

# The Epistle

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**St. John UCC, 409 Park Avenue, PO Box 156, Bolivar, Ohio 44612**

**FRIENDSHIP•MISSION•SPIRITUALITY August 2021**

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Dear friends,

Later this month I will be installed as pastor and teacher at St. John Church. I am proud to accept this opportunity to be a part of St. John United Church of Christ. I look forward to exciting days ahead with our members, as well as the Bolivar Community.

I want to take a moment to give you my take on “The Church”. The church is made up of people in relationship with God, as well as with each other. When I think of church I think of how my faith has developed over the years. I cannot help but think of the people who have contributed so much to my life by sharing that faith. So many of them are such dear friends. When I think of them, I picture their faces. Smiling, crying, hoping, and sharing what it means to be in a relationship with God. I remember all the fellowship that we shared over the years. Whether at church or at church activities, relationships began and developed. We also have a lot of fun. We certainly ate some wonderful food, especially pies. Laughter was a part of so many activities. Most importantly, we journeyed together to lift one another in prayer to face the challenges that are a part of life.

I look forward to the years that lie before us. There will be tears and there will be laughter. We certainly will enjoy the fellowship of one another. I hope we laugh an awful lot. Laughter has such a healing quality. The most exciting thing I hope for is that we are able to share our Faith with one another and also with those who lack a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I am very excited about spending time with the youth here at church, as well.

I thank you for the warmth and welcome that I have received here. I look forward to our journey continuing together.

Pastor Jeff

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August 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Luke 19-20 Altar Communion 10:30am <b>Liturgist:</b> Dale Duerr <i>Pam Diehl</i>	<b>2</b> Luke 21-22	<b>3</b> Luke 23-24	<b>4</b> John 1-2	<b>5</b> John 3-4	<b>6</b> John 5-6	<b>7</b> John 7-8 Country Breakfast 8:00am-11:00am
<b>8</b> John 9-10 <b>Guest Speaker</b> Rev. John F. States <b>Liturgist:</b> Carolyn Birk	<b>9</b> John 11-12 Clothes Closet 9:00am-12:00pm	<b>10</b> John 13-15  <i>Nila Baad</i> <i>Min Lee</i>	<b>11</b> John 16-18  <i>Jeremy Brinkman</i>	<b>12</b> John 19-21 Consistory Meeting 6:30pm	<b>13</b> Acts 1-3	<b>14</b> Acts 4-6
<b>15</b> Acts 7-8 <b>Guest Speaker</b> Rev. John F. States <b>Liturgist:</b> Carolyn Birk	<b>16</b> Acts 9-10	<b>17</b> Acts 11-13  <i>Dick Diehl</i>	<b>18</b> Acts 14-15	<b>19</b> Acts 16-17  <i>Jean Gauding</i>	<b>20</b> Acts 18-20	<b>21</b> Acts 21-23
<b>22</b> Acts 24-26 <b>Liturgist:</b> Laine Bradford  <i>Jeff Brinkman</i>	<b>23</b> Acts 27-28 Clothes Closet 9:00am-12:00pm	<b>24</b> Rom 1-3	<b>25</b> Rom 4-7 Epistle Items Due  <i>Gretchen Deubner</i> <i>Rhonda Felgenhauer</i> <i>Mishella Mase</i>	<b>26</b> Rom 8-10	<b>27</b> Rom 11-13	<b>28</b> Rom 14-16  <i>Mark Brinkman</i>
<b>29</b> 1 Cor 1-4 Pastor Jeff's Installation 10:30am <b>Liturgist:</b> Becky Wolf	<b>30</b> 1 Cor 5-8	<b>31</b> 1 Cor 9-11	Birthdays are listed on the calendar. Daily bible readings are listed for each day.			

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## PRAYER LIST/CARD MINISTRY

Every week, our prayer list is updated to the best of our ability. Please notify the office if you have any additions, deletions or suggestions! Remember the shut-ins and those on the prayer list. "Thinking of you" cards, a note, or a telephone call means so much. Contact the church office if you need addresses or phone numbers.



### Please remember the following in your prayers:

#### **All frontline/healthcare workers,**

Nila Baad, Bob and Joyclin Ely, Pam Farnsworth, Barb Goldsmith, Missy Jones, Holly Myers, Jeanne Nalley, George Rootring, John and Wanda Stucky, Crystal Weaver

## ALL YOU CAN EAT COUNTRY BREAKFAST

Saturday August 7th from 8:00am-11:00am is the next country breakfast. There will be scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, breakfast bakes, grits, fruit, sweets, biscuits and sausage gravy, pancakes, juice and coffee. Cost: \$7.00 ages 11 and up, \$3.00 ages 6 to 10, Under 6 – Free. Please join us!



## BOLIVAR COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



This year, VBS will be a one day event held on Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Lutheran Church from 1:00pm-4:30pm. Kids that are in Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade can attend. The day will be filled with crafts, games, carnival snacks and music! At the conclusion of VBS will be a meal for the entire family. Please call Chris Stevenson or the church office for any questions.

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## PASTOR'S INSTALLATION

Pastor Jeff Shultz will be formally installed as the pastor of St. John UCC on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> during our 10:30am worship service. We will have a celebration, along with a meal, after the service. All are welcome!



## RALLY DAY

September 12<sup>th</sup> will be Rally Day here at St. John UCC. Sunday school will start up again for the year and will begin at 9:30am. To celebrate Rally Day, we will serve refreshments between Sunday school and church worship service. We are planning on having the refreshments as well as the worship service outdoors, weather permitting. We hope you will join us as we kick off a new year of Sunday school. Bring a friend!



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We would like to know who would be interested in attending an adult Sunday school class this year. If you have any interest, please let a member of the Christian Education committee know, or call/email the church office. The members of the committee are: Beth Carpenter, Gretchen Deubner, Kaley Hamilton, Becky Miller, Chris Stevenson and Becky Wolf.

## SAVE THE DATE!!

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we are planning on having a Wiener Roast/Hayride at Dale Duerr's farm. This is an event for all members and friends of St. John UCC. Please bring a covered dish to share. There will be lots of fun and fellowship and we hope to have a big turnout. The event will start at 3:00PM.



## EPISTLE COMMUNICATION

We currently send the monthly Epistle by email and regular mail. Please let the office know if you want to change the method in which you receive yours. The office can be reached by 330-874-2822 or [stjohnsect@aol.com](mailto:stjohnsect@aol.com).

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## CONSISTORY MEETING SUMMARY

The Consistory and Pastor Jeff met on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Jeff stated he's had the busiest month of his ministry so far! Old business discussed was that the church will be participating in the Strawberry Festival parade and will be passing out church information and candy. We will have a guest organist during the summer months every other Sunday. Also discussed were repairs that need made around the church, which include, the lighted sign shorting out, removing screens, cutting down bushes, and pressure washing the stairs. New business discussed was that employee reviews will be held in June or July. Discussed what procedure needs to be taken for the Pastor's review. Adding a member to Consistory was also talked about.

## FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE 2021

<u>June Income</u>				<u>Year-to-Date</u>
6/06/2021	\$ 2,212.00	Income	\$ 5,491.00	\$ 39,884.10
6/13/2021	\$ 682.00	Expenses	<u>\$(5,515.85)</u>	<u>\$(36,204.98)</u>
6/20/2021	\$ 1,055.00			
<u>6/27/2021</u>	<u>\$ 1,542.00</u>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,491.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$ (24.85)</b>	<b>+\$ 3,679.12</b>

If you would like further details, please feel free to contact the church office.