



**THE
EAGLE**

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 3 - WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION
OCTOBER 10 - WORSHIP
OCTOBER 10 - LEWISBURG WALK TO END FOOD INSECURITY
2:00 pm. ST. PAUL'S UMC, LEWISBURG
OCTOBER 11 - QUILTERS/KNITTERS & MORE - 10am
OCTOBER 14 - REJOICING SPIRITS - 6pm (Tentative)
OCTOBER 17 - WORSHIP
OCTOBER 23 - TRUNK-OR-TREAT - 3 - 5 pm East Parking Lot
OCTOBER 24 - WORSHIP
OCTOBER 28 - WIRED WORD STUDY - 7pm
OCTOBER 31 - WORSHIP



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL

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When the going gets tough, the tough ...

You know the saying. "The tough get going" is the traditional saying.

I am wondering if we can change that a bit. What if we say, "When the going gets tough the tough stop ... simply STOP"!

We are moving through the season of harvest and into the season when the natural world (at least in our area) slows down a bit and things go dormant. There's a good reason for the dormancy - for it's during the dormant times that living things slow down and prepare themselves to grow again in the next season.

Our UCC General Synod passed a Resolution Witness entitled "Becoming a Church of Contemplatives in Action". Contemplatives in Action ... many of us function the "in action" mode fairly regularly and often without being aware that we are doing so - putting one foot in front of the other and getting done what needs to get done. It's the "Contemplative" part that can be a bit more of a challenge. The resolution states that "the UCC has not historically emphasized to the greatest extent possible the fostering of spiritual, contemplative practices to love God and ourselves and to see God in all things, all people, and creation." In all fairness I believe we could say the same thing about our culture and about our daily lives. It often seems more natural and much easier to "do" instead of taking the time to simply "be" in the presence of God and taken the time to recognize and sense the love of God for all things (people and creation) including us!

As the season of harvest unfolds and we recognize the shorter days, cooler temperatures, and lessening plant life I encourage and invite us into a time of being "Contemplatives" (the in action part hasn't been forgotten, but simple deemphasized). Being a contemplative can take many forms from sitting still and silent to walking and singing. I am including a wonderful graphic from Synod gives a visual reminder of the many ways to live out the life of contemplation. If you look at the tree graphic you will notice that some of the contemplative ideas include action. Interestingly enough even action can be contemplative if done with a desire to see God and love God.

When the going gets tough ... pray (alone or with a partner, quietly or out loud), meditate, visualize, experience the Bible's richness, take a walk, create something beautiful (knit, quilt, paint), make music, listen to music ... The time for action is now ... or it might be tomorrow, or the day after. But the time for drawing close to God is definitely now.

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

²⁸ "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

When the going gets tough the tough trust God and know that God is with them every step of the way.

Blessings and peace! Pastor Alice

OCTOBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/03 Johnson, Elva
 10/04 Brown, Brian
 10/04 Gutelius, Debra
 10/06 Mabus, Evelyn
 10/06 Stahley, William
 10/07 Griffith, Ashley
 10/12 Dreese, Palmer
 10/14 Moser, Bethany
 10/15 Bower, Arthur
 10/15 Tomlinson, James
 10/22 Brouse, Ruth
 10/22 Hayes, Jane
 10/24 Renno, Hailey
 10/24 Satteson, Kimberly
 10/26 Geyer, Mary
 10/27 Bingaman, Lisa
 10/27 Fuller, William
 10/27 Saltsgiver, Jennifer
 10/29 Busler, Brad

10/07 DeSantis, Elizabeth & Chris
 10/09 Brouse, Anna & Robert
 10/10 Gutelius, Debra & Joseph
 10/13 Bingaman, Lisa & Bradley
 10/15 Hilliard, Ann & David
 10/24 Rautzhan, Lauren & Richard
 10/24 Satteson, Kimberly & Mark
 10/26 Donlin, Angela & Edward



LAY-READERS NEEDED

The Worship Committee is looking for Lay-Readers for the 2022 Church year. We currently have January through May filled, but are still in need of readers for the remainder of the months of 2022.

Please call the Church office to volunteer your time as a Lay-reader. You can also split a month with someone. Give it some prayerful thought, and sign up!

Wired Word ZOOM

WIRED WORD - The monthly Wired Word Study, held on the 4th Thursday of the month, which will be Thursday, **October 28th, 2021, at 7:00 pm**. Hope to see you online!



“WASHING THE FEET” PROJECT

Angie Donlin has created a program called “Washing the Feet”. This program is designed to provide basic essential needs to patients in need, who come through the Emergency Department. We will be collecting the following items to support this endeavor.

- ◆ Travel-size body wash/bar soap
- ◆ Travel-size tooth paste
- ◆ Hair brush or comb
- ◆ Individually packaged tooth brush
- ◆ Wash cloth
- ◆ Gallon size zip lock “type” sealable plastic bag

There is a location in the Narthex for the collection of these items.

Messy Church

A new program is starting at St. John’s for families, called Messy Church. It’s a new way of thinking about and “doing church” in a relaxed, joyful, creative way. We will experience God’s love and friendship through playing and creating (and eating!) together.

Messy Church welcomes anyone in the congregation and community to join us. We will gather, do fun interactive activities with biblical themes, celebrate with stories, songs and prayers, and enjoy a meal together.

Messy Church programs can be found throughout the globe, and we’re so excited to host our own at St. John’s. **Please mark your calendar for Sunday, January 23 (with a snow date of January 30, from 3:30 PM -5:30 PM, for the next of these quarterly events.**

From the program creators:

MESSY CHURCH is a form of church for all ages together that involves creativity, celebration, and hospitality.

Church, but not as you know it!



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Building and Grounds is in process of evaluating/recommending projects to improve the use and ‘curb appeal’ of the Church. PLEASE consider making any observations YOU may have regarding issues and concerns regarding the exterior or interior of our facility.

Please contact Jim Tomlinson jimnsue@ptd.net with any comments/suggestions you have. BG will be meeting to discuss these issues.



HELP MAKE TRUNK OR TREAT A SUCCESS!

St John's **TRUNK OR TREAT** will be back this year, on **Sunday, October 23rd, 2021**, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM in the East parking lot. Bring your car, decorate your trunk, and be creatively cautious (COVID) on handing out candy to the children. (gloves will be available for handling the candy) We encourage **YOU** to handle the candy, and not allow children to reach into a "common" candy bowl.

This activity provides a safe place for the community children to celebrate Halloween. Some families have told us it's the only trick-or-treating activity they do. In 2019, we added a mission project to the event that we'd like to repeat this year. We will be asking attendees to donate a can of food to go to the local food pantry.

We need everyone's help and participation to make this a fun and safe event. Please put it on your calendar. It will be more fun with lots of cars and friendly faces!

What is needed?

- Donations of wrapped candy; please put them in the workroom (room with copier) next to the office.
- Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to bring your decorated car trunk to the event.
- Donations of small water bottles and individual juice boxes brought to the workroom. Due to the pandemic, we won't be serving hot dogs and cider, but we'd like to offer our guests a packaged drink.

For more information or to help with this event please contact Liz DeSantis. (570) 522-0897



This year we will be having a **Lewisburg Community Walk to End Food Insecurity**. Every dollar raised will be given back to an organization in our community that is helping end food insecurity in our area. Through Food Banks, Shelters, and Community Educational Opportunities, we have a wide diversity of things to support and a lot of our local non-profits could use the support after a difficult 18 months, with even longer on the horizon.

The Details:

Sunday October 10th at 2pm.

We will still have a 5k walk and a 1 mile walk.

All churches can take up collections of their own. (We don't have fancy envelopes to collect.)

For online giving, you can use your offering envelope by designating **"WALK"** on the "other" line.

We have set up a fund in our online giving platform for the walk. If you want to use that you can follow this link and select "Lewisburg Walk to End Food Insecurity", or follow this link to our website:

<http://www.stjohnslewisburg.org/>

Click on the **"Donate Today"** button, and use the drop-down menu to select the Community Walk Fund.

All donations are processed via PayPal, and are completely secure.



CARD SHOWER

On **Wednesday, October 6th**, one of our faithful members is turning **100!** Let's make her day a bit brighter by showering her with love in the form of a birthday card. Here's Evelyn's mailing address:

EVELYN MABUS
c/o WATSONTOWN REHAB
245 EAST 8TH STREET
WATSONTOWN, PA 17777

Neighbors in Need (NIN)

Is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

**NEIGHBORS
 = NEED**



**UNITED CHURCH
 OF CHRIST**



Many thanks to all who helped in any way at the Sept 1st yard sale. Even though we had a lot of rain, we had a wonderful day.

We were able to send a truckload for goods to the American Rescue Workers who sell the items to make money to help the hungry and homeless. Don Adams took 3 trailer loads of furniture, lamps and bedding to DIG so that low income folks can furnish a home. We sent about 40 pairs of shoes and boots to Soles for Souls in Mifflinburg who will get them to the homeless and countries where people have no shoes. We sent 32 big black bags and 4 boxes of clothing to Community Aid where they will be sold and the proceeds sent to places like the American Red Cross and United Way. We saved big box of winter jackets to give to any church having a coat drive this winter. AND for St John'swe made \$970!! It was all possible because of your help. Thanks to everyone.



