

Weekly Newsletter

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith." (Hebrews 13:7)

Friends,

With the coming of the New Year, another three-year term in leadership has turned. Many who have led the ministries and administrative functions of the church are stepping down to allow others to grow in leadership and faith. When I consider their many hours of service, the prayers, the meetings, and the generous outpouring of their creative energies, I am in awe. I am deeply appreciative that they answered God's call to serve. Many thanks to the following disciples who are retiring from their current positions:

Deane Looney	Lay Leader
Roger McCurley	Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee
Michelle Leslie	Class of 2023 SPRC
Kurt Schwind	Class of 2023 SPRC
Sharon Vreeland	Class of 2023 SPRC
Barb Sarich	Class of 2023 Nominations
Gordon Ballam	Co-Chair Stewardship
Margaret Skouby	Chair of Wills, Legacies, and Memorials Committee

We are blessed to have a new slate of officers and leaders who will take us into the future together. I give thanks to God for their willing spirits to join hands and hearts in leading our mission to make new disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Barbara Sarich	Lay Leader
Joan Ballam	Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee
Carolyn Redmore	Chair of Justice Team
Justin Vader	Class of 2026 SPRC
Jenny Watts	Class of 2026 SPRC
Jackie Richert	Class of 2026 SPRC
Jan McCurley	Class of 2026 Nominations and Leadership Dev.
Ellen Hendrickson	Class of 2026 Nominations and Leadership Dev.
Amanda Furbee	Director of Children and Youth Ministries

I am also deeply thankful for our returning leaders who continue to offer their gifts to God in trust and with gusto. A more extensive listing of officers, committees, and teams will be available through the church office.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

PASTOR SHARON



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please Pray For

Bev Mesey; Traci Stuart's father; Sandy Reesor's mother; Justin & Nora McMahan & Paige Foster (Joyce Simpson); SueAnn McGillivray (McCurleys); Teri Ann Wallace and Joanne Kannewurf (Marcia Kennon); children and teens who are out of school; those traveling for the holidays; all who are ill during this holiday season; and for an end to war around the world.

Baby It's Going to be Cold Out There!



The weather has been unusually mild recently, but we know the chill of winter is coming. We are collecting clean gently used coats of all sizes for distribution to those in need by our friends at InExcelsis. Place your contribution in the bin at the Elevator Foyer Door.

Can you share the gift of warmth this winter?





Poinsettia Tributes

2023

In Memory of:

My Parents, Marvin
and Doris Burton

Linda Redmore

Dan Wedekind

Our Parents

Linda Redmore

Our Parents

Eugene Morse

Mom and Dad, Mary
and Robert Petracek

Joan and David Skelton

Ellen Hendrickson

Derek and Carolyn Redmore

Carol Wedekind

Sharon and Joel Kichline

Chris Redmore

Randy and Louise Thomas

Lettie Morse and Lydia,
Camille, Lily, and Julian Nunes

Margo Petracek

Your Loving Family

In Honor of:

Doris Thomas

Our Children and Grandchildren

Tom and Kim Pacatte
and Family

Bill Wisbrock

Beverly Mesey

Clyde and Carol Gilker

Ellen Hendrickson

Jaedyn Parsons and Karl
Aufenthie

Randy and Louise Thomas

Barb and Denny Sarich

Earl and Martha Jones

His Church Family

Her Church Family

Their Church Family

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THE SEEKERS CLASS

The Seekers class (between the choir room and the Space room) is starting a new discussion on January 7th. The Adam Hamilton book “Unafraid” will form the basis for our discussion. We all face fear; life simply presents so many challenges that fear can feel like a member of the family. Adam has some thoughts to help us cope. All are welcome to join us. We’d love to see you.

MERCY CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER

Come to the Quiet is a silent retreat led by Dawn Stringfield, January 5-7, at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac. The retreat opens with 5:30 PM supper Friday and concludes at 11:00 AM on Sunday. The retreat has minimal structure with optional sessions and informal spiritual companioning. The cost is \$165. Register at www.mercycenterstl.org by January 1.



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