



# ST. JOHN

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August  
September  
October

2024

We are a family of Christians raising children in Christian faith.

### From Our Interim Pastor

#### Wang’s Words

*8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. (Romans 1.8)*

*3 I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. (Philippians 1.3-5)*

*4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus...(1 Corinthians 1.4)*

*3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints...(Colossians 1.3-4)*

*2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1.2-3)*

*3 We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. (2 Thessalonians 1.3)*

I don’t know what you think about the Apostle Paul, or if you have an opinion, but it seems to me he got at least one thing right. As he wrote back to churches that were established in the cities he had visited, he very often began his letter with a word of thanks for the faith of the church – the people – who were engaged in the work of the gospel in a time of great adversity and persecution.

So, in the spirit of Paul, let me say this: I thank God for all of you who work so tirelessly to promote the gospel in Arlington Heights, and beyond! I give thanks to God for the diversity of gifts – of skills, and talents, and resources. I am grateful for the endless hours that you give to this church so that it continues to be a vital presence in this community. This church is alive and well because of the dedication of so many wonderful volunteers! This church is making a difference in the lives of individuals and in this community.

While we don’t face the kinds of persecution that Paul and the early converts to the faith were facing, it is still a challenging time to “Be the Church”. There is great need in our communities and in our world. There are many people who need to hear and experience the good news of God’s love that transforms lives. THANK YOU for being the people that work so hard and give so much to transform lives and this world with the love of God and the compassion of Jesus.

Remember, you too are loved.  
Peace,

Pastor Judy



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### Planned Giving to St. John

Have you ever thought about leaving something for St. John in your will or trust as part of your estate planning? Many of us give regularly to St. John, but we forget that we have an opportunity to continue to support St. John into the future. Faith communities rely on gifts that are given through estate planning, so if you've never considered this for you and your family, please consider remembering St. John. Contact the office if you have any questions.

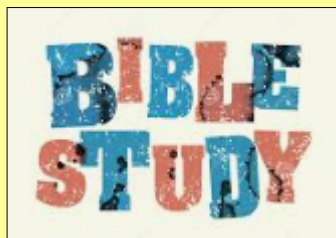


### Come Join Us!

#### Bible Study

Resumes on Tuesday,  
September 3 at 10:00 A.M.

We Meet Weekly!



## Churches and Change...

I regularly receive emails from Convergence Church Consultants, who offer support and education to congregations and leaders. **As St. John looks forward to calling a new pastor, which inevitably will involve change**, I want to share some recent thoughts from Convergence CEO, Cameron Trimble, in response to the question, "What does it take for a church to change? Below are a few of her thoughts.

*In my experience as a congregational consultant, creating change isn't a challenge for most congregations. Integrating change seems to be the stumbling block. Change management statistics suggest that approximately 70% of organizational change initiatives fail. I imagine many congregational leaders can attest to this reality.*

*As I outlined my thinking about change, I found my experience pointed to four conditions for integrating change:*

*The congregation must grant **trust** between leaders and participants sufficient to risk letting go of who they were in favor of a new way of being;*

*They create a culture that rewards the **pursuit of new possibilities**;*

*They **mediate differences** between ideas, opinions, and people as needed in service to the most generative outcome;*

*They **remediate conflicts** early to reduce risk to the people and possibilities involved.*

*In my experience, **trust** is the single most important contributor to change integration. **Trust** is the glue that holds human community together. It creates a sense of safety, belonging, and unity, all essential for navigating change effectively.*

## Meet Our Summer Intern

**Karl** is our **Summer Intern**. He is keeping very busy assisting in the church office.



## From Our Moderator

### St. John Members,

Well, we are officially in the summer months at St. John. Not quite the dog days yet, but it has begun to get very warm. I am thankful that we have a beautiful air-conditioned sanctuary and fellowship hall. There are many behind the scene jobs that faithful church members do every day to keep our church running. **Ed Heiberger** repaired the sanctuary doors and **Bob Burdick** stained the wood that was replaced behind the cylinders. Thank you, **Ed** and **Bob**! Don't forget the outside maintenance work that is being done, especially during these hot summer days. Thank you, **Chad Kurka** and **Cliff Schultz**, and anyone that I may have missed. Also, a big thank you to **Ellen Burkhardt** for the work she does with our **Christian Ed** and the planter on the south side of our building. The church needs everyone to pitch in and help. No job is too small, as I have stated before, you do not need to be on a committee to contribute your services, we welcome your assistance!

