

ST. JOHN'S SPIRIT

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50 Cent Socks

I'm always looking for a good bargain, so when I saw a 3-pack of socks for fifty cents at the discount store, I couldn't pass them up. I even asked myself, "how can a deal like this still exist in this day and age?" As I quickly looked around, expecting a mad rush of people to come running down the aisle any minute ... I grabbed four packs of socks; a whole dozen ... two dollars' worth!

Feeling like I'd just won the lottery, I went home, and the next morning I decided to wear a pair of my new socks. I slipped my foot into one of the socks and it kept going! I mean, my foot burst through the toe section like groceries slipping through the bottom of a wet paper sack (for those of you old enough to remember that problem). Thinking I might have gotten a defective pair, I tried another and another and yet another pair. I stopped before I reached a half dozen because I knew I was beaten. The old saying is true, "you get what you pay for."

I learned a good lesson and it only cost me two dollars. I wish I could say that about every so called "bargain" I've tried; the most expensive being the many times when I tried to find a cheap substitute for God.

I may not be the only one reading this who's turned to the wrong person for advice, or sought comfort and security in the wrong places or decided that I can "do it my way" as Frank Sinatra would say.

My friends, you and I know that there is no substitute for God! He is the real deal and there is none like Him. Cheap grace does not exist and there is a cost that comes with discipleship. It involves prayer, study of the Scriptures and seeking the Lord for guidance. This is a small price to pay when compared to what Jesus has done to purchase our salvation.

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; - Ephesians 2:8

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Darrin

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Did you know that Donna and John Shippey have started a business? It is called **Bread & More**. John is the baker of several varieties of bread, and Donna is the baker of several yummy desserts. Please give them a call for your home-baked needs. **Call John at 979-551-3752 for your delicious baked goods.**

The Burton Volunteer Fire Department is having a drive-thru meal on Sunday, October 11. The meal is ½ chicken, sausage, potatoes and green beans for \$15. If you need tickets call Ronnie Stanley (979-451-0179) or the office (979-289-2485)

Break Bread is starting back up on October 25 at 11:15. Thank you Mark and Carlene Klaus.

Also, on October 11 at 10 a.m., you will be entertained by **accordion playing and German singing**. This should be a treat for everyone.

Confirmation class is in full swing, and Pastor Darrin is enjoying the younger children and their inquisitiveness. They will be meeting at Burton High School with Katie Kieke and **The Fields of Faith on October 14 from 6-7.**

The annual **turkey dinner** will be Wednesday, November 4. **Get your tickets** asap because they are usually sold out by the end of the month if not sooner. Call the office for tickets (979-289-2485) or call Linda Knipstein (979-277-4468).

Would you like to be the **liturgist on Sunday at 10 a.m.**? You would say the Call to Worship, announce the first hymn and read the scripture. If you would like to do this, please sign the clipboard in the narthex. We need volunteers for October so please sign up.

Would you like to sing in the **Christmas Cantata**? If interested, please contact Sue Johnston (979-451-0981) or Lori Krolczyk (979-421-3251) The music and CDs are ready for you.

The children's Sunday school bike-a-thon raised **\$3,700 for Adam's Angels!!!** Way to go!

We still have some **St. John's History Books** available for \$25 that include the baptism, confirmation, marriage and death records. These books would make a very nice Christmas keepsake. Please call the office (979-289-2485) to reserve one or stop by Tuesday-Friday from 9-noon.

The Mary Martha Sewing Circle is still **looking for hand quilters**. We will patiently teach you if you want to learn, and we would enjoy your company if you want to come and observe. Call the office if interested. 979-289-2485

The church will be observing **Totenfest on November 1 at both services**. This was the time of clearing gardens and fields of the summer's growth in preparation for winter. To

this day. Totenfest in parts of Germany is the day families visit the graves of loved ones to clean off the summer flowers and cover the graves with evergreen boughs for the winter. Here, at St. John's it is the time to remember all those who have died since last year. It is also known as Remembering the Saints of the church. If you have lost a loved one since November 24, 2019, he/she will be honored with a candle lighting ceremony at both services. We invite you to attend and light a candle in your love one's memory.

Kirby Lehrmann is now in Brenham Nursing and Rehab. Please keep him in your prayers.

