



2025 MARCH NEWSLETTER

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH
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Pastor Rosemary Captain

St John UCC Family,

The annual meeting was held Sunday, January 26, 2025. Each of the members who are up for reelection has agreed to serve another two-year term.

Council Members are:

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| Nancy Eisenhower | President |
| Jan Miller | Vice President |
| Sharon Banjavcic | Secretary |
| Ginny Ganschinetz | Treasurer |
| Judy Schmitt & Russ Hartmann | Financial Secretaries |
| Lew Thomasino | Building & Grounds |

Thank you to each of the members listed above for their time and dedication to the Church.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

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










MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

- 3/14 Mary Lou & Urban Baum #61
- 3/16 Amy & Cody Brink #23
- 3/17 Tiffany Baldwin & Lew Thomasino #24
- 3/20 Jan & Tom Miller #54

USHERS:

- March 2  Judy Schmitt, Eileen Gammon
- March 9  Tom & Jan Miller
- March 16  Lew Thomasino, Sue Williams
- March 23  Tom & Jan Miller
- March 30  Chuck Kistler, Carol Bulva



PRAYER LIST: Becky Ballard, Urban and Mary Lou Baum, Ronald Bopp, Sammie Bopp, Jackie Canterbury, Lisa Captain, Donna Dougan, Marilyn Paul, Syd Safriet, Nancy Weber, Yvonne Weber.

CHOIR



We have some really committed choir members! On Sunday, February 16, we managed to have 5 singers who delivered a wonderful anthem -- "I Have Decided Medley". Cold, winter weather and a little snow doesn't slow us down. Next month we will be in the Lenten season. We'll have a beautiful anthem on March 16.

The Lenten/Easter season is the holiest of our church year. Please plan to worship with us whether the choir is singing or not!
Nancy

COUNCIL

Your new/continuing church council was installed on February 16, and is ready to continue to serve St. John. The members are Jan Miller, Sharon Banjavcic, Judy Schmitt, Ginny Ganschinietz, Lew Thomasino, Russ Hartmann, and Nancy Eisenhauer.

We are vigilant as we watch for snow and ice, clearing it when we can or informing you or groups who rent the church of cancellations. Our custodians, Joe and Carol Bulva, have been ever watchful of our building inside and out. They have done an amazing job of cleaning clutter out of unused spaces, and keeping the church clean. They were granted a raise after a year of service. The same thing was done for our church secretary, Lisa, on her one-year anniversary of employment. Our church is in good hands!


See you in church! Nancy

CIRCLE

MARCH CIRCLE MEETING: MARCH 16TH, 2025 AFTER CHURCH IN L-ROOM

We had a short February meeting followed by a "Valentine Right-Left Game". The "31 thoughts for the day" jars were also handed out. I hope everyone is enjoying them.

The March meeting should also be short and sweet. Members, please consider when you want the April meeting & if you would like to do a light-lunch in April for our last meeting. Monies will also be distributed at this meeting.

Last but not least: **An Irish Blessing** 

**Tis the best of good fortune
I hope you will know
And the best of good cheer
As the years come and go----
Good friends ever near you,
Good luck to you too,
And good health to enjoy
All I'm wishing for you.**

Eileen Gammon, Co-Chair

**Faith may move mountains,
but hard work puts the tunnels
through them.**

Carol Bulva

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 44TH ANNUAL ST JOHN UCC QUILT SHOW APRIL 26, 2025

St John United Church of Christ
55 W Church St, Mascoutah IL 62258

Admission: \$3.00

We invite everyone to exhibit quilts or wall hangings in our show. Please bring display items to St John UCC on Friday, April 25 between 9:00 am – 2:00 pm More to be posted in the April Newsletter.

REMEMEBER THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO WORSHIP WITH US

Becky Ballard
1211 Moreland Apt 12
Belleville IL 62223

Ivy Schneider
213 Merriweather Ln
Fairview Heights IL 62208

Jeanette Brown
5904 Perrin Rd
Fairview Heights IL 62208

Yvonne Weber
200 St Clair Dr
Fairview Heights IL 62208

Jackie Canterbury
105 W Julie St Apt C
Shiloh IL 62269

Rosemary Williams
201 S Belt W Apt 110
Belleville IL 62220



On behalf of the Church, we sincerely thank David Schmisser for his generous donation to the Church. With his help, we can continue to work towards and secure the future of the Church.




Thank you to Nancy Gouge for her contribution towards the parking lot snow removal costs in January. The Church sincerely appreciates her kindness.



March

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am Fellowship time after worship	3	4	5 ASH Wednesday Service 12 noon & 7pm	6 Bible Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom AA Meeting	7	8
9 Spring forward time change	10	11	12 Church Council Meeting at 7 pm via Zoom	13 Bible Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom AA Meeting Quilters 10-2	14	15
16 Service of Word 10 am Choir rehearsal 9 am Choir sings at service Circle after worship	17 HAPPY ST PATRICKS DAY! 	18	19	20 Bible Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom AA Meeting	21	22 Quilters 9 - 4
23 Service of Word 10 am	24	25 Quilter Show Meeting 7 pm	26	27 Bible Study at 6:30 pm via Zoom AA Meeting	28	29
30 Service of Word 10AM	31					



**DON'T FORGET THE TIME CHANGE
ON SUNDAY MARCH 9, WE RETURN
TO DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME.**

You don't want to be late for church.