provide for a smooth and meaningful service. We've also been asking members to serve as scripture readers and to sign up for coffee servers for coffee hour after the Sunday service. The congregation has responded by signing up for the many slots for both. We are pleased that the number of people attending Sunday morning service in-person combined with those viewing on-line remains fairly consistent and is close to the numbers pre-Covid. We realize that a number of people will likely continue to view the service on-line so that continues to be an important aspect of our work. We are grateful to Alberto and others that continue to provide that service.

Called to Care has kept busy reaching out to our shut-ins and those feeling under the weather. A number of people in our congregation serve on that committee and we are extremely grateful for the service they provide to those in need.

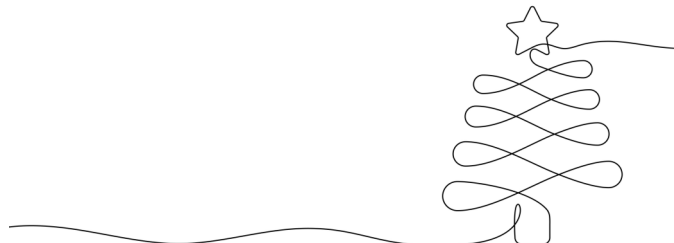
Of course, one of the biggest discussions we've had over the last several months is regarding St. John providing PADS at our church on Wednesdays for the upcoming cold weather season. We thank Kathy Winters & Michelle Johns for taking on that role. In addition to PADS coming to St. John, the Little Free Pantry continues to provide needed items for those less fortunate.

With the Advent and Christmas season fast approaching, we will work with Pastor Michael to provide for various activities throughout the season.

The Committee has been meeting monthly on the first Tuesday at 7:00 pm at St. John. If you are interested in learning more about our committee and our work, feel free to reach out to anyone on the committee. The members on the committee include **Barbara Blye, Judy Grimes, Dennis Roesslein, Holly Petersen, Cindy Giambarberee & Dave Landeweer.**

Christmas

Christmas is on a Sunday this year. St. John will hold one Christmas Eve service at 4:00 P.M. and will also offer a worship service on Christmas Day at 10:00 A.M.



Giving to St. John

Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John.

In addition to giving at Sunday worship, there are 2 ways to give to St. John:

1. Give Online: Go to www.stjah.org and click the “DONATE” button at the top of the page. Once on the Give page, click “DONATE.” Consider signing up for recurring giving. It’s easy and helps the church plan.
2. Give by Mail: Mail your gift to St. John UCC, 308 N. Evergreen Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.



Looking for a way to support St. John? When you shop at Amazon, please shop at Smile.Amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. John at no cost to you. Simply create an account on the Smile.Amazon.com site and select St. John United Church of Christ as the charitable organization.

Contact Changes

If you have a change of address or contact information, please call the office and let us know!



Message from Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee is very thankful for all of the financial support and generosity of many members and friends of St. John. We are also thankful for the special donations that have been made this year to support those in need. In addition to many “in kind” donations made to support the food pantry and the little free pantry, the congregation has made the following generous contributions to those in need this year.

Disaster Relief— Ukraine	2,760
Disaster Relief— 2022 Hurricanes	310
One Great Hour of Sharing	1,090
PADS to Hope	25
Sunday School Project—Sponsoring 3 children	613
Strengthen the Church	207
Veterans of the Cross	100
Music Fund	1,003
Senior High	39
Helping Hands	25

Message from Our Treasurer

It has been another challenging year with the ongoing pandemic and the changes we've had to make to our lives over the last few years. One thing that has remained consistent, however, is the financial generosity of our congregation. Your generous giving has allowed us to be at 99.5% of our budgeted income year-to-date. Our expenses are under budget at 92.3% YTD. The outlook for the rest of the year is positive. We thank all of you for your ongoing support.

Giving for September 2022				
	Actual	Budget	Difference	%
Receipts	\$19,646	\$18,407	\$1,239	106.7%
Expenses	\$27,381	\$28,145	\$764	97.3%
Balance	(\$7,735)	(\$9,738)		
Giving Year-To-Date 2022				
	Actual	Budget	Difference	%
Receipts	\$207,231	\$208,287	(\$1,056)	99.5%
Expenses	\$207,905	\$225,359	\$17,454	92.3%
Balance	(\$674)	(\$17,072)		

St. John Pollinator Patch Update

It's November and the little pollinator patch planted this past June is still full of blooms and color! This little garden has exceeded expectations with many of the first year native plants setting blooms! Usually a native garden "sleeps" the first year spending all of its energy developing a deep root system. The second year it "creeps" into developing flowers while continuing to grow its roots. It looks like our little garden skipped the sleeping stage. I've seen birds and bumble bees stopping by the garden and even a Monarch butterfly flying around the parking lot.



In November we will trim some of the flopping plants but will leave the flower heads and stems of most plants. To some people this may look messy but it is really important for the life cycle of our native birds, bees and insects to leave the vegetation over the winter so these critters can survive the cold and emerge in the Spring. The seed heads provide food for the birds, the plant stems allow the solitary bee a safe place to sleep through the winter, and other vegetation protects the chrysalis of many varieties of butterflies. We are off to a great start. The pollinator patch will be full of life and diversity next Spring, Summer and Fall!

PADS

Thank you for supporting St. John's commitment to helping to feed the homeless this summer and for your continued participation as we transition back to the October - April winter program.

Food Pantry Donations

We're collecting food pantry donations again every Sunday during worship. The kids will pick it up from people as you pass it towards the center aisle. Thank you for supporting the food pantry.

Sunday Worship Livestream

Worship Livestream every Sunday at 10:00 A.M.

Cards

We play cards at St. John at 1:00 P.M. on the first and third Thursdays of each month. All are welcome!

Book Club

Do you enjoy reading a variety of books and then find yourself looking for someone to discuss what you have read? Our book club may be just the group you are looking for! We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall.

Little Free Pantry Update




The Little Free Pantry continues to be well utilized. Over the summer months socks, wipes, soap and laundry detergent were popular items. As the weather cools, **gloves, hats, hand warmers, socks and laundry detergent** are needed items. With St. John serving as a PADS site, the Little Free Pantry will potentially start to reach more individuals in need. Thank you to everyone for your continued donations and support.

If you would like to help with maintaining the pantry, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2uzc4tdf> to sign up for a 2-week commitment.

Contact **Jay Virchow** or **Jenn Borrell** with questions.

Sunday Morning Prayer Requests

We will now be taking verbal prayer requests during worship. If you would rather Pastor Michael read your request, prayer request forms are available in the lobby (and below this message). Please fill out the form and give it to one of the ushers or Pastor Michael before the start of the worship service.

 ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST www.stjah.org	Sunday Morning Prayer Request Form
Your prayer request: _____ _____ _____	
Your Name (Optional): _____	
Would you like the prayer request to be read during the Prayers of the People today? Yes _____ No _____	
Do you want your name mentioned with the prayer request? Yes _____ No _____	
If yes, please indicate how you would like your name mentioned: Check One _____ friend of (Name). _____ family of (Name). _____ [Other] _____ of (Name).	

Holiday Pot Luck

St. John Social is happy to announce that we are ready to resume our get-togethers. Let's begin with a Christmas Pot Luck on December 10th starting at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. After dinner we can discuss how often we want to gather and if we want to continue meeting at church to add in restaurants. Then Marion Raynor will lead us in a holiday sing-a-long. The last time we did this was in 2019 and it will be great to celebrate the holidays together. Please let Sue Kaiser know that you will be coming. BYOB ~ Coffee/tea, lemonade, plates, utensils and napkins will be provided. If you have a favorite carol or seasonal song be sure to let Marion know so it can be included. Looking forward to a fun evening with friends. *(While masks are not required we fully respect your decision to mask up. We are each in a different stage of transitioning out of Covid mandates.)*

Fall Fest Sunday

Thank you for joining St. John in celebrating the start of another fantastic Sunday school year!



Fall Fest Sunday (Continued)



Capital Campaign Update

The Capital Campaign has been making steady progress over the last several months. We experienced a setback in July when our General Contractor suffered a significant medical issue which put him in the hospital for an extended period of time. Based on his prognosis of being unable to work for a time, we have taken up the task of finishing up the remaining work ourselves. The primary reason for moving forward this way was the wedding that was scheduled at St. John in early October. We weren't sure if our contractor would be able to resume work and complete the work prior to the wedding. We were fortunate that all of the heavy work was completed by him and that much of the remaining work was and will be finishing items such as wood trim and other similar work. We have also coordinated with the carpet layers to complete the installation of the carpeting and obtained the services of an electrician to finish the remaining electrical work. All of the new furniture has been set out in the narthex and lobby area and it looks great. It's also getting a lot of use on Sunday mornings. The fence around the air conditioning units was installed so we anticipate receiving final approval of that permit shortly. We have also had several recent meetings with the Village regarding the general permit and hope to obtain approval of that permit soon.

As a result of unanticipated expenses, we are projecting that we will be a little short in funds upon completion of the project. Our current total received and pledged amount (as of early October) is almost \$560,000. We are currently anticipating that the total project cost will be approximately \$595,000. We have paid out approximately \$564,000 to date with only two large ticket items remaining to be paid, which are the sanctuary doors and the final electricians invoice.

We thank all those who have contributed to the campaign. Thanks to you, we have been able to complete all of the goals that we had when we first started the campaign. The lobby area and sanctuary look great. The basement is finally ADA accessible thanks to the new lift. And we can worship in comfort during the hot days of summer. Fantastic accomplishments. If you haven't yet contributed to the campaign or would like to increase your pledge, we would welcome that so that we can make up the small shortfall in our work.

Finally, a huge thank you to Ed Heiberger, Steve Blye and Paul Frost and for their many hours that they have put in contributing to the success of this campaign.



Message from Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee of St. John celebrated the start of another school year with our Fall Fest Sunday on September 11, which was a huge success despite the rain. We were so happy everyone had such a good time. We have re-introduced the children's gathering time and sermon and hope the congregation is enjoying sharing the Sunday school lesson as part of the children's gathering. We are continuing to use our curriculum, A Joyful Path, for game, story and craft ideas when the children leave the Sanctuary. As always, we welcome anyone who would like to help teach. A CE member will always be there to take the lead. Cliff Schultz is leading the older kids' class, and we are grateful to him for taking this on again this year. Starting in late October, the kids present at Sunday School will learn a couple of Christmas songs that they'll sing on a Sunday in December (Parents, more information will be sent out on this).

Confirmation is starting in October and we have 4 confirmands.

We are looking forward to a great school year. Our first event was pumpkin carving and a bouncy house on October 23, and we are excited to bring back in-person Trivia night on Saturday, November 12. Look out for more details on our other events, including pizza movie night.

Message from Music Committee

The Music Ministry is almost "back to normal" attendance and performance schedules since the pandemic began. We are grateful for all the amazing volunteers and staff for their hours of rehearsals and performances.

The Orchestra (under Paul Cochran's leadership) has returned to monthly worship services providing an incredibly rich enhancement to the worship service.

The Worship Band (under Linda Styzek's direction) continues to enrich each service with very talented musicians and vocalists.

The Chancel Choir (under Alberto Mantovano's leadership) is now in full swing for the Fall/Winter season with 10 beautiful voices and impressive harmonies.

Carin Zachar has scheduled her fabulous Bell Tones and JuBELLation Choirs through the Fall and Winter season with the first Fall performance on October 16.

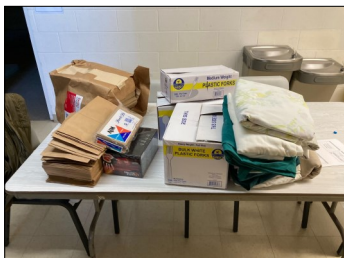
The Music Committee continues to meet for scheduling, budgets and upcoming special events including the Advent Season.

At the next service take a moment to thank our wonderful music volunteers and staff.

Music Committee Members: Bob Burdick, Chair; Colleen Kave, Carin Zachar, Jay Virchow, Julie Kurka; **Staff:** Linda Styzek, Paul Cochran, Alberto Montovano



PADS



PADS (Continued)



Mission: Food Pantry

The Lutheran Church of the Cross Food Pantry is grateful to the St. John congregation for their continued support. Here are the alternating food donation suggestions for the coming months, although any donation will be gladly accepted. These items are what is most needed. Thank you.

November 6—All types of canned soups

November 13—Peanut butter, 16 oz. to 28 oz. max.

November 20—White rice, 1-2 lb. bags/boxes (or Rice-a-Roni, if plain white is not available)

November 27—Any of the above choices

December 4—All types of canned soups

December 11—Peanut butter, 16 oz. to 28 oz. max.

December 18—White rice, 1-2 lb. bags/boxes (or Rice-a-Roni, if plain white is not available)

December 25—Any of the above choices

January 1—All types of canned soups

January 8—Peanut butter, 16 oz. to 28 oz. max.

January 15—White rice, 1-2 lb. bags/boxes (or Rice-a-Roni, if plain white is not available)

January 22—Any of the above choices

January 29—All types of canned soups

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Tones Rehearsal 7pm Spiritual Life Committee Meeting	2 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm PADS	3 1pm Cards 	4	5 10am Pastor's Reading Group
6 Twenty-Second Day after Pentecost 9am JuBellation Rehearsal 10am Communion Worship 11am Coffee Hour	7	8 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Tones Rehearsal 7pm Conversations on Race 7pm Council Meeting	9 4pm Brownie Troop Meeting 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm PADS	10 4pm Girl Scouts Meeting	11	12 5pm Christian Ed Trivia Night & Pot Luck Dinner
13 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Stewardship Sunday 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	14 2pm Book Club 	15 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Tones Rehearsal 7pm stewardship Committee Meeting	16 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm PADS	17 1pm Cards 	18	19
20 Reign of Christ Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am JuBellation Rehearsal 10am Communion Worship 11am Coffee Hour	21	22 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Tones Rehearsal 7pm Conversations on Race	23 7pm PADS	24 Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 First Sunday of Advent 9:15am JuBellation Rehearsal 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	28	29 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Tones Rehearsal	30 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm PADS			



Happy Birthday!

