



OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Pastor Rosemary Captain

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Faith,

More from Matthew

In October we will be hearing more stories from the gospel of Matthew. In the first three lessons, we hear about how to treat workers, who gets invited to the wedding feast and what do you owe to Caesar. It seems that Jesus is trying to make his followers (and us) think about what is fair. All of this is against a background of harvest, taking in crops, paying workers, paying taxes to Caesar, etc. In the final week of the month, Jesus talks about sending help in the form of prophets, who the people kill. Sound familiar? It seems to me that we haven't learned much in over 2000 years.

We have an opportunity to take these lessons to heart. How are they relevant today? Think compassion. Do those we disagree with deserve our compassion? Do we deserve their compassion?

Spend some time in prayer each day. I have found that it helps.

See you Sunday,
Nancy



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/9 Janice Petroff
10/15 Lew Thomasino
10/15 Gemma Thomasino
10/18 Pastor Rosemary
10/20 John Arbeiter
10/20 Cole Underwood
10/21 Silas Thomasino

10/23 Doris Stewart
10/27 Terry Randle
10/28 Melinda Stidham
10/29 Russ Hartmann
10/30 Chuck Kistler



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

10/15 Melinda & Mike Stidham # 15
10/20 Becky & Larry Riess # 36
10/20 Chris & John Arbeiter # 25



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Becky Ballard
1211 Moreland Apt 12
Fairview Heights IL 62208

Ivy Schneider
213 Merriweather Ln
Belleville IL 62223



Jeanette Brown
5904 Perrin Rd
Fairview Heights IL 62208

Yvonne Weber
200 St Clair Dr
Fairview Heights IL 62208

Jackie Canterbury
105 W Julie St Apt C
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PRAYER LIST: Becky Ballard, Mary Lou and Urban Baum, Carol Bulva, Jackie Canterbury, Geralyn Gammon, Russ Hartmann, Kim Holmes, Wayne Huss, Cindy Jablonski, Nancy W, Jim Warning, Marilyn Paul, Pam and Syd Safriet, Yvonne Weber, our Beloved Country.

CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Patti French.



October 4 - Nancy & Jim Eisenhauer
October 11 - Jan & Tom Miller
October 18 - Sue Williams, Jane Cohlmeier
October 25 - Lew Thomasino, Judy Schmitt



CHOIR



**THE CHOIR WILL BEGIN THEIR 2026-2027 SEASON ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026.
COME JOIN US TO HEAR THEIR VOICES RING!**



CIRCLE

THERE WILL BE NO OCTOBER MEETING. I will be out of town and Carol Bulva will still be in healing mode.

The next meeting will be **November 8th** after church.

Items to consider for our next meeting:

1. Is everyone willing to keep their current officer positions?
2. Special offerings: Thank Offering & Food Pantry Offering in lieu of gift exchange.
3. Sponsor Kindercottage Child.
4. December Cookie Sale.
5. Write out Christmas cards.
6. Any new ideas for spring fundraising.

Thank you for your co-operation!

Eileen Gammon Co-Chair

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Wonder, rather than doubt, is the root of knowledge. Carol Bulva



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!!

COUNCIL NOTES

Things have been quiet this last month following a wild August! (75th anniversary)

Take a breath and renew your commitment to your church. We love seeing you!

Nancy Eisenhower



SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the August 9th 75th St John Anniversary. Below is a list of individuals who gave and supported our church and our Anniversary celebration. We are so, very grateful to everyone!

Tiffany Baldwin
Steve & Sharon Banjavcic
Joe & Carol Bulva
Amy Brink
Rosemary Captain
Jackie Canterbury
Jane Cohlmeier
Sheldon Culver
Tim & Janet Darmour Paul
Eileen Gammon
Sue Ganschietz
Diane Giedeman
Claudette Graetz

Chuck Kistler
Jeff Mueller
Marilyn Paul
Becky Riess
Wayne Schlosser
David Schmisser
Stuart Schneider
Sue Sharp
Trisann Underwood
Susan Williams
Kristen Wright



OCTOBER'S MISSION IS NEIGHBORS IN NEED!

The [Neighbors in Need](#) offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. In 2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy. In 2026, the suggested offering date is October 4, but churches collect the offering for a month or any other season throughout the year. Thank you for your support and generosity!

October

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm AA Meeting 7 pm	2	3
4 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am Fellowship time after worship	5	6	7	8 Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm AA Meeting 7 pm	9	10
11 Service of Word 10 am Choir sings at service	12	13	14 Church Council Meeting 7pm via Zoom	15 Quilters 10a m- 2 pm Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm AA Meeting 7 pm	16 Quilters 9 – 3 pm	17 Quilters 9 – 3 pm Annual ISO Meeting
18 Service of Word 10 am Circle meeting after service	19	20	21	22 Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm AA Meeting 7 pm	23	24
25 Service of Word 10 am	26	27	28	29 Bible Study via Zoom at 6:30 pm AA Meeting 7 pm	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN! 

What is harder to catch the faster you run?

Answer: Your breath! 😊 HAPPY HALLOWEEN