

ST. JOHN

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
MAEYSTOWN, ILLINOIS

The Visitor
September 2024

The Joy of Walking in Faith Together

Words of our faith, hope, peace, love, be the light, walk in faith; God is love; abide in God's love. These words can sound like fluff, words that do not mean anything. But to you and I, they are words that give voice to a truth that we can only see glimpses of, but even a glimpse can provide us with hope and peace.

In a world of turmoil, hope and peace are precious gifts. I would love to know your joys and challenges. Stress and anxiety in our children might be one. How I will pay my bills might be a challenge for many. The nation's politics might be on your list. What are the joys in your life? Memorable moments with your children or grandchildren, coffee in the morning, a moment to be alone, a clean house, paid bills, a beautiful garden. I would love to hear from all of you, your joys and concerns. Not to fix your problems but to walk in faith together. I am always available to have a coffee or visit. My greatest joy as a pastor is hearing and being with all of you. I genuinely want to know your joys and challenges. I want the language of our faith and the glimpse into the divine truth to be a part of our relationship and walk together.

In the coming months, the church will be very active, with the kick-off of Sunday School starting at our church picnic, "St. Johns Day," on September 8th, and confirmation classes starting back up on Wednesday, September 18th. The choir will be back soon, as will the After School Program, bible study, and youth group, Women's Fellowship, 12+ programs, and I love them all, but nothing is more joyful than spending time visiting each of you.

We are a church of important mission work; The pew sisters are raising awareness and a drive for essential items for the children at Kindercottage. With your support, the Mission team will bring food to the families that need a little help making ends meet. The Bi-County Backpack Program feeds around 120 children every week and finds their bank account for the first time in years low enough to reach out to all of you for support. The youth group and church support the kids of Hoyleton. And again, I love all of it! But nothing is more important to me than spending time with all of you. I love a knock on my door or a call; I love to be invited to a party or gathering. I may not stay long, but a moment to connect means the world to me.

We are a church of 450 members, not counting the many children. More than 100 participate in our programs weekly outside of Sunday morning worship. More programs are needed to serve all our members and this church's potential. The work will get done, and the programs we need will come together. We can also make time to stop and connect. Nothing is more meaningful than connecting with each of you.

This Fall, we will have new member classes, and new members will join this most wonderful of churches. It makes my heart sing when they say they are joining the church because of their feeling of coming home. They feel at home because you make them feel valued and cared for! Our Church is a beacon of light because we share our joys, hardships, and daily challenges as one body. At times, the language of our faith can be hard to find and harder yet to feel. Together, we have the support to get to the other side and back to those life-giving glimpses of God's love.

I leave you with an insight about time. Time is the one challenge I hear hands down above all else: simply not enough of it. After reading this article, you might say, Pastor, you do not have time to visit with me; you have too much going on in the church's life. Nothing could be further from the truth; you are the church life, the beginning, and the end; you are everything good and outstanding about the church, and nothing is more worthy of my time than spending time with each of you.

The truth about time is when we put all the “to do” items on the list we have no time to take care of ourselves, no time to connect with the blessings in our life, not even our family, friends, and church.

However, if you flip the script and reprioritize everything in your life to match a new model of living in the blessing of your day, you will find something shifts about time. Reprioritize your days; the first choice is to connect with the Lord through whatever way that works for you: meditation, reading a daily devotional, prayer. Perhaps your way to connect will be getting up before everyone else to have coffee on the porch, taking a moment to be centered on the blessings of your life. The next priority is self-care: what do you need, such as exercise, diet, and activities that feed you? Please put it in the schedule and do it! Next, what do the people in your life need most from you, and be present to what a joy it is to be the one to provide it? You cannot get to this place of joy without steps one and two. Lastly, prioritize all the things that need to be done today with the freedom to let them go if it is not done at the end of the day. This model is truly in this community's DNA as a farming community.

