



January—March 2022

## St. Jacob and St. John's Summerfield News and Notes

Dear Church Family and Friends of St. John's and St. Jacob,

Happy New Year!

When I was in seminary, other students and I would joke about how the first three months of each new year were the perfect encapsulation of what it means to be a Christian. January starts with the last few days of the Christmas season, a time of restoration of our spirits. Many people also have the tradition of making resolutions for change on New Year's Day, a time of hope when we renew old commitments and begin new ones. By February we may have already fallen short on some of those resolutions and perhaps have a bit of guilt over not living up to our own goals. Thankfully, February is also the shortest month of the year so we don't have to live in that guilt for too long. Next comes Ash Wednesday, this year at the beginning of March, when we are called to remember that we are human and not always able to succeed at everything we want to do. And then, after Ash Wednesday we enter into Lent, and while we don't necessarily put aside our own resolutions, we do take time to reflect on our lives in light of what God wants for us.

Now, I'm not against New Year's resolutions. I usually have one or two of my own that I work on, but a few years ago, I decided to do something different. I started adding a spiritual resolution each year as a part of Lent. These weren't simply giving up something like chocolate or soda like many of us learned as children, but, instead, I used the time of Lenten reflection to listen for what God was calling for me to change in my faith life. Some of my practices included praying more, listening more attentively to those I met, and reaching out to friends and family that I hadn't spoken to in a while to rejuvenate those relationships. Most importantly, they were all ways to deepen my connection with God and the people God lovingly created.

As we move through these early months of 2022 together, I hope you will take the time to listen for God in your life. Take the time through Lent to reflect on what God is saying to you and how you can grow in love and in spirit and become the person God created you to be.

Blessings to all of you,

Pastor Phil

# St. John's UCC News/Activities



Pastor Phil Barbier celebrates Christmas Eve service with St. John's congregation.



Youth from St. John's Sunday School sing during service Dec. 19.

## ST. JOHN'S YEAR IN REVIEW

St. John's Sunday School restarted Sept. 5, and was held each Sunday during service; as did Holy Sunday fellowship, which was held following worship, the first Sunday of each month. St. John's participated in Hoyleton's back-to-school supply drive, Hoyleton's Hope for the Holidays (Christmas gift program) and Uni-Pres Kindercottage Christmas gift program. St. John's annual congregational meeting is scheduled to begin at noon, Jan. 23. Please try to attend.

## ST. JOHN'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### January Dates

Lauren Hill, January 8  
Jerid Ahrens, January 12  
Sharon Koenig, January 16  
June Boggy, January 25

### February Dates

Lynn Shirley, February 1  
Barbara Baer, February 2

Ashley Ahrens, February 3  
Steven Shirley, February 4

### March Dates

Margie Foxworthy, March 1  
Elsie Brandmeyer, March 3  
Marsha & Jason Shirley, 17 years, March 5  
Patrick Thornton, March 10  
Ashley & Jerid Ahrens, 4 years, March 31

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Each day I sit down with the prayer list and pray for the people of our churches. You could take this same list and put it by your bedside or reading table next to your Bible. Let us pray for those in need as well as our neighbors across the world on a daily basis.

### ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Ella Boggy

# St. Jacob UCC News/Activities



Volunteers take a break from working the chicken dinner fundraiser held Oct. 3 at the Edwardsville Moose Lodge. The event raised \$560 for our church. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser.

## ST. JACOB BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### January Dates

Jane Noeltner, January 2  
Pastor Nancy Brooks, January 7  
Sara Schreiber, January 8  
Brian Meyer, January 9  
Sandy Rujawitz, January 12  
Katie Prange, January 12  
Debbie Zobrist, January 14  
Kay Guse, January 21  
Lisa Kelley, January 21  
Carol & Charlie Kynion, 51 years, January 23  
Rodney Ahlmeyer, January 25  
Gina Hirsch, January 27

### February Dates

Austin Becker, February 8

DiAnn Rufer, February 11  
Marcella Best, February 12  
Terri Barnhart, February 14  
Carol Zweck, February 17  
Judy Bolton, February 19  
Rachel Yann Mueller, February 20  
Tavey Duncan, February 22  
Bruce Frank, February 24  
Justin Huelsmann, February 26

### March Dates

Sarah King, March 2  
Gary Warren, March 8  
Sandy & Ron Rujawitz, 48 years, March 9  
Lily Zobrist, March 19  
Mandy Bolton, March 27

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### ST. JACOB PRAYER LIST

Peggy Bohnenstiehl, Ross Busher, Cheryl Byrnes, Carol Casperson,  
Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, and Carol Zweck





**Participants compete during the egg toss event held during Rally Day Sept. 26 at St. Jacob.**



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**Cameron Woods and Brittany Frank won the egg toss competition during Rally Day held Sept. 26 at St. Jacob.**



**Steve Mersinger and Brittany Frank won the egg carry competition during Rally Day held Sept. 26 at St. Jacob.**





**St. Jacob UCC Youth Group members prepare for Haunted Church held Oct. 22.**



**St. Jacob UCC Youth Group members dressed to scare those brave enough to enter the Haunted Church held Oct. 22.**



**St. Jacob UCC Sunday School sponsored a "Trunk" during the "Trunk or Treat" event which was part of the Taste of St. Jacob Oct. 22.**



**St. Jacob UCC sponsored a "Ham & Beans" food booth during the "Taste of St. Jacob" held Oct. 22.**



**Congregation members went Christmas caroling to local nursing homes and shut-ins following service at St. Jacob, Dec. 19.**



**St. Jacob Youth Group pose with Santa during the "Breakfast with Santa" event held Dec. 19 at Heritage Hall.**





## ***Sunday School performs “Happy Birthday, Jesus!” themed pageant***

The St. Jacob UCC Sunday School shared in the joy of the season with a ***“Happy Birthday, Jesus!”*** themed pageant during worship service Dec. 19. After celebrating remotely in 2020, our children, parents, pianist and teachers were excited to bring this faith-filled tradition back to the church in 2021.

Working together over the course of a few weeks, the Sunday School group lovingly restored the costumes, identified props, scripts and songs — and most importantly, spent time together, working to share their version of the Nativity story. The kids’ performance during our church service on December 19th truly set the tone for a Christmas full of togetherness, wonderment and

reflection on the greatest birthday of all!

As we move into 2022, the St. Jacob UCC Sunday School looks forward to the return and reimagining of many other traditions. Our Sunday School will continue to meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. If you are interested in helping or have a child between the ages of 3 and 14 that you’d like to enroll in our Sunday School program, please e-mail the church office at: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com). We look forward to the continued fun and learning in store for our congregation’s children!

Thank you,

Amy Sullivan, Sunday School director





**Rev. Philip Barbier addresses the congregation during the installation ceremony Nov. 14, 2021.**



**Rev. Shana Johnson, Rev. Philip Barbier and Rev. Hugh Fitz**



**Rev. Shana Johnson**

## **Reverend Barbier installed as our settled pastor November 14**

Rev. Philip Barbier was installed as the pastor of St. Jacob United Church of Christ, St. Jacob, IL and St. John's UCC, Summerfield, IL, during a ceremony Nov. 14, 2021. Representing the Committee on Ministry, was Chair Rev. Hugh Fitz, and Rev. Shana Johnson, ISC Conference Minister, gave the message. Gifts were presented to Reverend Barbier, and lunch was served after the service. Reverend Barbier was ordained Aug. 1, at Hope UCC, St. Louis, MO. He graduated from Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, MO, in 2018 and celebrated his first service at both St. Jacob UCC and St. John's UCC on Aug. 8. Welcome Pastor Phil.



**Rev. Philip Barbier**

## CALENDAR

**Jan. 1:** New Year's Day

**Jan. 6:** Epiphany

**Jan. 12:** Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

**Jan. 16:** Strawberry Festival planning meeting, following service

**Jan. 17:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Jan. 18:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

**Jan. 19:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**Jan. 23:** St. John's annual meeting, noon

**Jan. 30:** St. Jacob annual meeting immediately following worship

**Feb. 6:** First Sunday of the month communion.

**Feb. 9:** Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

**Feb. 14:** Valentine's Day

**Feb. 15:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

**Feb. 16:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**Feb. 21:** President's Day

**March 2:** Ash Wednesday

**March 6:** First Sunday of the month communion.

**March 9:** Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

**March 15:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

**March 16:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**March 17:** St. Patrick's Day



## CARD SHOWER

Pastor Phil would like to “shower” our members who are celebrating milestone birthdays, (90 years and up), or a milestone wedding anniversary, (50 years and up, in 5-year increments). The church currently does not have birth years for these special people, only the anniversary years. So, if you are in your late 80's and up, please let us know your birth year. We will let you know in advance when these milestone birthdays are taking place. The church will provide a basket on the Resource Table in Heritage Hall where you can place your cards and Pastor Phil will be happy to deliver them. You may also just mail your card if you prefer.





## ***DuBois 6.0***

*Building Faith, Building Capacity,  
Building for the Next 60 Years*  
Oct. 2021-Dec. 2022

Capital Campaign Goal \$225,290

DuBois Center will turn 60 in 2022, marking the year the Conference took ownership of the land. While the first 60 years have been great, DuBois Center needs some maintenance and expansion to get her ready for the next 60.

This treasure is the heart of the Illinois South Conference, where thousands of campers have experienced God and creation over the past six decades. Some found their calling to ministry there. Others found summer after summer of fun and friendship. So much life has occurred under the rustling leaves at DuBois Center.

Now it's time for us to prepare for the next 60 years, by improving what we have and getting ready for the future.

Here's what was completed in 2020 and 2021:

- Repaired the spillway
- Replaced the septic system on the Rustic side of camp
- Replaced camp office flooring
- Fixed foundation leaks at office, Oak, and Hickory Lodges
- Solved plumbing leaks in Oak and Hickory Lodges
- Remediated mold in the office, Oak, and Hickory Lodges
- Added commercial dehumidifiers to Office basement and Hickory Lodge
- Repairs at Director's House, including corrected drainage.
- Rebuilt and repaired the stage
- Brought the Deer Run Cabins back to life, with the help of volunteers and Green DuBois, including adding 3 ramps

Some of the projects included in the Capital Campaign:

- Oak Lodge Windows & A/C
- Camp Office Windows
- New Hillside Cottage
- New Temporary Infirmary
- Deer Run Lodge Repairs
- Deer Run Shower House Repairs
- New Archery Range and Bouldering Wall
- Deep Water Solar Lake Aerator
- Boat House Solar Power
- New Hay Barn
- Lumber Shed Roof Replacement

For more information on these projects including descriptions and estimates please visit: <https://iscucc.org/dubois-6-0-campaign>.

Donations may be sent to the Illinois South Conference office at 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL. 62249 or online at the Conference or DuBois Center websites: [www.iscucc.org](http://www.iscucc.org) and [www.DuBoisCenter.org](http://www.DuBoisCenter.org).