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

**November 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*

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| **November** | | | **Angel Tree Drive for ECH** |
| **Tue** | **11/3** | | **Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)** |
| **Thu** | **11/5** | **11:00 AM** | **Senior Ministry Meeting** |
| **Sun** | **11/8** | | **Poinsettia Orders Due (order here)** |
| **Mon** | **11/9** | **1:00 PM** | **Exec Council Mtg** |
| **Mon** | **11/9** | **6:00 PM** | **Christmas Card Making (join us)** |
| **Sat** | **11/14** | **8:00 AM** | **Habitat for Humanity (volunteer)** |
| **Mon** | **11/16** | **9:30 AM** | **Chocolate, Chocolate, with Tour of the Hill (sign up)** |
| **Mon** | **11/16** | **6:00 PM** | **Council Meeting** |
| **Tue** | **11/17** | | **Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)** |
| **Sun** | **11/22** | **9:15 AM** | **Loaves & Fishes** |
| **Sun** | **11/22** | **9:30 AM** | **Mission Meeting** |
| **Sun** | **11/22** | **10:00 AM** | **Totenfest (submit names)** |
| **Sun** | **11/22** | **11:15 AM** | **Tri Family Thanksgiving (RSVP)** |
| **Tue** | **11/24** | **6:30 PM** | **Women's Game Night (join us)** |
| **Thu** | **11/26** | **5:30 PM** | **No Table Fellowship until Jan** |
| **Thu** | **11/26 & 27** | | **Thanksgiving Office Closed** |
| **Sun** | **11/29** | **10:00 AM** | **1st Advent Family Worship Sunday with Communion** |
| **Sun** | **11/29** | **11:00 AM** | **Hanging of the Greens (volunteer)** |
| **Wed** | **12/2** | **6:00 PM** | **Advent Study (let us know you're coming so we have books)** |

**Please check your News Notes or Website for more information**

## *We pray for*

Please pray for

**Laine Angelo, Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener,**
**Mike Kelly, Danny Mueller, Marjorie Neubert, Anita Paz and Kathy Sellenriek.**

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

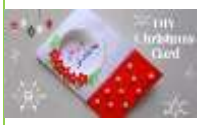
Global Ministries requests that we pray with the following countries this month.
**11/01 Afghanistan, 11/08 Samoa, 11/15 Dominican Republic, 11/22 Zimbabwe, 11/29 Palestine** 🙏 *For the full prayer click here.*

## *Announcements*




The Angel Tree is in full swing.It is in the narthex and is loaded with ornaments identifying items needed for the Hope Chest for the children at Every Child's Hope. Please take an ornament or two, and purchase a new item noted on the ornament. Please return the unwrapped gift to church by Sunday, November 29th with the ornament attached. You can also scan the QR code for items needed.

### Christmas Card Making



**Monday, Nov. 9 at 6 pm we will make Christmas cards for our VBS and ECC families. The cards will include invites to our holiday celebrations and events. If you can cut, fold, or glue, there is a job for you.**

## Build Hope, Build Community: Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity!

Looking for a meaningful way to make a difference? Join us on **Saturday, November 14**, at 8:00 AM as we volunteer with **Habitat for Humanity**! It's a wonderful opportunity to lend a helping hand, support a family, and make a lasting impact in our community.

You **don't need** to be an **expert** builder to participate—just bring a willing spirit and a desire to help! It's an opportunity to put our faith and values into action while helping others build a place to call home.

When: Saturday, November 14, at 8:00 AM
Sign up in the Narthex or by using the QR code. For more info see Jim Pisoni.

**Let's build more than a house—let's build hope!**

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**Join Us for a Day of Sweet Treats, Soap & Italian Flavors!**
**Monday, November 16, 2026**

Join us for a fun day of exploring local businesses, learning how things are made, and enjoying a delicious Italian lunch! We'll carpool from church and spend the morning touring a chocolate factory and a handmade soap factory, followed by lunch at Milo's Bocce Garden.

Our Day's Itinerary
9:30 AM – Meet at church to carpool
10:00 AM – Chocolate Factory Tour 5025 Patterson Avenue
11:00 AM – Herbaria Soap Factory Tour 2016 Marconi Avenue
12:00 PM – Lunch at Milo's Bocce Garden 5201 Wilson Avenue

Make Time for Shopping!
After our tours and lunch, take some time to explore the neighborhood.

