

From Pastor Moira's Desk...

They're bailing hay, and starting to chop corn. The days aren't quite as long, and the nights are just a touch cooler, and the orchard near Landstad already has an early crop of apples in. The stores are full of all the things ~ end of season smores making, school supplies, Halloween candy, and Christmas decorations. It's the great overlap while we try to enjoy the closing days of summer and one more county fair, while the kids and teachers (and families and aides) are all going back to school, while they're playing baseball and football at the same time.

Meanwhile my desk is covered with things for this Sunday; our parish's fall fundraisers (October & November), I'm thinking about Advent and trying to finish the Christmas program skit. It means there should be an ad for Easter bulletins coming in the mail any day now.

With all of that, and everything we face in our personal and communal lives together it's bound to be overwhelming. A lot of people I've talked with recently have described it as "just too much" ~ too much to hold at the same time, too many people struggling, too much arguing, too much. A few weeks back I mentioned a line from the gospels that might help us in this time of too much, when there's all these things that seem determined to overwhelm us. When Jesus sends the disciples out to minister in his name he gives them this instruction: "whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place." (Mark 6.10)

Jesus is trying to get the disciples to focus on the present, on the place they are, the people they are with in this particular unique moment. It's an incredibly hard thing to do, but so very necessary if we are going to do all that God has set before us. It's easy to get caught up in the next thing, the next season, to looking and planning ahead. And those are important things to do, but it's also important for us to be present in this moment, in these last days of summer and beginning days of fall, with the people who are right here with us now, with the person who needs a call, or a visit, or a listening ear in this moment.

My prayer as summer gives way to fall, as the routine of the "school year" becomes our reality again, and as we look forward to the Fall Feast, the Trinity Bazaar, the Cecil Soup Sale, Thanksgiving, hunting season, Advent, Christmas and the New Year ... and so much more is that we might "stay here until we leave", looking for and finding the goodness, grace, and presence of God that surrounds us not in the next moment, but in THIS moment.

May all of us know that this moment, in this place, is where God has called us, where God needs us, and where we will find the work we can do to build God's kingdom of love and abundance for all people and all creation.

In peace and grace, Pastor Moira

Church Council Meeting Minutes—July 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Schomisch with Trevor Rohloff, Todd St. John, Dallas Waterstradt, Connie Wheeler and Pastor Moira Finley present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Pastor Moira Finley.

A motion was made by Dallas Waterstradt and seconded by Trevor Rohloff to accept the minutes from last month. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Connie Wheeler and seconded by Todd St. John to accept the Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Motion passed.

Pastors Report

- Conducted in person and virtual Worship Services, funerals and baptism
- Attended church meetings, administrative meetings, and group meetings
- Helped with the rummage sale

Committee Reports

Membership: Nothing to report at this time.

Christian Education: Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 2nd at 7:00 pm.

Music / Worship: There has been no interest in the musician position that has been posted. Jan will be retiring July 31, 2022 with a retirement reception after worship service. There will be cookies, bars, cheese, sausage and crackers along with coffee, water and lemonade. Council will purchase a gift for Jan (\$100 Romy's, \$100 Sal's, \$100 BP and a frog statue) The next meeting will be Sunday, September 18th after worship.

House/Building Grounds: We are continuing to wait for plastering quotes. The outside handicap button was not working and Pastor Moira contacted Automatic Entrances of Wisconsin and they had it fixed the same day. Waiting on the bill. Kone came for the routine elevator maintenance on July 7th. Trevor is working on quotes for the sump pump backups and the outside tap. So far he has a quote for the pump, fittings and valve for \$500 and the battery backup for \$950.

Stewardship:

July we will be collecting for the Fire Department

August we will be collecting school supplies

September we will be collecting for the community garden

Plus the additional appeal for Ukraine

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Cemetery: The burial for Ruth Hanson was held June 16th. Checking balance is \$5,622.33 and the CD balance is \$32,023.51.

Endowment: The checking balance is \$4,998.81.

Women's Guild: They discussed the rummage sale and some ideas for next year. The profit was \$3,200. They are replacing the heavy tables with 10 - 8' white tables that are much lighter to handle. They were purchased at Menards and received the 11% rebate. The heavy old tables will be for sale at \$50 each. The checking balance is \$13,227.93.

Garden Project: Next meeting will be Sunday, August 21st after worship.