PRAYERS

Last month I left out all the prayer concerns, and I sincerely apologize. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone in this newsletter. We give thanks that Peggy Felder, Natalie Ginn, Frieda Dallmeyer and Linda Thaler are recovering and doing better. We continue to pray for Morgan Douglas, London Gaskins, Dale Guelker, Jack Millett, Eddie Miller, Barbara Saunders, Sue Smith and Connie Watson. We pray that God finds a cure for cancer and all diseases that compromise our friends and family. We continue to pray for comfort and healing for our losses. We pray for the families of Speedy Crampton, Doug Chenault, Ronny Langham, Beth Purvis, Curtis Konieczny, Ken Sidenblad and Pete Stavinotha. We ask for blessings on those in our care facilities. We pray for Gerdine Fuchs and Kirby Lehrmann who are in Brenham Nursing and Rehab and for Lee Dell Krause who is in Argent Court.

\$ 10

HUNGRY FOR TURKEY?

\$ 10

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

CHURCH PICK UP BY THE KITCHEN: 5-6:30

BRENNHAM SENIOR CENTER PICK UP: 5-6

HELPERS ARE NEEDED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 TO CUT UP AND DEBONE TURKEYS AND THEN ON WEDNESDAY TO HELP WITH ALL OTHER TASKS.

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX FOR THOSE WILLING TO HELP WITH TASKS, MAKE DRESSING OR DONATE \$25 TO HELP DEFRAY COST OF TURKEYS

FOR ANY QUESTIONS

CALL JOAN GOEBEL (979-278-3396) OR LINDA KNIPSTEIN (979-277-4468)

**St. John's United Church of Christ
Council Meeting
August 18, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Dean Fuchs at 6:00 p.m. and prayer was given by Pastor Darrin Holub.

Individuals Present:

Council Members –Dean Fuchs, Clyde Engelbrecht, Christy Moran, Sue Schwartz, Tracy Matthies, Nikki Harmel, Barbara Saunders, Jodell Hodde and Carol Montgomery

Individuals – Pastor Darrin Holub, Larry Winkelmann

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The July 2020 minutes were shared with all via email report prior to the meeting; Dean Fuchs asked for any concerns with the minutes presented. Carol Montgomery made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jodell Hodde; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers' Reports

Treasurer's Report (Operational):

Ann Pape had provided the report previously via email. All present expressed relief that the operational report, considering the restricted attendance, continues to be better than expected. Dean Fuchs noted that contributions were up compared to July of 2019. All financial reports will be approved together at the bottom of the Investment Report.

Treasurer's Report (Non-Operational):

Larry Winkelmann provided a copy of the July investment report to all council members. As of June 11, 2020, the Investments report shows the current CD balance is \$117,298.54, the Savings balance is \$111,019.41 and the additional church funds show a balance of \$63,003.13. The \$50,000 CD Charity Reserve CD matured and was not reinvested to provide funds for the 2020 Charity Reserve distribution. We continue to receive funds into the Building, Memorial and Cemetery Funds. Further, a motion was made by Tracy Matthies to approve all the above financials as submitted; the motion was seconded by Nikki Harmel. The motion was approved unanimously.

Reports Previously Submitted:

Pastor – Darrin Holub. The services in Church with the 8 o'clock and 10 am using alternating pews seems to be working without any difficulty. Maintenance light bulbs and ballasts are being replaced as needed. A/C will be addressed later under old business.

Charity Reserve – Clyde Engelbrecht: Due to the stock market rebound, our funds' market values have increased by \$36,023.18. As mentioned above, a CD matured and was cashed-in to provide a source of funds for distributing to our awardee's this year. The committee held Zoom meetings to review applications of 4 of the applicants which were thought to be needed. The other applicants will not be visited this year due to Covid 19 and they were visited in previous years.

Christian Education – Christy Moran: A new confirmation class will begin in September, per Pastor Darrin. On August 16th a Back to School Blessing was

held during the church services. On this same date, Sunday School was started with noted excitement and good turnout. We are planning to return to the classroom on September 6th.

Worship Committee – no report this month

Continuing Council Education

A discussion concerning Church Employee Processes was held

Old Business:

Cemetery: A meeting with the Pastor Darin, Ronny Stanley, Steve Miller, and Dean Fuchs was held. As a result, the Sextant will assume more of the equipment maintenance duties. Cody Fuchs was asked to provide a quote for shrub trimming. He continues to mow the cemetery for a reasonable fee. Dean and Paula have volunteered to address the granite cross and shrubs surrounding it.