DiGregorio's Italian Market – 5200 Daggett Avenue
Missouri Baking Company – 2027 Edwards Street
Come enjoy a day of discovery, shopping, good food, and fellowship with friends!
Please let us know if you plan to join us so we can coordinate carpooling.

## Totenfest 11/22 During Worship

One of the traditions of our forebears in Christian faith is the celebration of "Totenfest" (German for 'The Festival of the Dead'). We'll observe "Totenfest" during worship on November 22nd. We will **honor both births and deaths**. You are invited and **encouraged to submit** the **names** of those you love who have **died or were born within this past year**. Please provide the name(s), date(s) and a picture to our church office by Sunday, November 15th. The names will be read aloud during our worship on Sunday, November 22nd.. (submission Link)



# Tri-Family Thanksgiving Meal Nov 23rd

Join us for a combined St. Thomas, St. John's and Ivy Chapel Thanksgiving Dinner on **November 22th at 11:30 am**. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall. If you are willing to bring a turkey please see Pastor Katie Jo or write "turkey" as your side dish. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex or sign up online with the Qrcode.

## Hanging of the Greens

Save the Date of November 29th and join us after worship for our annual Hanging of the Greens as we decorate the church for the Christmas season! It's a wonderful opportunity to share in fellowship while preparing our church for this special time of year. Followed by a light lunch.

Let's deck the halls together!

Help us provide job training for women who have fled from domestic violence by purchasing Chicken Pot Pies and Very Berry Pies from **Lydia's Ladle**. Proceeds from Lydia's Ladle pies directly support the women of **Lydia's House**. Purchase frozen pies at a store near you to heat and enjoy. Pies can be found in the frozen foods section or the frozen whole foods section. A few of the stores you can get Lydia's Ladle pies from are Dierberg's - West Oak, Heritage Place, 94 Crossing or Marketplace, Straub's Town and Country or Annie Gunn's.



## *Advent Bible Study*




**Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 6 pm in the Church Library**

**Each week we will begin our study with a short video that will summarize the reading. If you are able to read the chapter, great, but it's not required thanks to the video. Come join the conversation about what scripture says about the Incarnation. If you would like a book, please make sure to sign up in the Narthex so we can order more books if needed.**

## *Happenings*

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|   (join us) | **Ladies Game Night Tue, 1/26, 6:30 PM** | Loaves & Fishes for St. Louis | **11/22 at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall** |




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

**Tues, Dec 8th 10 am**

**"Last Christmas in Paris "**

**by Hazel Gaynor & Heather Webb**



**Table Fellowship** will gather again in January. (link).

**Sending Amelia to School**

Our **children's offering** during worship is going to **Amelia Gutierrez** Rios who is a first grader at Salinas Innova school in the Santa Elena province of Ecuador. Enrollment in school costs the family $150/month, plus books and supplies. There is no public school in Ecuador, so you pay if you want your child to go to school. Amelia's family cannot pay the price of her school tuition. Her father, Christian, is a substitute teacher, who has not been able to find a full-time position due to the poor conditions in his country. Christian has been a tour guide for members of IL South Conference when they did a mission trip to Ecuador. **We will partner with Zion UCC** in Marion, IL who has paid Amelia's school tuition and supplies for the last year.



**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

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| **Order your Poinsettia for the Sanctuary for Christmas before Nov 8th** | **Tue, 12/8 10:00 AM**<br>**Book Club Information**<br>**"The Last Christmas in Paris"** | **Angel Tree Information** |
| **Mon, 11/9 6:00 PM**<br>**Christmas Card Making** | **Sat, 11/14 8:00 AM**<br>**Habitat for Humanity** | **Mon, 11/16 9:30 AM**<br>**Chocolate, Chocolate, with a tour of the Hill** |
| **Sun, 11/22 11:15 AM**<br>**Tri Family Thanksgiving** | **4th Tue of the mth 6:30 PM**<br>**Women's Game Night**<br>**Use this Link to Join Us** | **Wed, 12/2 6:00 PM**<br>**Advent Study**<br>let us know your coming so we have enough material |