I am no farmer, but I have had the opportunity to watch all of you, and even though most do not farm, all have a connection to it. The farming tradition is to start their day with a good breakfast and prayer. That is step one and two. Farmers never see the end of their to-do list; they learn to keep it in mind, but when a neighbor calls to visit or has a need, the list gets set aside. Yet they manage to have the time and strength God gives them to get the crops planted and harvested.

Let us start our days being present to the blessings God has given us and be sure to take care of ourselves so we can go and do a good day's work. Let us let go of what we think we must get done so we can do the job God gives us to do. Working is a joy when we are a part of God's Plan. That is the rhythm built into this community's DNA: protect and keep it sacred.

See you all soon!

Many Blessings!
Pastor



Maher Trust Board News

Nancy Voelker and her family notified Maher Trust Board they will no longer be farming the land Glenn farmed for 50 years. A big Thank You to the Voelker family for their many years of dedication.

Maher Trust Board members have completed a Cash Lease Agreement that will be available to any member of the church interested in farming the land. Please contact Pastor Poole to have a copy emailed or pick up a copy.

Notices will be in the weekly bulletin and an email will be sent to members with email so everyone is aware of what is available.

The church members will have the opportunity to bid for the 88 acres for a cash rent amount on Sunday, September 15, 2024 immediately after church.

Please reach out to a member of the Maher Trust Board or Pastor Poole if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Maher Trust Board members are: Dorothy Mueller, Nancy Schilling, Bob Edler, Lisa Schwarze, Jay Mueller, and Linda Schmidt

May Church Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Cheri Langsdorf. Pastor Poole opened the meeting with a prayer. Those in attendance were Debbie Eckart, Susan Koesterer, Cheri Langsdorf, Pam Muertz, Mark Rey, Ron Richeson, Amy Rohlffing and Fay Ross. Drew Watts was absent.

Review and Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2024 Council Meeting

The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. There being no further corrections a motion was made by Amy Rohlffing and seconded by Debbie Eckart to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report, Bills, Timecard and Pastor's Expenses

The treasurer's report, bills, timecard, and Pastor's expenses were presented and reviewed. There being no changes or corrections a motion was made by Cheri Langsdorf and seconded by Fay Ross to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried.

Council Member's Reports

Fay Ross reported that the Pew Sisters have discussed how our church can support Kindercottage. Fay outlined the following plan:

The Pew Sisters requested that the September 29th 5th Sunday Offering be designated toward Kindercottage. A motion was made by Cheri Langsdorf and seconded by Amy Rohlffing to designate the September 5th Sunday offering to Kindercottage. Motion carried. Kindercottage's Executive Director Aimee gave a presentation after church in June; however, many members were unavailable to attend that day. Pastor will invite Aimee back prior to the September 29th offering to share more about Kindercottage and why our support is so important.

The Pew Sisters are also coordinating a campaign to collect products needed by Kindercottage (e.g. Diapers, Water, Paper Towels...). The complete list will be included in the church program, the Visitor, and on the bulletin board at back of church. In addition, it will also be published on the church's Facebook page. Items can be brought to the back of church. The Pew Sisters thank our members for their generous support to this campaign. The council is very grateful that our Pew Sisters are taking on this important mission work.

Pastor's Report

Pastor highlighted the great work occurring in our church to deepen our faith. Pastor reported we have 16 children in confirmation, the Wednesday Warm-Up program, and the Little Rascals camp starting July 10th has strong participation from both children and adults. We are building a community where people find strength, comfort, and love. We are standing up for something rare and valuable. Pastor encouraged us to continue to share our faith.

OLD BUSINESS

Solar Power Update

Pastor reported all permits have been granted and all property lines are correct. Cornerstone is finishing up the loan documents. The project is expected to break ground July 15th and be wrapped up in July.

Tim Burns, Student Pastor

Pastor is maintaining Tim's student pastor schedule. Tim will be assisting with the Little Rascals camp.

