



ST. JOHN UCC APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On our calendars it says we are officially in the season of Spring. Our weather does not always agree. However, our weather is something we cannot control, yet many worry about it. Caution concerning flooding can be worrisome, but, again, there's nothing we can do about the falling rain.

Worry. Is that a sin? This Lenten season we have been talking about habits and attitudes that separate us from God. I suppose if worry causes us to move away from God, it would be considered a sin. Yet Jesus has a few things to teach us about worry in Matthew 6:25-27, 33-34

²⁵ "Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? ²⁷ Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life?" ³³ Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

According to Jesus, we will live longer if we stop worrying. Therefore I pray that we grow closer to God, as we give the Almighty our worries this season of new creation.

Peace and blessings as we look forward to sunny days and flowers in the garden.

Pastor Rosemary Captain



AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Recently hospitalized:

LaVerne Kistler

April Birthdays:

4/1 Trisann Underwood

4/2 Brenna Cohlmeier

4/11 Madison Brown

4/18 Tom Miller

4/24 Stacie Pickens

4/27 Becky Riess

April Anniversaries:

4/26 Tiffani & Brad Eisenhauer # 15

EVENING CIRCLE

As the year winds down for the Evening Circle we would like to thank everyone who bought sub sandwiches and turtles, bought raffle tickets and brought gifts for the child we sponsored at Christmas. We always have a lot of fun getting together for these projects. Your support has allowed us to donate generously to various groups. Make sure to look around the Sanctuary as some of the ladies got together for a cleaning day in February. A big thanks to Judy Schmitt who keeps the prayer cards and pencils and other items stocked up in the pews and makes the welcome bags for guests. At our March meeting we disbursed the funds we have worked hard to collect all year. This year we gave to the building fund, OCWM, Fairview Heights Food Pantry, the camp scholarship fund, Hoyelton and DuBois. For our last meeting of the year we will be having dinner at Houlihan's for fun and fellowship.

The Evening Circle meets the third Monday of the month and all ladies of St. John are welcome. Hope to see you all in September!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Pancake Breakfast was a great success. We had a turnout of about 35 people. The donations came to \$156.00 and will go to the mission trip to Peru.

BIG THANKS to all who came and a SPECIAL THANKS to all the workers.

Pennies for mission for April will go to Heifer Project.

Sunday School

Our Mission Possible project to help Barb Whitaker collect medicines and health care products to take to Peru will have its final collection on Easter Sunday, April 1. All of your contributions of supplies and “Pennies for Mission” cash are appreciated. She collected enough medicines that they will have to be put in extra containers to fly with her – and you know what airlines charge for extra baggage! Please be generous this Sunday in the “Pennies for Mission” collection.

Easter Sunday we will have Sunday School. We have a lesson and some fun planned. Don't miss it!

Mission Possible for April will bring help to animals at the Belleville area Humane Society shelter. We are collecting fabric, batting and polyfil. Any size **washable fabric** is welcome. Yes, even the smallest scraps are useful. You do not have to wash it before donating it. We will use the larger pieces to make pillow cases and stuff them with the smaller bits and pieces. The cases will be sewn shut to make washable “beds” for the animals at the shelter. Let's be a blessing to all God's creation!



Remember: Adult Sunday School continues after Easter. 8:45 am – 9:30 every Sunday morning!



Choir

April will be a busy month for choir. Of course, we will sing of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. We will also sing at Pastor's installation on the afternoon of April 15. We will be joined by the choir of Pastor's home church, St. Paul of Lebanon for that service. The two choirs will have only one practice together, at 1 pm, two hours before the installation April 15. See the additional article with details about the installation.

Installation of Pastor Rosemary Captain

Who doesn't love a celebration? Join St. John in installing Rev. Rosemary Captain as our settled pastor and teacher on Sunday, April 15, at 3:00 p.m. Our Illinois South Conference minister, Rev. Shana Johnson, will officiate, with Rev. Dr. Donald C. Wagner bringing the message.

Rev. Dr. Douglas Anders from Concordia UCC, Pastor Cory Hartz from Trinity UCC, and Pastor Norma Patterson from Good Shepherd of Faith UCC in East St. Louis will be participating, along with dear friends of Pastor Rosemary. Other pastors from all around the conference will be here to celebrate. There will be a joint choir of the St. John and St. Paul of Lebanon.

