

# History

St. John United Church of Christ has a rich and full history. The congregation began meeting in February of 1907, and in May, 1912, St. John held its first worship service in its new church sanctuary. St. John Church was set in the original town of Valmeyer near the base of the river bluffs. For the next 86 years the congregation enjoyed worship, Christian education, fellowship and mission until the Great Flood of 1993, which destroyed most of the original community of businesses, homes and our churches. From 1993-1996 the basement of the Monroe County Nursing Home in Waterloo was our gathering and worship space. During this time, planning and prayer got us through the planning and building of our new church home in “new Valmeyer.” On October 22, 1995 we held a Ground Breaking Ceremony at the new Church site and construction began.

Through unprecedented donations from around the world, capital campaigns, and fundraising, we were able to move into our new Church Home on September 15, 1996. And finally with tears in the eyes of so many of St. John Church family, friends and guests, we dedicated our new Church building on May 4, 1997! On August 27, 2000 we completed and dedicated our new Sunday School wing, which provides wonderful space for our Christian Education program and Fellowship time.

Following the flood, relocating the town and rebuilding St. John Church, it was said that St. John is a resilient congregation with the ability to adapt and change course. Through tenacity and a fighting spirit during hard times, St. John remains a resilient spirit-filled congregation. This was demonstrated through COVID, all the while calling their new pastor in August of 2020. It was that resiliency that drew Pastor Steve to Valmeyer in the first place. Pastor Steve remarks that St. John is a place that asks “who is God calling us to be today” as he encourages us to always be open to the possibilities, as “God Is Still Speaking!”

Nestled on the tranquil bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River Valley, St. John UCC Valmeyer is a safe haven for all who come to worship Christ.

**No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome at St. John United Church of Christ.**



St. John practices the sharing of God's love and support with the church family, community and the world.

We believe that through the scriptures, God is Still Speaking to us today.

### **Worship & Fellowship Opportunities**

**Sunday Worship** at 9:00 am is designed for all ages, with a special time set aside for "Childrens Chat."

**Communion** is the first Sunday of each month - ALL are welcome at the table.

**Christian Education** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

**Youth Fellowship** meets monthly for Jr. & Sr. High students. Youth are involved in service projects, Youth Sunday Worship - and fun!

**Woman's Fellowship** meets on the first Thursday of each month with a focus on Christian Service.

**Fish Fry** fundraisers take place during the season of Lent

**Church Picnic** each September partnering with St. Mary's Church for fundraising and fellowship!

**Fellowship** through coffee time and other events

**Trunk or Treat** each October

**Hosts Valmeyer Community Vacation**

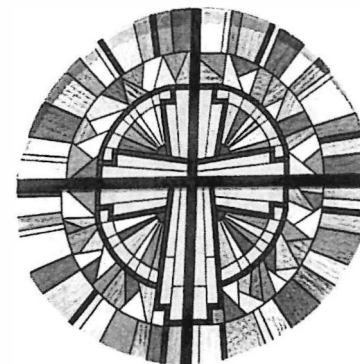
**Bible School** each June

### **Is St. John the place for you?**

- ✓ If you have struggled in other church settings where everyone was encouraged to think alike, then St. John might be the place for you.
- ✓ If you want to experience where your presence and participation is valued and really makes a difference, then St. John might be the place for you.
- ✓ If you want to ask questions and not feel like you are being judged, then St. John might be the place for you.
- ✓ If you believe that no single church has all the truth but we all reflect a part of God's truth, then St. John United Church of Christ might be the place for you.

In our generation we seek and serve God in innovative ways. God continues to form us through new people among us, offering a multi-cultural mosaic that reflects all of creation. We celebrate our common ground while celebrating our differences.

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