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# The Carillon

April 2022

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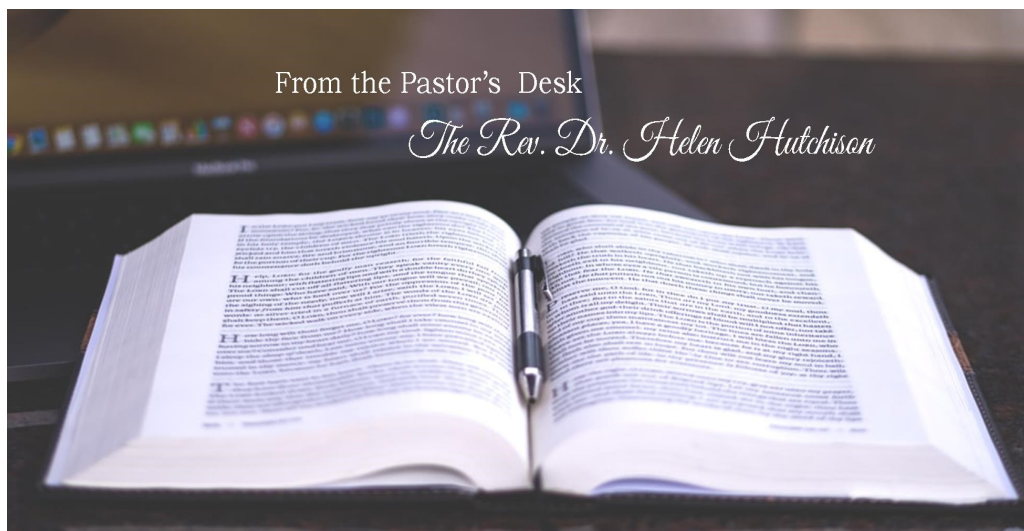
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Dear Members and Friends of St. John's Presbyterian Church,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve among you for the past 3 ½ years. I know many have asked me about my decision to leave St. John's and accept a call to another church. We have been through a tremendous amount together in the last two years. Covid was a huge challenge and change in how we did church. I give a huge thank you to St. John's amazing staff and feel very proud in the way we have reimagined church over the past two years and have done very well in keeping St. John's on an even keel. That does take effort and take a toll. Many of you may have read how some are calling this time "the great resignation" as people make changes and shifts after difficult years. I also have shared with the session some recommendations as St. John's moves forward.

I believe St. John's is full of amazing people and has made such a positive impact in the community in Reno. I believe St. John's is a light to the people and community in Reno and the Presbytery and the nation and the world. I believe God is with you and has much left for you to do.

Again, I have appreciated being your pastor and will miss you terribly. I will finish my time here at St. John's the end of April. Thank you for the privilege of serving among you.

Grace and Peace,

Helen



You're reading the APRIL Carillon and Easter will soon be here! For children one of the things that means is the Easter Egg Hunt is coming! This event will take place on Easter Sunday, April 17 at 10:00 am.

Tell your children, grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, St. John's Children's Center children, children who are like family to you: all are welcome!

The Christian Education Committee invites the congregation to take part prior to the hunt by donating small, wrapped candies, small enough to fit into plastic eggs. Bring them to the Narthex and look for the collection box marked "Easter Egg Candy Donations" in which to place them. If you'd like to help stuff eggs, gather with us at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, April 13, in Martin Hall. After the Covid-caused drought in gathering, it'll be such fun! **Masks are optional.**



Are you already planning your summer calendar for the family? Here's a date for you: **July 10, at 10:30 am.** Here's a wardrobe suggestion: wear that old Resident Camp T-shirt you couldn't quite get rid of! Doug Ramseth has a camp sweatshirt from 1990—just sayin'! If you were a part of St. John's Resident Camp as a counselor, staff person, or camper EVER, plan to come to our REUNION! Bring pictures of what's been happening in the years since camp! We're in the planning stage right now (want to help with planning? Call Pam at (775) 745-0875 and join our planning team!) We're thinking Picnic/Games/Singing/Cabin Skits, Talent...whatever! Bring your whole family to church at 10:30 am; plan to stay into the afternoon for a lot of fun and remembering. **Pass the word!**



## Greetings from St. John's Children's Center

This month the children will celebrate Easter. Classrooms will have an Easter celebration and egg hunt. Parents will bring in pre-filled Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny will hide them for the children to find. This is so much fun for the children.

This month we will finish our registration for current families. We will begin calling our waitlist families in May. We will also be having picture day at the end of April.

Happy Easter!  
Miss Bernie



Finance Committee will meet on the 2nd Monday, April 11 at 10:00 am. in the library.

FYI—Per Capita is due and payable at \$46.00 per member (not family) which is sent to the Synod office and distributed to General Assembly, Synod, and Nevada Presbytery which receives the largest amount. Actually, a large proportion comes back to the Presbytery from the Synod at a later date in the year. Per Capita has not increased for several years.

