

ST. JOHN

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
MAEYSTOWN, ILLINOIS

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

And

February 2022 Visitor

Dear Congregation,

As 2021 has ended and 2022 begins, I look back on some of the things that were great accomplishments.

We closed out the 2021 Annual Drive at \$29,493, which is \$2,493 over our goal!

We now have a large screen TV and operational WIFI network installed in the lower level of the church hall. Both of these will assist any of the church groups that continue to use the hall for many years in the future. I would like to thank those who donated time and money to make this happen without using church funds.

It took over a year, but the Church Council along with a group of elders finally finished and got approved the revision of Church Constitution and Bylaws. Also, many thanks to everyone who was involved in the revision for all your dedicated time and attention to detail to make it happen.

As my term as President of the Church Council nears the end, I truly want to thank not only our current church council, but all of those who have served on the Church Council both past, present and the new members preparing to take office in February. Thanks to all of the Church members for dedicated support during the past year as we navigated our way through some challenging times.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Church Council President for the past 2 years.

Charlie Eckerty
Council President

Annual Meeting - January 24, 2021

Due to the covid restrictions our annual meeting was not held in person. Instead a letter was mailed to each member showing the names of the individuals to be elected to their respective positions within the church. A postcard to be returned was enclosed for everyone to do their voting for or against the list of candidates. A total number of 43 cards was returned representing 71 members. All votes agreed with the selection.

Organizational Meeting:

Adam Tyberendt made the motion to elect Charlie Eckerty as President, seconded by Shirley Stafford and the motion carried.

Christy Muertz made the motion to elect Adam Tyberendt as Vice President, seconded by Scott Johnson and the motion carried.

Christy Muertz made the motion to elect Linda Schmidt as Secretary, seconded by Shirley Stafford and the motion carried.

Linda Schmidt, Secretary

St. John UCC Special Congregational Meeting - August 29, 2021

The purpose of the meeting was to act on the proposals received for the new parsonage roof and half of the new lawn mower purchased by the Cemetery Board. President Charlie Eckerty called the meeting to order. Pastor Patrick Poole opened with a prayer.

Church council recommends to go with Elms Home Improvement for \$10,000. Other bids received were from HJ Gasser for \$10,620 and Shrum, Inc. for \$9,518. For clarity reasons it should be noted that Shrum's and Gasser's bid was for a different grade of shingle and Elm's has been making repairs to the existing roof at no charge. A motion was made by Stephanie Tyberendt and seconded by Dennis Trost to accept the recommendation of the church council. Motion carried.

A donation made quite some time ago by Ralph Debuhr Estate in the amount of \$3545.80 and another donation from Elmer Altes Estate in the amount of \$3,000 had not been designated for any particular purpose. It was decided on a motion by Laurie Knoll, seconded by Jennifer Albat to spend that money on the new roof and take the remaining amount from the Memorial Fund. Motion carried.

The Cemetery Board decided to buy a new lawn mower this year and asked to split the cost in half with the church. Church's cost for half is \$3750. The church council approved to pay \$1875 in March. We would like a motion to approve paying the additional cost of \$1875. Dwight Asselmeier made a motion to pay the balance, seconded by Scott Johnson and it carried.

The motion to adjourn was made by Joyce Kuergeleis, seconded by Lynn Hicks and it carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Schmidt, Secretary

**St. John UCC Budget and Revised Constitution and By-Laws Congregational Meeting
December 18, 2021**

The purpose of the meeting was to review and accept the budget for 2022, and review and accept the proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws. Copies of both documents had been mailed to all members prior to the meeting for their review. President Eckerty called the meeting to order. Pastor Patrick Poole opened with a prayer.

Ellen Edler made the motion to accept the budget as presented with a second made by Connie Turner. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding some of the changes in the Constitution By-Laws. It was pointed out Item 2 on Page 20 regarding Fee for Use of the Church Hall needed clarification. The wording proposed to be removed listing no charge for certain activities should remain in the constitution/by-laws with some additional explanation. That change will be made.

The motion to accept the Constitution/By-laws changes with the revision for Fee for Use of the Church Hall was made by Dwight Asselmeier, and seconded by Jim Maurer. Motion carried.

The motion to adjourn was made by Chrissy Eckerty, seconded by Don Edler and it carried.
We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Schmidt, Secretary

Women's Fellowship 2021

The zoom meeting in January and no meeting in February caused the group to get a slow start for the year. But we hit the ground running in March by purchasing 12 new confirmation robes and making 125 paper Easter Baskets for all the children who came to Easter morning service. These baskets were filled with goodies for the kids and for the members who were in nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

It was brought to our attention that the volunteers who worked the vaccination clinic could use a hot meal while they were working, so the women donated money for the volunteers.

The Hike and Bike for Hoyleton and a food drive for the Back Pack program was again held this year. June, July, and August are months when the Women's Fellowship do not meet.

September brought the return of meetings. We returned to donating prizes to Oak Hill birthday parties and helped the Sunday School with decorating and serving the food for St John's Day.

October is the month of our main fundraiser pie stand at Octoberfest. The weather was beautiful and pies were sold out by noon. Thanks to all the church members who donated pies.

In October the after-school program returned again. Two ladies serve the snacks and help pastor where needed. Anyone interested in helping with this program would be greatly appreciated.

Money was again donated to help with the Maeystown Halloween party.

November and December are the busy months for the Women's Fellowship and this year was no exception. This was the first year the group decorated the lower Sunday School Hall and church for Christmas. A big THANK YOU to Susan Koester and Lisa Schwarze for doing this decorating for many years. Great job. Barb Wischmeyer came through with ideas and materials to use in the Church and it was beautiful again this year.

25 shut in bags with gifts and homemade cookies were again assembled and delivered to people who don't get out much this time of year.

The Christkindlmarkt and quilt show was held again this year and were deemed a success. The money the vendors pay for a table, the donation basket at the quilt show, along with a donation from the Maeystown Women's club raised enough money to help 8 kids and their families in the area to celebrate Christmas.

The Women's Fellowship is a very active part of the church and welcomes anyone who wishes to join them the first Thursday of the month from January through May and September through November.

Ellen Edler Secretary

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of December 31, 2020 \$3,692.76

Income

Offering	400.00
Donations - Marvin/Catherine Hoffmann	400.00
Donation in Memory of Wilma Johnson	50.00
Backpack Food Drive Donation	100.00
St John's Day Cake Walk Income	116.00
Octoberfest Pie Stand Income	733.00
Donations to Pie Stand	60.00
Christkindlemart Vendor Table fees	635.00
Donation for Christmas Garland	55.00
Walmart – Returned Unused Christmas Garland	27.96
Donation from Maeystown Women' Club for Family Christmas gifts	<u>100.00</u>
Total Income	\$2,677.96

Expenses

Christmas Decorations by Barb Wischmeyer	200.00
New Athens Home (activity fund)	300.00
Gift for Marilyn Thompson family	97.39
Hoyleton Hike & Bike	200.00
Gateway Restaurant Supply – prep table with drawer	546.00
Vaccine Clinic food for workers	125.00
Confirmation Robes, Easter Basket goodies	413.00
Halloween Party	53.76
Ferns for Church Hall	36.00
Mission Team –Food drive donation	100.00
Maeystown Preservation Society – Pie Stand fee	60.00
Donation to St. Jude's Hospital in Memory of Ken & Marlene Artkras	100.00
Maeystown Preservation Society – 15% Gross Sales minus \$60	40.95
Bingo Prizes	25.00
Walmart Christmas Decorations	79.88
2021 Families Christmas Gifts	<u>819.27</u>
Total Expenses	\$3,196.25

Balance as of December 31, 2021 \$3,174.47

Sue Taylor, Treasurer

Sunday School Annual Report

This year we were able to get back together in person for Sunday School. In the spring, we started to gather with just one class taught by Michelle Vogt and Sheryl Prange. We typically had about 8-15 kids in attendance each week. We read from the Bible, discussed it's meaning, and did a hands-on activity - either a craft or making a mini book.

Our biggest change this year was moving the start time of Sunday School. After much discussion, it was decided that the kids needed to be in church worshipping with the rest of the congregation. The hope is that this will keep the kids engaged and coming long past their confirmation years. In order to accomplish this, we are now beginning Sunday School at 9:40 and dismissing at 10:10. At this time, the children and teachers join everyone else in the church just in time to hear the scripture and sermon for that week. An added bonus is that our teachers are once again getting to attend church each week. We are hoping with this change, we will also be able to get more adult volunteers to help with our Sunday School program.

In September we kicked off our Sunday School program for the new school year with St. John's Day. It was a wonderful event for the kids and their families. Anna Massie graciously took the lead on this event and threw a fantastic "luau" for everyone to enjoy.

We also went back to our typical Sunday School setup with the kids divided up among four classes taught by Michelle Vogt, Sheryl Prange, Karen Schwartz, and Christy Muertz. On average, we have between 20 and 30 kids each week. We were also able to have a Christmas program this year in Sunday School which was wonderful after not being able to have one the previous year.