Old Business:

- Waiting on Staige for the window supplies
- We are still waiting on quotes for plastering
- The Easter breakfast offering of \$420 will be donated to UCCI camp - Motion was made by Trevor Rohloff and seconded by Dallas Waterstradt, motion was passed.
- The new committees will be discussed after the bylaw revisions
- We are still looking into Spectrum for the elevator phone to reduce the cost
- We discussed the retirement gift for Jan Boman (\$100 Romy's, \$100 Sal's, \$100 BP and a frog statue) Motion was made by Todd St. John and seconded by Trevor Rohloff, motion was passed.

New Business:

- The BC Fire Department would like to borrow 6 tables for their Open House - Motion was made by Trevor Rohloff and seconded by Dallas Waterstradt, motion was passed.

Prayers and Thank You's:

Thank you to all who helped with the rummage sale and those that donated any items.

A motion was made by Dallas Waterstradt and seconded by Todd St. John to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

St. John's UCC Black Creek Council Meeting Minutes ~ August 9, 2022

President Pat Schomisch called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with Trevor Rohloff, Todd St. John, Dallas Waterstradt, Lizzie Tesch, and Pastor Moira Finley present. In addition Brandi Schomisch, Karla Blumreich (Trinity), and Linda DeBruin (St. John's UCC Appleton) were present to discuss the SCRIP program.

Discussion of the SCRIP program was had including different ways that churches do it, what the start-up needs are (banking account, fees, etc.), how to get local SCRIP (working with St. Matthew's church in Appleton). Also discussed was the convenience of not having to use your personal card at the gas pump, protecting your privacy (useful for travel like travelers checks used to be), and a reminder that the purchaser gets the full value of their card with the church receiving a percentage back.

After this discussion, our guests left and the meeting returned to the usual agenda. Pastor Moira led the group in prayer.

A motion was made by Dallas Waterstradt and seconded by Lizzie Tesch to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Trevor Rohloff, and seconded by Todd St. John to accept the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's reports. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

Conducted in person and virtual worship services; had a good vacation; conducted a funeral and planned the retirement celebration for Jan Boman; attended meetings and working on getting updated tax exempt numbers from the state of Wisconsin.

Committee Reports

Christian Education: meeting rescheduled for August 18th at 7pm

Worship & Music: working on adapting and recirculating the musician job description; Lizzie and Dave Tesch are working with Pastor Moira to coordinate music for worship in the meantime. Next meeting September 18th after worship

Stewardship: August is School Supplies; September is Community Garden; October is Neighbors in Need (a UCC wide offering)

Women's Guild: had their annual planning meeting and have issued a new guild activity book including different activities for the coming year

Garden Project: next meeting is Sunday August 21st after worship

Old Business

- Window – continue to wait for Staige
- Plastering – Gary V. is continuing to work on quotes
- New Committees (after bylaws changes) – working on filling positions
- Elevator Phone – Dallas will contact Spectrum to authorize Pastor Moira to discuss the account with them
- Sabbatical – first article about it will come in the September newsletter

New Business

- New Computer for the office – the current one is becoming difficult to use; Pastor Moira and Lizzie (who uses the computer most) have consulted and found a replacement. Motion to approve the purchase of a computer, mouse, and keyboard not to exceed \$500 by Todd St. John, second by Lizzie, passed.
- Sump Pump Proposal – Trevor brought a proposal from Treml which includes the installation of a second sump pump and battery backup for \$1425; motion to approve by Lizzie Tesch, second by Dallas Waterstradt; passed
- SCRIP Program – discussion about this and how it would be a good and simple additional fundraiser for the church; motion as follows:
 - Set up a SCRIP program with Raise Right
 - Set up a bank account at Fox Communities Credit Union solely for the SCRIP program
 - Authorize Brandi Schomisch as signature power on the above account
 - Church will provide \$500 in start up funds from the general fund to this account, to be repaid as soon as possible
 - Motion by Lizzie Tesch, second by Trevor, motion passed

Prayers & Thank Yous:

Bob Menning's mom, Jim Rucci

A motion was made by Dallas Waterstradt and seconded by Todd St. John to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday September 13, 2022 at 6:30pm

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Parish Celebrations

*If your special day is incorrect,
please let Pastor Moira know.*

September Birthdays

3rd	...	Paul Schmidt
4th	...	Justin Biese
6th	...	Adrianna Pynenberg Brielle Roesler
7th	...	Robin Schmidt Logan Vande Corput
18th	...	Trudy Koon
19th	...	Steve Hanson
20th	...	Lisa Waterstradt
27th	...	Don Henning
28th	...	Marc Roesler Ethan St. John
30th	...	Connor Roesler

September Anniversaries

September 3rd

Ryan Sr & Brandi Schomisch

September 9th

Jim & Pam Rucci

Reader & Greeter Schedule

If you are not able to make it on your assigned day, please let Connie Wheeler & Pastor Moira know.

