



ST. JOHN

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

MAEYSTOWN, ILLINOIS

The Visitor
February - 2026

THANK YOU....

Dear Pastor Poole and Church Family,

Again, we want to thank you for being such a blessing to our children and families through your food ministries. There continues to be a great shortage of food in our community, and especially during this time of year your generosity is deeply needed and greatly appreciated.

Because of your faithful service, many families are able to have nutritious meals on their tables this New year eve, adding both comfort and stability to households that are working hard to make ends meet. Your ministry not only feeds the body, but also uplifts the spirit, reminding our families that they are seen, supported, and cared for.

On behalf of the children, parents, and staff of Uni Pres Kindercottage, please accept our sincere gratitude for your compassion and commitment to serving those most in need. Your partnership strengthens our mission and brings hope to so many lives.

With heartfelt thanks and blessings,

Aimee Hart

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The church is looking for someone to do snow removal this winter. Contact Amy Juelfs 618-920-9261.
- SAVE THE DATE: Fastnacht will be on Tuesday, February 17. Watch Facebook and the bulletin for more details.
- Grebbling will be on Tuesday, February 17 as well. Watch Facebook and the bulletin for more details.
- Congratulations to Erika Soutiea and Dennis DeSimone, Jr., who were married on January 2, 2026
- Handbell Choir will meet on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Adult Choir will meet on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
- Adult Bible Study every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 in the Hall.
- Snack donations for the After School Program are needed. Any donations are welcome but some suggestions are vanilla icing & graham crackers, chips, cheese balls, applesauce & fruit cups, vanilla wafers, animal crackers, cookies, fruit, and ice cream cups.

- Women's Fellowship will have a raffle at this year's Fastnacht on February 17. There will be 8 raffle items (listed on the tickets). Tickets will be available to purchase from Women Fellowship members, after church beginning the next Sunday, Jan 25 through the night of Fastnacht. Price: 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00, drawing to be held during Fastnacht. There will be a Country Store this year again as well. We are asking for donations of homemade baked goods or items and home canned items for us to sell. All proceeds from the raffle and country store will be used for our outreach projects throughout the year. Questions call Sue Taylor 618-520-7400.

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Prayer List:

- Please keep Jan Hoffman Brueggeman in your prayers. She has Brain Cancer. Jan is Faye Birk's cousin.
- Please keep Rhonda Whelan in your prayers. She is at Barnes waiting for a heart transplant.
- Patti French, as she receives radiation treatments for skin cancer.
- Paul and Betty, as they continue to face health challenges.
- Kim Hicks as she receives treatments for her cancer.
- Donna Solich as she continues chemo treatments.
- Glenn Coats as he finds his footing.
- Pam Coplin as she struggles with Bell's Palsy.
- Rose Schultheis, 23 years old, who is now on the active list for a kidney transplant and continues with daily dialysis.
- Mary Ann Lutz, who needs a kidney transplant.
- Kaylee Muertz. She is getting stronger each day, but still needs our prayers.
- Tim Branson, as he battles with cancer.

Birthday Shoutouts:

- Dorothy Mueller will celebrate her 79th birthday on February 3.
- Anita Graber will turn 76 on February 5.
- Jerry Johner will turn 89 on February 6.
- Dennis Trost will turn 77 on February 16.
- Dave Henerfauth will celebrate this 78th birthday on February 19.
- Freeman Borcharding will turn 78 and Anita Muertz will turn 77 on February 23.
- Joan Esker will turn 83 on March 1.
- George Green will turn 74 on March 2.
- Catherine Hoffmann will turn 87 years young on March 10.

- Jeanette McClellan will turn 79, Sheryl Prange will turn 73, and Chloe Smothers will turn 1 on March 11.

