

The Chimes

Welcome Home to the Church you remember.....
Welcome Home to St. John's!

Church Family News



Prayer List

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all of our shut-ins and the following members, David Hummel, Lois Boldt, Rev. Harold Beesley, Jean Livingston, Alison Armstrong, Shirley Rohan, Donna Hewitt, Barb Smith, Glenda Prescott, Brooke (McDonald) Hall, Dorothy Zenger, Barbara & Mel Cunningham, Kathy Wilson, Mary Lou Hostetler, Sharon Hickman, Jeanette Morris, Faith Kelly, Braxton Picklesimer, Doris Sheets, Sandra Donson, Paula Hatfield, Paxton Hill Debi Snow, Marie Conner, Ruth Satterfield, Charlie Bruah, Jane Shoemaker, Rev. Bob & Peggy Settlege, & Jeff Knepp

Please call the church office if you know of any sick or hospitalized members. Remember if you want someone on the prayer chain, you can fill out a card and drop it in the offering plate or call or e-mail Bea

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$	9,825.00
Income as of October 22, 2017	\$	<u>9,035.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	(\$	790.00)

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL @ 9:00 in the meeting room

Happy? What is it and how to find it

Sunday, November 5th – “Nothing Will Make You Happy”
Sunday, November 12th – “The Art of Forgiveness”
Sunday, November 19th – “Beyond Circumstances”
Sunday, November 26th – “A Way of Being”

Thank You!

Mission Donation to GoFundMe
- Finn's adapted van

Thank you so much! Kasey, Finn, Wilder, and I (Ethan Sheets) are truly thankful.

Welcome!

We welcome Machele West and Janet Shumaker to our church membership. Both were voted into membership during our October Council Meeting.



Just Born Congratulations!

Korbyn Ryan Pursley
Born: October 15, 2017
8 lbs. 1 oz., 19 & 1/2 inches long
Parent: Kelsie Pursley
Grandmother: Brenda Pursley
Great-Grandmother: Bea Pursley

LUNCH BUNCH @ 12:00 in the Meeting Room *The Beverly Hillbillies Bible Study*

Tuesday, November 14th – “Elly’s First Date”
based on James 4:10

Tuesday, November 28th – “Jed Plays Solomon”
based on Ephesians 4:32



Pastor's Thoughts – Rev. Mark Katrick

By the time you receive this issue of “The Chimes”, people will already have begun to decorate for Christmas. How many of you remember when you almost never saw Christmas decorations until AFTER Thanksgiving? I like it better that way. How about you?

That being said, it's always a good time to THINK about decorating. What part do you like best? Putting up the tree? Putting on lights and ornaments? Hanging garlands and wreaths? Displaying the nativity set? If your answer is yes to one or more of these, then mark your calendars for our annual “Hanging of the Greens” on Sunday, Nov. 26th at the 8:00 and 10:30 services.

As we did last year, our intent is to decorate the trees, hang the garlands and put out the nativity sets while we worship. And once again, the pre-decorating will be done the day before on Saturday morning.

It's never too early to “Prepare the way of the Lord!” (Mark 1:3) There is a timelessness to the “Hanging of the Greens” that transcends the seasons.

“Why do we do it? What does it mean?” asks the Rev. Annette Taft Fraser.

It is a custom predating Christ when people would bring indoors, green boughs and branches to sustain them during the dark days of winter without electricity. This carried through to the Christian era. This meant homes, stores, churches would do much to decorate with evergreens. Remember the church always led the way in the community and not the reverse.

So for hundreds of years, the church has led the way with the remembrance of Christ's incarnation through the evergreens in the church. At this time we prepare for the one who has come, whom we expect to come, who has come into our lives in numerous ways in various times and places, and the One who will come again. We prepare our hearts. We make room again for the Messiah.

As a kid, I never complained about the “Wish Book” coming too early. And I didn't waste any time making up my Christmas list.

When it comes to decorating our church, we are all kids at heart. So let's get excited about our Hanging of the Greens service on November 26th. Oh and by the way, since Bethlehem Marketplace will be happening the following Sunday, Dec. 3rd, we will be receiving hundreds of guests into the sanctuary.

So, let's do an extra good job of “decking the halls” to get everyone into the spirit of the season!



Why Chucky loves decorating for Christmas

Cats pay more attention to ornaments than mice
Christmas trees are great for nesting
Replacement bulbs make great night lights
I get to be a part of the nativity scene
Cookies happen!
Hot Chocolate happens!
Carols to “squeak” to
It's all for Jesus!

The Afternoon Circle will meet Wednesday, Nov. 1, for the Annual Thank Offering In-Gathering. Ladies are asked to bring their Thank Offering Jars, and meet in the Chapel at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments and business meeting will be held following in the Meeting Room. Beth Lee and Elaine Gard are the hostesses.

