



Embracing our diverse world
to create a better future.

175 Years This Year!

Back in 1846 people from a farming community formed a church - **St John**.

Stewarding it over the years, overcoming hardships and celebrating life together. Now in 2021 we are the stewards carrying on this community in service to God and His people.

We have been blessed by new innovative ways of doing church last year and exploring new ways to fund raise and be in community. Some events are still awaiting our ability to gather safely and others re-invent their protocols. The opportunities to serve at St John and secure the next 175 years are diverse.

Check out the news for ways you can help. A couple of hours each week or each month will make a big impact and help relieve the load of those who serve us now. There is a wonderful Liaison list provided by the Council that would really help them out. Read on for all the info.

St John Spring Newsletter 2021

Spring at St John



Spring Clean-Up April 24th

It is on a Saturday morning from 9:00am to 1:00pm and it is so very easy. A little raking, or weeding or picking up. Some may wish to do some trimming or cleaning. Worried about the weather? We have inside tasks too. Think you can't help? Pastor Sandy assures us she will have a way for all to contribute. So the challenge is out there for full participation. Can't make the whole time, stop by anyway and do what you can. Bring a friend! AND A MASK because we want to keep everyone safe. Have a favorite garden tool and gloves, bring those too.

So let's see a show of hands. . . Who is all coming out? RSVP to stjohnuccpalatine@gmail.com so we can have the coffee and treats ready for you.

WHAT A YEAR AND IT IS ONLY APRIL! WE ARE IN THE NEWS.

Check out the links.

<https://www.quintessentialbarrington.com/feature-stories/ma21-the-spire-on-the-prairie/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZh3BnTgvKE>

St John UCC

Flower Sale–Saturday, May 22nd

10" Hanging Baskets including Dragonwing Begonias, Bridal Veil, Fuchsia and Ferns.

Specialty Plants and Geraniums – Ivy, Spikes, Vinca and Fountain Grass and more.

Flats of Bedding Plants – Herbs, Peppers and Tomatoes.

Proven Winners - Colors Galore: Red, yellow, blue, orange, purple, pink, salmon, burgundy.

***Come on out
to support
St John UCC
at this
Annual Event.***

Exceptional
quality
and prices!



***Open
to the public
8:00am to 2:00pm***



***Order forms available at
www.stjohnuccpalatine.org***



**Substitutes may occur if
colors & quantities are unavailable.**

Pre-orders are due with monies paid by Sunday, May 2, 2021

1475 W. Algonquin Rd, Palatine • SW corner of W. Algonquin and N Roselle Roads.

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Volunteer as a Liaison

What is a Liaison? *Someone who links people.* In this case you will gather the information and pass it along to the Council for their assessment. Some of these on the list require an action then an update. Review the list below to see where you can help. Contact the church at stjohnuccpalatine@gmail.com to sign-up. Thank you in advance!

Children's Church Liaison - provide email update to Council

Congregational Care Liaison - Call/Email/Send Cards to members we haven't heard from - provide email update to Council

Landscape Liaison - Call/Research/Schedule different projects with County/State/IDOT - tree trimming/removal on outside of cemetery fence - anything that has to do with repair/removal of something that is near the street, which may not belong to the church - provide email update to the Council

Church Maintenance Liaison - Call/Schedule/Meet contractors as needed for the church - plumber/HVAC/Electrician/Lift Maintenance & Repair/Fire Extinguisher/Yearly Walk Through by County and keep a list of supplies letting Council know when more is needed - provide email update to the Council

Cemetery Liaison - Meet with Cemetery Property Managers and be knowledgeable about proposed/current Marketing Efforts, Recommended Enhancements to the Cemetery - Provide email update to the Council

Township Giving Liaison - Food Pantry/School Supplies/Thanksgiving Baskets/Christmas Baskets/Other opportunities to help the Township - Provide email update to the Council - Sue & Trina

Parsonage Liaison - Be available for calls from WINGS regarding any issues and contact the Council as they arise.

Children's Ministry

Thank you to the St John Children's Ministry for all the wonderful holiday cards. You are an inspiration and joy to our church family and friends.



An extra heap of thanks to **Robin Turpin** for orchestrating each project and to all those who helped in the creating process.

Put the FUN in Fundraiser

The Workstream Committee is brainstorming some ideas for fundraisers. Kick around some ideas from the comfort of home on the zoom meetings. If you are interested in attending the next Workstream meeting the link is in the Daily Devotional. All ideas are being considered. This is your chance to have input on what the next fundraiser will look like.

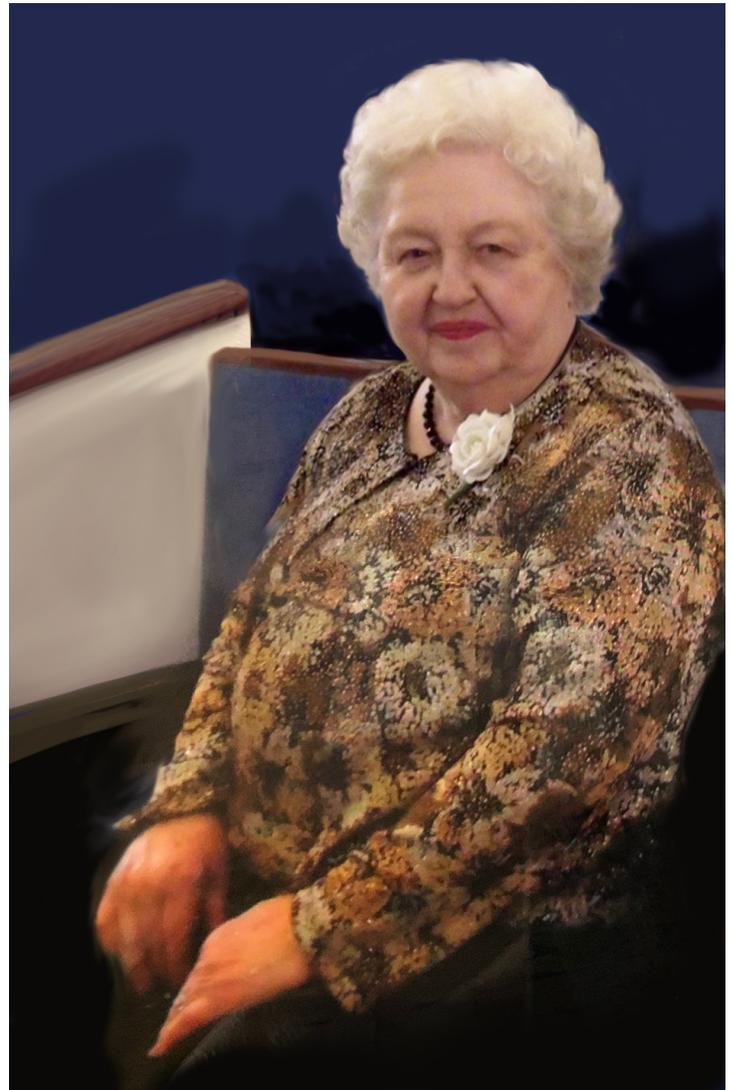
Remembering Our Church Ladies – Eleanor & Adeline

Thank you to all who helped in honoring these dear ladies who served God's church so faithfully.

Eleanor Savage

by Sandy Stoops

Eleanor was baptized and married at St. John. Her family farm was west of the church down Algonquin Rd. The mother of 6 children kept busy being a homemaker along with Sunday School teaching, as well as being leader of the youth group for many years. Ham Supper days would find her in the church kitchen from early morning until the last dish was washed. She had already made her homemade desserts to bring. There was a routine that had been followed since the early days of Ham Supper and she was the last to have that process down pat. Always eager to offer a helping or leading hand. For many years she was the Guild's secretary. Another thing that Eleanor was good at and never failed to practice...was a good natured smile to one and all.



Adeline Lint

Adeline moved to Hoffman Estates in 1953 and joined St. John some time thereafter, roughly 65 years ago. She served selflessly throughout the years. Her beautiful voice in the choir brought joy to the church each Sunday as well as in local choral groups. Her talents and dedication were over the top; generously sharing her time and talents.... crafting projects for Guild fund raisers, cooking for all the food events, baking great cakes, cookies and pies.

Perhaps the little know piece of history is how hard Adeline worked spearheading the lift project. Taking many years to get the ball rolling and then seeing the end result surely earns her a thank you from all of us. Looking back at the last half of a century, it appears Adeline's legacy was a St. John volunteer at every turn.

She was on the Lift Committee, researched the lift, published the first church cookbook (check out her Lemon Lemon Cake) and other fundraising contributions.



St. John Window Restoration Fund

This beautiful Palatine landmark is in need of new windows. St John Church has been a beacon of light in the community since 1885. Your thoughtful consideration to help replace these aged windows with a donation is deeply appreciated. Each dollar you are able donate will be matched up to \$20,000 by a generous, anonymous donor.

Restore the Windows and See a Bright Future.



Thank You

– St John UCC Church Family



When mailing in check donations, please put "Window Restoration" in the memo.
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All are welcome Sundays at 10:30 am.
For more information contact us at
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St John UCC & Church World Service

Mother's Day Blanket Drive

St John UCC's friends and family are invited to support the CWS blanket drive. For just \$10, you will be providing someone in need a warm blanket when they need it most. It is easy to do. We have a donate page at the CWS website. See below for simple one click directions to donate. Or mail a check to St John UCC with "BLANKETS" in the memo and we will donate for you.



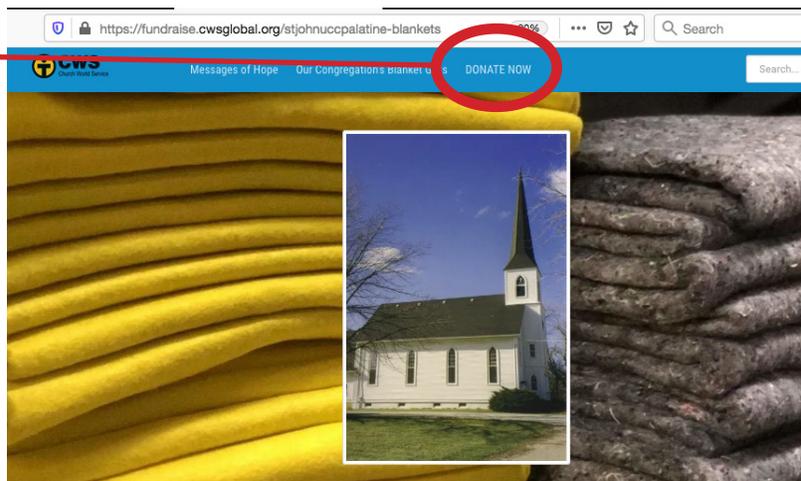
Church World Service is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.

To go to our page click this special direct St John link below.

<https://fundraise.cwsglobal.org/stjohnuccpalatine-blankets>

This will take you to our page on the CWS website. It will look like this below. Click on the DONATE NOW tab in the blue bar, and order as many blankets you wish. Your blanket(s) will go directly to the person in need. This site will keep track of our blanket donations for us. We will announce the results of our drive in church shortly after Mother's Day. But don't wait donate for a blanket today.

DONATE NOW



St John United Church of Christ Palatine - Blankets Mother's Day Offering

We have also attached to this email more information about Church World Services, how the blankets are used and the difference you will be making with your donation. We thank you in advance for donating.



Socks & Stuff for the Soul

Help us reach our goal of 1,750 pairs of socks for the homeless in honor of St John UCC's 175th Anniversary in 2021.

I believe as this goes to press we have or will very soon meet our goal. But as one of the kids in our ministry said, "Let's get to 175 gazillion."

Current items in need Adult underwear, T-shirts, Deodorant, body wash, shampoo and lotion.

Protein bars and individually packaged snacks.

All items must be new and unopened.

Thank you.

Drop off bins are available in the back of the church.



Current donations go to Connections for the Homeless – www.connect2home.org

St John Partnerships – Creating a better future



connections
FOR THE HOMELESS

St John is helping WINGS provide a home for a family in need and helping Connections care for the homeless in addition to supporting the Palatine Township programs. St John is blessed to be able to serve people in our community. Thank you to all who contribute to these partnerships.

"Small churches can do big things." –Pastor Sandy



2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January

February

February 16 Book Club *The Shack*
February 17 Ash Wednesday - no service
February 23 Book Club *The Shack*

March

March 14 Daylight Saving Time – Spring ahead!
March 21 Annual Meeting - After worship
March 28 Palm Sunday 10:30 am

April

April 1 Maundy Thursday
April 2 Good Friday
April 4 *Easter*
Easter Worship Service 10:30 am
April 24 9:00 to 1:00pm Grounds Cleanup

May

May 22 Flower Sale

June

June Semi-Annual Meeting

July ★★ ★

Palatine Independence Day Parade.

August

September 26

175th Anniversary Celebration

October

November

November 7 Daylight Saving Time ends -
2:00am fall back.
November 21 4:00 pm Turkey Hymn Sing TBD
November 28 First Day of Advent
Hanging of the Greens Service – a special
service for everyone looking to begin the
Christmas season.

December

Friday– December 24th *Christmas Eve*
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 10:00 pm

September 26

175th Anniversary Celebration
Save the DATE!
Help Plan the Celebration
Maybe a potluck or a picnic or
get out the grill and do it the
old fashioned St John way.



St John

United Church of Christ



Staff & Community

Pastor – Sandy Kolar

Communications Director – Laura D'Argo

Council

President – Jared Cooley

Treasurer – Sue Jacobs

Clerk/Trustee – Lori Neumann

Children's Church

Robin Turpin

Lori Neumann

Wedding Coordinators

Jody Moody

Laurie Biesterfeld

Keep our Church in prayer.

Services Sunday 10:30 am – All Year

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

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Returning when able to gather in groups.

Last Sunday of the Month

- Communion
- Food Pantry donation



Pastor Sandy

PastorSandy500@gmail.com

Please email her to make an appointment.

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A SNEEK PEAK

Coming soon – an online St John Store. Need a mug with the St John logo on it. Is your other St John T-shirt worn from wear. Soon you will be able to shop ONLINE for St John products.

BUT HOLD ON! It is in the works and coming soon. We will e-blast you when the store is up and running with all the what, were and how much. Until then make room in your cupboard for that new mug.

