

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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We are an Open and Affirming congregation,
where all are welcome.



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I was a kid, I disliked Fall. It meant that dark came too soon and I couldn't go outside to play after supper. As an adult I have come to love the crisp air and the beautiful landscapes. Who can resist the changing colors of the leaves? Even though the trees will soon be without any leaves, we know next Spring, they will be beautiful again. The finger of God never stops creating and drawing beautiful portraits for us to view. Because we have faith, we can trust God to lead us through all the seasons of nature and of life.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 Common English Bible (CEB)

Paul writes to the church in Thessalonia.

“² We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. ³This is because we remember your work that comes from **faith**, your effort that comes from **love**, and your perseverance that comes from **hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father.”

Jesus calls us to pray, have faith, trust, and hope in the goodness of God who makes all things possible.

Peace, Pastor Rosemary

AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Recently hospitalized: Don Krieg, LaVerne Kistler

Condolences to: LaVerne Kistler and family on the death of her grandson, Ben.

Funeral: The service for LaVerne Kistler, a member since 1955, was held here on Thursday, September 27. Our condolences to all her family.

October Birthdays:

10/9 Janice Petroff	10/22 Gary Warning
10/15 Lew Thomasino	10/23 Doris Stewart
10/15 Gemma Thomasino	10/25 Caitlin Turnbull
10/18 Pastor Rosemary	10/27 Terry Randle
10/20 John Arbeiter	10/27 Morgan Myers
10/20 Cole Underwood	10/28 Melinda Stidham
10/21 Silas Thomasino	10/29 Russ Hartmann
	10/30 Chuck Kistler

October Anniversaries:

10/15 Mike & Melinda Stidham #7
10/20 Larry & Becky Riess #28
10/20 John & Chris Arbeiter #17
10/22 Rich & Judy Schmitt # 41

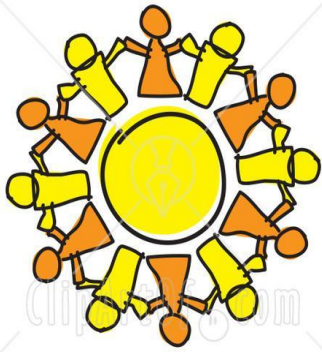


CELTICA AT ST. JOHN ON OCTOBER 7!

What better way to celebrate World Communion Sunday than to have Celtica share Irish music with us! The band has performed with several St. Clair County area musical groups, including the Great Rivers Choral Society and the Belleville Philharmonic Orchestra, at both the Southern Illinois Irish Festival and the Missouri River Irish Festival, Union United Methodist Church's Fine Arts Concert Series, as well as Belleville's Art on the Square.

Don't miss this! Come and bring a friend – or two!





EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle held their first meeting of the fall September 17th. After electing officers we made plans for the year. As usual we will be very busy. We will have our bake sale in December, and make sub sandwiches and turtles in January. We will send Valentines to veterans in February and donate funds raised to various causes. Carol and Eileen always have a fun craft or game for us after our business is completed.

Our next meeting is October 15th.

The Evening Circle meets the third Monday of the month
and all ladies of St. John are welcome. Hope to see you all there!

FEMININE HYGIENE KITS

Last month on Tuesday, September 4, 21 women gave time to this project. Some could sew, some could trace, some could cut, some could iron, some could cut ribbon, some could stack items to be sewn. They all contributed! Our goal is to make 200 of these kits to send to Peru with Nurses2Peru.

Did you miss it? It is not too late! Come to church on **Tuesday, October 2**. We will start at 10:00 a.m. Stay as long as you like. Come later in the day as you like or are able. The church will be open until 6:00 p.m. Here are the jobs that need to be done:

- sewing/serging
- turning/pressing
- tracing/cutting
- installing snaps
- cutting/installing ribbon

Hopefully you can spare some time on Oct 2. We will have additional monthly work days, on the first Tuesday of the month, until we reach our goal. If you can come and have any of the following, please bring it with you that day:

- sewing machine and usual sewing supplies
- serger
- scissors that will cut fabric
- cutting mat, ruler and rotary cutter

You do not have to have sewing skills! Just bring a scissors and come. We will train you.

There is also a way you can help with supplies. Here is what we need:

- cotton fabrics, laundered and pressed, preferably medium to dark tones.
- Look through your scraps. Anything bigger than a 4 1/2" square can be used.
- flannel, laundered and pressed, preferably dark yardage.
- girls' underwear, sizes 10 – 14
- gallon zip-loc bags
- money to purchase waterproof lining, snaps, etc.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

A big “THANK YOU” to everyone who helped with the Rally Day celebration All the help was greatly appreciated. We were glad to have all of you who came and shared the meal with us.

Pennies for Mission for part of October will continue to go for the “Noisy Offering” at the Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting.



USHERS

October 7 – Lew and Silas Thomasino
October 14 – Sue Ganschinietz and Sue Sharp
October 21 – Ginny Ganschinietz and Sue Williams
October 28 – Judy Schmitt and Carol Bulva

LITURGISTS

10/7 Tiffany Baldwin
10/14 Anne Brown
10/21 Ginny Ganschinietz
10/28 Sue Williams

LITURGICAL READINGS

Oct. 7 Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12
Oct. 14 Hebrews 4: 12-16
Oct. 21 Hebrews 5: 1-10
Oct. 28 Hebrews 7: 23-28
Nov. 4 Ruth 1: 1-18



FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

An excerpt from “Making Sense of the Bible – Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today” written by Adam Hamilton.

“As we read scripture, we are involved in hearing God speak through it. We may read a passage of scripture and hear nothing at all. Then we read it again prayerfully, and we hear something we did not hear before. We sense God speaking to us. Often it is as we dig deeper into a text, studying the written document’s context, background, and the author’s intention, that we begin to hear God speak through it. The Spirit also uses the exposition of scripture in sermons and meaningful discussion in small groups studying the Bible to breathe upon us and upon scripture so we hear God speak through it. The church and our own intellect help us discern God’s message to us in the midst of the writings of those who lived two and three thousand years ago. Ultimately this understanding of inspiration may sound familiar to some of you: it involves reading and interpreting scripture with the help of the *tradition* of the faith, the *experience* of the Spirit, and the use of our human *reason*.” Pages 142-143



October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> ● Celtic Worship at 10am with World Communion Sunday & Fellowship Time to Follow ● DuBois Fall Festival	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> ● Boy Scout Meeting	<u>10</u> ● Church Council 7pm	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> ● Worship at 10am	<u>15</u> ● Evening Circle 7pm	<u>16</u> ● Boy Scout Meeting	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> ● Pastor Rosemary on Vacation	<u>19</u> ● Pastor Rosemary on Vacation	<u>20</u> ● Pastor Rosemary on Vacation
<u>21</u> ● Worship at 10am ● Pastor Rosemary on Vacation 6pm	<u>22</u> ● Outdoor Ministry Meeting	<u>23</u> ● Boy Scout Meeting	<u>24</u> ● Clergy Day 8am-1pm - Church Office Closed	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> ● ISC Annual Meeting
<u>28</u> ● Worship at 10am	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> ● Boy Scout Meeting	<u>31</u>			