

# the messenger

ST JOHN'S EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH • UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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## OUR CORE VALUES

**LOVE** • God's love for all persons inspires us to love others. We will value respect and lift up all persons as children of God.

**ACCEPTANCE** • Just as God's acceptance of us is unconditional, so is our acceptance of others. God has created each person with unique spiritual gifts that are of God and to be used for God's work.

**FAITH** • Faith allows us to face the future with confidence in God and each other. We will make decisions based on our faith, and we will nurture faith in others.

**MISSION & OUTREACH** • We will love and care for our neighbors in this city and around the world. We will generously share with others all the talents and gifts that God has given us.

**CHILDREN** • We will celebrate, educate, and nurture all children of God. We will provide unparalleled care and spiritual formation for children.

## WELCOME STATEMENT

St John's Evangelical Protestant Church, United Church of Christ, welcomes into full membership and participation in the Body of Christ persons of every age, economic or marital status, gender, language, nationality, physical or mental ability, race, or sexual orientation. We welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our congregation and Christ's Church. We embrace diversity in our congregation and community, and affirm the dignity and worth of every person. Following the example of Jesus Christ, we hereby declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming Church.



## *Candlelight Evening Prayer*

*with music in the style of*  
**Taizé**


**Thursday • October 7**  
**6:00 pm**

Mark your calendar:  
November 4, December 2,  
January 6, February 3  
& Ash Wednesday, March 9



## **Arnett Howard Trio**

**October 15, 2010**  
**7:00 pm**



## **1st Annual St John's**

# **Sleep-in-Late Sunday**

**October 17, 2010**

**Worship starts at 12:00 pm**

**One Sunday Only!**  
*(Due to Columbus Marathon in the morning)*



## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS OCTOBER, 2010

About a month ago I was returning from an errand down Stelzer Road, near the airport and not far from home. I travel that way quite often so I have become used to the aircraft that lift off regularly from the nearby runway and cross low over the road. Still, I occasionally look up just to note the airline name on the departing plane. The distance is close enough that I can easily make out the markings and even the passenger windows.

I glanced up for some reason on that particular day and that's when I saw a blue and white aircraft unfamiliar in its color scheme. Then I read the four words on the fuselage: "United States of America." Unmistakably it was Air Force One with the President on board, leaving for Washington after a speaking engagement in Columbus. I found myself spontaneously praying that it would gain altitude successfully and make a safe return home.

I have seen troops march. I have seen the flag raised under varying circumstances. But I don't think I ever have felt so much patriotic awe as witnessing that giant aircraft hovering so close overhead. Had I come along 20 seconds earlier or 20 seconds later I would never have been aware of my closeness to this symbol of the power and prestige of our country. I'm sure this brief moment in time will stay with me.

There are occasions that stand out for all of us in life: our wedding day; the first time we see our newborn child; receiving an honor bestowed on us; a grandchild getting her college diploma. They are unique from all other occasions and they form the keepsake memories that we look back on all our life.

I believe these memorable times are one of God's gifts to us, for they lift us out of the ordinary to a different realm of life. Some people would say that they are what makes living worthwhile. How often, though, do we take even a moment to thank God for such valued gifts? If the Lord is the source of all things good, then the measure of our gratitude is seen also in our thanksgiving.

Remembering the giver appropriately is what completes the circle of providing and receiving. This is an important dimension of our worship each Sunday.

Blessings!



## PLAY A PART—SING & RING!

### CARILLON CHOIR

This cross-generational bell choir gathers for short, upbeat, energy-filled rehearsals. Ringers improve their music and ringing skills, have fun together, and ring regularly at the 10:30 am Sunday worship service. **Rehearsals are each Thursday at 6:30 pm.**

### CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir welcomes singers of all ages! The choir sings Sundays during 10:30 am worship (September through May) and rehearses each Thursday 7:15-8:30 pm. Chancel Choir is open to all who wish to take a leadership role in worship through music. They also sing during the Evening Prayer Services (*music in the style of Taizé*), and at other special services. **Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:15 pm.**

**CHERUB CHOIR**

St John's Choir for children grades 5 and under, **rehearses each Sunday after worship.** We gather at the southwest sanctuary door, which leads to the double glass door foyer, after the Postlude. Rehearsals are 15-20 minutes, which allows family to share in coffee, cookies, and fellowship in the Schoedinger Room. Lisa, our cookie lady, will provide treats for Cherub Choir in the rehearsal room.

**MESSIAH CHOIR**

St John's has a long-standing tradition of singing the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* during Advent. This year Messiah Sunday is December 5, 10:30 am.

Choir, soloists and chamber orchestra including trumpets from the balconies, seek "to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child." Mark your calendar now. Come and be spiritually enriched and renewed.

St John's Chancel Choir serves as the core group for Messiah Choir. Guest singers are welcome! Sign up on-line at [www.stjohnscolumbus.org/music](http://www.stjohnscolumbus.org/music)

**WHY DO WE SING?**

Why should I feel discouraged  
 Why should the shadows come  
 Why should my heart feel lonely  
 And long for heaven and home

When Jesus is my portion  
 A constant friend is he  
 His eye is on the sparrow  
 And I know he watches over me

His eye is on the sparrow  
 And I know he watches me

I sing because I'm happy  
 I sing because I'm free  
 his eye is on the sparrow

And I know he watches me.

Recently a friend remarked that we do a lot

of singing in church, but not in many other places in our society. This may cause us to ask "Why do we sing?" The song above tells us "because I'm happy.... Because I'm sad" ... and I know God watches me.