We do appreciate members paying Per Capita; all is not covered by your payment will have to be paid from the General Fund. As of the end of February we have received \$2,007.00 Per Capita from members; we have paid to Synod \$10,225.80. So please include your Per Capita in your next offering contribution. Thank you so much for remembering your Per Capita contribution.

D. K. Krater, Finance Chair



Health Education Ministry (HEM), the Deacon's ministry on Health and Education formerly Older Adult Ministry (OAM)—will be printing articles of information in the monthly Carillon.

HEM also pays for the Carillon to be sent to the homebound members of St. John's Congregation. Today's focus is:

#### **ADULT MEDICATIONS AND CHILDREN**

Adults need to be reminded to keep their medicine out of reach of children in their families or children who visit. This applies especially to grandparents who tend to leave

their medicines on their bathroom counters and forget to move them when grandchildren visit.

Far too many children die because they have somehow taken medicine meant for adults. Small children who find pills left on a counter think they are candy and will pop them into their mouths. Remember that just one pill can mean a child's death.

There are special locked boxes made to contain medicines and an-out-of reach cupboard in a bathroom or bedroom is always a good place to store medicine. Medicine should never be stored in a kitchen. Make certain that your own medicine is out of reach of children and grandchildren and spend time to teach the children in your family that another person's medicine is something that they should never take. Also teach them that medicine is made for a specific purpose and that adult medicine can be fatal to other people, but especially to children.





The Mission Committee would like to inform you of our focus for this Lenten season. This should come as no surprise since St. John's has participated in the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Special Offering for as long as I can remember. This offering has a history of over seven decades in the U.S. and includes participation of churches from many denominations. Our donations to OGHS are divided nearly equally between three programs of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): the [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) (PDA), the [Self Development of People](#) (SDOP), and the [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#) (PHP). These three programs all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. There is no better way than by examples to give you a sense of the powerful work that these three intertwined programs endeavor to achieve.



A key point to understand is that the PDA has existing infrastructure and partnerships in place already to be able to respond more quickly and effectively to calamity. There is hardly a more tragic current calamity than Ukraine to illustrate what PDA can do. I can't say it better than the people involved (excerpts from the PDA website):

*"It is a crisis situation. People are running for their lives, and there is damage all across the country. Even people not directly impacted by the violence have lost access to water, electricity, all sorts of basic needs. PDA is working alongside partners in the region, who know how to get this work done. They know how to work with the locals so they can get the aid where it's needed. We're talking about a very large crisis, but it is in Europe. There's food in Europe. There's clothing available in Europe. We don't need to ship those things from here. They can purchase them there and they have the expertise to know how to disseminate those goods to people in the region. Our priority as PDA is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work."*



**The goals of the Presbyterian Hunger Program** may be obvious, but again an example speaks louder than any other kind of entreaty to give to OGHS. Nyapan is a widowed mother of six children in South Sudan, where prevailing customs and societal traditions prevented her from inheriting her late husband's cattle. She no longer has to go to sleep hungry, thanks to a partnership between a local organization and the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP). Nyapan is one of 200 local women who have been trained in agricultural production and farming skills.

They receive seed and tools and have been able to establish their own farms. "There are many benefits to prioritizing women's economic empowerment," said PHP's mission specialist for International Hunger Concerns. "Climate disasters, conflicts, and of course the pandemic have stressed the global food supply and put women at greater risk of gender-based violence. Empowering women to produce their own food and earn income is essential for their resilience, adaptation and active participation in society. The capability of producing food close to home shields women from wildly fluctuating prices on the market for goods, protects women from travelling long distances in search of food, and eliminates the necessity to trade sex for food." Nyapan, who joined the program in 2021, has been diligently working the farm since then.



**And finally, we come to the Self Development of People (SDOP)** which may need a bit more explanation than the other two programs supported by OGHS. This program's goals are to promote justice, build stronger communities, and seek economic equity. Partnerships with local

organizations promote the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people, and seek to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression, and injustice. Again, an example—advocating for environmental justice—best highlights the work of this program. Over 40 years ago, an earthen dam of a nuclear waste disposal pond broke near Church Rock, New Mexico, and dumped tons of solid, radioactive waste and 90 million gallons of acidic and radioactive liquids into a nearby river. The resulting contamination of the land, air and ground water affected nine Navajo municipalities. The toxic and cumulative effects of this human-caused disaster have impacted the Navajo people for generations—especially in the form of chronic health problems such as asthma, and a higher incidence of miscarriages, birth defects, and liver and pancreatic cancer. Each year, hundreds of Navajo families and their allies come together near the anniversary of this tragedy to pray, to heal and to act, together. The Self Development of People program partners with a local organization that works to restore and protect the ecosystem and cultures of uranium-impacted communities of southwestern U.S. For example, they are instrumental in providing clean drinking water and in getting the Navajo Nation to pass two fundamental laws, one prohibiting new uranium mining and another prohibiting the transportation of radioactive materials across the nation.