Sunday School Superintendent

Pastor reported that Michelle Vogt requested to step down as Sunday School Superintendent. Michelle will continue to serve as a Sunday School teacher. Pastor discussed a potential candidate. A motion was made by Fay Ross and seconded by Pam Muertz that Pastor discuss the position with the candidate and determine if they are willing to serve in the position which would receive the same annual stipend that Michelle receives today.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance Cancellation

The church was notified that our insurance is being cancelled in October. Pastor will obtain at least three quotes and then the council will establish a small committee to review the quotes and make a recommendation.

Sinking Ground

Pastor reported that the sinking ground near the school house has been resolved.

Parsonage Requests

Pastor reported that the dishwasher is no longer functioning and that the microwave handle is broke. Pastor will gather the cost to replace both the dishwasher and microwave and report back to the council.

Pastor requested the carpet in the three bedrooms and hallway be replaced. Pastor will gather the cost to replace the carpet.

Painting or Residing the Hall

As mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting, the paint in chipping from the Hall siding. The council approved at the last meeting that Pastor obtain quotes to repair the siding. Pastor is still gathering quotes to paint 2-sides of the building, paint all 4-sides of the building, or reside all 4-sides of the building.

Arborist

Pastor reported the arborist is coming to look at the pine forest July 23rd to ensure we do not have a disease issue since we recently lost a pine tree.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Amy Rohlfing and seconded by Debbie Eckart to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned. Pastor closed the meeting by leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Susan Koesterer, Secretary

Church Council Minutes – June 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Drew Watts. Pastor Poole opened the meeting with a prayer. Those in attendance were Drew Watts, Susan Koesterer, Cheri Langsdorf, Amy Rohlfing, Ron Richeson, Pam Muertz and Debbie Eckart. Absent were Mark Rey and Fay Ross.

Review/Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2024 Council Meeting and May 19, 2024 Congregational Vote

The minutes from the May meetings were reviewed. There being no further corrections a motion was made by Pam Muertz and seconded by Ron Richeson to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report, Bills, Timecard and Pastor's Expenses

The treasurer's report, bills, timecard, and Pastor's expenses were presented and reviewed. There being no changes or corrections a motion was made by Susan Koesterer and seconded by Amy Rohlfing to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor has met with Tim Burns. Tim has a lot of great ideas and would like to start a 20-something Bible Study.

Pastor gave an update on the Little Rascals Summer Camp. We already have 10 children registered for the camp. The Little Rascals Summer Camps is for ages 6-12. Camp will be Wednesdays from July 10– July 31 from 9 AM to Noon.

OLD BUSINESS

Solar Power Update

Pastor reported that Monroe County Title conducted an extensive title search. All property line questions have successfully been resolved. We expect the building permit will be issued from Monroe County mid-June with solar construction starting soon after.

Fire Department Report

Drew and Pastor reported all deficiencies identified during the Fire Department inspection have been corrected. Pastor will contact the Maeystown Fire Department to have them return and review all corrections.

AED

Drew reported the two new AEDs were received. We now have one AED in the Church and one at the Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor reviewed the responsibilities of Council Members.

Hall Siding - The council discussed the condition of the siding on two sides of the Hall. A motion was made by Cheri Langsdorf and seconded by Ron Richeson to get three bids to paint the siding that is chipping. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Cheri Langsdorf and seconded by Amy Rohlring to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned. Pastor closed the meeting by leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Susan Koesterer, Secretary

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Mission Team News

Bi-County Backpack Program needs your help!

As we are approaching the start of our 15th year in operation, we are finding that the dollar donated does not go as far as it used to. The cost of food has drastically increased, which means our funds are dwindling faster than we like. A new school year has begun and we are looking at supporting over 125 kids from Valmeyer, Waterloo, Red Bud, and Prairie du Rocher schools this year. If you would like to donate money to help support this very important mission you can contact myself or Pastor Poole. Checks should be made out to St John UCC Mission Team and in the memo write Backpack Program. Thanks so much for your continued support of this mission. We couldn't have made it this long without you all.

