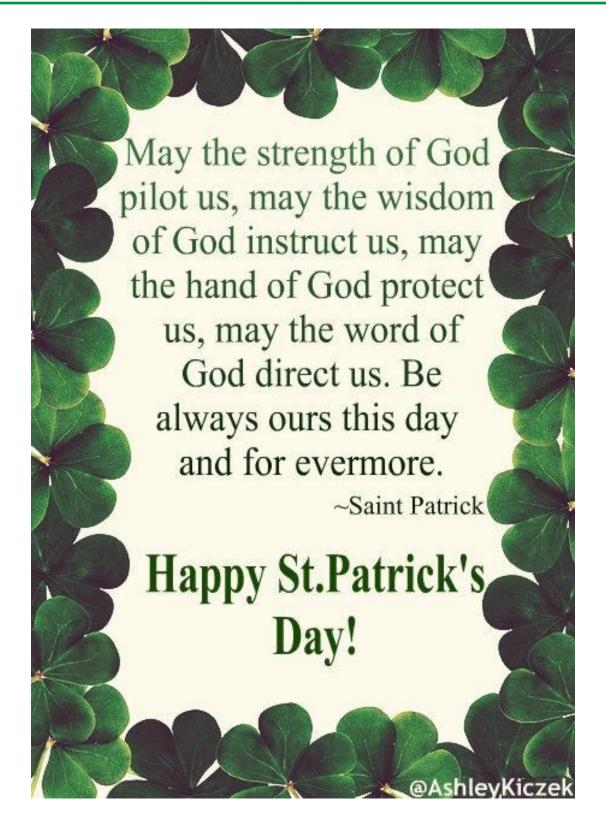
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## Resurrectionist

We are an inviting community of faith where we care for all.



#### The Rev Jan S. Worms

I am honored and delighted to serve as your Interim Pastor. I look forward to meeting you and working with you. I answer to most anything, but prefer Pastor Jan.

Throughout my ministry I have been a worker priest, meaning that I have always had a "secular" job in addition to my ministry. I am a Medical Laboratory Scientist, MLS (ASCP). I'm the person in the lab coat who tests all the samples that are sent to the clinical laboratory . . . chemistry tests such blood glucose and cholesterol panels, preparing donor blood by typing and performing a cross match for infusion, coagulation (Pro Times and PTT's), microbiology (culturing specimens to find what bugs are making you sick), urinalysis, spinal fluid testing and a host of other laboratory tests too numerous to mention. I have worked in several local hospitals, an independent laboratory and for the American Red Cross. I've been a bench tech, lead tech, supervisor and laboratory manager. Three years ago, I hung up my lab coat for the last time and retired from the field after 40+ years.

Currently, I work as a tutor for the Illinois Tutoring Initiative (ITI) and am an employee of SIU-E. I tutor grade 3-8 in Math and English Language Arts. The ITI is a new program to help "catch up" learners who fell behind during the COVID-19 epidemic.

Since ordination, I have served the church as Pastor, Assistant to the Pastor, Pastoral Counselor, Interim Pastor, Director of Music and Director of Education. In our Synod, I served two terms on the Social Ministry, Justice and Advocacy Committee and two terms on the New and Renewing Congregations Committee. With my colleagues on the New and Renewing Congregations Committee, I led workshops on church renewal throughout our synod. I am a trained Natural Church Development Coach and a trained Renewing Congregations Coach.

After I received my Master of Divinity degree, I completed a three-year residency in Pastoral Counseling at CARE and Counseling in St Louis. I continued working there as a therapist, counseling individuals, couples and families. It was there that I met and worked with your founding pastor, The Rev Dr Frederick C Giraud. I have completed a one-year training through the National Association of Lutheran Interim Pastors (NALIP) as an Intentional Interim Pastor.

I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry/Zoology granted by Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. My Master of Divinity is from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. I was in the last class to begin study at Christ Seminary-Seminex in St Louis.

I am a musician. I play the piano, organ, flute, recorder, Celtic harp and mallet percussion.

I enjoy reading, knitting, travel and gardening. I am a Bookbinding Master, which means I have completed over 600 hours of "at the bench" training from some of the finest bookbinders. I studied bookbinding at Hollander's School of Bookbinding and Paper Arts in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Sadly, the school is closed. I paid for my study by teaching bookbinding workshops in St Louis, Springfield, II, Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio and Washington DC.

I live in Mascoutah with my little, gray cat, Lilly.



#### Fasting, Prayer and Works of Love – The Disciple of Lent

Fasting, Prayer and Works of Love. For centuries, the church has called these the Discipline of Lent. Let's take a look at each of them.

**Fasting.** We don't consider fasting to be giving up all food or drink. The church defines fasting as eating two small meals each day which if added together would equal one sensible, typical meal. We are to consider giving the money we save by eating less to a worthy charity. Children, pregnant and nursing women, elderly and those with medical concerns should not fast.

We do not know if Jesus drank liquids during his 40 day fast. Restricting fluids should never be a part of any fast. For one, doing so does not honor our bodies which God has created and given too us. Second, we are not Jesus!

Other ways to honor the fast are to have a meatless meal or a salad.

It is from the Lent custom of fasting that the notion of "giving up" something for Lent arose. I don't think in terms of giving something up, but rather I think of it as "adding in." For example, rather than an indulgent dessert, consider having an apple or a different piece of fresh fruit. Or, adding in something "more healthy" to my diet rather than having carbs or a hamburger.

If you are in reasonably good health and would like to try fasting, check with your doctor and start small. One day a week of two small meals, or one meatless meal once a week.

**Prayer**. Hopefully prayer is part of your daily disciple every day. If not, Lent is a great time to begin! If prayer is a usual part of your day, try adding a few more minutes to your prayer time or add a second prayer time to your day. Pray for the many needs of the world. Pray for friends and neighbors. Pray for our church. Pray for your own spiritual growth. And remember to say lots of thanks to God for the many ways you are blessed.

**Works of Love**. Another think that you hopefully do every day. During Lent, just add in a little more. Help you neighbor. Donate an extra food item to the food pantry. Write a second check for a favorite charity (it can be small). Add an extra couple of dollars to your normal giving to our church and its mission/outreach.

Above all, Lent is not a time for a gloomy face or downcast mood. Think of it as a "Spring Cleaning" for your soul. . . a time to deepen your relationship with your creator God and the beloved Son he gave to die for us and to be risen from the dead.

To each and every one of you,
A blessed Lent!
Pastor Jan



#### **President's Message**

Peace to you.

The season of Lent has begun on Ash Wednesday. As a sign of penitence for our sins, a cross of ashes is drawn upon our foreheads. Ashes are a representation of death, and symbolize that we are sinful humans who will die, and our bodies will return to dust. The cross is our mark to show our intention to repent for our sins.

After Jesus' baptism, he went to the desert for 40 days of fasting. The season of Lent lasts for 40 days of fasting and penitence plus six Sundays, culminating on Easter Sunday. These days, our form of fasting may be an avoidance of meat, or sweets, or rich, indulgent foods, or for some, an occasional day of only bread and water. While consuming food is not sinful, denial of eating may bring awareness and a focus on refraining from thoughts and actions that are sinful. Reflecting on our character, we should be aware of when we are angry or hurtful or uncaring to others. When treated badly by others, we can instead remain calm and humble and forgiving.

We can honor and keep holy the season of Lent, and be mindful of our failures and our mortality. We were marked with the cross on our foreheads at our baptism, and made into children of God. The Holy Spirit is in us, admonishing us to remain in the faith and act accordingly.

We all depend upon our church, Resurrection, to enhance and renew our faith, to speak to us of the gospel and the Word, to lead us in prayer and praise. We enjoy the family of fellow believers. We wish for their health and well being.

Lent is a season to ask for forgiveness of God and neighbors, and to take on the mark of humility, remembering that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

Jim Lieber





#### **News & Updates**



#### **Lenten & Easter Services**



Every Wednesday in March 1,8,15,22 & 29 and April 5 we will have a Taize Prayer Service structured in the manner of the Holden Prayer Service. The music will be different, but we will begin with hymn singing and then move into the service as we did with the Holden service.

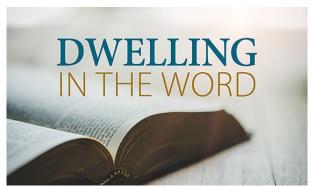
We will be serving soup, salad, and desserts at 6:00 pm and the services will begin at 7:00 pm. We will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We would like to have two types of soups and desserts for each service.

Palm Sunday Service will be April 2nd. Maundy Thursday Service will start at 7:00 pm on April 6th. We decided to try something new this year. Stations of the Cross will start at 3:00 pm on Good Friday, April 7th. The Good Friday Service will start at 7:00 pm that evening.

I'm sure there isn't a person amongst us right now that hasn't been hit by soaring electric, gas, water and sewer bills in the past couple of months. For some, electric rates were a 250 % increase after a recent electric supplier aggregate expired. I can only imagine the thoughts and fears of someone right now on a fixed income, as a single parent or both. It has to be beyond stressful.

Given these challenging times, Church Council voted to donate 2023 Lenten offerings locally to those struggling to keep the house warm, the lights on or the water flowing. Offerings will be going to SACO (St. Ambrose Community Outreach), a program that supports such needs in our community.





#### **Dwelling in the Word is returning!**

Classes will resume Monday, March 6, 2-3 pm, with Pastor Jan leading.

Join us March 6, 13, 20, and 27. April dates to be announced.



We recently changed the church e-mail address.

The new address is: rlcelca23@gmail.com

PLEASE DELETE THE OLD EMAIL ADDRESS IN YOUR SAVED CONTACTS.

AS WE WILL NO LONGER BE CHECKING THAT INBOX!

#### **Resurrection Defibrillator**

If you haven't already heard, through generous fundraising and Thrivent support, The Men's Club is in the process of purchasing an AED (automated external defibrillator) for our church. They have been referred to Mark and Gail Holthaus as a resource. The Holthaus' set up a memorial fund to provide defibrillators and CPR instruction to organizations upon their son's fatal heart attack. Had an AED been present at the time, he may not have succumbed death. Bill Stoutenborough has reached out to them for equipment suggestions and CPR training opportunities. Up for consideration is "The View by Defibtech, with a cost of around \$950, with an additional cost for CPR training. Due to computer chip shortages, delivery could be approximately 2 months. More details to come as the Men's Club pursues this project.



For a demonstration of this product, check out the following link . . .

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=Lf1BT4nm138



- The Men's Club will meet March 9th in Young Hall at 6 pm. Come hungry for an Italian dinner.
- The Men's Club will prepare Easter Breakfast for the congregation. A sign-up has been placed in the narthex if you are able to assist.

Dan Garner 618-792-1777



#### **Faithful Innovations**

The team has met a couple of times since the February article was published. We have decided on a simple question that we will be ask during our Lenten midweek Simple Supers. Please come and see.

Faithful Innovations Team

Rich Kelley, Elyse Tillman, David Isringhausen, Gary Neese, Sharon Groh, & our Coach Ellen Koester



#### **Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee met on February 5th and we were joined by Pastor Worms. We discussed our Lenten Services which will be held on March 1,8,15,22 and 29th. We will be serving soup, salad, and desserts at 6:00 pm and the services will begin at 7:00 pm. We will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We would like to have two types of soups and desserts for each service. We will be holding a TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE. This is like the Holden Prayer Service that we held during Advent. Those services were very successful, and we urge everyone to attend. You won't be disappointed.

We will have order forms for Easter Lilies in the Narthex. The cost this year will be \$13.75. Please get your order in as soon as possible. We always have beautiful music for Easter Services. We enjoyed the brass ensemble and the Tillman's cellos, but we do have to compensate these talented musicians. If you would like to donate, please place that donation in the collection plate.

Palm Sunday Service will be April 2nd. Maundy Thursday Service will start at 7:00 pm on April 6th. We decided to try something new this year. Stations of the Cross will start at 3:00 pm on Good Friday, April 7th. The Good Friday Service will start at 7:00 pm that evening. Pastor Worms suggested congregational participation for the Passion of Christ. She has a program, and it will give everyone an opportunity to participate if they would like. More information on this next month.

Worship Committee Cheryl & Rod Margherio, Robin Lusardi, Carol Callahan, Harvey Chiles, Elyse Tillman & Ruth Wolter



#### **Call Committee**

We need to inform you that the Call Committee has changed. Beth Hoffman has recently stepped down. Since the committee has completed the planning process, Pastor Sandlin recommended not to add someone at this time.

The Call Committee has finished our study of the call documents received from the Synod. We have reviewed the Site Ministry Profile and have prepared for the interview process. The committee now is waiting and praying.

Upon writing this, we do not have a candidate. I recently talked with Pastor Sandlin, who has been looking for a candidate. He found 2 possible candidates outside our region. Unfortunately, neither were interested in leaving their respective regions. Do not give up hope. We are on God's time line and He will provide us with a pastor at the right time. Please join us in daily prayer for a candidate of His choosing.

Blessings, Your Call Committee Cheryl Margherio, Janet Broche, Mark Groh, Gary Neese & Rich Kelley (Chair)



#### **Social Ministry**

Below, you will find additional updates and news from our Social Ministry Team not already highlighted as upcoming events and/or projects seen throughout the newsletter.

**(1)** 

Gilson Brown Elementary School Supplies Drive continues to see donations being made. School personnel express appreciation for the help to the low-income children served.

Impact: Compassion for everyone (Resurrection Guiding Principle). Members respond to identified needs within the community as expressions of their faith.

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Several bags of plush toys were gift-tagged and distributed to area First Responders, Head Start, and teaching staff at Gilson Brown Elementary School. Lunch was served to the dozen (or so) volunteers on January 29<sup>th</sup> after the work was completed. All agreed it was a fun 1.5 hours sorting and preparing the items.

Impact: Faithful in Caring (Resurrection Guiding Principle). First Responders and identified adults will have a simple gift to offer a traumatized or special needs child to help calm him or her during a stressful experience.

**(3)** 

Card Ministry continues. Personalized greeting cards are sent upon request or directly to individuals on prayer lists, birthdays and anniversaries. Positive comments have been received from recipients.

Impact: Members and friends will not feel forgotten if not able to be in regular attendance at worship, church activities, or during times of loss or other difficulties.

**(4)** 

Alton Food Crisis Center -

"Birthday in a Bag" gifts delivered. Kay Tucker and the Margherio's consistently provide contents and supplies, among other anonymous donors. Bags include an aluminum cake pan, cake mix, frosting, candles, napkins, and paper plates.

Impact: Compassion for Everyone (Resurrection guiding principle). Low resource families receiving crisis food assistance get to experience a traditional birthday celebration.



Don't forget, this is an ongoing, donations are always welcome!

**(5)** 

The Reverse Advent Calendar was a tremendous success. evidenced by a full carload of food taken to the Center each week during December and into January. Most weeks there are bags of food in the Food Barrel located in the narthex. Center staff provide suggestions of food items of most need based on service users.

Impact: Compassion for Everyone (Resurrection guiding principle). Routinely donate needed food items to those in our community who are struggling financially and emotionally.

Madison County Child Advocacy Center, Wood River - Carrie Cohan, Director/Social Worker at the Center spoke to us on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Center is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. We heard about the mission, services provided, and unmet Center needs to effectively serve abused and traumatized children. The Team will discuss ministry opportunities following the presentation.

Impact: Faithful in caring (Resurrection Guiding Principle). Participating members were educated about issues and treatment of childhood sexual abuse and severe physical abuse in Madison & Bond Counties. Program is a best practice national model. Follow-up social ministry opportunities to be announced later this month.

**(7)** 



Bread for the World – global and domestic hunger initiative. The five-year funding for the Farm Bill was discussed, when speaker, Cindy Leavitt-Levin joined us on February 19. Faith-based advocates have an obligation to help educate members of Congress on the many domestic programs dealing with hunger that are funded through the Farm Bill. This can be accomplished by writing letters to Congress. This nationwide Christian citizens movement repeatedly wins large-scale change for people struggling with hunger in this country and around the world.

### March 5, 2023, plans are underway to have a table with letter samples, a laptop and educational material, if Council approves.

<u>Impact:</u> Faithful in Caring (<u>Resurrection quiding principle</u>). In addition to learning about global and domestic hunger issues, members take specific advocacy steps with political leaders by writing letters and/or contacting representatives to support necessary funding for identified programs.

**(8)** 

Evergreen Place Supported Living, Alton. Most residents of this facility experience various stages of memory loss and/or significant physical health limitations. Though appreciated by most women, tender touch and sense of style are perhaps most meaningful to seniors who have the life experience to truly appreciate nail services. Elderly residents have likely outlived their spouses and lack enjoyable human interaction in their day-to-day schedules. For these reasons, dates are being confirmed for once per month "Manicure Mondays". Volunteers will provide conversation, basic nail painting and hand massages to residents. The number of participants will depend upon available volunteers.



Impact: Creatively Growing in Service (Resurrection guiding principle). Volunteers and participants will both experience Christ-like kindness and compassion through gentle touch and conversation.

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It's Easy Being Green Spring Event. April 22-23, 2023. Coordination and detailed planning is underway with the following teams assisting; Community Garden, Faithful Innovations and Social Ministry Teams assisting. Dr. Harvey Chiles is the Coordinator of this event.

Impact: Creatively Growing in Service (Resurrection guiding principle). Members of the congregation and community will experience a friendly environment at Resurrection Church during this 2-day event celebrating God's creation.

Social Ministry Team to discuss options for supporting the Lewis and Clark Community College's popular College for Life program for adults who have disabilities. The goal of L&C's College for Life program is to promote lifelong learning as well as personal enrichment and independence. The curriculum is wide-ranging and driven by student-interest, with subjects offered in art, exercise, computers, drama, math, music, science, scrapbooking, sewing, social studies and more. College for Life costs a minimum of \$475 per semester, for three courses. However, students are not limited to just three courses. Sharon spoke with Program Coordinator, Rosie Ellington last Fall. The Social Ministry Team has been invited to visit the program and will plan to do so in March 2023.

God's Blessings, Sharon Groh 404-432-3942 (text or call)

Current members: Sharon Groh, Mark Groh, Ann & David Isringhausen, Judy Kelley, and Carol Garner.

#### <u>Highlight's from Church Council – February</u>

#### **REPORTS:**

- Treasurer's Report- Kay presented January's financial report showing plate contributions at \$15,414.13 and total monthly income of \$15,977.74. Expenses for the month were \$8,163.34. There is a large reduction due to Pastor Hoffman's salary drop off and the use of supply pastors in January. The checking account balance at the end of the month was \$16,856.73.
- Committee Reports: See newsletter for reports. Nothing additional brought to Council's attention not already mentioned.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Lenten Offerings- After a brief discussion, Council unanimously voted to send the 2023 Lenten offerings to SACO (St. Ambrose Community Outreach) that provides utility bill assistance to our community.
- Tiemann Memorial- The memorial bench in honor of Bonnie Tiemann has been ordered by Fred. Fred has requested half of the \$2,800 in memorial funds collected be returned to him to aid in the purchase. He is paying the difference. Remaining memorial funds will be applied after the Memorial Committee meets.
- Envelopes- Envelopes have been delivered. Kay advised a few parishioners have a new number assigned to them for the year.
- A/V Update- Output Unlimited began running wires and installing mounting racks on the week of 2/19.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

• Church Roof Offer- As previously reported, there are issues with the church's roof with both installation and a defective product. The company that installed the roof is defunct. However, the shingles manufactured by GAF are still under warranty. GAF has provided us with a prorated offer for replacement shingles that would cover 76% of the material needed to replace our current roof. The church would be responsible for the remaining materials and installation. We would be provided a 2-year voucher once the offer has been accepted. While reviewing the contract, Tammy Neese discovered the replacement product being offered is a high-end, 50 year rated shingle. Before accepting this offer, Council agreed to throw out a counter offer to accept a lesser product with the goal of getting 100% of the shingles instead. This would be a significant cost saving for both parties involved if accepted.

#### Resurrection's light shines for the community . . .

In February, the Men's Group constructed and painted a large 12-foot cross to be displayed outdoors during the season of Lent, through Pentecost. It will be erected on the north side of the church, in the same place the silhouette of the manger scene stood. It will be lighted at night and adorned with a purple cloth throughout the season. Please consider driving by some evening to see how Resurrection's light shines for the community. We hope to have picture to share with you next month once it's up and standing.



BROOKS

Bill Stoutenborough and the Men's Club

#### **Book Club**

The Book Club will meet Thursday, March 9th, at 6:30 pm at the church. Karen Woods will be the discussion leader and her book choice is **Horse** by **Geraldine Brooks.** It is available through the local library. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome, our discussions are a time of good fellowship and educational.

Summary: Kentucky 1850, an enslaved groom and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record setting victories across the South. When the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamour of any racetrack. Washington, DC, 2019, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia and a Nigerian American art historian find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse -- one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his speed and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success. Inspired by the remarkable true story of recordbreaking thoroughbred Lexington, Horse is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.

GERALDINE



Thanks, Ruth Wolter 618-433-1469





Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes are available for anyone going through a trying time in their life who could definitely use some TLC to help boost their spirits. They do not have to be a member of Resurrection, we care for all. On Sunday mornings see Sherry Wyatt or Ruth Wolter for assistance and they will be happy to assist you. During the week call Ruth (618-433-1469) and she will meet you at the church for assistance.

#### A Couple of Reminders . . .



Easter Lily forms/orders are due Sunday, March 12



Boy Scout Pizzas are being made March 4, please pick-up orders by 12:00 Noon

#### **Youth Programs**

The Resurrection's Men's Group is again sponsoring two teams for the Godfrey Park & Recreation summer programs. The boys' baseball team being sponsored is Brayden Broche's team. A girls' softball team is also being sponsored. Schedules will be posted/shared soon, so members have opportunities to cheer on our teams in Resurrection T-shirts while meeting the players and their parents.

Most of the \$600 cost to sponsor these teams came from contributions for the digital sign exceeding the cost of the sign. The Men's Group has begun accepting contributions for a defibrillator and CPR project. Again, if contributions exceed the cost of this program, the monies will be used for youth programs.









#### **Guest Musician Fund**



There is an on-going opportunity to help Resurrection provide special musical enhancements to our worship. It is called the Guest Musician Fund. You can contribute towards this fund at any time by dropping a check in the offering plate marked "Music Fund" or going online to the link found within the donate tab.

If you enjoyed the enhanced music during the Christmas Season, with brass, cellos and a soloist, just remember that these extras came at a weighty cost.

If music ministry is your passion, and you would like to see more guests throughout the year, we encourage you to make a gift of any size at any time to grow this fund add to our celebration of Christ's love for us and the world.

#### **Resurrection Lutheran Choir**

(now called the AdHoc Singers)

We will rehearse on the following Sundays:

- March 26 9:00 am and will sing for the service at 10:00 am
- April 23 9 am
- May 21 11 am
- June 25
   9:00 am rehearsal and sing at the 10 am service.





# CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF GREATER ALTON has announced the schedule for Lenten services starting Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

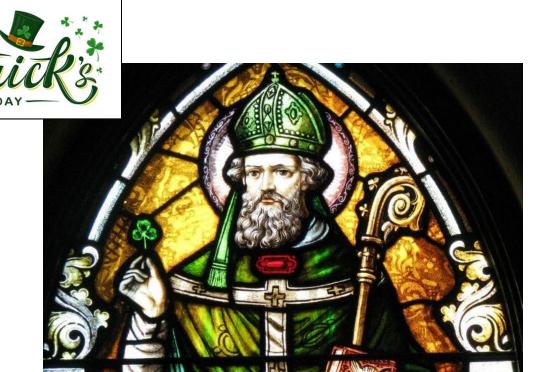
Lenten services begin at noon and last 30 minutes, followed by lunch served at the host Church. The lunch is homemade soup, sandwiches, dessert and a drink. A donation of \$5 is requested, which helps cover the cost of the lunch.

An offering will be collected at the end of the service to be split between two charities in the community, The Crisis Food Center & the Oasis Women's Center.

#### Scheduled events include:

- Wed. March 1 at Millennium Temple, 810 Blair St, Alton.
   The speaker is Pastor J Hanscom of Godfrey First United Methodist Church.
- Wed. March 8 at Tabernacle MB Church, 2621 Amelia St, Alton.
   The speaker is Pastor Kyle Armentrout-Steward of 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian.
- Wed, March 15 at Godfrey First United Methodist Church, 1100 Airport Rd, Godfrey. The speaker is Pastor Charles Burton of Unity Fellowship Church.
- Wed, March 22 at Deliverance Temple, 1125 E 6<sup>th</sup> St, Alton.
   The speaker is Pastor John Buford of Tabernacle MB Church.
- Wed, March 29 at Greater St James MB Church, 2016 Belle St, Alton. The speaker is Pastor Alberto Ramirez of Main St United Methodist.
- Wed, April 5 at Unity Fellowship Church, 1301 W Delmar, Godfrey.
  The speaker is Pastor Don Stanford of Greater St James MB Church.
- Good Friday, April 7 at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, 4<sup>th</sup> & Alby, Alton.
   The speaker is Pastor Michael Porter of Millennium Temple.

Church Women United is a group of women dedicated to social ministry/social justice. The local group is made up of many area churches. The larger group covers all of Madison & St Clair counties. They meet monthly at Unity Fellowship.





Church services will continue to be live streamed each week. We are streaming to our Facebook page, the church website, YouTube, Riverbender.com, Riverbender's FB page and Riverbender.com TV (available through ROKU and Firestick). These

efforts are made possible via Riverbender.com (The fee is \$50/week). Thank you to the camera operators who are helping continue our ministry. **Any additional volunteers would be greatly appreciated.** 



- 3 Jim Lieber
- 4 Jeannette Belfield
- 5 Vera Schultze
- 8 Keith Collier
- 11 Tim Belfield
- 15 Ruthie Monroe
- 22 Elyse Tillman
- 23 Geraldine Cappel



- 4 Curt & Sandy Bagwill
- 16 Charlie & Judy Kelley

If you didn't see your name listed for a Birthday or Anniversary in 2022, please email Neal Booth to be added. Thanks.

#### **FINANCIAL STATUS – January 2023**

DEDICATED FUNDS BALANCE	\$65,880.03
GENERAL FUNDS CASH FLOW	\$7,814.40
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$16,856.73

	<u>1/1/2023 -</u> 1/31/2023	YEAR TO DATE
GENERAL FUNDS DETAIL		
Income		
Offering	\$15,414.13	\$15,414.13
Lenten Offering		
Other Income	\$563.61	\$563.61
Total General Fund Income	\$15,977.74	\$15,977.74
Expenses		
Benevolence	\$275.00	\$275.00
Building and Grounds	\$1,581.76	\$1,581.76
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Mortgage	\$2,608.00	\$2,608.00
Evangelism	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$405.00	\$405.00
Office	\$607.81	\$607.81
Personnel Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Personnel Salaries	\$2,451.27	\$2,451.27
Social Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stewardship Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
Worship	\$234.50	\$234.50
Total General Fund Expenses	\$8,163.34	\$8,163.34
General Funds Cash Flow	\$7.814.40	\$7.814.40

#### YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>Offering</u>			<u>Monthly</u>	_	<u>Year to Date</u>
	<u>Income</u>	Total Income	<b>Expenses</b>	Over/Under	_	Over/Under
January	\$15,414.13	\$15,977.74	\$8,163.34	7,814.40	\$	7,814.40

There was a "bump" in offering as we have a parishioner that pays annually, and expenses were reduced due to the loss of Pr. Hoffmann's salary and the use of supply pastors only.



# March 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Rev. Jan S. Worms gracious@midwest.net Office Hours by appointment 618-250-1608		1 Lenten Supper 6pm followed by Worship 7pm	2	3	4 Young Hall in use for Scout Pizzas. Pick-up orders at noon	
5 Bible Study 8:45a Worship 10am	6 Dwelling in the Word 2pm	7	8 Lenten Supper 6pm followed by Worship 7pm	9 Book Club at Church 6:30pm Men's Club 6pm with dinner	10	Young Hall in use at 10am
Easter Lily Orders Due Today Bible Study 8:45a Worship 10am	13 Dwelling in the Word 2pm	14	Lenten Supper 6pm followed by Worship 7pm	16	17	18
19 Bible Study 8:45a Worship 10am Comm. Garden meeting 11am	Young Hall in Use 10-1p Dwelling in the Word 2pm	21 Church Council 7pm	22 Lenten Supper 6pm followed by Worship 7pm	23	24	25 Newsletter Deadline 6 PM
26 Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10am	27 Dwelling in the Word 2pm	28	29 Lenten Supper 6pm followed by Worship 7pm	30	31	

#### Rev. Jan S. Worms, Interim

#### **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

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