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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



We Worship, We Love, We Serve – No Matter What!

Feast of All Saints

November 1, 2026
9:30 am

We Worship

We are proudly an Open & Affirming (ONA) Congregation of the Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ!

You are WELCOME HERE!

Our Offering *is received as we gather for worship, with plates located on pedestals at the back. We graciously accept your gifts of praise and gratitude to God, to be presented during the service. While guests are welcome to contribute, please know there is no obligation; the financial support of our church is primarily the responsibility of our congregation members.*

Sunday Social *is a time to gather for light refreshments and connection, visiting, making new friends, and building relationships. Join us in Fox Hall following worship each Sunday, hosted by various congregants and groups.*

Children's Faith Formation *begins in the early part of our worship service in the sanctuary, including the Children's Message. Parents are asked to accompany their child if they are at the kids' table in the back. On Communion Sundays the children remain in the worship service.*

Hymnal Abbreviations
WR—*Worship and Rejoice* ***NC****—New Century Hymnal*

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***Those who are comfortably able, please stand**

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Steven Davis

- Nov. 1, TODAY, Samantha Kistler's Ordination, 3:00 pm
- Nov. 14, Bazaar, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Nov. 15, Annual Meeting / Potluck, 11:00 am
- Nov. 25, Combined Thanksgiving Service, 6:30 pm
- Advent Candle Lighting Volunteers—Red Board

***Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you!

Music to Prepare our Hearts for Worship *Angels Farewell*
Mark Scozzafave
Soloist: Jeffrey Purdon

***Call to Worship** Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

One: Jesus calls blessed those the poor in spirit, the grieving, the gentle, and those who struggle to find hope in a world that can be harsh and unforgiving.

All: We come as we are: weary yet willing, broken yet believing, imperfect yet held by the love of God.

One: Blessed are those who mourn, for God does not turn away from our tears. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, who refuse to accept hatred, injustice, and indifference as the way things must be.

All: May our faith move us beyond words and into acts of compassion, justice, and love.

One: Blessed are the merciful, the peacemakers, and those who choose kindness when cruelty would be easier. Blessed are those who stand for what is right, even when standing comes at a cost.

All: May we have the courage to love beyond our comfort, to forgive beyond our pain, and to build bridges where the world keeps building walls.

One: Come, let us worship the God who draws near to the hurting, lifts up the forgotten, and calls ordinary people to do extraordinary things through love.
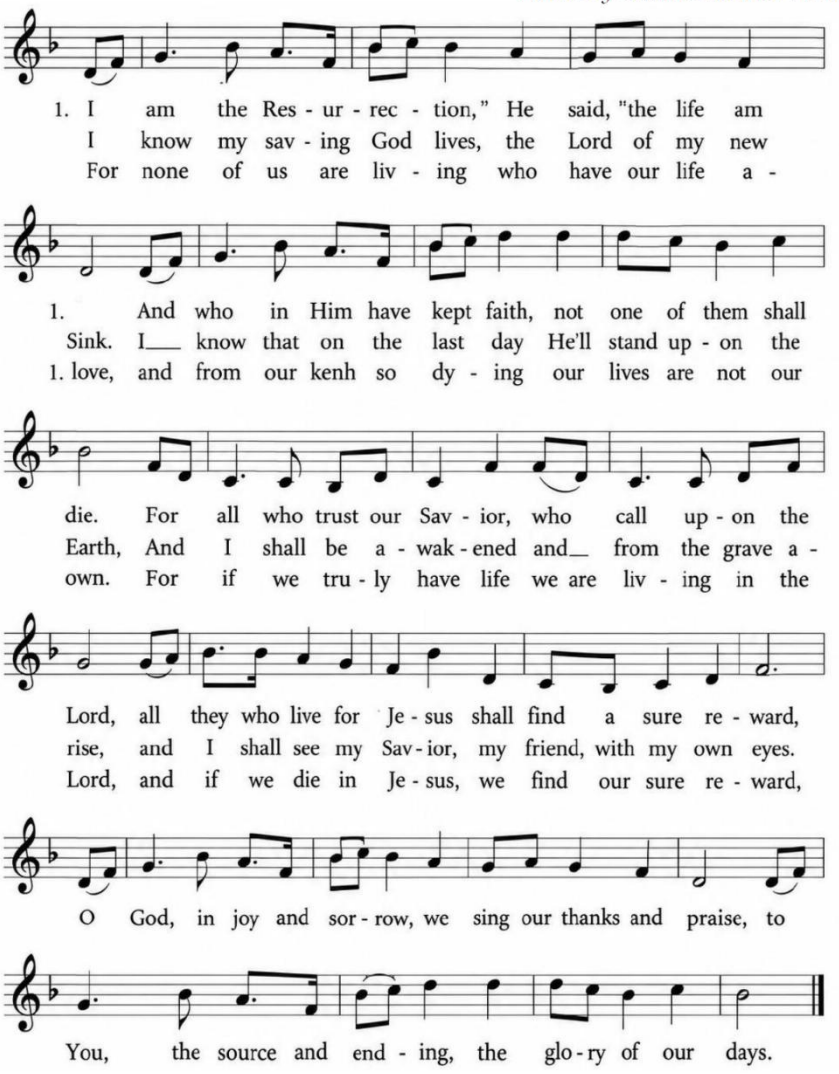
All: Blessed are we when we become the hands of mercy, the voices of justice, and the living presence of Christ in the world.

***Opening Hymn:** *I Am the Resurrection*
Verses 1, 2, and 3

Hymn found on page 3

I Am the Resurrection

Melody: Thaxted
Words by: Adam Michael Wood



***Affirmation of Faith** Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

The Nicene Creed

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Invitation to Confession Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

One: The saints remind us of God's capacity to transform weakness into beauty. Let us now enter a time of silent reflection coming to the Lord to confess our confession.

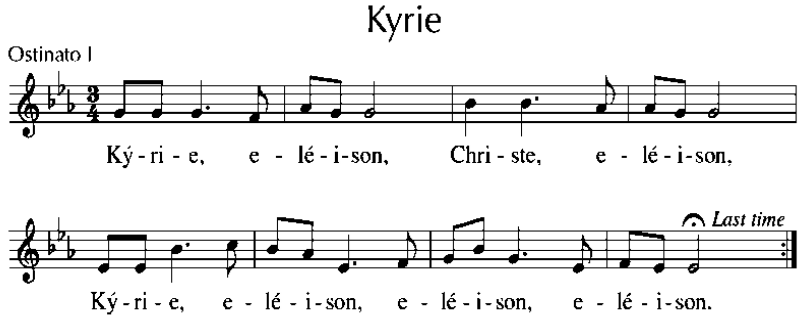
Time for Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

All: We confess that we often carry the past as a weight rather than a blessing. We harbor words left unsaid and regret opportunities missed to forgive or seek forgiveness.

Forgive us, O God. Heal the wounds of our loss and wash away our lingering guilt. Help us to honor those we have loved by living with open hearts, generous spirits, and unshakeable hope. In your tender mercy, draw us near to you and to one another. Amen.

Sung Response *First sung by the choir, then All*



Assurance of Forgiveness Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

One: The One who created us knows the depth of our hearts and the burden of our sorrows. God does not hold our shortcomings against us, nor does death have the final word.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, freed, and bound to an everlasting covenant of love. Thanks be to God!

Children's Message Rev. Steve Davis and Samantha Kistler

Children and youth are welcome to come up to the chancel steps.

Hymn: WR # 522 *Shall We Gather at the River Verses 1 and 2*

***Scripture Reading** *Revelations 7: 9-17*
Reader: Dewey Yeatts

Sermon Rev. Steve Davis

The Saints Still Speak with Integrity and Hope

Song of Praise *In the Rising to the Setting Sun*
Katie Williams

We Love

All Saints Remembrance Rev. Davis, Samantha Kistler,
Sharon Antrim, Bereavement Ministry

(Our bell toll will follow each name shared as we remember with grateful hearts. The choir will sing a refrain as the candles of our beloved are lighted.)

One: Eternal and Ever-Living God, whose love never falters and whose faithfulness never fades, we give you thanks for the precious gift of life everlasting. With hearts both grateful and tender, we give thanks for all your saints—for those whose names are spoken with love, and for those whose names time has carried from human memory but whose lives remain forever known to you. We remember especially those who were dear to us, whose presence enriched our lives, whose absence leaves an ache in our hearts, and whose love remains woven into the very fabric of who we are.

Today, we lift before you those who, during these past twelve months, have passed from this earthly life into the fullness of your glory, especially,

Larry Albright	Jeanne Fischl
Rev. David Mohr	Gerald Deutsch
Robert Bold	Bill Antrim
Shirley Abel	Linda Apple

Choir sings a refrain of remembrance as candles are lighted

Clarence Biehn	Edward Sommers
Gus Geissinger	Bill Meckes
William Hausman	Shirely Downing
Gary George	Ronald Stocker

Choir sings a refrain of remembrance as candles are lighted

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer Rev. Steve Davis and
(Requests shared from the entry table basket) Samantha Kistler

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion Rev. Steve Davis
& Samantha Kistler

St. John's is an Inclusive Community!
In the United Church of Christ, we observe an "Open Communion."
ALL persons are welcome to receive
the gifts of God's grace and love with us at the table.
At St. John's, ALL means ALL!

The Invitation to Receive

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

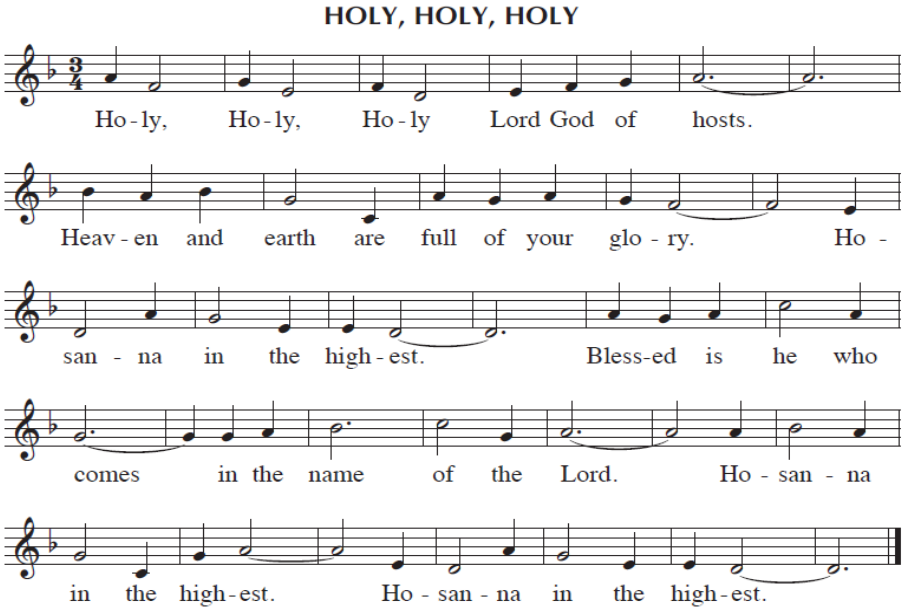
One: It is right, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy God, Author of every heartbeat, Keeper of every tear.

For in every generation you have called a people to yourself, not because they were powerful, not because they were perfect, but because your love would not let them go.

You have raised up saints in every age: prophets who spoke truth when lies were easier, martyrs who chose faithfulness over safety, servants whose names filled history books, and disciples whose names are known only to you. And today we remember them with gratitude.

All: **We remember those whose faith ignited movements of justice, whose prayers sustained the weary, and those whose mercy reflected your own compassion. Those who sang your praise when darkness threatened to prevail. We remember those who sat beside us in these pews. Those who taught us to pray. Those who carried us when our faith was fragile. Those whose laughter still echoes in our memories. Those whose love shaped our lives. For through Christ, the boundaries that seem so absolute to us have been broken open by resurrection.**

One: Therefore, with angels and archangels, with all the saints who rest in your eternal light, and with those beloved souls who now dwell in your nearer presence, we join our voices with the song that never ends:



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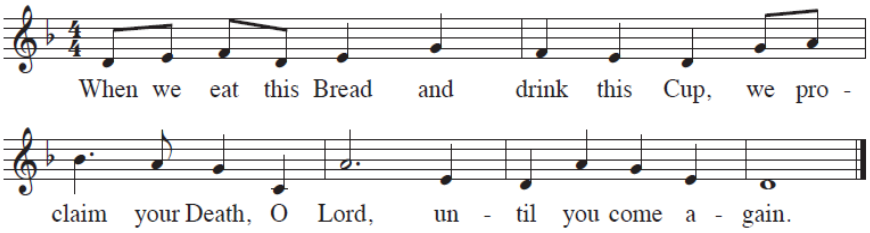
One: Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ. When others sought power, he chose service. When others built barriers, he created community. When others rejected and excluded, he welcomed and embraced.

All: He taught us that whoever would save their life would lose it, and whoever loses their life for his sake will find it. He revealed a kingdom where the first are last, the last are first, and all are invited to the feast of grace.

One: On the night before his death, he gathered with his disciples. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying: "Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

As we remember his life, death, resurrection, and promise to come again, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Sung Response



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One: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here, and upon these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the Body and Blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ redeemed by his love. As we share this holy meal, heal what is broken within us.

Comfort those who grieve. Strengthen those who are weary.

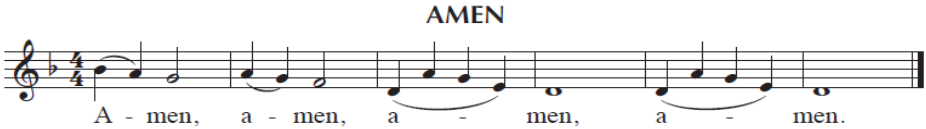
Challenge those who have grown complacent. Forgive what we cannot undo. Renew what we thought was lost.

All: **Open our eyes to the saints around us still. The quiet saints who care for aging parents. The saints who show kindness when no one notices. The saints who struggle, yet keep believing. The saints who work for justice and reconciliation. The saints whose names may never be remembered by history, yet whose lives shine brightly in your kingdom. And grant that we may become such saints ourselves. Not perfect. Not fearless. Not famous. But faithful.**

Until that day when every tear is wiped away and every wound is healed. Then, with all the saints of every age, and with all the souls who rest in the fullness of your peace, we shall join in the everlasting song of resurrection and joy.

One: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Sung Response



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Sharing the Meal

The elements will be passed in the pew,
and we will receive the bread and wine.
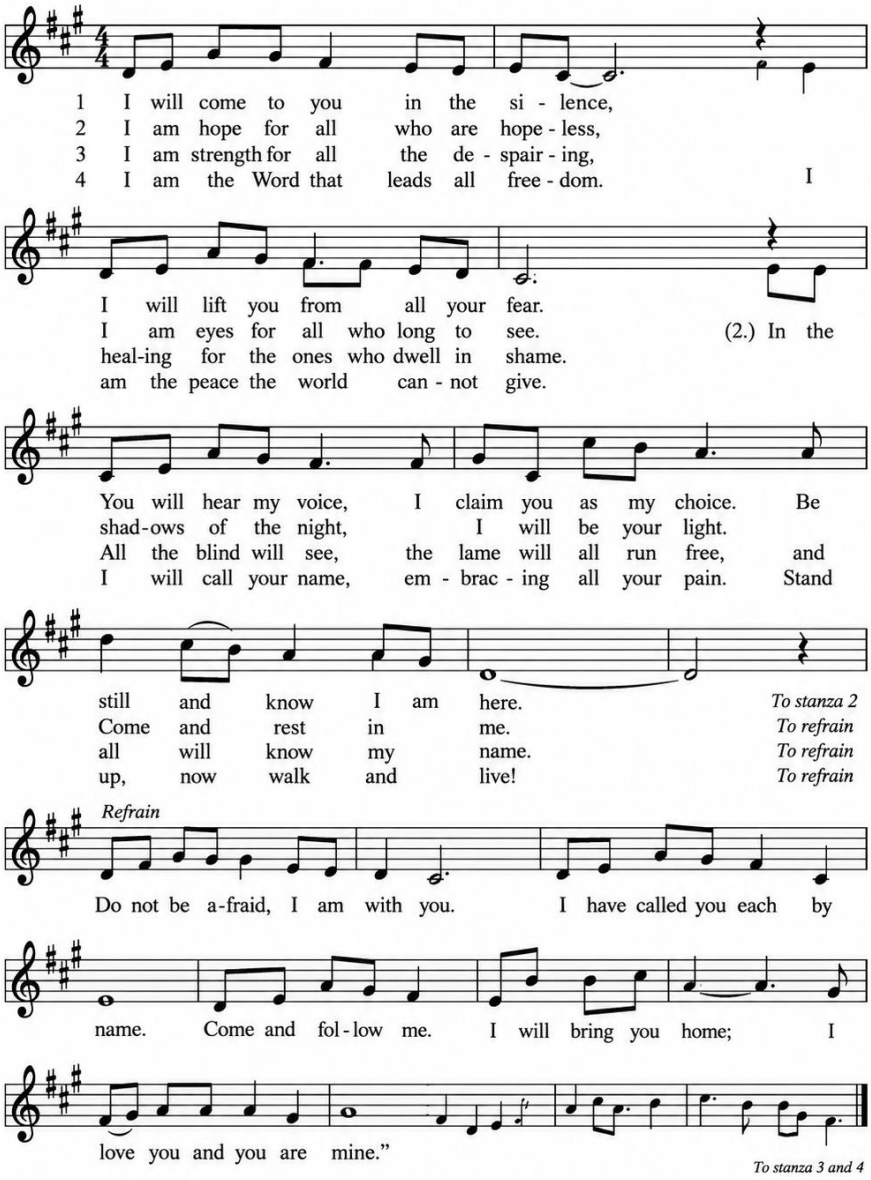
One: The body of Christ given for us.
All: Amen.

One: The cup of our salvation, given for us.
All: Amen.

Communion Hymn: *You Are Mine*

Please join in singing Verses 1 and 2 as the element of bread is distributed,
Please join in singing Verses 3 and 4 as the element of Wine is distributed
Hymn found on page 11

You Are Mine



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Music: YOU ARE MINE, Daniel J. Keeler
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All: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at this table. Keep us faithful until that day when we gather with all your saints and souls in the everlasting joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presenting Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings to God



Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in supporting the ministry of St. John's UCC!

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One: God has blessed us with gifts beyond measure — gifts of love, grace, faith, and abundance. In gratitude, we are invited to share what we have received for the work of God's church.

All: With grateful hearts, we offer our gifts, our resources, and our commitment to God's ministry.

One: As we present our commitment cards, may they represent more than what we give. May they reflect our faith, our gratitude, and our willingness to serve God through the life of this congregation.

All: May our giving be an act of worship, a promise of faithfulness, and a sign of our love for God and one another.

One: I invite all who have prepared their estimate of giving commitment cards to come forward and present them as an offering of gratitude and commitment. Let us bring them with joyful hearts, trusting that God will use our generosity to make a difference in the lives of others.

***Doxology** *Praise God*
Jimmy Owens

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

All: Bless these offerings and multiply them for the healing of the world. May these resources sustain your church, feed the hungry, comfort the grieving, and carry forward the legacy of the saints who paved the way before us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

We Serve

***Closing Hymn: WR # 529** *For All the Saints*
Verses 1, 2, and 6

***Benediction** Rev. Steve Davis

***Postlude** *Recessional on "Sine Nomine"*
Arranged by Gregg Sewell

Flower Sponsorship for November 1st, 2026
In Loving Memory of Gerald T. Ott from Susan Rarich and Family

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Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Adult Sunday School—RM 201
9:30 am Worship
Faith Formation takes place during Worship, immediately following the Children's Sermon
Sunday Social follows Service downstairs in Fox Hall

Attendance – October 25
Onsite – 87 Online – 29 Total – 116

Feast of All Saints, November 1
Lectionary Readings
Revelation 7:9-17 and Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3 and Matthew 5:1-12

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts Scripture Reader: Dewey Yeatts
Worship Tech: Bill Castello Altar Guild: Cindy Reck
Ushers and Greeters: Corrina and Jeff Purdon, Kirby Hower, Dewey Yeatts, Charlotte Kerrigan

24th Sunday after Pentecost, November 8
Lectionary Readings
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 and Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Matthew 25:1-13

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Robin Brensinger Scripture Reader: Tom Moyer
Worship Tech: Bill Castello Altar Guild: Corrina Purdon
Ushers: Charlotte Kerrigan and Karen Stoisits Greeter: Kim Hillegass

IN OUR PRAYERS

If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital, tell them you are a member of St. John's or ***use church code 473.***

We pray for our homebound and convalescents especially:

Phyllis Ambearle
Anita Beil
Dorothea Biehn
Lucille Hicks
Geraldine Keim
Dale Millham
Karen Moyer
Eleanor O'Donnell
Frank and Phyllis Csaszar
Janet and Jim Ebert
Milton Focht
Mary Jane Ott
Bert Smith
Leona Snyder
Susan Stettler
Joan Stocker
Sally Gibson
Sandy Glass
Tracey Glass
Nancy Weaver
Bonnie Weikel
Joan Yura

We pray for the Ill of our congregation and those needing prayers of comfort especially:

Gracie Arnold
Margaret & Richard Baatz
Tammy Beitzel
Rob Czekner
Marion DeMilio
Robin Dougherty
Joy & Mike Gravely
Donna Held
George Williams, Sr.
John & Charlee Hoff
Rev., JoAnn Hower
Barbara Jennings
Mary Jane Kistler
Ethel Lavenburg
Dawn Luckenbill
Elaine Parsons
Brenda Pascoe
Joey Raszler
, Rebecca Schneck
Bobby Sherman
Bert Smith
, Susan Stocker
Barry Stephens
Martha Strauss
Pat Thompson

We pray for those serving in our military, especially for

Dominic DeMilio
Kaden Rossanese
Nathan Unger.

We pray for the special intentions of our congregation especially:

Joel, for reuniting with his family,
Staci, who is healing from a liver transplant,
David Deutsch, who is going through cancer treatments,
Sally Gibson,
Jennifer Henninger who was diagnosed with Lung Cancer.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SPONSORSHIP

There are many meaningful ways to support the life and ministry of St. John's through sponsorship – helping to beautify our sanctuary with seasonal flowers given in honor or memory of a loved one, sponsoring our weekly worship bulletins, or sponsoring our monthly newsletters. Your generosity helps make the ministry of St. John's possible. You can also support our Music Ministry by sponsoring the purchase of new music, helping our choirs continue to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." Every sponsorship, large or small, becomes a meaningful gift to our church family.

Your sponsorship is more than a contribution—it is a way to celebrate a loved one, remember someone special, support our worship, and help St. John's continue its ministry for generations to come.

Consider sponsoring today and help us continue to worship, love, serve, and make a joyful noise together!

NEWS FROM "FUN-RAISING"

What to Know About Our BAZAAR

Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in Fox Hall

What's one man's trash is another man's treasure!

*Jewelry * Purses * Linens * Knick Knacks * Books * CDs*
*Small Appliances * Dishes * Glassware * Pots & Pans*
*Crafts * Toys & Games * Puzzles * Sports Equipment*
*Household Furnishings * Seasonal Décor * Tools*

Come to the **CRAFTERS** table where our St. John's crafters, "Keeping You in Stitches," have been busy all year long with a vast assortment of t-towels, table runners, bowl cozies, dishcloths, household decorations, baby bibs, baby sweaters, and so much more. They will also have Christmas holiday items to choose from.

Our **BAKERS** have been hard at work offering a wide variety of goodies including such favorites as shoofly pies, funny cakes, and cut-out cookies. If you have a sweet tooth, our **CANDY MAKERS** have a selection of candies that include peanut clusters and white chocolate covered pretzels, among other tasty treats.

STOP IN FOR LUNCH. You will find a choice of hamburgers & cheeseburgers, hotdogs, pulled pork BBQ sandwiches, turkey vegetable soup, chili, snacks, and beverages. Dine-in / take-out available.

"OPERATION SANTA"

The Mitten Tree is up and in the back of the sanctuary. Please consider donating to Phoebe Ministries (seniors) and/or Valley Youth House (youth). From your contribution, VYH will purchase Christmas gifts for their clients, and Phoebe will purchase gift certificates to Phoebe's beauty salon/barber shop and gift shop for their residents. Be sure to take a mitten off the tree. Your contribution can be mailed, put in the offering plate, or paid online. Checks are payable to St. John's. Be sure to specify Phoebe or VYH in the memo section. Deadline to receive contributions is Sunday, November 22.

ADVENT SEASON IS COMING

Help Us Welcome the Advent Season!

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, we invite members and friends of our congregation to help us celebrate the beautiful season of Advent by lighting the Advent candles during worship over the four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

You don't have to be a traditional family to participate—everyone is welcome! Whether you are a couple, a group of friends, an individual, roommates, or a family of any kind, we would love for you to be part

of this special tradition. Advent reminds us that hope, peace, joy, and love are gifts meant to be shared by all. If you would like to help light the candles on one of the four Sundays of Advent, please let us know.

Together, we can fill our sanctuary with light, share in the anticipation of Christ's coming, and remind one another that there is a place for everyone in God's family.

A sign up sheet can be found on the red bulletin board as you enter and leave the church. For additional information, please see Patrick.

ADVENT DECORATING

Volunteers are needed to help with decorating the church on Wednesday, November 25, immediately following the 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve service. If available to help, please email or see Patrick.

CHURCH CALENDAR
NOVEMBER 1 — NOVEMBER 8

Sun 11/1	8:30 am	Friendship Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship – All Saints Day
	10:45 am	Sunday Social
	3:00 pm	Samantha Kistler's Ordination
Tue 11/3	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bells Practice
	6:30 pm	Stewardship & Finance
Wed 11/4	9:00 am	Verso-Chat
	12:00 pm	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Thu 11/5	9:30 am	Visitation
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Fri 11/6	5:00 pm	St. George's School
Sat 11/7	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
	9:00 am	MVA Fall Meeting
	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun 11/8	8:30 am	Friendship Bible Class
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Sunday Social

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