



SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

WELCOME BACK, all those who have been traveling over the summer. It's always good when the family gathers together in worship. And we are grateful that no one was injured in any way during their adventures. It's a blessing that many of you are able to see the world. It certainly broadens our horizons and our awareness of other cultures and people when we are able to get outside our "neighborhood." When I have done that, I have found that most people are just like us; they work hard to support their family and they want excellent education and good health for their children. Sound familiar?

Travel is not financially possible for many people, but it's fun to watch Rick Stevens on PBS, or see books about far-a-way places. The important thing is not to forget God created this big beautiful world and assigned humans the task of taking care of it. God also created all the people of the world. They are just as important to God as we are. No particular person is the CHOSEN ONE (except Jesus, of course) – GOD CHOOSES US ALL.

Peace and blessings as we begin a new season together. I hope to see you soon.

Pastor Rosemary Captain



AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

9/4	Barbara Moran	9/14	Louise Cohlmeier
9/7	Sue Sharp	9/16	Jo Fox
9/9	Wayne Schlosser	9/18	Dorothy Ovelgoenner
9/10	Sheri Bryant	9/23	Jennifer Hackbarth
		9/23	Carol Randle

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

9/10 Sharon & Chuck Kistler #36
9/17 Cindy & Clay Harris #42
9/25 Carol & Joe Bulva #43
9/30 Cassie & Ed Myers #8



PRAYER LIST:

Tom Petroff, Dave Seneczyn, Roger Fox, Eric White, Ed McLaughlin, Amy Arthur, Lori Riess, Trenton Pickens, Charles Chamberlin, Debbie Ricks, Donna Isselhard, Mitch Nallie, Becky Ballard, Candy Pearce, Greg Talley, Carol Meyer, Pam Haleb, Mary Ellen Akridge, Nancee Iverson



Prayer

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

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

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED: Donna Isselhard, Becky Riess, Don Krieg

CONDOLENCES: the Sue & Gene Ganschietz on the loss of Sue's uncle in July.

NOTES AND THANK YOU'S:

With warmest THANKS
Your KINDNESS meant so much.
Pastor Rosemary and St. John Friends,
Thank you for your visit and prayers while I was in the hospital!
Feeling much better. Love, Becky Riess



WORSHIP LEADERS

USHERS:

9/1 – Wayne Schlosser & Rosemary Williams

9/8 – Christine & Cindy Hardin-Weiss

9/15 – Lew Thomasino & Sue Sharp

9/22 – Urban & Mary Lou Baum

9/29 – Ginny Ganschinietz & Sue Ganschinietz



LITURGISTS AND READINGS:

9/1 – Wayne Schlosser

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

9/8 - Sharon Banjavcic

Jeremiah 18:1-11

PET BLESSING

9/15 – Lew Thomasino

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

1 Timothy 1:12-17

9/22 – Anne Brown

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

1 Timothy 2:1-7

9/29 – Sue Williams

Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15

1 Timothy 6:6-19



PENNIES FOR MISSION:

the month of September will go to the Neighbors in Need.

PET BLESSING: Will be on September 8. Please let Pastor Rosemary know something about the pet you will be bringing for our Pet Parade. Name, age, breed, personality, etc. Weather pending, worship will be outside.





Help – the bills keep coming and I had to transfer \$1500.00 to cover this month’s bills. Please remember that the bills have to be paid even if you are not here to worship. Consider having automatic withdrawals from your checking account. Banks usually don’t charge for this service. Several members already do this and we thank them.

In addition, remember that the parking lot is being worked on in September. The cost is approximately \$13,000. To date \$570 has been donated towards this need. Please consider giving additional gifts to meet this.

Thanks, Your Treasurer - Ginny

EVENING CIRCLE:

It’s September already and the ladies of the Evening Circle will hold our first meeting of the year **Monday, September 16th at 7 p.m.**

. At our first meeting we will have election of officers and we will plan some of our projects for the year. I’m sure Carol and Eileen will have some fun games & crafts for us this year and the ladies always provide delicious desserts.

The Evening Circle meets the third Monday of the month and all ladies of St. John are welcome. Hope to see you all in September!



CHOIR NOTES:

September brings a new choir season to St. John. We will again sing once or twice a month until Pentecost. The first rehearsal will be on September 15, with us singing on the 22nd. One rehearsal, you ask? Yes! We are that good! There is room for you. Come and join us. See Nancy for details.

Gospel Music Leading Us in Worship



Oct 20th, 2019



Sunday Morning, 10:00

Gospel Recording Artists



COME AND ENJOY THE MUSIC OF THE HUMBLE SERVANTS!

Bring family and friends for an inspirational morning
of southern and country gospel music.

See you on October 20!



Graduation Celebration

**Dr. Barbara Jean Whitaker, RN, BSN, MSN, DNP
BRADLEY UNIVERSITY**

**Doctorate of Nursing Practice
Class of 2019**

You are invited to the celebration!

Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 12 pm

Smithton Senior Center
711 S. Main St., Smithton, IL 62285

RSVP by September 6, 2019

Janice P. 618-779-3215

Barb L. 618-791-5940



Academy Artworks

Barb requests no gifts:
She will gladly accept donations
for a local food pantry and
her mission work with Nurses2peru.org

September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am Followed by fellowship time Fellowship hall rented 4 pm - 6 pm	2 Labor Day - church office closed.	3 Boy Scout meeting	4	5	6	7
8 Outdoor Worship and Pet Blessing at 10 am	9	10 Boy Scout meeting	11	12	13	14
15 Worship at 10 am Barb Whitaker's graduation celebration (see newsletter article) Fellowship hall rented 4 pm - 6 pm	16 Evening Circle 7 pm	17 Church Council Meeting 7 pm Boy Scout meeting	18 9/18 thru 9/25 Pastor Rosemary on vacation	19	20	21
22 Worship at 10 am	23	24 Boy Scout meeting	25	26	27	28
29 Worship at 10 am	30					