

# ST. JOHN'S CHIMES

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**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026  
Immediately following the church service**

**Committee Reports for the Annual Report  
are due in the Church Office by  
Friday, January 2, 2025**

## PASTOR'S CORNER



### HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026!

The New Year 2026 is here and St. John UCC Lincoln is entering a new chapter in our service for and to Jesus Christ. The Monday Sack Lunch Bible Study at Noon continues, and additional Bible Studies can be added as needed. Our Music Program and Ministry continues, and you are invited to join in any of our three choirs and music teams. The Season of Epiphany will manifest God's presence in new and exciting ways, and you are invited to join in the fun!

#### GOD CAN BRING GREAT CHANGE!

There has never been a moment when God didn't want you! He made you! He chose you, and He gave His only Son for you.

He desires to "...produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him" (Hebrews 13:21), and He wants you to use your unique gifts and talents to do the 'good works' He has prepared for you to do! (Ephesians 2:10).

You don't need to be the best or the brightest; you only need to be WILLING! It is your attitude that makes the difference.

We know with great confidence, that God works ALL things together for good to those who love God! (Romans 8:28).

God took the very worst thing that has EVER happened in the history of the universe, the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross, and He turned it into the very BEST thing that has ever happened in the history of the universe, and that is the opening up of the heavens to ALL who believe.

In Jesus Christ you may have perfect peace in the New Year. In the world you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous, be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy! Jesus has overcome the world! (John 16:33).

It is through the Cross that Jesus Christ conquered the world for us. God entered into the world and personally experienced our pain. Jesus is there in the lowest places of our lives.

We must make the choice to follow Him and not run from Him. He will give you the POWER to let go of your past, PEACE to deal with the present, and PURPOSE for your future. He will do this for our church in this New Year, 2026!

*Pastor Ken Kline*



**Bible Study on Mondays at 12:00 noon. Bring a sack lunch.**

The graphic features a blue and white background with a snowflake pattern. On the left, there is an illustration of a blue mug, a pair of glasses, and an open book. The text "Bible STUDY Join us!" is written in a stylized font. To the right, the main text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Our Boy Scout Troop 1102 and Cub Pack 101 are holding an Avanti's Gondola Fundraiser.

Full length Avanti's Gondolas are \$8.00 each or a Loaf of Bread is \$3.00 each.

Orders are due Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon

Pick up on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. at St. John UCC.

The complex block is enclosed in a double-line blue border. It features the Boy Scout logo on the left, which is a red and white fleur-de-lis with a blue eagle in the center. The text is in a black, sans-serif font.



Michalsen recommended that acid free boxes, folders be used, and gaskets be put on the doors to keep the air out.

- The memorabilia dates from 1864 to present, all except for one year.
- There were leftover wooden ornaments that were given as guest gifts. The committee would like to sell them for \$15...\$9 of the \$15 will cover the cost and \$6 of the \$15 will be put into the Funds for the Future (FFF).
- The committee's proposal of the FFF funds were not used as originally proposed – they were disappointed in how the fund was handled. – No current amount in the FFF has been given to committee. Toni Reifsteck thanked Rev. Kathy Lawes for her installation message, which emphasized the importance of giving from the original founders of the church up to today's visions of the current church leaders.
- The Memory Book is being updated
- The glass communion cups were given to the church in Champaign (they still use them) They may send a donation to St. John's for those cups. If they do Toni Reifsteck prefer that that donation be put into the FFF fund. For historical purposes 30 cups were saved and 6 would be put in the historic room.

Silas Tockey thanked Toni Reifsteck and the 165<sup>th</sup> Committee for all the hard work and dedication that was put into the research, planning, and execution of the 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the actual church building. All agreed and also thanked Toni Reifsteck.

#### **PASTOR'S' REPORT:**

- Pastor Ken will be offering a tutorial class for confirmation to Madi Meinershagen.
- The Boy Scouts gave thanks to the church for a recent donation
- He had 45 encounters with congregation members in October.
- He plans to start a worship service at St. Clara's with the goal being at least once a month. Plans not finalized as of yet.
- He was part the entertainment (piano playing) at the Veteran's Celebration
- He was contacted to be a sitting member of the Regional Housing Supportive Group

- He was extremely happy for the excellent installation service and wants to thank the council and the congregation for their support.
- Sarah Harvey will be cleaning the parsonage.
- He attended the recent Ministerial Association meeting and will be attending the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Sunrise Fellowship Church of God.
- He plans on attending the next open mic night at Spirited Republic, and may play if a keyboard is available—fundraiser for Toys for Tots on November 20<sup>th</sup>
- He finally met the mayor at Rotary – the mayor is our Website master

He said it's been a pleasure to be the pastor at St. John UCC and will be addressing more issues in the next six months.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Website:** Nothing at this time
- B. Nomination Committee:** Keith Birnbam and Roger Michalsen are co-chairs. Dan Row and Suzanne Tockey have been contacted about serving on the committee and both are willing to serve. Two people have been contacted. One was a "no", and one is still thinking about it. A discussion about new members and when they are able to serve on council ensued. Per the constitution a new member must be a member for 2 years in order to serve on council. A long-time member who's served a three-year term, must be off one-year before they are able to serve again. In another discussion about members who transferred out then transferred back into the church, prompted a reading of the constitution for clarity. As far as having a former member who transferred out and then transferred back in without being back for 2 consecutive years, they can be allowed to serve on the council. The constitution was not specific about this. If a candidate is willing to serve on the council, and this is the situation, this is an option that can be used.
- C. Annual Congregational Meeting** – The Annual meeting will be on Sunday, January

25, 2026 following the church service. Committee Chairs will be reminded to get their reports in early or they won't be included in the annual report.

- D. **New Water Fountain:** The new water fountain has been installed in the Fellowship Hall.
- E. **Removal of Basement Water Fountain** – It was asked if it's possible to remove the water fountain in the basement, and who would do it and at what cost. It was moved and seconded to ask the Building and Grounds committee about who can remove the fountain and what the cost would be. All voting aye, the motion carried.
- F. **Laptops at St. Clara's:** This was brought up in October to allow members to follow the church service online by purchasing laptops for them to use on Sundays, but no action has been done at this time.
- G. **Shirt with church name for Janitor:** Providing shirt or t-shirt for Dana with the church name on it, so when she's here members and others will know who she is.
- H. **Communion:** A question about purchasing of the wine and bread for communion was discussed. At this time wine is being purchased by an individual and paid by them, as well as the bread for pastor to break. Communion wafers are being paid by the church, but the other supplies are not directly being paid by the church at this time.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Outside Little Food Pantry:** The idea of having an Outside Little Food Pantry available on the church grounds was discussed. These are becoming available in many areas. They are stocked with non-perishable items, canned goods, etc. People in need can pick up items at any time (it would not be locked). If St. John's decides to make this available a location needs to be determined, and the decision about who would maintain the Little Pantry needs to be decided. Silas Tockey was going to contact someone from the Women's Club about how the process works for them.

- B. **Fellowship Hall Projector:** A question was asked if the projector in the Fellowship Hall is usable and working. Silas would check on that.
- C. **Digital Outdoor Sign:** Roger Michalsen asked about the possibility of having a digital sign put at the 7<sup>th</sup> & Maple location of the current outdoor sign. He used as an example the Jr. High Sign on Broadway Street.
- D. **Worship Team decision:** The Worship Team met in September and recommended that council set the Christmas Eve Service at 11pm, Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> again this year. This was not recorded in the October Minutes as it should have been, but it was voted on and approved. The Worship team took an email vote on the 2025 Christmas donation that replaced the poinsettia donations many, many years ago. Over the past several years the Heifer Project has benefitted by this, and the Team decided that this year's donations will go to Nourish Logan County, which is a newly formed group that will take donations and divide them among all the Logan County Food Pantries.

**ADJOURNMENT** – It was moved and seconded to adjourn. All voting aye the motion carried. Pastor Ken gave a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Next meeting is Monday, December 15th, 2025 at 7pm in Wilmert Lounge.

Respectfully submitted by  
Laura Lee, Council Secretary



## *We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To...*



Sandy and Bob Meinershagen and family at the death of her brother, Russ Hahn.

The family of Susan Webb.

## 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**.
- **Third Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken for our **Teddy Bear project**.
- **On the fourth Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken for the **Diaper Project for Head Start at Community Action**.



