

The work of Christmas has begun.

Baptism of Christ



O'Fallon United Church of Christ
January 10, 2021

STREAMING LIVE



Worship Service via
ZOOM at 9:40, service
begins at 9:45

Bulletin with Call to Prayer

Click on this link to join our worship service, if you haven't done so. It will ask for you to register for attendance purposes only. You will receive a calendar posting with the link for your convenience.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84682993967?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84682993967?pwd=MnZnR0hsWkZpRmp1ZUFBOWV2N1kzd09)
[pwd=MnZnR0hsWkZpRmp1ZUFBOWV2N1kzd09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84682993967?pwd=MnZnR0hsWkZpRmp1ZUFBOWV2N1kzd09)

Phone in:
1-312-626-6799,,84682993967#

CHILDRENS TIME at 10:45

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BAPTISM OF CHRIST SUNDAY 1/10/2021 9:40am (CST)
GREETING FROM THE SANCTUARY & ANNOUNCEMENTS
SINGING OF THE BELL and LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES
PRELUDE Tony DiPasquale

O'Fallon UCC, O'Fallon IL
Rev. Dr. Martin Thiermeier

CALL TO WORSHIP (Recessional)
Pastor: Praise God for the gift and blessing of the People and the linking of our lives with one another through our baptism in Christ.
People: The waters of baptism cleanse us and make us new people, chosen from sin by the power of grace, and called to live graciously with others.
Pastor: God's new Spirit enters open us, drawing us into the family of faith.
People: We have been baptized into Christ and share responsibility for living out our baptismal vows.
Pastor: We will use our words and actions to proclaim the gospel and build up the community of Christ.
People: We remember the empowering grace of our baptism and our call to faithful living.
Pastor: Remember your baptism and your calling to faithfulness, as you turn your hearts to God in worship.

OPENING HYMN Hail Him by the water (in, 1, 2 and 4)
1. Take me to the water, take me to the water, take me to the water to be baptized.
2. I love Jesus, I love Jesus, I love Jesus, my God.
4. Jesus is my Savior, Jesus is my Savior, Jesus is my Savior, forevermore. No. 322

SPECIAL MUSIC Tony DiPasquale
SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:2-5 (Recessional)
Pastor: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
People: I have called you by name, you are mine.
Pastor: When you walk through the waters,
People: I will be with you.
Pastor: And through the fire,
People: They shall not overwhelm you.
Pastor: when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.



January 10th Worship Music provided by
Tony DiPasquale.



1/6/2021 LET US PRAY FOR OUR NATION
A message from Pastor Martha

Friends, let us be joined in Spirit, in our hopes and prayers:

"Lifting prayers for the healing of our nation and the healing of hearts, after the national trauma of a violent event at the U.S. Capitol.

Lifting prayers for the safety of those who serve to protect America's citizens.

Lifting prayers for guidance for those elected to lead and act wisely on behalf of all Americans.

Lifting prayers that as Americans we can peaceably disagree, and seek common ground rather than be torn by our differences--that we may be united, one nation under God. Amen."

The deep wedge of division has led to a dark day in our nation's history on January 6th, the day of Epiphany. Let us look to the Epiphany light which reveals God's presence in the world. Let us pray for rays of light to lead us towards reconciliation and renewed hope for the future.

May we rely upon the strength of our faith and the conviction of our calling as Christians to "be the light". Even in the darkest times, Christ the Light of the World shines into our hearts and into the world. The Light will not be overcome.

John 8:12 Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

May the Light reach towards us, and the Spirit lift our heart-filled prayers to God, who in mercy hears us.



Hello everyone!!

Martha asked that I email the office to let you all know that I have my Ecclesiastical Council FINALLY scheduled for Sunday, January 24th at 3pm via ZOOM. It would be SUPER awesome for me to see LOTS of familiar OUCC faces to offer support, during this virtual inquisition, as this is my last HUGE step towards my Ordination.

Continuing to hold all of my beloved home church family in my prayers.
Much love,
Tarrah

Illinois South Conference of the UCC is inviting you to a scheduled
Zoom meeting.

Topic: The Ecclesiastical Council of Tarrah Vaupel

Time: Jan 24, 2021 03:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85710522195>

Meeting ID: 857 1052 2195

Ordination Paper Final

Ecclesiastical Council Notice for Tarrah Vaupel



This week's Stream Team:

**Ben Koester,
Derek Vallem,
Glenda Young**



Book Club

Monday, January 11 • 6:30 – 8:00pm

Click here to join via ZOOM:

<https://bit.ly/3pGuTtr>

Meeting ID: 821 6052 6419

Passcode: 757569

Join us for fun conversation,
whether you read this month's
choices or not. Share what you have
read.

"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."
-Jesus in Matthew 6:21



Offering Information
Click on PayPal logo to
conveniently share an offering.
Offering envelopes are also available in
the church office. Setting up auto-
payments with your bank is another
easy and consistent way to support our
ministry.

