

The Friendly Call

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST • MANCHESTER, MO



Worship Schedule September 2024

September 1 - Communion

9:30 am Pastor Kevin

September 8

9:30 am Pastor Tracey

September 15

9:30 am Pastor Tracey

September 22

9:30 am Pastor Kevin

September 29

9:30 am Pastor Kevin

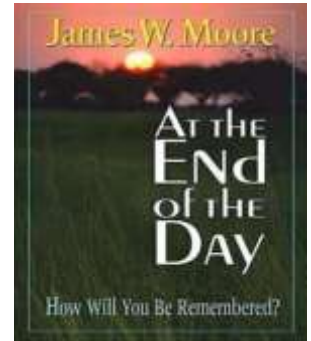


September 2024

BIBLE STUDY

“How Will You Be Remembered?”

The Tuesday evening group will be reading a book by James Moore entitled *At The End of The Day*. As the introduction states, “When all is said and done, in the final analysis, what will be your lasting legacy?” The series will discuss various topics, such as, ‘the joy of the journey,’ ‘right from wrong,’ and ‘the battle within.’ Come to hear different perspectives on faith and life. Come to reflect on your walk with God as you seek to make your days count in this world. These gatherings will be from 7:00-8:00 pm on the first and third Tuesday nights in the Hospitality Room or your own living room. People can purchase the book online, share with a friend, or just show up and participate in the conversation. Here’s the schedule:



- ✝ **Tuesday, September 3rd** – Introduction & Chapter 1 (Will You Be Remembered As One Who Knew...Christ’s Healing Love?)
- ✝ **Tuesday, September 17th** – Chapter 2 (...Celebrated the Joy of the Journey) & Chapter 4 (...How to Trust the Right Things?)
- ✝ **Tuesday, October 1st** – Chapter 5 (...The Power of Compassion) & Chapter 6 (...How to Teach Children?)
- ✝ **Tuesday, October 15th** – Chapter 8 (...Right from Wrong?) & Chapter 9 (...The Significance of the Battle Within?)
- ✝ **Tuesday, November 5th** – Chapter 10 (...The Power of Words?) & Chapter 12 (...How to be Beautifully Extravagant?)
- ✝ **Tuesday, November 19th** – Chapter 13 (...How to be a Real Friend?) & Chapter 14 (...How to Close the Gate?)

Please feel free to attend for one night or all six nights. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to talk with Pastor Kevin. Come join the spiritual enrichment of Christian community!



In the span of one month, we will move from a permanent staff model to a transitional period. I recognize the grief that comes from saying goodbye to staff members and those meaningful relationships. It's especially difficult in the church where we share sacred moments of our lives with each other. The uncertainty of everything may cause people to feel anxious or concerned. That's completely understandable. Even though I can't do anything about the departure of staff members, I hope to communicate a word that will put people at ease about the transition time.

The first area of ministry is music. There are a few pieces to this interim time. I am pleased to announce that Bruce Carvel, who is part of our choir, has agreed to direct both the sanctuary and bell choirs during this period. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that will help us maintain continuity. That is a tremendous relief.

The second portion is the church musician. Judy Lindquist has stepped forward to coordinate musicians for Sunday worship. Furthermore, she has secured Kelly Lashley (a St. John member) and Bob Meinz as additional musicians to play for worship services. Judy will develop a rotation to ensure that we have a capable person from week to week.

The final piece is the hiring process for a new person(s). Our Personnel Team is reviewing the job description(s) and planning for the search. I don't know if this will be one person or two staff members. The Personnel Team won't know until they receive resumes and begin interviewing candidates. I am confident, though, with who we have in place during the interim period.

I move now into the Associate Pastor position. This is a ministry area being reexamined by leadership. Based on conversations with appropriate people, the Church Council voted to have the Personnel Team revise job descriptions and propose a different staff model for St. John. When we have more information, this will be communicated to the congregation.

During the transition, we will need to help the Board of Christian Education in carrying out the programs that nurture our children and youth. We have extremely dedicated members in this area, but they are overextended and can only do so much. Maybe we need to pay someone, if such a person exists, to make phone calls, organize schedules, prepare materials and supplies, to support the ministry at this time. I want to make sure our young people receive the care that they deserve.

