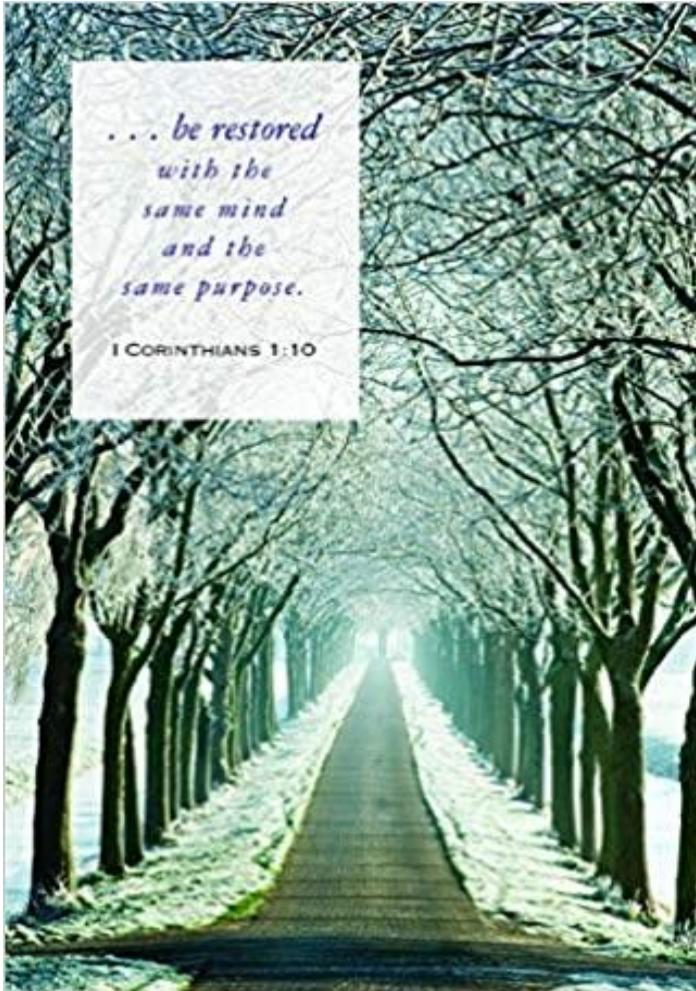


# The Spirit

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## ***From Pastor Caroline***

For the past few years, I have chosen a “word of the year” rather than make any New Years’ Resolutions. I have yet to choose a word for 2022. Maybe it’s because “life is what happens to you while you’re busy making other plans,” to quote John Lennon’s song “Beautiful Boy.” 2020 and 2021 have demonstrated the need to be flexible and adaptive, innovative and creative, and responsive to the grace and guidance of God and the Holy Spirit.

We have been blessed that we have been able to be together, to worship together, to pray and sing, to laugh and cry. It may look a little different, yet we are living into our vision: to love, learn, worship, witness, welcome and serve to advance God’s realm on earth.

Our commitment to growing in love of God and neighbor means that we continue to take precautions regarding coronavirus and prioritize our community’s health and safety. Many thanks go to our Regathering Team and Consistory for their leadership as we navigate what it means to be the church in a global pandemic.

The Christmas season gives way to Epiphany, marked by the arrival of the wise ones who had journeyed far, following the star. Epiphany is more than just a day; it is a season.

In the season of Epiphany, we encounter not the baby in the manger but the adult Jesus, the Jesus who is baptized in the Jordan River, tempted in the wilderness, and invites others to follow him in his mission and ministry, in building the kingdom of God. We, too, are following Jesus, seeking and striving to be his hands and feet in the world.

None of us knows what the future will hold, but we know that God is with us, that we are a community of people who care deeply about each other and the world, and that we are led by love. I thank you for your support, concern, and prayers as I do my best to care for my family, especially my dad, and myself.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

God is near. God is here. May God grant us courage for the living of these days.

*Peace,*  
*Pastor Caroline*

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## JANUARY:

- 2: No Church School
- 9: Church School 9 am  
Children's Corner
- 16: Church School 9 am  
Confirmation 11:15
- 23: Church School 9 am  
Children's Corner
- 28-29: 5 pm Tubing and Lock In
- 30: Church School 9 am

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

SNOW TUBING AND LOCK IN JANUARY 28TH—BACK UP  
DATE FEBRUARY 11TH:

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW!!





## ***THE CHURCH OFFICE***

### ***Office Hours:***

Monday through Friday, 9am-3pm

### **Reminder:**

The Church Office is CLOSED on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.



## HEAD START (FIRST PARTNERSHIP TREE

On behalf of the Head Start Families we are collecting socks and underwear to be distributed to the families in need.

There is a tree set up in the area between the two sets of doors in the main entry to put the socks and underwear on. We are in need of boys and girls underwear in sizes 2T thru 8 and socks for both boys and girls in all sizes.

The tree will be up until Monday, January 24.

# Saturday Night Worship

There will be **no** Saturday service in January.

We plan to resume Saturday Night Worship  
on February 12, 2022. See you then!

-Pastor Caroline and the Amistad Praise Band



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# **BIBLE & A BEER**

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Bible and a Beer is currently **on hiatus** until February.

We hope to resume meeting next month, possibly in a new location.

Stay safe and well!  
-Pastor Caroline



# ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL

Happy New Year!! St. John's Nursery School had an amazing first half of the year and we look forward to all that 2022 has in store.

December was a busy and exciting month! The children made gifts for their families and celebrated with a Christmas party complete with crafts, games, and even a visit from Santa! We also had a Polar Express day where the children enjoyed hot chocolate and snacks while lounging in their pajamas. A special thank you to our Santa's that took time out of their busy schedules to help us with our celebrations.

On behalf of the Nursery School Staff, I would like to thank the Nursery School Ministry for their continued support and for the delicious Christmas breakfast and gift! We are blessed with such a loving and knowledgeable Board that supports our mission here at St. John's Nursery School!

May 2022 bring you peace, love, and memories that will last a lifetime!

Kari Rock, Director





## ST. JOHN'S CAMP SCHEDULE 2022

**Camp Noah** July 5 - 8 -grades completed K - 2nd

**Camp Kum Ba Yah** July 10-15 grades completed 3rd-5th

**Camp Galilee** July 17-22 grades completed 6th-9th

**Mark your calendars and save the dates!**

**Come enjoy our treasure in the woods!**



# LADIES LUNCHEON

Since December is a busy time, the group hopes to meet on January 12 at the Italian Village on Route 11 at 11:30am.



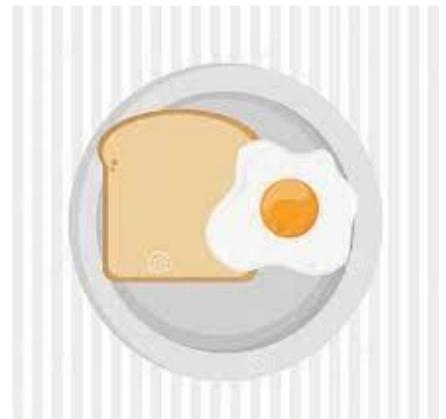
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## Men's Breakfast—NEW Location:

Chris's Kitchen (across from Perkins)

We will be meeting on Thursday,  
January 6, 2022—7am

All men welcome!  
All men invited!



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<b>Lucille Hopple</b>	<b>1/01</b>	<b>Jonathan Brown</b>	<b>01/15</b>
<b>Paul Kaiser</b>	<b>1/01</b>	<b>Linda Barton</b>	<b>01/18</b>
<b>Michael Hair</b>	<b>1/01</b>	<b>Jack Myers</b>	<b>01/18</b>
<b>Sue McMurtray</b>	<b>1/01</b>	<b>Alex Strunk</b>	<b>01/18</b>
<b>David Bigler</b>	<b>1/01</b>	<b>Anna Knelle Stormer</b>	<b>01/20</b>
<b>David Dietrich</b>	<b>1/01</b>	<b>Lisa Frantz</b>	<b>01/20</b>
<b>Carol Marotte</b>	<b>1/02</b>	<b>Calvin Frantz</b>	<b>01/24</b>
<b>Liam Dietrich</b>	<b>1/02</b>	<b>Abbie Reichelderfer</b>	<b>01/25</b>
<b>Charles Miller</b>	<b>1/04</b>	<b>Hannah Jean Myers</b>	<b>01/25</b>
<b>Madeleine Miller</b>	<b>1/04</b>	<b>Paulette Wohl</b>	<b>01/27</b>
<b>Ruth Ann Cuesta</b>	<b>1/07</b>	<b>Barb Wissinger</b>	<b>01/28</b>
<b>Jonah Rook</b>	<b>1/09</b>	<b>Brooke Reichelderfer</b>	<b>01/28</b>
<b>Thomas Harrison</b>	<b>1/10</b>	<b>Douglas Stepler</b>	<b>01/29</b>
<b>Deborah Olson</b>	<b>01/11</b>	<b>Robert Schollaert</b>	<b>01/30</b>
<b>Jefferey Aldrich</b>	<b>01/12</b>	<b>Emilio Cuesta</b>	<b>01/31</b>
<b>Alan Young</b>	<b>01/14</b>		
<b>Erik Strunk</b>	<b>01/15</b>		



# MUSIC MINISTRIES

## WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

After the twelve days of Christmas, we begin the season of Epiphany. This signifies the time when the Magi came to see the Baby Jesus. Perhaps the best known hymn for this time period is “We Three Kings of Orient Are.” This hymn was written by the Reverend John Henry Hopkins Jr. It was first published in 1863.

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Fields and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star.

Chorus:

O star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy Perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign.

Chorus:

Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deighty nigh  
Prayer and praising , all men raising,  
Worship Him, God most high.

Chorus:

Myrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes of life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone – cold tomb.

Chorus:

The Magi brought their most valuable gifts to present to the Baby Jesus.

What would you bring?



## Outreach Ministry

So here we are in January and experiencing a bit of post partum blues. I am sure that new mom Mary benefitted from community support as she became a mother.

We have the opportunity to offer support to local families in our community with diapers and wipes. Our brothers and sisters at Central Presbyterian distribute diapers monthly to our community. They serve 180-200 families each month. They also have offered baby items, breakfasts and some food for families. We know that 1 in 3 families struggle to provide clean diapers for their babies and toddlers. Your contribution of money for diapers or wipes can go a long way to support this mission. This is 100% volunteers and diapers can be purchased by this organization at a wholesale price, so your contributions have a large impact.

The Outreach Ministry thanks you for your donations.

Thank you, Sarah Myers

# Ministry Chairs

## 2021-2022

**Called to Care**—*Connie Morrill-Hair  
and Lisa Frantz*

**Camp**—*MaryLee Yaukey*

**Caring Cooks**—*Lisa Frantz*

**Children & Youth Ministry**—*Roxanne Davenport*

**Facilities Ministry**—*Peter A'Zary*

**Fellowship**—*Sue McMurtray*

**Finance**—*Scot Orndorff*

**Invitational Ministry**—*Susan Collier*

**Library**—*MaryLee Yaukey*

**Nursery School**—*Linda Zeger*

**Open and Affirming**—*Jim Boyer*

**Outreach**—*Sarah Myers*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** — *Nina Widmann*

**Public Relations**— *TBD– Suggestions/ Volunteers Welcome!*

**Safe Church Compliance**—Safe Church Compliance Steward, *Sarah Herbert*

**Safe Church Response**—Safe Church Compliance Steward, *Sarah Herbert*

**Safety and Security**—*Tom Kinton*

**Technology and Media Ministry**— *Calvin Frantz*

**Worship/Music Ministry**—*Gary Crum*

Want to serve  
on a Ministry?

These Ministry teams  
would welcome you &  
your talents!

Speak to them or Pastor  
Caroline today to be a part  
of these ministries.

# CONSISTORY 2021-2022

## Trustees

Peter A'Zary

Thomas Harrison

Tom Kinton, **Head Trustee**

## Elders

Peg Bryner

Harold Collier, **Vice President**

Diana Macfarlane

Connie Morrill-Hair, **Secretary**

Gary Patterson

Eileen Shaffer, **President, Head Elder**

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Mike Blumberg

Julie Dereef

Calvin Frantz

Michael Herbert

Cathy Kinton

Sarah Myers

## Pastor

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

**Sunday Worship will be at 10 am  
(Offered Online and In-Person\*)**

\*In-Person dates subject to COVID-19 restrictions

***St. John's UCC Communion Dates for  
2021/2022***

Sunday, January 2, 2022 10:00 am (Online & In-Person)

There is no Saturday Service in January

Saturday, February 12, 2022 5:30 pm (In-Person)

Sunday, February 13, 2022 10:00 am (Online & In-Person)

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