

# ST. JOHN'S CHIMES

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*"Letting God's love shine through us to the Community we Serve"*

Darlene Begolka

Office Manager

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**ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**UNAPPROVED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Monday, July 21, 2025**  
**7:00pm**

Present: Silas Tockey, Randy Pech, Laura Lee,  
Keith Birnbaum, Carolyn Pech,  
Roger Michalsen, Bob Meinershagen,  
Donna Kessinger, and Darlene Begolka,  
Office Manager  
Absent: Kaye Wilmert  
Guest: Toni Reifsteck

President Silas Tockey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and he also gave the invocation.

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL**

In regard to the June Council Meeting Minutes, it was moved and seconded to delete 2 sentences: "At the end of the drive the \$1000 from Church Vitality line will be replaced." and "Donations may be given to FFF". Both are located in the paragraph after F. 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary list of recommendations. All voting aye, the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to accept the June Minutes as corrected. All voting aye, the motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. All voting aye, the motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. 165<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary: Toni Reifsteck**

Toni Reifsteck submitted her report from the meetings about the church anniversary. The committee met on July 20<sup>th</sup>. They decided on various items:

1. **T-Shirts** – They will be Red with white lettering and include the Niebuhr "Serenity Prayer" and picture of each of the three St. John church buildings - Cost will be \$25. The Printer is not charging to make the templates.
2. **Memento** for everyone attending – The gift given to all that attend the meal will be

a black leather bookmark with red lettering. Cost for church is \$2.00 each – no cost to receiver.

3. **Mailbox set up** for committee. It's located with other mailboxes by the office. Letters received to the church in regard to the Anniversary will be placed in the box and letters and correspondence, and memory book items will be given to Kaye Wilmert meal reservations to Laura Lee and Shirt orders to Toni Reifsteck
4. **A second letter** will be sent out to the congregation in regard to the shirts, the meal and Program, etc. Need a picture of the shirt from printers before that letter will go out. A letter was sent out from the Church Council about the event.
5. **Invitation responses** - There have been several "yes" responses to the invitation sent out. There were 11 or 12 invitations sent. A phone call to some may be necessary as there was one invitation that had to be resent.
6. **Sunday Displays** - Each week during church service the event will be announced, and there will be a display set up in the back of the sanctuary that will feature some of the pictures and/or items that have been discovered. That will be different each Sunday.
7. **Items needed** - Any and all pictures or regarding the church are historical, so please keep bringing them or giving them to a committee member.
8. **Anniversary Booklet** - It's been suggested that a booklet be printed after the Anniversary is celebrated. The committee will be discussing this.
9. Lynn Paulus and Nancy Gehlbach will be asked to take official photographs for the special day, October 26<sup>th</sup>.
10. **The church camera** was located and is hopefully usable.
11. **"Whiskers"** - Several years ago the church made available a few "Whiskers" - stuffed mice - for people to take on vacation and take pictures with them. Then those pics of Whiskers on his adventures could be shared

with the congregation. However, all the “Whiskers” have completely disappeared. It would be nice to have “them” back if anyone still has one of them.

#### **B. Search Committee: Silas Tockey**

The Search Committee has several candidates that are in the process of interviewing and completing paperwork.

**PASTOR REPORT:** None until new pastor is here.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **Hoefer Memorial** Tree replacement: The tree has been purchased and it will be planted in September. It’s too hot to plant now.
- B. **Pastoral Supply:** Those serving will be:
  - August 3 – Pastor David Marquardt
  - August 10- Pastor Chris Schilling
  - August 17 – Ann Lamkey
  - August 24 – Pastor Chris Schilling
  - August 31 – Silas Tockey
  - September 7 –
  - September 14 – Pastor Chris Schilling
  - September 21 – Ann Lamkey
  - September 28 – Pastor Chris Schilling
- C. **PayPal:** The church’s PayPal account has recently been used and that’s why an explanation was asked of the council about the process and how to use PayPal, which is on the church’s website. It is available as a convenience for the congregation and anyone wanting to make a contribution or donation.

PayPal is a convenient service that allows for people to pay online. The church set this application up during covid on the church’s website under “Donation”. It is an option for church members wanting to pay their weekly, monthly or anytime contribution, or for anyone wanting to give a donation by going online and having it sent directly into the church bank account. It was thought that since people were not attending church and unable to come in person or

were on vacation, either for a few weeks or for the entire winter, could pay their contributions using PayPal. This option would be available to anyone who may or may not be a member, watching online, or a member of the general public.

It recently was used to give the church a memorial in memory of someone. A person may donate for a specific reason, for example, give a memorial in memory of someone, give a donation for flood or disaster relief, etc. When one donates they specify where they want the payment to go.

**The church receives an email when a donation has been made.** The email has the amount, information about the person donating, and reason for the donation. All PayPal funds go into one general account, but when an email is received by the church, the monies will be transferred into the designated fund as requested. A fee may be applied or a fee payment requested of the user of PayPal, as well as a dollar limit of the donation amount.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Water Fountain with Bottle Filler:** It was discussed about the water fountains in the church not being usable. Water is essential to have available. Especially if tap water has any issues or is off for repairs. Having the water fountains for members to use at all times along with YMCA and LCT and other organizations using the building having workable water fountains over tap water would be a good idea. Many local public places have water fountains with gooseneck faucets for filling water bottles of all sizes. In his research Roger Michalsen has asked those public buildings who installed those water fountains, and Dean Leith plumbing was mentioned. After a discussion, Roger Michalsen made a motion to instruct the Building and Grounds committee to get bids for a new water fountain with cold water dispenser and a gooseneck faucet for the

Fellowship Hall, and the bid(s) should include one from Dean Leith plumbing. Donna K. seconded the motion. All voting aye the motion carried.

- B. **Donation of a pair of large silver colored stainless steel candelabras:** June Bock of Lincoln will be moving to Florida very soon. She has given St. John's 2 matching, large silver colored, stainless steel candelabras with multiple holders for tapered candles on each holder. They are quite nice. A Thank You card will be sent to her with the church's thanks.
- C. **Funds for the Future (FFF)** will remain open through January 2026 for donations. This fund was set up initially for the start of the cost for the 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**ADJOURMENT AND BENEDICTION**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voting aye, the motion carried. All said the Lord's Prayer as the benediction before adjourning at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Laura Lee, Church Council Secretary



**LET'S REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND**

**ST. CLARA'S REHAB and SENIOR CARE**

1450 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656  
Dave Armbrust  
Jerry and Mary Berglin  
Edna Mara  
Wayne Mara  
Ruth Post  
Susan Webb

**CASTLE MANOR**

1550 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656  
Bill Krepps

**COPPER CREEK**

203 Stahlhut Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656  
Steve Aue

**LINCOLN VILLAGE HEALTHCARE CENTER**

2202 N. Kickapoo Street, Lincoln, IL 62656  
Judy Kline

**VONDERLIETH LIVING CENTER**

1120 N. Topper Drive, Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548  
Sandy Sanders

**CEDARHURST OF SPRINGFIELD**

3520 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62711  
Helen Opperman

**FILLING OUR PULPIT IN AUGUST**

- August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Pastor David Marquardt
- August 10<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Chris Schilling
- August 17<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Kline
- August 24<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Chris Schilling
- August 31<sup>st</sup>: Silas Tockey



**FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE  
SPECIAL OFFERING OR  
FUNDRAISING DRIVE CLARIFICATION**



Tonita Reifsteck, Chairperson of the 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, reported to the Church Council on Monday, June 23, 2025, the work of the committee and the plans for the celebration on Sunday, October 26, 2025. One of the suggestions was having a 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary “Funds for the Future” special offering, providing a special account with funds for the future needs of the church. A letter was sent out by the Church Council explaining this with an envelope and also a save the date note for Sunday, October 26, 2025. At the Church Council meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025, the Funds for the Future offering was further discussed and clarified as stated below.

Contributions will be accepted between now and January 20, 2026.

Funds will be kept in a special “FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE ACCOUNT” by Special Funds Treasurer.