“Tonita & Anniversary committee – thank you for your kind note and bookmark. I’m sure it was an amazing day! Probably my best memory is all the “people” at St. John and Gary’s creative ministry. I hope you are all doing well. “

(signed) Kay Hazlett Williams

(Additional letter with family information was enclosed and I will copy info and post on bulletin board in Fellowship Hall /Toni)

“ Dear Charity Guild:

The Mission Committee cannot thank you enough for your generous \$400 donation to our Teddy Bear Project. Not only is it a project close to our hearts but it means so much to the children receiving them. I think the hospital gets a little panicky when they run out of the stuffed animals when we have been delayed in securing them. Praying our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday donations will keep us afloat for a long time to come.

God Bless”!

(signed) Marlene Wilmert, Co-Chair  
Mission Committee

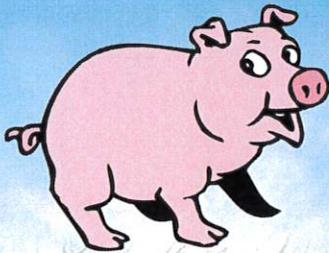
“Dear Tonita & Anniversary Committee:

Thank you so much for the lovely bookmark. I had no idea that UCC started out in a cabin. I so enjoyed my time with you! UCC is a very special place. Yes, I am praying for you!

Peace and Blessings”

(signed) Ann Lamkey

January is Pork Project Month



Be sure to memo your check for  
Pork Project.



**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY and  
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**  
are both on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.  
During the month of January through  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, let’s see how many Cans of  
Soup we can bring in. The Food Item of the  
Month for both January and February will be  
Cans of Soup. All the Cans of Soup will be  
delivered to the Lincoln/Logan Food Pantry.

“Dear Tonita & Committee:

Thank you so much for the bookmark and for telling me my memory page went into the book. I’m so glad to hear of it! I was so sad not to be able to attend – we just haven’t learned to clone ourselves quite yet so can’t be in two places at one time.

I’m so glad the event was a huge success – I hope it was everything you hoped for! It sounds wonderful and from the newsletters I receive I can glean all is going well. I hope you are enjoying your ‘new pastor Ken’. It must feel good to have someone permanent after these years although I know Pastor David helped out a lot with that.

As I write this I know snow is falling there since my daughter and her family had to cut their vacation short to get back in time before the snow. It is in the 60’s-70’s here and true Texans here believe that’s “So cold”. I just laugh – I’m truly a ‘Yankee’!

I’m still serving two small Presbyterian churches. There are hardly any UCC churches here! So Sad! Only 11 in the Houston Association and 66 in all of Texas and a little of Louisiana that make up South Central Conference.

St. John UCC will always be in my prayers and in my heart. One of these times when we visit Illinois I’ll get over there! Meanwhile, Happy Advent/Hope-Peace-Love and Joy”.

(Signed) Laurie Hill

*Dear St. John Charity Guild Members:*

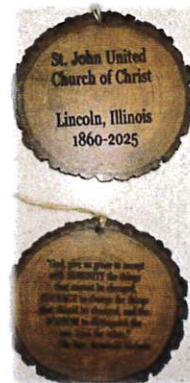
*Thank you for your donation to Habitat for Humanity of Logan County. Your support is much appreciated and vital to our ongoing efforts to provide affordable housing in Logan County. We are rehabbing property on Monroe Street (ed note: family moved in December 11!!) The generosity of people like you is essential in continuing our mission. Thank you again.*

(signed by 11 board members).

## 165<sup>th</sup> / 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TIDBITS...

### CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

165<sup>th</sup>/100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is available for \$15 each. These are same as the gifts given the honored guests at the celebration. The committee bought out the stock at Hallmark and that limited number have been made. \$10 of the cost will go toward the purchase and \$5 will go to the FFF (Funds For the Future as the committee had originally planned following the pattern of former special celebration projects since the beginning in looking to have resource for needs or special projects in the future of the church set aside).



Any questions or to purchase one of these see Tonita Reifsteck or a member of Anniversary committee at church or call 217-855-1645.

Payment will be expected before ornament given. The limited number available is the last of the stock with HALLMARK closing and this item is not available in other stores anywhere near Illinois.

