



**January 17, 2021. Three Service Will Begin**

Dear Church Family,

January, the first month of the year, is truly an interesting time in the life of the Christian Church. We remember the visit of the Magi or Wisemen and the baptism of the Lord Jesus. We also recover from the rushing about, physically, or virtually, that we experienced in celebrating Christmas. We have experienced everything in a different manner this year as the shadow of Covid-19 has been on us all.

As we look to the New Year, we are filled with all the possibilities that we may experience as we seek to minister together. I want to thank all the leaders who have ably served in the past year and welcome those who assume leadership roles in 2021. I believe that together we can accomplish great things for God in this community.

On January 17, 2021 we will add an additional in-person worship service on Sunday at 11:15 A.M. All the services will be the same style of worship. We hope that this will accommodate more folks in physical worship as even though the vaccines are starting to roll out in our community it will still take time to reach levels of immunity to return to services as we once knew them. Those of you who are currently on the 7:45 A.M. or 9:30 A.M. permanent reservation list and would like to transition to the 11:15 A.M. service should call the Church office soon so we can make those adjustments and open more space for worshipers.

We have decided to wait for next fall for the next Trash and Treasure. If you needed to donate items, you may wish to consider donating directly to Habitat for Humanity's Restore.

I have been thinking a lot about the following verses from Galatians 6:9-10 as we have been in the middle of this global pandemic.

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Paul encourages the Galatians to press on and continue to do the right things for the sake of the Gospel and the community of faith, the Church. I hope that we can all press on and do the right things as we continue to serve the Lord.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr  
Senior Pastor

## **Preaching Schedule**

**January 3, 2020**  
"The Wise STILL Seek Him!"  
Matthew 2:1-12

**January 10, 2020**  
"Baptism of Jesus"  
Mark 1:4-11

**January 17, 2020**  
"Come and See"  
John 1:29-42

**January 24, 2020**  
"The Invitation"  
Mark 1:14-20

**January 31, 2020**  
"The Fame of Jesus"  
Mark 1:21-28

## **LAY LEADERSHIP**

Whew, what a year and that was only One of the seven plagues.

But we learned that faith and trust in Jesus is so very important.

Well, do we worry about 2021?

Matthew 6 :27-27 say's Do not worry about your life.... Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life??

We, as Christians will always put our trust in our Lord knowing that we are better off in His care.

My wife and I wish you the very best in 2021 and it's up to all of us to see that its better.

See you in Church,  
Fred Schilffarth  
Lay Leader

## **ST. JOHN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Happy New Year!! United Methodist Women is starting the New Year with our annual South West District Officer's Training on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a ZOOM Virtual Event starting at 10 am until Noon. I will be attending so if you are interested contact me. Mark your calendars for March 6<sup>th</sup> as we will again have our Spiritual Day Apart Event via ZOOM. It is anticipated our local UMW may begin meeting in person by September, but again lots depends on the Covid situation. More information will be forthcoming. Let's hope 2021 brings joy, healing and continued patience.

Blessings, Ruth Hollandsworth 863-414-6530

## **MUSIC NOTE...**

A very special thanks goes to all of the volunteers that worked so hard to make the Advent/Christmas season special last year. The pandemic made planning services particularly difficult and I am so grateful for everyone who rolled up their sleeves and pitched in to help. There are too many names to list individually, but you know who you are. From singers to bell ringers, instrumentalists, audio/visual technicians, decorators and ushers, we couldn't have pulled it off without each and every one of you. I am so thankful to be a part of the St. John family!

Blessings,  
Kathryn Kipp  
Music Director



**Thank you!**

The staff of St. John would like to give our heartfelt thanks for the generous "Love Offering" from the congregation of this most giving church. It was deeply appreciated.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Year 2021

Office	2021 Officer	2021	2022	2023
Council Chairperson	Walter Wolfe	x		
Council Vice Chairperson	Mike Strugille		x	
Lay Leader	Fred Schilffarth		x	
Lay Member of Ann. Conf.	Cathie Bates			x
Alternate Lay Delegate	Bruce Martens	x		
SPRC Chair	Bruce Martens		x	
Financial Secretary	Teresa Perry			x
Finance Chair	Patty Johnson		x	
Treasurer	Karen Wolfe			x
Trustee Chair (to be elected)				
Health & Welfare Repr				
Communications Coord	Lana Sowers/Teresa Perry			x
Church Historian	Ruth Hollandsworth		x	
Hospitality Coord	Patty Johnson		x	
Library Coord	Ruth Hollandsworth		x	
Disaster Relief Coord				
UMW Pres-elected by membership				
UMM Pres-elected by membership				
Education Chair	Gwen Clark-Bradford		x	
Mission/Outreach /Nurture Chair	Lora Todd		x	
Worship Chair	Deb Martens	x		
Endowment Chair	Karen Wolfe		x	
Recording Secretary	Judy Perkins	x		
Corp Docs Custodian	Karen Wolfe	x		
Evangelism				
Intrepreter/Connectional Giving	Teresa Perry	x		
Boy Scout Coordinator				
Native American Ministry	D.R. Walker		x	
Pastor	Ronald De Genaro Jr			
Assistant Pastor				
Director of Music	Kathryn Kipp			
Director of Youth		x		
Director of Education	xx			
Choral/Organ Accompanist	xxKathy McClain/Emily Hayner	x		
Audio/Visual Committee	Rob VanValkenburg	x		
*elected by organization/committee				
xx Program Staff				

**AT LARGE MEMBERS**

<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Richard Farmer	John Cecil	Pat Barthuly
Louise Henrich	Harvey Donald	Gwen Clark-Bradford
Susan Lenihan	Ethel Donald	Boots Brundage
Linda Morwick	Mary Duncan	Myron Brundage
Aaron Perkins	Stan Hoover	Mary Lee Napier
Evelyn Tack	Dave Johnson	Barry Radawiec
Lora Todd	Cathy Johnson	Sandy Radawiec
Judy Perkins (Recording Secretary)	Carlene VanBlaricum	Hal Rager
Walter Wolfe-Chair		
	<b>COMMITTEES</b>	
	<b>Staff Pastor Relations Comm - SPRC Chair</b>	
	(Including Lay Leader , and Lay Delegate)	
<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Susan Lenihan	Dave Johnson	John Groner
Bill Rogers	Bruce Martens-Chair	Larry Howell
	Linda Morwick	Patty Huffman
	(Including Lay Leader , & Rev. Ronald De Genaro, Jr.)	
	<b>Trustees</b>	
<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Bill Daulby	Mary Duncan	Dave Grey
Steve Handley	Kent Henrich	Stan Hoover
Donna Serwas	Mike Sturgille	Carlene VanBlaricum
Trustee Chair		
	<b>Lay Leadership</b>	
<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
(Pastor is the Chair and Lay Leader, is member)		Dennis Barthuly
Gwen Clark-Bradford	Richard Farmer	Paula Penzien
John Cecil	Bill Kelsey	Lynn Wolfram
Patty Johnson	Deb Martens	
	<b>Finance Committee</b>	
Treasure	(Terms Expire as Position Terms Expire)	
Trustee Chair	Bruce Martens-SPRC	John Cecil
Walter Wolfe-Chr Council	Lay Delegate	Fred Schilffarth-Lay Leader
Patty Johnson-Chair		Cliff Wood
	<b>Worship Committee</b>	
Deb Martens-Chair	Pastor Ron De Genaro Jr	Cathie Bates
Karen Wolfe/Donna Serwas		Pat Farmer
Walter Wolfe		Patty Johnson
1 Representative of Creative Worship Sub-committee		Kathryn Kipp
	<b>Proposed Building Committee</b>	
Fiance Representative	Church Council Representative	3-At Large
Trustee Representative	Lay Leader	

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Evelyn Steinhart
3	Gene Roberts
3	Carol Kline
4	Betty Fowler
4	Donna Downey
4	Cheryl John
5	Fran Gardner
5	Polly Filer
5	Margie Hart
5	Carl Mys
6	Mely Buchanan
9	Sybil Laye
12	Ruth Harrison
13	Verl Shaffer
14	John Groner
18	Carolyn Luoma
18	Shawn Lenihan
19	Jane Johnson
19	Pam Smart
20	Jerry Stowell
21	Gary Dobereiner
22	Glen Shellhammer
23	Elke Davis
23	Dee Sumter
24	Barb Self
25	Nancy Harmon
25	Andy Phillips
25	Marcie Walters
26	Suzy Hardin
27	Tari Hornick
27	Betty Martin
28	Karen Wolfe
29	Wayne DeSalvo
29	David Lindstrom



2	Bob & Sandi Cisler
3	Dan & Dale Brockway
12	Niel & Carole Muir
13	Stephen & Alison Popham
15	Dick & Lynn Wolfram
18	Eric & Judy Hurst
20	Tim & Mary Harold
23	Lon & Joan Beach
23	Vernon & Elaine Reid
24	Wayne & Shirley DeSalvo
30	Sam & Jo Cline
31	Earle & Sharon Fisher

## UPPER ROOMS-January-February

The Upper Rooms for January-February 2021 are available in the Church Office! \$1.00 per Upper



## FLOWER CHART 2021



The 2021 "Flower Chart" is now available in the narthex. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one. Please see available dates. There are plenty of dates for January 2021. You may also call the church office to have your information placed on the chart. The cost is \$20.00 per flower arrangement.

For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord Plans to Prosper You and Not to Harm You Plans to Give You Hope and a Future  
 Jeremiah 29:11



**HOMEBOUND**



**The Palms**

Claire Crenshaw  
Ruth Harrison  
Joyce Houska

**Fellowship Home  
at the Fairway**

Vince & Sidney O'Neill  
Opal Hickman-Stebbins  
Neal Winters

**At Home**

Neil Muir  
Ellen Thorne  
Joyce Tucker  
Ed Vickers

**RELATIVES & FRIENDS**

**John Babson USCG**

Grandson of Setchell &  
Ebbert

**Reese Bell**

Friend of John Cook

**Isabella Hernandez**

Granddaughter of Susan  
Maddux

**Toni LAReau**

Sister-In-Law of Patti  
LAReau

**Reta**

Niece of Elaine Hammel

**Beverly Schlegel**

Friend of Paula, Betty, Dale  
Fowler

**Kim Wills**

Daughter of Ray and Bev  
White



Attendance

November 29: 106  
Online: 682

December 6: 121  
Online: 632

December 13: 121  
Online: 617

December 20: 136  
Online: 794

December 24: 169  
Online: 841

December 27: 110  
Online: 630

Offering

November 29: \$3,552.00

December 6: \$15,096.00

December 13: \$10,529.00

December 20: \$8,113.00

December 27: \$7,160.00

Total Received to 12-27-20:

\$490,232.55

Mortgage Balance as of 12-1-20:

\$309,857.69

**MEMBERS AND  
CONSTITUENTS**

Denise Bayler  
Debra Donahue  
Joanne Gamber  
June Hiltner  
Stan & Bonnie Hoover  
Arline Hunter  
Bill Jarrett  
Roxie Lawson  
Dick Rice  
Martha Dora Ramos  
Marilyn Stafford  
Evelyn Tack  
Margaret Runnalls

**Sympathy**

David Amrein

12-8-20

Sara Barney

12-21-20

Myra Green

12-2-20

Shirley Heckman

12-13-20

Harold Hooker

12-3-20

John Neal

12-2-20

Jean Schultz

11-5-2020

Vada Thomas's Brother

12-3-20



**UPDATING THE PRAYER LIST**

OUR GOAL is to maintain a current list of those who request ongoing prayer. Contact the church office if you know a friend or relative whose needs have been met and can be removed, or someone you want to be added.



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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday** 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
(closed for lunch from Noon-1:00 p.m.)

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*Sunday Morning In-Person  
Worship Service*

*7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.*

*(Reservations required)*

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*The Daily Word*

*2:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday*

*9:30 a.m. service live, is also available  
on our website*

[facebook.com/stjohnsebring](https://facebook.com/stjohnsebring) or

[stjohnsebring.org](http://stjohnsebring.org)



### Our Staff

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Kathy McClain

*Choral Accompanist*

Emily Hayner

*Organist*

Sue Cornelius

*Pianist*

Teresa Perry

*Finance Secretary*

Lana Sowers

*Administrative Secretary*

Doug Perry

*Facility Manager*

Joshua Jenkins

*Video Technician*

Lupe Reyes

*Custodian*

