

September - November 2025



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

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

*Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread throughout Syria. People brought to him all those who had various kinds of diseases, those in pain, those possessed by demons, those with epilepsy, and those who were paralyzed, and he healed them. Large crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from the areas beyond the Jordan River. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. He taught them, saying...*

Matthew 4:23-5:2, Common English Bible

Every week during worship we take just a bit of time to read and learn about a few verses of scripture taken from a longer section of the text, but we seldom have the opportunity to really spend time digging into such a longer section. In an effort to change that, this fall we're taking time to delve into the whole reading of the Sermon on the Mount.

Of course, we do read the Sermon on the Mount as a part of our regular Sunday scripture readings. Once every three years the Sermon is spread across six Sundays and Ash Wednesday as a part of our lectionary readings, but even then, we only hear about 70% of it. This fall, our adult bible study will be read the whole of the Sermon and then spend six sessions discussing each part of the Sermon in detail, including the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer.

So, I invite you to come and join in our study of the Sermon on the Mount. Come and learn more about the text that is often described as "A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven".

We will be gathering on the first and third Wednesdays at St. Jacob UCC at 10 a.m., in the Heritage Hall or at 7 p.m., in the office meeting space, beginning on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Blessings to all of you,

Pastor Phil

# Council approves logo and motto

At their August meeting, the St. Jacob UCC Council officially approved a new logo and motto for the church as proposed by the Communications Committee. This marks the culmination of several months of creative work and congregational input.

Formed in May under the guidance of Pastor Phil, the Communications Committee — comprised of Dian Gansmann, Angela Imming, Carol Kynion, and Patti Woods — met regularly to design a visual identity and motto that reflect the mission and spirit of our church. Throughout the process, the committee sought and incorporated feedback from the larger congregation to ensure the final product resonated with the community.

After reviewing multiple iterations, the council voted to adopt the final designs, expressing appreciation for the committee's thoughtful and collaborative approach. The new logo and motto will be incorporated into our print and written media. The Communications Committee will continue to meet regularly to continue organizing a strategy for our Church's communications.

## Approved Motto and Logo:

St. Jacob United Church of Christ is a community welcoming all to share the grace, truth, and transformational love of Jesus Christ.





# Summer lunch program wrapped up Aug.12

This year's School Summer Lunch Program, which began May 28, wrapped up Aug. 12, distributed 865 lunches and four weekend bags during the 23 distribution days, which represents a 46-percent increase in participation over last year. Lunches were provided weekdays, however, St. Jacob UCC was only responsible for Tuesdays and Thursdays, and distributed lunches at the St. Jacob Elementary School (outdoor classroom). A big thank you to program coordinators Audrey Yann and Carol Kynion, and to all the volunteer workers, and to everyone who donated to purchase the food and supplies.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WINNERS OF THE BBQ MEAT BONANZA DRAWING

The winners of the ELF's BBQ Meat Bonanza drawing gift certificates, held Aug. 24 following worship, are:

**Shawndel Rose - \$250**

**Darren Schmitt - \$150**

**Marilyn Warren - \$50**

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who supported this ELF's fundraiser! The proceeds will be used for mission giving, including providing summer lunches, paying off the delinquent lunch debts from this past semester at the grade school, supplying emergency supplies for DuBois Center campers (things they forgot to pack such as wash clothes, toothbrushes, and paste, etc.), and sponsoring a girl in Kentucky, etc.

## ST. JACOB UCC SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS SEPT. 28

St. Jacob UCC Sunday School begins at 9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 28. Class will be held from 9-10 a.m. every second and fourth Sunday thereafter. All children from pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join the fun. To register, fill out the online form at: <https://forms.gle/eW6KTtPzSm4DkVtx5> or call the church office at 618-644-2142.

## WALK WITH GOD

St. Jacob UCC is planning a walking group called "Walk with God." Anyone who likes to take walks, be in nature and share in unity is encouraged to join us. We hope to get members of the church together a couple times a week to walk and be visible in the community. We will meet at the church and decide from there where we would like to walk. Days and times are to be determined by the participants. If you're interested in participating and would like more information, contact the church office at 618-644-2142 or e-mail: [stjucc@hometel.com](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com).

## ON-LINE GIVING OPTION

An on-line giving option is available on 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](mailto: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](mailto:stjucc@hometel.com) or by calling the office at: 618-644-2142, and we will remove you from our newsletter mailing list.



# CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

**Sept. 1: LABOR DAY**

**Sept. 3:** Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall or 7 p.m., in the office meeting space

**Sept. 7:** Communion Sunday

**Sept. 7:** Holey Sunday fellowship, following worship at St. John's

**Sept. 9:** St. Jacob Communications Team meeting, 5:30 p.m.

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

**Sept. 15:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**Sept. 18:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

**Sept. 17:** Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall or 7 p.m., in the office meeting space

## OCTOBER

**Oct. 1:** Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall or 7 p.m., in the office meeting space

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

**Oct. 5:** Pastor Phil will be at Camp Dubois (Rev. Lisa Hart, pulpit supply)

**Oct. 5:** Holey Sunday fellowship, following worship at St. John's

**Oct. 8:** Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

**Oct. 15:** Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall or 7 p.m., in the office meeting space

**Oct. 16:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

**Oct. 20:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**Oct. 31: HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

## NOVEMBER

**Nov. 1: ALL SAINTS DAY**

**Nov. 2:** Daylight Saving time ends/Communion Sunday/**TOTENFEST**

**Nov. 2:** Holey Sunday fellowship, following worship at St. John's

**Nov. 5:** Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall or 7 p.m., in the office meeting space

**Nov. 11: VETERANS DAY**

**Nov. 12:** Every Ladies Fellowship meeting, 10 a.m.

**Nov. 17:** St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**Nov. 19:** Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m., Heritage Hall or 7 p.m., in the office meeting space

**Nov. 20:** St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

**Nov. 23:** "Hanging of the Greens," following worship

**Nov. 27: HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

## ST. JOHN'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### September Dates

Paul Bear, Sept. 5  
Larry Robison, Sept. 10  
Tim Christ, Sept. 12  
Julie & Wayne Loehring, 17 years, Sept. 26  
Julie Loehring, Sept. 28

### October Dates

Trisha & Tim Christ, 11 years, Oct. 11

Charissa & John Hill, 33 years, Oct. 24  
Denise & Paul Baer, 53 years, Oct. 27

### November Dates

Wayne Loehring, Nov. 2  
Denise Baer, Nov. 7  
Alyson Brown, Nov. 15

## ST. JACOB BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### September Dates

Haylee Petchulat, Sept. 3  
Diane & Sam Frey, 43 years, Sept. 4  
Renee & John Bippin, 17 years, Sept. 6  
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, 52 years, Sept. 22  
Audrey & Don Yann, 49 years, Sept. 25  
Diane Frey, Sept. 28  
Don Yann, Sept. 29  
Gina & Robert Willie, 27 years, Sept. 29

### October Dates

Stephanie & Todd Rehg, 27 years, Oct. 4  
Judith & Mark Kelly, 17 years, Oct. 4  
Xevera Weycker, Oct. 4  
Marilyn Warren, Oct. 6  
Kay & Paul Guse, 36 years, Oct. 8  
Beth Hanser, Oct. 9  
Abbi Imming, Oct. 10  
Kevin Hollis, Oct. 13  
John Lowe, Oct. 13

Gail Miller, Oct. 13  
Dash Zobrist, Oct. 15  
Tyson Imming, Oct. 18  
Donna Lowe, Oct. 19  
Christina Roberts, Oct. 19  
Rick Ritter, Oct. 21  
Kaitlin Woods, Oct. 21  
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. 2  
Ronda Schmidt, Nov. 3  
Justin Weycker, Nov. 5  
Renee Bippin, Nov. 7  
Kristen Kniepkamp Belcher, Nov. 8  
Darik Zobrist, Nov. 10  
Marie Gansmann, Nov. 20  
Mary Lowe, Nov. 22  
Andrea Herkenhoff, Nov. 24  
Jackie Miller, Nov. 24  
Henry Peer, Nov. 24  
Eden Imming, Nov. 30

### ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Kenzie Barker, and Sean and Dustin, sons of Margie & Wally Foxworthy

### ST. JACOB PRAYER LIST

Carol Casperson, Lori Foley, Cathy Frutiger, Norma Logsdon, Jackie Miller,  
Vernon Mendrip, Joanne Meyer, Kathy Ritter, and Olin Zweck