

November 18, 2007

Dear St. John Member,

Now that our Stewardship Campaign for 2007 has concluded, the Board of Elders would like to get your opinions and comments on the past year and the future plans of St. John United Church of Christ. Paying close attention to the finances of the church is important, but we also need to be good stewards of our time and talents in order to continue the work and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Our people are the church of St. John. Is the church meeting your needs? If not, how can we improve? Do you feel welcome and loved in the family of St. John? We, your Board of Elders sincerely hope so. To that end, we want your feedback and try to solicit it approximately once a year in our annual surveys. We need to know what the church is doing right and what might need improvement.

We have organized the Elders and members into "care groups". Hopefully you have seen the list posted in the parlor. Your Elder will usually be the one calling you before the quarterly *Prayer Circles* and the one checking to see if everything is alright if (s)he notices any prolonged absences from church. Of course, you are more than welcome to call any one of the Elders at any time, if you want to share concerns or problems, or just need someone to talk to. Our next *Prayer Circle* will be December 11 and your Elder will be calling you in the next few weeks.

You may mail your survey to the church (addressed to your Elder or the "Board of Elders"). If we have not heard from you, your Elder will give you a call to get your feedback. Your responses will be kept in confidence, compiled anonymously, and the summary will be presented to the cabinet. The cabinet will decide which items require further attention.

St. John can set a Christian example in our community. People should be able to point to us and say, "Oh, that's how Christians are supposed to act and treat each other." We can only do this with your love, commitment, and involvement. Please give some prayerful thought to the topics outlined on the following page and share those thoughts with your Board of Elders.

Yours in Christ,

St. John Board of Elders:

Bob & Karen Bluhm
Edie DeBoard
Debbie Jordan
Charlie & Nancy Macyunas
Chris Murray



Comments/Suggestions Annual Elder Survey -- 2007

Member Name: _____ Date: _____ Elder: _____

*This form is intended to present you with some talking points to consider for our Annual Survey.
Please use this page to make notes. You may share your thoughts and ideas with your Elder when (s)he calls
or, if you prefer, you can return this page to your Elder or the church.*

For confidentiality mail to: Board of Elders, St. John United Church of Christ, 1190 Olesen Dr., Naperville, IL 60540

Topic	Things that are working well	Ideas for improvement
Pastoral Leadership of St. John		
Worship Service and Music Ministry		
Board of Elders – What can we do to support your spiritual needs?		
Finding members to fill all of the Ministry and Cabinet positions		
Membership Growth		
Missions and Charities		
Church Buildings and Grounds		

Topic	Things that are working well	Ideas for improvement
Christian Education		
Congregation/ Family Fellowship		
Youth Fellowship and involvement in the life of the church		
Fundraising Projects		

One thing I like about St. John:

Other Comments or Suggestions:

Ways in which I would be willing to share my time and talents:
