

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 22, 2024

We welcome all who are visiting with us today.
It is good to have you in worship with us. Please introduce yourself to
Pastor Phil this morning and let us know if there is any way
we might be of service to you or your family.

Silent Reflection: "Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven."
~ Henry Ward Beecher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Our world offers many wide avenues
and beautiful boulevards to walk;

ALL: Our God invites us to walk the road
of service and sacrifice.

ONE: Our society suggests we put down our roots
in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

ALL: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope
watered by the rivers of joy and grace.

ONE: Our culture promotes achievement, success,
climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

ALL: Our God tells us if we want to be first
we need to choose to be the last.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O God, our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in autumn winds. We boast of our great knowledge, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict. Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Teach us the willingness to put the other first, and the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we may reflect the love you have for us upon others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Prayer for the children (*unison*):

We send blessings upon our children for all God's love,
all Christ's friendship and all the caring of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song Response

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power,
send us grace.

SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 1

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

HYMN *I Shall Not Be Moved*

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SERMON

HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Our great Gardener, we are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season and prosper in you. We are grateful for all that you have provided, and we dedicate our first fruits to you and to the work of your church, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH/SILENT PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things
of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

* **HYMN** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person	Dian Gansmann
Liturgist	George Anderson
Accompanist	Melody Hollis

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- St. John's:** Brian Bielong, Wally Foxworthy, Don Koenig, Sharon Koenig, Christy Lanning, Fred Lanning, Cindy Roll, Roy Roll, the family of Dave Williams, and Sean and Dustin, sons of Margie & Wally Foxworthy
- St. Jacob:** Carol Casperson, Marvin Docter, Lori Foley, Norma Logsdon, Jackie Miller, Jane Schmidt, Carol Zweck, and the family of Gail Miller

IL South Conference: Each week the churches of the Illinois South Conference are asked to pray for congregations and their pastors and other ministries of the UCC. This week we are asked to pray for:

Church & Pastors

- Ohlman St. Paul's UCC-Rev. Dr. Steve (Debbi) Nance
- Okawville St. Peter's UCC- Rev. Jeffrey Schwab

Retired Pastor

- Rev. Dr. Sheldon Culver

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Cathy & Ken Frutiger, 51 years, Sept. 22
Audrey & Don Yann, 48 years, Sept. 25
Diane Frey, Sept. 28

CHURCH ATTENDANCE, September 15, 2024

St. John's – 13 St. Jacob – 30

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Secretary's office hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Pastor Phil Barbier: Phone: 314-312-2347 / E-mail: pastor@hometel.com

BLESSING BOX LOCATED AT ST. JACOB UCC

The "Blessing Box" (located on the east side of St. Jacob UCC) can use donations of non-perishable food, hygiene products, and other items for those in need. Anyone can donate -- items are anonymously given and received. Please consider blessing our neighbors in need, and if you are in need, please feel free to stop by.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

With the inflation these past few months, use of local food pantries has been high, and donations have been low. To help our communities we have a donation tub/box for food pantry donations in the sanctuary at St. John's and St. Jacob.

Items for St. John's (For Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries): Canned goods including: green beans, corns, carrots, mixed vegetables, stew, chili, soup, fruit, spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, potatoes (boxed/bags), Rice a Roni, macaroni and cheese, pasta, Ramen noodles, Jello, pudding, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, powdered sugar, brown sugar, oil, Crisco, dish soap, laundry detergent (quart bottles/sheets/pods), dryer sheets, paper towels, toilet paper, baggies (sandwich/qt./gal.) plastic wrap, toilet bowl cleaner, and cleaning solution

Items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited): Pop-tarts, oatmeal, cheese cracker sandwiches, beef jerky, fruit cups, Vienna sausages, ketchup, mustard, broth, cooked ham, pasta sauce, jelly, pancake mix, & syrup

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY: 11 a.m., Funeral of Gail Miller - Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home

SEPTEMBER 28: Evangelical UCC – Highland Sausage Supper, noon - 7 p.m.

