



St. John's United Church of Christ

Rooted in Love

Oct 3, 2026

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS WEEK!

Sunday at 10 AM

Worship with us in-person or online!

Online Worship:

We are livestreaming our Sunday morning service.

You'll be able to join us live or watch a video later at your convenience.

You can find the
livestream here:



[Facebook](#)

You can find the **video**
here for your convenience:



[YouTube](#)

You can find more worship
information here:



[Website](#)

The Calendar ... Looking Ahead

Sat	10/3		Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
Sun	10/4	10:00 AM	Family Worship Sunday with Communion
Sun	10/4	10:00 AM	Neighbors in Need offering (donate here) select Mission put NIN in memo
Mon	10/5		Last day to drop off Festival of Sharing packs
Sat	10/10	9:00 AM	GHSP Build (Volunteer)
Sun	10/11	10:00 AM	Service & Pet Blessing at the pavilion.
Sun	10/11	11:00 AM	Adopt a Highway (volunteer)
Mon	10/12	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Mon	10/12		Columbus Day Office Closed
Sat	10/17		Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)
Sun	10/18	11:00 AM	Alzheimer Association Speaker "Brain Health" (RSVP)
Mon	10/19	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Thu	10/22	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship Circle 7 Ranch (join us)
Sun	10/25	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	10/25	9:30 AM	Mission Meeting
Sun	10/25	5:00 PM	Church Picnic at Stemme Farm (RSVP)
Tue	10/27	10:00 AM	Book Club "The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali (info)
Tue	10/27	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night (join us)

Please check your News Notes or [Website](#) for more information

We pray for

Please pray for Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Mike Kelly,
Josh Kennedy and Family, Danny Mueller, Anita Paz and Kathy Sellenriek.

Please let us know your prayer concerns. Private prayer concerns speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

Global Ministries requests that we pray with the following countries this month.

10/04 Sri Lanka, 10/11 Mexico, 10/18 Democratic Republic of Congo, 10/25 Germany



For the full prayer [click here](#).

Announcements

Pet Blessing



Pet Blessing Sun, 10/11 at 10 AM

Bring your pet to a short outdoor worship service at St. John's UCC. We will gather in the Pavillion behind the Church building. At the end of the worship service, Pastor Katie Jo will give each pet an individual blessing. There will be treats and fellowship for all of God's critters. We will be in the gym if it rains. We hope you and your four-legged (or feathered!) family members will join us!

Adopt a Highway Sun, 10/11 at 11 AM

St. John's is committed to picking up litter along one side of Olive Street, between the entrances to the White Plains and Shenandoah subdivisions. We also begin by picking up litter around the front and back of St. John's after service. All equipment is provided and it's an easy job, and more fun with more people. Please sign up and thank you for helping keep our church & community at its best! ([volunteer](#))



alzheimer's
association

([RSVP](#))

Alzheimer Speaker Sun, 10/18 at 11 AM

BUILDING BRAIN-HEALTHY HABITS

A volunteer educator from the Alzheimer's Association is coming to speak about tips to build healthy habits to help protect your brain.

Church Picnic at Stemme Farm Sun, 10/25 at 5:00 PM

Dinner, S'mores and Hayride!

Brats, hot dogs, soda & water provided. Bring a dish to share!

Bring a chair and enjoy the bonfire.

Volunteers needed for set up Sat 10/24 at 10am ([RSVP](#))



Happenings



The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. In 2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC. ([donate](#)) (select missions put NinN in comments). The offering will be **collected** on **Oct 4**, World Communion Sunday.



The next **Gateway Housing Service Project** build is **Saturday October 10th**. GHSP builds wheelchair ramps to make homes accessible for handicapped residents. Please contact Jim Pisoni at jpisonijr@gmail.com if you have any questions or want to **volunteer**. The time commitment is approximately 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Donations** are **also** being accepted to support GHSP with their material requirements which average around \$2000 per ramp.



Table Fellowship will gather at **Circle 7 Ranch** at 5:30 PM on **10/22**. **All are welcome!** "Come when you can. Come as you are!" So we can make reservations please call or text Jane Lindberg (314-882-2940) or sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary or use the ([link](#)).



([join us](#))

Ladies Game Night
Tue, **10/27**, 6:30 PM



10/25 at 9:15 am
in Fellowship Hall



Last day 10/5 During ShareFest, we collect and assemble special packs and kits. This year, we have chosen three kits to collect for our ShareFest. The information below includes the items needed for each kit, along with instructions for packaging. Feel free to choose one, two, or all three kits to participate! Please bring your completed kits to the Narthex by the end of September. Thank you for helping us make a difference through service and sharing!

Missouri Reading and Writing Pack
2,135 requested versus 1,296 shared in 2024
Estimated Pack Value **\$15**

Instructions: Place smaller items in the pencil holder and place in a 2-2.5 gallon zipper storage bag. Place completed packs in boxes labeled with "Missouri Reading and Writing Pack" and the quantity on the exterior.

- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 1 box of 10 markers (only 10)
- 1 pair of child-sized metal scissors
- 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- 1, 12-inch ruler
- 2, 70 or 80 page spiral or tape bound notebooks
- 1 zipper pencil holder
- 4 folders with pockets
- 1 large eraser
- 2 ink pens (medium point)

Missouri Family Food Box
7,222 requested versus 1,574 shared in 2024
Estimated Pack Value **\$26**

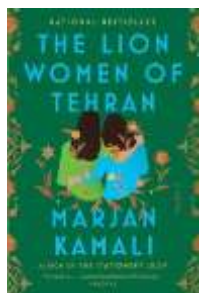
Instructions: Place items in a sturdy box (i.e. Get Scout cookie boxes), tape and label "Missouri Family Food Box." Please purchase low sodium/low sugar when possible. Include no more than two food box packs per box due to weight.

- 3 pkgs. macaroni & cheese
- 3 different cans of vegetables
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 1 can pasta sauce
- 1 box of oatmeal packets (30 count any flavor)
- 1 pound pasta
- 3 cans tuna
- 3 cans chicken
- 3 different cans of fruit

Missouri Paper Product Pack
1,382 requested versus 732 shared in 2024
Estimated Pack Value **\$21**

Instructions: Place all items in a tall-sized kitchen trash bag. Label the trash bag "Missouri Paper Products Pack."

- 2 facial tissues (large rectangle boxes)
- 2 rolls paper towels (good quality)
- 12 double/mega rolls of toilet paper as 3 packages of 4 or 2 packages of 6 (unable to receive 12 rolls in one pack)



Join us for book club in the library here at St. John's

Tues, Oct 27th 10 am

"The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali

Tues, Dec 8th 10 am

"Last Christmas in Paris" by Hazel Gaynor & Heather Webb



Sign up for the following fun activities: Using your phone and the QR code. **HOW TO SCAN A QR CODE**

1. OPEN YOUR CAMERA 2. POINT IT AT THE QR CODE 3. TAP THE LINK THAT POPS UP



Sun, 10/4 10:00 AM



Donate to Neighbors in Need

Select Mission & put Neighbors in Need in the memo.



Sat, 10/10 9:00 AM

Gateway Housing Service Project



[donate here](#)

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Sat, 10/10 9:00 AM

Gateway Housing Service Project



Volunteer here.



Sun, 10/11 11:00 AM

Adopt a Highway



Volunteer here



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**Alzheimer Association Speaker
"Brain Health"**



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**Book Club Information
"The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali**



Sun, 10/25 5:00 PM



Church Picnic Stemme Farm



4th Tue of the mth 6:30 PM



Women's Game Night



[Use this Link to Join Us](#)



4th Thu of the mth 6:30 PM



Table Fellowship



[Use this Link to Join Us](#)

Thank you for your service & generosity.

Thank you to all that helped. Steve
Hawkinson, Helen Stortz, Pastor Katie Jo,
Carol Tindira, Katie Wilsdorf..

St. John's UCC presents



Circle of Concern Bring your donations to church and place them in the grocery cart labeled "Circle of Concern." For monetary donations put "Circle of Concern" in the memo. **Our Current Needs in the Food Pantry:** are **Canned Chicken, corn, & mixed vegetables, pasta sauce, boxed potatoes, rice, baby wipes**
View our [Amazon Wish List](#) or [Walmart List](#) for more items to fill our pantry Circle of Concern DOES NOT accept expired food.

10/04/26 Service

Liturgist: **Todd Armstrong**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Carol Tindira**
Special Music: **Violin**

10/11/26 Service

Pet Blessing
Liturgist: **Jan Ittner**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Laura Ayers**

10/18/26 Service

Liturgist: **Mary Polt**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Chris Norton**
Special Music: **Piano Duet**

Birthdays

Kathy Rizzo	10/01	Barb Dauster	10/11	Ruth Kohl	10/14
Joe Schwarz	10/03	Gus Ochse	10/11	Angela Sontag	10/18
Denise Asaro	10/04	Barb Ackerman	10/11	Ken Mueller	10/18
Wally Smith	10/04	Karen Josef	10/12	Pat Mueller	10/18
Tom Steiger	10/04	Dwyane Dollgener	10/12	Phil Difani	10/25
Trisha Graham	10/06	Katie Jo Bielke	10/12	Jon Fair	10/28
Brock Ayers	10/07	Laura Renth	10/12	Nora Amato	10/28
Linda Coleman	10/07	Keith Walston	10/13	Nancy Kelly	10/29

CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



Council

Bullet Points from 9/21 Meeting

- October 3 St. Louis Association Meeting in St. Louis.
- November 6, 7 Conference Meeting in St. Charles
- Registration for both through Pastor Katie Jo.
- Please consider representing St. John's at these important meetings.
- November 22 We will celebrate Totenfest
- November 29 will be the 'Hanging of the Greens'.

President: **Jan Boehm**
Vice President: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**
Treasurer: **Warren Stemme**
Secretary: **Phil Difani**

Senior Ministry: **Carol Tindira**
Mission: **Jackie Ruff**
ECC Liaison: **Chris Norton**

Asset Management: **Jim Pisoni**
Fellowship: **Barb Ackerman**
Fellowship: **Rosemarie Spray**

Online Worship:

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Facebook: livestream:



YouTube: video here:



Website: Link



Giving Link



([donate](#))

Staff

PASTOR Katie Jo Bielke <mailto:Pastorkatiejo@stjohnsuccchesterfield.org>
Mon - Thu 9 to 1, Friday off. Meetings, emergencies, etc., often cause changes to this schedule.

Please call or email to check availability 636-532-0540

In case of **pastoral emergency** please call **830-305-3684**

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Liz Bogert Director of the Early Childhood Center <mailto:stjohnsecc@gmail.com>

Alba Hernandez & Ulises Martir Custodians

Katie Wilsdorf Administrative Assistant <mailto:StJohnsUccOnOlive@gmail.com>

Pictures

The Crop Walk was a success and we had 18 walkers.



If you would still like to donate to crop hunger walk please use this Qrcode.



The KinShift concert brought in over \$1000 for Circle of Concern



October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4  Family Worship Sunday with Communion 	5 Last day to bring in Sharefest 	6 	7	8 	9	10  GHSP Gateway Housing Service Project GSHP Build Sharefest Drop Off 
11  Pet Blessing 	12 1 pm Exc Cncl Mtg 	13	14	15	16	17 
18  Alzheimer : "Brain Health"	19 6 pm Council Meeting 	20	21	22  5:30 pm Table Fellowship Circle 7	23	24
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