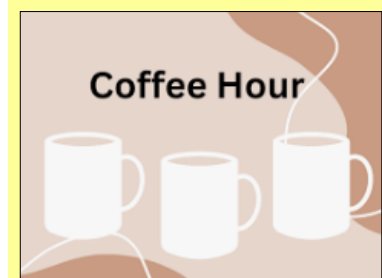
Just to update everyone, St. John will be getting recycling bins next to our regular garbage dumpster to encourage all of us to do our part to recycle. **Cliff Schultz** has personally taken on this job on in the past, taking the church's paper products to recycle. Thank you, **Cliff**! With the new recycling bins soon to arrive in our church parking lot we can all do our part to recycle. Additionally, if you notice something that needs to be addressed around our building, please notify Janice in our office and she will pass on the information to the appropriate person.

Lastly, I have a request to all that attend St. John. Let me know if there are any programs, speakers, or topics of interest that you would like to see at our church. Would you like to see more music programs outside of our regular services? Speakers (financial, travel, etc.) that would be of interest to you? Is there any program you would like to see us doing, either again or for the first time? Drop me a note at [moderator@stjah.org](mailto:moderator@stjah.org). I would love to hear from you!

**Your Moderator,**  
**Paul Giambarberee**

### Church Calendar

Did you know that all St. John events are on a calendar that you can find on our website, [www.stjah.org](http://www.stjah.org)? Once you're on the website, click "Connect" and then "News & Events" and then "Calendar" and you'll see the calendar of St. John events.






**See You at  
 Coffee Hour  
 After Worship  
 on Sunday!**




Thank You from Daisy Troop 47845 & Junior Troop 47274

st. John's,  
Thank you  
for letting us  
use this space  
for girl scouts  
from: Sasha  
Daisy troop 47845

Parker <sup>Julia</sup>  
Allie  
Hela  
Ivy  
Antonia  
Brie  
Isabelle  
Maddie  
Bridgie   
Klara   
Evelyn   
Deah McDonnell  
Kelly Braden

Thank You  
for sharing your space  
with us!  
(for 3 years!)  
Junior Troop  
#47274

Maere  
Julia  
Avery   
Lucie  
Abigail  
Zelias   
Aubrey  
Delaney  
Lily  
Ariyah  
Sla  
Brooke   
Thank you! -Vivian  
Miss Val  
PAIGE.m  
Miss Ellen





## Rally Day 2024



# RALLY DAY 2024!

## Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>



Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Food and Festivities at 11:00 a.m.

Join us and invite friends as we move into our Fall routines.

We will gather for lunch and games and crafts and fellowship!

**ALL ARE WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!**

**GAMES for ALL AGES!**



**BRING A FRIEND!**

**Make a craft with**

**Live Music!**



## Giving to St. John

### Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John.

In addition to giving at Sunday worship, there are 2 ways to give to St. John:

1. Go to [www.stjah.org](http://www.stjah.org) and click the “DONATE” button at the top of the page. Once on the next page, click “DONATE”. Consider signing up for recurring giving. It’s easy and helps the church plan.
2. Mail your gift to St. John UCC, 308 N. Evergreen Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

*“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.” Maya Angelou*

## Anti-Racism Discussion Group

The **Anti-Racism Discussion Group** has concluded for this year. We finished Ruth King’s book Mindful of Race, Transforming Racism from the Inside Out. We will bring King’s Mindfulness practices into our study next year. The group will start up next October with a new book and will meet monthly on the 1st & 3rd Monday’s. New folks are welcome to join us! We will have an in-person gathering this August so watch for the announcement.

We have deeply enjoyed meeting in person, worshipping together at our respective sanctuaries and participating in the *Cook County Against Hate* event held at St. John on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate holding similar programs in the future. If you are interested in joining this discussion group, please contact **Martha Ross-Mockaitis** at St. John UCC or **Laural Reinhart** at Temple Beth Am.

## Facilities Committee

**Building Updates:** The ejector pit was cleaned out and it was determined that a new pump motor was required. The motor repairs will cost \$1,890. One toilet downstairs needed replacement for about \$900. We have also gotten several bids for painting the church exterior for approximately \$20,000. We also solicited bids for gutter repairs and some roof work related to fixing the gutters. The bid for this work was approximately \$30,000. **Council** is using this information to prioritize work and budget for next year. This summer we will be seal coating and re-stripping the parking lot.

**Respectfully, Facilities Committee**

## Spiritual Life Committee

**Spiritual Life Committee** has continued helping with worship on Sunday mornings. Committee members have been serving as *greeters, ushers, communion servers, providing the announcements and performing other duties* as needed to try and help Pastor Judy provide for a smooth and meaningful service. We welcomed our newest member, **April Swenson** to our committee.

We've also been encouraging members to *sign up to serve coffee hour* along with the other volunteer opportunities such as *sponsoring the weekly flowers*. We have started a new procedure for sponsoring the flowers. You can now sign up to sponsor either one of the bouquets or both. Please considering sponsoring flowers. For those who have never volunteered to serve coffee, we would be glad to explain what is needed. In fact, for coffee hour, we would be glad to sign up with you to help. Just contact anyone on the committee and let us know what day you would be interested in.

**Called to Care** has kept busy reaching out to our homebound and those feeling under the weather. A number of people in our congregation serve on that committee and we are extremely grateful for the service they provide to those in need.

We finished up another season of hosting **PADS** on both Wednesdays and Fridays. A big thanks to the many people from St. John and other churches that have volunteered over the past several months. In addition, the **Little Free Pantry** continues to provide needed items for those less fortunate.

The Committee has been meeting monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm at St. John. If you are interested in learning more about our committee and our work, feel free to reach out to anyone on the committee. The members on the committee include **Barbara Blye, Judy Grimes, Dennis Roesslein, Holly Petersen, Cindy Giambarberee, Chris Hill, April Swenson & Dave Landeweer**.

## Music Committee

The **Music Committee** is planning for the year ahead.



**Music Committee**



## Food Pantry Donations

We're collecting **food pantry donations** every Sunday during worship. The children will pick up food from you as you pass it to the center aisle. Thank you for supporting the food pantry.

## Sunday Worship Livestream



**Worship Livestream every Sunday at 10:00 A.M. / WORSHIP IS RECORDED!**

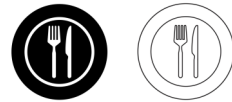
## Cards

We play **cards** at St. John at 1:00 P.M. on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month. All are welcome!



## St. John Social Potluck

The 2nd Saturday of each month finds Fellowship Hall filled with good food, good friends and good conversation. Join us on **August 10th** for State/County Fair Fare, **September 14th** for Fall Favorites, and **October 12** for Spooky Halloween Party Food. We meet at 6:00pm. All are welcome so join us for an evening of fun and community.



## St. John Book Club

Come join us as we gather to discuss books we are reading. **Book Club** meets at 2pm on the 2nd Monday of each month in St. John's conference room. Our next meetings are **August 12th** to discuss **Red Leaves** by Thomas Cook, **September 9th** TBA, and **October 14th** TBA. Please see the bulletin for the titles of the books we are reading. **Book club** is open to all. Join us whenever one of our selections piques your interest. If you have a book you think we should read just let us know. Hope to see you.



## Church Wall Photo Directory

Do you still need a photo taken for our **church wall photo directory**? Let us know on Sunday and we will take it. Talk to **Pastor Judy**, or any member of **Spiritual Life**.

## Thank You

Thank you from the children who attend Christian Education.

welcome to our Church, today  
we will try to help you as  
much as we can. we had so  
much fun raising money for  
bee hives and chicks for you.



- GOD BLESS, ST. JOHN UCC,

Hanna Cooper Cali Harb  
Kalia ~~Harb~~ bella

## Congratulations Graduates!



**Brendan Kave**, son of *Colleen & Brad Kave*, graduated from Loyola University Chicago with a Bachelor's degree in Communications and a Minor in Urban Studies. He plans to pursue a job in his field.



**Isla Kave**, daughter of *Colleen & Brad Kave*, graduated from Thomas Middle School and will be a freshman at Hersey High School next year.



**Kelly Kurka**, daughter of *Julie & Chad Kurka*, graduated from Rolling Meadows High School and will be attending University of Illinois Champaign Urbana in the fall studying Animal Sciences looking to pursue an Equine vet degree in the future.



**Stefanie Landeweer**, daughter of *Janet & Dave Landeweer*, graduated from Florida International University in December with a PhD in Environmental Chemistry. She is now employed with a post-Doc position with the University of Maryland at their research facility at Solomons Island, Maryland.



**Charlies Lewis**, grandson of *Charlie Lewis*, graduated from McFarland High School.



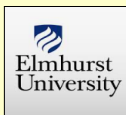
**Mattie Lewis**, granddaughter of *Charlie Lewis*, graduated from McFarland High School.



**Sophia Lindsey Runge**, great granddaughter of *Georgia Runge* and granddaughter of Gail Cunningham, graduated from 8th grade and will attend Buffalo Grove High School.



**Mark Santi**, son of *Mary Santi*, graduated from Brandeis University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. He will be attending graduate school.



**Gabby Slonke**, daughter of *Gary & Anna Marie Slonke*, graduated from Elmhurst University in December with a Master's in Teacher Leadership, Teacher Leadership endorsement and Special Education endorsement. Gabby plans to continue teaching fifth grade at Euclid Elementary School in Mount Prospect.



**Aiden Temple**, son of *Matt & Maureen Temple*, graduated from Hersey High School and will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in chemistry on the pre-dental track to become an orthodontist.



**Annabelle Temple**, daughter of *Matt & Maureen Temple*, graduated from Hersey High School and will be attending the University of Iowa double majoring in music education and graphic design.





## Coffee Hour at St. John

### Coffee Hour at St. John from Judy Grimes

There are so many special aspects to our **Spiritual Life** at St. John and our weekly **Coffee Hour Fellowship** is at the top of the list. The time we gather after service each Sunday to catch up with our church family and welcome visitors is one of the things that attracted me to St. John 13 years ago. We are so grateful to all the individuals who host **Coffee Hour** by providing treats, and setting up and serving the coffee/tea and juice. I know it can seem overwhelming to host **Coffee Hour** but it does not have to be and anyone on the **Spiritual Life Committee** is available to assist you with set up and clean up. Also, the goodies do not need to be elaborate. **Coffee Hour** is really about spending some time together before we go back to our busy lives. **Coffee Hour** takes place every Sunday after the service whether there is a host or not. If there is no host for **Coffee Fellowship**, the **Spiritual Life Committee** will always make sure we have fresh coffee and juice available for our time together, but we may ask for your assistance in cleaning up when we are done.

This year we have taken some gradual steps to reduce our use of disposable kitchen items, to limit waste and to do our part in honoring God's creation. We are now using ceramic mugs, stainless steel cutlery and dishwasher safe beverage cups. There is a metal tray on top of the covered garbage bins in Fellowship Hall for you to place the used items after **Coffee Hour**. The items can then be placed in the dishwasher and set to the clean cycle. It is a fast and easy clean up and the mugs, cups and cutlery are then ready for the next church event or **Coffee Hour**.

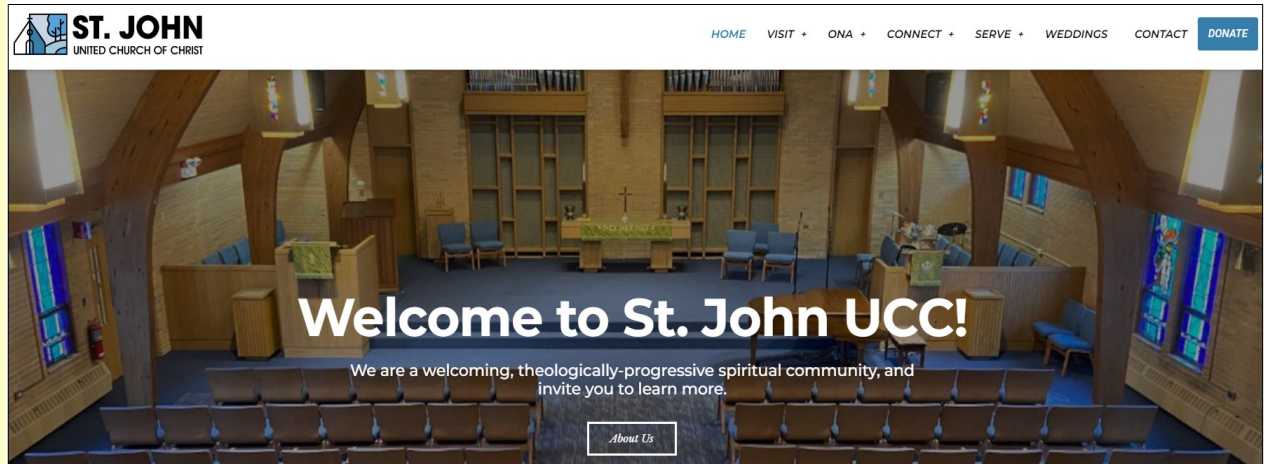
I am responsible for overseeing **Coffee Hour** supplies. If you notice we are short on coffee, tea, Kool Aid, sweeteners and creamers or paper plates, you can send me an email at [jburnell@yahoo.com](mailto:jburnell@yahoo.com) or you can advise the church office.