Yet another important mission

We have been given an opportunity to assist the families enrolled at Uni-Pres Kindercottage. These 27 families have recently lost their food support from the St. Louis Food Bank and are in need of help. With your monetary support we are sure to make this new endeavor a success. The food will be purchased by us in bulk once a month and will be delivered directly to Kindercottage. The staff there will distribute it to each family based on their needs. The approximate amount needed to sustain this program for a year, with the current families, will be around \$7,200. This is roughly \$600 per month in groceries. Of course, some months will cost less depending on the need. **I would like to include that this endeavor is not part of the bi-county backpack programs funds and will be treated separately.**

You can contact myself or Pastor Poole if you have any questions or to donate to this cause. Checks should be made out to St John UCC Mission Team and in the memo write Kindercottage.

Sincerely,
Laurie Knoll -- Mission Team Leader

News and Notes

Announcements:

- **Annual Drive** letters have gone out. If you do not receive yours in the next week or so, please let Nicole know so one can be resent.
- **Fall Festival at DuBois Center** is fast approaching, and we can't do it without LOTS of amazing volunteers like you! Consider joining us on Sunday, October 6 for anywhere from one hour to the whole day. We need help with boat rides, hayrides, ticket takers, horses walkers, Sweet Treats, Kidz Corner, and more. We also need some help with set up on Saturday, October 5. Sign up to volunteer below:

Fall Festival General Volunteers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA4AD28A2FCC34-50718590-2024>

Fall Festival Horse Volunteers:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EADAF2AAAFCC61-50520728-fall#/#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EADAF2AAAFCC61-50520728-fall#/)

Should you have any questions, please email fallfestival@duboiscenter.org

Thank you from the Fall Festival Volunteer Coordinators

Upcoming Events:

- **St. John's Day** is Sunday, September 8, after the church service at the Civic Association Park. See the flier for more details.
- Please pre-register for the **Beginning Handbells** workshop on Saturday, Sept 21, from 1-4 p.m. by emailing Marcia at marciabraswell@gmail.com. The workshop is free and is open to anyone 6th grade age and up!
- **Adult Choir** will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept 11 at 7 p.m.
- **Adult Bible Conversation and Study** begins on Wednesday, Sept 11, at 6:00.
- Registration is open for vendors for **Christkindlmarkt on Sunday, December 1**. See Nancy Voelker or Pat Brandt for any questions.
- **Women's Fellowship Meeting** – September 5th at Noon. Lunch provided by Marietta Schneider & Faye Birk and deserts provided also. All Women invited. Bring a Friend!!!!

Florence's 100th birthday celebration on July 14th at Acorn's Golf Links. Your presence made the event truly memorable and filled the day with joy and love.

A special thank you to Pastor Poole for taking time from his holiday to deliver such an inspirational message and leading us in a heartfelt prayer before the meal. Your words were a beautiful tribute to Aunt Florence and set a wonderful tone for the celebration.

We are incredibly blessed to be part of such a supportive and caring church family. Thank you for making this milestone birthday an unforgettable occasion for all of us, especially Aunt Florence!

Warm regards,
Carla Feldmeier

The Pew Sisters led us in collecting important supplies for Kindercottage and their families throughout the month of August. It was a huge success. Thank you, Pew Sisters, for leading this important work!



Special Birthdays:

- Brenda Johnson turns 73 on September 2.
- Cathy Hoffmann turns 66 on September 3.
- Wallace Altes turns 83 on September 9.
- Ben Yancey turns 96 years young on September 10, while Elaine Hoerr turns 71 the same day.
- Peg Johner turns 84 on September 12.
- Barb Wischmeyer celebrates her 78th birthday on September 13.
- Sue Taylor turns 70 on September 14.

Thank You Notes:

Dear St. John's UCC Congregation, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you who attended Aunt

- Morris Brandt turns 69 on September 16.
- Bob Barnes turns 70 on September 18.
- Don Edler celebrates his 73rd birthday Sept.19.
- Pat Berry celebrates her 74 a birthday on Sept. 20.
- Harry Steingrubey turns 99 years young on September 25, while Nadine Feldker turns 82 years young the same day.
- Paul Faus turns 72 on September 30.
- October 6 sees Nancy Voelker celebrating her 70th birthday and Sheri Dilley celebrating her 50th birthday.
- Linda Sutter turns 80 years young on October 7.
- Steve Lawler celebrates his 70th birthday on October 8.
- Ross Mueller celebrates his 80th birthday on October 9.
- Linda Schmidt turns 76 on October 15, while Elaine Knobloch turns 71 the same day.

