February 4th Worship Information Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:15 am available later online on St. John's Facebook Page, Website or YouTube Channel: youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Theme: Shine the Light Focus Scripture: Mark 1:29-39

Worship Assistants

Hospitality: Grace and Mark Bruen, Team leaders; Mary Billy, Anne Haines, Gerry Linderman, Rickie Lee Sands Elder of the Morning: Susan Fitzpatrick CD Technician: Griff Francis Chancel Flower Ministry: Mary Billy Driver: Jo-Ann Sine Umbrella Ministry: Judy Johnston

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Albert C. Munzinger's February 6th birthday from his daughter and grandson, Kay & Tony Fiala In memory of Bud Moyer from his wife, Ruth, and family In memory of Dick Yocum's February 9th birthday from his family

In memory of Barbara Wenner's February 10th birthday from her husband, Bill, and Shelly and Marissa Longcoy



A team of volunteers are needed to represent the welcoming atmosphere here at St. Johns. We are looking for greeters for the Sunday morning service at 10:15. We'd like 3 members each Sunday to serve as greeters at the back of the Sanctuary (2) and Back Door (1) entrance (formerly known as umbrella ministry) to welcome attendees. You can be paired with someone as well. Please consider this important ministry! There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex and Elevator lobby or you can call the church office or speak to an Elder.

Thank you to my St. John's Family

For everything you have done...for everything you have given...thank you! The flowers are most beautiful. It is so nice to be thought about & loved. Many thanks & love, Shirley Hale

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2024	\$7,884.62
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2024	\$798.00
A Look at the Week of January 21, 2024	
Attendance: 10:15 am, January 21	117
Attendance: 5:30 pm, January 24	27
Offering For Current Income	\$7,465.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$559.00
A Look at the Week of January 28, 2024	
Attendance: 10:15 am, January 28	127
Attendance: 5:30 pm, January 31	tba
Offering For Current Income	\$16,623.84
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$517.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb	4	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Sunday Morning Worship at 10:15 am Praying Hands Stitchers & Connect ³ at 9am Congregational Meeting, Vote & Dinner
Feb	6	AA, NAMI
Feb	7	Wednesday Night Live5-7pmCommunity Meal5:30pmWorship6pmChildren's Music, Adult Education6:45pmUnited Ringers Handbell Choir7:30pmChancel Choir & Friends
Feb	8	Stampers
Feb	9	Artist Series Midwinter Gala at PineCrest Country Club Chess
Feb	10	Women's Retreat
Feb	11	Transfiguration Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:15 am Connect³ at 9am Blanket Sunday Offering New Council Members Installation Enlightener due date Girl Scout Cookie Sale during Fellowship

Wednesday Lenten Book Study

Beginning Feb. 21 at 6:00 pm - St. John's Library (& on Zoom)

This year's book is titled, **A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows Though Loss** by Jerry Sittser. Everyone experiences loss, some of it tragic and unexpected, sometimes predictable. Regardless of the kind of loss we experience, Jerry Sittser suggests our souls have the opportunity to grow.

We will host this study for five consecutive Wednesdays, concluding on March 20. Contact Rev. Dale or the church office if you plan to attend via Zoom so we can share the link with you. The book is available on Amazon and there are two editions available, with a January 1, 1996 version (if you scroll down) which is much less expensive, especially if you buy it "used."

February 11th Worship Information Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:15 am available later online

on St. John's Facebook Page, Website or YouTube Channel: youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa

Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Theme: Shine the Light Focus Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

Worship Assistants

Hospitality: Robin MacMullen, Team leader; Peter Conver, Griff Francis, Stefanie Giampa, Carol Luehrs, Jenn Moyer, Matt Rivett
Elder of the Morning: Anne Kinsey
CD Technician: Matt Rivett
Chancel Flower Ministry: Tracey & Mark O'Neill
Driver: Gale Linderman
Umbrella Ministry: Marcia Stacy

Chancel Flowers

In memory of David T. Evans' birthday from his daughter, Jeane, Bob and Beth Fritz

In memory of Jean's Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Moyer, from Jean and Tom Beggs



Saturday, February 3, 10am-3pm



Women's Retreat – February 10, 9:30am - Church Library What could be better on a February morning than to hear garden stories and see slides of gardens? Marie Bertolette Carota hopes to inspire you with her passion for native plants and why we need to plant them. Come join your friends and get psyched for spring!

Light refreshments will be served. All women are welcome!

Save the Date: Ash Wednesday, February 14 Community Meal from 5:00-6:45 pm Followed by Worship and Communion in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice of votes to be held at February 4, 2024, Congregation Meeting

We will consider two matters to be voted on at the February 4, 2024, Congregational meeting:

1. Proposed Amendment to Constitution and By-Laws of St. John's United Church of Christ. The reason for this amendment is to align our By-Laws with our current practices.

Delete ARTICLE VII, Section G. Item 2. in its entirety, and replace it with the following. Underlined language is being added to the existing terms.

Board members shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, and may serve a maximum of one (1) term, with no person serving on more than one Board simultaneously. After the conclusion of their three (3) year term, Board members shall be ineligible for reelection to the same Board or a different board for a period of one (1) year, after which they may again be elected to serve a term of three (3) years on the same Board or a different Board. Board members may be elected to President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary during or upon conclusion of their then current term. In order to provide continuity, the goal shall be that one third of the membership of each of the four (4) Boards shall be elected each year. Vacancies for un-expired Board terms shall be filled by appointment of the Church Council. Following the completion of such an un-expired term, those appointees shall be eligible for election to a three (3) year term on said Board.

Delete ARTICLE VII, Section G. Item 5. in its entirety, and replace it with the following:

The President and the Vice-President shall be elected from the members of the Council or <u>Church membership</u>, having at least two (2) years experience on the Council. They shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, with the option of re-election to a second term. At the end of the Vice-President's term, the Vice-President, with his/her consent, and with the approval of the Council, shall become the President of the Council. <u>At the conclusion of the President's term, the President shall be ineligible for any Officer or Board for one (1) year, after which they may again be eligible to be elected as an Officer or to a Board. The President shall not serve on any Board while serving as President.</u>

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2. Election of new Council members. Nominees are as follows.

President: Mark Bruen, 1 year term

Vice President: Deborah Dayton, 1 year term

Deacons - 3 year term

- Sumiko Booraem
- Judy Johnston
- Confirming appointment of Rickie Lee Sands, filling a vacant role ending in January 2026
- Confirming appointment of Judy Leslie, filling a vacant role ending in January 2026

Educators - 3 year term

- Kim Sands
- Barbara MacMullen

Elders - 3 year term

- Emilie Truscott
- Bill Cagney

Trustees - 3 year term

- Brian Hutchinson
- Steve Hendricks
- Confirming appointment of Alan Malachowski, filling a vacant role ending in January 2025

Acknowledgements

To the Memorial fund in memory of Wendy Hunt from Bill & Judy Leslie

Save the Date: Soup Sale, Sunday, February 25

Passing the Plate

We have received a number of comments recently regarding opportunities for collecting offering. In response to these



g offering. In response to these comments, beginning on Sunday, February 18, Hospitality Team members will begin to once again pass offering plates to the congregation in the pews during

the 10:15 service. The current practice of having plates by the entrances before the service will also continue for those who prefer that method. Electronic giving will also remain an option.

This change will be the subject of brief announcements during the next two services and anyone with questions or comments can reach out to Bill Leslie any time.



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