Recently I asked some choir members why they sing. Some of the responses were: *The words sing in my head and in my heart. Singing together joins us in community. Singing is a way of expressing my faith. Singing brings God closer. Singing connects me to God in a special way. Singing is praying. Singing is celebration. Singing bonds us together more closely. Singing together joins us with those who came before us and with believers yet to come.*

In the coming days, I invite you to ponder what singing means to you, and drop me an email, note or call me and share your thoughts. Another time we might ask "How can I keep from singing?"

I invite you to join us for Taizé Evening Prayer Thursday, October 7, at 6:00 pm. Please take a few invitation cards and pass them along to friends. See Pages One and Four for details and upcoming Taizé dates.

I also hope to see you at Java & Jazz Friday, October 15 at 7:00 pm. Arnett Howard Trio will provide an very entertaining evening! See ad on Page One; invitation cards are available for this event as well—pick up a stack to leave at your favorite coffee house!

I look forward to seeing you and your friends at both of these events.



May Schwarz  
 Minister of Music



May Schwarz is St John's Minister of Music. She can be reached at 614.499.1047 or [mayschwarz@aol.com](mailto:mayschwarz@aol.com).

Plan now to join Pastor Ronald Botts, M Div,  
during the month of December for an

## *Advent Study*

Dates, time, location to be announced.

### SHARE YOUR GIFTS

*Vocalists, instrumentalists, volunteers needed!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to share in the following ministries:

**Taizé** • 6–6:30 pm, Oct-March  
 Instrumental  Singer  Hospitality

**Java & Jazz** • Friday, October 15

**Triune Concert Series** • Jan, Feb, Mar  
 Tickets  Publicity  Cookies  
 Greeter  Set-up  Reception

**Cherub Choir** • through grade 5  
Sundays, 11:40 am • Cecilia Adams director

**Carillon Choir** • Thursdays 6:30-7:00 pm

**St John's Brass** • to be announced

**Casual Choir** • after worship

**Chancel Choir** • Thursdays 7:15 pm

**Messiah Choir** • Thursdays 7:40 pm  
Rehearsals begin October 21

**St John's Friends of the Music Ministry** •  
Your financial support is greatly appreciated and vital for the success of the Music Ministry of St John's Church.

Drop this in the mail or reply directly to  
**MaySchwarz@aol.com** or 614.499.1047.

COME • SHARE • REJOICE  
ALL ARE WELCOME

### Candlelight Evening Prayer with Music of

## *Taizé*



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 6:00 PM

#### What is Taizé?

Taizé is a tiny village in the Burgundy region of southern France where an ecumenical community gathers three times daily throughout the year to pray.

Taizé refers to a distinct style of singing and praying together that has grown out of this community. The songs of Taizé are simple, short, easy to learn, and repeated many times. At the same time, the music is beautiful and full of hope and joy. Worshipers are able to free their minds and worship God with their hearts. For many, it has become a new way to listen to God.

Please put these Taizé dates on your calendar: October 7, November 4, December 2, January 6, February 3 and Ash Wednesday, March 9; remember to tell your friends!

We hope that you will want to be a part of the Taizé Team—share your gifts of music and/or hospitality! Contact May Schwarz to volunteer or use the form to the left.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry training has begun! For additional information, please contact any member of the Stephen Ministry team: Marilyn Potts (mjpotts2000@insight.rr.com), Norm Lawton (nrnmlwtlnlaw@aol.com), Karen Mitchell (614.875.2878, kmitch5550@yahoo.com), or John Yakscoe (yakscoe1@gmail.com, 614.457.7883).



## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends ~

September was an exciting month as we now have an interim minister. Pastor Ron has jumped in with both feet, full of energy and excitement for St. John's. I'm very excited to have his leadership, as I'm sure you are too. We are acknowledging his leadership with us through a covenant of ministry that will be part of the worship service on October 3. I hope you will join us.

Another exciting development was the announcement of our Called Pastor Search committee. The names were formally presented to consistory on September 13. All members of the committee are dedicated to St John's and are active in various ministries within the church. Collectively they participate in our music, worship, education, care, and missions ministries and more, as well as the behind-the-scenes administrative and maintenance work. Many are long-time and third and fourth generation members who can speak to our heritage and history. Others can speak from the experience joining us in recent years. Their diversity and differences will bring good perspective and their unity in their love for the church will bring positive results.

Your search committee is Mary Yost (chair), Ann-Marie Salyer, Richard Teeters, Golden Mergler, John Yakscoe, Lynda Mullin, Lori Steigerwald, Nan Tennenbaum, Rick Studer, Sherri Davies, and Todd Bates. Ralph Quellhorst has graciously accepted a consultant position and Forrest Hoppe, our association minister, will work closely with the team. Pastor Ron will also assist them in many ways during this process.

As I type this note to you in these last days of September, the team is busy setting their first

meeting date and preparing for it. One vital piece that they will discuss that first day is communication. I have kept you informed of progress through the Messenger and updates during worship, but their work will involve many more tasks that will be of interest. I know they will find more ways to communicate their progress with you on a continuous basis.

This team will work diligently for all of us and the future of St. John's, but each one of us has a part to play as well. First, respond to their call for feedback when asked. Part of this process involves gathering thoughts and opinions from the congregation. They will periodically send out requests for feedback and our response is vital. Second, support them. Let's be supportive in our words to them and also in our words about them. The team will be stronger when given positive and wholehearted support. Last, and most important, let's keep them in our prayers. Lift up each member and the work of the team to God each day, trusting that God will show them, and all of us, where God wants us to be as a church in the future.

Peace,  
Karen Corcoran  
Consistory President



*"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion...." (Philippians 1:6a)*

Come and welcome  
**Rev Ronald W Botts**  
to St John's Church on  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 10:30 am**  
with a Covenant of Ministry celebration!

## ARTSPACE: Joseph Wagenhals

Utilizing his skills as a photographer and combining them with computer technology, Joseph Wagenhals has created images that reflect and accentuate the nuance and beauty of nature in a variety of natural landscapes and settings.

Joseph is a native of Ashland, Ohio. He's a self-taught artist who attended Ashland University and Akron University receiving degrees in Education. He is a contributing member of The Westbridge Camera Club and the Worthington Area Art League. Joe has traveled extensively in the United States, the Caribbean, and Europe, utilizing these occasions as opportunities that have enhanced his photographic mind's eye.

Joseph's works have hung at: Michael Orr Galleries; Motorists Insurance Company; "The Place to Be," Eklectic Frames; Celestial Awakenings in Columbus and Michelle's Gallery in Dublin. In addition, his works have been displayed at The Public Library and Covenant Presbyterian Church both in Upper Arlington. Commercial ventures have included Petty's Hallmark Store in Mansfield; Friendly's Coffee Shop in Ashland; Books Baubles & Brew, The Extraordinary Shoppe, and currently in The Copper Top Gallery in Loudonville.

Every photograph is converted to a digital image and creatively manipulated to generate the best possible piece. Each work is then digitally reproduced and enhanced by photographic software and printed on an Epson 7800 inkjet printer using Archival Quality Inks that extend picture life. All completed prints are signed, limited edition prints.

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Signed, mounted and matted prints are available for sale and can be purchased via email at [jwagenha@columbus.rr.com](mailto:jwagenha@columbus.rr.com).

**Meet guest artist Joe Wagenhals on Sunday, October 24, at a brief reception following worship.**

## SHARE THE EXPERIENCE



Did you know that you can view a video of the past week's sermon by visiting our website: [www.stjohnscolumbus.org](http://www.stjohnscolumbus.org)? You can also listen to a sermon or concert or read a sermon.

CDs and DVDs of most services are also available (a donation to cover production costs will be gratefully received).

Hard copies of selected sermons are available from the church office (614.224.8634, [office@stjohnscmh.org](mailto:office@stjohnscmh.org)).

If you would like to assist with the Audio/Visual ministry, please contact Alex Knoblauch at [aknob\\_94@yahoo.com](mailto:aknob_94@yahoo.com) or 614.275.4983.



## MARATHON SUNDAY

October 17, 2010

WORSHIP AT NOON

No Christian Education that morning, so...  
*sleep in, baby!*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAYS • 9:00 AM • ADULT SPACE

### *The Book of Acts*

#### **A GOD IS STILL SPEAKING BIBLE STUDY**

Part 2: Acts 7—15 by Lillian Daniel

Lillian Daniel is the senior minister of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Her new book, *This Odd and Wondrous Calling: the Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers*, co-authored with Martin B Copenhagen, has just been published.



## Special day for all youth

### Pumpkins and Faith

For ALL youth **9:00 am, October 24** in Fellowship Hall. Parents: please contact Laura ([lauralek9@gmail.com](mailto:lauralek9@gmail.com), 330.803.6152) if you are able to bring pumpkin carving supplies.

## Youth Group

Youth Group is now meeting at 9:00 am on Sundays and also most "even" Sundays either after church or in the evening.

Youth Schedule in October:

3	9:00 am	in the Youth Room
10	9:00 am	in the Youth Room
	11:45 am	CROP Walk—see next page
17	NONE	Marathon Sunday
24	9:00 am	in the Youth Room
	11:45 am	Pumpkin carving for all ages in Fellowship Hall
31	9:00 am	in the Youth Room

## Currents Recap

### 9500 LIBERTY

**Our church** was started by German immigrants living in German Village. It took several years before these German-American citizens were assimilated into the American culture. During World War I, anti-German sentiments quickly arose. Residents of Columbus pressured City Council to change the name of Schiller St to Whittier St and change the name of Schiller Park to Washington Park. After the war, at the request of many of the German-American residents, the park was once again renamed Schiller Park.

Treatment of those with a heritage linked to our World War II enemies was more severe. In 1942, the United States government forced approximately 110,000 Japanese-

Americans to relocate in War Relocation Camps. More than two-thirds of those detained were US citizens.

Forty years later, Congress passed and President Ronald Reagan signed legislation which apologized for the internment and stated that government actions, according to the Presidential Commission that recommended the 1988 apology, were based on "race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership." Over \$1.6 billion in reparations were later disbursed by the US government to Japanese Americans who had suffered internment, loss of property and wages. (Source: <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/wwii/ahf/mineta/background.htm>)

In America, we have the rule of law and our constitution to guide us.

*"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor to deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."* (The Constitution, Amendment XVI, passed by Congress June 13, 1866. Ratified July 9, 1868).

Our history and our constitution remind us that we should use the criminal code to prosecute criminals/terrorists and use the constitution to protect our law-abiding citizens. It's the American way. Let us not allow "race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership" to distort our American way of life again.

Karen Mitchell  
Currents Committee

## CURRENTS

### • fourth Mondays

Watch for details about October Currents!

**5:30 pm light supper • 6:30 pm program**

*How do I maintain Christian principles and keep an open mind? How do I keep my beliefs consistent from the pew to the polls? Currents explores issues of local, regional and national significance, from a variety of spiritual and cultural perspectives, in a comfortable and non-confrontational forum. Currents is an ongoing series, free and open to the entire community.*



## END HUNGER GROUP

Twice each month, members and friends of St John's staff the Southside Community Ministry Food Pantry (225 E Gates St). Volunteers are needed on the third Monday 1-2:30 pm and third Thursday 6-7:30 pm. To volunteer contact Kathy Markus at 614.475.5675.

