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

November 17, 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

November			**Angel Tree Drive for Every Child's Hope (info) DUE NOV 29**
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)**
Thu	**11/26 & 27**		**Thanksgiving Office Closed**
Sun	**11/29**	**10:00 AM**	**1st Sunday of Advent Family Worship Sunday with Communion**
Sun	**11/29**	**11:00 AM**	**Hanging of the Greens (volunteer)**
December			**Begin Mitten Tree for Circle of Concern All of December**
Wed	**12/2**	**6:00 PM**	**Advent Study (let us know you're coming so we have books)**
Thu	**12/3**	**11:00 AM**	**Senior Ministry Meeting**
Thu	**12/3**		**Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)**
Sat	**12/5**		**Cookies with Santa at the Carousel**
Sun	**12/6**	**10:00 AM**	**2nd Sunday of Advent**
Sun	**12/6**	**3:00 PM**	**Christmas Concert St. Anthony's (join us)**
Tue	**12/8**	**10:00 AM**	**Book Club "Last Christmas in Paris" by Hazel Gaynor & Heather Webb**
Wed	**12/9**	**6:00 PM**	**Advent Study (join us)**
Thu	**12/10**	**10:00 AM**	**Christmas Cookie Baking (join us)**
Fri	**12/11**	**6:00 PM**	**Christmas Caroling (join us)**
Sun	**12/13**	**10:00 AM**	**3rd Sunday of Advent**
Sun	**12/13**	**10:00 AM**	**Children's Christmas Program**
Mon	**12/14**	**1:00 PM**	**Exec Council Mtg**
Wed	**12/16**	**10:00 AM**	**Preschool Christmas Program**
Wed	**12/16**	**6:00 PM**	**Advent Study (join us)**
Thu	**12/17**		**Bimonthly Newsletter (subscribe)**
Sun	**12/20**	**9:15 AM**	**Loaves & Fishes**

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, Marjorie Neubert, Bonnie Nienkamp, Anita Paz and Kathy Sellenriek.
Please let us know your prayer concerns. Private prayer concerns speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

We thank all who prayed for **Danny Mueller**. He is well on his way to recovery.

Global Ministries requests that we pray with the following countries this month.
11/22 Zimbabwe, 11/29 Palestine
🙏 *For the full prayer click here.*

Announcements

End of Year Reminder

Missouri Food Pantry Tax Credits

A pantry tax credit is available to any Missouri taxpayer (individual, corporations or trust) making a monetary donation to Circle of Concern. The credit is equal to 50% of the donation amount up to a maximum of $2,500 per year per taxpayer.

Donation	$5,000	$2,500	$1,250	$1,000	$500	$250
Mo Tax Credit	$2,500	$1,250	$625	$500	$250	$125
Total Cost to Donor *	$2,500	$1,250	$625	$500	$250	$125

Circle of Concern
FOOD PANTRY

*Your actual tax savings may be different. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine Individual tax savings. Gifts-in-kind and stocks are not included.

Altar Flowers - Mark a special occasion or honor a loved one with flowers for the altar. For just **$40**, you can provide fresh flowers for a Sunday service. Your dedication or message will appear in that Sunday's bulletin, and you are welcome to take the flowers home afterward. Scan the QR code to choose your date and make arrangements with the office.



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.





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.

Happenings

Join us for Totenfest 11/22 During Worship at 10 am

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**.



Tri-Family Thanksgiving Meal Nov 22rd

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!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING & COCOA!

Join us **Friday Dec. 11th** as we spread a little holiday cheer by visiting some of our members' homes and singing Christmas carols. Afterward, we'll return to church for hot cocoa, fellowship, and some good old-fashioned holiday fun!
Everyone is welcome! Bring your family and friends, your Christmas spirit, and your favorite holiday songs. We look forward to celebrating the season together!

Advent Bible Study

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



"The Christmas Letters" by Magrey deVega invite you to hear about the miracle of Christ's birth from those who first told the story. The letters in the New Testament, known as the Epistles, contain the first attempts by the church to understand and celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation. They point us to the origins of what we believe about Jesus, fully human and fully divine. By spending time with these holy, ancient words this Advent, you'll come to know the meaning of Christ's coming like never before.

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.

Come **bake** and **decorate cookies** for the Children's program at **10 am** on **December 10th** in the **Church Kitchen.** Please bring your own apron. All other supplies will be provided.
Please **RSVP** to Jackie at 314.265.5524 or jackie.ruff@gmail.com so I can have an idea of how many are attending.





We will be going as a group if you would like to join us.

If anyone wants to carpool meet at church at 2:15pm.

RSVP would be nice but not necessary

A free will donation is appreciated



(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 (link)



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

Birthdays

Karen Rocchio	11/12	Emily Rizzo	11/22	Susie Pisoni	11/26
Matthew Pisoni	11/12	Doug Wilmert	11/22	Warren Stemme	11/27
Barbara Golland	11/16	Terry Aslin	11/23	Kevin Rizzo	11/28
Betty Wagner	11/16	Norma Wesselmann	11/24	Alex Scherr	11/29
Doris Gaddy	11/17	Marjorie Neubert	11/25	Doug Zweig	12/2
Steve Sash	11/20	Kathy Hawkinson	11/25	Evan Schnatmeier	12/5
Jeanne Clauson	11/21	John Coleman	11/25		

Thank you for your service & generosity.

11/22/26 Service	11/29/26 Service	12/06/26 Service
Liturgist: **Warren Stemme**	Liturgist: **Helen Stortz**	Liturgist: **Susie Pisoni**
Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**	Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**	Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**	Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**	Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Jackie Ruff**	Fellowship/Lockup: **Jackie Ruff**	Fellowship/Lockup: **Jim Pisoni**
Special Music: **Piano Duet/Handbells**	Special Music: **Choir**	Special Music: **Flute**

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
Snacks, Dinner Helpers, Soup
View our Amazon Wish List or Walmart List for more items to fill our pantry Circle of Concern DOES NOT accept expired food.

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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CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Council

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**

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

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