## *Thank you for your service & generosity.*

**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.**

| 11/08/26 Service | 11/15/26 Service | 11/22/26 Service |
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| Liturgist: **Danny Mueller** | Liturgist: **Jan Ittner** | Liturgist: **Marilee Dauster** |
| Usher Team: **John Bartelt** | Usher Team: **Phil Difani** | Usher Team: **Ken Ruff** |
| Technology**: Steve Hawkinson** | Technology**: Steve Hawkinson** | Technology**: Steve Hawkinson** |
| Fellowship/Lockup**: Jackie Ruff** | Fellowship/Lockup**: Jackie Ruff** | Fellowship/Lockup**: Jackie Ruff** |
| | Special Music: **Trumpet** | Special Music: **Piano Duet/Handbells** |

## *Birthdays*

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| Barbara Phillips | 11/01 | Karen Rocchio | 11/12 | Terry Aslin | 11/23 |
| Juliet Renth | 11/02 | Matthew Pisoni | 11/12 | Norma Wesselmann | 11/24 |
| Jacob Renth | 11/02 | Barbara Golland | 11/16 | Marjorie Neubert | 11/25 |
| DeVon Kaveler | 11/03 | Betty Wagner | 11/16 | Kathy Hawkinson | 11/25 |
| Al Otto | 11/05 | Doris Gaddy | 11/17 | John Coleman | 11/25 |
| Liza Poskin | 11/08 | Steve Sash | 11/20 | Susie Pisoni | 11/26 |
| Tara Schram | 11/09 | Jeanne Clauson | 11/21 | Warren Stemme | 11/27 |
| Emilee Armstrong | 11/11 | Emily Rizzo | 11/22 | Kevin Rizzo | 11/28 |
| Nicole Meyer | 11/12 | Doug Wilmert | 11/22 | Alex Scherr | 11/29 |

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## *Council*

**Meeting Minute Notes**

- November 14, Habitat for Humanity build – contact Jim Pisoni @636.675.6711.
- To Be Determined, Mid November church grounds Clean-up.
- November 20, Team Leaders – please prepare and deliver you budget requests for 2027 to Warren Stemme.

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| President: **Jan Boehm** | Senior Ministry: **Carol Tindira** | Asset Management: **Jim Pisoni** |
| Vice President: **Laura Dierberg Ayers** | Mission: **Jackie Ruff** | Fellowship: **Barb Ackerman** |
| Treasurer: **Warren Stemme** | ECC Liaison**: Chris Norton** | Fellowship: **Rosemarie Spray** |
| Secretary: **Phil Difani** | | |

## *Staff*

PASTOR **Katie Jo Bielke** mailto:Pastorkatiejo@stjohnsucchesterfield.org
Mon - Thu 9 to 1, Friday off. Meetings, emergencies, etc., often cause changes to this schedule.
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**Katie Wilsdorf** Administrative Assistant mailto:StJohnsUccOnOlive@gmail.com

**Online Worship:**
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| Facebook: livestream: | YouTube: video here: | Website: Link | Giving Link |
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| | | | (donate) |

## *Pictures*










# Poinsettias

**Poinsettias are available for order and will be placed in the sanctuary in December. The cost is $10.00 per plant. You may drop your order into the offering plate or in the church office with Katie. You many pay with one check (made out to ECC) but please fill out a separate line "Given … in (_)… " for each plant.**

Given to the glory of God; in (_)memory (_) honor (_) celebration of: _____

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**Given by: _____

Total Plants _____ Total Check _____

***All orders are due by Nov 8th.***

**(_) I will take the plants home**

**(_) I will Leave the plant(s) at church**

# November 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1<br>Family Worship Sunday with Communion<br>Daylight Saving Time ends | 2 | 3 | 4<br>Angel Tree all of Nov | 5<br>11 am Sr Min Mtg | 6 | 7 |
| 8<br>Poinsettia Orders Due | 9<br>1 p Ex Cnc Mtg<br>6 p Card Making | 10 | 11<br>Veteran's Day | 12 | 13 | 14<br>8 am Habitat for Humanity |
| 15 | 16<br>9:30 am Cho Factory/Hill Tour<br>6 pm Council Meeting | 17 | 18<br>10 am Santa Preparation | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22<br>9:15 am Loaves Mission Mtg<br>10 am Totenfest<br>11 am TriFamily Thanksgiving | 23<br>Totenfest | 24<br>6:30 pm Women's Game Night | 25 | 26<br>Thanksgiving | 27<br>Thanksgiving | 28 |
| 29<br>10 am 1st Advent Fam Worship Communion<br>11 am Hanging of the Greens | 30 | | | | | |