



It Wet the Bed!

Pastor's Desk

*I made myself a snowball, As perfect as could be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet, And let it sleep with me.*

*I made it some pajamas, And a pillow for its head,
Then last night it ran away, But first - it wet the bed!*

"Snowball" by Shel Silverstein

Plans, changes, cautions, differences, new understandings, making up for lost time, return to normal,... Advent and Christmas in our Post-pandemic-COVID-19-hovering-mutating lives are finding people still experiencing fluctuations. The most severe restrictions of the pandemic have been lifted, but the residue lingers – it may be gone, "but first - it wet the bed!" We are adapting and adopting. The world is not the same.

Intriguingly, this is a season when we reflect on those moments that occurred over two thousand years ago when a young woman gave birth to a baby and the world has not been the same since. I find comfort that, as we remember the old story of the birth of our Savior, God is today still speaking, challenging, prodding, and casting a vision for the future. God is a constant power in the world whether the changes are drastic or the disruptiveness goes virtually unnoticed.

I remember thinking last year that St. John's would probably be enjoying a new pastoral era this new Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season. To write this makes me both apologetic and delighted. I want the best for the congregation, am blessed to have been called to serve this interim and know this time of transition will come to an end. In the meanwhile, this is still another fluctuation that reminds me (and I pray, you also) that God is always calling us to a new story, one that is unfolding around us today. But one that is also directed, empowered, and guided by recalling an old, old story.

And so, as we enter this season of Christmas, I wish for all of us to find the Peace, Hope, Joy and Love in hearing the story again and finding in it God's voice that calls us to love one another and to build up our relationships with others. That would be a great gift and source of sustaining comfort for those of us who are finding a "wet bed." May you all be filled with God's presence. May you be disturbed just enough to discover something new about the faith you have been given. And may God's purposes and person be revealed to you in a mighty, undeniable fashion.

A blessed Advent & Merry Christmas to all – Always,

Jeff

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9:00 AM Sunday School
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10:30 AM Worship

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The Christ who was born of Mary did not abandon our world thirty-three years later. He is still very much present with us today. He comes to inhabit our lives, to fill us with His grace and peace. During Advent, as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth, we reflect upon how He brings blessing, renewal, guidance, and power into our daily lives.

O LORD, YOU WERE BORN

Each year about this time I try to be sophisticated and pretend I understand the bored expressions relating to the "Christmas spirit."

I nod when they say "Put the Christ back in Christmas."
I say yes, yes when they shout "Commercial" and "Hectic, hectic, hectic"
After all, I'm getting older, and I've heard it said, "Christmas is for children."

But, somehow a fa-la-la keeps creeping out...So I'll say it:
I love Christmas tinsel and angel voices that come from the beds upstairs.
And I say three cheers for Santa Clause and for the Salvation Army bucket

And all the wrappings and festivities and special warm feelings.

I say it is good, giving, praising, celebrating.
So hooray for Christmas trees and candlelight and the good, old church pageant.

Hooray for shepherd boys who forget their lines and Wise Men whose beards fall off

And a Mary who giggles. *O Lord, You were born!*

O Lord, You were born!
And that breaks in upon my ordered life like bugles blaring,
And I sing, "Hark the Herald Angels" in the most unlikely places

You were born and I will celebrate!

I rejoice for the carnival of Christmas!
I clap for the pajama-clad cherubs and the Christmas cards jammed in the mail slot.

I o-o-o-oh for the turkey and ah-h-h-h for the Christmas pudding

And thank God for the alleluias I see in the faces of people
I don't know and yet know very well.

O Lord, there just aren't enough choirboys to sing what I feel.
There aren't enough trumpets to blow.

O Lord, I want bells to peal!
I want to dance in the streets of Bethlehem!
I want to sing with the heavenly host!

For unto us a Son was given and was called *God with Us.*

For those of us who believe, the whole world is decorated in love!

O Lord, You Were Born

From the book "Kneeling in Bethlehem" by Ann Weems

Submitted by Pastor Dotty



**YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT,
YOU'D BETTER NOT CRY
SOCKO CLAUSE IS
COMING TO TOWN**

It's that time of year again! Time to collect socks to hang out on the line in front of the church for all the good boys and girls. In my house, it just wasn't Christmas without a couple new pairs of socks to keep our feet toasty warm. Let's spread the warmth of the season by sharing with our neighbors. Please bring socks: men's, women's, kid's; any size, style, or color into Pastor Dotty's office by **Monday, December 19** and we will help Socko Clause hang them on the line. If your feet are cold, you're cold all over. We want everyone to feel the warmth of God's love this Christmas.



**Christmas
Services**

Wednesday

December 21 @ 6:30 p.m.

Not looking forward to the holidays due to loss, loneliness, difficulties?

Join us for "Blue Christmas" in our new Fourth and Faith Community Center

Saturday

December 24

3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Join our candlelight and communion service in our beautiful sanctuary

Sunday

December 25

10:30 AM Worship & Blessing of presents

WAY TO GO!!

Thanks to your generosity, twenty families will have a happier Thanksgiving because of the food you donated to our "If you can, bring a can" project.

Also, 178 scarves, 64 hats, and 34 pairs of gloves for a total of 276 items were either made or donated and hung on the line outside the church for the **Tuscarawas Scarf Project**. The people of St. John's are a blessing!





"The greatest glory in living, lies not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall."

Nelson Mandela

His name is Matt. Matthew formally. Matthew means, "Gift from God". I missed church for him on November 13. He was sharing the message with the congregation of St. John's UCC in Elmore, Ohio. And I had to be there.

I shared a bit of Matt's story with you in the August 2021 Carillon. I wrote about attending his wedding; a wedding miracle I called it.

Matt shared his story with the congregation. He told us that he was in his first year of teaching in a kindergarten class where he co-taught with another teacher. Matt spent most of his days working with three autistic children and helping them to function within the class. He was in his second year of coaching baseball at his alma mater, Elyria High School. And he was enjoying time with his three-year girlfriend, Kathleen. His life was following his plan and was "a dream coming true".

And then one morning, his mother awoke to the sounds of Matt seizing in his bed. That was February 7, 2013. He was

rushed immediately to the hospital where the Emergency Room doctor diagnosed him with Encephalitis (or "E" as Matt calls it). He needed a specific medicine and a specific doctor to give it to him. He needed to be life-flighted to University Hospital, but because of severe weather, no helicopters were flying. So a trip that should have taken a half hour took one full hour. The doctor came, gave him the medicine and determined that Matt need to be at University Hospital. So off he went in an ambulance.

On that day, Matt had to be brought back to life four times. He was in a deep coma and seizing constantly. Matt told us that 20,000 Americans get "E" and 20% of those cases are fatal. He said he should have been one of those cases. The doctors said, "It's by the grace of God that Matt survived the first ten days." He had a serious brain injury. Matt says, "I truly believe that God and my angels were with me that day."

For the next six months, Matt was in two specialized rehabilitation centers literally learning everything again from the ground up. He had to learn to talk and walk (with the aid of a walker), to eat and drink, to swallow, to smile...just everything we learn as we grow. And he has no short-term memory. Long term, yes.

Matt told us that two movies explain his story...

"Groundhog Day" and "50 First Dates". As he says, "I have had to learn to adapt." Each day he has to be reminded of what has happened the day before. He relives what he has done through pictures and videos. So he would not remember today that yesterday he gave the message in the Elmore church. Luckily, St. John's, Elmore records their worship service like we do and it is sent out to anyone who would like to watch it. Matt will be watching today.

Each year Matt celebrates on February 7th, Matt 2.0, the day that God gave him life again. He shared with us that he had set 5 goals for himself...he wanted to marry Kathleen, which he did last August. He continues to work harder to get better. Matt wants to coach baseball again, so he studied and took the test needed to become a coach and just recently received his certification to do so. He also shared that a friend is a football coach and has asked Matt to be on the coaching staff. Matt also would like to drive a car again and go back to teaching kindergarten. The last two goals, he knows will be a bit more difficult to attain, but he is sure he will in time drive and teach.

Matt's title to his sermon was *The Infinite Possibilities of Joy When Life Throws You a Curve Ball*. Matt told us over and over in his message that he has experienced so many joys since "E" attacked his brain and body. He says that the joys of life come from just being alive. And he can prove

that he has had many joys in the past almost 10 years. He has the pictures and stories to prove it.

Matt left us all with some statements that he thinks help him and can help all of us...

Focus on the little things I can do, not on the things I can't do. Don't say can't!

A little bit of tears is OK.

Having a team of loving, caring and compassionate people in your life is important.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Go out, make a joyful noise, and tell them Matt sent you.

And there was not a dry eye in that sanctuary.

After worship, I was able to sit down for lunch with Matt, the pastor of the church and my friend, Margaret and Matt's mom who has been a friend of mine for years. We had such wonderful conversations. I am amazed at the strides Matt has made over the past almost 10 years. He has come a long way. I know it has been difficult, and he has had setbacks and more time in hospitals and rehabilitation centers than any of us would like. And yet, Matt thanked us. He said that we had been there since the beginning, and he so appreciated us. He is a gracious, calm and peaceful man who radiates his joy.

Christmas is this month. One of the candles in our Advent wreath is the candle of Joy. The joy we experience during Advent. Traci Smith writes in *Faithful Families for Advent &*

Christmas, "Jesus came into a world where there are all kinds of emotions—happiness, sadness, anger, loneliness, just to name a few. Even though these emotions still exist, we can have joy that God is with us through them all." Infinite possibilities of joy. Go out and tell them Matt sent you.

Breathe.

Merry Christmas!!

Belinda



Matt with his mom (Mary)



Matt with Belinda

Christmas Advent Festival

The entire church family is invited to join the XOO kids and their families as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus's birth. We will be gathering for a covered dish dinner at **5:30 on Wednesday, November 30, in the Social Hall**. After dinner, we will divide into groups for crafts and window painting. This is one of the many family events sponsored by the Board of Christian Education and everyone is in the family. Please call Belinda or the church office @ 330-364-4458 if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!



Handbells...

Handbells practice is on **Sunday evenings at 7:30pm**.

Recalling all past ringers and inviting any new ringers to join us. Adults and children. All are welcome. Some music knowledge is helpful, but not mandatory as the music will be numbered and color coded. Practices are **Sunday evenings**. We only ask for a commitment month by month, so members can ring part-time or full-time. Come try it out!!! Any questions - - - call Nancy Smith at 330-364-2195.

October Financial Report

Actual Income \$ 31,567
Actual Expenses \$ 26,414

Average Worship
Attendance
79



Looking Ahead...

ANNUAL
REPORT

Reminder to all Committee Chairs, Class Leaders and Department Chairs that it is time to begin preparations for your year-end reports for the - **2022 Annual Report.**

Elder of the Month

In an effort to better meet the needs of the congregation, we will be printing the contact information for the Elder of the month. The purpose of doing this is to provide another contact person, in addition to Rev. Jackson and Pastor Dotty, should you have a personal or family emergency.

Jean Paddock
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Jodi Picoult Strikes Again!



Diana O'Toole has her life planned. She will climb the job ladder in the art auction world. She will marry her boyfriend, Finn, who is a surgical resident. She will be happy and successful. Then Covid struck and the trip the couple planned to the Galapagos has changed. Finn insists that Diana go without him since he is ethically bound to help the Covid patients in his care. Read *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult to find how evolution occurs within human thought as well as in the natural world. Join the Bad Girls on **Monday, December 12** at 6:30 in the Conference Room for another enlightening discussion of life events and the decision-making that comes next.

St. John's UCC Council Meeting November 8th, 2022 at 7:30pm

The meeting of St. John's United Church of Christ Council was called to order on November 8th, 2022 at 7:30 pm by President Dan Dummermuth. There were 8 members in attendance including Pastor Dotty Hartzell.

President Dan lit the Christ candle and Pastor Dotty offered an opening prayer.

The October 2022 minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Adam Herman gave the treasurer's report. General Fund Income for October was \$31,567 and Expenses were \$26,414 resulting in a gain of \$5,153 for the month. General Fund Income year-to-date is \$235,563 with Expenses year-to-date of \$307,464 resulting in a year-to-date shortfall of \$71,901. To date \$95,544 has been transferred from investments to cover anticipated expenses. M/S/C by Rob Gump and Sue Ferbrache to approve the treasurer's report. Adam reported the proposed 2023 budget was mailed to members at the beginning of the week. It will be voted on at the congregational meeting after the church service on November 20th.

SENIOR MINISTER REPORT - Sue Ferbrache reported for Rev. Jeff. She reviewed the focus of the Advent services. This year we have five confirmands, they and their families will be asked to do the Advent lanterns and light the Advent candles during church services. Once again, we will have a Longest Night/Blue Christmas service on December 21st, 6:30pm at Fourth & Faith. Last year, it was a beautiful service that virtually no one attended. We will try this again because it is a good service and ministry for those who are feeling a loss and/or feel lost in the



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**St. John's UCC Council Meeting
November 8th, 2022 at 7:30pm**

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season. Christmas Eve services at 3pm and 8pm will include candlelight and communion. Christmas Day 10:30am service will include Christmas Carols and Blessing of the Presents.

PASTOR OF VISITATION REPORT - Pastor Doty updated us that the Needles and Hookers have made and collected 85 scarves, 18 hats and 19 sets of gloves. The week after Thanksgiving, socks and underwear will be collected. The craft show was a huge success. The November 6th brunch was well attended and the Thanksgiving dinner food donations will be given to 18 families. The bags for the Emergency Room Kid Kits have arrived and we have received many wonderful supplies to fill them. Pastor Doty has officiated one wedding and two funerals, this past month.

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-Belinda Lentz reported the Youth Group enjoyed the Coshocton Corn Maze, although it was not much of a challenge for them. A lock-in is scheduled for November 18-19th. The youth will be selling Christmas greens and November 27th will be the pickup day. XOO kids met and enjoyed a good time together. They will be discussing kindness, bravery and thankfulness in November. The Advent Festival is open to all, and is scheduled for November 30th at 5:30.

BOARD REPORTS

ELDERS REPORT - Sue Ferbrache reported monetary donations will be collected in November and December for St. John's staff gifts. November 27th will be the first Sunday back for passing of communion. A practice for Communion servers will be held immediately after the Congregational meeting on November 20th. Sue discussed Christmas service advertising. Rob Gump will make sure the Advent banner will be up. She will contact John Herzig to advertise service hours on the Monarch Center sign. Pastor Doty is finalizing Advent Lantern Project schedule.

DEACONS REPORT - The ushers for December are confirmed.

TRUSTEES REPORT – Rob Gump reported that Miller Roofing repaired the roof by the steeple. They will be back at a later date to continue repairs on the flat roof. The boiler was not working and our facility was chilly. Blasenbauer Heating and Plumbing resolved a water softener fitting that failed soaked the control board. M/S/C by Rob Gump and Belinda Lentz to approve the \$7,519.68 estimate for repairs. (Since Council meeting, this estimate was submitted to insurance and the church will owe the \$2,500 deductible and the balance will be paid by insurance)

COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE REPORTS

Pastor Search Committee - The Search Committee completed the church profile for St. John's and it was published by the Living Water Association in June of this year. To date we have received 6 pastor profiles from the Association office to consider. We met with one candidate via zoom and have chosen not to pursue him further. The profiles of the other candidates did not match well with the needs of St. John's. On the recommendation of Rev. Nayiri Karjian from the Association office we have expanded our search process beyond the UCC resources with advertising in various Christian publications and spreading the word among the community. We are committed to being patient and seeking the minister who will best meet the needs of St. John's. Meanwhile, Rev. Jackson has agreed to continue in his Interim Senior Minister role as we continue the search process.

ONA Committee - No report.

Nominating Committee - The committee will be meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL SOLICITATIONS - None.

OLD BUSINESS - President Dan invited discussion on reducing the size of church council. No decision will be made at this point in time.

NEW BUSINESS - None

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Float Building- Nov. 15th and 28th, 6-8pm, Peterman Plumbing, 525 West 15th St.

Wreath Making-Monday, November 21st, 6-8pm, Fourth & Faith

Delicious Chocolate's Class- Tuesday, November 29th, 6-8pm Fourth & Faith

Dover Christmas Parade- December 3rd, 5pm. After parade hot chocolate/cookies/photos with Santa at Fourth & Faith for the community.

ADJOURNMENT AND LORD'S PRAYER -

President Dan led the council in the Lord's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.





St. John's UCC,

Thank you for the generous card & graduation gift! I am so grateful for the support you've shown my family & I over the years!

Thanks again!
Laiken Wallick

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Landscape Thank You!

Thanks to all you inveterate gardeners who helped out on November 5 or earlier. We raked innumerable leaves. We trimmed back shrubs, hostas, and hedges. We weed-ate any unsuspecting weed. We contributed several truck loads of potential compost to Dover's compost heap. Thanks to all who worked to maintain St. John's extensive landscaping: John and June Wright, Barb Lengler, Jen Conklin, Rod and Beth Showers, Adam, Cheryl, and Gavin Herman, Dave and Jane Gingrich, Rudy Tshantz and, our patriarch, Jim Cotton.

Laura Brown
Sue Ferbrache

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St. John's UCC,

Thank you for having such a lovely memorial, burial service for our loved one.

The Russell Stalder family

Atta-Boys Book Group

The Atta-Boys book group celebrated finishing our first reading by attending the One Book, One Community pinnacle event with *Kent State* author Deborah Wiles at Kent State University at Tuscarawas on November 7. The group enjoyed the author's explanation of the distinct voices chosen to represent various perspectives of the tragic vent. The Atta-Boys sat in the row directly behind the "Bad Girls" and were happily undistracted by their behavior (an appropriately named group).

Prior to the event, the Atta-Boys group gathered for a time of reflection, discussion, fellowship, and to enjoy some refreshments at the local Sunoco/Sibley Mart. Bags of snacks and fountain drinks helped fuel a spirited conversation. Hopes and dreams were raised to the point that several Powerball tickets were purchased on the way to the KSU campus.

The book chosen for a next reading is one that was inspired by the author's presentation. She invited the audience to consider the stories that arise in our lives – each day and over time. So, for our next book, the Atta-Boys will be reading *How to Tell a Story: The Essential Guide to Memorable Storytelling from The Moth*. **The Moth** is an acclaimed non-profit organization dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling. Since its launch in 1997, The Moth has presented more than fifty thousand stories and received the MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions and a Peabody Award for *The Moth Radio Hour*, which airs on more than 570 stations nationwide. *The Moth* podcast is downloaded more than ninety million times annually.

Our next gathering may even include a trek to a Moth event. It will certainly involve a stop at a convenience store/gas station! Stay tuned!

Fourth and Faith Morning Devotions



God things come In small packages

Sunday Mornings
Fourth & Faith - 401 N Wooster Ave
9:00am Gathering
9:15-9:50am Study, Singing, & Prayer

4-Dec Luke 2:1-7
11-Dec Luke 1:39-55
18-Dec 1 Samuel 16-31

Pre- K Registration



Registration for the 2023-2024 school year **for St. John's members** will begin on **Monday**, December 5, 2022 in the church office.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Pre-K 5's - child must be 5 years old by January 1, 2023

Pre-K - child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2023

Wee Three - child must be 3 years old by August 1, 2023 and **potty trained**

REGISTRATION FEE: All Classes - \$50.00 (non-refundable)

***MONTHLY TUITION and CLASS SCHEDULE:**

Pre-K 5's \$ 185
Monday - Friday
9:00 - 11:45 am only

Wee Three \$ 85
Monday, Tuesday
1:00 - 3:30 pm

preschool registration



Pre-K 4's \$ 120
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday
8:45 - 11:30 am
1:00 - 3:45 pm

Wee Three \$ 85
Thursday & Friday
9:00 - 11:30 am

Registration is open to the public on **Monday, January 16, 2023** from **9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the **Pre-K rooms**. **Director, Amanda Jeffery; Teachers, Julie Van Fossen and Nichelle Edwards; Aides, Sharon Finnie, Kim Love and Lillian Bucevac.** *All fees are subject to change.

Photos with Santa

The Dover Christmas Parade is on **Saturday December 3** at 5pm. The community is invited to join us after the parade for hot chocolate, cookies & photos with Santa at Fourth & Faith. **All are welcome!**



Live Nativity



St. John's will once again be sharing with the community our Live Nativity performances both **Saturday, December 17** and **Sunday, December 18** at **7:00, 7:30, 8:00, and 8:30.**

This beautiful musically narrated story of the birth of God's gift to the world has become a tradition and gift to the community from St. John's.

Please stop by and share in the Christmas story as portrayed by the youth of St. John's. Or better yet, come and be a part of the Nativity Story. Just let Belinda know if you would like to participate.



December Birthdays

1
Ashley Creech
Kevin Ickes
Chad Perry
Lori Phillips

2
Joann Lorenz
Mark Perry
Beth Sexton
Kim Thomson

3
Matt Perry

4
Suzanne Nemetz

5
Heather Burrier

6
Mackenzie Immel
Nicole West

7
Kay Mattevi

8
Ruth Campbell
Holly Diefenbaugh
Scott Kinsey
Parker McMillan
Kathryn West

9
Benett Wallick

10
Tiffany Brown
Stephanie Krantz
Kelly Siegenthaler
Heather Smith

11
Jackie Kandel
Kayla Murphy

12
Brenda Froman

13
Kathy Deitrick
Deborah Bleininger

14
Nick Alleshouse
Erna Lou Goldsmith

15
Holly Geib

Trevor Welch
16
Marvin Schrolucke
Ian Sexton
17
Spencer Altier
Sara Daley
Melissa Kapper
Daniel Sickinger
Keegan Whitlach
Olivia Whitlach
Sara Whitlach
18
Brenda Goehring
Kris Smith
19
Marc Brunner
Alice Minnis
Dylan Sayre
20
Chris Bitikofer
Chrissy Sickinger
Ann Swinderman
Conner Thomson
23
John Engelhard
24
Greg Arbogast
John Boynton
Jane Gingrich
Holly Gonter
25
Trevor Burrier
Brenda Lahm
26
Chris Becker
Cara Marburger
Patty McGinnis
Scott Shreiner
John Stalder
27
Linda Kilgore
Rhonda McCaslin
28
David Hanni
Madelyn McIlvaine
Livia Mines
Kristen Siegenthaler
29
Alice Coutts
Darsi Feller
Jeremy Harmon
Jill Lindberg
Jonathan Mason
Jon McIlvaine

30
Jillian Elton
Kristi Festi
31
Susan Blind
Earl Feller



December Anniversaries

1
Debra & Mark Hughes
Sandra & Rick Moss

5
Connie & Dan Burrier

9
Robin & Todd Altier
Odessa & Dale Peacock

11
Melissa & Buck Uebel

12
Melissa & Brian Poland

15
Robyn & Bryan Hughes
Mary Lou & Charles Orr

16
Kelly & Jason Wallick

17
Vicki & Edward Rufener

20
Casey & James Fisher

21
Linda & James Kilgore

22
Karie & Tim McCrate

25
Betty & Roland Davidson

26
Ginny & Ed Diefenbaugh

27
Patricia & Frank Ellwood
Carrie & Steve Preston

28
Beth & Rod Showers

29
Eva & Marion Haines

30
Alicia & Nathan Bower

31
Maggie & Jason Geissinger

Family Members in Nursing Homes

Hennis Care Centre
Lois Shell

Park Village
Grace Bochsler

Park Village Asst. Living N.
Dean & Marjorie Auman
Jim Cotton

The Inn at Northwood
Mabel Maurer

Schoenbrunn Healthcare
Marion Haines



Hospital News

Members and friends of the St. John's family hospitalized between October 15 - present include: Carol Graef and Jim Murphy

HOSPITAL NOTE: We are no longer being notified by any of the area hospitals when our members are admitted due to policies involving patients' rights to privacy. Therefore, if you or a member of your family is admitted to a hospital and you would like the church to know and the minister to visit, you need to call or E-mail the church office with the information. Thanks for your help with this matter.



We wish to express our sympathy to the following:

- To the family of Joanne Ladrach Britain. Joanne passed away September 30.
- To the family of John (Jack) Koontz. Jack passed away on October 16.
- To friends & family of Patricia Kugler Allison. Pat passed away November 4.



Carillon Deadline

The deadline to get information and articles into the next regular issue of the Carillon is **Monday, December 12, 2022**. Please mark your calendar! This will be for the January Carillon. We want to continue to keep each mailing loaded with information, dates, articles, etc. pertaining to the life of St. John's. **Remember ... you can now send your articles, thank you's, etc. by Email to: church.secretary@doverstjohns.org**

Church Office Closed

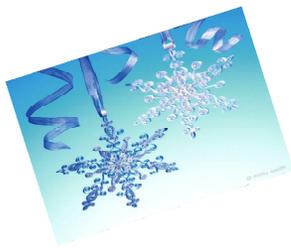
The church office will be closed **Monday, December 26**, in celebration of our Savior's birth. And also, on **Monday, January 2, 2023**, for New Year's Day.

St. John's is BLESSED



What a terrific staff we have at St. John's! When it comes to Sunday worship, weekday Bible studies, elderly and infirm visits, funerals, maintaining both of our buildings, printing bulletins, and organizing the life of the church, our folks accomplish it all and more with patience, good humor, and love. Show your appreciation of St. John's staff by contributing to the Christmas love gift which will be divided evenly among our nine staff members. Turn in your donation marked **Love Gift** to the office or put it in the offering plate by **December 18**.

The Elders



DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2	3 5:00 Christmas Parade after the parade join us @ Fourth & Faith hot cocoa, cookies & photos with Santa
4 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Devotions @ Fourth & Faith 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 7:30 Bells Practice No Youth	5 2:00 Needles & Hookers 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Barbershop	6 2:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts/	7 5:30 XOO 7:00 Chancel Choir	8 	9	10 9:00 Social Hall Res.
11 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Devotions @ Fourth & Faith 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:30 Family Luncheon/Social Hall 1:00 Fourth & Faith Reserved 6:00 Youth Group 7:30 Bells Practice	12 Carillon Deadline 2:00 Needles & Hookers 5:00 Fourth & Faith Reserved 6:30 Bad Girls 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Barbershop	13 2:00 Women's Bible Study 5:00 Social Hall Res. 6:30 Cub Scouts/ Webelos 6:30 Elders/Trustees 7:30 Council	14 1-4 Card Party@ Fourth & Faith 5:30 XOO 7:00 Chancel Choir	15	16 	17 10-5 Fourth & Faith Reserved/Scouts Live Nativity 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 & 8:30
18 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Devotions @ Fourth & Faith 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship 7:30 Bells Practice Live Nativity 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 & 8:30	19 Socks due date 2:00 Needles & Hookers 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Barbershop	20 2:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts/ Webelos	21 9:30 Conf. Rm Res. 6:30 Blue Christmas/Longest Night @ Fourth & Faith 5:30 XOO 7:00 Chancel Choir	22	23 	24 3:00 pm & 8:00 pm Candlelight and communion service in the Sanctuary
25 Merry Christmas 10:30 Carols & Blessing of presents 	26 Building & Office Closed 7:00 Boy Scouts	27 2:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts/ Webelos	28 5:30 XOO 7:00 Chancel Choir	29 	30	31 Happy New Year