St John's also accepts donations of food and cash to support the SSCM Pantry. The pantry always needs cereals and grains, canned meats, chunky soups and stews, hand soaps and other personal items like toothpaste, deodorant, and hand lotion.

## Senior Christians on the Move



Senior Christian Fellowship will tour Cambridge, Ohio on Tuesday, November 11—and everyone is invited! The tour includes the life-size scenes of the Dickens' Victorian Village ([www.dickensvictorianvillage.com](http://www.dickensvictorianvillage.com)) display as well as the \*Guernsey County Courthouse Christmas light display which is coordinated to music. You're also invited to share tea at the Colonel Taylor Mansion. There's a rumor that the Great Expectations Chocolate Walk will take place the same day (contact 740.432.8789 to get the details; tickets are \$15).

**Please RSVP by October 11** by contacting Virginia Niemann (614.279.2931). The cost of the trip is \$49 with meals on your own.

### \* CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW SCHEDULE:

Top of the hour: children's favorites  
 15 minutes past: traditional favorites  
 30 minutes past: contemporary  
 45 minutes past: modern Christmas music from the crowd-pleasing 2008 show debut

## THE Largest Table

*The Largest Table* is an outreach ministry of St John's Church. Each Wednesday members and friends of the church gather to prepare a meal to share with neighbors—business professionals, state and county employees, folks who live on the streets or in the apartments and condos nearby.

*Volunteers welcome!* Wednesday Teams include set-up, food prep, serving line, and clean-up. These teams are coordinated by Joan Stromeier (614.885.4178).

On the third Wednesday of each month, Nancy Dietz (614.268.2750) coordinates the menu and food prep team with times scheduled on Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings.

Food prep teams are also scheduled for the second Tuesday morning of each month and are coordinated by Suzanne Kull ([smkull@wowway.com](mailto:smkull@wowway.com), 614.374.3935).

Joan Stromeier (614.885.4178) coordinates the evening prep team on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

## Columbus CROP Hunger Walk

2010: October 10 • Genoa Park

Throughout the years, neighbors from different faiths, cultures and ages have walked together to take a stand against hunger in our neighborhood and around the world. Together they have raised awareness of hunger-related issues and have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to help support local hunger-fighting agencies.

Last year 20 people from St John's participated in the walk, raised nearly \$2,000 and also received CROP support for *The Largest Table*. This is a wonderful charity —let's surpass last year's numbers.

The walk begins at Genoa Park in front of COSI. It includes a 1-mile and 2.5-mile scenic route along the Lower Scioto Trail and includes the Santa Maria, North Bank and Confluence Parks and ends in Genoa Park. The walk is on a paved path and is accessible by wheelchairs and strollers.

Registration is 12:15—2:00 pm at COSI Plaza. Please begin walking immediately after registration. Snacks and water will be provided.

There's no better way to spend a Sunday afternoon in early October. Won't you join us? If you have any questions please see either Brenda Burris or Joan Stromeier.

We will provide a light lunch in Fellowship Hall after worship so we can gather as a group and travel to Genoa Park together.



Members of Our 2008 CROPWalk Team taking a break in the shade: Joan Stromeier, Marilyn Potts, Marilyn Metzger, Lee Reiner, and Bill Reiner.

## Taizé

### CANDLELIGHT EVENING PRAYER

Thursdays  
6:00 – 6:30 pm

October 7  
November 4  
December 2



MOUNT CARMEL

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Mount Carmel Community Outreach van visits St John's and The Open Shelter on the third Wednesday each month, 10 am — 1 pm. Clinic staff provide FREE MEDICAL CARE to the uninsured; medical staff see adults and children who are ill. They provide free immunizations for children; Tetanus and Pneumonia vaccines for adults. Parent or guardian must accompany all children; please bring children's shot records. For more information please call 614.546.4200.

## Gloria Mock Family Fund

St John's Gloria Mock Family Fund is a very important St John's Ministry. This special fund is used confidentially and at the pastor's discretion, to help members with emergency funds when they have no other means to cover their needs. It has been used to pay for prescriptions, rent, and utility bills for those in immediate need.

Gloria Mock was a beloved member of St John's who would do anything she could for others. The Family Fund was renamed to honor Gloria and the example she set for others.

Consider making a donation to the Gloria Mock Family Fund to help this great ministry. The yellow envelopes in the pews have a place to mark your donation to the *Family Fund*. Thank you for your generosity!

## SERVING IN MONTH

OFFICE	OFFERING
3 Joanna Atwood	Phil Beach
10 Karen Corcoran	Gary Hahn
17 Joanna Atwood	Jodie Harper
24 Gary Baas	Lisa Knoblauch
31 Phil Beach	Dixie Lauer

**GREETERS: Narthex, West Ramp, Lobby Doors**

3 Agnes Wolfe Burton Griess	Jerry Phalan
10 Phil Beach Doug Davies	Joan Stromeier
17 Joanna Atwood Sallee Netto	Brenda Burris
24 Garrett Family Alex Knoblauch	Alexis Campbell
31 Betsch Family Markus Family	Chris Richardson

**NURSERY & CELEBRATION STATION**

3 Alise Connell	Sherri Davies
10 Alise Connell	Alexis Campbell
17 Alise Connell	Scott Davies
24 Alise Connell	Dixie Lauer
31 Alise Connell	Robin Knaup

**LITURGIST**

3 Mary Yost	Julianna Sutliff
10 Walt Adams	Madeline Garrett
17 Joe Betsch	Mya McClure
24 Alexis Campbell	Julianna Sutliff
31 Karen Corcoran	Madeline Garrett

