



St. John United Church of Christ
 301 S. Market Street
 New Athens, Illinois 62264

April 25, 2021

Traditional Worship
 8 a.m.

Office Phone
 (618) 475-2947

Contemporary Worship
 9:15 a.m.

Email
 stjohnucc@att.net

Sunday School Classes
 9:00 a.m.

Church Website
 stjohnuccnewathens.com



Low-cost, Christian counseling is available through Family Care Ministries. Contact Pastor Koch or the church office to schedule an appointment. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

An offering box is located at the rear of the sanctuary. If you're visiting with us, please don't feel obligated to give an offering today. The offering is for those who call St. John their church home.



Please pray for these churches, pastors, and friends:

From the Illinois South Conference:

Darmstadt, Holy Ghost UCC

DuBois, St. Mark's UCC
 Pastor Tom (Marcia) Ellison

Retired Pastor
 Rev. David and Kathryn Riebeling,
 Fults, IL

Members and friends of St. John's:

Corine Albert, Helen Albert, Evonne and Mark Albert, Wyatt Albert, Sadie McDonald, Karen Al-Bori, Anisa Al-Bori, Jill and Jim Alfeldt, Jonathan, Jenna, Jack and Jolie, Bonnie Archer, Whitney Aubrecht, Stephanie and Andrew Bachmann, Avery Reuss and Darby, Margaret and Carroll Barlow, Michelle Barlow, Ruth Becker, and Jane and Joe Behnken.

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Please pray for:

- Mention this joy/concern during morning prayers.
- Please pray for this joy/concern silently.



Sign me up for the following:

- Prayer Partners
- "Doughnut time" helper (Eventually)

I'm interested in these opportunities to serve and grow:

- Usher
- Attend Bible study
- Teach Sunday School
- Serve on a committee
- Youth group volunteer
- Join "Prayer Partners"

CONTEMPORARY

Worship



- Sharing and Greeting
- Passing the Peace
- Opening Song
"Shine, Jesus, Shine"
- Morning Prayer
and Our Lord's Prayer
- Scripture Reading
1 John 3: 16-24
- Video
Stephen Stanley, "Oasis"
- The Message
"Truth and Action"
- The Blessing
- Closing Song
"Let the Peace of Christ"
- After Service Music

MEMBERS OF "COMMON LIGHT"

Paul Bickel, *Keyboard*
 Steve Jackson, *Guitar*
 Scott Gallagher, *Percussion*

Bob Koch, *Pastor*

Beth Buettner, *Office Staff*

Susan Juenger, *Director Christian Education*

Steve Jackson, *Director, "Common Lot"*

Melinda Milligan, *Director, New Beginnings Daycare*



Beginning this Sunday, the 9:15 AM service will move from Zoom to live streaming on YouTube. The easiest way to watch is by subscribing to St. John's YouTube channel. We'll start live streaming the 8 AM service soon, too. If you can't attend church in person, be sure to turn in prayer requests or announcements you'd like included on Sunday ahead of time.

Sunday School is back in session! We still need helpers and teachers for some of the slots in the weekly rotation model that we use. Contact DCE Susan Juenger at dcesusan@att.net for more info or to volunteer.

The church kitchen recently received a good cleaning and reorganizing. There are several unclaimed personal items left behind. Check the shelves above the east counter to pick up anything that might be yours. All unclaimed items will find a new home at the SAKS shop after the chicken dinner.

Our annual Chicken Dinner is next Sunday, carry out and drive through only. Serving hours are 11 AM until 2 PM (or until we run out of chicken). As always, we'll need volunteers! We're still running short of desserts as well. Sign up in the foyer, or call the church office at 475-2947 for more information.



Please fill out and tear off your Attendance/Prayer Concern slip before worship begins. Pass it to the center aisle while the church calendar is being discussed. Our ushers will collect it there.

Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available at the rear of the sanctuary.

New members are welcome and received regularly here at St. John church. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our worshipping family, speak to Pastor Koch as you leave today, or check the appropriate box on your attendance card.

If this is a Communion Sunday (generally the first Sunday of each month) we invite all Christians welcome at Christ's table in their own family of faith to join us here.

Pastor Koch is always available to help those seeking answers, comfort, or guidance. He is usually in his office all day Monday, and at various other times throughout the week. If you'd like to see him, feel free to stop by, or call the church office at 475-2947 to make an appointment.

We cordially invite all members and friends to participate in the on-going ministries of St. John church. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our church office, which is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. till Noon and 1 p.m. till 3 p.m. and staffed by Beth Buettner.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this slip, noting prayer concerns on the back. If you're a visitor with us today, we hope you'll come again!

Date _____ (Contemporary)

Your Name _____

Member Visitor Child/Youth Looking for a Church Home
 I'd like a visit from Pastor Koch

Visitors--If you're comfortable doing so, please give us your address, email, and phone.

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____ Phone _____

We want to know what you think! Please include comments, suggestions, or other feedback below:

