

St. John's United Church of Christ
Worship Service: 9:00am / Sunday School: 10:15am

Sunday, April 21, 2024

[* = Those who are able may stand, L = Leader, P = People and A = All]

Words of Welcome: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep." — John 10:11

Organ Prelude: "Where'er You Walk" — G. F. Handel

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Greeting

Handbell Choir:

"Pass It On"

Call to Worship⁺:

L: When we are scattered, Jesus our Good Shepherd gathers us in.

P: When we are lost and lonely, we can depend on Christ's love.

L: When we are oppressed, Jesus our Good Shepherd cares for us.

P: When we are threatened, we can depend on Christ's protection.

L: We know Christ, because Christ's tenderness has guided us for generations.

P: Christ knows us by name. Christ will lay down his very life for our sake.

L: Let us worship our Good Shepherd, who cares for all of us with fierce love.

P: Let us give thanks for Christ's presence with us.

*Opening Hymn:

"The Lord Is My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

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Prayer of the Day:

Holy Shepherd, thank you for your faithfulness and love. Thank you for your care and strength. In so many ways you lead us; in more ways than we can count, you invite us to follow. Towards streams of living water, in paths of righteousness, and even at times through the valley of the shadow of death. Keep with us through it all. Be our guide and guardian always. And, through this time of worship, empower us to walk ever closer with you. For we pray in your dear name, Amen.

Prayer Response:

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" (only chorus)

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Mission Moment:

Youth Encouragement Services Home

Especially for Children

The Song:

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Anthem: Children's Choir:

"In My Father's Arms"

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:16-21
John 10:10-18

Sermon: “Shepherd of Life”

Hymn: “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd” #99

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings

Organ Offertory: “The Lord Is My Shepherd” — Koschat

Doxology #34

Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #72

*Benediction

Organ Postlude: “Grand Triumphal March” — Guilmant

⁺ Adapted from UCC Worship Ways, original by Rev. Jacob Nault.

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Joseph Feldmann
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. David Johnston
Organist/Choir Director	Mr. David W. Hanson

LITURGIST / BENEVELOENCE CALENDAR:

April 21	Rachel Davis	Youth Encouragement Services Home
April 28	Sarah Dobson	Global Ministries
May 5	Charlie Dieckmann	Batesville Children’s Summer Meal Program
May 12	Cindy Feller	Strengthen the Church (UCC)



St. John’s Prayer List – Those Bereaved *(these names remain on for one year):*

Marian Koester; Willis Rouse; Doris Lamping; John Moody.

Others For Whom We Have Been Asked To Pray:

Gayle Sarringhaus; Nikki Sarringhaus; Dave & Bonnie Johnston; Carolyn Carson (Breast Cancer, Grandmother to Nikki Sarringhaus); Randy & Becky Schebler; Margaret Meyers; Vicky & Jim Wintz; Dale Koester (On Marian’s passing); Ashton Akridge (Daughter of Jennifer Huffmeyer); Edna Rouse (On Willis’ passing); Connie Moody (On John’s passing); Toby Holman (Health Issues, Nephew of Bev & Jeff Schwier); Darlene Hauck & Family (On the passing of her Father, Robert Hauck, friend of Kimberly Hill); Martin Fledderman (Health Issues, friend to Dale Koester); Gary Weberding (Recovery from surgery); Delores Cornett; Robert Weber (Recovery from fall); Gerald Huffmeyer (Recovery from Carpal Tunnel Surgery); Sandi Maxwell (Cancer, friend of Jennifer Huffmeyer); Don & Georgia Haarman (On the unexpected passing of their granddaughter, Bethany Haarman); Georgia Haarman; Dan Borchelt (Cancer, uncle to Barb Foster, cousin to Paul Borchelt); Mabel Horton (On her passing, Mabel is the sister of Ruth Thie and Aunt to Jennifer Huffmeyer); Anne Thie (On her passing, Ann was a cousin, family member and friend to many here at St. John’s); Danny & Patty Canterbury (Patty in ICU and her recovery, friend of Dan & Elizabeth Hall); Steve & Ann Koph (Melanoma diagnosis along with other health issues, friends of Dan & Elizabeth Hall).

Members/Friends Serving Active Duty in the Armed Forces:

Kris Freeman, Aaron Gordon, Steven Meer, Ryan Miller, Chris Williams; Bryce Timonera.

Our Members and Friends in Nursing/Retirement Homes: (For Peace)

St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville: Margaret Meyers; Carol Narwold.

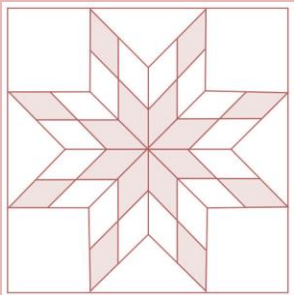
EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

April 22: Earth Day
April 23: Messenger Deadline
April 24: Quilters 9:30-3pm
NO Confirmation Class
Chancel Choir Practice 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 1: Confirmation Class 6pm

Announcements



ALL DAUGHTERS GATHERING

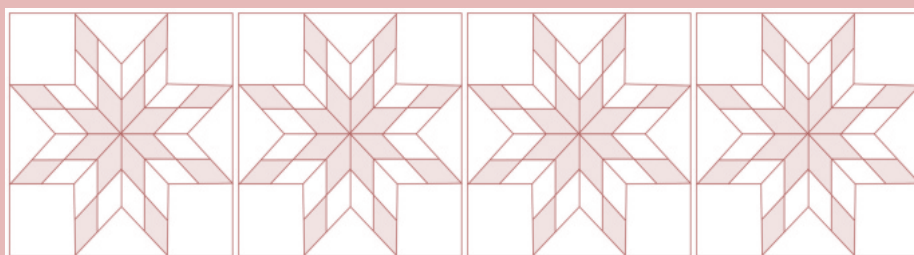
We are bringing back the banquet for mothers and daughters this year. Our name and arrangements have changed to meet the current needs of everyone.

On May 11th our meal will be catered by the Brau Haus in Oldenburg, starting at 5:30pm in the church dining hall. The menu includes their famous fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw and dinner rolls. The committee will provide the dessert. Cost is \$14 for ages 7 and up, \$7 for children 6 and under (children 2 and under are free).

We have chosen the theme of QUILTS for our program. We are asking attendees to bring a favorite family quilt with a description about where it came from and why it is special. It can be an old treasured quilt or one from a recent event. We will invite a quilter from the quilters' guild to help us learn highlights of the quilts; their patterns, how it is constructed and the era it was made. Expect fun facts to be shared during the evening about the history of quilt making.

Tickets will be sold beginning April 7th after worship. We will also have tickets available for sale at the church office. Come and bring friends and family to share the evening.

Contact Barb Foster at 812-933-5667 or Cindy Feller at 812-212-8308 for more information on this new/old tradition.



LOADS OF LOVE!

- ♥ Have you been given loads of love? I bet you have! Family, friends, God...
- ♥ Do you have loads of love to give? I bet that's true too!
- ♥ How do we spread loads of love to our local neighbors?
By doing loads of laundry of course!



Our new outreach mission ministry, called Loads of Love, has begun! We have several ways locally for our neighbors in need to get clothing items for free or reduced costs. How do those same neighbors get their clothes clean, especially if they have a lower income or don't have laundry facilities in their home? Have you thought much about how expensive and inconvenient it is to have to do all of your laundry at the laundromat? We are collecting quarters, and really any money you're willing to donate, in our washing machine at the back of the sanctuary. At a future date, we will take these quarters and laundry detergent (purchased with that other money) to a local laundromat to do loads of free laundry for anyone who comes while we're there. This mission's purpose is to share our love with all our neighbors by helping them do a load of laundry. We'll help until the suds and funds run out.



SCRIPTURES



I John 3:16-21

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us--and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.



John 10:10-18

[Jesus said,] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Hymns

The Lord Is My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; *(page #86)*
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk thro' death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Glory Be to the Father *(page #734)*

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. Amen.

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

(page #99)

You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might up on the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggared by a soldier's toss,
you, the everlasting instant;
you, who are both gift and cost.

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You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd (con't)

You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who peace away that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our death and life.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah *(page #5)*

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness *(page #72)*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided –
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *[Refrain]*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

[Refrain]