## Explore Our New Website!

Looking for information about [St. John](#)? You'll find it on our [new website!](#)

[stjah.org](http://stjah.org)



## PADS Recognition



## PADS Summer Suppers at St. John

This summer we are again participating in the **Summer Suppers** program with 16 other faith communities. We are serving dinner to our **PADS** guests and other community members who are food insecure from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at St. John on the 4th Sunday of each summer month. All are welcome! In June & July, we served about 50-60 meals to approximately 40 guests.

We are also collecting non-perishable items for our guests to take with them as they leave each dinner. Non-perishable items can be dropped off at the front entrance of St. John (308 N. Evergreen Ave.) on August 10 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

### Summer Suppers Sign up-

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ADAA28A7F4CE9-48790449-stjohn#/>

### Thank you so much for all of your wonderful donations!



**Summer Suppers**

FREE  
COMMUNITY MEALS

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

*Gather around our tables*  
*Dining Room Service Only*



**All are welcome**



# Music Appreciation Sunday—May 19



## 6th Annual Buffalo Grove Pride Parade

Once again, **St. John** participated in the **Buffalo Grove Pride Parade**. **Patty Larson, Judy Grimes** and **Janet & Dave Landeweer** marched the entire route on what turned out to be a beautiful day. Although we were near the back of the parade, the enthusiasm of the crowd along the route was still very evident. It was wonderful to see so many people, both participants and those watching the parade, supporting the LGBTQ community along with the theme of the parade, “Drag us to the Polls”. We carried the **St. John** banner along the route and even got a shout-out from someone supporting **United Church of Christ**. Except for a few cicadas that got stepped on, it was a perfect day for everyone.



## Meals on Wheels

Thank you to **Connie & Tim Wayman, April & Mark Swenson, Judy Grimes, and Barbara Jo Scott** for volunteering to deliver meals for the Wheeling Township Meals on Wheels program in August.





## Feed My Starving Children

On May 22, **Christian Education** along with the **Mission Team** participated in a **Feed My Starving Children** event. It was multigenerational and we packed 14,688 meals for kids and their families. The company and music were great!





## Feed My Starving Children (Continued)



## Thank You from Feed My Starving Children

Dear Members of St. John,  
The meals you packed at our Schaumburg, IL location on May 22 were shipped to:

[LeSEA Global Feed The Hungry](#) in Nicaragua on June 14

[Mission Eurasia](#) in Ukraine on June 10

[Salvadoran American Humanitarian Foundation](#) in El Salvador on June 7

[Salesian Missions](#) in Zambia on June 7

Precious children will be eating a nourishing meal soon because of you.  
Thank you. You've made an incredible difference.

**Feed My Starving Children**



## Pentecost Sunday



## Stewardship Corner

The **Stewardship Committee** is grateful every month for this congregation that gives so generously of their financial resources and their time and talents.

It is already time to prepare for next year, and the schedule for the fall **Stewardship Campaign** is set. The **committees** and **Council** will be working on the 2025 budgets for each area in August & September.

Here is how we will be sharing that with the congregation:

**Stewardship Kick Off Sunday** is October 13. We will be starting the campaign that Sunday and will have a narrative budget available for everyone. This includes plans for 2025 and high-level financial plans. We will be mailing you pledge cards and time & talent sheets, so that you can consider your giving for 2025.



## Stewardship Corner (Continued)

**Commitment Sunday** is November 10. We ask you to turn in your pledge cards and time & talent sheets on this day as we celebrate together.

The congregation will be voting on the budget at the annual meeting in late January.

Thank you, again, for all of the ways you give to St. John



## Live Love Stop Hate Yard Signs

To show we stand in solidarity with our interfaith neighbors who are sometimes victims of hate, we have created **LIVE LOVE, STOP HATE** yard signs. Please consider taking one (or more) and placing it in your yard to make a statement about loving your neighbor.

A graphic for a yard sign with a light blue background. It features the words "LIVE", "Love", and "STOP HATE" in large, bold letters. "LIVE" is in dark blue, "Love" is in red cursive with a red heart, and "STOP HATE" is in dark blue. A dark blue oval in the top right contains the text "St. John UCC, Arl. Hts. stjah.org". Below the main text are three lines of text: "Love your neighbor as yourself. Lev. 19.18", "Love never fails. 1 Cor. 13.8", and "Do good, for Allah loves those who do good" (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:195).