Children's Church Returns

The Children's Church program will return **October 3rd**, during the worship service. Children will remain in the sanctuary through the Children's Moment, and then be invited to Children's Church. We are looking for additional people to be on our rotation of lesson leaders. Please contact, Pastor Alice, Liz DeSantis or Sue Baish if you'd like to volunteer as a leader or assistant.

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

I'd like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, quilts, calls, and visits from Pastor Alice. We really appreciate your thinking of us.

Sincerely,
Janet & Richard Heaton.

Dear St. John's Friends,

Thanks for bringing the chicken noodle casserole over to our house for a meal for us three (Me & my Mom & Dad). It was surprising and it was good!

Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Craig, Lois & Walter Swineford

Dear St. John's Friends,

Thanks for the lasagna meal, quilt blankets and cards we have received.

The quilts were certainly nice and we will use them when the weather turns cold.

Thanks to Pastor Alice for the cards, and for keeping us in thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Craig, Lois & Walter Swineford, and Ann Beasom

Dear Friends at St. John's,

Thank you for the yard sale vouchers you gave to the agency, which the caseworkers distributed to their clients. The vouchers were a creative way to help low-income parents, while allowing them to choose what they want and need. Hopefully, they found some useful items.

Thank you for your continued support of our struggling families throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Jamie Batman, Foster Care Coordinator



AUGUST 2021 REPORT

Current Operating Receipts	\$	13,794.37
Current Operating Disbursements	\$ -	18,533.45
Current Operating Balance	\$	- 4,759.08

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: **SUE BAISH, ANNA BROUSE, COLLEEN ROSS, LINDA SARTWELL**

Lock-up: **BOB BROUSE**

Lay-Reader: **DEB CATHERMAN & COLLEEN ROSS**

Preparation of Communion Elements: **ANNA BROUSE**

OCTOBER	Children's Church	OPENER/FLOWER DEL.
3	DURING WORSHIP	CAROL BERRY
10	DURING WORSHIP	
17	DURING WORSHIP	
24	DURING WORSHIP	
31	DURING WORSHIP	

OCTOBER	FLOWER SPONSORS	Acolyte	Drivers Route 1*
3	PAM & RICK MABUS	?	UNAVAILABLE
10	ANNA & BOB BROUSE	?	UNAVAILABLE
17	BETH MOSER	?	UNAVAILABLE
24	SUE & JIM TOMLINSON	?	UNAVAILABLE
31	SUE BAISH		

OCTOBER	GREETERS
3	CAROL BERRY
10	ANNA & BOB BROUSE
17	MARTHA & BRUCE RAUCH
24	PAT WIGSMOEN
31	SUE & JIM TOMLINSON



Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Indoors or online
on Facebook or YouTube

Visit us on the Web!

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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No matter who you are, or where
you are on life's journey, you're
welcome here!

MONTHLY COMMUNION MISSIONS

OCTOBER - William Cameron Engine Co.

NOVEMBER - Hoffman Homes & Neighbors In Need

DECEMBER - The Christmas Fund & Bethany White gifts

JANUARY - OGHS - One Great Hour of Sharing



Thanksgiving Baskets

Our congregation will be providing Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets for Children and Youth families who are in need of assistance to have a holiday meal. We will be collecting both monetary donations and also nonperishable foods such as (cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, canned veggies and fruits, and dessert such as Jello/pudding, pie filling and crust, and cake mixes).

Keep watch in the upcoming weeks in bulletins and the November Newsletter for more detailed information.

Please be generous this holiday so others may be able to enjoy a nice holiday meal and leftovers.

Supported by the Mission and Social Action Committee

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 AM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (CH.RM) 10:00 AM WORSHIP - HARVEST HOME CELEBRATION 1:00 PM Piece Makers Quilter's (FH) 3:30 PM MESSY CHURCH (WHOLE BUILDING)	27 7:00 PM BVS REHEARSAL (FH) 7:00 PM TECHNOLOGY VISION TEAM / CONSISTORY (ZOOM)	28 6:30 PM Committee on Ministry (ZOOM) 7:00 PM Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	29 7:00 AM Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH) 11:00 AM Yard Sale Pickup	30 9:00 AM TOPS (CR)	1	2
3 CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 9:00 AM BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL (SANCT.) 10:00 AM WORSHIP - COMMUNION	4 7:00 PM BVS REHEARSAL (FH) 7:00 PM HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)	5 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 60006 (PAV) 7:00 PM Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH) 7:00 PM SAFETY COMMITTEE (ZOOM)	6 7:00 AM Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH)	7 9:00 AM TOPS (CR) 7:00 PM Building & Grounds (PAR)	8 4:00 PM Suzuki Class (PAV)	9
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