



NEWSLETTER

St. John United Church of Christ

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Sunday Worship 9:30 AM

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The Journal

The apostle Paul had the extraordinary gift of sharing the Good News of Jesus with all kinds of different people. He went so far as to say:

²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law.

²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law.

²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all

things to all people, that I might by all means save some.

(1 Corinthians 9:20-22)

Paul became all things to all people, but he was explicitly clear as to his mission. His mission was to share the Good News of Jesus and bring them or "win" them to Christ.

Paul was more than a preacher. He understood that it is in the Church--the gathering of believers--that we grow in Christ and learn to act like Jesus. Jesus' work in us is never finished.

It was Paul's unshakable commitment to his mission that allowed him to use all kinds of ways to reach people. Paul's mission was the single focus of his life. It was unshakable. It was the

bedrock of his faith. It was his DNA.

As he birthed new Christians and new congregations his DNA was passed on to them. They existed as Paul did to share Jesus with as many people as possible in whatever way was necessary.

Every generation, every person, and every congregation must seek to express the call of God in fresh and new ways. Our mission clarifies why we exist. It opens us up to a cause that is bigger than ourselves. People get excited and want to be a part of a winning cause. There is no better cause to be part of than the one given to us by Jesus.

Our mission is what it has always been; to bring people to Jesus and grow them into disciples through relationships with other Christians.

Pastor Kevin

Neighbors in Need Offering

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that is used to support

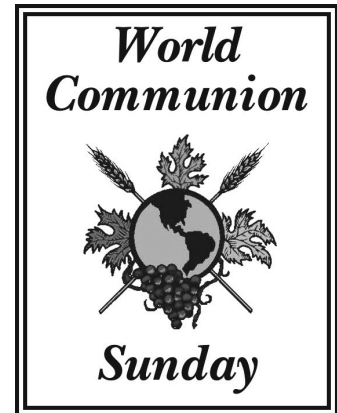
justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and service projects throughout the United States. We will be taking up our special offering for

Neighbors in Need on Sunday, October 7th, and you can find special envelopes in your bulletin to make your donations.

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 7th as part of our morning worship service. There are some congregations that have communion every Sunday. Other congregations, like ours, celebrate communion the first Sunday of every month plus on special Holy Days. Still other congrega-

tions celebrate communion less frequently. World Communion Sunday is a day when we recognize the Sacrament of Communion unites all Christians around the world. It stands a special day when we celebrate the unity of Christian and remember the central faith in Christ that unites. Come, let us worship together on October 7th.



Please Bring Canned Goods for Harvest

Harvest Home will be celebrated on Sunday, October 21st. We will be collecting canned goods for Trinity UCC's food bank to coordinate with our celebration. Monetary donations can also be made using the brown envelopes in the pews. Bring your canned food or other non-perishable items to church on or before Sunday October 21st.



Harvest Home Lunch and Basket Raffle

On the 21st, we will be holding a luncheon to celebrate Harvest Home beginning at 11:00 AM following our morning worship service. The event, catered by M&I Deli, costs \$6 for adults and \$4 for children age 12 and under.

The deadline to sign up is Sunday, October 14th. A sign-up sheet and more information are included with this newsletter.

We will also be holding a basket raffle during our

Harvest Home dinner. If you wish to donate a basket please contact the church office. Raffle tickets will be sold during the dinner on Sunday, October 21st at a cost of 4 for \$1.00.

Trick or Treat: October 27th 6:00-8:00 PM



Once again, St. John will be passing out candy to children who come trick or treating in our neighborhood. This year, trick or treat night will be held on Saturday, October 27th from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Please consider joining us to pass out the candy and welcome our neighbors. We will be preparing the treat bags beforehand and would welcome any donations. Help us be a place that gives to our community!

Remembering Our Veterans

Veterans Day is celebrated each year on November 11th. We will be honoring all veterans present during our morning worship service on Sunday, November 11th.

We would like to thank all members of our congregation who served in the armed forces, and every veteran present will be given a small token of appreciation for their service to our country.

We would also like to encourage our members to show your support for our Veterans by attending the Veteran's Day Parade downtown on Saturday, November 10th at 10:00 AM.

Totenfest Memorial

Totenfest is scheduled for November 25th. During our worship service we will remember members of St. John who have passed away. We will once again have our large carnation cross in the center of the church.

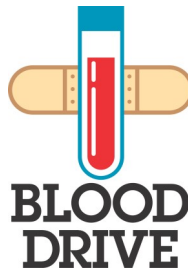
Red carnations will be purchased by the church and placed on the cross in memory of those church members who have died since the last Totenfest.

White carnations may be purchased for \$1.00 ea. by Church members who

would like to do so in memory of a loved one. Orders are due by November 18th and will be taken by using the brown envelopes in the pews. Please include your name and the name of the person(s) being memorialized. **Please write in pen, if possible.**

Blood Drive

Congratulations! At our blood drive on September 12th, the Red Cross collected 31 pints of blood. Those 31 pints will potentially help save the lives of 93 people!!