The congregation shall approve the disbursement of the funds.

Bob Meinershagen, Special Funds Treasurer



**165<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

St. John UCC is celebrating 2 milestones this year – In planning the 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the church in America 165 years ago in 1860 we were made aware that this year, 2025 is also the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the processional move from the Church on 5<sup>th</sup> Street to our current location on Maple Street. This actually happened on Sunday, July 12, 1925 (for 3 days of celebration). This milestone will be celebrated during the October event also.

A red T-shirt is being offered for anyone who wants



to place an order – The images of the 3 churches on the front (see design) and Reinhold Niebuhr’s Prayer of Serenity on the back will be in white lettering. Cost of shirts

Small through XL will be \$22.; 2XL through 4XL \$25. (Can order 5XL). A letter will soon be sent with form for Orders which can be made anytime by sending form and check made out to St John UCC (put Anniversary Shirt on memo line). At that time the info for the dinner reservations will also be shared so caterers can be notified. NOTE: There will NOT be a white background on the actual T-shirt.

ANY QUESTIONS – see any member of the Anniversary committee: Nancy Gehlbach, Verdeen Ingram, Bob Meinershagen, Lynn Spellman, Jim and Leslie Wilmert, Kaye Wilmert or Tonita Reifsteck, Chair and Laura Lee, Chair of the banquet meal.

NOTE: PLEASE NOTE ON ENVELOPE “165<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY” for all reservations, orders or items to share in regards to celebration so it gets to the proper person in charge.

## MISSION NEWS

By: Verdeen Ingram and  
Marlene Wilmert, Co-Chairs

**SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAYS...**The Mission Committee has designated the following Sundays:

- **Second Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken for the **Children of Lincoln project.**
- **Fourth Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken for the **Diaper Project for Head Start at Community Action.**

## COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES August and September

Bring your donations to The Giving Tree.  
Monetary donations are also welcome.  
Supplies will be given to Central and  
Lincoln Junior High Schools.

(Pencil, pens, crayons,  
markers, notebooks,  
glue, etc.)



## August Food Item Is...



All non-perishable items are  
**WELCOME.**



Dear St. John Church Family,



I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and visits during my recent stay in the hospital and nursing home. You don't realize how much your support and power of prayer meant to me. I am truly grateful for all of you!

Sincerely,  
Sandy Meinershagen



Helen Opperman says: "Thank You for all the cards, prayers and visits during my recent hospital stay,



Thanks also to Roger Michalsen for bringing me communion."

## ATTENDANCE

June 29<sup>th</sup>

37 In-Person, 332 on Facebook, 14 bulletins mailed and website = 83+

July 6<sup>th</sup>

29 In-Person, 31 on Facebook, 13 bulletins mailed and website = 73+

July 13<sup>th</sup>

32 In-Person, 39 on Facebook, 13 bulletins mailed and website = 84+

July 20<sup>th</sup>

29 In-Person, 37 on Facebook, 13 bulletins mailed and website = 79+

July 27<sup>th</sup>

34 In-Person, 33 on Facebook, 14 bulletins mailed and website = 81+

## CELEBRATE LIFE...

By: Tonita Reifsteck

Six St. Johners gathered under the shelter at Kickapoo Park for the July **Celebrate Life**.



Nancy Gehlbach, Alice Paulus, Lynn Spellman and her son Ed Spellman, Sandy Wilmert and Tonita Reifsteck enjoyed their sack lunch with a cool breeze making it a perfect day. Nancy led the group in singing the blessing: Johnny Appleseed song then the afternoon was full of 'happenings' conversation including Sandy sharing the "Reflections on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by Thekla Hoefer". Within the group we celebrated Alice Paulus, Sandy Wilmert and Ed Spellman's birthdays. Birthday, Get Well, Anniversary and Thinking of You cards were signed to be mailed.

During the month donations to Charity Guild in memory of Loren Birnbaum were received and cards sent to acknowledge them. Some kitchen supplies were also filled.