(Information flyer is posted on the Narthex bulletin board)

SEPTEMBER 29: Following Worship - Christian Education Discussion at
Heritage Hall, St. Jacob UCC

OCTOBER 6: DuBois Center Fall Festival, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

ON-LINE GIVING OPTION

An on-line giving option is available on the St. Jacob UCC's web site (<https://stjacobucc.org/>). There are two ways to access the on-line giving option: the first is the "DONATE" button located on the top-right corner of the "Home Page," and the second is by clicking on "RESOURCES" and then "DONATE." If you have any issues using the on-line giving option, please contact the church office at (618) 644-2142.

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER E-MAIL OPTION

With the rising cost of postage, printing and mailing our quarterly newsletter, we encourage you to consider having it e-mailed, instead of using traditional mail to send the paper copy. If you would like to have our newsletter e-mailed, please provide us with your preferred e-mail address at: stjucc@hometel.com

Also, if you currently receive our newsletter, and are no longer interested in receiving it, please let us know, either by e-mailing us at: stjucc@hometel.com or by calling the office at: 618-644-2142, and we will remove you from our newsletter mailing list.

VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB

We are looking for volunteers willing to read scripture, no long-term commitment, just one Sunday at a time. Everyone from the congregation is invited to take part in helping lead worship. There is a sign-up sheet located on the table in the Narthex.

***** THE UPPER ROOM** (September - October) magazines are available on the table in the Narthex at St. Jacob.

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 1

The truly happy person doesn't follow wicked advice, doesn't stand on the road of sinners, and doesn't sit with the disrespectful. Instead of doing those things, these persons love the Lord's Instruction, and they recite God's Instruction day and night! They are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don't fade. Whatever they do succeeds.

That's not true for the wicked! They are like dust that the wind blows away. And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice – neither will sinners in the assembly of the righteous. The Lord is intimately acquainted with the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is destroyed.

SECOND LESSON: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic. Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil. What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

What is the source of conflict among you? What is the source of your disputes? Don't they come from your cravings that are at war in your own lives? You long for something you don't have, so you commit murder. You are jealous for something you can't get, so you struggle and fight. You don't have because you don't ask. You ask and don't have because you ask with evil intentions, to waste it on your own cravings.

Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you. Come near to God, and he will come near to you.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

From there Jesus and his followers went through Galilee, but he didn't want anyone to know it. This was because he was teaching his disciples, "The Human One will be delivered into human hands. They will kill him. Three days after he is killed, he will rise up." But they didn't understand this kind of talk, and they were afraid to ask him.

They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about during the journey?" They didn't respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all." Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, "Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn't actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me."

I Shall Not Be Moved

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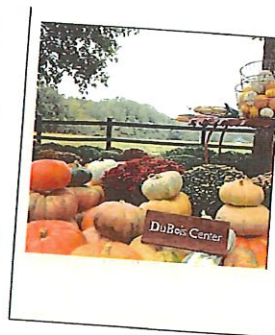
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 2. When my bur - den's heav - y, I shall not be moved,
 3. If my friends for - sake me, I shall not be moved,

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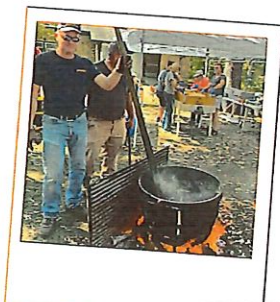
FALL FESTIVAL

DuBois Center

Sunday, Oct 6
from 11-5



Family-Friendly Event FREE Parking FREE Admission



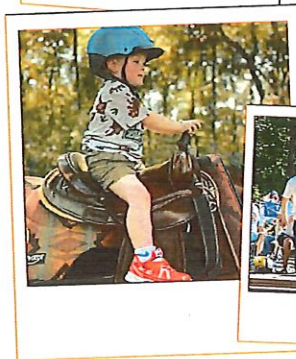
Great Food Trucks!

Tater Headz Fry, Big Rick's Meats, Lil Buddies BBQ
Plus local non-profits with Kettle Corn, Spiral Potatoes, & Sweet Treats!

Activities for EVERYONE!

Pony Rides, Hay Rides, Crafts @ the Kids Korner,
Blacksmith Demo, Rope Making, Silent Auction, and...

Over 40 Crafters & Artisans




Live Music

1:00 Sheltered Reality (on the BB Court)
2:15 Emery Bass (on the main stage)
3:30 Venedy Band (on the BB Court)

No ATM on site! Cash only for DuBois Center activities
We love pets, but only service animals are welcome

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