



Dear Church Family and Friends,

It will be my pleasure to serve you while Pastor Christy is on sabbatical. I am a graduate of Eden Theological Seminary and have served churches in Kansas, Wyoming and Illinois. Although I am retired I enjoy doing pulpit supply when pastors go on vacation and especially enjoy filling in for a pastor when they go on sabbatical. As your part-time pastor I will lead worship, attend all of your meetings, participate in VBS and be available for visitation and home communion. I will have office hours on Wednesdays unless otherwise announced in the bulletin.

I grew up on a farm in Highland and have gone full circle by returning to my home town five years ago. I have three grown children, twins Gary and Katie Jo who are in the medical field and my youngest Susie who works for Easter Seals. They live in Arizona, Texas and Oregon in the above order and I am looking forward to their visit in August. My two “youngest” children are Carson and Casey my precious dachshunds.

I filled the pulpit for Pastor Christy the first Sunday of this year and some of you met Charlie and Chester my church mice. If you have not met them, they are excited to meet you.

As Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered, there I am among you.” It will be a blessing to walk our Christian walk together this summer.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Nancy Brooks

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*Our congratulations to Pastor Nancy as June 7<sup>th</sup> is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination. She was ordained at Highland Evangelical UCC in her home church where she had been confirmed.*  
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Sabbatical Notes

Pastor Christy is on sabbatical this summer from June 1 - August 31 and will be unavailable for pastoral care. It is a new experience for us as a church and for Pastor Christy. Because there is a learning curve for everyone, we are printing a few notes to help us all navigate this exciting time together.

- During this time when Pastor Christy is unavailable, we are blessed to have a sabbatical pastor who is caring and capable. Pastor Nancy will be here for the church throughout the whole three months of sabbatical time, and so if you have pastoral care needs, please contact Pastor Nancy. Her email is NancyBrooks7@hotmail.com and her cell phone number is 618-604-4320.
- Pastor Christy will be at home most of the summer, but she will not be available for church events or social gatherings unless otherwise committed such as going to The Mundy. In order to enter into the true spirit of Sabbath, she will be focusing on rest, rejuvenation, devotional time, and spending time with her family. If you see Pastor Christy around town, please say hello, she'll be happy to see you, but please refrain from talking about church related topics until September 1st when she returns.
- Church is still in full swing this summer, and we would love to see you on Sundays or at activities outside of worship. We have VBS June 5-7 and family night on the 8th. Father's Day service will be on the 18th, and a patriotic service will be held close to July 4th. We are prepping for our end of the summer rummage sale and we will bless backpacks as the beginning of school approaches. Keep an eye on the announcements each week for fellowship and ministry opportunities throughout the summer months.
- Pastor Christy wants us all to know how thankful she is for this opportunity, and she leaves for sabbatical knowing that while she will miss us this summer, she knows we are in good hands...both God's and Pastor Nancy's. The Spirit is at work among us and guides us all. Thanks be to God!



St. John Prayer List

Sandy Booth	Lois & Stan Clark	Greg Erdmann	Marian Funk
Cathy Haller	Denise Hamilton	Leon Jones	Walter Kunz
Pauline Kraemer	Marian Nelson	Orville Rinderer	Amber Robison
Rogers Family	Jenn & Hannah Thompson		Connie Zimmers

Kristofer Booth	(Sandy Booth's son)
Mike Conley	(Friend of the community)
Betty Curtis	(Leon Jones' daughter)
Ken Erdmann	(Greg Erdmann's brother)
Ken Fritz	(Cathy Haller's brother)
Richard Haller	(Cathy Haller's brother-in-law)
Roik Hockenberger	(Heather Netemeyer's father)
Brenda Luensman	(Pehg Zeller's friend)
Logan Miller	(Ron & Kimberly Tremmel's son)
Tammy Press	(Marian Funk's niece)
David Severitt	(Connie Zimmers' brother-in-law)
Connie Shildt	(Marian Funk's sister)
Carol Weshinsky	(Laura Wesselmann's mother)



Pastor Nancy is in the office on Wednesdays from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM but will make appointments if needed. Contact her by calling her cell phone at 618-604-4320. To contact Bev Adams, the church office administrator, please email her at stjohntrenton@gmail.com or call 224-9828 Monday through Friday.

JUNE Birthdays



Mia Heuberger June 2	Callie Szpila June 10
Jacob Holloway June 4	Hal Wehrle June 12
Owen Henderson June 5	Kelsey Wesselmann June 14
Ron Tremmel June 5	Eliza Wernle June 15
Jacob Klein June 6	Natalia Bair June 16
Ron Becker June 10	Bryan Marsh June 17
Greg Von Bokel June 10	Lisa Groennert June 29
Stacy Heuberger June 30	

JUNE Anniversaries

Chris & Ron Becker June 14
Laura & Curt Wesselmann June 23
Cathy Ostrander & Larry Biggs June 25
Diane & Bryan Marsh June 30



JUNE COUNCIL MEMBER ON DUTY

Hank Henderson



Virtual Worship Services

Virtual services will continue for those wishing to attend. We want to make worship as convenient as possible for our members and the community. Please see our website or our Facebook page for the Zoom link.

To call in with phone audio only, call

- **1-312-626-6799** and then the meeting ID:
- **8436488110** followed by the pound sign.
- Password, if needed, will be: **62293**
 - Masks are not required during indoor worship service (even during singing) but will still be available for those who would like one



- To the J.O.Y. ladies (and their accompanying men) who do so much
- To all who supplied coffee hour this month
- To those who read the scriptures on Sunday

- To the council for their continued guidance of the church

BIBLE STUDY



Bible study will continue to take place in the chapel area after Sunday services in June with Pastor Nancy. The focus is the scripture reading of the day in order to delve deeper into the text.

YARD WORK VOLUNTEERS



A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex for people to sign up for yard work. The sign-up sheet is also online through Sign Up Genius. See our e-announcements to sign up.

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Trivia Corner



Questions this month are from the book of Exodus. It's about 400 years after Joseph and many Israelites live in Egypt but are oppressed, persecuted and enslaved by an evil king. Exodus is the story of God's leader who brings them out of Egypt to a better place.

1. The king, or Pharaoh, enslaved the Israelites and commanded what for their newborn sons?
2. What did one mother do to protect her son?
3. What was the result of that protection and what name did her son receive?
4. After her son grew up, what did he witness and what did he do that made him flee to another land?
5. What happened to him in the new land?
6. What happened to the Pharaoh and the Israelites in Egypt?

Answers are on page 5



LITURGIST & COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex for liturgists and coffee hour hosts. Please sign up for a Sunday in the upcoming months.

MUNY SIGN UP SHEET

"Sister Act" is coming to the Muny in August! If you would like to go see this uplifting musical with others from St. John, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Date, time and price are Monday, August 14 at 8:15 PM for \$28.50 per ticket. *We need a minimum of 15 people to sign up with payment due to the church by June 15th. We will meet on the day of the play at St. John at 6:00 PM to ensure we can carpool and get there on time.*



CONDOLENCES



Our thoughts and prayers continue for the family of Pat Bair who passed away Saturday, May 13th. Funeral Services were held on May 17th at St. John UCC with Pastor. Christy officiating. Memorials can be made out and sent to St. John UCC, 21 N. Walnut St., Trenton, IL 62293.



Women's J.O.Y. Fellowship

Trip to Kindercottage - Office supplies were taken to East St. Louis at the end of May. Here is the list of donations: a ream of copy paper, two bubble envelopes for packing, 32 regular mailing envelopes in various sizes, sheet protectors, four legal pads. Scotch tape, thumb tacks, index cards, post-it notes, White Out, 60 business envelopes, and 55 pens and markers. The next trip won't be until mid-August. That trip will be for school supplies. Anything your child needs for school is needed at Kindercottage. Those supplies can come in any time this summer. The vestibule will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning the week after Vacation Bible School. Some of the school supplies are given to children who need them for regular school; other things are kept in the building for use before and after school by the older children and for use by the preschoolers who have class at Kindercottage. Your donations help the staff to stretch the budget and make a big difference for the children. Our monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6th at 1:00 PM.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship invites anyone of the church to join them to come down to Good Ol' Days in New Baden on June 6th at 8:00 AM for their monthly Men's Breakfast. This is a time to get together for fellowship, discussion and to have some good food. We would love to see everyone there.



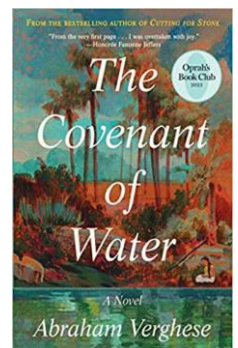
Brown Bag Lunch

The BBL program has started again on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM until August 8th, which will be our last day. We still have some Tuesdays open on the sign-up sheet if you would like to help make sandwiches. If you would want to give a donation, checks can be made out to St. John with BBL on the memo line. Tuesday, May 30, was the first day for brown bag lunches. Elaine Hoffmann and Pehg Zeller packed the lunches while John Zeller and Tyler Davis were the delivery duo. Thirty lunches were packed and 33 kids showed up for lunch. There was some scrambling at Base 215 but all was well - everyone had lunch.



BOOK CLUB

The next book club discussion will be Wednesday, September 13th at 1:00 PM. The book will be "The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese. Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, The Covenant of Water is set in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast, and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning—and in Kerala, water is everywhere. At the turn of the century, a twelve-year-old girl from Kerala's long-existing Christian community, grieving the death of her father, is sent by boat to her wedding, where she will meet her forty-year-old husband for the first time. From this unforgettable new beginning, the young girl—and future matriarch, known as Big Ammachi—will witness unthinkable changes over the span of her extraordinary life, full of joy and triumph as well as hardship and loss, her faith and love the only constants. The book will be in the church library for checkout sometime this month.





Council Meeting Highlights – May 23, 2023

- Pastor Nancy Brooks will begin her service at St. John on June 1st when Pastor Christy goes on Sabbatical leave.
- Pastor Nancy will be in the office on Wednesdays and is available by phone for pastoral needs other days at 618-604-4320.
- Storm damage work is still ongoing.

Next council meeting date is Tuesday, June 13 at 6:00 PM.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is happening here at St. John on June 5-7 from 6-8 PM and June 8 from 6-7 PM! Registration is still open and there are several ways you can register your PreK-5th grade child, grandchild, niece or nephew. If you are receiving this newsletter electronically you can use the registration link sent with it. There is also a registration form at the end of the newsletter which you can print out and bring in with your child. The registration link can also be found on our website at stjohnucctrenton.org or you can pick up a registration form in the narthex to drop off at the office. Walk-ins are also welcome so please share with others that we are having VBS!



RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

Starting Tuesday, June 13th, the vestibule will be open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays for rummage sale donations to be dropped off. We will also need workers who can help sort items from 1 until 3 PM on the drop-off days. The rummage sale is a church fundraiser so any help with sorting or organizing would be greatly appreciated. If you live in Trenton and are having a hard time with mobility, give the office a call to make arrangements for a pick-up. Please no large items at this time. The rummage sale dates are August 10, 11 & 12th.



Trivia Corner Answers

1. "Every son that is born to the Hebrews, you shall throw into the Nile." Exodus 1:22
2. She placed her son in a waterproof basket and hid him in the reeds by the river. Exodus 2:3
3. The boy was found by Pharaoh's daughter who had the boy's mother take care of him as an infant and then raised him as her own and called him Moses. Exodus 2:5-10
4. Moses witnessed the beating of one of his own people by an Egyptian which angered him enough to kill the Egyptian. He then had to leave Egypt and go to the land of Midian. Exodus 2:11-15
5. Moses helped out a family and was rewarded by marrying into the family and having his own children. Exodus 2:16-22
6. The Egyptian king died, but the Israelites were still enslaved so God took notice of them. Exodus 2:23-25



Rainbow Preschool News

Happy May! It is impossible to express all the emotions that I am feeling with the school year coming to an end.

Our students have really blossomed into young men and young ladies the past few months. Students have learned to be more independent and highly creative during center time; while others have become artists and creating art projects and drawings that they take home or give to their classmates. It is a great feeling to look back and see how far everyone has grown this year.

Pastor Christy came in to read to both classes. She read “Ted and Dolly’s Submarine Surprise” which was one of her favorite books as a child and “The Invisible String.” We look forward to having Pastor Christy come back in the fall to read to both classes again.

We had a few dress up days to celebrate the end of the year. We had mismatch day, crazy hair and sock day, favorite sports shirt day, and hat day. We celebrated our last day of school by wearing our pajamas and watching the movie *Finding Nemo*. Students all had fun dressing up.

Happy May birthday to Oliver C. on May 31st. Happy summer birthday to the following students: Kambree R. on July 14th, Brycen K. on July 17th, Korra E. on July 20th, Phoebe R. on August 8th, and Cam R. on August 9th.



We sent home a brown bag with a card attached that is to be hidden somewhere until Sunday June 18th for Father’s Day. Happy Father’s Day to all the wonderful dads!



We held our annual closing program on Friday May 19th. Our students did a great job performing their favorite songs for their families. Thank you to everyone who came to see our students perform.

Congratulations to all our students who will be entering Kindergarten in August. Our preschool graduates are Austin W., Aslan O., Claire C., Greyson W., Kambree R., Korra E., Luke T., Myles K., Rhett L., Ruby R., Sawyer S., and Wren M. We wish all our students moving onto kindergarten the best of luck in your future. Remember to have fun and to challenge yourself to try new things and always strive to do your best! We will miss you all!

We are proud of the rest of our students who attended Rainbow this year. Those students are Addilyn W., Auggie D, Briar Z., Brycen K., Cam R., Ember C., Emerie O., Emmett L., Jemma S., Jett L., Lacey T., Oliver C., Phoebe R., Piper R., Trent L., Ty L., and Walter B. We hope you all have a wonderful summer.

I would like to thank Ms. Lisa Netemeyer for everything she has done this year and for being a part of the Rainbow staff, I could not have made it through the school year without you. Thank you to Ms. Morgan Clark and Ms. Rachel Netemeyer for stepping into help when we needed an extra hand.

A huge thank you goes out to the Rainbow Preschool Board, Pastor Christy, Laurie Henderson, Pehg Zeller, and Steve Wallace for their continuous support and guidance. Thank you to the St. John’s UCC council for their continuous support. A huge THANK YOU goes to our Rainbow families for allowing us to be a part of your child’s education. Thank you to everyone for making this year a wonderful year, I am looking forward to seeing everyone in August!

We are still enrolling students in our Monday/Wednesday/Friday program for children ages 4-5 and our Tuesday/Thursday program for children ages 3-4. If you know anyone that would be interested, please have them contact me via email at rainbowpreschooltrentonil@gmail.com, thru the Rainbow Preschool Facebook page or by calling the office at 618-224-9828. Our returning students and new students will receive an email in July regarding open house dates and information regarding the 2023-2024 school year.

Everyone please have a safe and healthy summer! We will see everyone on Monday August 14th and Tuesday August 15th.





VBS Registration 2023

St. John UCC
21 N. Walnut St., Trenton



June 5, 6, & 7 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Family Night is June 8 from 6:00-7:00 PM
One form per child - Walk-Ins are welcome!

Child's name _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Last school grade completed _____

Parent/Guardian name(s) _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Phone numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Home church (if any) _____

HEALTH/EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

Allergies/Special needs/Medical conditions/Other: _____

Emergency contacts:

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS _____

Parent/Guardian's signature _____