ANNIVERSARY T-Shirts remaining are:

1 - Large, 4 – X-Large. Cost is \$22 each. See Member of Anniversary committee or call Tonita Reifsteck at 217-855-1645.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

OUTREACH will have an UPDATE Program on DeFib machine and Fire Safety Info Guidelines. Since the initial presentation a new DeFib machine has been purchased and use of it needs to be shared and understood in case of need. Program will be after church on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and following the program a light lunch will be served. Ham Salad or Chicken Salad sandwiches with side dishes. Sign-up Sheet with choice desired is respectfully requested by February 1<sup>st</sup>. See any member of Outreach for questions – Jim and Leslie Wilmert, Jack and Nancy Leich, Lee Westerfield, Sandy Wilmert or Tonita Reifsteck.

Outreach Ministry always appreciates the volunteers who help with COFFEE HOUR - Make coffee and clean-up afterwards. Treats are furnished by Outreach unless someone shares with that on occasion. See Jack or Nancy Leich or Toni Reifsteck with questions or sign up on sheet in Narthex or in kitchen. Enjoyable fellowship prior to worship every Sunday from 9:15 until 10:00 a.m.

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



Sign-up sheets are in Narthex and Kitchen.



Articles for the **February 2026** newsletter should be in the Church Office by **January 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**CELEBRATE LIFE GROUP**

By: Tonita Reifsteck

On Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, ten gathered at Cracker Barrel for CELEBRATE LIFE despite the cold! Marilyn Armbrust, Karen Birnbaum, Carolyn Pech, Toni Reifsteck, Dan Row, Lynn Spellman, Jim and Leslie Wilmert, Sandy Wilmert and Pastor Kline enjoyed fellowship, good food and signed Christmas cards for the shut-ins. Two birthday gals were celebrated and sung to Marilyn and Carolyn.

January CELEBRATE LIFE will be held on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at CHI Family Restaurant. Contact Sandy Wilmert or Toni Reifsteck by Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> to make your reservation.

**OUTREACH AND PUBLICITY**

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

Outreach did not meet in December with intentions of decorating the bus on that date ... BRR – Jack decorated it alone on a warmer day! Parade postponed a week – but on December 11<sup>th</sup> with Bob Meinershagen driving; Pastor Kline, Jack and Nancy Leich, Carolyn Pech and Toni Reifsteck rode the bus and waved to all the brave crowd along the route. Supplying the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts with their entry behind us, the church pencils were distributed to the children (and adults) along the route by those brave young men despite the cold!

Outreach and Publicity meetings resume on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Outreach is again making DAILY DEVOTIONALS (3 month each booklet) available with donation to Immanuel Lutheran Outreach for their excess supply. Pick up one in Narthex or entryway. There are 2 Large Print editions available and if needed, more can be obtained. Questions, see Tonita Reifsteck.



**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m.  
Imo's Café**

**All men of the church are Welcome**



January 4<sup>th</sup>:  
January 11<sup>th</sup>:  
January 18<sup>th</sup>: Taken  
January 25<sup>th</sup>:

**St. John Diners  
Imo's Café  
Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 a.m.**



Are you planning to attend St. John Diners in January? 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. Then just meet us at Imo's Café on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. for lunch.

**January  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Colleen Pech
- 7 Ty Row
- 17 Jackie Curry  
Bret Paulus
- 18 Janet Johnson
- 21 Pastor Ken
- 22 Jonathan Pagel
- 26 Connor Costello  
Brandon Muhlach
- 27 Jean Meinershagen
- 28 Kyle Atteberry
- 30 Lori Christensen

**NOVEMBER FINANCIALS**



Beginning Balance		\$ 4,866.06
Income	\$11,735.76	
Transfer	\$10,000.00	
Expenses	\$25,219.86	
Ending Balance		\$ 1,381.96

**ST. JOHN GAMERS  
Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

- ✓ **Bring a Board Game**
- ✓ **Bring a snack to share**
- ✓ **Bring your own drink**

**GREETERS**

- January 4<sup>th</sup>: Marlene Wilmert
- January 11<sup>th</sup>: Bob Meinershagen
- January 18<sup>th</sup>: Sandy Meinershagen
- January 25<sup>th</sup>: Carla Jurgenson

**Janet Johnson of Lincoln will celebrate her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, January 18, 2026.**

**In her honor, her family is having an Open House on Sunday, January 18, 2026 at St. John United Church of Christ from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please join us for refreshments.**

## *In Loving Memory...*



Susan Ellen Webb of St. Clara's Rehab and Senior Care breathed her last on Sunday, December 21, 2025. She was born on December 28, 1944, in Alton, Illinois. She was the first born of John and Mary Webb, and she was followed by brother David and sisters Carol and Jean. She attended Godfrey Grade School, North Junior High School, and Alton Senior High School where she graduated in the top ten of her class of over 600 students. She got all A's except for typing and speech. Always a fine musician, she played clarinet in the Concert Band and the Marching 100.

She attended MacMurray College in Jacksonville and near the end of her first semester, she was diagnosed with a mental illness which she struggled with her whole life. She continued her studies as she was able at both Lewis and Clark Community College and SIU Edwardsville. During that time, she lived in Alton but later moved to Jacksonville, Illinois where she was a resident in a group assisted living home. Because she had increasing physical issues that needed attention, she moved to St. Clara's in 2007 as her mom lived at the Christian Village in Lincoln. Her brother David from Oregon, her sister, Jean, from Connecticut, and her sister, Carol from Melbourne, Australia (and now of Lincoln, Illinois, as well) made frequent visits.

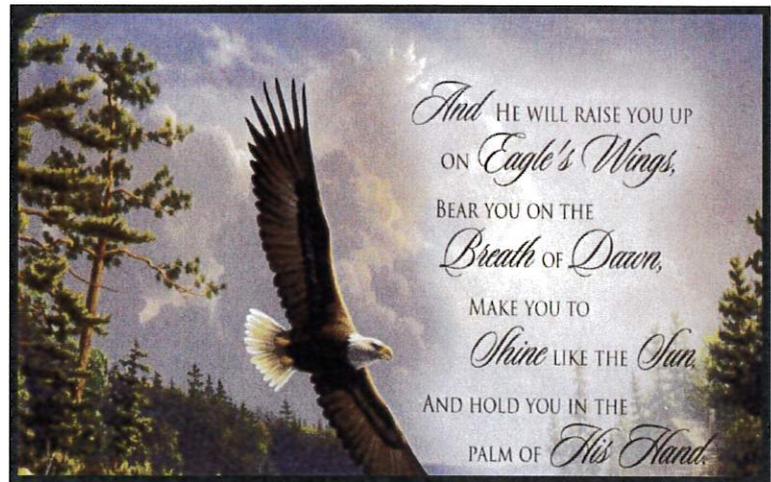
She loved to participate in all the activities at St. Clara's, and she especially loved to play bingo and win. (Her collection of stuffed animals and beanie babies offer testimony to this.) She enjoyed

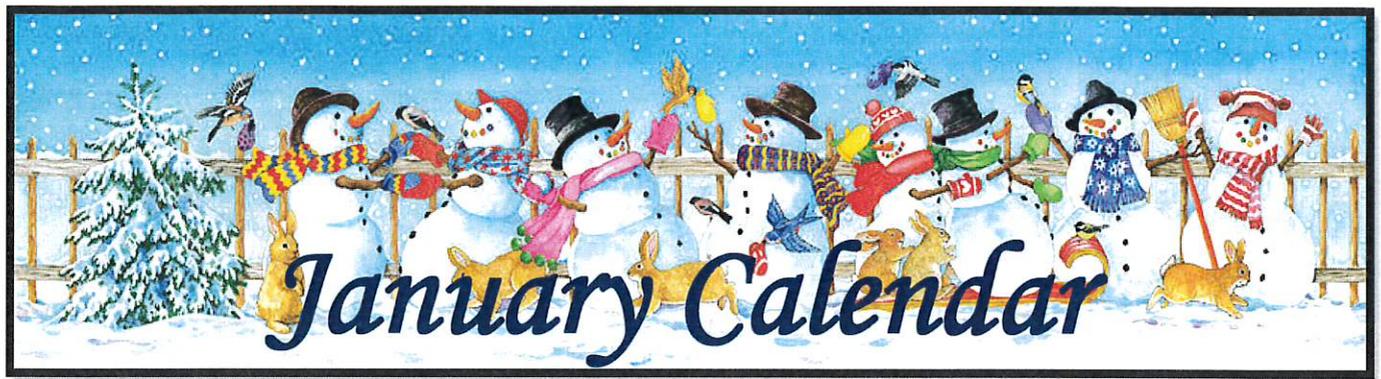
reading, doing puzzles, and watching football and basketball (especially the WNBA). Besides playing the clarinet, Susan was an accomplished piano player. She was active in the First Methodist Church of Godfrey and has been a good Christian her whole life.

In addition to her siblings, she is survived by her sister-in-law Mary Jane Moffat, nephew Jaixen Webb, his children Phoenix and Mariah and his wife Amy and her daughter Corinne. Her family grew through the marriage of her mother to Albert Webb of Lawndale and includes her sisters-in-law Barbara and Gayle; numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and even great-great nieces and nephews.

She could be cleverly funny and enjoyed joking with the staff at St. Clara's where for 18 years she was lovingly cared for. She is a much-loved member of our family and will be missed.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, December 29, 2025 at St. John United Church of Christ. Burial was held on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at Moss Ridge Cemetery in Carthage, Illinois.





**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Happy New Year!!! – Church Office closed

**Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Reports for the Annual Reports are due

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Singers practice at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

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

St. John Ringers practice following church

St. John Chimers practice following ringers

**Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study at 12:00 noon

Taking Down the Greens at 7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Outreach and Publicity at 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Celebrate Life Group at 11:30 a.m.

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Singers practice at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

St. John Ringers practice following church

St. John Chimers practice following ringers

St. John Gamers at 2:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study at 12:00 noon

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

Cub Scouts at 6:15 p.m.

**Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Financial Oversight at 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Diners at 11:30 a.m. at Imo's Café

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Singers practice at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

St. John Ringers practice following church

St. John Chimers practice following ringers

Birthday Open House for Janet Johnson

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

**Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study at 12:00 noon

Church Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

St. John Singers practice at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Annual Congregational meeting following church

**Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study at 12:00 noon

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Cub Scouts at 6:15 p.m.

**Note:**

**The YMCA After School Program**

**Monday – Friday**

**3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**



Alissa Smith  
 Cheryl F.  
 Lynn  
 David  
 Kathy Staten  
 Jim Walsh  
 Kristen  
 "Pete" Luckhart  
 Abigail  
 Middle East  
 Raymond  
 Stephanie Opperman  
 Janet Dullard  
 Sharlene  
 Jen Steele  
 Ellen Schweizer  
 Beverly  
 David Dennis  
 Louise Jeffries  
 Debbie  
 Duke  
 Chris  
 Allen  
 Linda Barrick  
 Wil Buse  
 Drake Miller  
 Bill Dennis  
 Patricia Southerd  
 Leslie Wilmert  
 Kevin Wilham  
 Kathy  
 Elizabeth Miller  
 Katie  
 Jackie Curry  
 Ron Brawdy  
 Dorothy

Kelli Thompson  
 Sandy  
 Dylan  
 DJ  
 Jeremy Cook  
 Fred  
 Linda Gehlbach  
 Carol Mills  
 Ryman Miller  
 Lainey Miller  
 Lucy Miller  
 Kathleen Twente  
 Kelly Thomas  
 Linda Douglas  
 Pat Hickey Freese  
 Mogan  
 Josh Filmore  
 Lee Westerfield  
 Janet Johnson  
 Kaye Wilmert  
 George Wilmert  
 Brooklyn  
 Carol Reifsteck  
 Joel Beard  
 Steve Sampson  
 Terry Puffer  
 Family of Les Plotner

Illinois Conference/Western Association

**FACILITIES AND HOMEBOUND:**

Dave Armbrust, Steve Aue,  
 Jerry and Mary Berglin, Bill Krepps,  
 Wayne Mara, Edna Mara, Helen Opperman,  
 Sandy Sanders, Ruth Post

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Financial Manager  
Organist  
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St. John Chimers Director

## Church Council for 2025-2026



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Roger Michalsen, (Elder)  
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**"Letting God's love shine through us to the Community we serve"**