Special Anniversaries:

- Dan & Rita Hoffmann will celebrate 41 years of marriage on September 2.
- James & Connie Matzenbacher will celebrate 49 years of marriage on September 5, while David & Lauren Hesterberg will celebrate 43 years of marriage that same day.
- David & BJ Henerfauth will celebrate 49 years of marriage on September 20.
- Randall & Kay Floarke will celebrate 48 years of marriage on September 25.
- Robert & Linda Schmidt will celebrate 55 years of marriage on September 27, while Dennis & Elaine Knobloch will celebrate 49 years of marriage that same day.
- John & Phyllis Hoefft will celebrate 54 years of marriage on October 10.
- David & Anita Muertz will celebrate 40 years of marriage on October 12.

General Fund Financial

July 2024 Beginning Balance	24,377.08
Income	16,804.48
Expenses	14,699.60
July 31, 2024 Ending Balance	26,480.96

Prayer List:

- *The family of Laurie Brown as they mourn their loss.*
- *The family of Jenny Linker Candler as they mourn their loss.*
- *Dale Taylor, Connie Roberson's stepfather, has made his way to heaven.*
- *Prayers for Darlene Yancy as she broke her leg.*

- *Prayers for Twila Hoffmann who is in the hospital recovering.*
- *Jane and Pat McCarthy as they struggle with ongoing health concerns.*
- *Luann Walsh has cancer of the pancreas, liver, and lymph nodes.*
- *Camden Hurst is recovering from home after a brain injury.*
- *Willie Krebel has two large masses on his left lung and needs our prayers.*
- *Please keep Randy Hicks in your prayers as he continues to heal from surgery.*
- *Please keep Gladys and Art Thies in your prayers. They are recovering from a car accident.*
- *Art Chastain as he recovers from a stroke.*
- *Dennis Rodenberg as he battles cancer.*
- *Mona Mothershead is receiving treatments for her cancer.*
- *Victoria Ripplemeyer's Sister-in-Law, Natalie Watson, is facing an aggressive cancer. Please keep Natalie and her family in your prayers.*
- *Dennis Knobloch as he continues to get stronger every day.*
- *Kaylee is getting stronger every day but still needs our prayers.*
- *Tim Branson in his battle with cancer.*
- *Renesmae Brown, she is 3 yrs old, has autism and now seizures.*



Visitor Report

Beginning Balance -	\$152.52
Income -	\$50.00
Jewel Trost -	\$50.00
Expense -	\$60.86
U. S. Postmaster -	\$60.86
Ending Balance -	\$141.66

Thank you, Jewel, for the generous donation.
 Faye Birk, Treasurer

Sunday School Checking Account

Beginning Balance -	\$482.34
Income -	\$40.00
Offering -	\$40.00

Expenses -	\$515.53
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Anna Massie – VBS Crafts -	\$156.45
Kindercottage Quarterly Donation -	\$100.00
Michele Vogt Fall SS Curriculum -	\$259.08
Ending Balance -	\$6.81