August Celebrate Life will be at Kickapoo Park on August 8<sup>th</sup> (hopefully cooler!) In case of rain, it will be at the church. NO reservations necessary – all are welcome at 11:30 a.m. at the first shelter at Kickapoo Creek Park. Bring own lunch and drink. Topic: how you beat the heat OR free topic.

## St. John Diners Coney McKane's in Decatur Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.



Are you planning to attend St. John Diners in August? Sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary to let us know. This way we know how many to make the reservation for. Be at the church parking lot on August 16<sup>th</sup> by 10:30 a.m. to leave for Decatur. Those driving on their own the reservation is for 11:00 a.m.

**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**



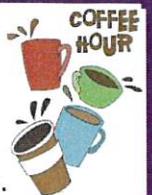
**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
8:30 a.m.  
Imo's Café**

**All Men of the Church are Welcome.**

## GREETERS

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bill Gosda, Jr.**  
**August 10<sup>th</sup>: Lynn Spellman**  
**August 17<sup>th</sup>:**  
**August 24<sup>th</sup>: Verdeen Ingram**  
**August 31<sup>st</sup>: Dan and Nancy Dexter**

**NEEDED...  
COFFEE HOUR  
HOST/HOUSTESS VOLUNTEERS**



Sign-up sheets are in Narthex and Kitchen.

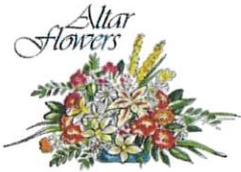
## JUNE FINANCIALS



Beginning Balance		\$12,175.32
Income	\$ 7,823.19	
Transfer	\$25,000.00	
Expenses	\$24,365.55	
Ending Balance		\$20,632.96



Articles for the **September** newsletter should be in the Church Office by **August 19<sup>th</sup>**.



August 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Paulus
August 10 <sup>th</sup> :	
August 17 <sup>th</sup> :	Warren and Peggy Goetsch
August 24 <sup>th</sup> :	Laura Lee
August 31 <sup>st</sup> :	Nancy Gehlbach

## Save the Date...

*A celebration is being planned for Sunday, October 26, 2025.*

*St. John United Church of Christ is turning 165 years old. Mark your calendars and make your plans to join for worship and a catered meal.*



1860 - 2025



## TIME TO THINK ABOUT CHOIRS...



Yes, it's hard to believe summer is almost over. The choirs have had a nice vacation, but now it's time to start thinking about choir rehearsals and once again making beautiful music

together. Your directors have been working hard over the summer to find some great music.

All the choirs (St. John Singers, St. John Ringers, and St. John Chimers) need more members. You ask how can I help? EASY. Simply join 1, 2 or all 3 choirs. It is a great way to share your musical talent. And, yes, everyone has musical talent. ***"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."***

St. John Singers will begin rehearsals on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.

St. John Ringers will begin rehearsals on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> following church.

St. John Chimers will begin rehearsals on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> following ringers.

**A Special Congregational meeting is being called for Sunday, August 17, 2025 following the morning worship service for the purpose of voting on Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Kline as our new settled pastor.**

**On Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall there will be an Open House for Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Kline hosted by the Church Council and Search Team. This will give the congregation an opportunity to meet Rev. Dr. Kline.**

## **OUTREACH and PUBLICITY**

By: Jim and Leslie Wilmet and  
Tonita Reifsteck, Co-Chairs

OUTREACH MINISTRY sponsored an informational program after church on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. A good group gathered after church for Kaye Wilmet to explain the times when the use of the Defibrillator would be needed and how to properly use and understand it. It was discovered during this session that our machine is outdated and needs to be replaced. There was no volunteers for testing the paddles (surprised?!) but many questions were answered by Kaye and Dr. Green.

In the absence of a representative from the Lincoln Fire Department (emergencies happen) Jack Leich demonstrated and explained the parts of an extinguisher and proper use of one. Inquiry of those who knew where they are located in the building was shockingly low – indicating that Outreach will be locating where throughout the building they are and prepare a chart of the church with special notations – a copy of which will be posted in the building. It will also be shared in a future Chimes.

