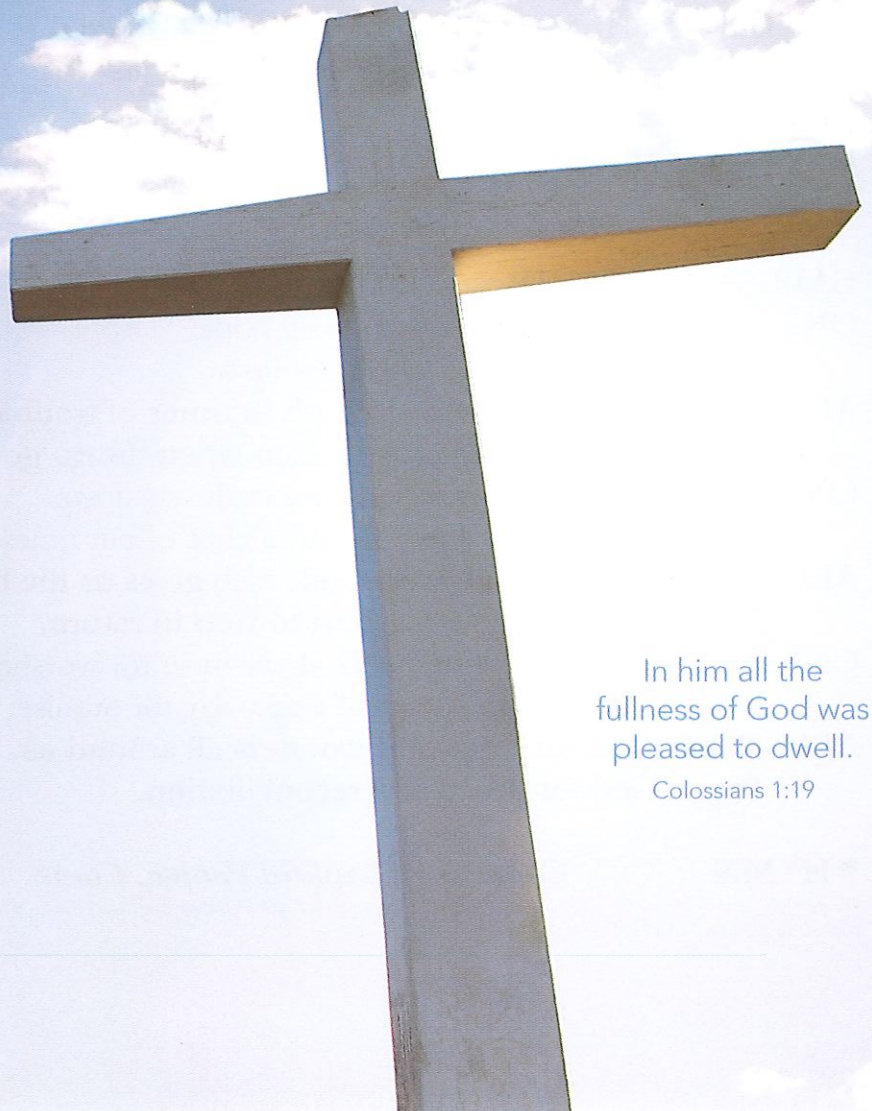


CHRIST THE KING



In him all the
fullness of God was
pleased to dwell.

Colossians 1:19

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

November 20, 2022

We welcome all who are visiting with us today.
It is good to have you in worship with us. Please introduce yourself to
Pastor Phil this morning and let us know if there is any way
we might be of service to you or your family.

Silent Reflection: "God has, in fact, thought of us from eternity and has loved us
as unique individuals. He has called every one of us by name, as the Good
Shepherd 'calls His sheep by name.'" ~ **Pope John Paul II**

ANNOUNCEMENTS RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Bless God, all people of faith and hope.
God has looked on us with great favor.

ALL: **God is our refuge and strength in times of trouble.**
God is our guide and inspiration when things go well.

ONE: God gives light to those who live in the shadows.
God offers stillness amid the turbulence of our times.

ALL: **We live in covenant with God, who gives us the best.**
We are eager to give our best to God in return.

ONE: By the tender mercy of our God, we meet for worship.
God has brought the dawn of a new day for our use.

ALL: **Praise God for signs and wonders all around us.**
Praise God for peace and reconciliation.

* HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Many times you have rescued us, O God. Yet we continue to wander away from your vision for us. We claim to be followers of Jesus, but we do not speak up when he is mocked. We do not respond when he summons us from the perilous byways we have chosen. Our words and deeds deny the faith we proclaim. God of all nations, deliver us from misplaced loyalties and unacknowledged sin. Forgive our foolish ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Prayer for the children (*unison*):

We send blessings upon our children for all God's love,
all Christ's friendship and all the caring of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song Response

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SCRIPTURES:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

HYMN

How Great Thou Art

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SERMON

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

HYMN

Thanks to God for My Redeemer

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

GIVE THANKS:

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," Let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

For the saving faithfulness of Jesus Christ, we give thanks. For the church that seeks to extend Christ's ministry, we are humbly grateful. All things we have are gifts from you, O God, so we dedicate more than our money. We reinvest ourselves in patient, joyful response to your promises. Hear our prayers and empower our ministry. Amen.

