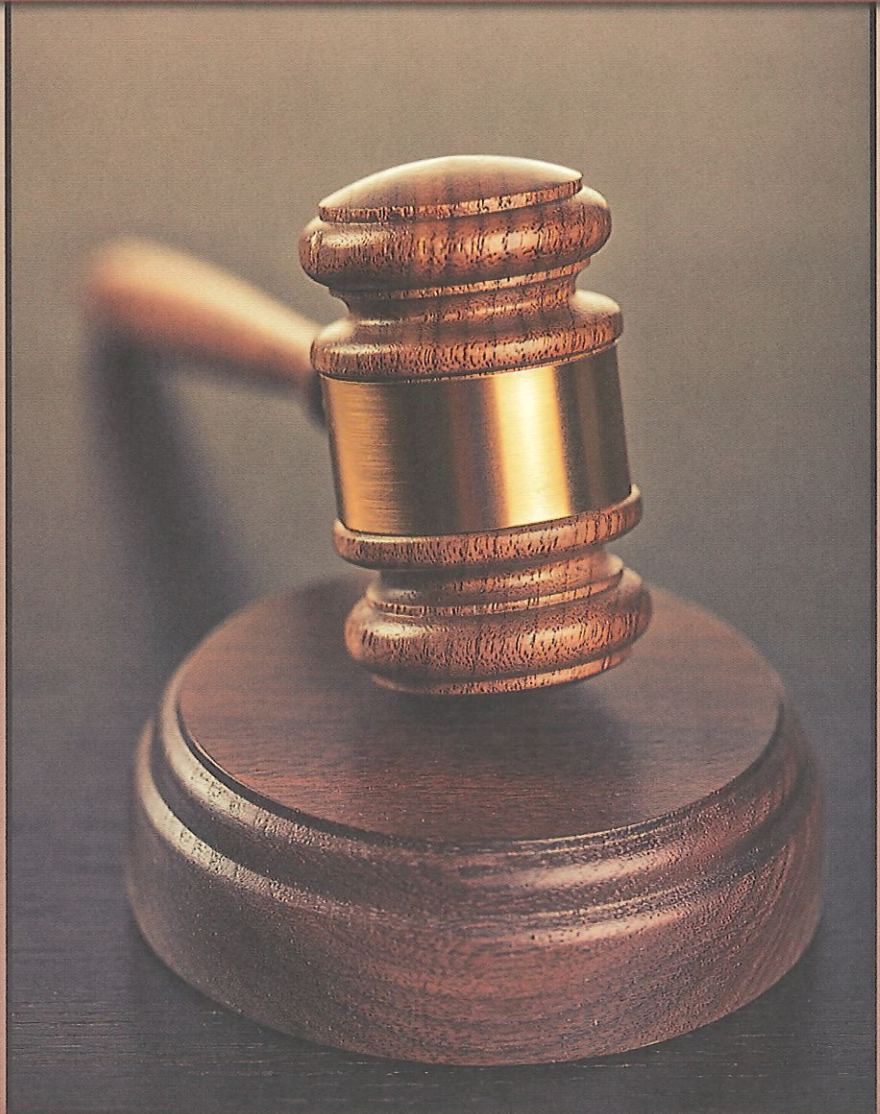


GOD GRANT
JUSTICE

to his chosen ones



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 16, 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: "...the Lord's free people joined themselves (by a covenant of the Lord) into a church estate, in the fellowship of the gospel, to walk in all His ways made known or to be made known unto them, according to their best endeavors, whatsoever it should cost them, the Lord assisting them."

~ Scrooby Congregation Covenant, 1606

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We gather to honor our covenant with God.

We gather to worship the God who has covenanted with us.

ALL: Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth.

Our wisdom comes from the one who meets us here.

ONE: Open your eyes to meet God face to face.

Open your ears to hear God's instruction.

ALL: God takes us by the hand to lead us.

The Word of God is written on our hearts.

ONE: Come to taste God's Word, which is sweeter than honey.

Come to touch the reality of God's presence.

ALL: Surely God will welcome us and protect us.

We will walk with new understanding of truth.

CALL TO CONFESSION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

We confess, O God, that we are not eager to wrestle with you or to take responsibility for sin in our lives. We see ourselves as basically decent, respectable people. Yet we have bent your commandments to our own conveniences. We listen only to the word we want to hear. We participate in the greed that is destroying your good earth, and we will allow evil to triumph through our neglect. Shake us into awareness that brings change, and support us, we pray, on the difficult path toward greater faithfulness. 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 31:27-34

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

HYMN

Thy Word

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SERMON

HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

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)*

With thanksgiving for your presence in all our coming and going, through all our work and leisure, in our times of faithfulness and when we break covenant, we bring our offerings. May these resources help your people to know you more fully and serve you more effectively. Equip us for every good work, that your church may witness boldly and influence profoundly. 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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Donna Lowe

Accompanist

Melody Hollis

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Ella Boggy, Wally Foxworthy, Margie Foxworthy's son Sean, Nancy McCaw, Cindy Roll, and Joe Tulgetske

St. Jacob: Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Erica Kynion, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt, Jerry Schmitt, and Carol Zweck.

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

-Centralia St. Peter UCC

-Collinsville St. John UCC, Rev. Jennifer (Allen) Sowell-Glover, Sr. Pastor

-Rev. Katie Jo (Craig) Bielke, Associate Pastor

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Donna Lowe, Oct. 19

Onis & Carol Zweck, 49 years, Oct. 20

Kaitlin Woods, Oct. 21

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, October 9, 2022

St. John's – 8

St. Jacob – 32

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(Mondays by appointment)

Secretary's office hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Jacob Phone: 618-644-2142 / St. Jacob E-mail: stjucc@hometel.com

Website: stjacobucc.org

Pastor Phil Barbier: Phone: 314-312-2347 / E-mail: pastor@hometel.com

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 have a donation tub/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): Baked beans, Hamburger Helper, peas, canned potatoes, instant potato pouches, jelly, rice – bags, Ramen noodles, pasta sauce, Manwich, toilet paper, paper towels & deodorant



**Food Pantry
Needs**

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

FREE FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

St. Jacob Township annual free flu immunization clinic will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Oct. 27 at Heritage Hall. The event is sponsored by St. Jacob Township and is free for residents of St. Jacob Village and Township only. Proof of residency is required, and you must be 18 years or older to get the immunization.

VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB

We are still looking for volunteers willing to read scripture, no long-term commitment, just one Sunday at a time. Everyone from the congregation is invited to take part in helping lead worship. There is a sign-up sheet for anyone interested located on the table in the Narthx.

ST. JACOB SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. Jacob Sunday School will be held from 9-10 a.m. every first and third Sunday through the school year. All children ages 3 and up are invited to join the fun. For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact the church office at 618-644-2142; or email: stjucc@hometel.com

WURSTMARKTS TODAY & THURSDAY

-St. Paul UCC, 123 E. Dee St, Lebanon, IL will hold its 30th annual Wurstmarkt from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., **today**; drive through only, \$13.

-St. John UCC, 307 W. Clay St., Collinsville, IL, will hold it's Wurstmarkt from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., **Thursday**, drive-thru only, \$13.

-O'Fallon UCC, 206 West Adams St., O'Fallon, IL, will hold its Wurstmarkt from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., **Thursday**, dine-in, carry-out & drive through; adults, \$12, children 4-12, \$7, children 3 and under are free.

Flyers for each event are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthx.

***** THE UPPER ROOM** (Nov.-Dec.) magazines are available on the table in the Narthx at St. Jacob UCC

FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SECOND LESSON. 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL. Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' And the LORD said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



Strawberry Festival Planning

Over the last few years, the number of people working on the Strawberry Festival Committee has been declining and we no longer have enough people to plan and organize such a large festival.

Below is a list of all of the planning and leadership roles that we need to fill to continue having the Strawberry Festival, as well as examples of what the role entails.

The Festival Committee asks that you take a look at these planning roles and find where you can help with planning for the Strawberry Festival.

If you have questions please contact a member of the Strawberry Festival Committee: Carol Kynion, Donna Lowe, Di Rufer, Patti Woods, or contact the church office at 618-644-2142.

Advertising – Facebook postings, Lawn signs, Fliers, Lory Theater advertisement

Sponsorships – Soliciting for sponsors, Getting shirts ordered, Thanking sponsors

Activities – Bounce houses, Snow Cone, Kettle Corn, Ax throwing & new ideas

Entertainment – Scheduling musicians/entertainment, Getting sound equipment

Crafters – Soliciting for crafters, Marking spots, Organizing crafters

Park Coordination – Securing date, Insurance, Police/security, Ordering Port-a-potty, Leading setup & teardown

Parking Coordination – Securing shuttle(s) & driver(s), Recruiting parking helpers

Raffle – Raffle Permit from Village, Soliciting for prizes - Printing tickets, Prize draw, Contacting winners, Sending thank you notes to donors

Food Ordering – Strawberries

Food Ordering – Meat & Refrigeration trucks

Food Ordering – All other food & drink items and large beverage coolers.

Ordering Non-Food Supplies – Plates, cutlery, carry out containers, etc.

Financial Coordination – Recording money coming in, Paying bills, Cash drawers on site, Working with bank (ordering money, ATM, etc.)

Assisted Living Food Delivery – Coordinating with Nursing Homes, Packaging and delivering on day

Volunteer Coordinator – Coordinating volunteers the week of the festival including cake donations, berry cleaning & preparation, Sunday shift schedules, etc.

