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PUT YOUR LEFT- OVER WRAPPING PAPER TO USE WITH WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It's time for our annual Pound Sale! Tues. Jan. 28 at 7:00pm, come to our Women's Fellowship meeting with a secret item, weighing about a pound, creatively wrapped to disguise the contents. We'll bid on these mystery offerings and all funds collected will be used to support missions and outreach of Women's Fellowship.



CONGREGATIONAL CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars now for our congregational celebration, Sun. Jan. 26! This is our annual gathering to offer praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful and dedicated leaders of our congregation who serve God and build up Christ's kingdom through the time and skills they offer in our church. We will meet in Fellowship Hall directly following the 10:15am worship service for a potluck meal, a chance to acknowledge our leaders, and some fun and games for all ages. In January, a sign-up sheet will be posted for main dishes, sides, and desserts; beverages will be provided.

SMALL GROUP FORMATION

There is the saying that there are no atheists in fox holes. There are only Christmas praying their hearts out Revitalization brings our daily prayers to new levels. There are no average prayers because answered prayers can bring miracles.

On a daily basis we are involved in prayers for our families, friends and neighbors which makes us aware that all things are possible through prayer.

Prayer concepts can widen the picture so that we pray for strangers involved in a passing auto accident or bless the new families that have just moved to our street although they are strangers to us. All things are possible through prayer. It is a daily habit that brings forth the holy spirit. We don't mind being in the fox hole because Jesus is there with us.

See Jay Smith for signing up for a small group.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

For our friends Shirley Major, Melissa Moore, Janice Moore *and others who are a long-term care residence, we pray for comfort and peace.*

For our friends Pat McFarland, Pauline Ebersole *and others who are not easily able to leave their residence, we pray for companionship, healing, and respite from pain.*

For our friends George, Elaine, Sara, Millie, Carol, Tammy, M and J, Scott, Lena, Chris *and others with ongoing health concerns and challenging life circumstances, we pray for caring hands, hope to live each new day, and the reassurance of God's presence through the support of our congregation.*

For our friends Evelyn Phelen, Ann, Betty, Jill *and all cancer survivors, we pray for treatment where it is possible and release from suffering where it is needed.*

For the friends and family of Nora Nuckols *and for all who grieve at the deaths of those they deeply love and dearly miss, we ask that they might know the comfort God offers through the community of faith as we surround them with our prayers.*

Lord we hold all your children in our prayers. We pray for healing for all those that are sick, comfort for those that have lost love ones, and strength for those facing difficult situations. Help us to remember the loneliness that we may bring some joy to their lives. Thank you for hearing our prayers and for all the many blessings you have given us.

Amen

Please note that we will remove names on the prayer list after one month, except for homebound and hospitalized members. Let us know if you would like to add or renew a request by office phone or email.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are still many Sundays available in 2014 to sponsor bulletins and flowers for the altar. Please sign up on the large calendar in the narthex. The cost of the flower arrangement starts at \$26.50, though you are free to arrange for something larger with our florist. You may pick up your flowers after worship or request that they be delivered to one of our homebound or hospitalized members. A separate \$10 donation for bulletins should also be made as part of your plate offering or in a separate payment.

OFFERING BOXES

Our 2014 offering envelope boxes are available for pick-up on Sundays. You may also contact Tom Mogel to arrange pick-up at another time. If you do not currently use offering envelopes but you would like to receive a box, please let Tom know. Membership is not a prerequisite for receiving a box of offering envelopes!

Another way to organize your regular support of St. James UCC is by setting up a “recurring event” through your online banking program so that you won’t have to worry about remembering those envelopes! Checks can be sent to the church,

Attn: Financial Secretary.

BIRTHDAYS**January**

4....Todd Levering
 4....Brianna Major
 4....Linda Alexander
 4....Cora Smith
 5....Joseph Blackner
 5....Ryan McMenamin

5....Derek Larson
 6....Ralph Bevan
 6....Sue Swinehart
 9....Barbara Brightbill
 9....Dottie Cossaboon
 12....Len Baranoski
 12....Nolan Laub
 14....Nicholas Albanese
 14....Christian Pacan
 16....Paul Sweigart

16....Kyleigh Gelwicks
 16....Riley Ann Larson
 17....Mary Lou Bryan
 17....Chad Philip Alexander
 20....Mary Banyai
 21....Leisel Sarfert
 23....Martha Hentz
 25....Thomas Shuler
 27....Carter Hendricks
 28....Heather Myers

ANNIVERSARIES**January**

3....C. Wendel & Sandra Koenig
 6....Steve & Bridgette Lightcap
 7....Jack & Janice Hill
 15....Robert & Rugene Caldwell

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE (cont.)**GREAT STRIDES**

Due to the crazy weather, Capt'n Chucky's has extended the St. James UCC Great Strides fundraiser until next Friday, December 20th. Please tell your friends and family! You do not need a flyer, just mention "Great Strides" at the checkout and 15% of your purchase will go to the American Cancer Society!

You may visit any of the three locations: 430 W. Main St Trappe (next to the Trappe Tavern), Blue Bell, or Colmar. Hours are Mon-Fri 10-7 and Sat. 9-5.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

There is one vacancy on the Endowment Committee. Laura Walters has been nominated to fill this position. We will vote on this at the Congregational Celebration in January 26, 2014.

PASTORAL RELATIONS

Within local churches of the United Church of Christ it is the usual case that when a pastor leaves, the standing Pastoral Relations Committee is laid down.

Consistory has formed a new Pastoral Relations Committee to work with Pastor John. Members of this committee include: Rugene Caldwell, Cindy Valerio, Charlotte Fiedler, and Lenn Baranoski.

We give thanks to those who served on the Pastoral Relations Committee with Pastor Rachael.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Consistory has formed a Personnel Committee to develop and implement personnel policies for church staff. The Personnel Committee includes: Nancy Ewing, Joan Rosen, Ellie Wellman, and Charlotte Fiedler.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Pastor John will be leading a Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. The first series will begin on Sunday, January 12, 2014. We will combine biblical study with deepening our prayer lives.

PROJECT OUTREACH

"Soup-er" Sunday - where we collect cans of soup to be donated to the Project Outreach Pantry. We will be collecting through February 2nd.

Calendar

JANUARY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 Epiphany Svc of the Word & Sacrament Worship Team # 1 Nursery - Amy Nuccitelli	6	7	8 Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm	9 Property 7:00 pm Choir 7pm	10	11
12 First Sunday after Epiphany Svc of the Word Pastor's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Team # 2 Nursery - Nancy Ewing	13	14 Consistory 7:00 pm	15 Fellowship dinner 5:30 pm	16 Choir 7:00 pm	17	18
19 Second Sunday after Epiphany Svc of the Word Pastor's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Team # 3 Nursery - Joanne Levering	20	21	22 Choir 7:00 pm	23	24	25
26 Third Sunday after Epiphany Svc of the Word Pastor's Bible Study 9:00 am Worship Team # 4 Nursery - Sandie Fetterman	27	28 Women's Fellowship 7:00 pm	29	30 Choir 7:00 pm	31	

HOUSEHOLD PRAYERS (Praying at Home This Week)

Week 1 Questions for Reflection

Can you think of a dark time in your own life or a dark time in the history of the world when God's glory shone? When the light of Christ's presence became evident? When was that time? What happened? Who was a bearer of light in that darkness? Is there presently someone you know or some situation weighed down in darkness or despair? How can you be a light-bearer for that person, that person, that circumstance?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of this new morning, you have awakened me to the brightness of your dawn. I begin this day in gratitude, recalling your mercies through the night, anticipating glimpses of your glory in the hours ahead.

Make my face shine today with the joy of your grace, so that another is helped to see your presence and find hope. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of love, as the sun has set and night has come, I will not be afraid of the darkness, for you are with me. Your glory never recedes, but is always expanding, bringing more and more people into the sphere of your love. Thank you for such boundless grace as has been given in Jesus Christ. Make me a prism for the light of Christ, reflecting his grace to others all my days. In his name I pray. Amen.

Week 2 Questions for Reflection

In Romans 8:29 Paul wrote that God meant for Jesus to be "the first born within a large family." What does that mean to you? What does your baptism have to do with it?

Household Prayer: Morning

God, you make old things pass away and declare new things to be. As I am renewed in my baptism this morning, help me to confirm my baptism this morning, help me to confirm by baptismal vows in my life today. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, you stretched out the heavens and spread out the earth, and in that context I give you this small day that I have lived. Now may I sleep, safe and secure in your covenant promise to me that I am your beloved child, in whom you are well pleased. Amen.

Week 3 Questions for Reflection

Andrew invited his brother Simon Peter to meet Jesus, and Peter's life was changed forever. Do you invite others to come and see Jesus? How do you watch and listen for those who might be seeking Jesus? Do you trust God to give you gifts for sharing the story of your salvation? How then do you show the world God's love made real in Christ?

Household Prayer: Morning

You inclined your ear and heard my cry, and lifted me when I was low. Strengthen me for service as I carry your light in the world. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Jesus, fill me with your peace, that I may be strengthened to the end and find my rest in you. Amen.

Week 4 Questions for Reflection

What does Jesus mean when he calls his follower to be "fishers of people"? What must I leave behind to be a faithful disciple of Jesus?

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, you call me to be a faithful disciple. Enable me to hear your voice above the distractions of this day, to see each challenge as an opportunity for faithful witness, and to offer myself in obedient service in all that I do. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Your face, O Lord, have I sought this day and your beauty have I beheld. I have seen you in the face of the stranger, and beheld your beauty in creation. Thank you, and keep me aware. Amen.

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JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Notes & Reminders

Materials for Newsletter are due on January 15th, 2014.

NURSERY



January Schedule

January 5th Amy Nuccitelli
January 12th Nancy Ewing
January 19th Joanne Levering
January 26th Sandie Fetterman

ANNUAL REPORT & DIRECTORY

Now is the time to start preparing committee reports and other materials for the 2013 Annual Report & Directory! Please have these materials to office@stjames-ucc.org by Dec 31st.

