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THE PARISH VISITOR OCTOBER 2017

Dear Friends,

I'm not sure if I have had the pleasure of what is happening in our congregation, but it most certainly is exciting. Last December I baptized Easton Green, Jim and Amy Ashby's grandson. Then, this past August, I baptized the Lye family's second child. Since then, I have scheduled three more baptisms to take place between now and the end of November with the possibility of a fourth before the end of the year. That makes six infants baptized in a year's time.

These young families, some who have grown up in our church, and others who have moved to our community, are all looking for the same thing. They are looking for a church family to bring to their children what was given to them by their parents—a closer relationship with God and a place to grow their family among a community of faithful and loving friends in Christ.

I have begun having conversations with these families, and I am hopeful that we will soon be able to offer some wonderful new programs including a nursery and early childhood Sunday School class as well as junior youth group. We haven't had an active youth fellowship for some time now but in just a year's time, we now have the potential to grow one from the ground up.

One of my favorite parts of our worship service is the Children's Chat. Having all the little ones come down front is, for me very enjoyable, and always challenging. They most certainly keep me on my toes. We usually have anywhere from three to six children each week. I am looking forward to seeing that number grow in the near future.

Peace,
Pastor Bill



Sunday, October 1st is the first day of Sunday School!

School begins at 9am.

Join us and help the Teaching and Learning Ministry Group kick off the Sunday School year!



PIZZA NIGHT OCTOBER 6TH

Our Pizza Night with the Lifespring Women's Shelter is scheduled for Friday, October 6th beginning at 6 p.m. at the shelter. We are looking for donations of salad, soft drinks and desserts. If you would like to attend but would be more comfortable riding with someone, you can meet Rev. Riegler at the church at 5:15 p.m. He can accommodate up to four people. If you can provide any of the items needed and/or would like to ride along with Rev. Riegler, please contact him at 630-746-1782.

We are still looking for volunteers to sign-up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for Nursery, Flowers, and Coffee Hour. Volunteers are needed for all of these for the month of December.

Please prayerfully consider signing up for one or more.





The Hinckley Area Food Pantry (HAFP) serves the communities of Big Rock, Hinckley, Maple Park, and Waterman and provides food assistance to our neighbors in these communities.

Thank you for your support and donations to the Hinckley Area Food Pantry! The Hinckley Area Food Pantry wish list... kidney beans, chili beans, Ramen noodles, pasta sauce, canned pasta, macaroni, noodles, sugar, flour, Bisquick, baking supplies, canned meats, Jell-O, pudding, lunch box items (individual serving sizes fruit, desserts, chips, etc.), toilet paper, Kleenex, toothpaste, laundry soap, bath soap, condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, relish) and juice.

Do you wish to make a direct monetary donation to the Hinckley Area Food Pantry, without going through ECUCC? Their address is: Hinckley Area Food Pantry, PO Box 463, Hinckley IL 60520. They will send a tax donation letter to you at the end of the year, also:) They can actually buy MORE food with your donations through the Food Bank.



Women's Evening Fellowship

Women's Evening Fellowship will be having our annual Christmas party on Thursday, November 30th. This year it will be a luncheon at the Fireside Grille at 12:30 p.m. All ladies of the church are invited to join us. So please mark your calendars! There will be a sign up sheet on our board in Fellowship Hall. Money for the luncheon will be given to Mary Dalton, once we have the price information. That information will be posted on our board and in the November newsletter.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will continue as always on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10 am. For October, we will be meeting on October 4th and 18th

Fall is here and the kids are back in school — time to start planning for the church's **COOKIE WALK!!**

The date is Friday, Dec 8th from 6am-12noon.

Again this year, we'll have home baked cookies, sweet breads and candies to sell.

Please consider helping with this event by volunteering to help out on Thursday or Friday....and/or by baking for the sale.

So start looking through your recipes for your favorite ones or try-out a new cookie recipe. Contact me with any questions at either 331.248.0186 or SouthJLC@aol.com.

Jeri Covelli



Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, September 24th.

We would like to thank everyone that attended and participated in the meeting. We appreciated everyone's questions and input. The minutes of the meeting will be published in November's newsletter. If you have any questions at any time, please be sure to talk with the Pastor or an Executive Council member!

REV. RIEGLE TAKING SOME TIME OFF

Rev. Riegler will be taking the week of October 8-14 off. In his absence, Jim Ashby will fill the pulpit on Sunday, October 8. Also, Rev. Charlene Hinckley of St. Paul's UCC in Hinckley will be on call in case of a pastoral emergency. Rev. Hinckley's phone number is 630-746-2229.

Volunteers for October

Renee Robertson— Liturgist

October 1
Sunday School 9am
Worship 10:15am
Communion
Change Up Sundaes

Ushers: Mike Peters
Nursery: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up
Flowers: Wilma Philips
Coffee: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up

Lock-up: Youth
Communion Servers: Treasurers, Outreach and Operations



October 8
Sunday School
9am
Worship 10:15 am

Ushers: Larry and Mary Dalton
Nursery: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up
Flowers: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up
Coffee: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up

Lock-up: Moderator

October 15
Sunday
School/Bible Study
9am
Worship 10:15am

Ushers: Jim and Penny Dennin
Nursery: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up
Flowers: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up
Coffee: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up

Lock-up: Vice Moderator



October 22
Sunday
School/Bible Study
9am
Worship 10:15 am

Ushers: Larry and Gloria Goodin
Nursery: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up
Flowers: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up
Coffee: Drawz Family

Lock-up: Treasurers

October 29
Sunday School/
Bible Study 9am
Worship 10:15 am

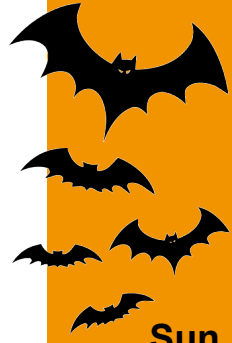
Ushers: Dave and Sandy Lay
Nursery: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up
Flowers: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up
Coffee: Volunteers are encouraged to sign up

Lock-up: Operations



Nick Ashby
Memorial
Collection

October 2017



Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1 Sunday School 9am Worship At 10:15</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3  10am to noon</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Sunday School 9am Worship At 10:15</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Willing Workers Meeting at 1pm at Mary Welton's home (address is 7S598 Mary St)</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Sunday School/Bible Study 9am Worship 10:15am</p>	<p>16 Executive Council Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>17  10am to noon</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Sunday School/Bible Study 9am Worship 10:15am</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 </p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Sunday School/Bible Study 9am Worship 10:15am</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				



BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME

The morning Bible Study will resume on Sunday, October 15th at 9 a.m. Even if you have not been attending, you are most welcome to join us as we continue our study. We will begin the next group of lessons with a brief overview of the lessons we have covered since the class began.



WILLING WORKERS

The next meeting of the Willing Workers will be Friday, October 13th at 1pm.

We will be meeting at the home of Mary Welton for an afternoon of music on the piano. Mary's home is at 75598 Mary Street.

Everyone is invited to join us!

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