**LIVE Love STOP HATE**

St. John UCC, Arl. Hts.  
stjah.org

**Love your neighbor as yourself. Lev. 19.18**

**Love never fails. 1 Cor. 13.8**

**“Do good, for Allah loves those who do good” (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:195).**



## Brunch Cafe

Thank you to everyone who dined at the **Brunch Café** in July!

*Eating Out For A Good Cause*  
*July 2024*  
*Brunch Cafe is offering to donate to*  
*St John UCC mission fund!*  
*How? It's simple!*

Stop by Brunch Cafe for breakfast, lunch or brunch during the month of July and present this flyer when you pay your bill. Brunch Cafe will donate a percentage of your purchase to St John UCC.

Brunch Cafe	St John UCC
306 E Rand Road	308 N Evergreen
Arlington Hts IL	Arlington Hts IL
<a href="http://brunchcafe.com">brunchcafe.com</a>	Open everyday 7:00 a.m - 2:00 pm

## Vegetable Garden

The Sunday school children started the garden from seeds in March and boy did those seeds grow! The children will harvest the produce on Sundays and make it available to all members to take home, if desired. They will put freshly picked produce in a basket on the front table in the gathering area. All are welcome to snip basil or lettuce that is growing in the garden. We hope you enjoy our garden!

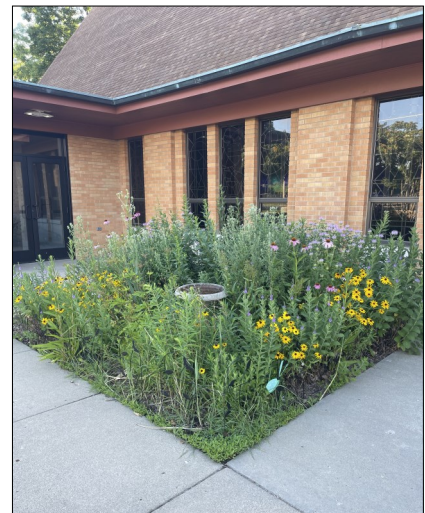
## Gardens at St. John



Magnolia Tree planted by  
Christian Pre K Prep, June 2024



St. John Vegetable Garden,  
June 2024



St. John Pollinator Garden,  
June 2024

## Pastor Judy's Tips for Going Green

**Stop using single use plastic bottles.** Use a refillable water bottle instead. If you need water for a crowd, use a thermal jug and paper cups.

**Stop using plastic straws.** Drink without a straw, or carry your own metal reusable straws. When ordering out, request “no straw”.

**Going out to eat? Bring your own container for leftovers.** Too many leftovers go home in Styrofoam and plastic containers that end up in the trash. One church member told me she leaves a lunchbox and container in her car so she is always prepared! Great idea!

**Buy reusable glass spray bottles and make your own cleaning products.** Do away with the one-time plastic bottles and the harsh chemicals.  
<https://www.chop.edu/news/10-non-toxic-diy-cleaning-products>

**Bring reusable cloth bags when you shop.** Buy mesh bags to hold your loose produce (or don't use a bag at all if you're getting a single item). Stop using plastic food storage bags and use glass or reusable plastic containers. **Reusable** food storage bags are also available; use and wash and reuse.

**Conserve water.** Take shorter (or less) showers; turn off the faucet as you brush your teeth; collect rainwater to water plants; use a dishwasher instead of washing dishes by hand, if possible, and only run it when it is full; do full loads of laundry, not partial; periodically check faucets and pipes for small leaks. Be aware of how much water you are using.