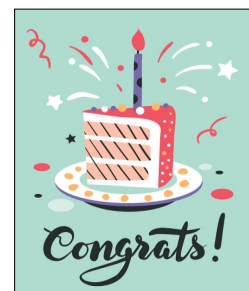


November	
2nd	Matt Temple
5th	Amy Decker & Jessica Giambarberee
6th	Isla Kave
10th	Linda Rothermel & Paul Thoms
13th	Joseph Bednarz & Christian Pump
4th	Rick Grimes
18th	Wally Schultz
24th	Charles Lewis & David Payne
27th	Kathie Schultz
29th	Geoffrey Gephart & Pat Riemer




December			
1st	Stephanie Frost	14th	Brenda Buske
2nd	Nancy Wirth	15th	Charlotte Brinson & Hannah Goto
3rd	Diane Bednarz & Al Drummond	17th	Lois Pump
5th	Isac Chagoya	18th	Julie Kurka
6th	Ryan Petersen	19th	Noel Payne & Cliff Schultz
7th	Meadow McNaney	20th	Tyler Delahanty & Corrie Roesslein
8th	Daniel Salazar & Gabriela Slonke	23rd	Holly Endicott
9th	Chad Kurka & George Polk	25th	Kayla Brunetti
10th	Alex Blye	30th	Jodi O'Brien & Rachel Thoms
12th	Holly Petersen	31st	Brad Kave



January	
1st	Judy Grimes & Blake Mosser
5th	Frank Styzek, Kimberly Vogt & Laurie Vombrack
6th	Jecssica Rivera Vega & Tim Travis
8th	Cheryl Riley
9th	Michelle Brinson
11th	Kelly Johnson
12th	Latosha Polk
15th	Alberto Mantovano
18th	Hanna Cooper
23rd	Grace Breisch & Nicole Kuhl
24th	Lorraine Messenger
25th	Sue Thoms
28th	John Buske & Katie Checuga



December 2022

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				1 1pm Cards 	2	3 10am Pastor's Reading
4 Second Sunday of Advent 9:15am JuBellation Rehearsal 10am Communion Worship 11am Coffee Hour	5	6 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Tones Rehearsal 7pm Spiritual Life Committee Meeting	7 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm PADS	8 4pm Girl Scouts Meeting	9	10 9am Hopeful Beginnings 5pm St. John Social Christmas Pot Luck
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25 Christmas Day 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	26 Church Office Closed	27 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Tones Rehearsal 7pm Conversations on Race	28 7pm PADS	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

Thank You St. John Home Food Delivery Volunteers

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Dear St John United Church of Christ Volunteers:

Thank you so much for serving as a volunteer for Wheeling Township's Home Delivered Meal Program ("meals on wheels") during the month of AUGUST.

Your time and compassion is appreciated very much. I look forward to working with all of you again next year.

Special thanks to Janice Gilligan for all her hard work as Church Coordinator for this program!

Again, thank you, and Happy Labor Day to all of you 😊

Anne Camarano

Home Delivered Meal Program Coordinator
 Wheeling Township

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day First Sunday after Christmas 10am Communion Worship 11am Coffee Hour	2	3 10am Bible Study 7pm Spiritual Life Committee Meeting	4 7pm PADS	5 1pm Cards 	6 Epiphany 5pm Wedding Rehearsal	7 10am Pastor's Reading Group
8 The Baptism of Christ First Sunday after Epiphany 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	9 2pm Book Club 	10 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Tones Rehearsal 7pm Council Meeting	11 4pm Brownies Troop Meeting 6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm PADS	12 4pm Girl Scouts Meeting	13	14 ark
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Confirmation at St. John

St. John will have a confirmation class this year! If you have a child who is currently in 7th or 8th grade, please contact Pastor Michael. We're looking forward to a great year!

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ST. JOHN UCC OPEN & AFFIRMING STATEMENT

The congregation of St. John United Church of Christ rejoices that our community of faith is strengthened by diversity. We declare ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation, extending God's extravagant welcome to all people regardless of culture, economic status, age, sex, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, marital status, or physical/mental condition. We invite everyone to join our journey of faith and participate fully in the life of our congregation.

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