



AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Dear brothers and sisters of faith,

Yes, it's hot but I assure you, I'm not preaching fire and brimstone.

However, starting July 24, we have been talking about prayer. It begins when the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray (Luke 11:1). Praying is truly a gift from God. Our God is not a distant, cold, unfeeling, entity that we cannot connect with. Our God wants to hear from us. Even if God knows what is happening in our lives, God still wants to hear how we feel about those happenings. God invites us to pour out our joys and struggles with God. That's why we should pray.

Anyone can pray; small children, teenagers, older adults, even people who cannot speak or hear. Prayer doesn't have to be formal. Prayer doesn't have to use "fancy, churchy" words. You can talk to God just like you would with a good friend. Prayer can be long or short. Some prayers are only one word, HELP! You can pray when you've had a good day and you don't really have anything you want to ask God. That's okay. God wants to hear good news, too; not just complaining.

The one thing we should always include in any prayer is thanksgiving and praise. God gave us our lives and so many others blessings. We should say THANK YOU.

Peace and many blessings, Pastor Rosemary

COUNCIL NOTES

It has been a busy year so far and almost all of our projects have been completed. The new water fountain is in place, the work on the new water valve is done and we have air conditioning in the sanctuary again. The only big project left right now is having the cemetery fence repaired and we are patiently for it to be our turn for Chesley to complete that. A huge thanks to Tom Miller for his hard work getting these projects done.

Sadly though we lost one of our members in July. Judy Hartmann had some big shoes to fill but Judy Schmitt has agreed to fill the rest of Judy's unfinished term on the council.

Thank you Judy for helping us out on this.

Sue Williams, Church Council President

Two Opportunities to Help Illinois South Conference

DuBois Center

DuBois Center turns 60 in 2022, marking the year we took ownership of the land. While the first 60 years have been great, DuBois needs some maintenance and expansion to get ready for the next 60. We are over 80% of our way to our goal of \$225,290 and need your help to get us the rest of the way.

St. John members can contribute to Illinois South's outdoor ministries at DuBois by bringing an offering marked for DuBois Center to worship or to the church office by Sunday, October 9. It will go to the Annual Meeting of Illinois South Conference with our delegates.

Noisy Offering

Hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons...Victims of these natural disasters receive help from the UCC Disaster Ministries who work to provide initial responses and long-term follow-up by providing financial assistance & volunteer groups. This year at the Annual Meeting the "Noisy Offering" will go for the UCC's efforts in disaster relief.

Pennies for Mission for August and September will go to the Noisy Offering for the UCC Disaster Ministries. All your gifts – noisy or not – are welcome!

A GIANT THANK YOU

Our new air/heating system has been installed by **Sigman Heating and Air Conditioning, Belleville**. We all enjoyed having services in a cool sanctuary Sunday morning.

Sigman was able to locate a unit that fit our needs quickly and pulled technicians from other jobs to get the units installed before Sunday services. It's been a pleasure working with Sigman Heating and Air Conditioning. Tom Miller

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

I recently moved \$10,000 from Building Savings plus \$5,000 from Memorials and took the remaining \$1,986 from the checkbook to pay for the two new furnaces/ac units.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Funerals: The service for Judy Hartmann, our church secretary for the past 26 years, was held at Kurrus Funeral Home on July 12th followed by a luncheon at church. We extend our sympathy to Russ and Vicki Hartmann.

The service for Leah Horner, former member and choir director, was July 20 at First Baptist Church in Collinsville. We extend our sympathy to friends and to her daughter, Tracy Garner.

MEMORIALS:

For Judy Hartmann from: Sharon & Steve Banjavcic, Mary Lou & Urban Baum, Amy & Cody Brink, Carol & Joe Bulva, Rev. Rosemary Captain, Jim & Nancy Eisenhauer, Eileen Gammon, Sue and Gene Ganschinietz, Ginny Ganschinietz, Henry & Sally Gentsch, Elva Heiligenstein, Chuck & Sharon Kistler, Tom & Jan Miller, Dorothy Ovelgoenner, Marilyn Paul, Judy Schmitt, Sue Sharp, William & Carolyn Tippet, Jerry & Diana Trickey, Rosemary Williams, Susan Williams.

For Leah Horner from: Dorothy Ovelgoenner

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	Rebecca Kistler



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

8/6 Gene & Sue Ganschinietz # 45
8/26 Gary & Carla Warning # 44

PRAYER LIST:

Urban Baum, David Seneczyn, Warren Neff, Carol White, Cheri Schutzenhofer, Theo Mally, Jane Riess, Betty Massey, Dorothy Ovelgoenner, Gary Whitkas, Sandy Fort, Ingrid Alexiou, Beatrice Valdez

NOTES AND THANK YOU'S

I wish to say thanks to all who went to the service for Judy, to all who cooked the great desserts for the luncheon and to all who helped decorate and set up for the luncheon. Thank you for the memorials in Judy's memory and a special thank you to Pastor Rosemary for the beautiful service and to Sharon Banjavcic for the lovely music. Thanks to Carol Bulva for the laundry training and household cleaning and to Amy Brink for help with my boots and the time she spends with me.

Russ Hartmann

The Fairview Heights Area Food Pantry appreciates the ongoing support that the St. John United Church of Christ has given us in the past. Your congregation continues to find ways to help the pantry feed our clients. All your efforts are really appreciated. JoAnn Nadler



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

YOU are 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

USHERS FOR AUGUST

Sunday, August 7 – Ginny Ganschinietz and Sue Ganschinietz

Sunday, August 14 – Tom and Jan Miller

Sunday, August 21 – Sue Williams and Chuck Kistler

Sunday, August 28 –

August

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am Fellowship time after worship	8	9	10 Church Council Meeting 7 pm	11	12	13 Church rented for shower
14 Worship at 10 am	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Worship at 10 am	22	23	24	25	26 Memorial service at 10 am for Donna Logston	27
28 Worship at 10 am	29	30	31			