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THE CHATTERBOX

ST. JAMES UCC ■ SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2017

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Take Note:



Saturday, October 14th
10:30AM – 12:00Noon



Return to Regular Worship Hours

Sunday, September 10th

Children's Sunday School
9:30AM

Worship 10:45AM

Reflections From the Pastor...

Recently a member of our church texted me this question, “What Makes A Good Christian?”. With prejudice, animosity, and the things going on in our world today, this is a topic I would like to use for our 1st Bible Study n’ Lunch session on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 from 11:30AM-1:00PM. This will be a topic that we will look at personally, biblically and spiritually as a group.

If you have a special Bible you prefer, please bring it with you, otherwise we will have Bibles available for your use. Please bring a bag lunch and drink as well.

Come with your thoughts on what you believe makes a good Christian. Then we will look at the Bible to see what scripture passages address this question. We will learn together and figure out what values, attributes, priorities and commitments make us good Christians. We will also reflect on the Christians in our past who inspired us to want to be Christians and those who still inspire us today. No one single person knows the answer but together we can have a good discussion and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please speak to me after worship or call me. A sign-up sheet will be available by Sunday, September 3rd.

Then together on September 20th, we will decide what our next topic will be or if we need to spend another session on “What Makes A Good Christian?”. Try something new! Invite your neighbors, friends or family. Join me for lunch, discussion and prayer.

Co-workers in Christ,
Pastor Lorraine



SUNDAE SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 10th
(after worship)

Sunday, September 10, 2017

Our first Sunday back after the summer with children's Sunday School at 9:30AM. Then we will join together in worship at 10:45AM in the sanctuary celebrating **Grandparents Day** and receiving **New Members**. Following our worship, we will go to the Fellowship Hall for our Annual "**Make A Sunda**" sponsored by the Vision & Growth Committee.

Join us for this special Day of Celebration!

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Harvest Home – where we will have a display of all your donated food, boxed and canned. Then after the 24th the food will be given to the food bank.

Sunday, October 1, 2017

On this 1st Sunday in October, we celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on World Communion Sunday.

We will also be receiving the **Neighbors In Need** offering (envelopes are included in this newsletter for your use plus extra envelopes will be available in the sanctuary).

This offering supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM) and direct service projects.

Birthday Sunday and Fellowship Hour.

Saturday, October 7, 2017

On Saturday, October 7th we will be holding a joint mission project with **Iglesia Pent. Bajo el Abrigo Del Altisimo** and **Iglesia de Restauracion Unidas en Cristo** – a free breakfast for the homeless and the community from 9:00AM – 12:00Noon.

We need your help those of you who enjoy helping with dinners and events. If you want to volunteer to help speak with Lynn Heinaman or Bob Bernhard or Pastor Lorraine.

FYI – The next joint worship service with Pastor Gomez and his congregation, Pastor Bermudez and his congregation and us will be April 29, 2018 at 10:45AM.

Sunday, October 8, 2017

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for two cousins, born one month apart – Alexandria and Zaylee.

We will have 2 special cakes in their honor after worship for a time of fellowship.

Crop Walk will also take place in the afternoon and we will once again open our doors as a rest and refreshment stop.

Sunday, October 14, 2017

This is our 2nd annual Blessing of the Pets from 10:30AM – 12:00Noon. Bring your pets, even your favorite stuffed animal to be blessed. Invite your neighbors, family, and grandchildren to participate. A special treat will be given to the Pets.

Sunday, October 15, 2017

During our worship service we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Robert.

Update on our sexton:

August 2, 2017, Timothy Finn, our sexton, resigned from his position.

Almost immediately we had a few interested people in the position. August 8th, **John Nyemscek** was interviewed and started the position as our church sexton. Congratulations John!



The St. James UCC Book Club is currently reading "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" written by Jamie Ford.



We will be meeting Saturday, September 2, 2017 at 10:00AM in the parlor. Join if you are reading the book.

HAVE A GOOD DAY

You can sponsor the "Have A Good Day" insert for \$12.00 per month. Please call the church office and speak with Amy to sign up, or sign up on the sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

The "Have a Good Day" insert for the month of September is sponsored by

The "Have a Good Day" insert for the month of October is sponsored by



September – coffee (1 pound cans or bags) / canned juice

October – assorted canned vegetables / breakfast bars

When Sunday School and Worship are cancelled due to inclement weather:

Please call the church office at (610) 432-7677 if you are in doubt. A message will be put on or listen to channel 69 for closings. Thank You!



PRINTER CARTRIDGE Recycling

Remember to bring in your empty ink printer cartridges and place them in the box marked "Printer Cartridges" in the back of the sanctuary. For each cartridge brought in, St. James UCC receives \$2.00 towards a rebate on office expenses.

