

# St John United Church of Christ

*"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"*

June 2019



## TIME FLIES, RIGHT?



PASTOR'S  
MESSAGE

— Pastor Sandy Kolar

Already we have celebrated again the high points in the Christian church year—Christmas, Easter, and on the 9th, Pentecost—and now enter the summer months. And summer means we have time to REFRESH, RENEW, RECHARGE, and REJUVENATE.

Do you think this can happen for you? Do you think you can experience that last one especially—REJUVENATE? It means something like, “to become young again” or “to regain youthful vigor.”

It seems impossible to turn the clock back. And we know we can't regain the youth we've already lived through.

But God is a miracle worker!

Psalms 103: “Praise the Lord...who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.”

Isaiah 40: “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.”

Ezekiel 36: “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you.”

The Lord can provide all that we need for Refreshing Renewal that Recharges us in Rejuvenation. He can quicken our steps and enliven our souls. He is ready and willing to lead us in vigorous faith that takes hold of His gifts and multiplies them for blessing of others. Let's take the next few months to relax, reconnect with family and friends, and open ourselves to God's Rejuvenating Spirit.



## Katie's Scout Badge Awarded

Katie worked with Pastor Sandy to earn her "God and Me" scout badge. Pastor presented it to Katie during church service.

But then . . .

It was Pastor Sandy's turn to get an award. Katie presented Pastor Sandy with a badge of her own, the Scouts "Counselor Badge". Congrats to both for a job well done



## Children's Ministry

— by Robin Turpin



The Children's Church had a lively and productive May, with scripture lessons focusing on Noah's Ark. The children learned that God uses rainbows as a reminder of his love for us, and his promise to never destroy the Earth again. "Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." Genesis 9:16.

We are also reminded of God's love through the love of our own parents! For Mother's Day, the children created special gifts for their own special Mom.

"We love because he first loved us" —1 John 4:10







Bee Keeper Class from Harper College at St John.



Boy Scouts camping out.



We have a new mailbox from the donations from last years Flea Market. God provides in mysterious ways. We have dry mail once again.

Daffodils in bloom!



– by Lori Neumann

It's hard to believe with the continued chilly weather that June has finally arrived! With Summer on the horizon, we are looking forward to many events –

A regional meeting of the UCC will be held in Elmhurst on June 6 – 8.

A baptism will be coming our way on June 23rd

The 4th of July parade will be held on July 6th, so please remember to mark your calendars to join the parade, donate candy, temporary tattoos – anything that won't melt is very welcome and since we'll have a vehicle you won't melt either!

We are only 2 years out from a landmark 175th anniversary, so start putting your marketing hats on and think of a way for us to celebrate while reaching out to the community.

We have filed a claim with the County for the vehicle that went off the road and damaged our coach light and stop sign, so we should be receiving recompense soon. There was a short found in the sign which has been rectified with new wiring and an auto-set timer has been installed as well – so our sign and flood lights will be coming on at the same time now.

With the help of a Fremd HS student, Gary revamped the wood walkway access to the gazebo and Sue is looking into quotes for a lovely walkway leading from the drive to a wider circle to allow for wheelchair access and large bridal gown access – more to come!



# We are grateful for our volunteers!



Donovan filling in for his big brother Darren as a greeter.

Sandy is also the news Editor for most of the editions. She is priceless. Thanks Sandy.



Pew Partners Kathy and Gerd, keeping our pews in order for our guests.



Dodie and Sandy do so much to for our Coffee hour each week. Give them a yummy thank you.



Robin and Lori head up our Children's Church. We will feature the new look and changes in a future issue. Lori also changes our sign, does the billing, sits for our silent prayer, closes up on Sundays and more.

*There are so many hands* behind the scenes helping to make St John run smoothly. These are just a few, and just part of the work they do each week. You are all appreciated for your faithful servanthood to the church body. We will continue to highlight our volunteers. Please email the church with any **great** photos you have of those volunteers in action and get their permission to publish to our news

*People loved the return of the Ladies Luncheon*

Congrats Ladies on bringing it back. Their Treasurer Sandy reported a \$974 profit from the Luncheon.





***The Flower Sale was once again a success. Thanks to all who help sell pre-orders, unload the truck, prep the sale, greeted the shoppers and cleaned up. Did you miss out? There are still some very lovely plants for sale. Come Sunday and pick some up. We will report the proceed bottom line when it comes in.***





# 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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## January

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## February

**February 10** Annual Meeting postponed

**February 14** Valentine's Day ♥

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## March

**March 2, 4:00 pm** Chili Cook-off

Laura and Greg – Chairpersons

**March 4th 6:00 pm** Feed My Starving Children

**March 6, 7:00 pm** Ash Wednesday

**March 10** Daylight Saving Time – Spring ahead!

**March 16** St Patrick's Day Parade – Palatine

Pastor Sandy Chairperson

Parade kicks off 11:00 am

**March 31** Annual Meeting - After worship

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## April

**April 6** 9:00 am Church Grounds Cleanup

**April 14** Palm Sunday 10:30 am

**April 18** Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm

*Potluck Soup/Salad Service*

**April 19** Good Friday

Open for prayer, Noon – 3:00 pm

**April 21 Easter**

Easter breakfast 9:15 am

Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am

Easter Worship Service 10:30 am

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## May

**May 11** Flower Sale 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Committee: Jody Moody, Laurie Biesterfeld, Ellen Kayler, Dodie Kayler, , and Judy Hartfelder, Ginny Lint, Paula Kayler

**May 15** Women's Guild Luncheon -11:30 am

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## June

**June TBD** Semi-Annual Meeting after service

**June TBD** Palatine Jaycees Hometown Parade

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## September

**September 21** Craft Fair/Flea Market

Committee: Jody Moody, Jenny Cooley, Robin Turpin

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## October

**October 19** Ham Supper Third Saturday of the month. 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm seatings

**October 27th** Totenfest

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## November

**November 3** Daylight Saving Time ends - fall back.

**November 24** – 4:00 pm Turkey Hymn Sing

**November TBD** Hanging of the Greens

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## December

**Monday – December 24th Christmas Eve**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 10:00 pm



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## Quiet Meditation Prayer

6:30 pm - 9 pm the last **Wednesday** of each month  
St John Church is open for anyone to come and sit in silent prayer during the evenings of the last Wednesday of each month. You are invited to this peaceful moment and breathe in the voice of God. Come for a few minutes or stay awhile.

# *St John*

United Church of Christ



## **Staff & Community**

**Pastor** – Sandy Kolar

**Communications Director** – Laura D'Argo

**Cemetery Caretaker** – Gary Hartfelder

## **Council**

**President** – Jared Cooley

**Treasurer** – Sue Jacobs

**Clerk/Trustee** – Lori Neumann

**Member** – Gary Hartfelder

## **Children's Church**

Robin Turpin

Lori Neumann

## **Wedding Coordinators**

Jody Moody

Laurie Biesterfeld

# **FAITH IN ACTION**

We partner with the Palatine Food Pantry. The last Sunday of *each* month food items are collected and Sue Jacobs drops them off at the Palatine Township Food Pantry.

Keep in mind they are always in need of baby care items, such as diapers, and baby wipes. – Thank you to all who gave.

## *Women's Guild*

### **Officers**

#### **Acting President**

Sandy Stoops

#### **Treasurer**

Dodie Kayler

#### **Accounts**

Dodie Kayler

#### **Secretary**

Adeline Lint

### **No Meetings**

January & February

### **Meetings at St John Church**

March 6th – 10:30 am

May 1st – 10:30 am

July 10th – 10:30 am

September 11th – 10:30 am

November 6th – 10:30 am

December – TBD

## **Church Info you need to know**

### **Services Sunday 10:30 am – All Year**

Children's Church every Sunday, following the Children's Message

### **Coffee Hour Fellowship**

Enjoy refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall after worship. When able please bring a dish to share.

### **Pastor Sandy**

[PastorSandy500@gmail.com](mailto:PastorSandy500@gmail.com)

Please email her to make an appointment.

### **St. John UCC**

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## *Keep our Church in prayer.*



### **Last Sunday of the Month**

- Communion
- Food Pantry donation



## **ACTION BOX**

Make use of our "ACTION BOX". Make a helpful suggestion, suggest a solution or an idea. We want to hear from you.

*Kudos are also accepted.*

**Our Paypal Donate button is under construction.**

**Thank you for your Patience**