As for clergy responsibilities, I will do my best in responding to pastoral concerns, visits, and crises. Should I need to take a respite from worship and preaching, I will call on guest preachers to fill the pulpit. I will try to be faithful in serving as a resource to groups, as well as be present at events. May the good Lord guide my steps.

Finally, there has been a lot of attention regarding worker shortage in our nation. The reasons are different between the church and the business world; however, the results are still the same. It's not easy to fill positions, so I don't know how long it will take. My prayer is that all of us will unite and remain true to the work of Christ in this season of transition. I trust the Spirit of God will go with us and lead us into a bright future.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kevin'.



Notes from the August 13, 2024 Council Meeting

Farewell Service for Pastor Tracey will be held on September 15, 2024. Reception will be held immediately after church service. Trivia Night will be held October 5, 2024. Workday will be held October 19, 2024.

HVAC is completed however there are some control issues that Dave will look into. The bill came in \$1,800 over original estimate. Dave will share the HVAC Project Funding with the congregation. We will make an effort this fall to solicit contributions to recoup as much of the Richter Fund as possible.

Ann & Patrice Picaud have been completing work on the WEB and it is ready for inspection for an Occupancy Permit. More information will be shared with the congregation.

WISE process is continuing. Kevin had a meeting with our liaison from the National Office Mental Health Network. Several have volunteered to be on the team but would like to include youth and someone from NAMI. Would like to meet with the team after September 1, 2024.

For the interim, Bruce Carvel will be directing the Sanctuary and Bell Choirs. Musicians will be Judy Lindquist, Bob Meinz, and Kelly Lashley. They are working on a rotation schedule for the week.

Personnel Committee has completed exit interviews with Tim and Pastor Tracey. The Council voted to have the Personnel Committee revise all job descriptions and propose a potential staff model for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Jung, Recording Secretary

Financial Report - July 31, 2024

| <u>Actual Receipts</u> | <u>Budget Receipts</u> | <u>YTD Actual Receipts</u> | <u>YTD Budget Receipts</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$37,285.46 | \$31,637.00 | \$274,279.84 | \$238,069.00 |
| <u>Actual Expenditures</u> | <u>Budget Expenditures</u> | <u>YTD Actual Expenditures</u> | <u>YTD Budget Expenditures</u> |
| \$31,947.68 | \$32,802.95 | \$248,196.62 | \$250,051.65 |

Members of the Church Council of St. John United Church of Christ, Manchester, meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Hospitality Room of the church (or via Zoom). The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 10, 2024.**





| NAME | DATE | YEARS |
|--------------------------|------|-------|
| David & Jane Abraham | 9/1 | 39 |
| Richard & Betty Fox | 9/1 | 63 |
| Charley & Melissa Fagin | 9/2 | 29 |
| Scott & Gayle McBride | 9/12 | 37 |
| Chris & Buffy Guinther | 9/23 | 18 |
| Greg & Marianne Kaempfe | 9/23 | 35 |
| Kevin & Mary Wehmeyer | 9/25 | 25 |
| Ken & Marty Boucher | 9/26 | 65 |
| Jeff & Lisa Karl | 9/29 | 40 |
| Michael & Laura Van Well | 9/29 | 22 |
| Joseph & Katherine Groom | 9/30 | 19 |



The Church Office will be closed **Monday, September 2** and will reopen on Tuesday, September 3

Have a Great Labor Day Weekend!

2024 HVAC PROJECT FUNDING



| CONTRIBUTIONS | TRANSFERRED | EXPENDITURES | BALANCE |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| \$51,604.60 | \$160,000.00 | \$211,604.60 | 0 |

The HVAC Project for the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall is completed. Questions have arisen regarding the funding of the project and where we stand financially. The table above shows contributions, transfers, and expenditures relative to the project, as of **July 31, 2024**.

1. Between November 2023 and July 2024, we received \$51,604.60 in contributions from members (including \$1,000 from the St. John Men's Brotherhood from the chicken dinner) for the HVAC project.
2. Expenditures for the project totaled \$211,604.60 (which includes \$1,860.00 for additional scope of work, i.e., asbestos abatement and flooring repair).