Finally, the highlight for many kids this year was Vacation Bible School. The theme was Knights of the North Castle, and we learned all about the Armor of God. We only had a 4-day program this year, but this seemed to work well for everyone, and we will consider doing this setup again in the future. We had plenty of parents, grandparents, and other adult volunteers. Most amazing, though, was we had at least 50 kids in attendance each day. We can't wait to watch this program grow even more in the future.

Michelle Vogt

Sunday School Financial Report 2021

Balance Forward 1-01-21		\$ 2,253.16
Receipts:		
St. John's Day		145.00
Offering		351.00
Donation – Yvonne Gilbert		100.00
Donation – St. Joe – Melba Asselmeier quilting		500.00
Garage Sale		358.70
Bible School Offering		<u>588.52</u>
	Total Receipts	\$ 2,043.22
Expenses:		
Sponsored Child - Children's Int'l		\$ 264.00
Michelle Vogt (tables 325.26; bible school 316.84)		702.10
Sheryl Prange – Bibles for children		510.35
Blake Wild – Bible school project		450.00
Cokesbury – material		197.87
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	Total Expenses	\$ 2,269.32
Balance 12-31-21		\$ 2,027.06

Dorothy Mueller, Treasurer

The Cemetery Board Annual Report

The Cemetery Board had another busy year maintaining and making improvements to our cemetery. The biggest accomplishment was the completion of the Cremation Garden. We were able to keep the expenses down because of the donation of time and talent by board members, church members and supporters in the community. We're very happy with this new addition to our cemetery.

We now have an online presence on the church website with a listing of all of those buried at St. John with their location. Thanks again to Faye Birk for entering all of that information into the document. We will be adding our flower policy and other documents to the website soon.

A new mower was purchased in partnership with the church and Eric Pieper continued to do a good job with the mowing. Oil and chip surface was put down on the unpaved portion of the road as we prepare for a future asphaltting project. Finances continue to be a challenge with rising costs and lower interest rates, but once again we were blessed by many memorials in memory of loved ones and donations by generous members. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Sharon Glessner, secretary/treasurer

St. John UCC Cemetery Fund – 2021

Checking Account

Balance Forward 1/1/21	\$5391.42
Expenses:	
Gateway FS	681.07
Sydenstricker/Nobbe John Deere	518.51
Eric Pieper--Mowing	3600.00
Grave opening	2100.00
Bank Statement Fee	36.00
US Postal Service	11.60
Nancy Voelker--flags/rock	228.07
Rogers Ready Mix	614.25
Allyn Rohlfing--reimburse supplies for cremation area	303.93
Osterhage/Mueller--rock/hauling	2254.55
Aaron Voelker--reimburse supplies for cremation area	45.37
Ken & Tait Kelly--concrete work	1200.00
Hometown Electric--flagpole	65.00
Bi-County Small Engine--mower	8415.76
RP Lumber	87.94
Kinzinger Truck Service--oil & chip	3936.00
Total Expenses:	\$24098.05
Receipts:	
Interest	1592.78
St. John UCC (mower usage)	1580.74

Grave Openings	3750.00
Graves	2875.00
Memorials & Donations	3610.00
Church--1/2 mower	3750.00
Sale of mower	1250.00
Transfer from asphalt fund	4341.11
Total Receipts	<u>\$22749.63</u>
Balance 12/31/21	\$4043.00
<u>Savings Account</u>	
Balance Forward 1/1/21	\$18487.19
Receipts:	
Interest	46.57
Graves	2925.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$2971.57</u>
Balance 12/31/21	\$21458.76
<u>Asphalt Fund</u>	
Balance Forward 1/1/21	\$18072.35
Expenses:	
Transfer to checking account for road work	\$4341.11
Total Expenses:	\$4341.11
Receipts:	
Interest	48.68
Memorials	1380.00
Donations	6000.00
Total Receipts:	<u>\$7428.68</u>
Balance 12/31/21	21159.92
<u>Assets 12/31/21</u>	
Checking Account	\$ 4043.00
Savings Account	21458.76
Asphalt Fund	21159.11
Certificates of Deposit	113132.76

Sharon Glessner, Sec/Treas.

YPL Financial Report

Beginning Balance 1/1/21	\$1,308.27
Income	1,409.03
Expenses	<u>1,105.14</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/21	\$1,612.16

Scholarship Committee Annual Report

In 2021, member of the scholarship committee presented four \$1,000 scholarships to Megan Morwick, Katie Morwick, Beth Buchanan and Jessica Hicks. All recipients have been active youth members of our church with college plans as follows:

Megan's plans were to attend Olivet Nazarene University to pursue a four-year degree in either animal science or zoology.

Katie's plans were also to attend Olivet Nazarene University to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Multimedia Communications with a concentration in Television and Video Production.