Lastly Gary Atteberry shared what to do and who to contact in equipment emergencies or malfunctions. Because of recent excessive water problem, he noted shut-off under counter in kitchen (hard to get to) and main shut off in lower level down stairway behind door immediately to right upon exit from elevator in basement – valve is far across that room and is marked. In case of NO HOT water – call Gary or Leland who also are the ones to call if stove or dishwasher malfunction. IF they can't fix it they know resources that will come to the church.

Following the program everyone enjoyed a Chicken Salad or Ham Salad lunch provided by the Outreach Ministry and a pleasant time of fellowship.

Noted that: Dan Row since the first of the year, has put new life in our visitors program. Greeting them, getting registration info and gifting them with a bag of Popcorn and introducing them during

worship has been favorably received. During the week after their visit a note of welcome has been sent. Through June we have had 21 visitors. Info is on file for sending invites to special events at St John should we want to send notices. (Once a settled pastor is here they will be shared with them).

Coffee Hour is being enjoyed by more – treats and fruit drinks are also being offered. Still welcome host/hostesses to make coffee. Donations shared 50/50 with St. John UCC Chicago Food Pantry .



Habitat for Humanity of Logan County welcomes any support for their new endeavor in rehabbing a house for the future home of a family of 7. Joining the work crew – dates and work to be scheduled will be announced or want to help furnish food or drinks for the workers – breaks are at 10:00 a.m. and noon lunch on workday – (see Toni for details) but above all keep the workers, the work and the Nichols family in your prayers. THANK YOU!

## **165<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – a letter will be sent to the congregation with details of the upcoming event – as soon as costs of T-Shirts, dinner, participants anticipated and other special decisions for this event including a Fund for the Future (FFF) fund to keep St. John UCC special needs front and center.

IN the meantime: EVERYONE'S HELP IS REQUESTED - A LOT of pictures and articles, etc. have been discarded so looking for prints of activities, etc. from – your albums, your parents or grandparents albums – that box on the shelf!!! THEY WILL BE RESPECTED and given back ASAP after shared – these are for a PowerPoint presentation that will

be shown after the worship service on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

HELP!!! MISSING - Please check your mouse traps – WHISKERS is in hiding, didn't come back to St. John and both are so missed. Put him in the basket in the Narthex, give to a committee member or call and 'pest control' will come and get him!

165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee: Nancy Gehlbach, Verdeen Ingram, Bob Meinershagen, Lynn Spellman, Jim Wilmert, Kaye Wilmert, Co-chair: Laura Lee, Tonita Reifsteck; and Silas Tockey church President



### RECYCLE CHANGES

The tub for Christian Child Care has been temporarily removed. They have over supply of items for space allowed for them. **Only need: fabric for crib sheets, used cards and Egg cartons.**

Prescription bottles: NOBODY takes prescription and/or other bottles. Remove lids for 'cap bucket' and toss bottles in your own recycle bin.

Plastic Bags: Humane Society – NO newspapers (personal recycle bin)

Paper towel, toilet paper, etc. tubes = NO SOURCE at present

Catalogues, old card fronts, new cards, = Logan/Mason County Rehab

Questions: See Verdeen or Member of Mission or Tonita or Member of Outreach

Disposal off Old Drugs of Any Kind and Unused Prescriptions Drugs Are Only Being Taken at CVS – at Rear of Store by Pharmacy.

There is NO CONTAINER at the Lincoln Police Department for this service.

TRANSPORTATION: Some have requested information on Community Action's bus service. The number to call is not the same as for the other programs.

Transportation in Lincoln can be scheduled with: CAPCIL Transit:

Monday through Friday  
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Call to schedule 24 hours in advance.

