

St. John United Church of Christ

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We are an Open and Affirming congregation, where all are welcome.



JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Matthew 2:11-12 “The three men from the East entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.”

This time of year many people decide to make changes. I won't call them resolutions. Resolve is a strong word. Maybe it's just a change in your journey called life. Just like the Magi, a different route or path, might be the answer. Notice that they would NOT have gone back by another route if God had not talked to them in a dream. At least that's what

I call the dream – God speaking and saying “take a different route and I will be with you on your new journey.”

Change is never easy; neither is breaking bad habits or adding good habits. Trying to do these things alone makes the journey harder. There can be pot holes in the road, the GPS can be incorrect, the radiator can need water, or the motor oil run dry. That’s when we need our family and friends to help us out. It’s all about support. The best diets recommend sharing your journey with others and Alcoholics Anonymous would not be successful without meetings. THE BEST SUPPORT YOU CAN RECEIVE IS FROM GOD. Just invite God along for your journey of change or your resolutions.

May you receive peace and blessings in 2019.

Pastor Rosemary
& Ben



AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



January Birthdays:

1/2 Judy Hartmann
1/4 Job Ganschinietz
1/4 March Ganschinietz
1/6 Chris Taylor
1/14 Jim Turnbull
1/21 Eileen Gammon

1/22 Kendra Clark
1/24 Cheri Schutzenhofer
1/27 Shari Hamilton
1/28 Amy Brink
1/28 Trenton Pickens
1/29 Ensley Turnbull

Directory Changes:

Carol & Terry Randle
813 Brooke Ln.
New Athens, IL 62264

Mike & Melinda Stidham
new phone # 618-509-2022

Memorials:

For Eileen Cox

Urban & Mary Lou Baum, Joe & Carol Bulva, Jack & Eileen Gammon, Earlene White, Yvonne Weber, Rich & Judy Schmitt, Ruth Ogles, Tom & Jan Miller, Russ & Judy Hartmann, Janice Vogt, Kathy & Steve Odenwald, Larry & Becky Riess, Diana Schneider



Prayers and Condolences: to Chuck Kistler on the death of his brother, Doug.

Prayer List:

Tom Petroff, Dave Seneczyn, Roger Fox, Eric White, Sandy Fort, Stacy Bunetic, Ethan Reiss, Gary Carr, Craig Meyer, Paul Fuchs, Amanda

Shut Ins:

Ardella Morris, Alice Stidham, Terry Kissel, Jacque Mantel, Darleen Bax



Sunday Ministers of Worship:

Ushers:

1/ 6 – Wayne Schlosser & Lew Thomasino
1/13 – Tom & Jan Miller
1/20 – Sue Ganschinetz & Jim Turnbull
1/27 – Ginny Ganschinetz & Dorothy Ovelgoenner

Liturgists and Liturgy:

1/6 Wayne Schlosser	Isaiah 60:1-6 Colossians 3:12-17
1/13 Jan Miller	Isaiah 43:1-7
1/20 Sue Williams	Isaiah 62:1-5
1/27 Ginny Ganschmietz	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
2/3 TBD	Jeremiah 1:4-10

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:



IN SEARCH OF . . . Three council members to serve for 2 years on the Church Council. Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. Please prayerfully consider joining.

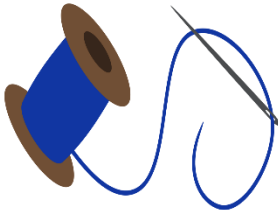
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Be sure to plan to be here on Sunday, January 20 for the Annual Congregational meeting after worship. We will need a quorum to vote.

WORKS DAYS

Taking down the Christmas decorations – Monday, January 7

If you would like to help take down and stow the Christmas decorations, please be at church at 9:00 that day. With lots of help, it shouldn't take long.



Peru Project – Feminine Hygiene Kits – Tuesday, January 8

We have 100 kits completed, with pieces of many more ready to go. We are more than half way there!

We will start at 10:00 a.m. Stay as long as you like. Come later in the day as you like or are able. The church will be open until 4:00 p.m. Here are jobs that need to be done:

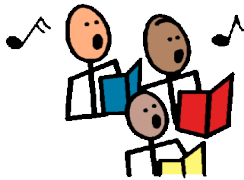
- sewing/serging
- turning/pressing
- tracing/cutting
- installing snaps
- installing ribbon
- counting and packing

Hopefully you can spare some time on January 8. We will have additional monthly work days, on the first Tuesday of each month, until we reach our goal. If you can come and have any of the following, please bring it with you that day:

- sewing machine and usual sewing supplies
- serger
- scissors that will cut fabric
- cutting mat, ruler and rotary cutter

You do not have to have sewing skills! Just bring a sharp scissors and come. We will train you.

Thank you so much for your support so far! You have given time, talent, materials and money so that St. John can serve our neighbors in Peru. I am asking that you still keep up the gifts of underwear (girls' sizes 10, 12, 14) and cash.



Choir Notes

A big “Thank you!” to the choir for all they did for worship during December. They sang each Sunday during Advent and along with four additional voices, sang two anthems on Christmas Eve. The voices sounded great each Sunday, and especially on Christmas Eve. I hope you were able to hear them. They certainly enriched my Christmas experience.

Come and sing with us! Contact Nancy about the next opportunity to sing! 233-5894



Sunday School/Christmas Program

Hopefully, you were at St. John on December 23 to see our production of “O Come, Let Us Adore Him.” The kids did a marvelous job, whether they were speaking or just emoting their role in the nativity. It was fun to see them dressed up in costume, presenting the scene at the manger. Many thanks to the Sunday School teachers and parents who got the kids prepped and ready!

PENNIES FOR MISSION FOR JANUARY will go to OCWM.

Illinois South Conference, Region 9 Youth Mission Event



Region 9 of the Illinois South Conference is committed to keeping youth active and interested in our area churches.

Our next event is a couple of mission projects. **On Sunday, February 10, 1:00, at O'Fallon UCC, 206 West Adams, O'Fallon**, the kids will be making 50 Valentine boxes for Kindercottage. They will also be preparing colored, plastic bags for use in making mats for the homeless.

Here is how you can help!

The kids need some supplies – please sign up for the following at church:

- valentine gift wrap
- wrapped Valentine candy
- printed Valentine cards (packages for little ones, think school)

The kids will be using the plastic bags to make “plarn”, or plastic yarn. If you crochet and would like to take some of the plastic yarn and crochet a mat or two, we will get the instructions along with materials to you.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 AA meeting 7 p.m.	4	5
6 Worship at 10 am with Holy Communion & Fellowship time	7 Christmas decorations coming down 9 a.m.	8 Sewing day 10 till 4 p.m. Boy Scouts meeting	9 Council meeting 7 p.m.	10 AA meeting 7 p.m.	11	12
13 Worship at 10 am	14	15 Boy Scouts meeting	16	17 AA meeting 7 p.m.	18	19
20 Worship at 10 am Annual Congregational	21 Evening Circle 7 p.m.	22 1/22 - 1/28 Pastor Rosemary on vacation	23	24 AA meeting 7 p.m.	25	26
27 Worship at 10 am with guest minister Angie Hausmann	28	29 Region 9 meeting at 7 pm Boy Scouts meeting	30	31 AA meeting 7 p.m.		