Beth's plans were to attend Maryville University and become a nurse.

Jessica's plans were to attend SIUE to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing to help give chemotherapy treatment to children.

Since inception of the scholarship fund in 2017, St. John's UCC has awarded ten scholarships to seniors of our congregation.

Class of 2017- Eli Buchanan

Class of 2018 - Leah Hill, Lilly Ann Poole & Donny Muertz

Class of 2019 - Sydney Finch

Class of 2020 - Reid Schilling

Class of 2021 - Megan Joan Morwick, Katie Morwick, Elizabeth Buchanan, Jessica Hicks

The St. John UCC (Maeystown) Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications from seniors that will be graduating in 2022. Applications are due, Sunday, April 17, 2022. On-line applications can be found on the church's website or contact Pastor Poole or a member of the committee to receive an application.

Unfortunately due to the pandemic, the scholarship committee has been unable to host any fund-raising events for future scholars and hopes that 2022 brings us new opportunities so we can continue to support our youth. If you would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund, checks should be payable to: The St. John UCC Scholarship Fund and can be dropped in the giving baskets each week during church service.

Committee: Lisa Maurer, Adam Tyberendt, Michelle Vogt, Connie Turner & Paul Skaggs

2021 Choir Report

The choir looks forward to getting back to practicing most Wednesday nights at 7:30pm in the church and we invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us. We usually sing in the morning worship service about 3 times per month from Sept to May.

Thanks to all who assisted as we worked together to raise funds to pay for music, organ upkeep and piano tunings by selling Butter Braids this fall. We also do our best to support the children's and junior choirs, which are getting stronger each year and promise to assure the continued longevity of our rich musical tradition here in Maestown.

We look forward to being part of worship services for many years to come!

Secretary, Kathy Asselmeier

Choir Financial 2021 Annual Report

Savings

Interest earned	\$13.07
End of the year balance	\$5701.06

Checking

Memorials	\$-150.00
Tuning the organ and piano	\$-730.00
Gifts	\$- 50.00
Show Me Dough sales	<u>\$1144.39</u>
End of the year balance	\$2,556.09

Judy A. Edler, Treasurer

Women's Bible Study - Aptly known as "Pew Sisters"

Pew sisters was started in the fall of 2019 for a monthly bible study for women. Like the early Christians we gather in the homes of our fellow members to have prayer, bible study and social time.

As with all of society our bible study had to be postponed during 2020. This year we started meeting again in March. Brenda Johnson started leading our studies and the focus of our studies were Women of the Bible. We used the Bible of course and a book called *The Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream.

Our monthly meetings were hosted by various women in the group and included approximately 12 women. We shared our prayer concerns and corporate prayer for our church members and their needs. No church function is complete without social time and refreshments.

In 2022 we started with scripture from Ephesians 1:14. We will continue to meet monthly as the pandemic allows and attendees are comfortable. In February we will meet on the 21st at 6:30. The location is not decided at this time and will appear in the weekly bulletin when decided.

The new year comes with a new leader, Sue Taylor. Our focus is to start a new study on the book of Acts. We will use a workbook to assist us during this study, the cost is \$11. Do not let the cost of the book hinder your participation, God will provide. We would like to extend an invitation to all women (members and friends). There is no prerequisite, just come and learn the Good News and fellowship.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact either Sue Taylor 618-520-7400 or 618-935-7471. Or Lisa Maurer 636-328-1663

ISC Annual Meeting 2021 Summary

Annual Meeting for the Illinois South Conference held October 13-16, 2021, was again a virtual meeting. The theme was A Time to Replenish – Jeremiah 31:25. The preconference workshops were held on the 13th for pastors and on the 14th for lay persons, delegates and pastors. The business meeting the morning of the 16th. The workshops are still available through the Illinois South Conference website – iscuss.org.

The keynote speaker was the Reverend Deborah Krause, President and Professor of New Testament of Eden Theological Seminary. She became president at Eden Seminary in July 2020. She shared the ways that Eden seminary is preparing leaders to serve Christ in the world.

The agenda included PowerPoints of Church anniversaries and Pastoral anniversaries. DuBois Center report and state of the Conference Report videos. Delegates attended by Zoom meeting and saw video presentations of 2022 slate of nominees and the Proposed Budget ending with discussions and voting. This year’s preconference preparation included a tutorial Zoom meeting where attendees were instructed how to get the most out of the virtual meeting experience. I attended this premeeting instruction and found it most informative. Having attended 2020 annual virtual meeting I can say that the ISC staff learned much from the previous year and improved the experience for those of us that do not Zoom often. The annual meeting pre-pandemic usually was held over weekend. The agenda and keynote speaker were done in 4 hrs. We have amazing staff in our conference office.

