



OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

ST. JOHN UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1.) Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting will be October 21 at St. Peter's UCC in Red Bud. Your delegates are Nancy Eisenhauer, Judy Schmitt, and Pastor Rosemary. As is their custom, they are asking for a noisy offering from each church. We decided to ask for all your change in worship October 15, instead of our usual Pennies for Mission. So please start collecting your change from your pockets or purses now and bring them in on October 15. Thank you.
- 2.) This December Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year. The Church Council has decided that we will NOT have a morning worship service that day December 24 but WILL HAVE a Christmas Eve service at 7 pm that evening.
- 3.) This year Totenfest will be on November 26 during worship. Please let the office know if you have a loved one who has passed since December 1 of last year for us to remember them at our service.
- 4.) Dubois Annual Fall Festival is October 1 from 11 – 5. (I'll try to keep the sermon short so you have plenty of time to attend this wonderful celebration.) Fall



Festival at our church camp includes free parking, different types of food, drinks, a baked goods sweet shop, raffles for baskets, vendors with crafts to share, a children's corner, pontoon boat rides, wagon rides, and the BEST, HORSE RIDES!! Let me know if you need directions.

BLESSINGS TO ALL, Pastor Rosemary

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

- 10/15 Melinda & Mike Stidham # 12
- 10/20 Becky & Larry Riess # 33
- 10/20 Chris & John Arbeiter # 22



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY (I missed last month)

- 9/10 Sharon & Chuck Kistler # 40

ST. JOHN PRAYER LIST: Carson Edwards, Yvonne Weber, Marilyn Paul, Beth Sheldon, Mary Holcomb, Syd Safriet, Ronald Bopp, Rosemary Williams, Becky Ballard, David Seneczyn, Urban Baum, Luz Captain, Russ Hartmann, Marcy Castelli, Amy Smith

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Jeanette Brown
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Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Yvonne Weber
200 St. Clair Dr.
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USHERS

October 1 - Ginny Ganschinetz, Sue Ganschinetz
October 8 – Sue Williams, Jim Eisenhauer
October 15 – Judy Schmitt, Eileen Gammon
October 22 – Eric Moayer, Chuck Kistler
October 29 – Jan and Tom Miller



EVENING CIRCLE

October is arriving with cooler weather, changing leaves, pumpkins, and finally Halloween.

Our Evening Circle meeting will arrive on Oct. 8th after church in the L-room.

Our officers for the new year are:

Eileen Gammon and Carol Bulva - Co-Chairs

Secretary - Sue Williams

Treasurer - Virginia Ganschinetz

All St. John ladies are welcome to attend. November "Thank Offering" envelopes will be handed out. Any new ideas for our meetings or mission projects are always welcome.

"Nothing is impossible with God in the month of October. So, believe in yourself and welcome this beautiful month with grace." - Unknown

Eileen Gammon, Co-Chair

CHOIR

The Choir will begin our season on Sunday, October 8th. Many of the faces will be familiar, with one or two new ones! We are looking forward to doing some spirituals this fall. I hope you will find them as enriching as I do. As always, you are welcome to join us. We practice on the Sundays that we sing, at 9:00 am. Nancy Eisenhauer




CALLING FOR VOUNTEERS We need more people to volunteer to host Fellowship time after Communion Sundays. Coffee, other drinks, fruit, sweets, homemade or store bought, it doesn't matter. SURPRISE US!!



We all enjoy these special times to be together SO PLEASE HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Pumpkin Prayer



Cut off the top:
**Lord, open my mind and fill me
with Your wisdom and guidance.**

Scoop out the yuckies:
**Lord, take out all my fussies and
frownies and fill me with Your love.**

Carve out the eyes:
**Lord, open my eyes to see all of the
beautiful things You have made.**

Carve out the nose:
**Lord, help me to be a sweet
fragrance for You.**

Carve out the mouth:
**Lord, help me to always speak
Your words of love and kindness.**

Place in a candle:
**Lord, let me be a light to others
For You have filled me with Your light.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Service of Word & Sacrament @ 10am Fellowship time Art Quilters 3:30-5	2	3	4	5 Zoom Bible Study @ 6:30 AA Meeting	6	7 Church work day @ 9 am
8 Service of the Word @ 10am Choir rehearsal @ 9am Evening Circle after worship	9	10	11 Church Council Meeting via Zoom @ 7pm	12 Zoom Bible Study @ 6:30 AA Meeting Day Quilters	13	14 Rain date for Church work day (if needed)
15 Service of Word @ 10am	16	17	18	19 Zoom Bible Study @ 6:30 AA Meeting	20	21 IL South Conference Annual Meeting Quilters Retreat 8-5
22 Service of Word @ 10am	23	24	25	26 Zoom Bible Study @ 6:30 AA Meeting	27	28
29 Service of Word @ 10am	30	31				