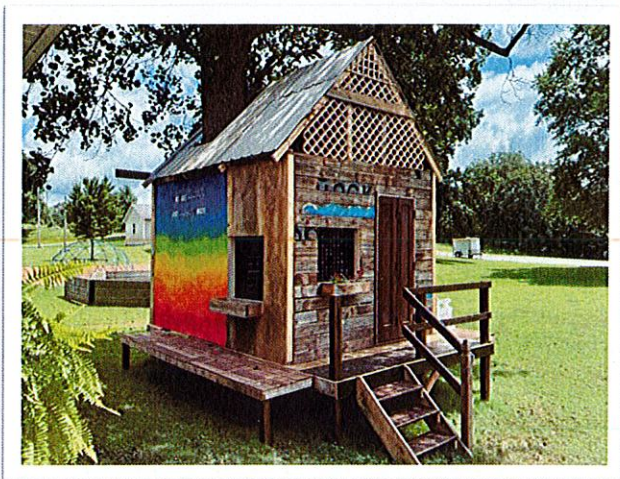
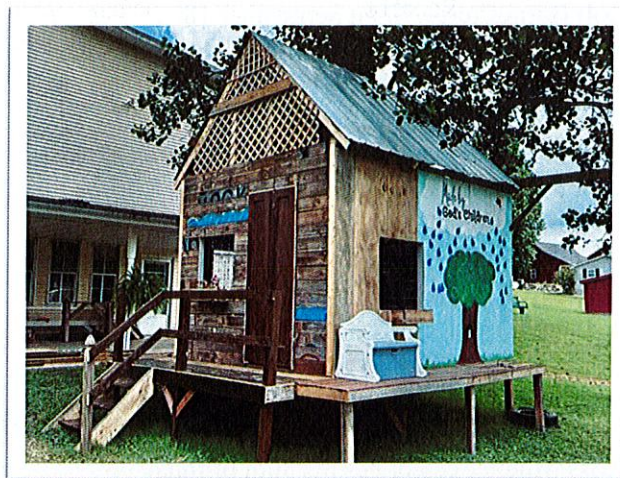
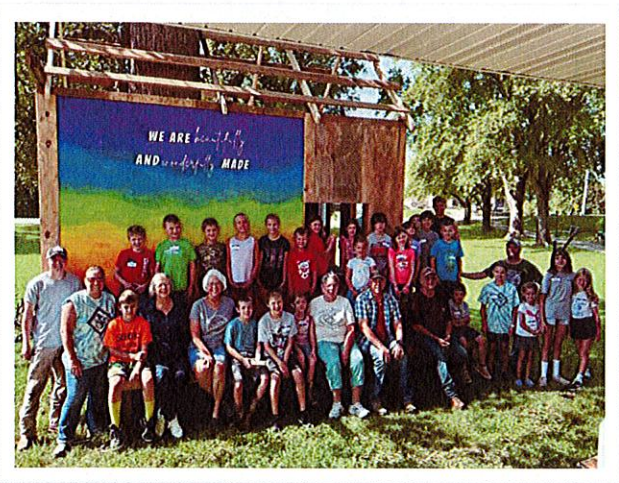
Sunday School Savings Account

Beginning Balance -	\$7037.75
Income -	\$1.75
Interest -	\$1.75

Expense -	\$0.00
Ending Balance -	\$7039.50

Faye Birk, Treasurer

The Little Rascals Camp Tree House turned out Great! Camp was Fun and Educational – Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Danny & Rita Hoffmann	Sept. 3
James & Connie Matzenbacher	Sept. 5
David & Lauren Hesterberg	Sept. 5
Nathan & Stephanie Keller	Sept. 8
Robert & Kelly Mathews	Sept. 10
Brett & Kate Mueller	Sept. 12
Scott & Kate Larson	Sept. 13
Joel & Michelle Vogt	Sept. 13
David & Sandra Berg	Sept. 13
John & Juanita Roland	Sept. 14
Christopher & Christina Muertz	Sept. 15
Dan & Jackie Gilbert	Sept. 16
David & B.J. Henerfauth	Sept. 20
Jacob & Carrie Grueninger	Sept. 21
Ryan & Katlyn Nolan	Sept. 21
Rodney & Annette Morwick	Sept. 22
Lloyd & Margaret Schwarze	Sept. 22
Corey & Andrea Blackwell	Sept. 23
Donald Sr. & Pam Muertz	Sept. 24

