



OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST

10207 Lincoln Trail, Fairview Heights, IL

618-397-6323

Website: www.stjohnfairview.org

Email address: info@stjohnfairview.com

Pastor Rosemary Captain

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

First of all, thank you all so much for the cards, prayers, and well wishes during my “surgical adventure”. Knowing you were supporting me truly boosted my morale during the “down” days. Thank you, Nancy, Angie, and Rev. Goddard for serving St. John in worship in my absence.

Common wisdom says you learn something new with every experience. That was certainly true for me. I had my left knee replaced in 2008 so I assumed the right knee surgery experience would be pretty much the same; how wrong I was!! I may be older but not wiser. It seemed to be more painful this time; maybe its my age. (I like to blame my age for everything.)

Of course, Covid had something to do with this experience. Masks on during physical therapy, being quarantined in my room in rehab, no visitors, . . . well you get the picture. And this time, my sciatic nerve in my back decided to flare up.



Enough of my venting and complaining, I should count the blessings I received from God. God gives us talented and well-trained surgeons, nurses, and technicians. God gives us mechanical engineers to design parts for my knee replacement. God gives us scientists to invent CT scanners and MRI’s. God gives us nutritionists to be sure we have the right food to make us heal faster. Plus, we are fortunate to live in a country where there is a bed to rest in that has clean sheets, and no bugs to contend with. Without God, the surgery to relieve arthritic pain would not have been possible.

Thank you, church family and God for seeing me safely through this “new” experience.
Peace to you all, Pastor Rosemary

Memorial:

For Alan Canterbury
Jackie, Ellen & Chris

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

10/9 Janice Petroff
10/15 Lew Thomasino
10/15 Gemma Thomasino
10/18 Pastor Rosemary
10/20 John Arbeiter
10/20 Cole Underwood
10/21 Silas Thomasino

10/23 Doris Stewart
10/25 Caitlin Turnbull
10/27 Terry Randle
10/27 Morgan Myers
10/28 Melinda Stidham
10/29 Russ Hartmann
10/30 Chuck Kistler



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

10/15 Melinda & Mike Stidham # 10
10/20 Becky & Larry Riess # 31
10/20 Chris & John Arbeiter # 20
10/22 Judy & Rich Schmitt # 44

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY (I missed last month)

9/10 Sharon & Chuck Kistler # 38

ST. JOHN PRAYER LIST: Urban Baum, Donna Isselhard, Joe Knapp, Agnes Doctolero, David Seneczyn, Cathy Ganschinetz, Warren Neff, Jack Harris, Wayne Huff, Doris Moody. (If there are names on this list that you believe can be removed, call the church secretary.)

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Ardella Morris
1201 Hartman Lane Apt. 235
Belleville, IL 62221

Darlene Bax
220 Fieldcrossing Drive Apt. 40
Highland, IL 62249

Terry Kissel
429 South Main Street Room 228
Shiloh, IL 6226



Jeanette Brown
5904 Perrin Road
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

USHERS

October 3 – Ginny Ganschietz & Sue Ganschietz

October 10 – Sue Williams & Lew Thomasino

October 17 – Sue Sharp & Judy Schmitt

October 24 – Christina Hardin-Weiss & Carol Bulva

October 31 – Chuck Kistler & Nancy Eisenhauer

Evening Circle

Welcome Ladies and Fall.

Remember our next Evening Circle meeting is Oct. 10th, after church. As the church ushers dismiss you, please come back to the L-room. We will hold our meeting and then have a short fall craft (still masked and social distancing).

If anyone has new ideas for fund raising again this year, please let us know. With our small group and limited church attendance fund raising has become a harder challenge.

Hope to see you all then.

Hopefully the following will put a smile on your face.

You know you're old when.....you've driven the last 20 miles with your right turn signal on!!!!

Eileen Gammon, Co-Chair

Choir

I cannot tell you how wonderful it was to have choir together again to sing in worship! True – it was virtual, but gathering together to sing prayer and praises was a very welcome step toward normalcy.

We will do this again for October. This month will feature Stacie Pickens with a beautiful flute accompaniment to “Here I Am, Lord”. My hope is that soon we will be live in the chancel on Sunday mornings.

There is room in the chancel for more singers. Come and sing!

Nancy Eisenhauer



Presents....



**Join the Chorale as they present the first full concert in 19 months!
The concert will feature our favorite songs from the Broadway
stage.**

Friday, October 15 at 7:00pm

Webster Hills UMC

698 W. Lockwood Ave. - Webster Groves, MO 63119

Sunday, October 17 at 3pm

St. John UCC

307 W Clay St. - Collinsville, IL 62234

Both concerts are free – an offering will be accepted.

For more information, visit www.singcc.org.

Please note: both venues may require masks for attendees.

October

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Riven, a gospel quartet will lead us in worship at 10 am. Also	4	5	6	7 AA Meeting	8	9
10 Worship at 10 am Evening Circle meeting after	11	12	13 Church Council 7 pm Via Zoom	14 AA Meeting	15	16 Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting
17 Worship at 10 am	18	19	20	21 AA Meeting	22	23
24 Worship at 10 am	25	26	27	28 AA Meeting	29	30
31 Worship at 10 am						

Don't forget ...

**Riven, a men's gospel quartet will be at church to lead
worship this Sunday, October 3!**

Riven will also perform Saturday night, October 2, at Grace Church in
Fairview Heights, at 6:30 p.m.