Thank you to everyone who participated! Our next blood drive is scheduled for Nov. 13th from 1:00-6:00 PM.

Rummage Sale

Our fall rummage sale will be held in November. Saturday the 10th, the sale will be open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The kitchen will be open for lunch and there will be a bake sale items for purchase.

The rummage sale and bake sale will continue on Monday the 12th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Tuesday the 13th is bag day. The sale will be open from 9:00 AM to noon.

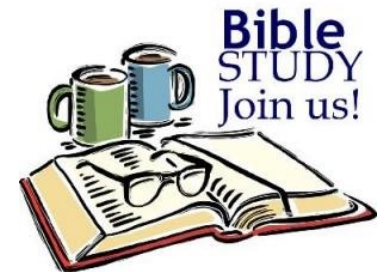
Donations are being accepted. Items can be left on the stage in the social hall. Please be sure your items are clean and in working condition. No electronics, undergarments, bathing suits, smoke detectors or fire extinguishers.

Volunteers are very much in need to help sort donations and help during the sale. Please see Linda Musseman if you can help.

**GET YOUR
RID OF
STUFF**

Bible Study

You are invited to a Bible Study at St. John, Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. Together, we will discuss the religions of the world. Come, as we grow together in our faith and are moved more deeply to apply the Word of God to our daily living.



Decorating Committee

The committee will be decorating the sanctuary on October 20th at 10:00 AM as we prepare for Harvest Home and the Fall season. The Church is also decorated for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. This will take place on December 1st at 10:00 AM. Advent will begin on Sunday, December 2nd. If you are willing to help decorate, please talk to Joan Hess or any member of the Decorating Committee.

Poinsettia Orders



It will soon be time to place your order for a Christmas poinsettia. We are offering the traditional red, 6" pot. Order forms will be available soon.

Nominating Committee

Our Nominating Committee will soon be looking for new members to serve on Consistory for terms beginning in 2019. If you are interested in serving as an Elder or Deacon, please speak to Pastor, or any consistory member.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is served during our 9:30 AM worship service on the first Sunday of every month. We will have communion on October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd.

Prayer Requests

Many of our members are in need of prayer for health and other various reasons. Please pray for those who we know have a need and are found on the following list:

Mike Bobbie, Linda Musseman, Roxanne Farrell, David and Judy Schmaldienst, Thomas Sherry, Albie Coccio, Jean Berry, Shirley Kaiser, Larry Bower, Ed Duffy, Matthew Coccio, Carol Scott, Nancy Eisley, Alma Herring, Glenn Rarick, Harry Ohl, John Quinn, Julie Hill, Deborah Schuetrum, David Keip, Jr., David Keip, Sr., Mabel and Norman Schuetrumpf, Mary Shafer, Florence Fegley, and Cathy Tomchick.

The Prayer List is updated weekly in the church bulletin. If you are in need of prayer, please contact the church office at 570-668-2573 to be added to the list.



Shut-In Members

Each month, the church selects a member who is no longer able to attend church and highlights them.

Please consider sending that member a note or giving them call to let them know their church family is thinking of them.

Sick & Shut-in



October

Deborah Schuetrum
c/o Bryan Bachman
155 Orwigsburg St.
Tamaqua, PA 18252

November

Beatrice Schuetrum
329 Spruce St.
Tamaqua, PA 18252
570-668-4024

United Citchen Crew

Our “Citchen Crew” is in need of supplies. Donations of cleaning products such as bleach, Lysol , ammonia are needed as are scrubs, paper towels and magic erasers. Anything you can give will be much appreciated. Donations can be left in the kitchen of the social hall.

Boyer’s Market Cards

If you shop at Boyer’s Markets and want to help support the church, we have fundraising cards available. Boyer’s will donate a portion of your purchases to the church if you use the card at checkout. We would like to thank everyone who has been using the card. In the first half of 2018 we earned **\$114.56** for the church. Cards are available at the Pine St. entrance.

Volunteer and Ministry Opportunities in the Church

Do you want to become more involved in our church? We are looking for volunteers to help with ushering and greeting during church services. We are also looking for people who would be willing to

help set up and clean up after our fellowship hour on Sunday mornings. The United Citchen Crew is also always looking for extra help with their many food sales throughout the year and with our rummage

sales.

There are lots of small ways that you can help around the church. If you are willing to help in any way, the Pastor or a member of Consistory would be happy to speak with you.

Donations to the Food Pantry

St. John has offered long standing support for the food bank housed at Trinity United Church of Christ. We are still accepting donations of non-perishable food items for Trinity UCC's food bank. Donations can be left in the back of the Pine Street side of church at any time, and we will collect them and deliver to Trinity on a monthly basis. We often remember our neighbors in need when we do our food drive in the fall, but we also strive to help throughout the year and all donations are appreciated.

Oct.: Soup and Baked Beans

Nov.: Pasta and Spaghetti



Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, October 14th: Heritage Day Festival

Sunday, November 4th: Bell Choir performs during morning worship and Daylight Savings ends. Remember to turn your clock back one hour.

Tuesday, November 6th: Election Day

Thursday, November 22nd: Thanksgiving Day.