Greeters also help serve communion.

Sunday September 4 ~ Communion

Reader Autumn Schmidt
Greeters Mark Hooyman
Kelcie Hooyman
Dallas & Lisa Waterstradt

Sunday September 11 ~ Rally Day

Reader Connie Wheeler
Greeters Connie Wheeler
Hollie Wheeler

Sunday September 18

Reader Roberta Lorenz
Greeters Mike & Connie Rohloff

Sunday September 25

Reader Sue Biese
Greeters Joe & Sue Biese

Special Offering For Ukraine

As the war continues, we will continue receiving contributions to help refugees & others affected by the violence.

Look for the envelopes with the Ukrainian flag. Please make checks out to church and put "Ukraine Aid" in the memo line.

September Year of Giving ~ Community Garden

We are underway, ordering equipment and dreaming of starting seeds in our very own church greenhouse in the cold months of February and March. You can help us fund this important outreach ministry that will provide fresh produce to our area food pantries next year. Look for the "Community Garden" envelopes at both entrances to the sanctuary!

Word Of The Month ~ Sabbatical

What's a sabbatical? It is an extended time for renewal and continuing education. It's a time for Pastor Moira to reconnect with herself, as a person of faith, to nourish her soul, to restore and renew the light of God within her. It is an extended sabbath, a gift of time from God, so that Pastor Moira can prevent burn-out (which is very common in ministry and other caring professions). This time will allow her to continue enjoying her ministry with us for many years to come.

So it's vacation? No. It's more like extended continuing education time where Pastor Moira works on her faith, and her ministry skills (and probably takes a few more naps).

How long is Pastor Moira's sabbatical? Pastor Moira's call with us says she gets three months every five years.

Um? What? She'll be gone for three months? No. Don't panic. Pastor Moira is going to take her sabbatical in two blocks, one for six weeks (June 25 – July 31, 2023) and one for four weeks (December 31, 2023 – January 24, 2024).

Has she done this before? **Yes, twice in the time she's been with Trinity & Cecil she's had a sabbatical** (during 2008-2009 & 2015-2016). Trinity & Cecil have been through this twice so Black Creek is going to lean on the wisdom and experience of our partners in ministry **about this since they've never had a pastor take a sabbatical before.**

What will she do while she's away? Plans are still evolving, but during the first part she'll be traveling to Indianapolis, IN for the United Church of Christ's General Synod, doing advocacy for Break The Silence Sunday. There will also be a lot of reading, particularly about the changing face of rural ministry. In the second part she's going to take a train trip to Massachusetts.

What will we do while she's away? The combined parish leadership is working on the answer to that question. We will have folks provide worship leadership during these weeks. We'll also work with area pastors to provide care for emergencies while members of the parish do regular calls and visits. Generally speaking, we also don't schedule weddings or baptisms during the sabbatical and we'll work with the area funeral homes to cover those kinds of emergencies.

In the coming months, much more information will be provided about what Pastor Moira will be doing during her sabbatical, the sabbatical worship schedule, and how we **will take care of pastoral care. You'll probably have lots of questions, so please don't** hesitate to reach out to Pastor Moira or a member of the Trinity Council, Cecil Consistory or Black Creek Council!

St. John's United Church of Christ Financial Secretary's Report ~ JUNE 2022

	6/5/2022	6/12/2022	6/19/2022	6/26/2022		Direct Deposit	Total
Checking deposit	1,406.00	1,090.00	7,208.00	3,300.00		300.00	13,304.00
Member Giving Towards Budget							
	6/5/2022	6/12/2022	6/19/2022	6/26/2022		Direct Deposit	Total
General Fund	1,366.00	1,070.00	7,208.00	2,724.00		300.00	12,676.00
Total Member Contributions	1,366.00	1,070.00	7,208.00	2,724.00		300.00	12,676.00
Other Income (in & out funds and income for designated purposes)							
	6/5/2022	6/12/2022	6/19/2022	6/26/2022		Direct Deposit	Total
Building Fund	35.00	2.00					37.00
One Great Hour of Sharing				150.00			150.00
Strengthen The Church		10.00		200.00			210.00
Endowment Fund	5.00						5.00
Break The Silence Sunday				150.00			150.00
Plastering Project				76.00			76.00
Total Other Income	40.00	12.00	0.00	576.00		0.00	628.00
Total Checking Deposit	1,406.00	1,090.00	7,208.00	3,300.00		300.00	13,304.00

