PREVUES

THE MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - BELLEVUE KY

November 2016

Neighbors, Members, Regular Attendees, Friends and All

You are Invited to the

St. John United Church of Christ annual

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Sign up at the Welcome Table in the back of the Sanctuary to select the food dish you will bring. Or you may sign up by phone or email: Willie Tackett 859.468.8739 / willtackett@gmail.com or Bruce Horn 513.608.5331 / bbobbyh55@gmail.com.

The Church is located at 520 Fairfield Avenue, Bellevue, KY 41073

Sunday Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Pre-service Preparation Music begins at 10:20 a.m.

November Sermons

November 6th Keith M. Haithcock, "HOLD ON TO FAITH" – 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13
November 13th Keith M. Haithcock, "INFINITE POSSIBILITIES" – Isaiah 65.17-25
November 20th Keith M. Haithcock, "TOGETHER IN CHRIST" – Colossians 1.11-20
November 27th Keith M. Haithcock, "CALLED TO GIFT" –Matthew 24.36-44

- **Read** the lesson for the day.
- **Invite** a friend, neighbor, or family member to come with you.
- **Pray** for all who will attend, the pastor, and other leaders of worship.
- **Enhance** your experience, sit toward the front and invite someone to sit with you.

WEEKLY BIBLE ENCOUNTER

An encounter for Adults and Youth
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. Room 102

The purpose of the Weekly Bible Encounter is:
To encounter the Bible through prayer, reading, study, scholarship and inquisitive community.

Led by a team of clergy on a rotating schedule.
Invite a friend to come with you! Previous Bible knowledge or experience is not required.

Pastor's Newcomers' Open House

Tuesday November 8th | 7:00 p.m. | Pastor Keith's home, 15 Custis Ave, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075
Pastor Keith would like to invite everyone who is a newcomer at St. John within the past year to an Open House at his home. Please let us know you are coming by phone 859.261.2066 ext. 202, email Pastor@StJohnChurch.net, or on your Sunday Information Card.

Covenant Membership Class

Saturday, November 12th | 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Room 102 (Lunch at a restaurant on the Avenue)
If you have been attending for some time we invite you to participate in our upcoming class. Please register by contacting Debbie Cummings at office@stjohnchurch.net or 859.261.2066 ext. 202. Attending this class does not obligate you to become a member.

Items for *The e-Weekly* are due electronically on Mondays.
Items for the *Prevues*, monthly e-newsletter, are due on the 10th of the prior month.
Email items for *The e-Weekly* and *Prevues* to Prevues@StJohnChurch.net.
Requests for the Prayer List are due on Mondays. **Email to** PrayerList@StJohnChurch.net.
Editor: Keith M. Haithcock, Publication Assistant: Debbie Cummings

November 10th deadline for blurbs for the **December** "Prevues" newsletter.
Please submit to: Prevues@StJohnChurch.net

I appreciate all the prayers, thoughts, cards, condolences, encouraging words and the angel bird feeder given to me due to the recent passing of my sister Lois, and my husband's heart procedure.

Debbie Cummings, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor

Blessings to those who are celebrating this month!

November
- 1 Jeff Lowe
- 8 Mallory Fausz-Muddiman
- 10 Eileen Thornton
- 22 Carroll Berringer
- 24 Gil Fauber
- 28 Ed Ulsas
- 30 Jan Smith

November
- 1 Tom & Marlene Vossmeyer
- 9 Melissa Stephens & John Wilson

St. John Financial & Attendance for October (thru October 23rd)

Offering Total: $13,134
Worship Attendance Average: 69
Year-to-date Worship Attendance Average: 70

Recent Memorial Fund Gifts

In Memory of Theresa Reilly from Pat & Charles Giglia
In Memory of Bonnie Mauget from Rita Auteri, Carroll Berringer, Pat & Charles Giglia, Gregory Mathein and Deborah Reker

Sunday – Christmas Day
December 25th
Worship at 10:30 a.m.

An informal service of *Music and Message*
Bell Choir, special music, carols and Communion.

Celebrate Christmas on Christmas Day!