Vegetable Garden Seedlings, May 2024

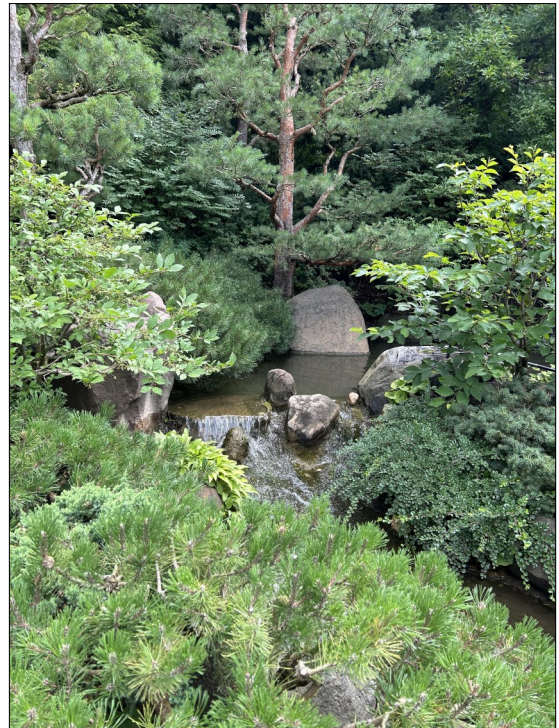




## Anderson Japanese Gardens

On Tuesday, June 25th the **Women's Spirituality Group** hosted a trip to the **Anderson Japanese Gardens** in Rockford. We took a tour of the gardens and enjoyed the beauty and the symbolism in the path, the bridges, and all of the rocks, plants, trees and water! Afterwards we enjoyed lunch together in the Fresco Café.

Upcoming trips: 7/31—**Baha'i House of Worship**, Wilmette & 8/14—**Prairie Center for the Arts**, Schaumburg. Details are in the Sunday bulletin & Friday blast.





## Anderson Japanese Gardens (Continued)





# Recycling at St. John

## Curbside Recycling Guidelines

Put in Recycling Cart LOOSE! - Empty & Clean



**Glass**  
Bottles & Jars



**Plastic**  
Bottles - Caps On Preferred,  
Tubs, Jugs, Jars  
No Bags, Film, or Foam



**Metal**  
Steel & Aluminum  
Depressurize Aerosols



**Mixed Paper & Cartons**  
Flatten Boxes

## **DON'T Put in Recycling Cart!**



**No Batteries,  
Electronics,  
or Sharps**



**No Plastic  
Bags or Wrap**



**No Food, Liquids,  
Diapers, or  
Shredded Paper**



**No Clothing  
or Shoes**



**No Hoses, Wires,  
or Hangers**

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## FamilyForward Giving Hope

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Bring your friends and family to this fantastic "Wizard of Oz" themed brunch! Let's celebrate and support our mission to strengthen low-income, working families, partnering to empower parents to successfully manage finances, boost skills and income, and grow in confidence as they build a stable and secure home — and future — for their children. **There's no place like a home!**



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## Mission Committee

Last year, **Council** approved converting the **mission team** into a formal committee. Since then, the **Mission Committee** has concentrated on increasing congregational awareness of the many programs the church supports. The “**mission moments**” that have become part of Sunday morning worship on a monthly basis are part of that effort.

The **Mission Committee** is working to develop a more systematic approach to allocating mission dollars that will include a grant application process for eligibility purposes. Stay tuned for how you can recommend your favorite charitable, 501(c)3 organizations to be considered for grants later this year.

During the month of August, we will be collecting supplies for **RefugeeOne**. We are also planning a church-wide mission project on **Rally Day**. For more information or suggestions, please contact **Connie Wayman, or any member of the Mission Committee—Pam Ahrendt, Tom Mockaitis, Martha Ross-Mockaitis, Jay Virchow & Betsy Wilson.**

## Little Free Pantry Update



With warmer weather, the **Little Free Pantry** has been supplying socks, sunscreen, wipes and soap. Donations are welcome. To sign up to help, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2uzc4tdf> or speak with **Jay Virchow** or **Jenn Borrell**.



## Mission Committee (Continued)



## Thank You St. John







Thank you to **St. John** for collecting items to prepare birthday party kits for families in need.





# August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 1pm Cards   5:30pm AH Nat'l Night Out	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7pm Spiritual Life Committee Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10am-2pm PADS Summer Supper Non- Perishable Food Drop- Off at St. John 6pm St. John Social Pot- luck-State/ County Fair Fare
<b>11 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	<b>12</b> 2pm Book Club  	<b>13</b> 7pm Council Meeting	<b>14 10:30am</b> Women's Spir- itual Group Prairie Center 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 1pm Cards 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour 6:30pm PADS Summer Supper	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:45pm Choir Re- hearsal	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



