



St. Jacob and St. John's Summerfield News and Notes

Dear Church Family and Friends of St. Jacob and St. John's,

Happy New Year? While that's not something we often hear in the fall, for some of us, it is that time again for a new beginning, a chance to reset and start the year anew. As I write this, a new school year has recently begun, and we've just had Rally Day and restarted Sunday School as well. Students who may have had a rough time last school year have new teachers and a clean page on which to begin again. Teachers have classes full of new students and start their lessons back at the beginning. Parents have all of the start of school paperwork, parents' meetings, and renewed reminders to their kids to get homework done.

Now, some don't notice the start of this new year. Our lives no longer intersect with schools and the start of a new school year passes without a blip on their radar. But that doesn't mean we don't have our own new year's days. Our birthdays and anniversaries serve as starts of new years. If you are a sports fan, you might have half a dozen new years days with baseball's opening day, the start of the football season, or the beginning of your favorite sport. In my home there is always the excitement of the start of the Muny theater season each summer and the start of marching band season each fall. And as Christians we have the start of the new Sunday School year that we just experienced, but also the beginning of a new church year on the first Sunday of Advent (this year on November 27th) and Easter where we celebrate resurrection and new life and the coming of spring.

Each of these new years comes with the opportunity for renewal and new beginnings. For our favorite sports teams their win-loss records reset and last year's lack of defense or offense has (hopefully) been corrected. The struggles of last marching band season are left behind and a focus on new music and a new show moves the marchers forward. And the beginning of our new church year in November will shift our Sunday readings from the Gospel of Luke to the Gospel of Matthew and his story of the life of Jesus.

But we not only have the opportunity for renewal and new beginnings with each new year, but also with every new morning. Scripture tells us, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23a, NRSV). Through God's love, we have the opportunity for a new beginning every, single day. We don't have to wait for a particular day on the calendar to seek renewal through forgiveness and God's love and grace. It's available to us every morning. So let us all go out and make today and every day a wonderful new year.

Blessings to all of you,

Pastor Phil

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD JULY 12

St. Jacob UCC Vacation Bible School was held July 12. Twenty youth ages 3-11 years old participated in crafts, music, science, and Bible stories centered around the theme *“Making a Big Splash with Jesus.”* Thank you to Amy Sullivan who organized the event, Melissa Taylor who provided the music, and to all the volunteers and attendees who made this a fun and enriching learning experience for everyone who participated! (For more images, visit our web site at: stjacobucc.org/catalog)



RALLY DAY HELD SEPT. 18

St. Jacob UCC Rally Day was held Sept. 18, with special music and worship leadership provided by the drummers of *Sheltered Reality*. Following worship members of the congregation enjoyed lunch, bingo and other games to celebrate return of Sunday School which held its first class prior to worship. (For more images, visit our web site at: stjacobucc.org/catalog)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB

We would like to develop a list of 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 Narthx at St. Jacob. For more information, or to let us know you are interested contact the church office at 618-644-2142.

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.

Requested items for St. John's (Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries Food Pantry): Canned stew, canned meat (tuna & chicken), canned chili, Manwich (sloppy joe), Hamburger Helper, pie crust mix, evaporated milk, juice, beans (pork & beans or kidney), sugar (small), Zip-lock bags, & feminine hygiene products.

Requested items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited): Baked beans, Hamburger Helper, peas, canned potatoes, instant potato pouches, jelly, rice – bags, Ramen noodles, pasta sauce, Manwich, toilet paper, paper towels & deodorant.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PLANNING

Over the last few years, the number of people working on the Strawberry Festival Committee has been declining and we no longer have enough people to plan and organize such a large festival. Below is a list of all the planning and leadership roles that we need to fill to continue having the Strawberry Festival, as well as examples of what the role entails. The Festival Committee asks you take a look at these planning roles and find where you can help with planning for the Strawberry Festival. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Strawberry Festival Committee: Carol Kynion, Donna Lowe, Di Rufer, Patti Woods, or contact the church office at 618-644-2142.

Advertising – Facebook postings, Lawn signs, Fliers, Lory Theater advertisement

Sponsorships – Soliciting for sponsors, Getting shirts ordered, Thanking sponsors

Activities – Bounce houses, Snow Cone, Kettle Corn, Ax throwing & new ideas

Entertainment – Scheduling musicians/entertainment, Getting sound equipment

Crafters – Soliciting for crafters, Marking spots, Organizing crafters

Park Coordination – Securing date, Insurance, Police/security, Ordering Port-a-potty, Leading setup & teardown

Parking Coordination – Securing shuttle(s) & driver(s), Recruiting parking helpers

Raffle – Raffle Permit from Village, Soliciting for prizes - Printing tickets, Prize draw, Contacting winners, Sending thank you notes to donors

Food Ordering – Strawberries

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Food Ordering – All other food & drink items and large beverage coolers.

Ordering Non-Food Supplies – Plates, cutlery, carry out containers, etc.

Financial Coordination – Recording money coming in, Paying bills, Cash drawers on site, Working with bank (ordering money, ATM, etc.)

Assisted Living Food Delivery – Coordinating with Nursing Homes, Packaging and delivering on day

Volunteer Coordinator – Coordinating volunteers the week of the festival including cake donations, berry cleaning & preparation, Sunday shift schedules, etc.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- Oct. 2:** First Sunday of the month communion.
Oct. 2: Holy Sunday fellowship, following Service, St. John's
Oct. 12: Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.
Oct. 18: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.
Oct. 19: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.
Oct. 31: HALLOWEEN



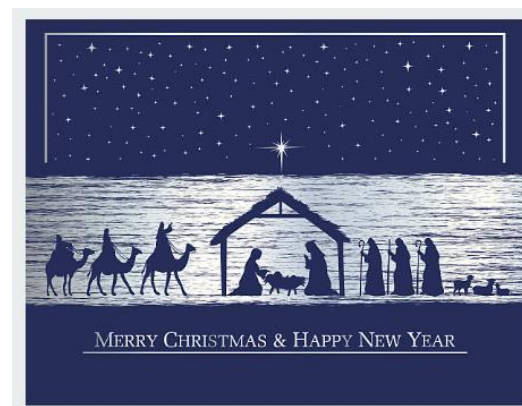
NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1:** ALL SAINTS DAY
Nov. 6: First Sunday of the month communion.
Nov. 6: Holy Sunday fellowship, following Service, St. John's
Nov. 9: Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.
Nov. 11: VETERANS DAY
Nov. 15: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.
Nov. 16: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.
Nov. 24: THANKSGIVING
Nov. 27: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DECEMBER

- Dec. 4:** First Sunday of the month communion.
Dec. 4: Holy Sunday fellowship, following Service, St. John's
Dec. 14: Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.
Dec. 20: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.
Dec. 21: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.
Dec. 24: CHRISTMAS EVE
Dec. 25: CHRISTMAS DAY
Dec. 31: NEW YEAR'S EVE



CARD SHOWER

Pastor Phil would like to “shower” our members who are celebrating milestone birthdays, (90 years and up), or a milestone wedding anniversary, (50 years and up, in 5-year increments). The church currently does not have birth years for these special people, only the anniversary years. So, if you are in your late 80's and up, please let us know your birth year. We will let you know in advance when these milestone birthdays are taking place. The church will provide a basket on the Resource Table in Heritage Hall where you can place your cards and Pastor Phil will be happy to deliver them. You may also just mail your card if you prefer.