Nathan & Amanda Hoffmann Sept. 24
 Randall & Kay Floarke Sept. 25
 Chris & Lisa Koester Sept. 26
 Robert & Linda Schmidt Sept. 27
 Dennis & Elaine Knobloch Sept. 27
 Wade & Kathy Goldschmidt Sept. 27
 Bill & Becky Huddleston Sept. 27
 Travis & Kristin Busch Sept. 29
 Wayne & Sherry Stitzel Oct. 3
 Alan & Debbie Wischmeyer Oct. 4
 Brandon & Emily Kruse Oct. 4
 Jon & Becky Matzenbacher Oct. 6
 Justin & Kristin Knobloch Oct. 6
 Todd & Betty Levin Oct. 6
 John & Phyllis Hoefft Oct. 10
 Jared & Rebecca Coats Oct. 10
 Brian & Shannon Eckart Oct. 10
 David & Anita Muertz Oct. 12
 Grant & Jennifer Coats Oct. 13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to...

Brenda Johnson Sept. 2
 Madisyn Huddleston Sept. 2
 Jonathan Wolf Sept. 2
 Dominic Richeson Sept. 2
 Sherry Stitzel Sept. 2
 Kristy Edler Sept. 3
 Cathy Hoffmann Sept. 3
 Laurie Manning Sept. 3
 Jay Mueller Sept. 3
 Ally Coats Sept. 3
 Noah Rusteberg Sept. 6
 Jenna Heidenreich Sept. 7
 Levi Edler Sept. 7
 Karleigh Jane Wilson Sept. 7
 Amber Branson Sept. 8
 Tristan Steibel Sept. 8
 Teagan Rohlfing Sept. 8
 Wallace Altes Sept. 9
 Nolan Finch Sept. 9
 Mason Hicks Sept. 9
 William Niebruegge Sept. 9
 Ben Yancy Sept. 10
 Elaine Hoerr Sept. 10
 Susan Roseman Sept. 10
 Guy Tyberendt Sept. 11
 Peg Johner Sept. 12
 Pam Muertz Sept. 12
 Barbara Wischmeyer Sept. 13
 Julia Muertz Sept. 13
 Mallory Meycr Sept. 13
 Sue Taylor Sept. 14
 Kadence Keller Sept. 14
 Adleigh Wilson Sept. 15
 Morris Brandt Sept. 16
 Bob Barnes Sept. 18

Brandt Mueller Sept. 18
 Maren Marie Birk Sept. 18
 Don Edler Sept. 19
 Pat Berry Sept. 20
 Kate Larson Sept. 20
 Aura Hicks Sept. 20
 Mildred Jensen Sept. 20
 Julie Schmitz Sept. 22
 Lillian Hicks Sept. 22
 Jared Roever Sept. 22
 Maggie Schwarze Sept. 22
 Evan Hill Sept. 23
 Steven Hicks Sept. 24
 Clayton Braun Sept. 24
 Harry Steingrubey Sept. 25
 Nadine Feldker Sept. 25
 Harper Rohlfing Sept. 25
 Scott Upchurch Sept. 25
 Ayla Jean Esker Sept. 27
 Tyler Koester Sept. 28
 Miki Skaggs Sept. 28
 Kalista Wetzel Sept. 28
 Afton Schwarze Sept. 28
 Wayne Stitzel Sept. 29
 Paul Faus Sept. 30
 Bradley Koesterer Oct. 1
 Brylee Rohlfing Oct. 1
 Adam Eckart Oct. 2
 Kelsey Schmitz Oct. 2
 Wyatt Schreder Oct. 3
 Alex Knoll Oct. 5
 Matthew Brandt Oct. 5
 Dallen Edler Oct. 5
 Levi Wittenbrink Oct. 5
 Nancy Voelker Oct. 6
 Sheri Dille Oct. 6
 Mike Krebel Oct. 6
 Vanessa Smothers Oct. 6
 Whitney Stitzel Oct. 6
 Linda Sutter Oct. 7
 Janey Berg Oct. 7
 Jennifer Coats Oct. 8
 Graham Knobloch Oct. 8
 Steve Lawler Oct. 8
 Connie Esker Oct. 9
 Ross Mueller Oct. 9
 Trey Rohlfing Oct. 13
 Owen Carron Oct. 14
 Kaiden Wilson Oct. 14
 Linda Schmidt Oct. 15
 Elaine Knobloch Oct. 15