I would encourage everyone and anyone to visit the Illinois South Website – iscucc.org to review the details of the Annual Meeting. In the home menu it will be listed under the Events tab. Also, under Resources you will find the Weekly Connection, a weekly update to what is happening in the ISC.

God’s Blessings,
Sue Taylor, delegate

St. John’s UCC Maher Trust Fund

Balance Forward 1/1/21	\$ 21,136.94
Income:	
NOW Interest	56.08
Edward Jones Interest	2,961.00
State Bank CD Interest	2,433.62
Gateway FS Wheat	4,755.15
Gateway FS Corn	5,998.85
FSA Treas Payment	690.29
Gateway FS Soybeans	13,166.08
Gateway FS Patronage	<u>97.43</u>
Total Income	\$ 30,158.50
Expenses:	
St. John Church – pension	8,000.00
St. John Church – music director	1,560.00
Gateway FS – fertilizer	3,300.49
Monroe Collector – taxes	1,630.74
Safe Deposit Box Rental	20.00
St. John Church School – 2020 Distribution	410.00
Farmers Mutual Insurance	684.00
Hoyleton Ministries – 2021 Distribution	604.00
St. John UCC Mission Team – 2021 Distribution	830.00
Tree of Lights – 2021 Distribution	830.00
State Banks – Checks	<u>20.61</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 17,889.84
Balance 12/31/21	\$ 33,405.60
Maher Trust Assets as of 12/31/2021	\$203,132.31

Linda Schmidt, Secretary-Treasurer

The Visitor – 2021 Annual Report

Beginning Balance – 1-1-2021 - \$124.05

January 2021

Income - \$110.00
Charlie & Faye Birk - \$100.00
Jim Bundy - \$10.00
Expenses - \$0.00

February 2021

Income - \$0.00
Expenses - \$0.00

March 2021

Income - \$275.00
Jim Bundy - \$25.00
Freeman & Ginny Borcharding - \$250.00
Expenses - \$52.36
U.S. Postmaster - \$52.36

April 2021

Income - \$0.00
Expenses - \$52.53
St. John UCC – Postage Reimbursement - \$52.53

May 2021

Income - \$0.00
Expenses - \$52.00
U. S. Postmaster - \$52.00

June 2021

Income - \$125.00
Ruth Stumpf - \$100.00
Jim Bundy - \$25.00
Expenses - \$52.70
U.S. Postmaster - \$52.70

July 2021

Income - \$0.00
Expenses - \$51.67
U.S. Postmaster - \$51.67

August 2021

Income - \$100.00
Wanda Quernheim - \$100.00
Expenses - \$51.68
U.S. Postmaster - \$51.68

September 2021

Income - \$0.00
Expenses - \$51.67
U. S. Postmaster - \$51.67

October 2021

Income - \$0.00
Expenses - \$52.52
U.S. Postmaster - \$52.52

November 2021

Income - \$135.00
Carla Feldmeier - \$30.00
Florence Feldmeier - \$30.00
Dennis & Barb Wetzler - \$25.00
Jewell Trost - \$50.00
Expenses - \$51.33
U.S. Postmaster - \$51.33

December 2021

Income - \$0.00
Expenses - \$51.16

Ending Balance as of December 31, 2021 - \$349.43

Everyone have a safe, healthy and happy New Year!!!!

Faye Birk, Treasurer

2021 Vital Statistics

Baptisms:

Caden Huddleston
Madisyn Huddleston
Adalyn Huddleston
Colten Huddleston
Parents: Bill & Becky Huddleston
Baptized: 03/21/2021
Godparents: Arthur & Julie Rusteberg

Landen Johnson
Parents: Crickett Leber & Kenneth Johnson
Baptized: 03/28/2021

Josie Rusteberg
Parents: Arthur & Julie Rusteberg
Baptized: 04/18/2021
Godparents: Tim & Kasey Jones

Kynlee Andres
Parents: Kyle & Kaitlyn Andres
Baptized: 05/23/2021
Godparents: Jon & Jessica Maus, Mark & Kristin
Andres, Andrew Scheibe

Indie Wolf
Parents: Jon & Amber Wolf
Baptized: 06/06/2021
Godparents: Megan Pollard, Kaelan Mudd, Michelle
& Joel Vogt

Cameron Knobloch
Parents: Darren & Amanda Knobloch
Baptized: 08/22/2021
Godparents: Andrea Naes, Mathew Keller

Brylee Rohlfing
Parents: Garrett & Elise Rohlfing
Baptized: 08/29/2021
Godparents: Justin & Cody Rohlfing, Scott & Hannah
Rohlfing

