

“But my work seems so useless!
I have spent my strength for
nothing and to no purpose.
Yet,
I leave it all in the Lord’s hand;
I will trust God for my reward.”

St. John United Church of Christ
301 S. Market Street
New Athens, Illinois 62264
January 19, 2020

<i>Traditional Worship</i> 8 a.m.	<i>Office Phone</i> (618) 475-2947
<i>Contemporary Worship</i> 9:15 a.m.	<i>Email</i> stjohnucc@att.net
<i>Sunday School Classes</i> 9:00 a.m.	<i>Church Website</i> 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.

The flowers on the altar are given by the Schmierbach family in honor of Dolly Schmierbach.

Please remember to pray for these congregations, pastors, and friends:

Hospitalized:
JulieAnn Main Memorial Belleville
Mark Schlessinger Memorial East

From the Illinois South Conference:

Congregational, Godfrey
Rev. Richard McCreary, Pastor
Evangelical, Godfrey
Rev. Jerald McCaskey, Pastor

Members and friends of St. John's:

Bob Matzenbacher and Family
Shirley and Tom May
Bryanne McBride
Ellen McGee and Joseph
Dixie and Barry Mehner
Shannon Messina and Charlotte
Sondra and Jim Meyer
Paula and Jon Meyer and Family
Karen and Tim Meyer
Rachel and Tony Meyer, Gwen and Abigail,

Please join us for coffee, juice, and doughnuts in the foyer after worship.



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:

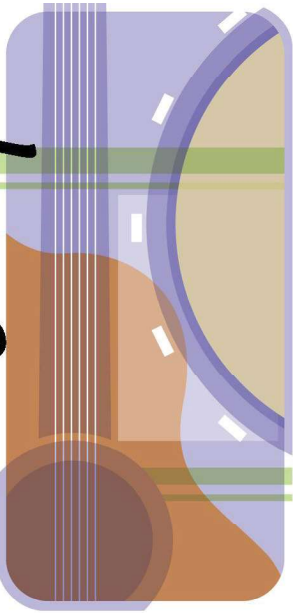
- Prayer Partners
- "Doughnut time" helper

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

“Light the Candle”

“This Is the Day”

Morning Prayer

and Our Lord’s Prayer

Song of Praise

“I Want to Walk

As a Child of the Light”

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49: 1-7

Song of Praise

Common Lot

The Message

“Stuck Between Verses”

The Blessing

Closing Song

“Love the Lord”

After Service Music

MEMBERS OF “COMMON LIGHT”

Betty Rockford, *Keyboard*
Scott Gallagher, *Percussion*

Bob Koch, *Pastor*

Tarah Vaupel, *Student Pastor*

Beth Buettner, *Office Staff*

Cindy Vogler, *Director Christian Education*

Steve Jackson, *Director, “Common Lot”*

Melinda Milligan, *Director, New Beginnings Daycare*



**WELCOME TO
WORSHIP!**

Our annual congregational meeting will be held after 9:15 am worship on January 26.

The youth group’s annual spaghetti supper is February 2, following contemporary worship.

There will be a fundraiser for Kim Juenger at the Nail here in New Athens February 22 beginning at 2 pm. Come and support Kim and her family in their battle against cancer.

Our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be February 25, from 5-7 pm.

Our 2020 Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, with worship at 7 pm. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Statements of Giving for 2019 are available from the church office. Please contact our staff at 475-2947 to request your copy.

HOPE

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.

Children are always welcome in worship at St. John’s. Live closed circuit TV broadcasts of our services are available in the foyer fellowship room, though, for parents who may decide that their child needs a break from worship temporarily.

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:

