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FRIENDSHIP•MISSION•SPIRITUALITY November 2021

Dear members and friends of St. John,

Yesterday is the name of a movie that came out a few years ago with a premise of what would the world be like if somehow everyone forgot about the Beatles and their music, except for one person. In the movie, by some strange phenomena, this is what happened. Fortunately, the only person who remembered the Beatles music was a struggling musician. He was unsuccessful at writing his own songs, even though he was a good singer. Thus, he began to play Beatles songs for the world as his own. The world reacts in much the same way as it did when the original songs came out in the 60s. They went crazy over them. This man's mission became sharing awesome music.

What would it be like if St. John UCC members were the only people in the world that remembered Jesus? If somehow, by some strange phenomena, everyone else forgot about his life, his death, and most importantly his resurrection. How would we go about sharing this wonderful history that still lives today through us with everyone we meet? It would be a monumental task I'm sure, but one that I think we would choose to take on because this story must be told. This is the story that defines our lives. I believe there would be an incredible sense of urgency in this undertaking. I would hope we would be up for the task and have the courage to risk our time, talent, and treasure to make this happen.

This is indeed the challenge we face together at our church. It's not just about what we do, but also who we are and who we are becoming. We are blessed to have many youth who are trying to find their way in this world and most importantly they are exposed to Christianity by how we as adults choose to live out our faith in front of them. We are the witnesses that show them what Christianity is all about today. I pray we will all take on this challenge to grow their faith and to invite them to share that faith with others.

Most people today know the story of Jesus. We need to be the people who live out that story. It is a story filled with good news and hope of eternal life. I hope you will join us in this endeavor.

Pastor Jeff

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November 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 All Saints Day	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6 Last Country Breakfast 8:00am-11:00am
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends Altar Communion 10:30am <i>Susan Henry</i> <i>Bethy Winters</i>	8 Clothes Closet 9:00am-12:00pm	9 <i>Victoria Bradford</i>	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
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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, Nina Gaut, Barb Goldsmith, Shirley Holdsworth, Missy Jones, Todd Locker, Matt McNutt, Holly Myers, George Rootring, Crystal Weaver

ALL YOU CAN EAT COUNTRY BREAKFAST

Saturday November 6th from 8:00am-11:00am is the last country breakfast of the year. 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!



HAYRIDE/WIENER ROAST

Dale Duerr hosted a fantastic day for our church at his farm. THANK YOU DALE! The weather was cold and rainy, but that didn't stop 43 members and friends from showing up for a great time. There was a hayride, wiener roast, lots of food and of course, Smores! This day won't soon be forgotten by everyone who attended. We look forward to more events like this!



NOVEMBER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting held immediately after worship service on November 21st. This meeting will be held to approve the budget for 2022. If you would like a copy of the budget, there are copies in the sanctuary or it can be emailed to you.

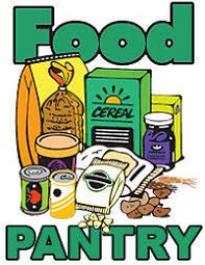
THANK YOU

Many thanks for those who took time to send a card or made a phone call to me after my fall. God bless you! From, Shirley Holdsworth



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COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY



St. John UCC will be collecting non-perishable food items this month. Two bags of groceries are given to each family served. Every other month, families receive a Giant Eagle gift card for \$15 to help with bread, milk, eggs, or other perishables. The following items are given in the food bags: **cereal, Mac & cheese, canned meat (spam, tuna, chicken, stews, ham), noodles/pasta, peanut butter, jelly, vegetables, canned fruit, boxed or canned potatoes, bean products, soups, canned pasta (Ravioli, Spaghetti O's), pasta sauces (Hunts, etc.) ramen noodles, toothpaste, bar soap, TP (usually 4 pack), shampoo, dish soap. Extras when we have products: Pasta or rice sides, jello, puddings, desserts, cookies, bake goods, tissues (Kleenex/Puffs) and/or paper towels.** By request only: diapers and detergent (smaller bottles).

**OUTDATED FOOD CANNOT BE ACCEPTED
PLEASE CHECK THE DATES ON PACKAGING**

****We are in need of a volunteer to transport food to Bolivar UMC every other month or as needed.**

THANKSGIVING DINNER GIVEAWAY

Complete traditional turkey dinners will be prepared by the Tusky Valley Ministerial Association. Meals will be delivered on Sunday, November 21st between 1:00pm and 3:00pm. You must be home to receive meals. Applications for the dinners are available in the church office and sanctuary and are due by November 14th. They will be turned in on November 15th. Our church is supplying the pies, along with Zoar UCC and Bolivar Community Church. The pies will be purchased, but we will be cutting and packaging them here. If you are interested in helping prep or deliver, contact Cathy Fenstermaker or the church office with any questions.



DONATION NEEDED



We are in need of a microwave. If anyone has one they would like to donate, please let us know. It will be placed in the parlor.

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HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Hanging of the Greens will be held on Sunday, November 28th, which is the first Sunday of Advent. Please join us in crafts, decorating and fun after the worship service! More details will be announced.

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.



CLOTHES CLOSET



The Clothes Closet was open on three days in October, our two regular Mondays and one Saturday when the rummage sale was open. There were a total of 34 customers and receipts of almost \$83.00. We even had some extra help. Besides our regular seven workers, Cathy, Jean, Becky M., Becky W., Chris, Birdie and Jane we welcomed Joclyn and Dennisyn Kochur on Saturday. They helped to sort through all the donations of

clothing we had received during the previous week. The extra help on a busy day (because the rummage sale was also in progress) was appreciated. We had some new customers on Saturday and some of them returned the next time we were open. We had hot cider to offer our guests in October.

We are looking into buying some sturdier racks for displaying the clothes. Many of the racks we had purchased (some ten years ago) have been falling apart from being moved so often; we move many of the racks into the hallway during our sale days. Clothes closet funds will be used to replace racks in the worst shape. This month, we will only be open on November 8th. In December we will be open on Saturday December 4th and Monday December 13th. Please stop by to shop, or just to visit.

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CONSISTORY MEETING SUMMARY

Consistory and Pastor Jeff met on September 9th. Old business discussed was the hayride at Dale Duerr's farm. Final preparations were made. There has been some interest in people purchasing church pews. The Basement Sale is accepting items and will be open 2 weekends in October. Rally Day is September 12th with a breakfast being served. Gretchen Deubner and Dale Duerr will be the Sunday School teachers this year. The organ has been repaired. Money has been donated to purchase a new toilet. New business discussed was Covid numbers rising. We will remain mask optional. The upstairs entrance/stairs needs power washed.

FINANCIAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2021

<u>September Income</u>				<u>Year-to-Date</u>
9/05/2021	\$ 1,170.00	Income	\$ 4,755.00	\$ 59,686.15
9/12/2021	\$ 997.00	Expenses	<u>\$(7,124.96)</u>	<u>\$(56,106.15)</u>
9/19/2021	\$ 1,636.00			
<u>9/26/2021</u>	<u>\$ 952.00</u>			
Total	\$ 4,755.00	Total	\$ (2,369.96)	\$ 3,580.00

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