1-217-732-1056 or 1-866-930-8212

Answering machine available after hours  
[www.capcil.info](http://www.capcil.info)

Or SHOW BUS Schedule: Request 24 hours prior to need. Call 1-800-525-2454

(This info is posted on the bulletin board in entryway)

Time and Talent volunteers from church for some help will be noted – TBA



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Lynn Spellman
- 6 **Bill Krepps**, Madi Meinershagen
- 8 Lee Westerfield
- 14 Maxwell Burge
- 17 Judy Atteberry, Jennifer Schneider
- 18 Charles Spellman
- 19 Jackson Morgan
- 20 Orry Ingram
- 21 Warren Goetsch, Brittany Kincheloe
- 27 Ashley Bramel
- 29 George Abbott, Susan Goergen

Name in **red** is a member of our church who is on the visitation list. Let's fill their mailbox on their birthday.

St John UCC & IPC  
**BOOK CLUB**  
Monthly Gathering

LESSONS FROM THE  
MOVEMENT TO END POVERTY

**YOU ONLY  
GET WHAT  
YOU'RE  
ORGANIZED  
TO TAKE**

LIZ THEOHARIS and NOAM SANDWEISS-DACK

17 August | 2 PM  
Spirited Republic

A promotional poster for a book club. At the top, it says "St John UCC & IPC BOOK CLUB Monthly Gathering". The central focus is the book cover for "YOU ONLY GET WHAT YOU'RE ORGANIZED TO TAKE" by Liz Theoharis and Noam Sandweiss-Dack. The book cover is dark with white and red text. Below the book cover, the date and time "17 August | 2 PM" and the location "Spirited Republic" are listed. The background of the poster features abstract red and white shapes, including a stylized open book.

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



- 8 Donald and Rhonda Howard
- 11 Ed and Jan Jeffries
- 12 Mark and Susan Goergen
- 15 Warren and Peggy Goetsch
- 19 Jim and Leslie Wilmert
- 21 Ron and Karen Pecoraro  
Hank and Lynn Spellman
- 29 Bob and Sandy Meinershagen

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.**



Mark your calendars and dine  
at El Mazatlan on Wednesday,  
August 20<sup>th</sup>.

A percentage of the sales that  
day will go to St. John United  
Church of Christ for the  
upcoming Veterans  
Celebration.



# August Calendar

**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Men's Fellowship at Imo's Café at 8:30 a.m.

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship/Communion at 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

**Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

Celebrate Life Birthday Group at 11:30 a.m.

Last day of YMCA Summer camp

**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

**Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Diners at 11:00 a.m. at Coney McKane's  
in Decatur

Open House from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

St. John Singers practice at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Special Congregational Meeting following  
morning worship

**Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Church Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

Fundraiser at El Mazatlan from 11:00 a.m. to  
10:00 p.m. for Veterans Celebration

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

St. John Singers practice at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

St. John Ringers practice following church

St. John Chimers practice following ringers

**Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Boy Scout PLC meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

St. John Singers practice at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

St. John Ringers practice following church

St. John Chimers practice following ringers

**Note:**

The YMCA After School Program begins on  
Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.



# Prayer List

Alissa Smith  
Cheryl F.  
Katrina Opperman  
Lynn  
David  
Kathy Staten  
Jim Walsh  
Kristen  
Lee Wolfe  
Joyce (Gail Marquardt's mother)  
"Pete" Luckhart  
Abigail  
Middle East  
Raymond  
Stephanie Opperman  
Janet Dullard  
Sharlene  
Jen Steele  
Donnie Kirk  
Ellen Schweizer  
Beverly  
David Dennis  
Louise Jeffries  
Martha  
Debbie  
Mike  
Tim  
Tim Schippel  
Baby Reese  
Duke  
Chris  
Allen  
Linda Barrick  
Deborah Lichtenwalter  
Wil Buse

Drake Miller  
Bill Dennis  
Patricia Southerd  
Leslie Wilmert  
Dave Frank  
Kevin Wilham  
Kathy  
Elizabeth Miller  
Katie  
Jackie Curry  
Ron Brawdy  
Dorothy  
Merlene Stout  
Janet Johnson  
Kelli Thompson  
Sandy  
Dylan  
DJ  
Jeremy Cook  
Laurie Reifsteck  
Carolyn Pech  
Dawn Honecker  
Kaye Wilmert  
Fred  
Linda Gehlbach  
Jim Wilmert  
Nolan

Illinois Conference/Western Association

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