Worship Attendance

| Date | In Person | Streaming | TOTAL |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| July 28 | 103 | 54 | 157 |
| August 4 | 116 | 62 | 178 |
| August 11 | 85 | 51 | 136 |
| August 18 | 94 | 48 | 142 |
| August 25 | 127 | 74 | 201 |

NOTE: Streaming count is household so it could include more than one person; count is taken during LIVE streaming.

Articles and information for the **October 2024** issue of the **'Friendly Call'** are due on **Sunday, September 15**.

Please place a hard copy of the article in the church office mail slot or email to:

jane@stjohnmanchester.org

The Friendly Call





To the family and friends of
Barbara Cooper

On her passing from this life to
God's eternal care on
August 9, 2024

Please keep Barbara's family & friends
in your thoughts and prayers.

To the family and friends of
Jenni Weber

On her passing from this life to
God's eternal care on
August 19, 2024

Beloved wife for 57 years of Earl "Bud" Weber,
Please keep Jenni's family and friends
in your thoughts and prayers as they go
through this difficult time.

To the family and friends of

Kenneth Ruck

On his passing from this life to
God's eternal care on
August 4, 2024

Kenneth Ruck grew up in St. John UCC and was very active in the church during the 1950's and 1960's having served on Church Council, Board of Christian Education, Planning Committee for the Educational Building, Men's Brotherhood, and many other Church activities. He and his wife, Carole, were married in the "new" Church. Kenneth and his family relocated to Texas because of his employment in the early 1970's. Kenneth was the great grandson of John William Ries, one of the founders of St. John. He was 97 years old. Information for this announcement was provided by Kenneth's sister, June (Ruck) Mittler of Reinbeck, Iowa.

In memory of
Terry McDonough

Music/Choir Fund
Deb Burlison
William & Gail Ernst
Christian Education
William & Gail Ernst



In honor of
Rev. Dr. Rich Brandon
on his 60th Ordination
Anniversary

Building Fund
Don Gaertner



OUTREACH TEAM MEETING

The next **Outreach Team** meeting is on **Thursday, September 5, 2024** at 6:30 pm in the Hospitality Room. Please join us!



OCTOBER CHALLENGE: THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

It seems early but Thanksgiving isn't far off and that means it's time to begin our annual food drive for Circle of Concern and Every Child's Hope (ECH). Circle alone will give over 550 families a box containing holiday food items, including a turkey for their Thanksgiving meal. St. John UCC has committed to filling **60 boxes** this year! Shopping lists of items needed can be picked up beginning Sunday, September 1st in the narthex or Outreach counter in the Gathering Area.

ITEMS are due back at church on or before Sunday, October 6th.

Drop off your contributions on any Sunday between September 8 and October 6 at the Outreach Counter in the Gathering Area. The following are the items for your shopping list.

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| 1. Canned pumpkin (2 cans) | 5. Turkey or chicken gravy (12-18 oz. jar) |
| 2. Cranberry sauce | 6. Cornbread mix |
| 3. Canned fruit | 7. Boxed Stuffing mix |
| 4. Chicken, Turkey or Vegetable broth (32 oz.) | 8. Instant mashed potatoes |
| | 9. Canned corn |

For those who would prefer to make a financial contribution, please make checks payable to St. John with "Food Drive" in the memo. We know we can count on our St. John family to give from the heart at this special time. If questions arise, please call Cindy Boddy (314-307-6114).



This year's **Trivia Night and Silent Auction** to benefit **Habitat for Humanity** will take place on Saturday, October 5th. The cost per ticket is \$15.00 (\$120.00 for a table of 8); doors will open at 6:30 pm and play will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale the first Sunday in September (September 1). If you would like to donate an attendance prize or help with the event, please contact a member of the Outreach Team or contact Mark Engelhardt at 636-227-7821. If you would like to donate an item for the Silent Auction or help with the auction, please contact Harry Gaehle at 314-303-8464.

Thank you very much!



Lunch at Sunshine Ministries

St. John Outreach continues to provide and share a meal each month with the men at the residence center for **Sunshine Ministries**. We will carpool from church at 11:15 am (lunch at noon) and return by 1:15 pm. We need one or two people to help each month. If you are interested in joining us on **September 12**, please see Judy Lindquist.

To learn more about the men's outreach of Sunshine Ministries go to: <https://www.sunshineministries.org/men-s-outreach>

Fontana Friends

The Outreach Team continues monthly visits to our Fontana Friends in their home. We visit on the **second Thursday of the month from about 3:00 to 4:00 pm**. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the offices. We meet at church at 2:40 pm and carpool to Fontana. Our next visit will be on **Thursday, September 12, 2024**. If you need additional information, please contact Mary Ellen Berg or Lynn Sabina.



HUGE Thank You to our St. John Volunteers!



Great Effort By All!



Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 27
4:00 pm

South (back) parking lot. More information to follow as we get closer to event.





GREEN TEAM NEWS

Mums purchased during the Green Team's mum fundraiser will be available for pickup at the Church on **Sunday, September 8.**

THE GREEN TEAM'S next meeting will be
Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 pm.
All are welcome!!

Finally, join us on **Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 am** for our Sewing Workshop for the Open Door Animal Sanctuary.



GREEN TEAM Sewing Workshop Saturday, September 28 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall

The **Green Team** is hosting a Sewing Workshop on Saturday, September 28 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall to make animal beds and toys for the **Open Door Animal Sanctuary**. Joan James will be leading the workshop and we will be utilizing donated fabric. Everyone is invited, regardless of your sewing abilities. Bring a sack lunch. **Open Door Animal Sanctuary**, founded in 1975, is the largest no-kill shelter in the greater St. Louis area and State of Missouri. Open Door's Mission is to provide homeless cats and dogs with the highest quality of life and a second chance to find a forever family. They are located in House Springs.



Cultural Craft Co-op Fall Workshops Oct 4 - 6, 2024

Our Fall Cultural Craft Co-op workshops promise to be spectacular! We have many talented instructors lined up to teach and share their gifts with you!
Come join us at the Timber Lodge!



- Toothbrush rugs - Amy Terrill - \$25
- Spoon Carving - Cindy Dooley - \$25
- Free Form Basket - Reta Barkley - \$35
- Corn Husk Dolls - Patty Frisbee - \$15
- Shaker Tape Chair or Stool Caning - Diana Clark - \$50
- Blacksmithing - Tim Ellerman - \$ Varies
- Spinning with a Drop Spindle - Jeanne-Marie Oliney
- Stool Caning - Linda Strauch - \$50
- Rag Dolls - Lynette - \$ Free
- Triangular Loom Weaving/Inkle loom weaving a belt/Wash Cloth Loom - Bex Oliger - \$ Varies
- Gnome Carving - Pam Oller - \$15
- Flint Knapping - Andrew Eubanks - \$25
- Stamped Jewelry - Leann Light - \$ Varies
- Broom Making - Cathy Wyatt - \$15 - \$25
- Barn Quilts - Diana Clark - \$35
- Sour Dough Basket - Donna Reynolds - \$60
- Napkin or Bread Basket - Connie Light - \$40
- Egg Basket - Bonnie Black - \$40



To sign up for classes, contact Mary Ficker at 573-729-7065 via call or text. For pre-ordered meals and lodging (Timber Lodge, cabins, church) reach out to Shannondale at 573-858-3284. (Note that childcare is not offered). Instructors will have their crafts available for purchase. For additional lodging—ask Mary for a list of local B&Bs when you call.

SHANNONDALE - TIMBER LODGE | 41277 STATE HWY 19, SALEM MO 65560

A BIG Thanks!

Thank You, St. John! Your response to our Caroline Mission Baby Shower project was overwhelming (see photos below)! In addition to all the items shown we received \$505.00 in monetary donations. Their need is great...and your response is fantastic. Your generosity continues to astound us. Thank you again.

St. John Outreach Team



Our final collection for back-to-school this year totaled **\$2,139.00**. Funds have been sent to Circle of Concern and Every Child's Hope to help children have the supplies they need to be successful in school. Thank you, St. John. You've outdone yourself once again.



Fall Work Day ✦ Saturday, October 19

On **Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 am until noon**, we have scheduled our Fall Work Day. We will spruce up and clean the church building and grounds. Supplies and gloves will be provided. Please bring tools and outside equipment such as rakes and shovels. We will have donuts, juice, and coffee in the morning and lunch at noon. Please call Craig Lindquist 314-504-6670 or Dave Gaehle at 314-378-1407 with any questions. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our church looking beautiful. Thanks!!



The **Men's Brotherhood** will be meeting on
Tuesday, September 3rd at 7 pm

in the Confirmation Room.