**ACOLYTES****AVTECHS:**

3 Bill Dietz Jerry Phalan	Tim Snively
10 Eric Fritz Scott Davies	Alex Knoblauch
17 Bill Dietz Nathan Campbell	Tim Snively
24 Laura Kenyon Scott Davies	Alex Knoblauch
31 Bill Dietz Jerry Phalan	Tim Snively

## CALENDAR NOTES

- 2 Stephen Ministry Training (p 4)  
Sauerkraut set-up in Fellowship Hall
  - 3 Christian Education (p 6-8)  
Choir Rehearsals (p 2-3)  
Worship (p 5 *Covenant of Ministry*)  
Sauerkraut Luncheon
  - 5 Stephen Ministry Training (p 4)
  - 6 The Largest Table (p 8)  
Maintenance Committee Meeting
  - 7 Taizé Candlelight Prayer (p 1, 4)  
Choir Rehearsals (p 2-3)
  - 8 Bowers/Vargus Wedding Rehearsal
  - 9 Bowers/Vargus Wedding
  - 10 Christian Education (p 6-8)  
Choir Rehearsals (p 2-3)  
Worship (p 5 *Covenant of Ministry*)  
CROPWalk (p 9)
  - 11 Consistory Meeting (p 17)
  - 12 Stephen Ministry Training (p 4)
  - 13 The Largest Table (p 8)
  - 14 Choir Rehearsals (p 2-3)
  - 15 JAVA & JAZZ (p 1)
  - 16 Stephen Ministry Training (p 4)
  - 17 MARATHON SUNDAY  
no Christian Ed, no rehearsals  
WORSHIP AT NOON!
  - 19 Leadership Staff in Pastor's Study  
Stephen Ministry Training (p 4)
  - 20 The Largest Table (p 8)
  - 21 Choir Rehearsals (p 2-3)  
*Messiah* Rehearsals Begin!
  - 24 Christian Education (p 6-8)  
Choir Rehearsals (p 2-3)  
Worship (p 5 *Covenant of Ministry*)  
Reception for Guest Artist (p 6)
  - 26 Stephen Ministry Training (p 4)
  - 27 The Largest Table (p 8)
  - 28 Choir Rehearsals (p 2-3)
  - 29 Imhoff/Cook Wedding Rehearsal
  - 30 Imhoff/Cook Wedding
  - 31 Christian Education (p 6-8)  
Choir Rehearsals (p 2-3)  
Worship
- FALL CONGREGATION PLANNING MEETING

# October 2010

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

					1 Joanna Atwood	2 9:00 am Stephen Ministry Training  Sauerkraut lunch set-up
3 9 am Go Deeper 10 am Choir 10:30 WORSHIP 11:40 Cherub Choir SAUERKRAUT LUNCHEON	4 Open Arms Circle	5 Marilyn Potts  6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Training	6 Walt Adams The Largest Table 10 am—2 pm 7 pm Maintenance Committee Meeting	7 Carl Raidiger 6:00 pm TAIZÉ candlelight evening prayer 6:30 Carillon Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir	8 Joanna Atwood  Rehearsal (6 pm) Bowers/Vargus (4:30 pm) Wedding	9 
10 9 am Go Deeper 10 am Choir 10:30 WORSHIP 11:40 Cherub Choir CROPWALK	11 Joanna Atwood (Office Manager off-site for Networking meeting)  7 pm Consistory	12 Marguerite Whiteman  6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Training	13 Walt Adams The Largest Table 10 am—2 pm	14 Tim Snively  6:30 Carillon Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir	15 Joanna Atwood  JAVA & JAZZ ARNETT HOWARD TRIO 7:00 pm	16 9:00 am Stephen Ministry Training
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## OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING

### OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION

#### *It's who we are!*

"*Changing Lives, That's Our Church's Wider Mission*" is more than a slogan or phrase; it is the lifeblood of ministry and mission in the United Church of Christ. Thank you for your support of the many local and global ministries provided through your contributions to this offering of our covenant together. Our covenant as local churches, associations, conferences and the national settings of our denomination is made evident through this mission together.

UCC congregations are involved with mission in many ways. In the United Church of Christ, we affirm that, although the congregation is the fundamental unit of mission, mission is not just local. We are connected to one another, across boundaries of class, race, neighborhood, and national border.

Our Church's Wider Mission is the name we use to describe the work we do as the United Church of Christ beyond the local church—through our Conferences, national ministries, and UCC-related institutions. Our Church's Wider Mission is also the name we give to the financial support given by UCC members and congregations that makes this broader mission possible.

Congregations are central to the ability of the UCC to do mission in local communities, within the US and internationally. As a congregation works in its own community, it is representative of the entire denomination and embodies the UCC in that place. When a congregation determines its giving to OCWM, there is a direct impact on levels of funding for the Conference and national ministries. Every local congregation has a responsibility to be aware of opportunities for local mission and to be knowledgeable about the work underway by its own Conference and by the national ministries.

Some frequently asked questions:

#### **What is it?**

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) funds our United Church of Christ (UCC) ministries. OCWM includes **Basic Support** for the funding of core programs; and **Special Support** for specific mission opportunities through the four UCC special mission offerings.

#### **How much of my weekly offering goes to Our Church's Wider Mission?**

Each congregation decides how much to contribute to OCWM—most give between 5% and 20% of their operating expenses. This means local churches use between 80 and 95 cents of every dollar locally. On average, Conferences use about 2½ cents out of every dollar, and the national ministries receive 2 cents out of every dollar.

#### **How much is spent on administration?**

In the national ministries, 7.4% (\$688,200) of total Our Church's Wider Mission contributions are budgeted for administration, which includes the costs of overall organization of the national ministries and those parts of salaries, benefits, financial operations, rent, office costs, insurance, and professional fees that apply to administration. Your Conference can tell you how much OCWM money it spends on its own administration.

#### **How is giving to OCWM different from giving to other good causes?**

OCWM keeps the church strong, even as it engages in mission and outreach to others. The church has a unique and important role to play in our society and the world, today and for future generations. You can help sustain the church and its ministries by supporting Our Church's Wider Mission in your congregation.

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY to Our Church's Wider Mission and change lives at our doorstep and around the world. Simply mark OCWM on your offering envelope or check.**

## Window Adoption

You are invited to adopt, or pledge to adopt, a stained glass window. Our generous donors will be recognized on a plaque with the inscriptions:

St John's Archangel	\$7000 & up
Angel to St John's	\$3500 to \$7000
Good Shepherd of St John's	\$1250 to \$3500
Magi at St John's	\$100 to \$1250
In Loving Memory	all memorial gifts

All gifts to the Stained Glass Window fund, regardless of amount, are accepted with gratitude as gifts from the Heavenly Host of St John's Church.

## Adoption Request

Yes! I would like to honor the heritage of my church by becoming an integral part of the living St John's Church by helping to provide on-going beauty to our worship space for the next century.

I would like to:

\_\_\_\_\_ adopt a window

\_\_\_\_\_ make a gift in memory of

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ make a gift in honor of

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ make a pledge of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Window Renovation Fund. I will honor my pledge by \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Date



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

You are invited to place a poinsettia on the altar for Christmas in memory or in honor of a loved one, or simply as a gift to the church. Please complete the form below and enclose it with a check payable to St John's (indicate *poinsettia* on the memo line) and mail it to 59 E Mound St, Columbus OH 43215 or drop it in the offering plate during worship. To be better stewards of our resources, we will order only enough plants to fill orders received by the deadline,

**DEADLINE:** The deadline for orders and payments is **Sunday, NOVEMBER 28.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\*PRINT name(s) as you wish it to appear in the bulletin

\*IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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\*IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY?

\_\_\_\_\_ RED \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE

**COST:** The cost is **\$10.00** per poinsettia.

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettias will be displayed on the chancel December 19 and 24. You will be invited to take your poinsettia home at the conclusion of the Christmas Eve Worship service.



## Sewer Project Part 3

At our last report we had just passed the city inspection, and were about to find out if the heating system, imbedded in the floor, had survived. Thanks to Gary Baas' insistence and Dave Wolfe's great work Humpty Dumpty **could** be put back together again. The pressure test held on the pipes that are the source of our heat in that area of the church, which saved us many thousands of dollars for a new system. Keep in mind, this heating system is near 50 years old and reaching its life expectancy of 50-60 years. But it works now! Cement was poured in the trench and the plumbing phase was complete. The kitchen and Fellowship Hall have been cleaned from top to bottom. If you saw these two areas during the construction you would have to wonder if they would ever be clean again. Thanks to our great cleaning crews for a job well done.

*The Largest Table* was able to use the kitchen (see related article, this page) on Wednesday after Labor Day, and Open Arms had its picnic in Fellowship Hall September 12. The floor tile in Fellowship Hall has been replaced and, except for some small details, the project is complete.

Gary is still working with our insurance company to determine how much the church will be reimbursed for the work that has been done, so no final cost figures are available at this writing. We thank everyone for all the hard work and the patience it took to complete this project. And, we are thankful for God's guiding hand.

Barbara McClure  
Co-Chair Maintenance Committee

## THE DISASTER IN THE DITCH

### *The Largest Table Perspective*

The "disaster in the ditch" started Tuesday, July 13, as Suzanne Kull and her team were finishing food preparation for *The Largest Table* (TLT). They noticed "water" on the kitchen floor and an odd odor in the air. It turned out to be raw sewage seeping up from broken sewer lines under the building. Rescue Rooter was called and came out the same day—it seemed that the short-term problem was resolved. PuroClean came out the next morning to clean and sanitize the areas that had been flooded, giving the TLT morning team space to pack up the food and take it outside (there was no beverage service that week). Bill Reiner rounded up some tables and *The Largest Table* was served outdoors for the first time.

Sadly, the sewer problems—short- and long-term—were not resolved. Guests and volunteers scrambled to get all the supplies and staples removed from the kitchen; you should have seen Bill Reiner and Bonnie Vallette climbing all over the kitchen, covering everything with plastic with the help of Joan "the taper" Stromeier! For two months TLT was served outside, except for two rainy Wednesdays when we moved into the ramp door entrance area. On those two rain days, bag lunches and bottled water were served.

The Christmas in July program was postponed until we felt confident enough to include that in our makeshift schedule. The gift bags were greatly appreciated by our guests—THANK YOU to everyone who donated and helped to put the bags together.

The day of the "disaster" Lee Reiner and Joan Stromeier phoned several groups who had supplied food or helped to serve in the past and explained our situation. Old Trinity Lutheran, our neighbor on Third Street, offered the use of their kitchen; Highwater

UCC, Newark, brought 200 bag lunches and baskets of peaches and apples; and Giant Eagle provide 24 cases of bottled water.

Our dedicated bakers took the summer off as Nancy Dietz cultivated an every-Sunday pick-up with the bakery at Kroger in the Brewery District and John Nimmer worked to pick up goodies from Starbuck's each Wednesday morning. Rosiemarie Salyer thoughtfully made cookies rather than cakes to supplement the free baked goods.

At first we weren't able to use some of the produce from the Children's Treasure Garden, but we soon figured it out. Our volunteers could take home the produce to wash and prepare it. Suzanne Kull picked, cleaned, prepared, and delivered a delicious cole slaw. Our guests also enjoyed the fresh cucumbers, green peppers and a ton of tomatoes. Nancy froze green peppers for use in coming months. THANKS to each of you who planted, weeded, water, fertilized, harvested and prepared!

The Workroom became the "kitchen away from the kitchen" during those months, and that offered some additional challenges for our TLT crews—the sink is small and doesn't have a disposal! Many of the larger pots and pans were washed outside with a garden hose!

The four cooking teams, with a lot of extra help from Nancy Dietz, carefully planned their meals with a close eye on the weather. Every week our TLT Wednesday team: Chris Richardson, Karen Mitchell, Marty Becker, Dixie Lauer, Jamie Isom, John Nimmer, Nancy Dietz, Fred Reiner, Dean Coil, Brenda Burris, Steve Williams, Bill & Lee Reiner, and Joan Stromeier, became more flexible and creative. Lisa and Alex Knoblauch, Anna Reiner, Jarvis Carr, Ruth Harbaugh, and Sylvia Knoblauch helped whenever possible.

Something we did not anticipate was the goodwill we found as we served outside. Parking lot attendants, nearby workers, and

passer-bys unexpectedly stopped by to donate money to the good cause and sometimes they stayed for the good food. Our guests have been completely supportive and thankful for whatever we provided wherever it was served.

Wolfe Plumbing has finished its huge task, the kitchen has been professionally cleaned, and Jim Davies took wonderful care of Fellowship Hall. A special thanks to Gary Baas for keeping us all informed of the progress from week to week. We are thankful to be back where we started over two months ago!



Now we're tackling a new project—we need your help to clean and organize the pantry and storage room! Please contact Bill or Lee Reiner (614.837.1905) or Joan Stromeier (614.885.4178) if you can help in any way!

### St John's Memorial Fund

Did you know that St John's has a memorial fund to which you can contribute any amount, large or small, in memory or in honor of church or family members? This fund is used to purchase items for our church that are not in the budget. This is a wonderful way of paying tribute to loved ones. Over the past few years most of our memorial contributions have been given directly to the stained glass window project. We still have three large windows in the front, back and on the side to restore so this fund remains open for those donations. Your gifts toward that fund are still needed and appreciated, but let's remember the general Memorial Fund as well.



September 14, 2010

## Wake, My Soul

Reflection by Paul Tellström

Excerpt from 2 Peter 3:8-13

*"But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day."*

The writer of 2 Peter reminds people living day-to-day with a sense of wonder in a time of persecution to, "Be here now."

"The heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed."

Driving home on the Golden State Freeway from my pastorate in Southern California, I pass Disneyland during their closing fireworks. The top is always down on my convertible unless it is raining or cold, which is almost never. The night sky explodes with display after display of light and color, falling in grandeur over the freeway. I look to my right and left, hoping that the people driving all around me aren't as distracted as I feel from the sense of wonder that appears to fall and touch me through my open roof. Some have pulled over to the side to watch, while others slow down or slightly drift across lanes in the astonishment that has broken in through the routine of the Southern California commute. The greens, reds and bright golds, the flashes of pattern that boom and crash down upon me elevate and fill me with awe. Are the drivers around me, insulated as they are behind tinted glass, as filled with the spirit of this moment as I am?

Then we pass by...the fire from heaven stops...and we are plunged back into habit. I turn up the radio to get the news. The traf-

fic continues, we fall into the clockwork commute that is California, and the wonder ceases; only to be replaced with the rote and routine. The cars drive on to their scheduled destinations and my thoughts turn to my work, family and duties.

The wonder of God's creation continues to cascade around us in tremendous displays, and we lose sight...and focus instead on the mundane, the adequate, and the acceptable. Like the writer of 2 Peter's audience, we should instead be reminded that the wonder of each day never ceases to be present.

### Prayer

O God, in the words of the old hymn, "Heaven and earth, and sea and air all their Maker's praise declare. Wake, my soul, awake and sing, to your Maker praises bring." Amen.



### **About the Author**

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SECRETARY'S NOTEPAD



for the September 13, 2010

Consistory Meeting

- Consistory members voted to approve the addition of Lynda Mullin, Ralph Hughes, and Chris Richardson to our roster. Thanks to the nominating committee for their diligent efforts.
- Consistory member Jodie Harper was elected Vice President, replacing Susan Olson.
- The carpet on the west side aisle of the sanctuary has been repaired – thanks go to Gary and JoEllen Hahn for their help.
- A decision was made to ask one of our tenants, Weslee Pullen, to vacate the premises due to various issues at the end of September.
- Want to know more? A full copy of the Consistory minutes and the financial report is available in the church office.

Respectfully submitted 09.18.10  
 Joanna Atwood  
 Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year-to-Date as of August 2010

Pledges & Offerings	
Budgeted	\$ 129,500.00
Actual	<u>130,317.29</u>
Difference	\$ 817.29
Total Income	
Budgeted	\$ 222,414.00
Actual	<u>217,103.96</u>
Difference	\$ 5,310.04
Total Expenses	
Budgeted	\$ 218,673.00
Actual	<u>210,668.39</u>
Difference	\$ 8,004.61

The total income actual includes a \$10,000 cash infusion from Foundation Fund.

WE'VE GOT MAIL

We have experienced endless compassion from our neighbors. We would like to thank those who have donated food, clothing, supplies, and materials that supported the efforts of removing debris and clearing areas in our community. There has been an ongoing list of kindnesses shown by so many people. The outpouring of generosity is a blessing.

