



2023 NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT

ST. JOHN IS PREPARING TO PUBLISH A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We would like to include you/your family in it.
If you wish to be included, do you wish to have your email and/or cell
phone listed.

_____ Yes, please include me/us

_____ is my cell number

_____ is my email address

_____ No do not include me/us in St. John's Directory.

_____ I enjoy reading the weekly Bulletin.

_____ Yes, please continue to email or regular mail the weekly bulletin

_____ No, I do not have time to read it and would prefer not to receive it.

_____ Your Name.

Many of you who receive our newsletter are friends of the church, many are active members and some are very inactive members. For those of you who are inactive members here at St. Johns and may have joined another church, please notify the church if you wish to have your name/names removed from membership.

You may email, mail, or bring the completed questionnaire
to put in the offering basket. Thanks for your cooperation. vg & rc

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST, Every year during Lent, there are many different devotionals available to help you grow closer to God during these 40 days. The UCC has published one called “Running From Empty”. It was written by the God is Still Speaking Writers’ Group. Below I will share one of these daily devotions.

“Provoking Love” written by Marilyn Pagan-Banks

Hebrews 10:24 NRSV

“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.”

(The words of Marilyn) “Every once in a while, I will run across a Facebook post where someone is asking their friends to shift the conversation from what is wrong in the world to something fun or to share what they are grateful for. Sometimes good news is posted and there is an invitation to ‘share’ so that others might know things aren’t all bad all the time.

“These reminders usually come right on time. The heaviness of the struggle for liberation can cause us to burn out and even lash out at those in the fight with us and those attempting to love and care for us. The losses are real. The wounds are deep. The journey is long, and darn it, I am tired!

“So during this Lenten season, I commit to inserting joy and laughter into my daily fight for justice and peace. I commit to saying “thank you” more to those who put their bodies on the line and those who stuff envelopes in the office. I commit to saying “I am sorry” when I mess up or step on toes or am just plain nasty to others. I commit to expressing tenderness and kindness with my siblings and other family members.

“Perhaps this practice will provoke another to the same. And another. And another. Who knows?”

PRAYER: *Source of love and every good thing, help me to ground my anger towards injustice and to source my rage against the isms of the world with a deep abiding love for You, my neighbor, and myself. Amen*

MARILYN PAGAN-BANKS serves as Pastor of San Lucas UCC, Executive Director of A Just Harvest, and Adjunct Professor at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

(If you would like a copy of “Running from Empty”, let me know and I will get you one.)

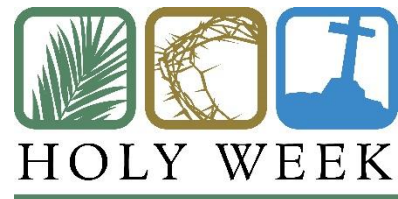
May your Lenten journey be filled with wisdom, love, and a change of heart in order to do what I can to bring compassion to our world. Pastor Rosemary Captain

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: April 2-9, 2023

Palm Sunday April 2 at 10 am

Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm

Easter Sunday service of Word and Sacrament April 9 at 10 am



FREE PROM DRESS EVENT

Free Prom Dress Event Saturday, March 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 200 long and short dresses, shoes and purses all for free. There will be Goodwill donation basket if you so desire. See you there!
Carol Bulva

AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

3/1	Dee Schott	3/9	Jan Miller
3/3	Hayden Myers	3/9	Barb Whitaker
3/8	Nancy Eisenhauer	3/12	Carol Bulva
3/8	Donna Isselhard	3/20	Mary Lou Baum
3/8	Tiffany Baldwin		



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

3/11	Pat Bregen & Larry Cates	# 18
3/14	Mary Lou & Urban Baum	#59
3/16	Amy & Cody Brink	#21
3/17	Tiffany Baldwin & Lew Thomasino	#22
3/20	Jan & Tom Miller	#52

USHERS:

March 5 Eric Moayer and Nancy Eisenhauer
March 12 Tom and Jan Miller
March 19 Sue Williams and Jane Cohlmeier
March 26 Dorothy Ovelgoenner and Nancy Eisenhauer



PRAYER LIST: Urban Baum, David Seneczyn, Cheri Schutzenhofer, Theo Mally, Becky Ballard, Rosemary Williams, Jack O'Day, Ronald Bopp, Floyd Lorenz, Mary (friend of Nancy's), Syd and Pam Safriet, Ashley Schmitt



CHOIR

As we begin Lent and start the road to Easter, the choir will be preparing an anthem for Lent in March and of course will sing on Easter Sunday. I hope you will be in church to receive our message in music. Hopefully we will have an instrumentalist accompanying us on the Sundays we sing: March 12 and April 9. (That means practice, kids!)
Nancy Eisenhauer

DUBOIS QUILT FOR 2023:

On March 12, 2023 The Happy Quilters from St. John UCC in Mascoutah will be here before and after service to sell chances on the Dubois Youth Quilt, "I SPY". Based on the popular books of picture riddles, the quilt has 120 different fabrics for the challenge and it's fun finding hidden objects. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and all proceeds go to DuBois Center. St. John UCC Mascoutah matches all money that the Happy Quilters raise, so each dollar you donate is two dollars for DuBois Center.



And mark your calendars – this year's quilt show at St. John Mascoutah is April 15!

EVENING CIRCLE



March can be a busy month, Daylight Saving Time, Ides of March, St. Patrick's Day, Spring Equinox, and DON'T FORGET OUR MARCH 12th MEETING AFTER CHURCH.

The 12th will be the day after Carol Bulva's Prom Event; therefore, I am sure there will be plenty to discuss.

We will also make plans for our next meeting. DON'T FORGET MARCH 12TH IS THE START OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME!

DID YOU KNOW:

The final winter full moon will appear on March 6th and 7th. This year it occurs before the spring equinox so it is known as the Lenten Moon.

Eileen Gammon Co-Chair

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DON'T FORGET THE TIME CHANGE ON SUNDAY MARCH 12, WE RETURN TO DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME.

You don't want to be late for church.

March

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Bible Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom AA Meeting	3	4
5 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am Fellowship time after worship	6	7	8 Church Council Meeting at 7 pm via Zoom	9 Bible Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom AA Meeting	10 Final setup for the Prom Dress Event	11 Prom Dress Event 9 to 2 pm
12 Choir rehearsal 9 am Service of Word 10 am Choir sings at service Evening Circle after worship Quilters 4-5:30 pm	13	14	15	16 Hearts & Hands daytime Quilters 10-2 pm Bible Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom AA Meeting	17	18
19 Service of Word 10 am	20	21	22	23 Bible Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom AA Meeting	24	25
26 Service of Word 10 am	27	28	29	30 Bible Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom AA Meeting	31	