St. John's United Church of Christ Financial Secretary's Report ~ JULY 2022

	7/3/2022	7/10/2022	7/17/2022	7/24/2022	7/31/2022	Direct Deposit	Total
Checking deposit	3,349.50	943.00	127.50	2,703.00	6546.00	300.00	13,969.00

Member Giving Towards Budget

	7/3/2022	7/10/2022	7/17/2022	7/24/2022	7/31/2022	Direct Deposit	Total
General Fund	1,849.50	886.00	122.50	2,582.00	1,476.00	300.00	7,216.00
Total Member Contributions	1,849.50	886.00	122.50	2,582.00	1,476.00	300.00	7,216.00

Other Income (in & out funds and income for designated purposes)

	7/3/2022	7/10/2022	7/17/2022	7/24/2022	7/31/2022	Direct Deposit	Total
Building Fund	60.00	2.00					62.00
Strengthen The Church	25.00						25.00
Reimbursement for UCC Conference from Tri-Jo	760.00						760.00
Ukraine Aid	25.00						25.00
Firefighters	110.00	55.00	5.00	121.00	60.00		351.00
Memorial Fund (Sunday School)	520.00						520.00
Plastering					5,000.00		5,000.00
School Supplies					10.00		10.00
Total Other Income	1,500.00	57.00	5.00	121.00	5,070.00		6,753.00

Total Checking Deposit	3,349.50	943.00	127.50	2,703.00	6546.00	300.00	13,969.00
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St. John's United Church of Christ Treasurer's Report ~ JUNE 2022

Building Fund	Beginning Balance	\$19,538.27
	Deposits	\$37.00
	Interest	\$0.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Ending Balance	\$19,575.27
Memorial Fund	Beginning Balance	\$9,685.47
	Deposits	\$0.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Ending Balance	\$9,685.47
	Organ Fund	Beginning Balance
Deposits		\$0.00
<u>Disbursements</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance		\$4,455.00
General Fund		Beginning Balance
	Interest	\$0.51
	Deposits	\$13,191.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>(\$7,449.62)</u>
	Ending Balance	\$34,704.33
	Boiler/Furnace Fund	Beginning Balance
Deposits		\$0.00
<u>Disbursements</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance		\$1,800.00
Stained Glass Fund		Beginning Balance
	Deposits	\$0.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	Ending Balance	\$35,000.00
	Plastering Fund	Beginning Balance
Deposits		\$76.00
<u>Disbursements</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance		\$2,480.00
Totals		Beginning Balance
	Deposits	\$13,304.00
	Interest	\$0.51
	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>(\$7,449.62)</u>
	Ending Balance	\$107,700.07

**We appreciate your continuing
to send contributions by mail
as you are able:
St. John's UCC
PO Box 264
Black Creek, WI 54106
If you have questions,
please be in touch with
Lizzie Tesch or Dallas Waterstradt**

YTD Membership Giving	\$61,114.50
YTD Expenses	(\$49,304.86)
Net Amount*	\$11,809.64

*** excludes contributions and
disbursements for special offerings**

St. John's United Church of Christ Treasurer's Report ~ JULY 2022

Building Fund	Beginning Balance	\$19,575.27
	Deposits	\$62.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	\$19,637.27

Memorial Fund	Beginning Balance	\$9,685.47
	Deposits	\$520.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	\$10,205.47

Organ Fund	Beginning Balance	\$4,455.00
	Deposits	\$0.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	\$4,455.00

General Fund	Beginning Balance	\$34,704.32
	Interest	\$0.53
	Deposits	\$7,276.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	(\$11,176.53)
	Ending Balance	\$30,804.32

Boiler/Furnace Fund	Beginning Balance	\$1,800.00
	Deposits	\$0.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	\$1,800.00

Stained Glass Fund	Beginning Balance	\$35,000.00
	Deposits	\$0.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	\$35,000.00

Plastering Fund	Beginning Balance	\$2,480.00
	Deposits	\$5,000.00
	<u>Disbursements</u>	\$0.00
	Ending Balance	\$7,480.00

YTD Membership Giving	\$68,330.50
YTD Expenses	(\$59,700.87)
Net Amount*	\$8,629.63
* excludes contributions and disbursements for special offerings	

Totals	Beginning Balance	\$107,700.06
	Deposits	\$12,858.00
	Interest	\$0.53
	<u>Disbursements</u>	(\$11,176.53)
	Ending Balance	\$109,382.06

Women's Guild Minutes ~ July 2022

The Women's Guild met on Wednesday July 6, 2022 at 1:30pm with 10 members present.

