



AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Wednesday, Friday 8 am – 1 pm

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ,

PRAYER FOR TEXAS

Gracious God,

We find ourselves in difficult times as we sit in solidarity with our family in Christ that has been affected by the significant flooding in Kerr County, Texas and beyond.

We thank you for always being beside us as we continue to learn more about the devastation caused by this storm.

We pray for the families that have lost a loved one, we pray for the families that are facing uncertainty as they await news about their loved ones, and we pray for those who have lost their homes and businesses.

We ask that you provide us with strength as we grieve together, pray together, and rebuild together.

We trust in your greatness that you will bring peace to all those affected by this storm.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.





Thank you to all who have given and supported the food pantry. The **FOOD PANTRY** is still in need of donations, both food and cash. With our current economy, families are struggling to put food on the table. Everyone is affected. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. Food donations can be brought to the church or the Fairview Heights Area Food Pantry at 10025 Bunkum Rd (rear) Fairview heights. Any help that you offer will be used to its full potential.

- Breakfast items
- Canned meats
- Hardy soups
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pancake, Syrup and Pancake mix

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was YOU. Carol Bulva

PENNIES FOR MISSION for August will go to **Our Church's Wider Missions**

Who We Are

The United Church of Christ is an inclusive and diverse community of Christians connected by faith that calls us to build a just world for all. Our ministries advocate at a national and global level, but our roots are planted firmly in our local churches in communities like yours.

USHERS FOR AUGUST

Due to vacations and summer schedules, we were unable to supply the Usher list for the month of August. We will post at a later date

OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP

Becky Ballard
1211 Moreland Apt 12
Belleville IL 62223

Jeanette Brown
5904 Perrin Rd
Fairview Heights IL 62208



Jackie Canterbury
105 W Julie St Apt C
Shiloh IL 62269

Ivy Schneider
213 Merriweather Ln
Fairview Heights IL 62208

Yvonne Weber
200 St Clair Dr
Fairview Heights IL 62208

Rosemary Williams
201 S Belt W Apt 110
Belleville IL 62220

People's Prayers for Peace

Did you know what the UCC publishes? You can read a daily prayer from people all over the world by going to:

<https://www.ucc.org/peoples-prayers-for-peace/>
[People's Prayers for Peace United](#) [Church of Christ](#)

People's Prayers for Peace Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

You can also have them forwarded to your Facebook or Twitter account daily.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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 Eisenhower	8/23	Cindy Harris
8/9	Mike Stidham	8/23	Rebecca Kistler



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:



8/6 Gene & Sue Ganschinietz # 48
8/26 Gary & Carla Warning # 47



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 Eisenhower



I hope everyone is staying comfortable inside during this hot weather. We are trying to be mindful of our inside temperature at church during the summer. Tom Miller does a great job of setting the temperature when the building is in use all year long. He has an app on his phone that allows him to adjust the temp remotely. We are trying to use our resources wisely! Please stay cool during this hot weather. Council traditionally does not meet in July, so there were no actions taken last month.

Nancy

CIRCLE

As we are winding down with summer and moving into fall, keep in mind as you are cleaning out closets that CIRCLE will be having their Rummage Sale in April 2026. You can bring in items now (no clothes please) to the back room to store until that April date. Thank you in advance

BACK TO SCHOOL – DONATIONS REQUESTED

Help us ensure that every child in care has the supplies they need to be successful in school. Donating back-to-school supplies to youth in care is a beautiful way to help kids begin the school year with confidence, dignity, and hope. It's more than just giving notebooks and backpacks- it's sending a message that their future matters and they are not alone. Your generosity can spark a fresh start filled with encouragement and possibility.

- 3 Ring Binder
- Dry Erase Markers
- Ink Pens
- No.2 Pencils
- Pocket Folders
- Pencil Bags

Drop off supplies or mail checks to 8 Executive Dr in Fairview Heights. For more information Contact Meghan at 618/688-4727 or mseipp@hoyleton.org



PRAYER LIST: *Becky Ballard, Mary Lou & Urban Baum, Jane Bopp, Ronald Bopp, Jackie Canterbury, Kyle Eads, Gary Hearne, Dorothy Ovelgoenner, Don Mueller, Marilyn Paul, Pam Safriet, Syd Safriet, Nancy Weber, Yvonne Weber*



St John United Church of Christ,

Emmaus Homes has always turned to our faith community to help and today is no exception. I want to thank you for your gift of \$129.75.

Our faith community is instrumental in sustaining our efforts. We truly hope the congregation at St John United Church of Christ is thriving. Thank you again for sharing your blessings with the people of Emmaus, and extending the love of Christ beyond the walls of your church.

With Gratitude, Lisa Key, Chief Development Officer



St John UCC,

Thank you for your most recent contribution to Emmaus. We appreciate all consideration. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you all. Thank you!

Cheyenne, Development Team



THANK YOU BUNCHES AND BUNCHES.

Thank you for the use of your fellowship area and kitchen. The quilt gang and I was able to get some of our quilt projects finished and some were able to start on new projects.

Marion Rud and my gang of sewing girls!

August

2025

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