



# NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



Summer went out, not with a bang, but rather an explosion of colors! There are fireworks in our trees. God is decorating our world in this season of Autumn, knowing that the season of Winter may be dark and gloomy. Yet God rewards us when Spring comes with another wonderful world of color. The plants and trees rest up during the Winter for another show of God's beauty - a Spring of rainbow colors from nature all around us.

Why do you suppose God does this? I believe its a sign of God's everlasting love for all of us. Get outside as much as you can to see this show of nature that God provides for us each season, free of charge. Praise God for bringing us these beautiful landscapes to make us smile, no matter the season.

Peace and blessings, Pastor Rosemary

**SPEAKING OF BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES**, I invite you to take a look at the landscapes from Dubois Camp and Conference Center and read the beautiful words Rev. Dr. Donald C. Wagner in this new Advent Devotional he has put together for all of us to enjoy.

These are the words of the Office Manager from St. Paul UCC, Lebanon: "Please find attached the Advent devotional written by Pastor Don as part of the Green DuBois Initiative (go to [www.duboiscenter.org](http://www.duboiscenter.org) to learn more about that). Some of you might have enjoyed Pastor Don's Lenten devotional written earlier this year and this one will not disappoint! It's fantastic, so take a few moments each day throughout Lent to read it. Whether or not you know anything (or even care) about Dubois Center or the Green Dubois Initiative, read this devotional anyway. It's that powerful!"

If you are interested in receiving a copy of this devotional via email, please let me know. You won't be disappointed. It's free. [gcaptain@charter.net](mailto:gcaptain@charter.net)

## AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

11/2	Charlie Harris	11/17	Jessica Riess Kilian
11/11	Darleen Bax	11/22	Ellen Taylor
11/11	Jackie Canterbury	11/27	Steve Banjavcic
11/12	Cassie Myers	11/27	Chris Brown
11/12	Ed Myers	11/29	Chris Arbeiter
11/15	Jim Eisenhauer		

**PRAYER LIST:** The Petroff Family, Roger Fox, Ed McLaughlin, Lori Riess, Trenton Pickens, Charles Chamberlin, Dave Seneczyn, Donna Isselhard, Becky Ballard, Mitch Nallie, Candy Pearce, Greg Talley, Charlie Ramos, Pat Holtgrave, Jane Riess, Tim Pickens, Pam Halel, Leah Williams, Carol Meyer, DeAnne Weiss, Luz Captain, David Shanks, Rich Schmitt, Olivia Captain



### Prayer

*How to do nothing  
and still think you're helping*

**SHUT – INS:** Darleen Bax, Terry Kissel, Ardella Morris, Alice Stidham, and Jacque Mantle

### CONDOLENCES:

The funeral service for Sheri Bryant (a member since 1978) was held at Lakeview Funeral Home on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Our sympathy to her family.

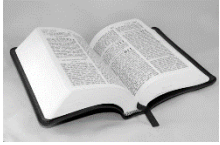
**PENNIES FOR MISSION** for November will be given for OCWM.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### USHERS:

11/3 – Ginny and Sue Ganschinietz  
11/10 – Jackie Canterbury and Ellen Taylor  
11/17– Cindy and Christina Hardin-Weiss  
11/24– Chuck Kistler and Tom Miller





## LITURGISTS AND READINGS:

11/3	Anne Brown	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
11/10	Judy Schmitt	Haggai 1:15b – 2:9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
11/17	Christina Hardin-Wiess	Isaiah 65:17-25	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
11/24	Jan Miller	Jeremiah 22:1-6	Colossians 1:11-20

## WOMENS' EVENING CIRCLE:

The Evening Circle met for its October meeting on Monday, Oct. 21st. For the past couple of years, we have been giving Christmas cards to Home Instead for distribution to shut ins, but they have a school in O'Fallon providing them this year. So we will instead give them to the Red Cross. They will give them to Veterans Hospitals and Veterans Homes and the USO.



We have received the name of the child we are sponsoring at Kinder Cottage for Christmas. Her name is Talia and she is 5 years old. She wears a size 5 in clothing and a size 9 in shoes. Watch the bulletin boards for more information. If you are buying a gift for her please bring it by Dec. 1st.

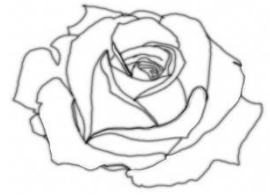
Our next meeting is November 18th and we will have a special Thank offering and a craft project.

The Evening Circle meets the third Monday of the month and all ladies of St. John are welcome. Hope to see you all on **November 18<sup>th</sup>**.



We will be having our Bake Sale again this year. All baked goodies are welcomed. **BAKE SALE will be DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>** after worship.

**November 24** is our annual celebration of Totenfest during worship, honoring those who have passed to life eternal in the last liturgical year. This year we will be honoring the lives of Barbara Bour, Eileen Cox, Sheri Bryant, and Clarice Sternberg.



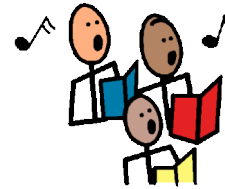
## CHOIR NOTES



I hope you were able to be at church for some of our musical Sundays in October. The ukulele group, “Uku-ladies and Guys” and “Humble Servants” each brought beautiful music to St. John. Our ladies and finally the chancel choir performed also. It was great fun and a wonderful way to sing praises.

November and December bring lots of opportunities for music – stewardship, our church heritage, Thanksgiving, totenfest, Advent and finally Christmas. We are planning music for the seasons coming up. Be sure to be in church to share in worshipping through music.

As always, you are welcome in choir. Talk to Nancy!



## A QUOTE FROM JOHN WESLEY:

“Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.”

The Church Office will be closed  
Thursday, November 28th, and Friday, November 29th.

**HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**



# November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am Followed by fellowship time Choir Practice at 9 am L room in use 4-6 p.m.	4	5 Boy Scout meeting	6	7	8	9
10 Worship at 10 am Choir Practice at 9 am L room in use 4-6 p.m.	11	12 Boy Scout meeting	13 Church Council 7 p.m.	14	15	16
17 Worship at 10 am  L room in use 4-6 p.m.	18 Evening Circle meeting 7 pm	19 Boy Scout meeting	20	21	22	23
24 Worship at 10 am Totenfest Celebration Choir Practice at 9 am L room in use 4-6 p.m.	25	26 Boy Scout meeting	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29 Church Office Closed	30