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**April 14,  
2024**



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**Worship  
10:30 A.M.**

# St. John's United Church of Christ

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

**Office Hours: Tues – Thurs, 9am-Noon** stjohs401.org  
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**Nursery:** The nursery is open! Please check downstairs and meet with the nursery attendant before leaving your child.

## You Are Not Alone

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

- AL-ANON Thursdays at 7pm on Zoom **Meeting ID: 3983002123 Passcode: 102964**
- The Belvidere Group (AA) meets at everyday at Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 1pm & everyday at 7pm. Women's Group meets Mondays 5:30pm
- T.O.P.S. Mondays 11am

## Community Ministries

**Community Meal:** Every 3rd Wednesday from 5p-6p! This Wednesday's Menu: chicken and stuffing, green beans, fruit, cake, beverages

**Blessing Box:** Outside by the Main Street entrance open to all who are hungry 24/7.

**Paper Angel Closet:** Provides supplies to households in need.

**Every 3rd Sunday,** St. John's Leads services at **Heritage Woods** at 1 pm. Join after their service for time to talk to socialize with their residents and meet some great people.

**Fellowship Meal every second Sunday after worship! April 14th and Special Mother's day Fellowship Meal May 12th.**

**Fellowship Circle** every second Thursday at 1pm. Next gatherings April 11th and May 9th.

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## Mark Your Calendar

- ✚ **April 20th** Set aside the day for some family fun during the **Prairie Association Meeting** at Pilgrim Park in Princeton, IL!
- ✚ **April 21st Coffee Hour at 9am** to greet our guest preacher during worship at St. John's will be a Seminary friend of Pastor Muriel and Mike, **Rev. Phiwa Langeni.**



As a queer, Black, trans person from an immigrant family, the Rev. Phiwa Langeni is quite skilled at detecting and decreasing various societal gaps, especially with/for those with multiple minoritized identities. Since ordination in 2011, Phiwa has served in just about every local church setting possible: a thriving progressive church, multi-charge rural churches, a large suburban church, small churches deeply rooted in political and social justice, a new church start/nonprofit hybrid. They currently serve as the Ambassador for Innovation and Engagement in the Center for Analytics, Research & Development, and Data of the United Church of Christ. Phiwa is the solo parent of an adult

daughter who challenges them in brilliance and beauty. In their free time, Phiwa enjoys reading, upcycling, 90s R&B, dad jokes, and creating all manner of things.

- ✚ **Rummage Sale May 10th 9am-3pm and May 11th 9am-12pm.** Donation can be brought and put into the Workroom off the kitchen.



- ✚ **May 26th Patriotic Concert with Jim Hendricks** Everyone is invited to enjoy this musical celebration. Free will donation will be collected.

**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.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving****Musical Message by Jim Hendricks****Benediction****Postlude**

**Welcome to musician, Jim Hendricks as our musical guest and special speaker. Fellowship Meal to follow worship.**

*Pianist Jim performed has performed with such legends as Dave Brubeck (piano duets), Della Reese, Rita Moreno, The Glenn Miller Orchestra, Tito Puente, Maynard Ferguson, Jack Jones, Louie Bellson, Clark Terry, John Davidson, and many others. Jim has been a featured orchestral soloist performing the piano music of Rachmaninoff, and was granted a music professorship by the age of twenty-five. Hendricks is currently the head of the Piano Division in the Music Department of Chicago State University, and he has performed approximately 1,400 solo piano concerts across the world since 1994.*

**Prelude****Announcements****Responsive Welcome Statement** (Leader Speaks Plain Font, **All Speak Bold Font**)

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!**

**Prayer of Invocation #826**

**Come, O Creator, O Immensity of love, O Eternity of mercy. Come, and be with us and in us and beside us and over us. Be as hands upon us, and fashion us for shinning. Be as warmth within us, and**

**fire us for caring. Be as strength beside us, and shape our lives for healing. Abide in our prayers, the spoken and the unspoken; and make your word come true in our flesh; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

**Hymn #245 "Day of Resurrection"**

**Scripture Ephesians 5:18b-21**

**Childrens Time**

**A Litany of Intercession #878**

Gracious God, who loves all and forgets none, we bring to you our prayers for all your children.

For all whom we love, watch over, and care for;

**Hear us, O God.**

For all prisoners and captives, and all who suffer from oppression, that you will manifest your mercy towards them, and make all hearts as merciful as your own;

**Hear us, O God.**

For all who bear the cross of suffering, the sick in body or mind;

**Hear us, O God.**

For all those who are troubled by the sin or suffering of those they love;

**Hear us, O God.**

For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of others, and know the saving grace of the cross;

**Hear us, O God.**

For all perplexed by the deeper questions of life and overshadowed with doubt, that your light may guide them;

**Hear us, O God.**

For all who are tried by temptations or weakness, that your mercy may be their strength;

**Hear us, O God.**

For all who are lonely and sad in the midst of others' joy, that they may know you as their friend and comforter;

**Hear us, O God.**

For the infirm and aged and for all who are dying, that they may find their strength in you and light at evening time;

**Hear us, O God.**

For all forgotten by us but, dear to you;

**Hear us, O God.**

O compassionate God, hear our prayers, answer them according to your will, and make us channels of your infinite grace; through Jesus Christ we pray.

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn #253 "Yours is the Glory"**

**Affirmation of Faith #886**

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.**

**You create our world and give us life.**

**Your purpose overarches everything we do.**

**You have always been with us.**

**You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,**

**Good beyond all measure.**

**You came too us before we came to you.**

**You have revealed and proved**

**Your love for us in Jesus Christ,**

**who lived and died and rose again.**

**You are with us now.**

**You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.**

**You empower us to be your gospel in the world.**

**You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

**You are God. We worship you.**

**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.**

**Moment for Mission**

**Boone County Habitat for Humanity**

**Musical Offering**