

AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of faith,

The saying goes, “if you don’t like the weather in the Midwest, just wait a few hours because it will change.” Another thing that changes is the Covid virus. Just when we think we are on “the other side” of this pandemic, variants pop-up and people are getting sick again.

Please know that your Church Council is paying attention to all of these changes and the Illinois Department of Public Health recommendations. Evidently if you have had a conversation for 15 minutes with someone who tested positive, you should get tested after 5 days of that conversation and try to isolate yourself in the meantime. If you test positive, you should quarantine yourself for 10 days and then get retested. If you are indoors with a crowd of people, wear your masks. Or if you are just not sure, wear them anyway. There’s no shame in that.

What about at church? I think we need to go back to having the ushers dismiss us starting with those in the back. We ask that you go on outside and have conversations with others out there so we don’t “bunch up” in the narthex. Usually we sit far enough apart and you are welcome to wear a mask anytime. Hopefully taking those small measures will keep us safe.

You are beloved. Be safe. Get vaccinated if you haven’t already done so.
Peace. Pastor Rosemary.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

8/3	Jeanette Brown	8/12	Joe Bulva
8/4	Bill Underwood	8/13	Donald Krieg
8/5	Eric Moayer	8/23	Amanda Hamilton
8/7	Brad Eisenhauer	8/23	Cindy Harris
8/9	Mike Stidham	8/23	Rich Schmitt





AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

- 8/6 Gene & Sue Ganschietz # 44
- 8/26 Gary & Carla Warning # 43

MEMORIALS:

For Ruth Ogles

Sue Ganschietz, Nancy & Jim Eisenhower, Carol & Joe Bulva (these were omitted by the secretary last month).

PRAYER LIST:

Urban Baum, Donna Isselhard, Nelson Libell, Joe Knapp, Jim Garrett, Agnes Doctolero, Julie Walker, David Seneczyn, Cathy Ganschietz, Warren Neff, Baby Hannah Mosco, Jack Harris, Wayne Huff, Jackie Canterbury.

NOTES AND THANK YOU'S

To my St. John's Family,

Thank you so much for the graduation gifts/treats! It was so incredibly nice/thoughtful of everyone, especially the Riess family, to think of me and send me congratulations. St. John has always kept me in mind and welcomed me back with open arms, and I am very grateful for that.

Many blessings, Rachel Hughes



St. John UCC & Riess Family,

Thank you for the clever graduation cards. I enjoyed all of the snacks that came with them. I still feel like I am part of this church because I was baptized there.

I will put my education to good use as the new shop teacher at O'Fallon Township High School.

Thanks, Adam Mueller



It will soon be September, and choir will once again be singing. It will be so good to have a group together again!

This year we will have some paid singers. As in many other churches, volunteer choir members are in short supply. We will have three or four singers (one per part) who will supplement our ranks. The money to pay these singers will come from the Ed and Bernice Warning endowment fund.

YOU are still welcome to sing with the choir. My goal is to fill the sanctuary with sound! We sing once a month, so I'm not asking for a weekly commitment. We'd love to have you.

Nancy Eisenhauer

“CALLING ALL MEMBERS AND PARISHIONERS”

Recently your Church Council had been concerned about notifying everyone quickly. Judy sends out blast emails, but what about those without computers? So they are looking into a “one call” system like they have a school. Here’s more information from Sharon who has been working on this project.

“New Way to Communicate with Church Members”

A software package called Call Multiplier will be used to help church staff contact members of the congregation by phone message or text message. The Church Council has been looking for ways to reach members who do not have Internet access. We have decided to try a software package called, Call Multiplier. This software will allow a voice message to be sent to your home or cell phone or a text message to your cell phone. Judy will be contacting each person to see whether you would prefer a voice message be sent to your home phone or cell phone or a text message to your cell phone.

The text message phone number you will see when a message is sent from the church is (618) 226-5798. The text message will start with the church’s name “St. John UCC”.

When a voice message is sent you will see the church’s phone number (618) 397-6323 and the church’s name Saint John UCC.

If you have questions, please contact Sharon Banjavcic (618) 235-8563 or (618) 581-9078 text or voice message can be left at this number.

Thank you!

Sharon Banjavcic

USHERS FOR AUGUST

Sunday, August 1 – Ginny Ganschinietz and Sue Ganschinietz

Sunday, August 8 – Christina Hardin-Weiss and Sue Williams

Sunday, August 15 – Tom and Jan Miller

Sunday, August 22 – Tom and Jan Miller

Sunday, August 29 – Christina Hardin-Weiss and Judy Schmitt

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

The Council recently voted to transfer \$6000.00 from general funds to the Parking Lot Loan to complete payment on it. Please continue to give the parking lot as you are able so we will have sufficient funds when we again have to resurface the lot.

August

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am	2	3 Bible Study 7 pm via Zoom	4	5 AA Meeting	6	7
8 Worship at 10 am	9	10 Bible Study 7 pm via Zoom	11 Church Council 7 pm Via Zoom	12 AA Meeting	13	14
15 Worship at 10 am	16	17 Bible Study 7 pm via Zoom	18	19 AA Meeting	20	21
22 Worship at 10 am	23	24	25	26 AA Meeting	27	28
29 Worship at 10 am	30	31				