Thank you for your gifts to Goodwill's Good Guides program. This month and next, we will be collecting art supplies for the YES Club (watercolor paints, crayons, brushes, markers, drawing paper, colored paper, scissors, etc.) Please leave your donation on the Mission Table in the Fellowship Room.

Afternoon Circle will host the Coffee Hours during November.

News from Church Council:

From the Treasurer:

We have fallen behind \$2,965.95, due to some big bills. Things are looking up, however, for last month. Also, our investment counselor is comfortable with the diversification of our investments, and the increases of the same.

From Administrative Communications:

Council has voted to reinstate the membership of Janet Shumaker, and to grant membership to Machele West. Welcome, ladies!

From the Pastor:

Sunday, Oct. 22, the Highwater Congregational Church celebrated her 175th Anniversary. Frank and Vicky Davis represented St. John's and presented them with a plaque.

Old Business:

Fostering Further will be moving into the former Drama Den room on Nov. 4, with household goods for those who emancipate from the foster care program. Speakers from Fostering Further will participate in our worship services on Sunday, Nov. 12, which is World Orphan Day.

Nominations Committee:

Council has 4 slots to be filled for the 2018-19-20 term, and 1 unfilled slot for the 2017-18-19 term. If you feel called to participate on Church Council, please speak to any member of Council, especially Greg Crowthers and Mike Livingston, to express your desire to be nominated.

From Church and Ministry:

A reminder to those doing Coffee Hours - Please have refreshments here and set up at 9:30 each Sunday morning. Several of our members enjoy having fellowship and "breakfast" early before worship. Thank you.

From Property Maintenance:

The "Garage Spruce-Up" has been completed, now that the gutters are in place!

The new kitchen dishes have been delivered!

The kitchen up-dates will be dedicated on Sunday, October 29, at the 10:30 worship in Hermann Hall. A light lunch will follow, also in Hermann Hall.

From Evangelism and Outreach:

Posters are available to be placed throughout the community advertising the Bethlehem Marketplace. Please spread the word!

From Missions and Outreach:

Donations have been made to

- The Discretionary Fund (\$500)
- Puerto Rico Recovery (\$100)
- Finn Sheets Go Fund Me (toward a van)
- Salvation Army
- United Church Homes



THE BETHLEHEM MARKETPLACE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 8:00 A.M. UNTIL ?? - CONSTRUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 9:00 A.M. UNTIL ?? - DECORATING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 9:00 A.M. UNTIL ?? - WORKDAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 6:30 P.M. - CAST MEETING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1:00 P.M. - DRESS REHEARSAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1-4 P.M. -

THE BETHLEHEM MARKETPLACE

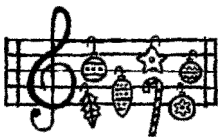
If work needs to continue beyond the dates set, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6-8 p.m. will be the designated work days.

And, of course, tear-down will happen each week night, 6-8 p.m., the week of Dec. 3.

Are you eager to be a cast member, or know of someone who is? There are still openings in the booths. Please sign up in the Fellowship Room.

We will need drivers to pick up plants on Friday, Dec. 1, and return them on Monday, Dec. 4. Please watch the bulletin for specific times.

There are lots of jobs for lots of talents. Please don't hesitate to share your talents to build and populate Bethlehem for this great gift of ours to the community. And spread the word that this is happening. It's been 3 years since we last visited Bethlehem, and people are eager to visit again. Let all your friends, co-workers, family know that On Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, we will present The Bethlehem Marketplace as our Church Family's gift to the community. (And remind them to bring non-perishable food or money for the Licking County Food Pantry.)



The marketplace is coming to St. John's! If you are interested in providing music in the sanctuary while visitors are waiting to go through the streets of Bethlehem, please contact Mr. Todd Baldosser to set up a time slot at scarlatti35@hotmail.com or 614-598-1264. Thanks!

St. John's United Church of Christ



September 20, October 4, 18, November 1, 15

6:00pm — 7:30pm

**Everyone welcome
invite your friends.**

Enjoy games, activities,
devotionals, service projects,
even time for homework if
needed.



Wednesday night Youth group. This fall the youth will be meeting the first and third Wednesday nights from 6-7:30. We'll enjoy devotionals, games, activities and service projects. Upcoming dates are November 1, 15. Friends welcome. On November 15, we will be making Christmas cards for the military, college students and sick & shut-in members.



On November 19, the Adult class, Bible Discovery Zone and nursery classes will be making Christmas cards for the military, members away at college and for our sick and shut-ins. In addition, the Youth will be making cards on November 15 at their meeting.



The Ring Out! Bell choir will be performing November 19 at the 10:30 service. Everyone is welcome, no practice required.

Looking ahead – The Children's Christmas program will be on December 17th during the 10:30 service. Practice will be on December 10th during the 10:30 service.



Adult class 9:00am.
Bible Discovery Zone during the 10:30am service.
Nursery care and Pre-school class available at 10:00am.

Cradle Roll

5: Frances Hill
 12: Julie Kroah
 19: Kayla Hill & Makayla Sheets
 26: Frances Hill

Bible Discovery Zone

5: Ken Kroah & Colleen Kroah
 12: Anita Chirdon & Pat Farley
 19: Kara Deal & Olivia Workman
 26: Brian Lensink & Connor Boyce

DVD Filming

5: John West
 12: Dick Tulloss
 19: Gary Kinser
 26: Ken Kroah

Acolytes


5: Olivia Workman
 12: Connor Boyce
 19: Makayla Sheets
 26: Olivia Workman

Sound System

5: Julie Kroah
 12: Dick Tulloss
 19: Tom Lawyer
 26: Ken Kroah



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 Reformation Sunday 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service in Hermann Hall - dedicating the Kitchen followed by a light lunch 4:30 PM Trunk or Treat</p>	30	31	<p>1 All Saints Day 1:00 PM The Afternoon Circle of the Women's Guild Meeting-TThank Offering Service in the Chapel 6:00 PM Private Use-Chorus Practice 6:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>2 6:30 PM Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	3	<p>4  8:00 AM Bethlehem Marketplace Construction</p>
<p>5 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School- "Nothing Will Make You Happy" 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary-with Bible Discovery Zone after Children's Moment</p>	6	<p>7 10:00 AM Church & Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Christian Education Meeting 10:00 AM N.A.R.F.E. Meeting 6:00 PM Private Use-Chorus Practice</p>	<p>9 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	10	<p>11 Veterans Day 9:00 AM Bethlehem Marketplace Decorating</p>
<p>12 National Donor Sabbath 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School- "The Art of Forgiveness" 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary-with Bible Discovery Zone after Children's Moment</p>	13	<p>14 Lunch Bunch with "The Beverly Hillbillies Bible Study" 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM Finance & Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>15 6:00 PM Private Use-Chorus Practice 6:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>16 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	17	<p>18 9:00 AM Bethlehem Marketplace Workday</p>
<p>19 8:00 AM Chapel Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School- "Beyond Circumstances" 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary-with Children's Bell Choir to play, Bible Discovery Zone after Children's Moment</p>	20	21	<p>22 6:00 PM Private Use-Chorus Practice</p>	<p>23 Thanksgiving Day</p>	24	<p>25 Pre - Hanging of the Greens</p>
<p>26 8:00 AM Chapel Service -"Hanging of the Greens" 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School- "A Way of Being" 10:30 AM Worship Service -Sanctuary-with Hanging of the Greens. Bible Discovery Zone after Children's Moment</p>	27	<p>28 Lunch Bunch with "The Beverly Hillbillies Bible Study" 6:30 PM Bethlehem Marketplace Cast Meeting</p>	<p>29 6:00 PM Private Use-Chorus Practice</p>	<p>30 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	1	<p>2 1:00 PM Bethlehem Marketplace Dress Rehearsal</p>

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Worship & Classes!

8:00 am – Chapel Service
9:00 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Traditional Sanctuary Service
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CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING
DECEMBER 10M 2017 FOLLOWING
THE 10:30 AM SERVICE

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Christmas Poinsettias

This Christmas, we will again beautify our sanctuary with an array of Poinsettias, which will be purchased from a local nursery. If you would like to participate in this celebration of Christmas, please fill out the form below or contact the church office. 6.5" pot \$ 9.25/each 1 plant - 4 to 7 blooms (Red in color)

The DEADLINE for placing orders is Sunday, December 3, 2017

(Please pick up plants after the 10:30 a.m. service on December 17, 24, or after the Christmas Eve. Services on December 24.

- I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia for me to keep.
- I desire the office to purchase a poinsettia to be donated to a shut-in.

**Be sure to complete the following to be printed in the bulletin:
(i.e.: In honor of or in memory of.....by or from.....)**



Name: _____ Phone: _____

You may also choose to remember a loved one with a gift to the ___Abiding Memorial Fund or the ___Foundation Fund. All such gifts noted and received **BY DECEMBER 10** will be listed in the bulletin on **DECEMBER 17** in addition to the bulletins on **Sunday, December 24**. Abiding Memorial and Foundation Fund Cards and envelopes are also available in the literature rack in the Narthex or in the office.