A reception will follow the service. There will be a basket for cards of congratulation for Pastor Rosemary. She is asking that no gifts be given.



GUEST SPEAKER, 10 AM, APRIL 15



And just in case you have decided that the afternoon service will be your worship opportunity for the day..... We will have a testimony of faith service the morning of April 15, 10 am. Nancy Monroe of O'Fallon will give a heart-touching testimony based on "The Old Rugged Cross". What a good excuse to give the day to God in prayer and praise!

NOTES AND THANK YOU'S

I wanted to let everyone know that I really appreciate and am deeply moved by the generous amount of donations for my medical mission to Peru. I want to thank those who donated directly to me, Sue G, Dorothy O, Urban & MaryLou B, Rosemary W, Eileen G, Sharon B and all those who donated each week to pennies for a mission (Janice P, I seen the extra money going in) and brought in needed supplies.

Thank you Becky & children's education for donating the pancake breakfast money. This money is going to help get all of our groups donated medical supplies to Peru, and help purchase much needed medication there. Please forgive me if I forgot someone!

Please remember us in prayer during our trip April 20 to April 29

I plan to return with pictures, stories and memories to share with everyone!
Sincerely, Barb

Come Support:
St. John UCC
 Come eat with us and support the cause!

Houlihan's
 Monday April 16, 2018
 11:00am-9:00pm
 15 Ludwig Dr.
 Fairview Heights, IL

Donating Back **15%**
 for
DuBois Church
Camp Fund

This meal will only happen if at least **20**
 commitments to eat are made by April 13, 2018

To Commit to Eat: visit
<https://www.groupraise.com/events/58310>
 Click on the button **Commit to Eat**

Or visit: www.stjohnfairview.org
 Click on [Read More](#) under the announcement
 about Camp DuBois Fund Raiser
 Church contact: Sharon Banjavcic

OUR CHURCH WORKERS FOR APRIL

USHERS

- April 1 – Barb Whitaker and Wyatt, Janice Petroff
- April 8 – Sue Ganschinetz and Sue Sharp
- April 15 10 am – Wayne Schlosser and Carol Bulva
- April 15 3 pm – Wayne Schlosser, Urban and Mary Lou Baum
- April 22 – Lew and Silas Thomasino
- April 29 – Ginny Ganschinetz and grandson

LITURGISTS

- 4/1 Eileen Gammon
- 4/8 Anne Brown
- 4/15 Lew Thomasino
- 4/29 Tiffany Baldwin

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR APRIL

April 8 Acts 4:32-35
 1 John 1:1-2:2

April 15 Acts 3:12-19
 1 John 3:1-7

April 22 Acts 4:5-12
 1 John 3:16-24

April 29 Acts 8:26-40
 1 John 4:7-21

May 6 Acts 10:44-48
 1 John 5:1-6



Quilt Show

Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 9:00-2:00 at St John United Church of Christ, 55 West Church Street, Mascoutah, IL 62258, 618-566-7311. 200+ quilts will be displayed at the 39th Annual Quilt Show. Bed Turning at 9:45 – featuring Creative Quilts from strips, jellyrolls, layer cakes and charms. Demonstrations at 10:45, 11:30, 12:15 and 1:00. Items for sale include baby quilts, queen size quilts, and hand crafted items. There will be a raffle prize drawing for “We all Scream for Ice Cream” quilt, with all proceeds donated to Dubois Center. Raffle tickets available at the quilt show. Attendance prizes will be awarded. Luncheon available ~ Homemade Pie and desserts. \$3.00 admission

April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> ● <u>Easter Service 10am</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> ● <u>8:45 am Bible Study</u> ● <u>Sunday Worship 10am</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> ● <u>7pm Church Council</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> ● <u>8:45 am Bible Study</u> ● <u>Sunday Worship 10am</u> ● <u>Pastor's Installation Service 3pm</u>	<u>16</u> ● <u>11am - 9pm Fundraiser at Houlihan's Restaurant</u> ● <u>6pm Evening Circle</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u> ● <u>8:45 am Bible Study</u> ● <u>Sunday Worship 10am</u> ● <u>Aluminum Recycling</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> ● <u>8:45 am Bible Study</u> ● <u>Sunday Worship 10am</u>	<u>30</u>					