Special Anniversaries:

- Don & Ellen Edler will celebrate 52 years of marriage on February 2.
- Allen & Shirley Stafford will celebrate 56 years of marriage on February 22.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...		JASON DILLEY	Feb 24
MELISSA MOTHERSHEAD	Feb 1	JEFFREY WILLIAMS	Feb 25
CARRIE TURNER	Feb 1	KATE MUELLER	Feb 25
LAURA ANN WILSON	Feb 2	LUCAS BLACKWELL	Feb 25
DOROTHY MUELLER	Feb 3	MILLIE LIEFER	Feb 25
AARON VOELKER	Feb 3	ALLY MELCHING	Feb 26
DARREN KNOBLOCH	Feb 4	JOSEPH STIRNAMAN	Feb 27
ISAAC LARSON	Feb 4	KAILA LEY	Feb 27
THEODORE KLINKHARDT	Feb 4	MELANIE RUSSO	Feb 27
ANITA GRABER	Feb 5	ZAILEY LEVIN	Feb 27
JERRY JOHNER	Feb 6	GRACE WISCHMEYER	Feb 27
GALE BRANSON	Feb 6	BRAD JUELFS	Feb 28
WADE GOLDSCHMIDT	Feb 6	CHRIS KOESTER	Feb 28
MADELINE GEROVAC	Feb 6	ERIKA SOUTIEA	Feb 29
DOUG SCHILLING	Feb 7	JOAN ESKER	Mar 1
OLIVIA HICKS	Feb 8	GEORGE GREEN	Mar 2
RITA HOFFMANN	Feb 9	EMILY SENSEL	Mar 2
EASTON BIRK	Feb 9	SUSAN KOESTERER	Mar 3
WRENLY KOESTER	Feb 10	ADAM PRANGE	Mar 3
KIM ESKER	Feb 11	EMILY RUSTEBERG	Mar 3
MARIANN SCHAEFER	Feb 11	BROOKE KNOBLOCH	Mar 3
AVA HOFFMANN	Feb 11	JEFF ROY	Mar 6
CRICKETT JOHNSON	Feb 12	GRACIE ALLEN	Mar 6
KLAIRE WITTENBRINK	Feb 12	MARLEE MELCHING	Mar 7
VICKI TAAKE	Feb 13	CHARLIE ECKERTY	Mar 9
CAROLINE MUELLER	Feb 13	EMILY KRUSE	Mar 9
AMANDA SCHWEIGERT	Feb 15	CHARLES RICHESON	Mar 10
DENNIS TROST	Feb 16	CATHERINE HOFFMANN	Mar 10
ALLEN STAFFORD	Feb 17	JEANETTE MCCLELLAN	Mar 11
LAUREN SCHELLHARDT	Feb 17	SHERYL PRANGE	Mar 11
GENE ROHLFING	Feb 18	CARRIE GRUENINGER	Mar 11
SYDNEY HICKS	Feb 18	CHLOE SMOTHERS	Mar 11
SEBASTIAN NILGES	Feb 18	ALAINA LAWRENCE	Mar 11
SOPHIA NILGES	Feb 18	MARK HOFFMANN	Mar 14
DAVE HENERFAUTH	Feb 19	ALLYN ROHLFING	Mar 15
EMILY RICHESON	Feb 19	DAN GILBERT	Mar 15
DOLORES GUETTERMAN	Feb 20		
GREG FLOARKE	Feb 20	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...	
TIM HENERFAUTH	Feb 22	DON & ELLEN EDLER	Feb 2
DEREK KNOLL	Feb 22	GENE & AMY ROHLFING	Feb 16
FREEMAN BORCHARDING	Feb 23	JAY & LESA MUELLER	Feb 21
ANITA MUERTZ	Feb 23	ALLEN & SHIRLEY STAFFORD	Feb 22
PAUL HILL	Feb 24	NOAH & JENNY KLINKHARDT	Feb 29
		LENNY & KAREN SCHWARZE	Mar 11
		JIM & LISA MAURER	Mar 14



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Thought for the day

***"Remember that you have the
power to change your perspective
and actions, which can transform
your entire day and outlook."***

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