Church Property Insurance: Dean Fuchs continues to work with insurance carriers to update and combine both the church and the parsonage in the one insurance policy.

New Business:

Church A/C Maintenance: A scope of work and a quote for the A/C unit that failed was received from Brenham Heating and Air. In addition, they provided a separate scope of work and quote for the unit next to the failed unit due to its "near death condition". Council agreed that this unit should be also be replaced as well. With the expanded scope of work, a committee consisting of Nikki Harmel, Dean Fuchs and Clyde Engelbrecht was established to expeditiously get a second quote. A motion was made by Sue Schwartz and seconded by Christy Moran to allow the above-mentioned committee, once the second quote is received, to select a contractor and issue a contract not to exceed \$12,000 and proceed with the work.

Spiritual Time:

Pastor Darin mentions that from 2 Timothy, Chapter 4 vs 1-5 Paul explains to Timothy that we need to be prepared in season and out of season to serve God. Pastor Darin feels that we as a Church are doing a good job of continuing to worship through this difficult time and we are preparing for the future by returning to worship in the Sanctuary, starting Sunday School, and expanding the music of the Church.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday September 22, 2020.

A motion to adjourn was made and passes unanimously. The meeting closed by reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde Engelbrecht, substituting for
Council Secretary James Press

NEWS FROM BURTON BRIDGE MINISTRY

If you're 55+ and isolating at home, let one of our volunteers deliver a hot meal to you each Friday at no charge. Call team leader Pat Ahlhardt at 979-421-0972 for information. Our delivery area is limited to Burton.

Upcoming menus:

October 2 - Fried chicken, baked beans, salad (Brookshire Brothers)

October 9 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls

October 16 - Pizza pasta casserole, mixed vegetables, bread

October 23 - Taco lasagna, Mexican corn, chips (White Horse Tavern)

October 30 - Pastor Jack Faulkner's special recipe smoked pork, sides to be a surprise

The Corner Shoppe

Our thrift store helps support Burton Bridge Ministry's mission of building a bridge between racial, cultural, educational, and economic divisions within the community. Shop with us Thursdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

October 1-3: Special prices on Halloween costumes and clothing

October 8-10: Vintage finds and 1/2 off shoes

October 15-17: Oldies but goodies & collectibles

October 22-24: Retro home and vinyl

October 29-31: Christmas décor

Trick or Treat Trail 2020

Burton Bridge Ministry is partnering with the Burton Chamber of Commerce and the Burton Heritage Society for the second annual Trick or Treat Trail. Children are invited to stop by the covered porch of our thrift shop on Saturday, October 31, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for bags of treats and a lesson about the significance of All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Lunch & Learn: Construction Opportunities

Unemployed adults and high schoolers are invited to Lunch & Learn: Construction Opportunities. Our guest speaker is James Schulenberg, Vice President of General Construction with RWG Construction Management, Brenham. If you'd like to be a part of something bigger, and take pride in knowing you helped build and create a new structure or building, then please consider the field of construction. Learn about the construction trade — from residential to commercial and farm & ranch construction — as well as the types of jobs that can be found in this lucrative field.

Who: Bridge Ministry of Burton, Texas
What: Lunch-and-Learn: Construction Opportunities
When: Wednesday, October 28, 12 to 1 p.m.
Where: St. John's United Church of Christ, Family Life Center, 516 North Colorado, Burton
How: Reservations required. RSVP by October 27 to Burton Bridge Ministry at 979-337-3370 or burtonbridgeministry@gmail.com
Cost: Free, but limited due to space restrictions

Burton Youth Ministry

Burton Youth Ministry is off to an awesome start with a fun evening of games (Connect 4, giant Jenga, glow-in-the-dark Cornhole), pizza, conversations about Christian values, and music.

Burton Youth Ministry meets on Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m., at the Roy Winkler Family Pavilion on the grounds of the Texas Cotton Gin Museum in Burton.