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH/SILENT PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

* HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Beth Hanser

Liturgist

Audrey Yann

Accompanist

Melissa Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Ella Boggy, Wally Foxworthy, Margie Foxworthy's son Sean, Cindy Roll, Jeffrey Thornton, to the family of Tom McCaw, and to the family of Jen Foxworthy

St. Jacob: Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Erica Kynion, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, Jane Schmidt, Carol Zweck, and to the family of Gary Frutiger

IL South Conference: Each week the churches of the Illinois South Conference are asked to pray for congregations and their pastors and other ministries of the UCC. This week we are asked to pray for:

Church & Pastors

-Edwardsville St. Paul UCC, Rev. Dana Schindler

-Evansville St. John UCC, Pastor Kevin Hirsch

Retired Pastor

Revs. Charles Preston and Karla Frost, Granite City, IL

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Marie Gansmann, Nov. 20

Andrea Herkenhoff, Jackie Miller, & Henry Peer, Nov. 24

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, November 13, 2022

St. John's – 12

St. Jacob – 30

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(Mondays by appointment)

Secretary's office hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Website: stjacobucc.org

Pastor Phil Barbier: Phone: 314-312-2347 / E-mail: pastor@hometel.com

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

With the inflation these past few months, use of local food pantries has been high, and donations have been low. To help our communities we have a donation tub/box for food pantry donations in the sanctuary at St. John's and St. Jacob.

Requested items for St. John's (Lebanon Matthew 25:40 Ministries Food Pantry): Canned stew, canned meat (tuna & chicken), canned chili, Manwich (sloppy joe), Hamburger Helper, pie crust mix, evaporated milk, juice, beans (pork & beans or kidney), sugar (small), Zip-lock bags, & feminine hygiene products

Requested items for St. Jacob (Ministries Unlimited): Toilet paper, paper towels, peanut butter, jelly, baked beans, crackers, peas, canned potatoes, canned yams, pasta sides, rice sides, mac-n-cheese, Ramen noodles, Hamburger Helper, & cake mixes



CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Hanging of the “**GREENS,**” following service

Thursday: THANKSGIVING DAY!

HOYLETON HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS DRIVE

St. Jacob: This year we are providing gifts for children in the residential care and foster care through Hoyleton. Gifts are due back to church by Nov. 27, the first Sunday of Advent, and we will get them to Hoyleton that week. Please include the child's name and slip number on the gift tag.

St. John's: This year, Ryan again is coordinating the purchase of gifts for the children in residential care and foster care through Hoyleton. Please place your donation in the envelope on the bulletin board.

ST. JACOB SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. Jacob Sunday School will be held from 9-10 a.m. every first and third Sunday through the school year. All children ages 3 and up are invited to join the fun. For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact the church office, phone: 618-644-2142; or email: stjucc@hometel.com.

VOLUNTEER LITURGISTS AT ST. JACOB

We are looking for volunteers willing to read scripture during Advent, no long-term commitment, just one Sunday at a time. Everyone from the congregation is invited to take part in helping lead worship. There is a sign-up sheet for anyone interested located on the table in the Narthx.

SNOW SHOVELING

Winter weather will be here before you know it. Please volunteer to shovel the church sidewalks. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthx. Thank you!

***** THE UPPER ROOM** (Nov.-Dec.) magazines are available on the table in the Narthx at St. Jacob UCC.

FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

SECOND LESSON. Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL. Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Strawberry Festival Planning

Over the last few years, the number of people working on the Strawberry Festival Committee has been declining and we no longer have enough people to plan and organize such a large festival.

Below is a list of all of the planning and leadership roles that we need to fill to continue having the Strawberry Festival, as well as examples of what the role entails.

The Festival Committee asks that you take a look at these planning roles and find where you can help with planning for the Strawberry Festival.

If you have questions please contact a member of the Strawberry Festival Committee: Carol Kynion, Donna Lowe, Di Rufer, Patti Woods, or contact the church office at 618-644-2142.

- Advertising** – Facebook postings, Lawn signs, Fliers, Lory Theater advertisement
- Sponsorships** – Soliciting for sponsors, Getting shirts ordered, Thanking sponsors
- Activities** – Bounce houses, Snow Cone, Kettle Corn, Ax throwing & new ideas
- Entertainment** – Scheduling musicians/entertainment, Getting sound equipment
- Crafters** – Soliciting for crafters, Marking spots, Organizing crafters
- Park Coordination** – Securing date, Insurance, Police/security, Ordering Port-a-potty, Leading setup & teardown
- Parking Coordination** – Securing shuttle(s) & driver(s), Recruiting parking helpers
- Raffle** – Raffle Permit from Village, Soliciting for prizes - Printing tickets, Prize draw, Contacting winners, Sending thank you notes to donors
- Food Ordering** – Strawberries
- Food Ordering** – Meat & Refrigeration trucks
- Food Ordering** – All other food & drink items and large beverage coolers.
- Ordering Non-Food Supplies** – Plates, cutlery, carry out containers, etc.
- Financial Coordination** – Recording money coming in, Paying bills, Cash drawers on site, Working with bank (ordering money, ATM, etc.)
- Assisted Living Food Delivery** – Coordinating with Nursing Homes, Packaging and delivering on day
- Volunteer Coordinator** – Coordinating volunteers the week of the festival including cake donations, berry cleaning & preparation, Sunday shift schedules, etc.

