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February 28, 2021

*Second Sunday In Lent*

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We extend our Christian sympathy to **Debbie Craft**. Debbie's mother, **Evelyn Volski**, was taken into God's care and keeping this past week. Debbie is a long-time accountant for St. John's United Church of Christ and the Early Childhood Center. We ask that God's presence will provide strength in this time of grief. Our thoughts and prayers are with her.

We pray for **Shirley Carmack, Jerry Gaddy, Larry Muther, Vernon Sellenriek, and George Tindira**. We also hold in prayer all who have suffered due to the **COVID-19** virus. We pray the vaccine brings an end to the pandemic.  
**Please let us know your prayer concerns.**



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### Lenten Devotionals Available

Come by, [email](#) or call (636.532.0540) the office for your copy.  
We can email or USPS them to you.



**YOUTH GROUP** MEETS SUNDAY 2/28!  
12-2p.m. meet @ Faust Park Playground  
Bring a lunch ... Games Galore!  
RSVP to Katie Sternhagen! ([link](#))

Attending Sunday School? Need a Bible?  
**Children's Bibles** are available  
in the church office.  
Pick one up today!



It is time for the annual **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering which we will collect **now** through **March 14th**.

This very important offering suffered last year due to Covid 19. Let's be one of many congregations doing all we can to rebuild this fund on behalf of so many in dire need. You may give [online](#) or **mail** in your check appropriately marked for OGHS. (St. John's UCC, 15370 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017)

**Many, many thanks!**

**Joshua Mumbi**

**used to spend much of his time collecting water.**

When it rained, he would collect water running in the streets. Often he would spend much of the day walking to a local water source and carrying back buckets. Sometimes he would even travel to the water source with his family the night before, spending the night there so that they could bring back water in the morning. His mother, Josephine, did not like to make the journey alone — it was not safe.



There was not much time to go to school. And when he did go to school, Joshua Mumbi was very tired during the day. It was hard to focus; it was hard to learn.

But thanks to your gifts through One Great Hour of Sharing, Joshua Mumbi and his family — and all of the other families in his village — have a safe, clean water source close to home. With a new solar-powered borehole well, they have water for cooking, water for drinking, water for bathing and keeping things clean and sanitary. Because you let love flow, water brought new life to a whole community. Now children like Joshua Mumbi and his siblings can go to school every day, and a whole world of opportunity is open to them. Now the whole community is empowered to provide for their needs, plan for their future, and pursue new opportunities for growth. So that more communities can experience this new life, please give generously, and let love flow



Easter Lilies are available for order. They will be placed in the sanctuary and you can take them home after the Easter service. The cost is \$9.75 per plant. You may drop your order in the church office, or email us at [stjohnsconolive@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsconolive@gmail.com) or call your order in at 636.532.0540. You may pay with one check but please fill out a separate line "Given in ( )..." for each plant. The order form is attached.



### From Pastor Lisa Hart

I just ran across a Peanuts cartoon where Charlie Brown is looking for his calendar. When Lucy helps him find it, he says: "Oh, good. I like to look ahead and see what I have to dread this week." Ouch – that hit home. I do that, especially on Monday mornings. If I remember Jesus's words from **Matthew 6:34**, "**Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.**" I think "Wait, what troubles are coming today? I should have started sooner." Yes, I know that Jesus said "**do not worry about your life... Consider the lilies.**" (**Luke 12: 22**) But that was mainly about worrying over having food and clothing. I know I have enough of the Basic 3: food, shelter, and clothing. I'm worrying about things like a difficult meeting I have coming up, or a doctor visit.

I could ask myself, "What would Jesus do?" But truthfully, Jesus did not have job interviews, doctor visits, flights to catch, visits with the principal over a child's behavior, or any of the other things I have spent time dreading over the years. Being nervous, having fears, dreading tomorrow, are all things that have occupied my mind, while I have sometimes forgotten to be thankful for the things I do have. Considering all those, the Bible verse that helps me the most is from **Philippians 4:4-7**. "**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**"

Hey, Charlie Brown, let's try prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving! I hope you will, too.

The Grenadilla Celestina Quartet returns, and will participate in Sunday's worship:  
Peter Chow, Jason Blumenfeld, Bob Baumann, John Panhorst

So what's with the group's name? Grenadilla is a type of wood used in some clarinets.  
Celestina signifies collective consciousness, complete faith & spirituality.  
.....also means heavenly

The recording is from a concert at Manchester City Hall  
John is a member of Peace UCC in Webster Groves, where the group often plays (pre-Covid)  
We thank the Quartet for enhancing our worship experience

#### Council Meeting Bullet Points

- Council met virtually on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, discussed Executive board and Committee assignments and agreed in the future to meet at 6:30 and to meet in-person with a call-in option.
- We reviewed financials and other reports. The Mission Team requested to start a program to have St. John's become a "Global Mission Congregation". Discussed and approved.
- Also discussed forming a team to look at membership and if there needs to be an update, and what sort of procedure should be in place to maintain the membership file.

Submitted:  
Phil Difani  
Secretary

## Midweek Mashup

All ages are welcome!

Join us for **online LOGOS!** Enjoy Bible Study, Worship, and Fellowship!

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 882 499 7342

Passcode: SS2021

[March 10](#)

[April 14](#)

RSVP to [Katie Sternhagen](#)



### Youth Save the Date:

Faust Park: [February 28](#)

Scout Sunday: [March 21](#)

Palm Sunday: [March 28](#)

Ice Cream Sundae [April 25](#)

Vacation Bible School: [July 12-16](#)

National Youth Event: [July 21-24](#)

### Join us for Sunday School on Zoom!

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. ([link](#))

Meeting ID: 882 499 7342

Passcode: SS2021

Here is the [link](#) to the curriculum

If you are interested in teaching Sunday School, email [Katie Sternhagen](#)

Join us for worship by clicking on this [link](#) and selecting Sunday's Service!

We request that you continue to care for St. John's by giving online or mailing in a check. While the building is closed, our operating costs remain the same! Mail to St. John's UCC, 15370 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017.



You can give to St. John's by clicking the button.

Questions on how to give online? Contact [Katie Wilsdorf](#)

## MISSION ~~XX~~POSSIBLE

[Circle of Concern](#) is also again accepting pantry donations, bring your donations to church and place them in the grocery cart labeled "Circle of Concern" Cereal. Items in need included [Canned Pasta](#), [Dinner "Helpers"](#), [Dry Pasta / Pasta Sauce](#), [Peanut Butter / Jelly](#), [Canned Fruit](#), [Healthy Snacks](#), [Condiments](#), [Razors](#), [Shampoo](#), [Deodorant](#), [Ibuprofen](#), and [Cash](#). Checks should have "circle" in the memo.

Text your donation to 833 502 0657 - type in your offering amount in the message box and hit send. You will receive a link; follow the simple instructions to complete your giving. Your information will be saved for easy future giving. Save the number in your contacts! Thank you for supporting St. John's.



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