I close with a quote from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). "One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience and sustainability. During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection and connects us with those *"who have the least"*— *that's how Matthew 25 puts it* — *and that's what One Great Hour of Sharing is all about. Thank you for your generosity! For as we always say...when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.*"

St. John's Mission Committee urges you to give to OGHS as you are able throughout the Lenten season and culminating on Palm Sunday (April 10) and Easter (April 17). Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
			
<b>3</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Worship Service-Mission Projects <b>9:30 AM</b> Multi-Media Comm. <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship and Communion Service	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Al-Anon Monday Morning Wakeup <b>5:30 PM</b> Building/Grounds Comm. <b>6:30 PM</b> Bella Voce Women's Ensemble	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Missions Comm. <b>12:00 PM</b> Women's Clergy Group <b>1:00 PM</b> Al-Anon Family Group <b>5:30 PM</b> Christian Education Comm. <b>6:00 PM</b> Barrett Park Comm. <b>6:30 PM</b> Sierra Highlanders Pipeband	<b>6</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> H <b>2:30 PM</b> K Mystery (Z <b>6:00 PM</b> A Subcommi <b>6:00 PM</b> W Group-Alc
<b>10</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Bring Easter Candy Donations</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Worship Service-Hutchison Preaching <b>9:30 AM</b> Welcoming Comm. <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>11</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Al-Anon Monday Morning Wakeup <b>10:00 AM</b> Finance Comm. <b>1:30 PM</b> St. John's Book Club <b>5:00 PM</b> Personnel Comm. <b>6:30 PM</b> Bella Voce Women's Ensemble <b>7:00 PM</b> The Compassionate Friends of Reno <b>7:00 PM</b> The Other Brothers Jazz Group	<b>12</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts Pack 10 Bear Den <b>1:00 PM</b> Al-Anon Family Group <b>5:30 PM</b> Board of Deacons (via Zoom) <b>6:30 PM</b> Sierra Highlanders Pipeband	<b>13</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Pr Study <b>3:00 PM</b> Ea <b>5:00 PM</b> SJ <b>6:00 PM</b> A Subcommi <b>6:00 PM</b> W Group-Alc
<b>17</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>Bring Easter Candy Donations</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Early Worship Service-Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Easter Egg Hunt <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>18</b> Philanthropic Educational Organization Chapter T <b>9:00 AM</b> Al-Anon Monday Morning Wakeup <b>6:30 PM</b> Bella Voce Women's Ensemble	<b>19</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Florence Circle <b>1:00 PM</b> Al-Anon Family Group <b>5:30 PM</b> Session Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Sierra Highlanders Pipeband	<b>20</b> <b>Carillon S</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> K Mystery (in <b>5:00 PM</b> Fe <b>6:00 PM</b> A Subcommi <b>6:00 PM</b> W Group-Alc
<b>24</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship Service-Special Music <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Al-Anon Monday Morning Wakeup <b>6:30 PM</b> Bella Voce Women's Ensemble <b>7:00 PM</b> The Other Brothers Jazz Group	<b>26</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts Pack 10 Bear Den <b>1:00 PM</b> Al-Anon Family Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Sierra Highlanders Pipeband	<b>27</b> <b>Administr</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> A Subcommi <b>6:00 PM</b> W Group-Alc

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> McCune-Prayer Service/ Interment of Ashes	<b>2</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Weckerly-Prayer Service/ Interment of Ashes <b>1:00 PM</b> Living Church of God <b>7:00 PM</b> Back to Basics-Alcoholics Anonymous
	<b>7</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Philanthropic Educational Organization Chapter AL <b>11:00 AM</b> Thursday Morning Bible Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Worship Comm.	<b>8</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Living Church of God <b>7:00 PM</b> Back to Basics-Alcoholics Anonymous
Health Education Ministry Knitting/Crocheting into the (Room) Alternative Worship ttee Wednesday Night Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>14</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Thursday Morning Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Supper <b>6:30 PM</b> Living Church of God	<b>15</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Good Friday Service	<b>16</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Reno Cigar Lions-C4K Project <b>1:00 PM</b> Living Church of God <b>7:00 PM</b> Back to Basics-Alcoholics Anonymous
Presbyterian Women's Bible Easter Egg Stuffing CC Board Meeting Alternative Worship ttee Wednesday Night Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>21</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Thursday Morning Bible Study	<b>22</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Earth Day</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Living Church of God	<b>23</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Living Church of God <b>7:00 PM</b> Back to Basics-Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>Submissions Due</b> Knitting/Crocheting into the (n Person) Fellowship and Nurture Comm. Alternative Worship ttee Wednesday Night Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>28</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Philanthropic Educational Organization Chapter AL <b>11:00 AM</b> Thursday Morning Bible Study	<b>29</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Youth First Tea for Teens Setup	<b>30</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Youth First Tea for Teens <b>1:00 PM</b> Living Church of God <b>7:00 PM</b> Back to Basics-Alcoholics Anonymous