Braxton Boman
Parents: Justin & Samantha Boman
Baptized: 09/11/2021
Godparents: Josh & Nichole Kruse, Ally Blueberg

Confirmation Sunday - April 4, 2021

- Lucas Blackwell
son of Corey & Andrea Blackwell
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- Hudson Brandt
Son of Matthew & Gretchen Brandt
- Lillian Carron
daughter of Brent & Lisa Carron
- Jake Coats
son of Grant & Jennifer Coats
- Cole Dilley
son of Jason & Sheri Dilley
- Caden Huddleston
son of Billy & Becky Huddleston
- Landen Johnson
son of Kenneth Johnson & Crickett Leber
- Derek Knoll
son of Alex & Laurie Knoll
- Rowan Schilling
son of Tom & Stacy Schilling
- Oliver Valerius
son of Scott & Jennifer Johnson

Deaths:

- Wilma G. Johnson - January 14, 2021
- Susan V. Mouser - February 15, 2021
- Carol L. Roseman - April 22, 2021
- Ronald R. Upchurch - June 26, 2021
- Reese L. Wild - July 9, 2021
- Robert "Bob" E. Taylor - July 31, 2021
- Nancy A. Hornbeck - August 29, 2021
- Joseph A. Feldker - August 18, 2021
- Pamela L. Roberson - October 29, 2021
- Elveria Miller - December 29, 2021

Marriages:

- Ryan & Megan* (Branson) Kempf -
03/27/2021
- Adam & Paige* (Whipple) Jackson -
07/10/2021
- Austin & Maryann (Luke) Scheibe -
07/17/2021

New Members - May 23, 2021

Kyle & Kaitlyn Andres
Eric Brellinger
Kelli Monroe
David F. Mothershead II
Levi Wittenbrink
Jonathan Wolf

**St. John United Church of Christ -
Maeystown IL Balance Sheet as of
December 31, 2021**

Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.10.101	First National General Checking	20,110.64
1.10.105	Petty Cash	100.00
<i>1.10.110</i>	<i>Savings Accounts</i>	
1.10.111	Elmer Altes Bequest	3,000.00
1.10.112	Raph DeBuhr Donation	3,545.80
1.10.113	John Ripplemeyer Playground Equip	1,984.51
1.10.115	Church Camp Scholarship	999.00
1.10.116	General Fund Savings & Interest	2,126.93
	<i>Total Savings Accounts</i>	<i>\$11,656.24</i>
1.20.100	Edward Jones	230,935.38
	Total Assets	<u>\$262,802.26</u>
Liabilities		
2.10.100	Accounts Payable/Vendors	(149.95)
	Total Liabilities	<u>(\$149.95)</u>
Fund Balances		
3.10.100	General Operating Fund St. John UCC Balance	258,679.43
3.20.110	Social Committee Balance	805.03
3.20.120	Media Fund Balance	484.24
3.20.130	Playground Equipment Balance	1,984.51
3.20.150	Camp Scholarships Balance	999.00
	Total Fund Balances	<u>\$262,952.21</u>
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$262,802.26</u>

**St. John United Church of Christ -
Maeystown IL Giving Step Report:
01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021**

Giving Range

Giving Range		Total Given	Total Pledged
\$1.00 - \$99.99	Count: 49	\$1,866.00	\$0.00
\$100.00 - \$249.99	Count: 44	\$6,766.00	\$0.00
\$250.00 - \$499.99	Count: 23	\$8,290.00	\$0.00
\$500.00 - \$999.99	Count: 28	\$17,906.00	\$0.00
\$1,000.00 - \$1,999.99	Count: 40	\$52,289.37	\$0.00
\$2,000.00 - \$2,999.99	Count: 8	\$18,298.00	\$0.00
\$3,000.00 - \$3,999.99	Count: 4	\$13,195.00	\$0.00
\$4,000.00 - \$4,999.99	Count: 2	\$9,067.28	\$0.00
> \$5,000.00	Count: 5	\$31,808.00	\$0.00

**Giving & Pledge selection: all regardless of giving and all regardless of
pledging Accounts selected: All accounts
People where: Includes Members, Visitors.
Also includes: donations individuals, donations groups.**

Mission Team 2021 Annual Report

2021...thank goodness you are over with! Here we thought 2020 was the awful year with COVID, boy were we wrong. Although we were all able to come out of homes and interact with others, it all looks different. Yes, we received a vaccine, but with it more challenges and hardships that people disagree on. This all just leads to us not being there for each other as we know we should. We all need to continue to lift one another through Christ who strengthens us. Please know that your mission team will continue to be here for you all in any way that we can be.

