

January 26, 2025 is Health and Human Services Sunday.
The Council for Health and Human Service Ministries
(CHHSM) is committed to:

Our Mission—Advancing the work of all health and human service ministries of the United Church of Christ in creating a just, caring and compassionate world.

Our Vision—Together, we create a just, caring and compassionate world.

Our Values—We live out our “Unshakable” Beliefs every day through our ministries:

- Covenant
- Inclusion
- Stewardship
- Courage
- Serving Leadership

Value Propositions:

Bold Vision: *CHHSM supports member organizations' transformation of the world through healing and mission ministries to make the world as right as God intends it to be.*

Inspired Leaders: *Through programs, resources and collaboration, CHHSM supports the leadership and staff of its member organizations who are called to live out a bold vision for change and innovation resulting in a just, caring and compassionate world.*

Shared Values: *United by a covenantal relationship with the Church and its member UCC health and human service ministries, our values are aligned and guide our actions, decisions and work.*

Welcome to Worship January 26, 2025



St. John's United Church of Christ

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WELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for coming! Please sign a pew card to place in the offering plate.

WORSHIP: When reading this bulletin Leader Speaks Plain Font, **Everyone Speak Bold Font**
Everyone is invited to join us in Communion.

Nursery: Children are welcome in all aspects of worship. The nursery provides an alternative space so kids and parents can both get what they need from worship. Children are encouraged to check in with their adult before going downstairs with the nursery attendant.

You Are Not Alone

The following support groups meet regularly at St. John's

- The Belvidere Group (AA) meets at everyday at 7pm.
Women's Group meets Mondays 5:30pm
- T.O.P.S. Mondays 11am



Delicious Fundraiser



Amazon List



T-Shirts

Announcements

- ✦ **Every 3rd Sunday of the month**, St. John's leads services at **Heritage Woods** at 3 pm. Join after their service for time to socialize with the residents and meet some great people.
- ✦ **Soup or Bowl and Scout Sunday** February 9th
- ✦ **St. John's Annual Meeting** February 16th
- ✦ **Community Meal** every third Wednesday of the month from 5p-6p!
- ✦ **Blessing Box** The weather has turned cold, so we must fill our box accordingly. No canned foods or anything that may contain water. Containers can freeze and explode or worse freeze and thaw without anyone knowing and go bad. These can make people sick. **Cans will be thrown away.** Let's work together to make sure only safe food goes to our neighbors. If you want to make canned donations, you can bring things **INSIDE** the church and we will get them to Food pantries or people in need.
- ✦ **Paper Angel Closet** needs toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, toothpaste, bleach, shampoo, and dish soap.
- ✦ **Menards Ministry:** If you have unused Menards rebates, or even receipts. We use these rebates for projects around the church.
- ✦ **Open Door Fundraiser:** We are still collecting money to upgrade our parking lot doors. Our goal is to collect enough money to automate the doors and make it a double entry to hold the temperature in the office area.



St. John's Calendar

Musical Offering

Doxology

Praise God, through whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



General Giving

Prayer of Dedication– unison

We thank you, God, for loving us into the freedom of a generous life. Bless these gifts we bring in response to the blessing you have already given us with the gift of life. Form our lives anew into living offerings, sharing Your love with a grace that frees others. Amen.

Hymn #393– Bless Be the Tie That Binds”

Benediction

Postlude

Proclaim: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday after Epiphany Year C was written by the Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins, Conference Minister of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Prelude

Announcements

Choral Introit– As A Deer

Choir will sing first, then congregation.

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield;

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

Responsive Welcome Statement

At St. John's United Church of Christ, we are Living Outwardly & Valuing Everyone!

We live and work amid God's love!

In that spirit, we extend love to all who come into our midst, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, nationality, skin color, culture, differing abilities, age or political affiliations, to participate fully in all aspects of church.

Our ministry is to bring the Good News of Christ's love to all.

We work in God's name to tear down walls and build community,

to walk with each other through all of life's circumstances,

to provide for those in need,

to offer comfort to the hurting and the sick,
and to uplift the brokenhearted.

Where we fail, we ask for God's forgiveness.

May the Holy Spirit and our siblings continue to challenge us to do better.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Call to Worship

The Spirit of God has called us to this place and time.

We gather to hear God's liberating word of love.

Today, past and future meet in the holiness of now.

May the Spirit of God at work in Jesus, also work in us.

May the vision of flourishing for all be imprinted on our hearts.

And may it be enacted in our lives!

Invocation– unison

Gracious God, anoint us anew with your Holy Spirit of Love. By it, form our hearts, minds, and lives into channels of your good news. Grant us a renewed passion for your vision of a world where none are poor and where every weight is lifted. Cultivate your courageous compassion in us to move toward any who have been marginalized or run over by the world. Yes, bless and strengthen us to bless and strengthen others. We pray this in the name of the one whose life fulfilled Your Holy vision, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Hymn #394– In Christ There is No East or West

The Apostles' Creed: an alternative version #882

Children's Time**Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer****Hymn #35 “O Mighty God, When I Survey the Wonder”****Prayer for Transformation and New Life- unison**

O Love that will not let us go, interrupt our familiar inertias leading down paths of distraction and discouragement. Let today's Sabbath pause gift a freeing grace impossible to imagine on our

own. By Your abundant outpouring of Spirit lighten every burden carried from yesterdays past. Cleanse the lens of our hearts, that we may see more clearly your vision of a world made new. Yes, forgive us and free us for this delight you yearn to offer, in and through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Grace– Leader

Beloved of God, hear the good news: In Christ, God has declared that you are no longer captives to the past. All that you have carried, the Holy One has lifted. The eternal love of God, made known in Jesus Christ, has anointed you anew. You are forgiven and invited to join in the joy of God's great vision for your life. Thanks be to God who has fulfilled this in your hearing. Amen and Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Scripture

I Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Luke 4: 14-21

Sermon “One Body”**Invitation to Generosity– Leader**

At work in life is a holy generosity that begins and ends in God. This “yes” of God is the source of everlasting joy. Now, we are invited to this enduring delight. May our hearts and minds be opened anew as we bring our gifts to God with thanksgiving and praise.

Moment for Mission

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