From the Corner

Thanksgiving

I'm glad Thanksgiving Day comes after Election Day. Therapists, counselors, mental health professionals and pastors, rabbis and other religious leaders are all taking a long deep breath due to this year's exceptionally stressful election process. The ballots have been counted, the commercials have ceased, and all angles of the year's election dramatics have hopefully come to an end. Now we move beyond the tension of debates and stolen yard signs and begin the real work of being and becoming a nation of "We the people."

I'm thankful for our nation and the freedom to pursue life, liberty and happiness, "unalienable rights" which the Declaration says have been given to all human beings by their Creator, and which governments are created to protect.

I'm thankful for our nation and the freedom of religion, where all people of faith may worship, pray and serve as their conscience and religious teachings lead them, and where people of no religion may live freely as well.

I am thankful for family and friends near and far, neighbors and residents, immigrants and aliens, all religions and races, people with whom I share convictions and opinions and those whose beliefs and principles are very different than mine.

I'm thankful for the basic needs of life: food, clean water, shelter, and clothes, and for the ability to share what I have with those who are in need; to live simply so that others may simply live.

I'm thankful for Mystery and sciences; the powerful graces of God and the resources of many forms of physics and psychological sciences that provide helpful technologies, medical techniques and knowledge that enables us to understand ourselves and creation, and offers us ways of survival and shalom.

I'm thankful for the great capacity to love and to receive love, to know and experience compassion and passion, to love my neighbor as I love myself.

I'm thankful to serve as pastor with the congregation of St. John United Church of Christ and for the people of Bellevue, Kentucky who seek to be loving, kind and neighborly.

I'm thankful!

From the Corner
is written by the
Rev. Keith M. Haithcock,
Pastor & Teacher of
St. John
United Church
of Christ
on the corner of
Fairfield and Ward Avenues.,
Bellevue, KY

Hurricane Matthew Appeal

Special disaster relief offering received in worship Sunday, October 23rd at 10:30a
St. John United Church of Christ
520 Fairfield Avenue
Bellevue, KY 41073
859.261.2066

All funds collected will go directly to the:

Disaster Response Appeal - Caribbean and USA
October 2016, "Hurricane Matthew"
Disaster Ministries
of the United Church of Christ (One Great Hour of Sharing) and
Christian Church/Disciples of Christ (Week of Compassion)

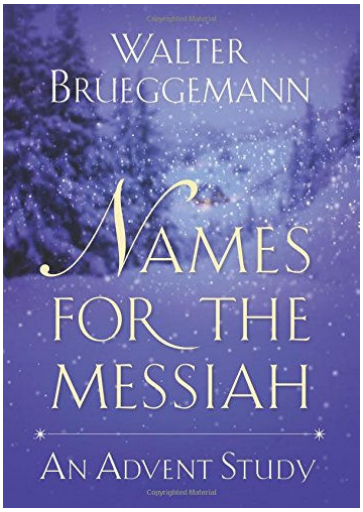
At this point money is the best way to help the relief efforts. If you are getting this notice after the Sunday, October 23rd offering you may give on line at:
http://www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_matthew_appeal

St. John
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Bellevue, Kentucky

Melissa Artopoeus, special mission offerings coordinator
Keith M. Haithcock, pastor and teacher

THE CHURCH ON THE AVENUE
ST. JOHN
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Order your book by November 6th!



2016 Advent Study

Names for the Messiah

by Walter Brueggeman

Self-led Study Groups for individuals, partners, and small groups during the four weeks of Advent, November 27th through December 18th, 2016.

Individuals, partners or small groups will form on their own and pick a day/time that works for them for each of the four weeks of Advent. *Names for the Messiah*, will be the text for the study. One chapter will be discussed each week. Each chapter provides questions and prayers. Partners and groups may meet in homes, coffee shops, or other locations. Individuals may also participate in the study on their own.

In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles – Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Christians have claimed that Jesus was the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. In this study, best seller author, Walter Brueggemann (United Church of Christ ordained minister and scholar), tackles the questions: What were these expectation? And Did Jesus fulfill them?

Information: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net or 859.261.2066, ext. 202.

Part of the 2016/17 Spiritual Growth Series at St. John Church

Order your book by November 6th
at the Welcome Table or online at https://stjohnchurch.net/pastors-book-club. Payment ($10) must accompany your book order. Make checks payable to *St. John United Church of Christ*. Mark memo: *"Advent Study"*.

Neighbors, Members, