

September-November 2024



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

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

I just celebrated my third anniversary as your pastor. To be honest, it doesn't feel anywhere near that long. It has been three years of joy and three years of sorrow, three years of fun and three years of hard work. Now three years might not seem like a major milestone. We often look at those five-year and 10-year anniversaries as a time for celebration and to take stock of how we are doing. But in ministry it's a little different.

The Revised Common Lectionary that helps us select our readings for each Sunday is built on a three-year cycle with a year focusing on a different gospel: the first year focuses on the Gospel of Matthew, then a year on Mark, and finally a year on Luke ... with a bit of the Gospel of John sprinkled throughout. So as I've completed one full lectionary cycle, I am looking back and seeing how much we have grown together.

When I arrived, I had been ordained for just two days. I was as green as could be and was most certainly learning on the job. As we've started to return to those same lectionary readings as my first few Sundays, I've reread those early sermons and let me just thank you all for your patience and grace.

At that time we were also still deep in the midst of the pandemic. Both churches were again gathering in-person for worship, but many of the activities and traditions that were common before the pandemic, and before the pastoral search process, had yet to be restarted. Some of those activities have made a return. Some have been retried and we've found they no longer meet the needs of our communities. And others have newly begun and are beginning to grow.

Looking back upon these three years of ministry has also given rise to look forward toward other changes for our congregations. The council of St. Jacob UCC has undertaken the task of updating the church's bylaws to ensure they accurately reflect how the church is operating and how we wish to operate in the future. These changes will be introduced for approval at St. Jacob's annual meeting in January. I have also been working with Melody and Melissa as we make some changes to worship to incorporate some of the suggestions I've received about hymns and about other aspects of worship. I promise those changes won't be too drastic or come all at once, but they will help add some variety into our shared worship experience.

But, most of all, as I look back on these three years, I am grateful to God for bringing me here, and I am grateful to all of you for the love and care you have shown me as I've grown into this role. Your encouragement, your feedback, and your guidance have been an amazing teacher, and I look forward to what our future together will continue to bring.

Blessings to all of you,

Pastor Phil

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

WINNERS OF THE BBQ MEAT BONANZA DRAWING

The winners of the ELF's BBQ Meat Bonanza drawing held Aug. 25 are:

- First Place – **Josh Holzhaeuser**
- Second Place – **DiAnn Rufer**
- Third Place – **Peggy Bohnenstiehl**

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who supported this the ELF's fundraiser! Proceeds raised will be used for mission giving, including purchasing new armchairs for Heritage Hall, providing summer lunches, paying off the delinquent lunch debts, supplying emergency supplies for DuBois Center campers, and sponsoring a girl in Kentucky, etc.

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 Narthx.

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: vegetables, fruit, beans, soups, stews, pasta, chili, sloppy Joe, beef, sausage, chicken, salmon, and tuna. Boxed goods including pasta & noodles, rice, mashed potatoes, cereal, oatmeal, stuffing, and mac & cheese. Other pantry staples including flour, sugar, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, BBQ sauce, ramen, cake mix, Jello, and pudding. Nonfood items including trash bags, storage bags, paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, & toiletries.

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

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

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1: Communion Sunday

Sept. 1: Holey Sunday fellowship, following worship at St. John's

Sept. 2: **LABOR DAY**

Sept. 11: Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

Sept. 16: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

Sept. 17: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.



OCTOBER

Oct. 6: DuBois Center Fall Festival, 11 am to 5 pm.

Oct. 6: Pastor Phil will be at Camp Dubois; Pulpit Supply: Eric Bosaw
(Communion moved to Oct. 13)

Oct. 9: Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

Oct. 13: Communion Sunday (Moved from Oct. 6)

Oct. 13: Holey Sunday fellowship, following worship at St. John's

Oct. 21: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

Oct. 22: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

Oct. 31: **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**



NOVEMBER

Nov. 3: Daylight Saving time ends/Communion Sunday/**TOTENFEST**

Nov. 3: Holey Sunday fellowship, following worship at St. John's

Nov. 5: **ELECTION DAY**

Nov. 11: **VETERANS DAY**

Nov. 13: Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

Nov. 18: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

Nov. 19: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

Nov. 28: **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



ST. JOHN'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September Dates

Paul Bear, Sept. 5
Don Koenig, Sept. 6
Larry Robison, Sept. 10

October Dates

Charissa & John Hill, 32 years, Oct. 24

Denise & Paul Baer, 52 years, Oct. 27

November Dates

Denise Baer, Nov. 7
Sharon & Don Koenig, 56 years, Nov. 16

ST. JACOB BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September Dates

John Zweck, Sept. 1
Haylee Petchulat, Sept. 3
Diane & Sam Frey, 42 years, Sept. 4
Dianne Doll, Sept. 7
Karen Schultze, Sept. 11
Carol Kynion, Sept. 14
Don Hanser, Sept. 15
Cathy Frutiger, Sept. 18
Audrey Yann, Sept. 18
Amy Zbinden Sullivan, Sept. 19
Cathy & Ken Frutiger, 51 years, Sept. 22
Audrey & Don Yann, 48 years, Sept. 25
Diane Frey, Sept. 28
Don Yann, Sept. 29
Gina & Robert Willie, 26 years, Sept. 29

October Dates

Stephanie & Todd Rehg, 27 years, Oct. 4
Marilyn Warren, Oct. 6
Kay & Paul Guse, 36 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
Carol & Onis Zweck, 51 years, Oct. 20
Rick Ritter, Oct. 21
Kaitlin Woods, Oct. 21
Mary Lowe, Oct. 22
Mikayla Bloemker, Oct. 24
Troy Gansmann, Oct. 26
Kathy Ritter, Oct. 27
Madeleine Schmidt, Oct. 31

November Dates

George Anderson, Nov. 2
Tyler Rehg, Nov. 3
Ronda Schmidt, Nov. 3
Kristen Kniepkamp Belcher, Nov. 8
Darik Zobrist, Nov. 10
Renee Bippen, Nov. 11
Marie Gansmann, Nov. 20
Andrea Herkenhoff, Nov. 24
Jackie Miller, Nov. 24
Henry Peer, Nov. 24

St. John's Prayer List

Brian Bielong, June Boggy, Wally Foxworthy, Don Koenig, Sharon Koenig, Christy Lanning, Fred Lanning, Cindy Roll, Roy Roll, Dave Williams, and Sean and Dustin, sons of Margie & Wally Foxworthy

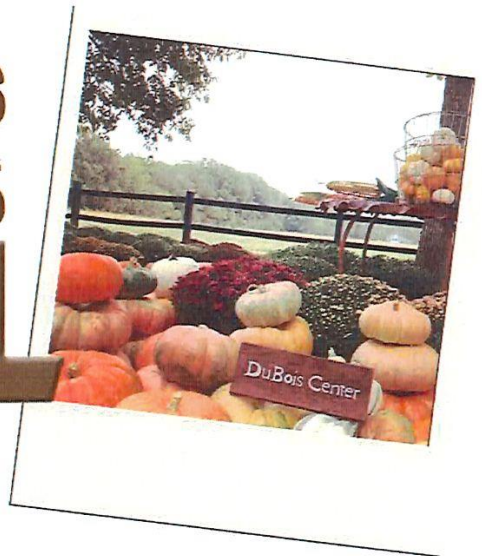
St. Jacob Prayer List

Peggy Bohnenstiehl, Carol Casperson, Marvin Docter, Lori Foley, Norma Logsdon, Gail Miller, Jackie Miller, Jane Schmidt, & Carol Zweck

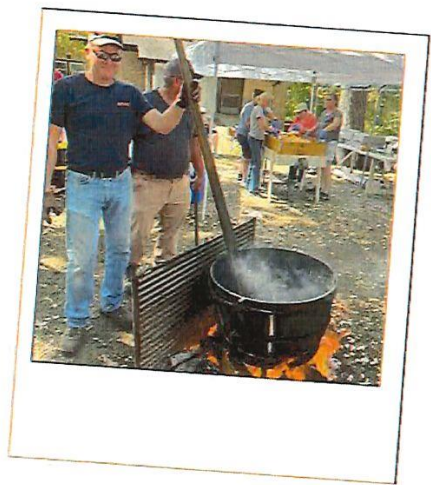
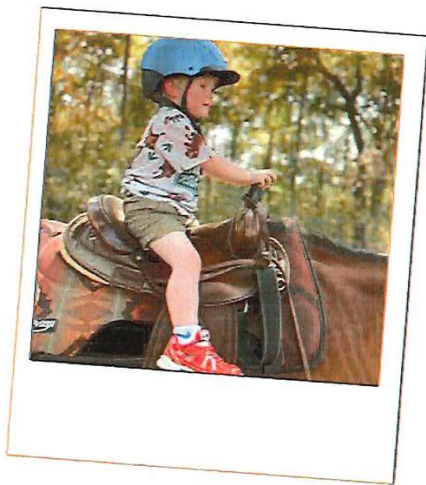
FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, Oct 6
from 11-5

DuBois Center



Mark your calendar for this family-friendly event!
Admission & parking are free, and there's something for everyone to enjoy. So, gather your friends and family!



*Food Trucks, Live Music, Rope Making,
Kids Korner, Pony & Hay Rides, Silent Auction, and*
OVER 40 CRAFTERS & ARTISANS!



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