Our devotions leader was Donna Stucki. She led us in prayer, reminding us that our lives are important with hearts and eyes, keeping eyes focused and love in our hearts, and remembering that every person is special. As it was just a few days after the 4th of July, she shared the respect of our flag, a special celebration to all. She then shared a joke of all her problems, including our problems also ~ very cute.

The offering was taken and the business meeting was called to order by President Roberta Lorenz.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved with \$12,724.95 in the general fund and \$502.98 in the memorial fund.

- ♥ The Fall Feast is planned for Sunday October 2, 2022.
- ♥ A big thank you to all who worked and gave lots of time for the rummage sale. It was a great success with \$3,128.21 earned.
- ♥ A motion was made and seconded to purchase ten tables at \$106.79 each which will be easier to carry. The sale of the older ones is approved at \$50 each.
- ♥ July 31, 2022 is Jan Boman's retirement after the many years she played our beautiful music. Join us with her family for light refreshments after worship.
- ♥ The Guild will pay \$110.00 for each person going to camp in August 14-17, motion made, seconded, and approved.

Our next meeting will be on August 3, 2022 at 1:30pm with the annual planning for another year of activities. Please come and join us with lots of ideas.

We are in need of a president as Roberta Lorenz would like a rest. She will help the new president, and at our next meeting rules and ideas will be discussed.

We closed with the Lord's prayer in unison and were served a red, white & blue dessert by Audrey Hooyman-Blake, hostess.

Audrey Hooyman-Blake, secretary

Women's Guild Minutes ~ August 2022

The Women's Guild met on Wednesday August 3, 2022 at 1:30pm with 11 members present. This was our annual planning meeting for another year of activities.

President Roberta Lorenz called the meeting to order.

Pastor Moira opened with a prayer and scripture from Isaiah, and shared a newspaper article Steve Hanson found among his mother's things about Michelle Arnold.

We worked on the Guild Books with lots of changes. Pick up the new guild books and join us. The Treasurer's report was \$10,677.67 in the General Fund and \$502.98 in the Memorial Fund.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday September 7, 2022 at 1:30pm with devotions and program led by Pastor Moira and Donna Stucki serving as hostess.

Audrey Hooyman-Blake, secretary

Word of the Month Part Two ~ SCRIP

You've seen it on the calendar on the first Sunday of the month, but what is SCRIP? It's a program that helps you help the church while you do your regular shopping, eating out, traveling, and gift giving.

Working with Raise Right (which used to be called Great Lakes Scrip) we will be able to offer you gift cards for hundreds and hundreds of local & national retailers.

We've got gas cards, grocery store cards, hardware & home improvement stores, restaurants, coffee shops, and so much more. Pretty much if you can think of a place you would shop, we can get you a card.

You purchase the cards through the church, receiving full face value, and then the church receives a percentage back (anywhere from 2-15% depending on the retailer). SCRIP cards are a wonderful way to give gifts, and to use for your regular expenses. They also provide you some **privacy and protection since you won't have to use your bank cards at the gas pump, or when you're traveling.**

At the August Council meeting, we approved setting up a SCRIP program here at Black Creek. Our partners at Tri-Jo have had one for nearly ten years and have made more than \$5,000! Brandi Schomisch has agreed to be our coordinator and we are getting everything ready, hoping to be able to offer you SCRIP to order once a month (to start) in October.

Stay tuned for many more details & information!