We have helped ease the financial burden for several families this year as well as helped finance and man the putting of a roof on a congregation member's house. Our general fund is starting to dwindle down as we haven't been able to have a fund raiser now in two years. As of today, our general fund has around \$1,200. This may seem like a lot, however, when asked to assist families with financial costs it is often for electric bills and can run about \$300 or so each time we help. If you are wanting to help build up this fund, we would greatly appreciate your support. You may contact myself or Pastor as we will gladly accept your donation 😊

If you know of someone who is struggling with financial hardships or if you yourself is, please reach out to a mission team member or to Pastor or myself. We keep information private and are more than ready to help out in any way we can. Let us come together and unite in God's faith.

Bi-County Back Pack Program - For the past 11 years our church, with the aid of various other churches and denominations, has been helping to feed many families in our community. 2020 and 2021 was an extremely difficult time for families. The back pack program stepped up to the challenge and continued to give support to our families, while giving them more food to help keep their bellies full.

This year we took in \$20,984.54, along with many food donations from different organizations and we spent \$24,303.12. We need your continued support of this program to guarantee its continued success. In order to help keep our exposure to one another to a minimal we continued putting the food together bi-monthly for this school year. I cannot thank the members of the backpack program enough for their continued dedication to this cause. This program would never have lasted all these years without their hard work nor without the support from all of you.

As the year 2022 gets started I pray that we can all get back to as normal of life as possible and that we can all continue to find God's grace and presence in our lives.

Love in Christ,
Laurie Knoll – Mission Team Leader

Closing Remarks from The Pastor

This past two years have been ones for the record books! Seriously I do hope someone in our congregation writes up all the amazing efforts we made throughout this past two years to keep us strong in our faith. We once again rose to the occasion.

Two things will happen in 2022. (1) We will continue to meet the challenges of the pandemic and (2) we will thrive, bringing back our programs and having a great time in the process. One of the many things I love about our congregation is we know how to have a good time doing most anything, from a workday, Fashnacht and even council meetings. Of course, no one has as much fun as the choir, not even the women's fellowship, which is a close second. So roll up your sleeves Maeystown, we are kicking it in high gear, come what may! I don't care if we have to wear hazmat suits and gas masks we are coming back!

Bless you all!
Pastor

The following will serve as the *February Visitor* inasmuch as the Annual Report has taken priority. We will continue *The Visitor* with the March 2022 issue.

We plan to resume in-person worship on January 30. Hope to see you there!

Special Birthday Shout Outs for February

- Melissa Mothershead is turning nifty fifty on Feb 1.
- Dorothy Mueller is celebrating her platinum birthday on Feb 3.
- Susan Branson reaches retirement age on Feb 6.
- Allen Stafford hits seven decades on Feb 17.
- Ally Melching turns double digits on Feb 26.
- Two members, Tim Henerfauth & Derek Knoll, and our Administrative Assistant, Nicole Koch, will celebrate their birthdays on 2/22/22 which happens to land on a Tuesday! It's a "Twosday".
- Chris Koester joins the nifty fifty club on Feb 28.

We Extend Our Sympathy to:

Marcia Braswell on the loss of her brother, Dale Harris. He was her older brother who lived in Colorado.

Pat Harris and family who lost her sister-in-law, Katy Yandell, this month. Katy lived in the Missouri Boothill.

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$18,781.66
Income	\$18,363.49
Expenses	\$16,686.77
Ending balance	\$20,458.38

2020 COAT DRIVE:

The Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a coat drive this year, with the coats to be delivered in September/October of 2022. We will accept gently used or new coats.

This serves as a heads-up to anyone planning on getting rid of any of your coats between now and September/October. We would appreciate it if you could save any of your gently-used coats for our coat drive this coming fall.

We will NOT be collecting the coats until after the summer, so please keep them to donate to the needy.

More information will be available later on when and where to drop them off.

Thank you.
The Women's Fellowship.

Nursing Home or Assisted Living:

Oak Hill - Waterloo

Elaine Hoerr
Carmelita Sensel

Garden Place - Waterloo

Marvin & Catherine Hoffmann
Judy Tomlinson

Military:

Caleb Buchanan, Jacob Rey, Andrew Schaefer, Austin Scheibe, Dillon Scheibe, & Krista Wandro



Please remember and say a prayer for those in need of prayers!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO....

