

February 18th Worship Information

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
available later online

on St. John's Facebook Page, Website or
YouTube Channel: [youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa](https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa)

First Sunday in Lent

Lenten Theme: Follow Me
Focus Scripture: Mark 1:9-15

Worship Assistants

Hospitality: Grace and Mark Bruen, Team leaders;
Mary Billy, Anne Haines, Gerry Linderman, Rickie Lee
Sands, Ginny Wilkinson

Elder of the Morning: Bill Cagney

CD Technician: David Douglass

Chancel Flower Ministry: Barb & Robin MacMullen

Driver: Jo-Ann Sine

Umbrella Ministry: Joyce Huisenga

Connect³ Mission Project

**“Shine the Light” of love and Christian fellowship
on the children of Malawi.**

Back in November, Rev Chuck Monts and his wife Deb spoke to us about their work in Malawi. Our children learned about the children there, and learned a song they sing in church. When we asked what we could do to help the children there, Deb and Chuck suggested we help create a library, because the children have no books. They also suggested sending solar powered flashlights, because there is no electricity.

We have started a collection of books and flashlights to send to the children in Malawi. Lizzie the bookworm is helping us with that, too.

If you would like to help with this project, there are three ways to do so:

- New or used children's books for all ages can be dropped off in the library
- Solar powered flashlights can be dropped off there, too
- If you would like to contribute money to cover the cost of shopping (or to buy more books), please mark your contribution “Malawi mission project”.

Thank you for your support of this project and of the growing Christian community in Malawi.

As of January 31, 2024	
Budgeted Monthly Income for January	\$55,774.67
Actual Income for January	\$47,451.23
Total Income Difference	(\$8,323.44)
Budgeted Monthly Expenses January	\$52,180.63
Actual Expenses for January	\$54,840.55
Total Expense Difference	\$2,659.92
YTD Budgeted Current Income for January	\$46,879.00
YTD Actual Current Income for January	\$38,318.34
Total Current Income Difference	(\$8,560.66)
YTD amt. needed to fulfill OCWM pledge	\$5,613.00
YTD Actual Offering for OCWM	\$4,802.71
OCWM Difference	(\$810.29)
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 1, 2024	
Offering For Current Income	\$4,766.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$2,002.71
A Look at the Week of January 7, 2024	
Offering For Current Income	\$4,641.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$734.00
A Look at the Week of January 14, 2024	
Offering For Current Income	\$5,437.50
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$727.50
A Look at the Week of January 21, 2024	
Offering For Current Income	\$7,100.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$559.00
A Look at the Week of January 28, 2024	
Offering For Current Income	\$16,373.84
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$779.50



Spring Goodie Boxes

Please bring your donations (for packages for young people living away from home) to the church Library through March 3rd.

We will be preparing 24 boxes. Donations of non-perishable, small, sturdy food items, school items, or personal items are greatly appreciated. Send the name and complete USPS address of your student to the church office (office@st-johns-ucc.org) or Bonnie Weber before March 3rd.

Also, verify the address if your student previously received a package. Send questions to Bonnie Weber at bonweber@gmail.com. Many thanks for your continued support!

February 25th Worship Information

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
available later online

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YouTube Channel: [youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa](https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa)

Second Sunday in Lent

Lenten Theme: Follow Me
Focus Scripture: Mark 8:31-38

Worship Assistants

Hospitality: Mark Methlie, Team leader; Jen Gilbert,
Sarah Hogan, Bonnie & Walt Weber

Elder of the Morning: Sally Atkiss

CD Technician: Robin MacMullen

Chancel Flower Ministry: Sarah Hogan

Driver: Scott Vanderburg

Umbrella Ministry:

Chancel Flowers

In memory of James “David” Krail’s February 26th birthday from Debbie Krail and family



Passing the Plate

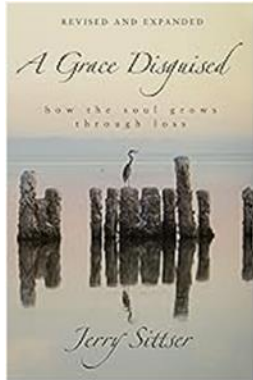
We have received a number of comments recently regarding opportunities for collecting offering. In response to these comments, beginning on Sunday, February 18, Hospitality Team members will begin to once again pass offering plates to the congregation in the pews during the 10:15 service. The current 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us on Sunday, February 18, for a special time of worship at 10:15 a.m. when Mary Chantry, President of the local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, is joined by other members of the Society in sharing their ministry of caring for the suffering and needy. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a cherished mission partner with St. John's. Inspired by the call of the Gospel to serve, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves through the ministry of charity and justice. You won't want to miss learning about this society and its mission which began in Paris, France in 1883. Today, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is active in 150 countries with a local conference based here in Hatfield. If you want to experience God's love at work, please join us!



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 Through 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."



Soup Sale, Sunday, February 25

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 18 **First Sunday in Lent**
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Representatives from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will share their mission and ministry with St. John's. Q&A in the Library following worship. Connect³ at 9am
- Feb 20 AA
- Feb 21 **Wednesday Night Live**
5-7pm Community Meal
5:30pm Worship
6pm Children's Music, Lenten Book Study, Conflict De-Escalation Meeting
6:45pm United Ringers Handbell Choir
7:30pm Chancel Choir & Friends
- Feb 22 Enlightener Folding, Soup Prep
- Feb 23 Soup Cooking, Chess
- Feb 25 **Second Sunday in Lent**
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Acknowledgements

- To the Artist Series in memory of Phyllis J. Patton from Dot, Frederick, John & Cynthia Overwise
- To the Artist Series in memory of Grace Ehly from Mary Billy
- To the Memorial fund in memory of Grace Ehly from Jo-Ann Sine



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 sign-up sheet in the Narthex and Elevator lobby or you can call the church office or speak to an Elder.

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