



JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

**ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST**

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Pastor Rosemary Captain

Blessings to you and your family this new year! It's a time of reflection on where we have been, and a time of renewal looking into the new year. As the family of St. John, we are looking forward to good things this year.

Right now, we are asking for prayers of healing for Pastor Rosemary. She has had more than her share of health issues. She continues to have a bright outlook and faith in her doctors and health community that they will heal her. Please keep her in your prayers.

Looking forward to 2025, this may be a good time to examine your beliefs. Our denomination, the United Church of Christ says, "We believe that each person is unique and valuable. It is the will of God that every person belongs to a family of faith where they have a strong sense of being valued and loved. We believe that each person is on a spiritual journey and that each of us is at a different stage of that journey."

Sometimes it is hard to see our way forward. Things aren't going well, or at least, we can't see the blessing in what is going on in our lives. That's the way life is, isn't it? I believe that if we look for some good, we will find it – may not today or this month, but we will come out of this stronger, and more faith-filled.

I hope that your upcoming year will be one of renewed faith, good will, and a satisfying relationship with everyone around you. (Yes, I know there is always that one relative who is determined to make your life difficult!) Remember, when you are looking for God's help that Elijah didn't find God's voice in the storm, the earthquake, or the fire, but in the small voice. Listen to that small voice.

Blessings for the new year,

Nancy



AN OPPORTUNITY- There are opportunities to host the Fellowship Time following communion on the 1st Sunday of each month. A list of open Sundays is posted in the fellowship area.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

1/4 March Ganschietz
1/4 Job Ganschietz
1/21 Eileen Gammon

1/24 Cheri Schutzenhofer
1/27 Shari Hamilton
1/28 Amy Brink
1/28 Trenton Pickens

JANUARY USHERS

Jan 5 – Nancy Eisenhower, Jan Miller
Jan 12 – Tom & Jan Miller
Jan 19 – Judy Schmitt, Lew Thomasino
Jan 26 – Ginny Ganschietz, Sue Ganschietz





Dear Members of St John UCC Fairview Heights Circle,
Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift of \$100 for a Hope for the Holidays Sponsorship. You are making a tremendous difference in the lives of the youth and families.

Members of St John UCC Fairview Heights Evening Circle, we appreciate the faith you have in Hoyleton Youth and Family Services and again, thank you for your support!

Sincerely, Meghan Seipp, Director of Philanthropy Hoyleton Youth and Family Services

St John UCC Members,
Your generosity demonstrates a commitment to ensuring the warmth and well-being of the little ones we serve in the haven of Uni-Pres Kinder Cottage Childcare Center. Your on-going support for our children is deeply appreciated and provides much-needed support for the families we serve.

With Sincere Gratitude, Aimee Hart, Executive Director

REMEMBER THOSE WHO CAN NOT JOIN US IN WORSHIP:

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Shiloh IL 62269

Rosemary Williams
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Belleville IL 62220

CIRCLE

Our meeting will be Sunday January 12th, 2025 right after church in the L-room. Hopefully everyone has had a stress-free Christmas with family and friends.

In late November, our members signed Christmas cards that would be delivered to Seniors and Veterans. Circle also sent cards to our St. John shut-ins.

Our December meeting was short, but collected money for the food pantry and brought presents for our Kinder Cottage child, Ryder. Tom and Jan Miller helped me deliver all the presents to East St. Louis. Here is a listing of most but not all presents:



- 5 types of outfits + more
- 3 sleepers
- Jacket
- Pair of shoes
- socks
- 2 LARGE boxes of Pampers
- Pkgs. of Baby wipes
- Teething ring

Toys: Pop-Up & Learn, Musical School Bus, Farm Animals, Learning Blocks, Musical Safari, + additional toys.

After our December meeting we played a couple games and enjoyed a light lunch served with good company.

We would like to thank everyone that baked and BOUGHT cookies for the Circle fund-raiser. Each cookie was delicious!!!

God has two dwellings – one in heaven and the other in a grateful heart.

Carol Bulva

COUNCIL

- **Annual Meeting after worship on January 26!! Be there!**
- Please pray for Pastor Rosemary, and her health team as she deals with a couple of health issues.
- Did you miss the Christmas Eve candlelight service? That's OK. Join us for worship in the new year. That's a great start for 2025!
- Would you like to serve the church in some way? Let us know! Call the church office (618-397-6323) or Nancy Eisenhauer (618-971-5814).



PRAYER LIST: Becky Ballard, Mary Lou Baum, Urban Baum, Ronald Bopp, Sandy Bopp, Terry Bopp, Jackie Canterbury, Lisa Captain, Glen Case, Donna Dougan, Lisa Humphrey, Pastor Rosemary, Marilyn Paul, Syd Safriet, Yvonne Weber

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Heartland Hospice is currently seeking volunteers to assist patients in need of care, and would greatly appreciate your support! Volunteers can offer a range of services, either directly to patients or in supportive, behind-the-scenes roles. Volunteering with Hospice provides a deeply rewarding experience that can have a profound impact on both the volunteer and the families.

Thank you for your consideration, Emily Robbins, Volunteer Coordinator

If interested please contact Emily Robbins at:

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CHRISTMAS GARDEN OF MEMORIES

MEMORIALS

FOR

Mom, Dad & Rich

Alvin & Verna Koch
Emil & Dorothy Banjavcic,
Janice Lohman

Family

Alan & Loved Ones

Parents Ed & Bernice
Warning, Walter &
Agnes Eisenhauer

Judy Hartmann

Loved Ones

Rich Schmitt

Olen, Arlene & Jim
Hagebusch

Loved Ones

In memory of
Clarence

Virginia & Edgar Thilman
Anna & Otto Hesse

FROM

Paulette Allen

Banjavcic's & Pickens

Urban & Mary Baum

Jackie Canterbury

Jim & Nancy Eisenhauer

Russ Hartmann

Tom & Jan Miller

Judy Schmitt

Stuart & Beth Schneider

Cheri Schutzenhofer

Dorothy Ovelgoenner

Lynn Thilman and
Mark Stern

CHRISTMAS GARDEN OF MEMORIES
POINSETTIAS

FOR

Luz Captain

Joe

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

FROM

Pastor Rosemary

Ginny Ganschietz

Sue & Gene Ganschietz

The Riess Family

Sue Williams



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4
5 Service of Word 10 am Fellowship time after worship	6	7	8 Church Council Meeting at 7 pm via Zoom	9 Zoom Bible Study 6:30 pm AA Meeting	10	11
12 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am Circle after worship	13	14	15	16 Quilters 10-2 Zoom Bible Study 6:30 pm AA Meeting	17	18
19 Service of Word 10 am	20	21	22	23 Zoom Bible Study 6:30 pm AA Meeting	24	25 Quilters 9 - 4
26 Service of Word 10 am Annual congregational meeting after worship	27	28 Quilt Show 7 pm	29	30	31	

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