ST. JOHN'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October Dates

John & Charissa Hill, 30 years, Oct. 24
Denise & Paul Baer, 50 years, Oct. 27
Thomas McCaw, Oct. 28

November Dates

Denise Baer, Nov. 7

Don & Sharon Koenig, 54 years, Nov. 16

December Dates

Roger Baer, Dec. 8
Roger & Barbara Baer, 40 years, Dec. 11
Bradley Gutter, Dec. 13

ST. JACOB BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October Dates

Marilyn Warren, Oct. 6
Kay & Paul Guse, 34 years, Oct. 8
Beth Hanser, Oct. 9
Kevin Hollis, Oct. 13
John Lowe, Oct. 13
Gail Miller, Oct. 13
Dash Zobrist, Oct. 15
Donna Lowe, Oct. 19
Onis & Carol Zweck, 49 years, Oct. 20
Kaitlin Woods, Oct. 21
Jerry Schmitt, Oct. 23
Troy Gansmann, Oct. 26
Kathy Ritter, Oct. 27

November Dates

George Anderson, Nov. 2
Rhonda Schmidt, Nov. 3
Kristen Kniepkamp Belcher, Nov. 8
Darik Zobrist, Nov. 10
Rachel Schmidt Stopka, Nov. 15
Marie Gansmann, Nov. 20
Henry Peer, Nov. 24

Andrea Herkenhoff, Nov. 24

Jackie Miller, Nov. 24

December Dates

Loretta Tague, Dec. 3
John & Donna Lowe, 38 years, Dec. 8
Ty & Dian Gansmann, 27 years, Dec. 8
Sam Frey, Dec. 9
Peggy Bohnenstiehl, Dec. 10
Brittany Frank, Dec. 17
Germayn Rehg, Dec. 18
Ed & Nancy Ferguson, 40 years, Dec. 18
Tiffany Duncan, Dec. 19
Cameron Woods, Dec. 19
Carol Casperson, Dec. 20
Lauren Gansmann, Dec. 22
Zach Mueller, Dec. 25
Melissa Taylor, Dec. 26
Jack Bittle, Dec. 26
Andy Schreiber, Dec. 28
Andy & Sara Schreiber, 37 years, Dec. 28
Myrna Anderson, Dec. 29

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Each day I sit down with the prayer list and pray for the people of our churches. You could take this same list and put it by your bedside or reading table next to your Bible. Let us pray for those in need as well as our neighbors across the world on a daily basis.

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Ella Boggy, Wally Foxworthy, Margie Foxworth's son Sean, and Cindy Roll

ST. JACOB PRAYER LIST

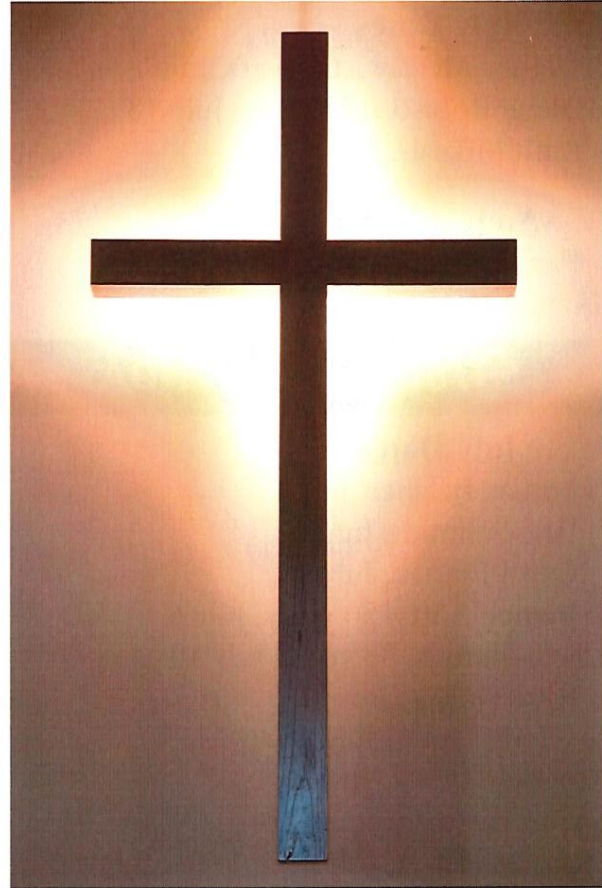
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Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt, Jerry Schmitt, and Carol Zweck

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