Sponsorships

Our sponsorship charts still have many dates available.

Dates can be used to honor, memorialize or celebrate a loved one or an event.

Sponsorships also help relieve financial costs for our church.

Charts are located at the Pine Street entrance to the church.

Flowers: \$35.00

Bulletins: \$20.00

Fellowship: \$20.00

Communion: \$15.00

Radio Broadcast:

\$75.00—Full Hour

\$35.00—Half Hour



Sponsors

Bulletins

October 7

In celebration of the birthday of Holly Lutz by her granddaughter,
Lucy MacConnell

October 14

In celebration of the 41st wedding anniversary of Beverly and Jim Curvey.

October 21

Available

October 28

Available

November 4

Available.

November 11

In memory of Tara Jane (Boyle) Mirabella at the time of her birthday with love
from Makayla, Tommy, Aimee and Amanda.

November 18

In memory of Michael Weaver by the Weaver families.

November 25

In memory of Irma and William Miller by the Burns and Miller families.

Radio Broadcast

October 7

Available

October 14

In celebration of the birthday of Ben Shafer by the Shafer family.

October 21

Available.

October 28

Available.

November 4

Available

November 11

In celebration of the birthday of Dodie Sassaman by Ron and Hunter Sassaman.

November 18

Available

November 25

Available.

Sponsors

Flowers

October 7

In memory of Patricia Kaiser at the time of her birthday by her family.

October 14

In loving memory of Pat and Bill Johnson by their family.

October 21

In celebration of the wedding anniversary of Dolores and Edwin Miller.

October 28

In loving memory of our mother, Ethel L. Aiken at the time of her birthday by daughters, Marion Aiken Miller and Linda Aiken Lord.

November 4

In memory of Mildred and Russ Hoch by Vicki Kennedy.

November 11

In loving memory Tara Jane Boyle Mirabella at the time of her birthday with love from parents, Jane and Tom Boyle.

November 18

In loving memory of Dorothy and George Ross by their daughters.

November 25

In loving memory of Jeff Kaiser at the time of his birthday by his family.

Communion Service

October 7

In memory of loved ones by Janet and Vaal Kester.

November 4

In memory of Michael Weaver by the Weaver families.

Fellowship

October 7

Vicki Kennedy

October 14

Dolores and Edwin Miller

October 21

Harvest Home

October 28

Eleanor and Chad Gerber



November 4

In memory of Laverne Wertman at the time of her birthday by Linda and Joe Musseman.

November 11

Judy and Dan Slegal

November 18

Margaret Kruslicky and Kathleen Jones

November 25

Available

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:00 PM Bible Study	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 Worship Fellowship Neighbors in Need World Communion Sunday	8 Church office Closed. Columbus Day	9 6:00 PM Bible Study	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 Worship Fellowship	15	16 6:00 PM Bible Study Bell Choir 7:00 PM Boss's Day	17	18	19	20 Decorating Committee 10:00 AM
21 9:30 Worship Harvest Home	22 Spiritual Council 7:00 PM	23 Tamaqua Halloween Parade 7:00 PM	24	25	26	27 Trick or Treat 6:00—8:00
28 9:30 Worship Fellowship	29	30 6:00 PM Bible Study Bell Choir 7:00 PM	31 Halloween			

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Saints Day	1	2	3
4 9:30 Worship with communion Fellowship Daylight Savings ends	5 7:00 PM Consistory	6 6:00 PM Bible Study Election Day	7	8	9	10 Veteran's Day Parade 10:00 AM Rummage Sale 9-5
11 9:30 Worship Veteran's Day Service Fellowship	12 Rummage Sale 9-5	13 Rummage Sale 9-1 Blood Drive 1:00-6:00 PM 6:00 PM Bible Study	14	15	16	17
18 9:30 Worship Fellowship	19	20 6:00 PM Bible Study	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25 9:30 Worship Totenfest Fellowship	26	27 6:00 PM Bible Study	28	29	30	

Harvest Home Dinner

We will be holding a church luncheon on Sunday, October 21st to coordinate with our celebration of Harvest Home. We invite you all to come join us after church to share in this meal and fellowship. Friends and family are also welcome to dine with you.

The luncheon will begin at approximately 11:00 AM following morning worship services. There will also be a basket raffle to benefit the church. The cost of the dinner is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. All money will be collected at the door.

Catering will be provided by M&I Deli. Lunch will include turkey or beef barbecue, chips, and soup or chicken nuggets and macaroni & cheese for kids.

We will also be holding our annual canned food collection for the Trinity UCC food pantry on this Sunday, so please bring any non-perishable food items you wish to donate with you to church.

Please return the bottom portion of this form in the offering plate to sign up for the dinner. Please sign up ASAP so we can have a head-count for M&I Deli. You can also call the church office to sign up at 668-2573.
The deadline to sign up is Sunday, October 14th.

Harvest Home Luncheon – Please return this portion by Sun. Oct. 14th.

Name _____

Number of children attending luncheon _____

Number of people (7th grade – adults) attending luncheon _____