We'll be discussing the upcoming
Sausage Supper and recapping issues,
Activities and donations.

JOIN US GENTLEMEN !



Welcome back all ladies to another year of

FUN!

September 17 - 11:30 am

Our favorite pastime is eating, please bring a lunch dish so that we can visit, eat, and plan for the year. Drinks provided. We welcome any new ladies to come and meet our great St John women.

Come and enjoy a fun day!

Any questions?

Marty Boucher (636) 225-6129.

JOY (Just Older Youth)

SAVE THE DATE!

Travelogue - Canada / Alaska

Presented by Linda Riggs

Saturday, October 12

12:00 - 3:00 pm

Please bring a favorite casserole, salad or dessert. Drinks will be provided. There will be a signup sheet posted closer to the event.

JOIN US !



PRAYER REQUESTS

You will find **PRAYER REQUEST** cards in the pews. A box is located on the table in the Gathering Area for completed cards to be deposited. There are times when we all need an extra prayer said for us and where better than from our friends at St John !



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Willie Mertz at Garden View in Chesterfield
Landon Weber - Houston, Texas
Mary Jane Belsher - Friendship Village, Sunset Hills

AT HOME

Chris Albrecht
Betty Fox
Rufus Sticker
Tommy Theiss
Jennifer Weber



Commander Andrew Brennecke, Coast Guard, Norfolk, VA, son of Bob & Joy Brennecke
Sgt. Codey Burnham, U.S. Marine Corps, Indian Head, MD, grandson of Betty & Howard Anton
Sgt. First Class Douglas Krohn, United States Army Recruiting Command, Quincy, IL
Technical Sgt. Michael Kargauer, Eielson AFB, Alaska, grandson of Jack Martin
E Sgt. Bryan Milberg, Fort Campbell, KY, grandson of Derald & Donna Forbis
4PO Richard Livingstone, Navy, Camp Gordon, GA, grandson of Ken & Marty Boucher
Sgt. Matt Starck, Marines, Camp Pendleton, CA, son of Walter & Marcia Starck

A Note from Pastor Tracey

When God calls, we need to listen. We know this in our heads but sometimes it is harder for our hearts. I have been touched to be a Pastor in your midst. You opened yourselves to new ideas and became both friends and my church family. You lifted me through family deaths and a new knee. Your willingness to give of time, treasure and talent in outreach is something you should be proud of. I love that we have learned and grown together. Now, is a time when God has called me to do a new thing. St John, Pastor Kevin, and all of you have given me knowledge that will go with me as I begin at Frieden's in St. Charles as their Transitional Minister. Praise be to the God who calls both you and I to serve God's people.

I need to let you know a couple of people to connect in case you want to join a program. The life in the church continues. Adult Education Sunday School Class will not meet until Advent.

The Green Team contacts are Bob and Carol Ruh, ruhcarol1@gmail.com

Tea with Friends (formerly Tea with Tracey) will continue to meet at Panera. Kathy Hoadley, (khoadl@sbcglobal.net) or Joan James (oh2sewusa@gmail.com)

NAMI contact is Angela Kern, (akern@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you to all who have volunteered to keep things moving along. Now, I move on as the Spirit breathes new possibilities in us both. I leave with this, "The main thing that you have to remember on this journey is, just be nice to everyone and always smile." Quote by Ed Sheeran

Thank you all and God Bless You!

Tracey



NAMI St. Louis
1810 Craig Road, Suite 124
St. Louis, MO 63146
info@namistl.org
HelpLine: 314-962-4670

St. John UCC Manchester holds a NAMI Support group meeting the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 19, 2024. The group meets in the Hospitality Room at 6:30 pm. Please note that you must go to the NAMI website to sign up to attend the meeting prior to arrival. Everyone is welcome to join us! NAMI Contact at St. John: Angela Kern, akern@sbcglobal.net

Youth Christian Education & Sunday School



CHILDCARE FOR NURSERY and TODDLERS

is available at the 9:30 am service. Also, for your convenience, a Family Assistance Room is located at the rear of the sanctuary.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Our youngest group introduces kids to Sunday School in an age-appropriate classroom setting. We will incorporate Bible story time with games, arts and crafts, and free play. Students should come to the sanctuary for the 9:30 am service with their families and will be dismissed to their classes.

