



St. John's United Church of Christ  
*Rooted in Love*

April 3, 2025

15370 Olive Blvd. Chesterfield MO 63017

636-532-0540

[www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org](http://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org)

## 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*

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**HOLY WEEK**

**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE**  
APRIL 13 AT 10 AM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL**  
APRIL 17 AT 6 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
APRIL 18 AT 6 PM

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 20 AM  
FOLLOWED BY AN EASTER EGG HUNT AT 11 AM

*PREPARE YE*

*You're Invited*

Please pick up an invitation at church and share it with a friend or neighbor.

Thu	4/3	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter ( <a href="#">subscribe</a> )
SUN	4/6	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Sun	4/6	11:00 AM	Christian Education Meeting
Mon	4/7	10:00 AM	Lenten Study ( <a href="#">Join us</a> )
Wed	4/9	9:30 AM	Bellefontaine Cemetery Tour ( <a href="#">rsvp</a> )
Wed	4/9	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due End Of Day
Sun	4/13	10:00 AM	Palm Sunday
Sun	4/13	11:00 AM	General Synod Volunteer information session
Mon	4/14	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Thu	4/17	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter ( <a href="#">subscribe</a> )
Thu	4/17	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Meal & Service
Fri	4/18	6:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Sun	4/20	10:00 AM	Easter Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt (please <a href="#">rsvp</a> )

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities  
<https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>

## *We pray for*

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

**4/6 Argentina, 4/13 Fiji, 4/20 Middle East, 4/27 South Africa**

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

We pray for: **Sharon Barber, Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Elizabeth Hart, Cherie Messina, Rev. Peter Muschinske, Anita Paz and Gloria Vaclavik.**

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

## *Announcements*



A **15% Senior Citizen Discount** is available for Chesterfield residents age 65 and older, with two or fewer people living in the home. In order to qualify for this discount, residents must provide proof of their age to Republic. A copy of your driver's license or birth certificate will satisfy this requirement. Please be sure to send this information, along with your address to Republic Services, 12976 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044.

### 2025 Pastoral Relations Committee

#### Role and Contact Info

Here is a quick overview about the ROLE for St. John's UCC's Pastoral Relations Committee and each member's CONTACT INFORMATION. The committee's role is to support and maintain open communication between the church's pastor and the members of the congregation. With an open and honest communication bridge, the pastor is provided information about what the church congregation is thinking, a framework for creativity, ideas, improvements, and possible conflict. Please also feel free to share "positive feedback", whatever you like or exceeds your expectations. All information is always kept confidential.

May you and your family be blessed throughout 2025!  
 Your 2025 Pastoral Relations Committee

Your team:

**Pastor Katie Jo Bielke**

(Suggested first contact)

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**Lee Difani**

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**Mike Scherr**

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<https://tinyurl.com/StJohnsECC25>



**ECC Show me Dough Fundraiser.**

**Orders due any time before 4/7**



**Orders arrive on 4/15**

**Please Remove all decoration from graves. Mowing will be beginning soon.**

# Rent St John's U.C.C.!

For rental information please contact the office at 636.532.0540  
or <https://www.stjohnsucchesterfield.org/rentals>

## Happenings

### The "Greatest" Discussion (Lenten Discussion)

"The Greatest Showman" is a bold and original musical that celebrates the birth of show business and the sense of wonder we feel when dreams come to life. It is inspired by the ambition and imagination of P.T. Barnum. The movie challenges the way we look at and treat one another along with our attitudes towards our social class system. We will gather on **Mondays at 10 am in the Library** through lent (4/7). Each week we will discuss lyrics to a different song and its connection/comparison to scripture. **Since each week is different you can sign up for one, two or all. Whatever you can make.**

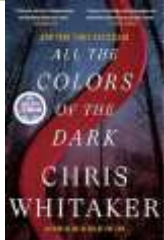


**Bellefontaine cemetery tour on April 9.** The trolley tour is 2 hr. The daffodils should be blooming and are beautiful. We've reserved **10 seats** on the trolley. Carol Tindira will have liability waivers for those attending to sign. The **cost is \$5/person** and will be collected before the tour. We should be there between **9:30** and 10. **Tour starts at 10 am.** We will meet at church at 9 a.m. and carpool. ([rsvp](#))



**Maundy Thursday; Join us for a very simple supper of soup and bread, and a simple service at the table at 6 p.m. April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Good Friday Services in the Sanctuary at 6 p.m. April 18<sup>th</sup>**



**<<< Wednesday, April 23rd 10 am**  
**Book Group will be discussing "All the Colors of the Dark"**

Peek at May's book "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn >>>



**Open to All Interested Ladies:**

**Apr 22 May 27 Jun 24**

**No need to but if you would like to rsvp ([link](#))**



**Come as you are, Come when you can!**

**Apr 24 May 22 Jun 29**

**RSVP to Jane Lindberg, in the Narthex or using this link ([rsvp](#))**



**Apr 27 May 25 Jun 29**

**at 9:15 am**

## Thank you for your service



A huge **"thank you"** to all who donated to **Lydia's House** this year. Fueled by the Bingo night donations, we were able to deliver a large SUV cargo area full of household supplies to Lydia's House March 14.

And thanks to all who attended Bingo and donated supplies and/or funds to Lydia's House. The event raised approximately \$360 and added significantly to donations of household supplies! In addition, thanks to all who helped in making Bingo Night a fun event!!





## Volunteer Opportunity

Our conference is co-hosting the **General Synod of the UCC** this summer in **Kansas City**. It is an honor to be hosting this event, and **we need lots of volunteers** to make it go well. General Synod is **July 11-15**. Our thought is to go for a few days but not stay for the whole thing. If you would **consider going** to General Synod **with other St. John's members** to **volunteer** and **see the guest speaker** and be part of **worship** with UCC members from across the country, come to the General Synod **Volunteer information session on Sunday, April 13 at 11am** in the Library. We will talk about the volunteer opportunities, dates that would work for people, and answer any questions you may have.

On Saturday **March 15th**, **11 members** from St. John's UCC Chesterfield spent the day at the **Habitat Construction warehouse** building exterior walls for future homes. Hammers, nails and tape measures were the tools of the day and it was nice to be in a controlled environment! Many thanks to **Warren Stemme, Connie Rolph, Rick Wagner, Dean Goldenstein, Brad Notch, Mike Scherr, Jan Boehm, John Boehm, Brian Spahr, Mike Kelly, and Jim Pisoni** for volunteering.



**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 (updated 3/14/2025):**

**Our current needs are Dinner Helpers, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Condiments, Snacks (8-12 servings/package), Size 5 and 6 Diapers, Baby wipes.**

View our [Amazon Wish List](#) or [Walmart List](#) for more items to fill our pantry

### 4/6/25 Service

Liturgist: **Warren Stemme**  
 Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**  
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Karen & Dan Rocchio**  
 Communion Service:  
**Carolyn Golfin & Judy Dierberg**  
 Special Music: **Handbells**

### 04/13/25 Service

Liturgist: **Carolyn Golfin**  
 Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**  
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Lynn Potts**  
 Special Music: **Violin**

### 4/20/25 Service

Liturgist: **Amanda Jones**  
 Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**  
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Lynn Potts**  
 Special Music: **Handbells & Choir**

## *Council and Staff*

### **Council Meeting Bullet Points from March 17.**

1. June 1<sup>st</sup> is **Ronald McDonald House** dinner, volunteers and donation appreciated. Contact Monica Hart.
2. June 8<sup>th</sup> **Pentecost**. Planning a Community reach out – think **Block Party!** Volunteers needed for food, desserts, and to hand out flyers in the neighborhood.
3. **Pastor** Katie Jo will be volunteering at **Camp MOVAL** week of **June 22 – 27**.
4. July 11-15, **General Synod** is meeting in Kansas City, again looking for volunteers.
5. **VBS** is July 21 – 25, Lots of help needed!!!

President: **Jan Boehm**  
 Vice President: **Warren Stemme**  
 Treasurer: **Monica Hart**  
 Secretary: **Phil Difani**

Mission: **Barb Ackerman**  
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
 Fellowship: **Lynn Potts**  
 Education: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**

Senior Ministry: **Carol Tindira**  
 Outreach: **Nora Amato**  
 Asst. Finance: **Rosemarie Spray**  
 Personnel: **Jim Pisoni**

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**

**Ruth Notch** Dir of Music Ministry [rnotch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rnotch@sbcglobal.net)

**Laura Renth**, Dir of the Early Childhood Center <mailto:stjohnsecc@gmail.com>

**Alba Hernandez & Ulises Martir** Custodians

**Katie Wilsdorf** Administrative Assistant [stjohnsuccconlive@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsuccconlive@gmail.com)

CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



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### Website:

Find more Info here:



Sign up for Activities easily using your mobile phone and the QR codes below

Lenten [Study](#)



4/7

VBS July 21 – 25, 2025



[Registration](#)

VBS July 21 – 25, 2025



[Volunteer Now](#)

Bellefontaine Cemetery



[Tour](#) 4/9

Butter braids [fundraiser](#) ECC



thru Apr 7

Women's Game Night



RSVP

Table Fellowship



RSVP

Easter Egg [Hunt](#)



Apr 20

# April 2025



<p>1</p> <p>Lily Orders Due End of March</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Senior Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>ECC Fundraiser due Apr 7</p>
<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p>  <p>Study 10 am</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Bellefontaine Tour</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>13</p>  <p>PALM SUNDAY</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Gn Synod Info mtg</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>young artists showcase</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> 
<p>20</p>  <p>Happy Easter</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>Ladies GAME Night</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>BOOK CLUB</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Table Fellowship</p>
<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