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**First Wednesday at 2:30 pm**  
on Zoom

**Meeting ID:** 2297095906  
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**Third Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.**  
in Person  
(Clawson Memorial Library)

**Study:** What My Grandmothers Taught Me

**Time:** Apr. 13, 2022, 1:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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with St. John's on

# Mission Sunday

## Ukraine Crisis Response

St. John's is responding to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine by collecting monetary donations and sending it to Church World Service (CWS)

### **Ukraine Crisis Response Fund**

CWS established the Ukraine Crisis Response fund to address the unique needs of Ukrainians displaced by the current conflict.

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**Mark your June 2022 calendar for**

**June 20—24**

**from 9:00 am-Noon each day for Vacation Bible School!**

**We'll be meeting in person at St. John's!**

**A special celebration of our week together will be on June 26**

**Our program theme for this year is**

# **To Mars and Beyond!**

**We are assembling our team now so if you would like to**

**volunteer for this incredibly fun week**

**call Pam Ramseth at (775) 745-0875**

**or**

**Maria Winchester (775) 342-5417**



## *From the Clerk of Session*

### **NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM ST. JOHN'S SESSION**

St. John's Session held its regular monthly meeting on March 22, 2022 (via Zoom)  
Following are some highlights from the meeting.

**St. John's Session rescinded** the 'Mask' mandate in the Church proper. (Masks are no longer required but are optional.) This does not apply to the Children's Center as they will institute their own requirements.

**Rev. Susan Taylor**, member of the Committee on Ministry, has been appointed as the Presbytery of Nevada Liaison to St. John's Session to guide the church through this transitional period of finding a pastor.

**During this time of transition** if you would like to share your thoughts with the Session, please send them to me and I will put them on the Docket for April's Session meeting. (Several folks have done this.) This will be helpful to the Committee on Ministry. If you would like to remain anonymous, I will share your thoughts but not your identity.

### **Vital Statistics as of press time for the April 2022 issue of *The Carillon*.**

**Active Members:** 211 members in 164 households as of March 22, 2022.

**New Members:** St. John's Session has not received any new members since February's Session meeting.

**Communion served: On Sunday, February 20, 2022 (Seventh Sunday of Epiphany):** The in-house Worship Service at 8:30 had (9) observe Communion and (1) Homebound.

**Communion served: On Sunday, March 06, 2022 (First Sunday in Lent):** The number of Worshipers signed in (77) and Live-Streaming Worshipers signed in (39) observed Communion. [Approximately 116 were served during the service.]

**Communion served: On Sunday, March 20, 2022 (Third Sunday in Lent):** The in-house Worship Service at 8:30 had (7) observe Communion.

**Births Recorded:** Oliver Wolfe Aubert, son of Cameron and Lindsey (Goodenow) Aubert, born on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, has been recorded.

**Baptisms Recorded:** No Baptisms have been recorded since February's Session meeting.

**Weddings Recorded:** No Weddings have been recorded since February's Session meeting.

**Deaths Recorded:** The Death of Mauvine R. Barnes on Tuesday, March 08, 2022, has been recorded. Mo and Jim joined St. John's on May 13, 1973.

**Memorials Recorded:** No Memorials have been recorded since February's Session meeting.

**Attendance:** The attendance report for Worship being held in the Sanctuary is taken by the number of folks signed in at the Worship Services and the number of folks attending via Live Streaming who sign in to view. [Approximately 129 avg. per Sunday.]





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**April 30, 2022**

Unused or Expired  
Prescription Medications  
Prescription Liquids  
Pet Medications  
Over-the-counter Pills



**Locations**

**RENO**

- **Raley's**  
18144 Wedge Parkway  
1630 Robb Drive
- **Reno Elks Lodge**  
591 Kumle Lane
- **Smith's**  
750 South Meadows Parkway  
175 Lemmon Drive
- **Reno-Sparks Indian Colony**  
405 Golden Lane

**SPARKS**

- **Smith's**  
1255 Baring Boulevard

**Other Options**

- Dispose in permanent drop boxes in the lobbies of the Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, Washoe County Sheriff's Department, and the University of Nevada Reno Police Department
- Some pharmacies have permanent drop boxes. Talk to your pharmacist.
- If you can't get to a drop box, crush your prescriptions in a seal-tight plastic bag. Add kitty litter or wet coffee grounds. Seal bag and dispose in the trash.