



# St. John's United Church of Christ

*Rooted in Love*

December 17, 2025

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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*

Wed	12/17/25	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter ( <a href="#">subscribe</a> )
Sun	12/21/25	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	12/21/25	12:00 PM	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sun	12/21/25	3:00 PM	Longest Night Service
Mon	12/22/25	10:00 AM	Voices of Advent Study
Wed	12/24/25	4 pm	Christmas Eve Candle Light Services
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Sat	01/03/26	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter ( <a href="#">subscribe</a> )
Sun	01/04/26	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Sun	01/04/26	10:00 AM	Advent Blessing Boxes Due
Mon	01/05/26	9:00 AM	ECC Classes resume
Thu	01/08/26	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Sun	01/11/26	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Mon	01/12/26	9:00 AM	ECC Fall Registration Opens
Mon	01/12/26	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Mon	01/12/26	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tue	01/13/26	10:00 AM	Book Club "The Cuban Heiress"

Please check your News Notes/[Website](#) for specific information around upcoming activities

### *We pray for*

We pray for:

**Tyler Ackerman, Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Andy Kissel,  
Anita Paz, Melanie Spangler and Carol Tindira.**

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.

**12/7 Indonesia, 12/14 Taiwan, 12/21 Nicaragua 12/28 Botswana**

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

## Announcements

**Please pickup an card invitation at the back of church  
to share with neighbors and friends**

*Join Us*

**This Holiday Season**

**10 AM Worship**

**4th Sunday of Advent Dec 21st**

**CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24th**

**4 PM Christmas Eve Service**

**7 PM Christmas Eve Service**

*both services will have communion for all  
and  
Candlelit Silent Night*

**Christmas Carols, Community & Cocoa**

**December 12th at 6 PM**

Meet in the parking lot and sing carols to our neighbors. Then enjoy fellowship, hot cocoa and snacks around fire pits

**Longest Night Service**

**December 21st at 3 PM**

This reflective Service is designed to acknowledge the pain and suffering we feel during this season, and then reminds us of God's deep love for us.

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Please decorate our Christmas Tree with new hats, scarves & mittens for Circle of Concern.

## Happenings

### **"Voices of Advent" Advent Study**

In Voices of Advent, Matthew L. Skinner leads readers through **biblical texts** and explores how they **shape our lives and Christmas celebrations**. Listen carefully to the Bible's various perspectives that shape our preparations for Christmas; you'll hear hope in all of them. Voices of Advent helps readers experience Advent not only as the start of the Christian Church Year, but also as the powerful overture that sets the tone for the incredible story of Jesus. Each week we will start with a video that summarizes the book chapter **so you don't have to read the book to participate**. **22 DEC 10 AM Advent Study**

**12/21 at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall**  
**Many hands make a light load**



**Join us Sunday Dec 21 at 3:00 PM for our**

### **Longest Night Service**

This reflective Service is designed to acknowledge the pain and suffering we feel during this season, and then reminds us of God's deep love for us especially in the midst of our pain and heartache



**Table Fellowship and Ladies  
Game Night will start again in  
January**



*Thank you for your service & generosity.*



## Advent Blessing Box

Don't forget to bring your advent blessing boxes **Jan 4**, the epiphany.

**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 **Boxed potatoes and rice, Canned and Dry beans, Canned chicken, Canned tomatoes (15 ounces and larger), Dinner Helpers, Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, Kid's Pull-Ups, Women's Incontinence Briefs, Tampons**  
View our [Amazon Wish List](#) or [Walmart List](#) for more items to fill our pantry

## Hanging of the Greens

A big thank you to Lee Difani for organizing and leading the Hanging of the Greens, to Monica Hart for setting up for the lunch and to Steve Hawkinson & Brad Notch for assembling the sanctuary tree. And, thanks to those who stayed after service to help make the church festive!



## Birthdays

Stacia Bals	12/17	Chris Stecher	12/25	Rich Stegmann	01/04
Michael Pratt	12/17	Diane Nemec	12/25	Katie Horstmann	01/04
Aaron McDaniel	12/17	Sam Hawkinson	12/26	Alexander Terry	01/04
John Spenader	12/21	Stacey Goldenberg	12/27	Douglas Sumerford	01/05
Caroline Ayers	12/23	Brock Wickenhauser	12/29	Danette Sumerford	01/06
Judy Dierberg	12/23	Beth Mangelsdorf	01/02	Shawn Behan	01/08
Jack Norton	12/24	Jim Norton	01/04	Betty Stolte	01/09



# Children's Christmas Program





# Christmas Caroling



## 12/21/25 Service

Liturgist: **Carol Tindira**  
 Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**  
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Carol Tindira**  
 Special Music: **Choir & Handbells**

## 12/28/25 Service

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

## 01/04/23 Service

Liturgist: **Ellen Brandon**  
 Usher Team: **Phil Difani**  
 Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**  
 Fellowship/Lockup: **Steve Hawkinson**  
 Special Music: **Vocalist**

## Council

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**

## 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**

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

**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>

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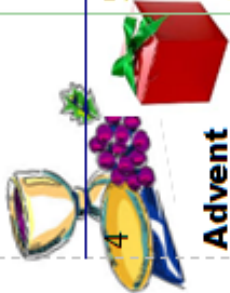













**Website:** Find more Info here:



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# January 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>4</p>  <p><b>Advent Blessing Box due</b></p>	<p>5</p>  <p><b>Un-Hanging of the Greens</b> ←←— Sun 1/4</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 Happy New Year</p>  <p><b>1 Happy New Year</b></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>  <p><b>NEWSLETTER</b></p>
<p>11 Mission Mtg 11 am</p> 	<p>12 Exec Cncl 11 am Council 6 pm</p> 	<p>13</p>  <p><b>BOOK CLUB</b></p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p><b>NEWSLETTER</b></p>
<p>18 Budget Café 11 am</p>  <p><b>LYDIA'S HOUSE</b> A Place of Healing - A Voice of Hope</p>	<p>19 <b>MLK</b></p> 	<p>20 <b>Art Museum trip 9 AM</b></p>  <p><b>Senior Ministry</b></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>  <p><b>Table Fellowship</b></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 <b>Congregational Meeting 11 am</b></p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>  <p><b>Ladies GAME night</b></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>