September 2022

How to reach Pastor Moira: phone 715-851-3080
email pastormoira73@gmail.com

Pastor's In The Office
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
Please call/text to make sure

Sunday Schedule: Trinity ~ 8:45am Worship
Black Creek ~ 9am Christian Ed for all ages & 10:15 am Worship
Cecil ~ 4pm (beginning September 11th)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Key to locations: BC = St. John's Black Creek T = Trinity C = St. John's Cecil ALC = Ascension Lutheran </div>						
4 Communion TRI-JO SCIRP Cecil—7pm	5 <i>Happy Labor Day</i>	6	7 1:30pm BC Women's Guild 6:30pm BC Choir	8 5:30pm T Council	9 <i>Pastor Moira in Jefferson, WI for the day ~ available by phone</i>	10
11 BC Rally Day Cecil ~ 4pm Cecil Consistory	12	13 9am ALC Pantry board 2pm T Circle 6:30pm BC Council	14 6:30pm BC Choir	15	16	17
18 BC Worship & Music meeting after worship	19	20	21 5-7pm ALC Pantry 6:30pm BC Choir	22 9am C Closet work day <i>Pastor Moira in Door County ~ available by phone</i>	23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">BC Fall Feast Preordering</div>	24 9-11am ALC Pantry
25	26	27 Noon-3pm C Closet	28 6:30pm BC Choir	29	30	October 1 <i>BC Fall Feast Preparations</i>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">BC Fall Feast Preordering</div>						

Fall Feast 2022 ~ Sunday October 2nd

We need your help to make this another successful event!

We need the usual things (hams, milk, butter, flour, cranberries, onions, chickens, stuffing, MANY pies, and so much more)!

Donation lists & volunteer worker sign-up sheets will be available at church by Sunday September 4th!

They will also be sent out with the weekly worship emails

All donations are due at church by Friday September 30th

If you know what you'd like to donate, or how you'd be able to help please be in touch with Pastor Moira so we can get it written down!

To make a cash donation – please send contribution to the church clearly marked FALL FEAST EXPENSES

Also, here's an order form so you can ensure you get one (or 10) of our 250 fabulous meals!

Return them to Pastor Moira or the box at the front of the sanctuary!

St. John's U.C.C. Fall Feast Sunday October 2, 2022	
P.U. TIME <input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Noon <input type="checkbox"/> 12:30 <input type="checkbox"/> 1:00	NAME PHONE
Each dinner includes chicken, ham, mashed potato, stuffing, gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, cranberry sauce & dessert	
Meal #1: Meal #2: Meal #3: Meal #4: Meal #5: Meal #6: Meal #7: Meal #8:	<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Dark <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Dark
# of meals: _____ x \$10 = _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Paid (checks to St John's UCC Guild)	

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so you can cut out the fall feast order form on the other side!**

Scripture Readings

Sunday September 4, 2022

Communion

Labor Day Weekend

Deuteronomy 30.15-20

Psalm 1

Sermon ~ Choices

Sunday September 11, 2022

Rally Day

1 Timothy 1.12-17

Luke 15.1-10

Sunday September 18, 2022

Psalm 113

Luke 16.1-13

Sermon ~ That's Confusing

Sunday September 25, 2022

Psalm 146

Luke 16.19-31

Sermon ~ This Life & The Next

Sunday October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

Black Creek Fall Feast

Psalm 37.1-9

2 Timothy 1.1-14

Sermon ~ True Treasure

News From The Church Garden...



We had a meeting on Sunday August 21st after worship and took the next steps towards putting in the garden that will grow produce to give away through our area food pantries (Black Creek, Seymour & Navarino).

We are tentatively called “The Garden of Eatin’”, but we’ll take suggestions for another catchy name.

We are requesting the funds from the sale of the parsonage that were approved from the project (they’re in the endowment fund), and have diagrams, plans, and next steps posted on the white board near the gathering room. We will grow two kinds of beans, tomatoes, and strawberries in our first year!

The next steps are:

- ♥ Building permits from the village;
- ♥ Digger’s hotline marking of plot;
- ♥ Ordering equipment (it’s all on sale at the end of the season);
- ♥ Assembling the greenhouse and shed before the snow;
- ♥ Building fencing around the gardens (before the snow perhaps);
- ♥ Assembling the garden beds indoors during the winter;
- ♥ Starting seeds in the greenhouse during the late winter (February);

Stay tuned for more lots more information!

Questions? Want to help?

Talk to Pastor Moira

September
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"The purpose of this congregation is to be a faith community promoting the kingdom of God through worship, teaching, and action ... get ready!"

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Rally Day ~ Sunday September 11th

Join us at **9am** for classes for all ages:

Little's, Middle's, Youth & Adults

Plus coffee & conversation in the Gathering Room.

Worship at 10:15am & after worship join us for a meal

Christian Education is providing:

brats, hot dogs, chips, drinks & ice cream!

We need your help with sides, salads & desserts!

After lunch there will be games including

FAITH-INGO (like Bingo) and more!

Please join us! Questions?

Talk with Robin Schmidt or Pastor Moira

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