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$DONATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

In the past, our church has been able to help out our high school seniors and undergraduate college students with a monetary award from the Scholarship Fund. Please consider making a donation to the Scholarship Fund so we will be able to continue this worthwhile investment in our youth. SEE BELOW:

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Attention all high school seniors and college students! Scholarship applications are now available in the church office and online. (Add link) Applications will be due no later than March 1st. Applicants must be active covenant members of the O'Fallon UCC (i.e. regularly participate by attending worship, Sunday School, youth group or other church activities), have a definite vocational goal in mind, and plan to attend an accredited college, university, community college, or vocational school full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) to complete an Associate or Bachelor Degree. If you have any questions, please contact the church office (632-3496) or Kathy Scott (920-9560).



[Instructions](#)

[Application](#)

January Birthdays



Let us know if you have an anniversary or birthday so we can celebrate with you. Email or phone the church office.
oucc@sbcglobal.net
 or 618-632-3496

- Liam H Jan 1
- Joyce W Jan 3
- Lisa F. Jan 3
- Rita R Jan 6
- Janet S Jan 7
- Emilee H Jan 8
- Vernell V Jan 9
- Jack G Jan 13
- Shelby H Jan 13
- Carol S Jan 13
- Linda B Jan 15
- Daniel G Jan 15
- Philip G Jan 15
- Judy K Jan 15
- Betty K Jan 15
- Evelyn H Jan 22 90th!
- Janice L Jan 24
- Melissa E Jan 26
- Abby H Jan 27
- Jim C Jan 29
- Maryl P Jan 29



Annual Meeting 2021

The Annual Congregational Meeting of O'Fallon United Church will be February 7, 2021, 11:00 AM. To meet COVID guidelines this meeting will be a Zoom call. Voting will be done on-line and those without online computer access will be sent a proxy vote via USPS mail. This will be a separate ZOOM meeting and users will need to be registered again.

If you are or have been the committee Chair or fellowship group President for the past year (2020), please submit your annual report to the Church Office electronically via mail (oucc@sbcglobal.net) by **Tuesday January 11th**. If you would like an electronic copy of the previous year's report please contact the church office. Please submit a report even if the report only says "Due to COVID Guidelines and restrictions this group has not met since March 15 " or something similar. Reports are due from Consistory President, Building and Grounds, BoCE, BoCL, Women's Guild, Mary and Martha Society, Pastor, Music Director, Genealogy, Quilters and Boy Scouts.

Reports will be compiled and available for email and in print for the congregation on January 24th.

THANKS for submitting the reports on time!

Yours in faith
 Lynette



Scrip Program 2021

[Scrip Order Form](#)

Welcome to a new Scrip shopping year!! We have had such a great time shopping for

Scrip cards and earning money for our church that I can't wait to see what the new year brings!

DONATIONS TO KINDERCOTTAGE

We are sponsoring a Scrip Card Drive for KinderCottage during the months of January and February. Please consider purchasing either Amazon or Walmart gift cards to donate to KinderCottage. This 'fun-raiser' will benefit both KinderCottage, with much needed funds, and also provide profits to our church!

Amazon: \$25 or \$100 cards

Walmart: \$25, \$50 or \$100 cards

How to Participate:

-You may use the monthly paper order form, include your check payment, and designate at the top of the form which cards are for KinderCottage.

-For online purchases of plastic cards, email your intentions to my email address below. -If you haven't purchased Scrip in the past and would like to participate, you may send in a check to the church with a note that includes your name, phone, email address and designates the card(s) you wish to donate.

We will present these cards to KinderCottage at the end of our Scrip Card Drive.

SCRIP MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

Our first Spotlight features the reloadable Scrip cards. Thanks for sharing, Kathy!

"I love the reloadable scrip cards. I have several I reload.

I gave a Dominos card to my grandson for a High School Graduation present. Since I registered the card on scrip, I can look at his card in "My Wallet" and see his balance any time. When it gets low, I just add money to it. He has used the same Dominos card the whole 3 1/2 years he has been away at college! So easy and convenient!"

-Kathy

Maybe you've found a card/escrip that works for you, or maybe you use Scrip in a novel way, or possibly you've found ways to encouraged others to participate. If you would be interested in sharing your ideas, please send them to me to be included in this Spotlight in the coming months.

DATE REMINDERS

January Scrip orders are **due Sunday, January 17th** with cards available the following Sunday, January 24th

Thanks again to each of you who have participated in Scrip! And I encourage anyone who hasn't tried it yet, to do so! It's easy and convenient!

As always, if you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Happy Scrip'ing!

Cindy Lewis

C: 618-444-6401 or email cindy647@aol.com.

Scrip Enrollment Code B239EE7235595



The office is returning to regular hours:

Monday-Thurs 8-12
Closed Friday & Sat

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