Carrie Turner	Feb. 1	Joan Esker	Mar. 1
Melissa Mothershead	Feb. 1	Jennifer Johnson	Mar. 1
Laura Ann Wilson	Feb. 2	George Green	Mar. 2
Dorothy Mueller	Feb. 3	Susan Koesterer	Mar. 3
Aaron Voelker	Feb. 3	Adam Prange	Mar. 3
Darren Knobloch	Feb. 4	Emily Rusteberg	Mar. 3
Isaac Larson	Feb. 4	Brooke Dawsyn Knobloch	Mar. 3
Theodore Klinkhardt	Feb. 4	Elisa Marie Horn	Mar. 4
Wade Goldschmidt	Feb. 6	Mabel Louise Jensen	Mar. 5
Jerry Johner	Feb. 6	Jeff Edward Roy	Mar. 6
Susan (Gale) Branson	Feb. 6	Gracie Allen	Mar. 6
Doug Schilling	Feb. 7	Marlee Rose Melching	Mar. 7
Olivia Christine Hicks	Feb. 8	Charles Ray Eckerty	Mar. 9
Rita Hoffmann	Feb. 9	Emily Michele Kruse	Mar. 9
Easton James Birk	Feb. 9	Charles Richeson	Mar. 10
Quinn Brigance	Feb. 10	Catherine Hoffmann	Mar. 10
Kimberly Sue Esker	Feb. 11	Jeanette McClellan	Mar. 11
Ava Jane Hoffmann	Feb. 11	Sheryl Prange	Mar. 11
Crickett Johnson	Feb. 12	Carrie Grueninger	Mar. 11
Klaire Wittenbrink	Feb. 12	Mark Hoffmann	Mar. 14
Caroline Vera Mueller	Feb. 13	Caleb Buchanan	Mar. 14
Vicki Taake	Feb. 13	Andrew (AJ) Shipp	Mar. 14
Amanda Schweigert	Feb. 15	Rita Richeson	Mar. 15
Dennis Trost	Feb. 16	Allyn Rohlfing	Mar. 15
Allen Stafford	Feb. 17	Dan Gilbert	Mar. 15
Charlotte Hesterberg	Feb. 17		
Lauren Schellhardt	Feb. 17		
Gene Rohlfing	Feb. 18		
Sydney Hicks	Feb. 18		
Sebastian Lee Albert Nilges	Feb. 18		
Sophia Ann Marie Nilges	Feb. 18		
David Henerfauth	Feb. 19		
Emily Marie Richeson	Feb. 19		
Dolores Guetterman	Feb. 20		
Gregory Floarke	Feb. 20		
Tim Henerfauth	Feb. 22		
Derek Edward Knoll	Feb. 22		
Glenn Voelker	Feb. 23		
Freeman Borcharding	Feb. 23		
Anita Muertz	Feb. 23		
Paul Hill	Feb. 24		
Jason W. Dilley	Feb. 24		
Jeffrey Williams	Feb. 25		
Kate Mueller	Feb. 25		
Lucas Blackwell	Feb. 25		
Millie Pearl Liefer	Feb. 25		
Ally Melching	Feb. 26		
Joseph Stirnaman	Feb. 26		
Melanie Lee Russo	Feb. 27		
Zailey Levin	Feb. 27		
Grace Wischmeyer	Feb. 27		
Brad Juelfs	Feb. 28		
Chris Koester	Feb. 28		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Don & Ellen Edler	Feb. 2
Gene & Amy Rohlfing	Feb. 16
Jay & Lesa Mueller	Feb. 21
Allen & Shirley Stafford	Feb. 22
Jennifer & Noah Klinkhardt	Feb. 29
Lenny & Karen Schwarze	Mar. 11
Jim & Lisa Maurer	Mar. 14



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January Visitor Report

Beginning Balance \$349.43

Income - \$40.00

Jean & Kenneth Knobloch - \$40.00

Expense - \$52.38

U.S. Post Master - \$52.38

Ending Balance \$337.05

Thanks so very much Jean and Kenneth. We really appreciate your donation!!!!
Happy Valentine's Day to all!!!!!!!

Faye Birk, Treasurer

Nomination Report

The following members have accepted new positions as follows:

Elders: Cheri Langsdorf
Lisa Schwarze (filling Scott Johnson's term)

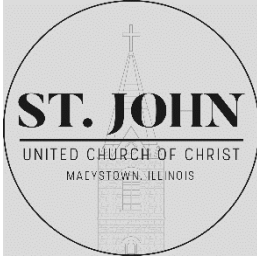
Church Council: Sharon Bergheger (filling Michelle Coats' term)
Andrew Watts
Mark Rey

Maher Trust: Bob Edler accepted another term

Cemetery: Lenny Schwarze accepted another term

Audit: Susan Brinkmann accepted another term

Conference Delegates continuing are Sue Taylor, B. J. Henerfauth and Dave Henerfauth



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Thought for the day:

*A person's most useful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love,
an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others.*