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL - GRADES K-5

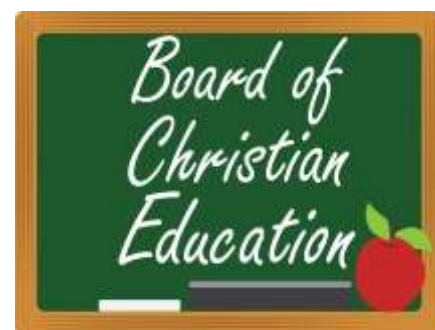
We are using the One Room Sunday School curriculum to explore the stories and lessons taught in the Old and New Testaments. Incorporating games and worksheets, we focus on getting the children acquainted with the Bible and understanding how our families and church are part of a greater community in God's world. Students should come to the sanctuary for the 9:30 am service with their families and will be dismissed to their classes.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & FRIENDS

The Youth Group (Middle & High School Sunday School) class will meet at 9:30 am in the classroom. A mix of formal lessons and open discussion is focused on understanding our faith and how it relates to our church and God's creation around us. We strive to get youth involved in church groups and activities, as well as community service events. We invite you to tell your friends to join us. Be part of this group of young people making a difference!

Board of Christian Education

BCE members meet on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. The **next meeting will be on Thursday, September 5, 2024.** We are always looking for new study ideas and help with upcoming projects with the adults and children. Contact Chris Morton if you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer.



Tea with Pastor Tracey / Tea with Friends

Enjoy coffee, tea, or your favorite beverage, as you take some time to visit with Pastor Tracey Harris (until September 11 and then this event becomes 'Tea with Friends' - Refer to Pastor Tracey's 'note') You can find Pastor Tracey hanging out on Wednesdays, at the Panera at 14646 Manchester Road, Ballwin, between 3 and 5 pm to share conversations that lead to community.

Questions? Call or email Pastor Tracey at tharris@stjohnmanchester.org



Please join us for a
Farewell Reception
in Honor of
Rev. Tracey Harris

Sunday, September 15, 2024
immediately following worship
in the Gathering Area

Plan to stop by to say goodbye to
Pastor Tracey and wish her well
on her new endeavors.

The Lord be with you.



As we prepare for Pastor Tracey's last day with our congregation on September 15th, we are once again planning to assemble a book of memories and remembrances for her.

To do so, we ask that you reflect upon how her past four years of ministry to St. John has touched your life; and then to share with her your personal message.

Pages for your messages will be available in the gathering area on Sunday, September 1st. Please use them to share a message for Pastor Tracey as she embarks on a new chapter in her ministry. We don't have much time, so please return your notes to the basket in the gathering area by next Sunday, September 8th. As we did for Tim, for those who worship at home, or are on vacation, you may also email your wishes for Pastor Tracey to me, Alan Stephenson, at 56etman@gmail.com. Your wishes will be transcribed onto our colorful pages and compiled into a book with those pages submitted in person. The book will be presented to Pastor Tracey on Sunday, September 15th. Thank you!



RINGERS & SINGERS NEEDED !

Choir practices resume
Wednesday, September 4.

Bells are at 6:30
followed by the
Sanctuary Choir at 7:30...
both in the Music Room.
More people are needed.
Just give it a try !!



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| <i>Musicians for September</i> | September 1 ...Judy Lindquist | September 22Bob Meinz |
| | September 8Bob Meinz | September 29Kelly Lashley |
| | September 15Kelly Lashley | |

Godspeed, Tim!

On Sunday, August 25 during worship service we said goodbye to our Minister of Music, Tim Osiek. It was a bittersweet day for the congregation as we bid Tim a fond farewell and extended our thanks for a job well done for over 21 years. Tim has grown up in the St. John congregation having been baptized and confirmed here. His family goes back to one of the founding families of this congregation. To say he will be missed is a huge understatement. "Well done, good and faithful servant" Matthew 25:23.



Presentation of gifts during worship.



Tim during worship service.



Tim & Tonya and their family on the way to the reception honoring Tim.

**Web Meeting June 8, 2024**

Dave Gaehle led the meeting. Attendance was around 30-40. It was stated that the Council/the Picauds were presenting an idea regarding updating the WEB to transform it back into a usable property. They were interested in completing this proposal because it would benefit the church as well as the Picauds as the exchange of work for being allowed to live in the residence frees up funds for the family who have two children starting college. It was stated during the meeting that the church is not

planning to rent this house out to different people. St. John has no interest in being a landlord for rental property purposes. This is a cost-effective approach to improving the house so that the church can use it in the future for housing a pastor or other staff member of the church.

The Picauds would, under council supervision, effectuate repairs and remodeling to the WEB over the next 4-5 years in return for being able to rent the space while performing the repairs.

All agreed that the WEB is an asset to the church. The cost savings in labor by having the Picaud family perform these repairs is significant. The church would fund the materials for the work, but the work will largely be performed by the Picauds, which greatly, by about half, reduces the overall costs of rehabbing the house. Patrice Picaud is a trained master carpenter and is also trained in general construction. He and Ann, with the approval of Dave and the Council, would be working on completing these projects. The Picauds would also be responsible for maintaining renters' insurance while in the property and also paying for all utility usage.

The plan is to get the WEB into working condition to pass the occupancy inspection needed to be completed by the City of Manchester. This will be completed in the coming weeks. Once occupancy inspection is completed, the Picauds would move into the WEB and continue to work on remodeling projects on the bathrooms, basement and main floors of the WEB. There will also be a kitchen remodel in the future as well as outdoor upgrades in the form of landscaping.

Currently, an electrician has performed all the necessary electrical repairs that are known to bring the property to code. The plumber has also been on the property and found/repaired several leaks, installed a new ADA height toilet in the main floor bathroom and reestablished a water connection to the second floor that was being routed through the radiators. Howard Anton has worked to get the boiler up and running and on the AC unit so that there is working AC. And there have been two window units purchased to provide AC on the second floor.

The Men's Brotherhood has assisted in clearing out the basement area so that it is open for storage and laundry. There is more to get rid of but that will most likely occur when the dumpster comes back during the first bathroom remodel. The second floor has currently been completely emptied out, repainted and recarpeted, along with the main floor bedroom as well. Elaine Burns helped to sand the stairway going to the second floor and Ann/Patrice will be sanding and sealing all the wood floors including the stairway in the coming weeks, after passing occupancy but before moving in.

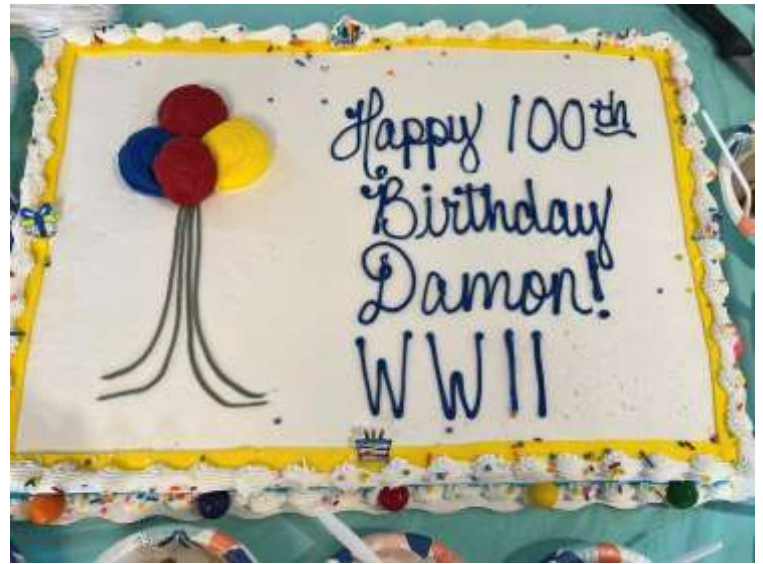
The goal is to move in within the next month, most likely September. During these initial repairs and updates, Ann has attempted to document with pictures. Updates along with these pictures will be posted on one of the boards in the hallway near the church entrance.



Happy 100th
Birthday,

Damon
Snow

You are a
blessing to
all fortunate
enough to
know you!
You continue
to inspire us.



Card-Making Workshop August 10, 2024



On August 10, 2024 several members gathered to make greeting cards which are used in the Card Ministry of the church. A great time was had by all in attendance. We're already looking forward to the next session. Since February, over 150 cards have been sent to church members and friends by team members. Great job, ladies!

Rally Day - August 18, 2024