If you, or a family member, are admitted to the hospital, remember to give the.....

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Church Code – 461



You can also call the church office with information. Slips with the church code on them are located in the back of the sanctuary.

Newsletter articles for the November / December issue are due October 15, 2017! Thank You!

Information or changes to be placed in the *weekly bulletin* must be received by 12:00 Noon Tuesday morning to be included in that week's bulletin.

NO PARKING

– at the Hotel Traylor without a permit!



Please continue to help us by bringing in your Redner's Tapes.



REDNER'S TAPES

NOTE – Partial tapes are not accepted by Redner's for this program.



Mary Kisthart

Luther Crest
800 Hausman Road, Apt 486
Allentown, PA 18104

CHATTERBOX NEWS !

News from August (2017) meeting . . .

Boiler Heat Committee

- Boiler Heat Fund balance amount reported: \$6,356.40.
- UGI fuel bills (natural gas): 2016: November - , December - \$1,971.87.
- 2017 January - \$2,546.01, February - \$2,457.17, March - \$1,961.58, April - \$1,091.90, May - \$36.00, June - , July - .

Hospitality Committee

- Hospitality balance as of 8/08/17 Consistory meeting: \$15,023.98.
- Hospitality covered some recent electrical and misc. expenses (new air conditioner/electrical work in Fellowship Hall) - \$2,270.53

Memorial Endowment Committee

- Memorial Endowment balance - \$16,730.44.
- Barbara Peters reported that she is doing an inventory of gifts/per brass plaques near the

physical gifts (candelabras, white altar paraments, stair lift, pulpit Bible, etc.) to the church. Physical gifts will receive a mention the Memorial Endowment directory/records.

Vision & Growth Committee – Next Meeting
Tuesday, August 15 @10:30AM

Property Committee

- Seeking another pest control service for the church, since City Pests is no longer in business.
- Ongoing: Karl and Mike are getting estimates to fix an exterior keystone area, the source of a major water leak through one of the stained glass windows (sanctuary).

Worship Committee – Next Meeting, September 5
@9:30AM

- A special note of thanks to Eileen Bernhard for her years of service on the Worship Committee. Unfortunately, Eileen has submitted a letter of resignation, effective the end of August 2017.

Consistory wants you to know . . .

The annual Fritz Trust Fund donation to St. James UCC was received July 15, 2017 - \$23,109.20. This donation was allocated as follows: \$5,000 – Boiler Heat Fund, \$5,000 – re-payment on the principal amount borrowed from The Cornerstone Fund, and \$13,109 to the General Fund. St. James UCC sincerely appreciates this generous gift to our church.

Consistory agrees that a September 24th Free Breakfast for St. James UCC congregation members only is a great idea - if there are enough volunteers to work the breakfast – from start to finish.

We are sad to report that Trinity UCC, Coplay has closed their church, effective August 6, 2017.

The next Joint Worship Service is scheduled for April 29, 2018 @ 10:45AM.

MANY THANKS



Dear Friends of St. James,

Thank you so much for the prayers and cards I received during my stay in the hospital and my recovery at home.

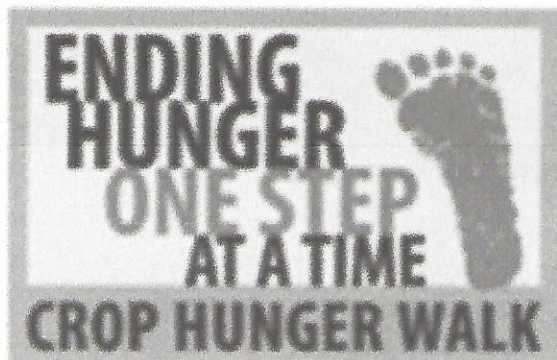
Sincerely,
Lucille Geist

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September – 19th



October – 17th



Sunday, October 8th

Refreshments served in Fellowship Hall from 1:30 – 4:00PM. Volunteers needed – please contact Bob Bernhard at (610) 435-4315 if you are able to help that afternoon.

Harvest Home Sunday – September 24, 2017

Collecting can goods the month of September, dry goods and paper products. Items will be given to the Food Bank. A display will be placed in the sanctuary. Fresh items, fruits and vegetables will be given to the Rescue Mission.

SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

24 Eileen & Robert Bernhard Sr.
29 Jean & Michael Tepo

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6 Denise & Robert Wilt
20 Janet & Richard Mohrey

CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS...

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From a worship bulletin:

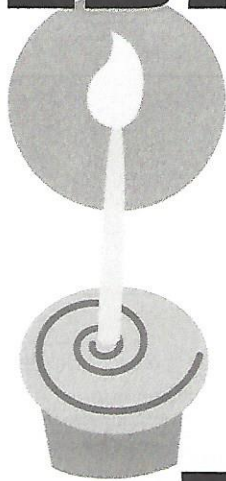
~~OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN~~

~~Hallowed be thy name~~

~~thy kingdom come thy will be done~~

Is nothing *hallowed* anymore?

CELEBRATING!



BERT WINZER'S

95th BIRTHDAY

September 17th, 2017



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Carollyn Bray
- 4 Kara Fisher
- 4 Michael Tepo
- 5 Gabrielle Ginkinger
- 5 May Schaedel
- 5 Colin Spotts
- 12 Eileen Bernhard
- 13 Kathryn Jacobs
- 15 Jeremy Nyemscek
- 17 Bertram Winzer
- 18 Dana Kutt
- 18 Wendy Laws
- 25 Harold Smith
- 26 Janet Mohrey
- 26 Carmen Miller
- 26 Margaret Dreher
- 29 Peter Hance

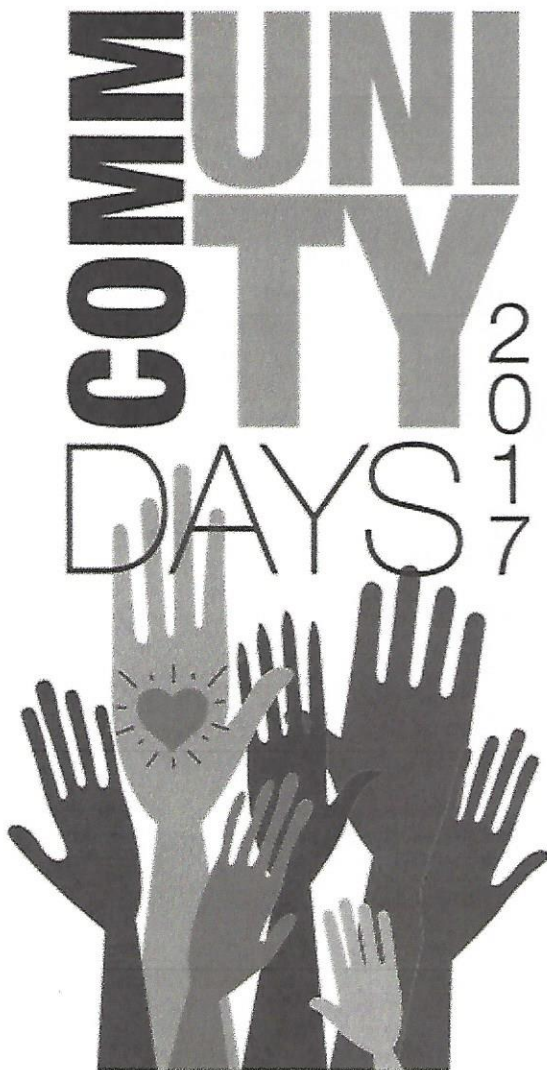
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- 1 Debra Bortz
- 5 Kathryn Williamson
- 5 Alissa Sodl
- 5 Sophia May Updegrove
- 5 Connie Pereira
- 6 Brian Bennicas
- 6 Karl Trobetsky
- 9 Autumn Fisher
- 9 Eric Trobetsky
- 9 Jennifer Becker
- 10 Sandra Beyer
- 12 Miriam George
- 12 Robert Becker Sr.
- 13 Stephen Heinaman
- 14 Joseph Buss
- 17 Richard Mohrey
- 19 Ardel L. Rader
- 19 Jenesis Ivette Agostini
- 26 James Bartik
- 28 Heather McConnell

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Want to help us with a *Great Fundraiser?*



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 –
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Purchase a Bon-Ton
Community Days coupon
booklet for \$5 & receive
an exclusive coupon booklet
with money saving offers

Each coupon booklet includes:

A **\$10 off coupon**,
a **30% savings pass** valid
in-store & online which can be used
on top of the bonus buy prices and
a **30% Yellow Dot savings pass!**
Plus, exclusive coupon offers & free
standard shipping online.

**100% of the \$5 coupon booklet price for
each on sold is ours to keep!**

For more information, call the church secretary at
(610) 432-7677

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SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

					1 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	2 10:00 Book Club
3 9:30 Worship FH Birthday Sunday UTS 5:00-9:30pm	4 UTS - Bible Study	5 9:30 - Worship Committee UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	6 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	7	8 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	9
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October

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1 9:30 Children SS 10:45 Worship Fellowship Hour NIN Offering World Communion UTS 5:00-9:30pm	2 UTS 5:00-9:30pm	3 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	4 Pastor at Boundry Seminar 8:30 – 3:00 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	5 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	6 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	7 Free Breakfast 9:00AM – 12:00Noon
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