Your generous gift of \$500.00 in response to the devastation our community experienced during the Saturday, June 5 tornado is much appreciated. Your donation is an important part of rebuilding this community of Millbury—Lake Township. Your kindness is much appreciated.

The community is very thankful for people like you—the outreach of hands who offered gentle work and support or concern and understanding.

Thank you and God's blessing  
 Pastor Kathryn Helleman

...from *Liberating Word*

In the midst of hurricane season, I remember hearing an elder of our coastal neighborhood say, *A hurricane can't stack two dimes.*

I had no idea what he meant when I was young, but I've lived long enough now to have a few hurricanes blow into, and out of, my life. People who come into a room storming and blowing rarely ever manage to build anything. You may have heard the saying, "When your only tool is a hammer every situation looks like a nail." Some people seem only to have a crowbar in their toolbox. They are never as alive as when they are tearing something apart or someone down. Those people are to be avoided, and we must exercise great care not to let our own anxiety, fear or anger build to a point where it turns us into those people.

Blessings,  
 Michael Piazza  
 President, Hope for Peace & Justice

## IN OUR PRAYERS

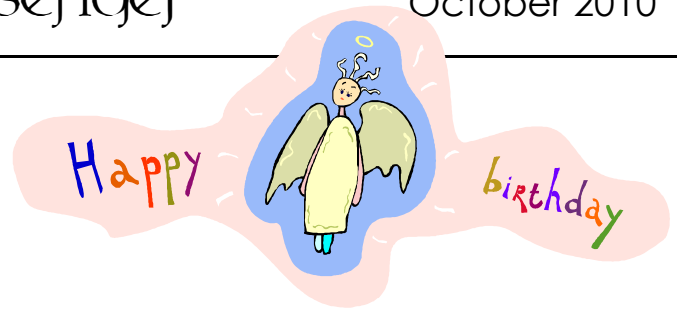
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Andrew Long	John Pappas
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Dustin Stainer	Ryan Stout
Matthew Teeters	Chris Vetere

## *All Saints Day*

Each year on All Saints Day (or All Saints Sunday) Christians remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died over the past year. At St John's on October 31, we will recall our departed members with candles lit in their honor and also lift up others in our prayers. Join with us for this special Sunday.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Judi Ahrens Dixie Lauer
2	Robert Grotsky Bill Dietz
3	Chris Richardson
4	May Schwarz Elmoun Davies
8	Deloris Beals
10	Dean Coil
11	Alice Trott
12	Dick Burke Karen Mitchell
13	Gerhard Hille Allen Hughes
14	Herbert Uhlig
15	Desiree Shannon
18	Shirley Atwood
20	Walt Adams Cheryl Landon
21	Paul Linseman
25	Betty Bell
28	Terra Shull
31	Bruce Nicklaus



## SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Altar flower sponsorship dates are available! If you'd like to honor a loved one or a special event in your life, call or email the church office! Altar flower sponsorships are \$30 per vase.

## ST JOHN'S FOUNDATION FUND

(The Endowment Fund for St John's  
Evangelical Protestant Church)

**Remember your Church when preserving  
the memory of your Loved Ones!**

An Endowment Fund consists of contributions whose principal is to be kept intact indefinitely, the earnings on that principal being available to finance areas of need in your church. This gives the church endowment committee the flexibility to meet urgent and changing needs for generations to come. We recognize that endowment giving is all about people... people with a dream to make this a better church.

Unrestricted endowment funds to your church may receive the following gifts, but are not limited to, estates, wills, stocks, bond, mutual funds, trusts and memorial funds. Memorials and celebration contributions give you or your family and friends an avenue to preserve the memory of a dear one and the good that flowed from his or her life. Contributions may also be made to the fund to honor or celebrate special occasions, such as birthdays, anniversaries, retirement, etc.

Should you be continuing a long tradition of philanthropy or just getting started, please call one of the following committee members for help or to answer questions.

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Nancy Dietz	Money Counter
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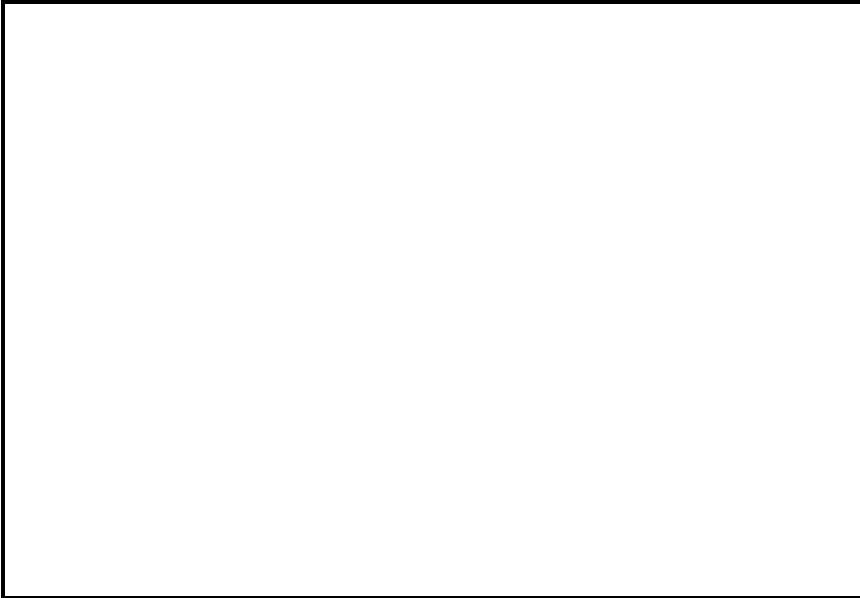
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