Grades 7-8: October 7 and 21, November 4

Grades 9-12: October 14 and 28, November 11

Call 979-337-3370 for questions or to obtain a permission slip for teens



Flower Calendar for October

- 4: In memory of T. A. & Lena Felder and August & Lillie Muehlbrad by the family
- 11: In memory of W. H. & Edna Meinkowsky by the family
- 18: In memory of Bob Lehrmann's birthday by the family
- 25: In loving memory of Averie Ann Fritsch by the family

October Council Duty

10/4/20	8 AM	#	Dean Fuchs	#	Sue Schwartz
	10 AM	1	James Press	2	Tracy Matthies
10/11/20	8 AM	#	Jeff Krolczyk	#	Barbara Saunders
	10 AM	1	Bill Comiskey	2	Clyde Engelbrecht
10/18/20	8 AM	#	Dean Fuchs	#	Sue Schwartz
	10 AM	1	James Press	2	Carol Montgomery
10/25/20	8 AM	#	Jeff Krolczyk	#	Barbara Saunders
	10 AM	1	Bill Comiskey	2	Jodell Hodde

October 2020

Children's Sermon

Pastor Darrin's children's sermons are quite entertaining; however, sometimes, he digs himself into a hole while trying to explain "roadside emergency equipment" to the children.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Be sure and get your turkey dinner tickets!				¹ Yoga in the garden, 7:00 Motivated Movers, 7:30	² Senior Drive thru meal, 12:00-12:30	³
⁴ LOFT Choir, 10 Communion 8 & 10	⁵ A Capella choir practice, 6 p.m. in FLC	⁶ Charity Reserve Meeting, 6 in FLC Yoga in the garden, 7:00 Motivated Movers, 7:30	⁷ Yoga, 7:30 a.m. Confirmation, 6-7	⁸ Mary Martha Sewing Circle, 1-5 Yoga in the garden, 7:00 Motivated Movers, 7:30	⁹ Senior Drive thru meal, 12:00-12:30	¹⁰
¹¹ Praise 8 Traditional 10 Fire Dept. drive thru meal, 11	¹² Sewing with friends, 9-4	¹³ Yoga in the garden, 7:00 Motivated Movers, 7:30	¹⁴ Yoga, 7:30 a.m. Confirmation, 6-7	¹⁵ Yoga in the garden, 7:00 Motivated Movers, 7:30	¹⁶ Senior Drive thru meal, 12:00-12:30 Food Pantry, 10-12	¹⁷
¹⁸ Services 8 & 10	¹⁹	²⁰ Council, 6 Yoga in the garden, 7:00 Motivated Movers, 7:30	²¹ Yoga, 7:30 a.m. Confirmation, 6-7	²² Yoga in the garden, 7:00 Motivated Movers, 7:30	²³ Senior Drive thru meal, 12:00-12:30	²⁴ HOTA Zoom meeting
²⁵ Praise 8 & Traditional, 10 Men's Choir, 10 Newsletter deadline Break Bread, 11:15	²⁶	²⁷ Yoga in the garden, 7:00 Motivated Movers, 7:30	²⁸ Yoga, 7:30 a.m. Newsletter workday, 9 BBM lunch & learn at noon Confirmation, 6-7am, noon	²⁹ Mary Martha Sewing Circle, 1-5 Yoga in the garden, 7:00 Motivated Movers, 7:30	³⁰ Senior Drive thru meal, 12:00-12:30	³¹

October Birthdays

1 Cody Bozarth
2 Todd Felder
3 Rosa Blum
4 Kacey Weiss
5 Pat Wendler
6 Jodell Hodde
Amy Jasinski
7 Bob Whitener
Lindsey Eckert
8 Kyle Whitener
9 Jan Wehring
Nanette Putnam
10 Joseph Wegner
Blake Prior
11 Lori Swonke
Genna Lechler
Lynda Zajicek
13 Carla Lessard
14 Colton Guelker
Gary Weishuhn
15 David Zajicek
17 Brian Peterson
Becky Crampton
19 Layce Putnam
21 Christy Moran
23 Diana Glenz
24 Michelle Maass
Richard Blum
Mark Klaus

25 Aaron Gandy
James Giese
26 Kady Felder
Sterling Carmeans
27 Mary Lange
28 Edison Tiedt
Emberly Jaeger
29 Keith Kunkel
Barbara Haar
30 Adalynn Gandy
31 Delores Koehl

Anniversaries

7 Cindy & Tommy Hart
11 Andrea & Caleb White
16 Christine & Keith Muehlbrad
17 Paula & Marvin Boeker
Amy & Billy Jasinski
Jean & Virgil Cooper
22 Hope & Russell Dallmeyer
23 Rosie & Robert Fuchs
29 Lori & Jeff Krolczyk

