

Saint John's Spirit

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Children's Ministries

The Sunday School year is off to a great start. Sunday, September 20 Father Todd blessed our new Sunday School centers. Thanks to all who made it happen. The theme for this fall is The Fruit of the Spirit. We will be learning about how to share "The Fruit" with others. Please come and be a part of our spirit!!!

In the Spirit,
 Kathy and Hannah

Dates to remember – November 22 will be Advent Wreath making for families.

Outreach

CROP Walk

The CROP Walk for hunger relief will take place on Sunday, October 25, beginning at Christ United Methodist Church at 2:00 pm. CROP is an organization which works towards relieving hunger, both domestic & international, through both provision of food and provision of education and tools to enable the impoverished to generate more food on their own in the future. Local CROP Walk organizers have decided to continue with the somewhat abbreviated route used last year (~5 miles), although our St. John's contingent elected to do the traditional 6-mile route which passes through Milligan Park. Which route we walkers choose this year will be up to us. Registration forms/sponsorship envelopes may be obtained from Susan Albrecht. If you are unable to walk but would like to sponsor a walker, let Susan know.

As of Sept. 21st, St. John's collected \$332.36 for Habitat for Humanity and \$262.36 for the Family Crisis Shelter in addition to the wonderful donations of products to Undies and Outies, FISH, and The Family Crisis Shelter.

Fishers for Men (and Women and Children)

With the fall comes anticipation for the holidays ahead, beginning with Halloween and continuing through New Year's Day. Many people in the world and our neighborhoods do not have the luxuries of regular mealtimes and clean water, let alone indulging in the special traditions many of us enjoy. Our mission for this quarter will primarily be supporting the local FISH program both monetarily and with food items. Why not figure 10% of your grocery bill per week, and donate that amount to the FISH program, either in food items or dollars. If you have a night out at a restaurant, figure what it would cost if you had treated a guest for a meal, and donate that amount. Walk in the Crop Walk and ask your neighbors to sponsor you. The United Thank Offering is collected in November, so tie in your giving by donating the cost of a turkey.

Other ingatherings for the Quarter: Reindear Project and Gifts for Mental Health.

October, November, December: Donations this quarter will be divided up between CROP, United Thank Offering, and Fish.

Because of the timing of the collections, each month will be designated for one of these causes.

October is the month of the CROP Walk (October 25th). Count the shoes that your family members have: _____ Pairs Example: 20 pairs	Multiply each pair by a designated amount: $20 \times \$2.00 = \40.00	Donate that amount for Crop. Don't forget to pick up a volunteer folder for the walk so that you can give friends and neighbors a chance to donate.
November is the month for giving to the United Thank Offering. How much did your turkey cost for Thanksgiving? _____	Add the cost plus the number of people with whom you shared your meal: $\$ ____ + ___ = ____$ Example: \$19.65 $\$19.65 + 5 = \24.65	Donate that amount to the UTO. (Coin boxes are available at church) Be sure to put a memo on your check to designate it to UTO. (Turn in November 8th)
December is when we will make our monetary donation as well as canned goods for the FISH pantry. Add your grocery bill for the month: _____ Example: \$400	Figure 10% of that amount: $.10 \times \$ ____ = ____$ $.10 \times \$400 = \40.00	Donate that amount in either canned goods or cash.

United Thank Offering

We are in the United Thank Offering (UTO) season, the time when we use our Blue Boxes for daily offerings. The boxes are now available at St. John's, and our ingathering will be on November 8.

The mission of the UTO is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers, offerings, and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.

Grants have been given to programs in such far away places as Southern Africa and the Diocese of Barbados. In this country grants were recently given to the Diocese of Lewiston, Maine and the Diocese of Kansas. One particularly interesting grant of \$30,000 was awarded to the Diocese of Minnesota to fund the translation and publication of *The Book of Common Prayer* into the Hmong language. In St. Paul, there is a thriving Hmong population, which has revitalized the church's congregation and the community.

We encourage you to pick up a Blue Box and to use it on a daily basis as your family's opportunity to say "thank you" for your many blessings.