☀️ St. John's Day ☁️

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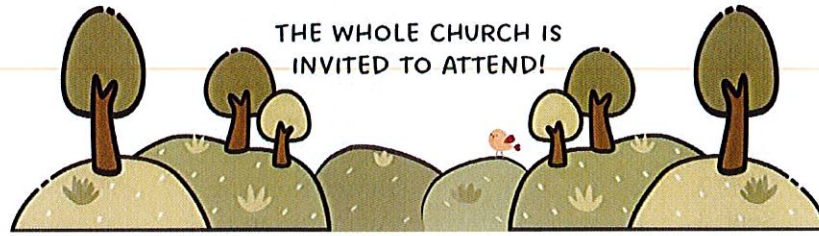
🍂 September 8, 2024
After Church

MAEYSTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION PARK 🍂

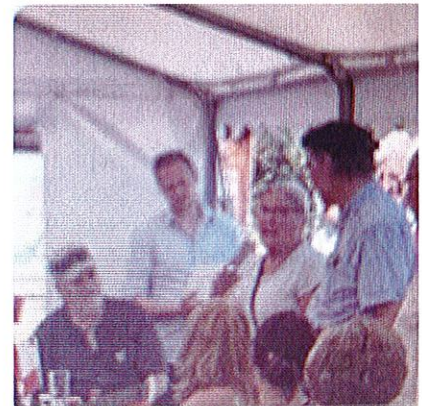
We will have the main dish; please feel free to bring a side or dessert to share! Lemonade and water will also be provided.

Bring your lawn chairs and lawn games!

Also, bring your balls, bats, and gloves so we can have a softball game.



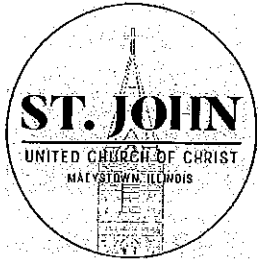
Sandy shares pictures from Germany



Screenshot of Sue making her presentation to the German immigrants from Bellheim

Women's Fellowship 2024-2025 Meeting Schedule

President: Sue Taylor	Secretary: Ellen Edler
Vice President:	Treasurer:
Thursday, September 5, 2024 @ 12:00 Chairs: Faye Birk Marietta Schneider	Discussions: Christkindlmarkt/Quilt Show Oktoberfest 13, 2024 - Pie Stand Pastor Appreciation Day-Oct. 13
Thursday, October 3, 2024 @ 12:00 Chairs: Sue Taylor Anna Massie	Discussions: Pie Stand Shut-in Bags
Thursday, November 7, 2024 @ 12:00 Chairs: Linda Schmidt Joyce Kuergeleis	Discussions: December 1, 2024 Christkindlmarkt/Quilt Show Decorate Church for Christmas
Thursday, December 5, 2024 NO Meeting Assemble Shut-in Bags	Discussions:
Thursday, January 2, 2025 @ 12:00 Chairs: Nancy Voelker Patty Brandt	Discussions: March 4, 2025-Fastnacht Country Store/Raffle Donations-Hoyleton/DuBois
Thursday, February 6, 2025 @ 12:00 Chairs: Sharon Glessner/Twyla & Cathy Hoffmann	Discussions: March 4, 2025-Fastnacht Country Store/Raffle UCC Women's Sunday-March 2
Thursday, March 6, 2025 @ 12:00 Chairs: Barb Wischmeyer Sharon Bergheger	Discussions: Easter-April 20, 2025-Breakfast Women's Banquet
Thursday, April 3, 2025 @ 12:00 Chairs:	Discussions: Hike n Bike – May 10, 2025
Thursday, May 1, 2025 @ 12:00 Chairs: Connie Turner Ellen Edler	Discussions: Hike n Bike – May 10, 2025 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule



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Pastor's Cell Phone: 618-340-2372

Website: www.maestownucc.org

pastorpoole123@gmail.com

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Thought for the day

Angels exist, but they don't always have wings; sometimes they're called friends.