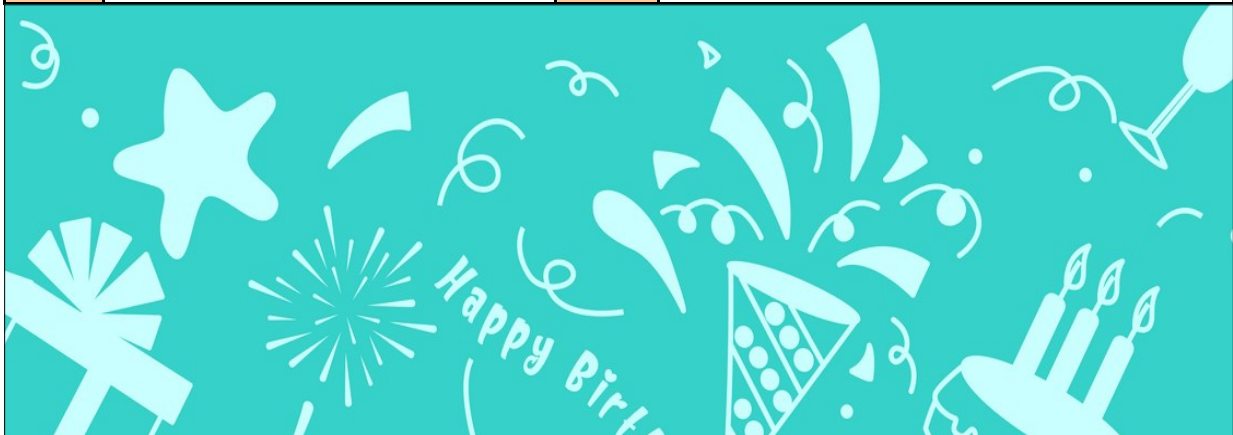
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August			
1	Pam Ahrendt, DJ Shurson	19	Jonathan Landeweer
3	John Franz, Dennis Roesslein	20	Dorothy Albright, Diane Salazar
4	Mike Wilson	22	Bill Heiberger
7	Troy Brinson, Barbara Crum	24	Shane O'Connor
12	Dave Landeweer	25	Melanie Thoms
13	Roland Cooper	27	Sebastian Dorszewski, Colleen Kave, Barbara Jo Scott
15	Kelly Kurka, Doug Petersen	28	Tom Riley
17	Ty Shurson	30	Alex Herazy


September			
4	Georgia Runge	14	Craig Mallar
5	Ashley Ilg	20	Darlene Vogt
10	Bob Burdick, Owen Hong, Jordan Slonke		

October			
4	Faith McNaney	19	Frank Styzek
7	Gus Tashima	20	Judy Kriston, Stefanie Landeweer
12	Anna Marie Slonke	24	Harris Brinson, Jennifer Riley
14	Lindsey Herazy, Brendan Kave	25	Gail Tiedel, Deborah Wittmeyer
15	Hannah Hong, Dave Tashima	26	Russell Crum
16	Ellen Burkhardt	27	Lorraine Grupe, Rachel Martin
17	Mark Santi	29	Jean Frost
18	Cathy Pecora	30	Joel Martin



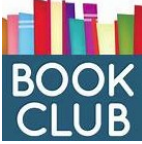





# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<p><b>1 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>2 Labor Day</b> Office Closed</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10am Bible Study 4pm Girl Scouts (Daisy) Troop Meeting 7pm Spiritual Life Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>5</b> 1pm Cards </p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rally Day!</b> 10am Worship &amp; Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>9</b> 2pm Book Club </p>	<p><b>10</b> 10am Bible Study 7pm Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 6pm St. John Social Potluck—Fall Favorites</p>
<p><b>15 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Worship &amp; Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Rehearsal 7pm Stewardship Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>18</b> 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>19</b> 1pm Cards </p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> 11am Bev Morath Celebration of Life Service &amp; Luncheon</p>
<p><b>22 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Worship &amp; Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour 6:30pm PADS Summer Supper</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>25</b> 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Worship &amp; Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>					

# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Rehearsal 7pm Spiritual Life Committee Mtg	<b>2</b> 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 1pm Cards 		<b>5</b> 11am AH Autumn Harvest
<b>6 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost World Communion</b> 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	<b>7</b> 2pm Book Club 	<b>8</b> 10am Bible Study 4pm Girl Scouts (Daisy) Troop Meeting 6pm Bell Rehearsal 7pm Council Meeting	<b>9</b> 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6pm St. John Social Potluck -Spooky Halloween Party Food
<b>13 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost &amp; Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday</b> 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Rehearsal 7pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	<b>16</b> 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 1pm Cards 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10am Bible Study 6pm Bell Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 		





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*The congregation of St. John United Church of Christ rejoices that our community of faith is strengthened by diversity. We declare ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation, extending God's extravagant welcome to all people regardless of culture, economic status, age, sex, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, marital status, or physical/mental condition. We invite everyone to join our journey of faith and participate fully in the life of our congregation.*

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