Parish Life

OCT. 17 - WABASH FOOTBALL TAILGATING PITCH-IN

Back by popular demand is the St. John's tailgating party! We've selected the October 17 Wabash-Wittenberg game as the date of the event. Several of us will set up a spot in the parking lot on Jennison St. and then we'll have some pre- (and during-) game grilling, eating and hanging out. This will be a pitch-in, so plan to bring your favorite tailgating side dish, some chairs and your beverage of choice. We'll begin gathering around 11:00, with grilling starting around 11:30. Burgers & hot dogs, buns, condiments & paper goods will be provided. In order to plan for the appropriate amount of these supplies, please plan to sign up on the sheet in Whitlock Hall! If you have questions, call Susan Albrecht at 361-0036.

Lobster Sale

We are planning on trying to have the Lobster Sale either the 7th or 14th of November. Anyone who is willing to help please contact Chas Cooksey by email chas46135@yahoo.com or by cell at 765-721-7513

Coffee Cans Needed!

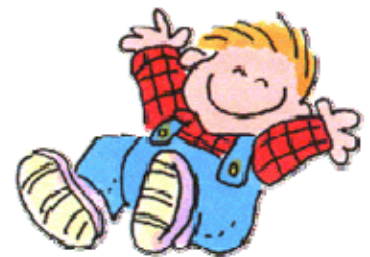
The Altar Guild is always happy to have small coffee cans to use for delivery of altar flowers. Please leave the cans in the sacristy.

Volunteers Needed!

The local MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) group is in need of volunteers to help with childcare. Currently there are moms on a waiting list to join. The membership is limited because of the limited spots available in the childcare rooms. More hands = more kids!

MOPS meets twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday from 9am to 11am at Pleasant View Baptist Church. The group is an interdenominational Christian group. If you could even spare one morning a month, it would greatly be appreciated! Contact Cindy Turner for more info (362-0798 or csturner@sbcglobal.net).

Happy Fall!



Sunday Servers

Service	Lector	LEM	Crucifer/ Acolyte(s)	Coffee Hour	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally
10/4 8am	Jim Suren	Elaine Pickering	Hannah Anderson				
10/4 10:30	Nancy Bennett	Jane Gallagher & Bob Cooley	Chris Redmaster / Anna Redmaster & Kristen Albrecht		Kitty Haffner & Jo Tussey	Ann O'Dell, Shelia Evans & Jane Gallagher	Tom Twarek & Nancy Bennett
10/11 8am	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Diane Ault				
10/11 10:30	Bev O'Rourke	Steve Gillan & Paul Ludwig	Bill Patterson / Andrew Patterson & Adam Brasich		Sam & Susie Hildebrand	Adrienne Ashbaugh, Bethany Fields & Cyndy Fields	Ellen Ball & Barb Easterling
10/18 8am	Kitty Haffner	Larry Baumgardner	Joe & Ben Green				
10/18 10:30	Kristen Albrecht	Helen Hudson & Sara Lawrence	Mike Lohorn / Peggy Lohorn & Paul Moehling		Tom Twarek & Ellen Ball	Jerilyn Yerkes & Terry Lawrence	Susan Albrecht & Susie Hildebrand
10/25 8am	Judy Wynne	Vern Easterling	Teresa Anderson				
10/25 10:30	Joe O'Rourke	Larry Baumgardner & Kim Roberts	Sam Hildebrand / Joe Green & Ben Green		Brian & Susan Albrecht	Carole Meyer & Chas Cooksey	John Culley & Vern Easterling



Those persons volunteering to give flowers for the next month are

October 4, Don Fine
 October 11, Jerilyn and David Yerkes
 October 18, Meegan Reidy
 October 25, Todd Kleffman and Mike Scime



Calendar

October 17 Wabash Football Tailgating Pitch-in
October 25 CROP Walk start at Christ United Methodist Church at 2:00 pm.

November 8 UTO Ingathering

Ongoing Events

Wednesday 30-Minute Eucharist from 6pm-6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal - Thursday nights 7 - 8pm

The next Newsletter submissions are due by Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m. October 21.

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