

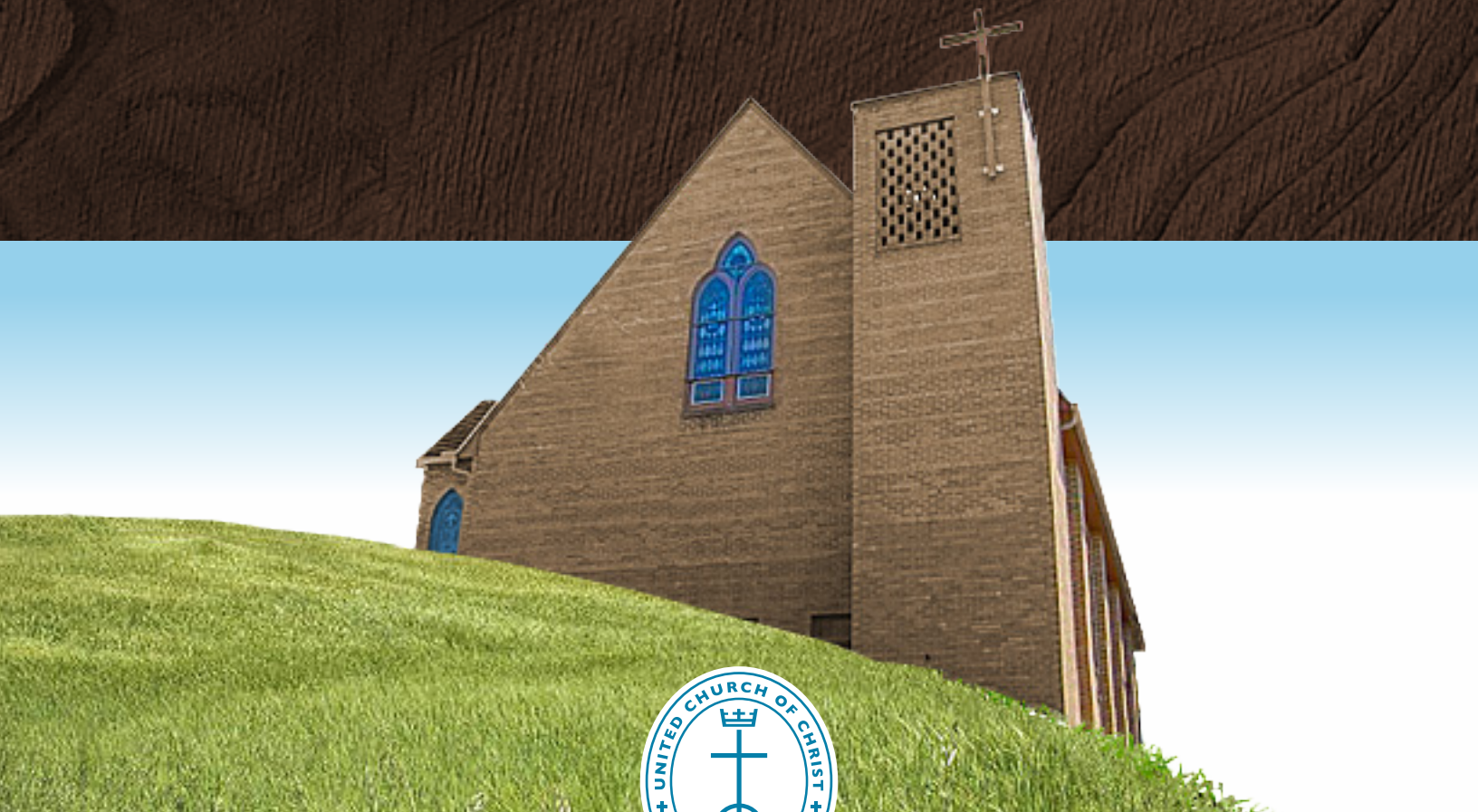


**St. John's**

United Church of Christ

# Digital Newsletter

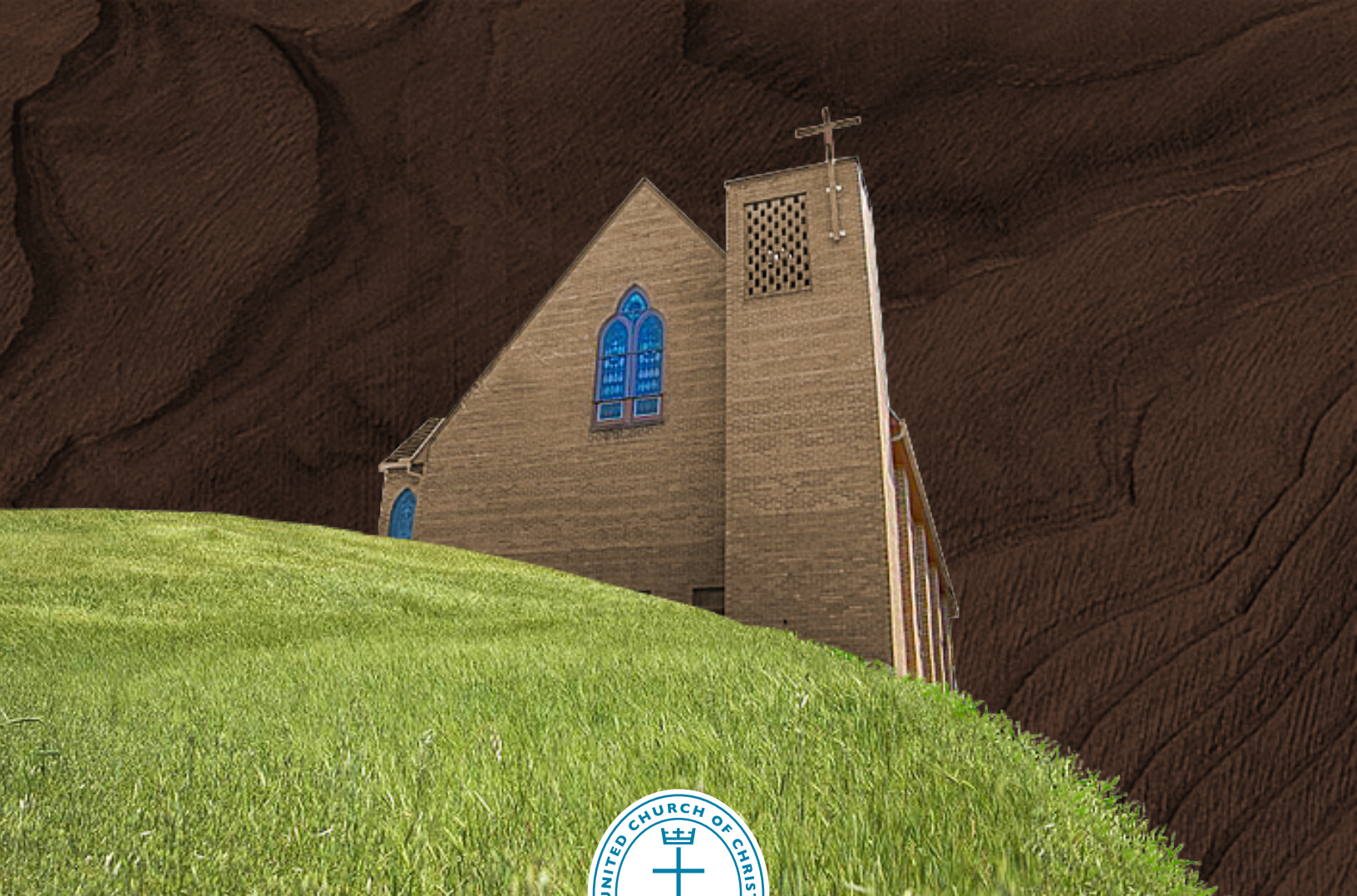
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# Sunday Worship @ 10:30am

We offer two options for worship on Sundays: in person or online. Whether you prefer to worship from the safety of your home or with others, we at St. John's want to make sure you get the spiritual encouragement you need. Join us in person each Sunday at 10:30am or watch a video recording of the online service. The service is not recorded live but is uploaded after the service has ended. We look forward to worshipping with you!

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# Letter From The Pastor

**January 2024**

What a wonderful start to the Christmas season with our Christmas Eve services. Thank you to all who helped to make these services meaningful celebrations of Jesus' birth.

Christmas ends on Epiphany, January 6th, traditionally said to be the day the Magi arrived to visit Jesus in Bethlehem.

Since the 6th is a Saturday, we will celebrate Epiphany on Sunday the 7th. I will again be offering "star words" – intentions or guiding words for the new year. This prayer practice is connected to Epiphany. As with last year, you will be invited to randomly pick a paper star from the array presented. Then the word on it becomes your "star word" for the next year. Star words might be something that God is leading you to discover, deepen, let go of, or sit with over the next months. It's suggested that the word be put somewhere where it will be seen regularly, reminding us to regularly reflect on how God might be using the word to speak in your life.

The practice is inspired by the Magi who saw a star that ultimately led them to Jesus. Likewise, we are urged to use all the resources we have available to us to move closer to Jesus. It is a reminder that God uses multiple ways to guide us and speak to us. Star words are one a way practice looking for God in our midst, both actively and in hindsight. They may also lead us to see God in ways we may not have seen God before.

If you would like a star and are unable to be with us on the 7th, please contact me. I will randomly pick a star for you and mail it or put it aside until you can pick it up.

At Christmas we celebrate that the Light has come into the world as one of us. Star words remind us that Light is still with us; sometimes we just need to look.

God's grace and peace.

**Pastor Deb Kunkel**

# Epiphany Sunday

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**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

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# Annual Meeting

## St. John's Church

The St. John's Church Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 28, 2024. Anyone submitting reports for the Annual Report please get them in as soon as possible. The Deacons have been working on the 2024 Budget and have presented it to the Consistory for approval for the Annual Meeting.

**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

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# Sunday Penny Collection

## First Sunday of the Month

The Church School Students will be collecting pennies the first Sunday of every month. We haven't done this in a long time and are anxious to start again. This money enables us to do donations to people or needy projects in our area or throughout the world.

**Sunday, January 7, 2023**



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# Online Calendar

## Visit Us Online 24/7

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# Christmas Fund Offering

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The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks each Year to our lower-income retirees. This year we will take up the offering on Sunday, January 7, 2024. United Church of Christ congregations and members have blessed the Christmas Fund with their generosity for many years. This year, your care and compassion will be especially appreciated by those servants of the church who are facing a time of need, expressed in thank you messages sent to the Pension Board such as this one.

*“I loved working in small churches. I remember a day in seminary when I overheard a couple of students talking, saying that the thing to do was get a small church to start and then that’s your stepping-stone to a bigger church. That’s when I decided I would always serve small churches. They deserve people with experience. But I didn’t stop to think about the tiny annuity I would have at the time I made the decision to work with small congregations. Help from donations to the Christmas Fund has been a Godsend. Thank you!”*

Please prayerfully consider your support of this offering for the wider United Church of Christ.

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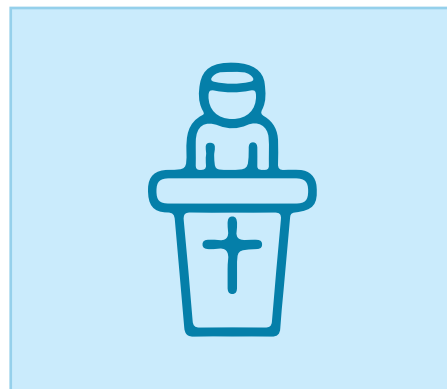
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# Liturgists & Others Wanted

## Do you like to read during the service?

Then you will be happy to know that Pastor Deb is seeking liturgists to start the first week in November. Liturgists will lead the Call to Worship and read the first Scripture Reading. If you would like to be included in the pool of liturgists or readers, please let Pastor Deb know or look for the sign-up sheet. Or do you like the spotlight or have a little bit of “ham” in you? Pastor Deb would love to have you join her in skits or dramatic monologues used on occasion during the service. Please let her know (all ages welcome.)



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## Stewardship

### Stewardship Moment from the Deacons

Stewardship is as important in January as it is in December.

From the Stewardship Theme last year we are reminded that stewardship is all year long.

**“Because of You our Church changes lives”.**

~ Deacon John Stettler



# Food Shelf

## Businesses Of The Month: Waumandee State Bank

The St. John's Food Shelf has received many wonderful donations this year that are greatly appreciated! Waumandee State Bank is our latest Business of the Month with their donation along with cookies and milk for our volunteers! Waumandee State Bank presents a donation of \$250.00 to the Linda Clark of the Cochrane-Fountain City Area Food Shelf at St John's Church, along with food items collected at their branch office. Tremendous thank you goes out to our local bank for thinking of us!

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### Pictured From Left To Right:

Waumandee State Bank employee Vice President and Branch manager Heather Grotjahn presents a donation of \$250.00 to the Linda Clark of the Cochrane-Fountain City Area Food Shelf at St John's Church.

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# Food Shelf

## Businesses Of The Month: The Grove

A big thank you to The Grove Golf Course for thinking of our food shelf!! They collected food during their 1st Annual Grove Gobbler Run/Walk Event! These donations are much appreciated.



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## Businesses Of The Month: C-FC PTO

A big thank you to Karla Patzner and the C-FC Parent Teacher Organization for collecting food at the Holiday Craft Fair at school in December. These donations are much appreciated.



# C-FC Area Food Shelf

## Report For December 2023

As part of our Stewardship as a church please consider a monetary donation or food donation for our Food Shelf here at Church. See list below of our most needed items. This summer and fall we have been much busier than usual providing food to people in need in our community. If we want to continue this service we do need your assistance to continue. Please put your donation of food in the bin at church by coat rack or your monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to church with checks made out to C-FC Area Food Shelf - St John's Church, PO Box 130, Fountain City WI, 54629.

### Donations Most Needed:

- ✓ Toilet Paper
- ✓ Canned /Ham/Salmon
- ✓ Cake/Brownie
- ✓ Muffin Mixes
- ✓ Canned Frosting
- ✓ Instant Oatmeal
- ✓ Cereal (Healthier)
- ✓ Crackers (Saltines)
- ✓ Rice/Pasta Pouches
- ✓ Vegetable Spray
- ✓ Brown Rice
- ✓ Juice Boxes
- ✓ V8/Tomato Juice
- ✓ Boost/Ensure
- ✓ Canned Chili
- ✓ Canned Stew
- ✓ Spices
- ✓ Applesauce
- ✓ Salad Dressing
- ✓ Ketchup
- ✓ BBQ Sauce

**1st & 3rd Monday: 4:30pm - 6:30pm**  
**2nd & 4th Wednesday: 3:00pm - 5:00pm**



- ✓ 635 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 27 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 24 Total People Helped
- ✓ 03 Children
- ✓ 15 Adults
- ✓ 09 Seniors
- ✓ 15 Households (1 Came Twice)

# Choir Praticce

## 1st & 3rd Wednesdays Of The Month

St. John's Church will have Choir Practice on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays Of The Month starting at 6:30pm in Fountain City, WI. Do you have ideas of things the Choir could try? Please share your thoughts on new ideas for musical offerings for our congregation. Please contact us with any questions or comments.



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# Volunteers: January

## Ushers

R. Guenther, S. Guenther, Ted Wilson Bryan Madsen

## Greeters

12.31.24 Calven Stettler  
01.07.24 Adam & Jennifer Krause Family  
01.14.24 Greg & Jessica Osborn  
01.21.24 Bert Schaffner  
01.28.24 Karen Stettler & Ted Wilson

## Counters

Jessica & Greg Osborn

## Communion & Flowers

Jessica Osborne

# Financial Report

For detailed information regarding the financial standing of St. John's Church, contact the office to review financial documents.

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## Birthdays

Zach Wicka  
Evan Osborn  
Alexis Pyka  
Ryan Clark  
Polly Ratz  
Nancy Malotke  
Larry Muench  
Brady Krause  
Cody Wolfe  
Ruth Schaffner  
Sue Prussing  
Phoenix Prussing  
Faye Strelow  
Claude Klein  
Derrick Hammer  
Lacey Korb  
Lydia Engel  
Mari Ligman  
Matthew Schaffner  
McKenna Osborn  
Harriet Ziegler  
Matthew Molback  
Dale Schaffner  
Jeanne Franz

## Anniversaries

Bruce & Nancy Malotke

# Confirmation

## Confirmation Class Schedule

We offer Confirmation class for middle or high schoolers. This process which includes class meetings, service opportunities, leading worship, and other activities created to fit the needs and interests of each particular class. Our youth will be enriched by these conversations and planning so that we can welcome them into the journey of our life together.

JANUARY  
WEDNESDAY  
**10**

**Confirmation Class**  
3:30pm - 5:00pm  
St. John's Church  
Education

JANUARY  
WEDNESDAY  
**17**

**Confirmation Class**  
3:30pm - 5:00pm  
St. John's Church  
Education

JANUARY  
WEDNESDAY  
**24**

**Confirmation Class**  
3:30pm - 5:00pm  
St. John's Church  
Education

JANUARY  
WEDNESDAY  
**31**

**Confirmation Class**  
3:30pm - 5:00pm  
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Education



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# Other Special Events

## St. John's Church

Along with our Sunday Worship Service schedule, Pastor Deb's Office Hours, Consistory Meetings, Food Shelf Schedule and other recurring events. Below is a list of SPECIAL EVENTS located at St. John's Church and or the local area. Please contact us with any questions. Thanks again for all the support from volunteer and the community.

JANUARY  
SUNDAY  
**07**

### Penny Collection St. John's Church

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SUNDAY  
**07**

### Christmas Fund Offering St. John's Church

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Starts @ 10:30am

JANUARY  
WEDNESDAY  
**10**

### Consistory Meeting St. John's Church

303 S Hill Street  
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Starts @ 6:30pm

JANUARY  
SUNDAY  
**28**

### Annual Meeting St. John's Church

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After Worship

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

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# Prayer Requests

## St. John's Church - Pastor Deb Kunkel

Congregation members and non-members are encouraged to request prayers for times of need, comfort, healing, celebration and joy. If you would you like a visit from Pastor Deb, please call her to set up a time today!



**Pastor Deb's Office Hours:**

Monday's Noon to 2:00pm  
Wednesday's 10:00am to Noon  
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