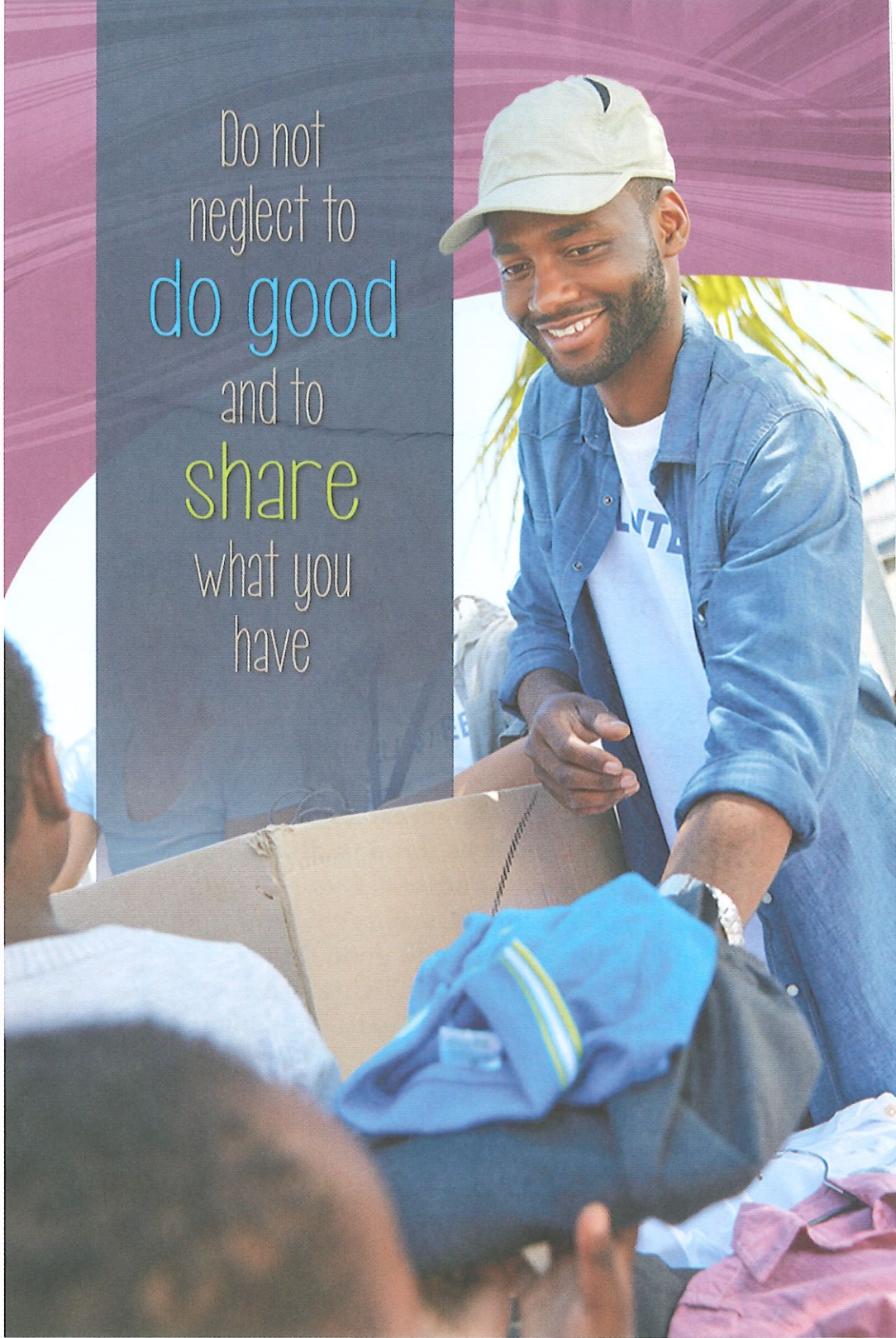


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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 28, 2022

We welcome all who are visiting with us today.
It is good to have you in worship with us. Please introduce yourself to
Pastor Phil this morning and let us know if there is any way
we might be of service to you or your family.

Silent Reflection:

“Eating, and hospitality in general, is a communion, and any meal worth attending by yourself is improved by the multiples of those with whom it is shared.”

~ Jesse Browner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Sing to God, our strength; cry out to God, our helper.

Rejoice, and do not fear to appear before our God.

ALL: It is God who led our ancestors through hard times.

It is God who leads us through difficult days.

ONE: God will not leave us or forsake us.

God welcomes us to the banquet of life.

ALL: God fills our mouths with good things.

God offers us fountains of living water.

ONE: Listen now to the voice of God and submit to God's will.

Hear the Word of God and turn away from worthless things.

ALL: We will delight in the commandments of our God.

We will share eagerly in the work God gives us to do.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O God, we are desolate and frightened, for there are evil tidings all around us and we do not know you well enough to count on your help. We cannot hear your voice or sense your presence. There is a void within us that things cannot satisfy. We have reached for honors and recognition, but they provide no lasting fulfillment. Forgive our mistaken priorities and draw us to you, the source of living water. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Prayer for the children (*unison*):

We send blessings upon our children for all God's love,
all Christ's friendship and all the caring of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song Response

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SCRIPTURES:

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

HYMN

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

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SERMON

HYMN

Together We Serve

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GIVE THANKS:

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

In joyous thanksgiving for the banquet of life, we invite those who live in poverty to share our wealth. We give up some of our luxuries for the sake of brothers and sisters who lack food, shelter, or medical care. We reach out to help, expecting no reward but the satisfaction of sharing what you have so richly entrusted to us. We dedicate our time and abilities along with these fruits of our labor. Amen.

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH/SILENT PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

* HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person
Accompanist

Duane Woods
Melissa Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Ella Boggy, Wally Foxworthy, Margie Foxworth's son Sean, and Cindy Roll

St. Jacob: Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt, Jerry Schmitt, Carol Zweck, and the family of Udell Cook.

IL South Conference: Each week the churches of the Illinois South Conference are asked to pray for congregations and their pastors and other ministries of the UCC. This week we are asked to pray for:

Church & Pastors

-Addieville Zion UCC, Rev. Bill Groennert

-Alhambra Salem UCC, Rev. Jeremy Wood, and Pastor John (Marilee) Mindrup

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, August 21, 2022

St. John's – 10

St. Jacob – 27

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dawn Mersinger, August 29

Robert Bittle, August 29

Myrna & George Anderson, 64 years, August 30

John Zweck, September 1

Haylee Petchulat, September 3

Rusty & Melinda Schiefer, 39 years, September 3

DUBOIS 6.0 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

DuBois Center Capital Campaign has raised \$225,656, exceeding its goal of \$225,290. Several projects have been completed; and several other projects have been funded but not yet completed so as not to interfere with kids at camp. **Projects completed:** Oak Lodge HVAC, Oak Lodge windows, office windows, rustic cabin, program director's house improvements **Projects funded, but not yet completed:** Deep water solar lake aerator, boat house solar power, fence painted. For more information visit: <https://iscucc.org/dubois-6-0-campaign>. Donations may be sent to the Illinois South Conference office at 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL. 62249 or online at the Conference or DuBois Center websites: www.iscucc.org and www.DuBoisCenter.org.

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BBQ MEAT BONANZA DRAWING TODAY

The ELF's/Korte Meat Processing, Inc., BBQ meat bonanza drawing will be held immediately following worship today, where three lucky winners' names will be drawn. If you are reading this prior to the end of worship today, make sure you have your tickets in before the drawing. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10 and are available on the table in the Narthx. Proceeds will be used to purchase a communion table.

RALLY DAY SET FOR SEPT. 18

Mark your calendar to join St. Jacob UCC for an outdoor worship, lunch and games on Sunday, September 18th. Bring a chair and enjoy the special music and worship leadership provided by the drummers of *Sheltered Reality*.

VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB

After discussions at the last St. Jacob Council meeting, we would like to try something different with the reading of scripture in worship. Rather than having the council member of the month serve as both the usher and liturgist, we would like to develop a list of volunteers who would be willing to read scripture -- no long-term commitment, just one Sunday at a time. Everyone from the congregation is encouraged to take part in helping lead worship. There is a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to serve as a liturgist located on the table in the Narthx. The plan is to begin Sept. 25, the Sunday after Rally Day and continue through Nov. 20, the Sunday before Advent. If all goes well, we will continue from there.

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 are going to begin having a box for food pantry donations in the sanctuary at St. John's and St. Jacob.

Requested items for St. John's (Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries Food Pantry): Canned stew, canned meat (tuna & chicken), canned chili, Manwich (sloppy joe), Hamburger Helper, pie crust mix, evaporated milk, juice, beans (pork & beans or kidney), sugar (small), Zip-lock bags, & feminine hygiene products

Requested items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited): Manwich (sloppy joe), canned pasta, pork & beans, saltine crackers, & jelly

FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

SECOND LESSON. Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL. Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

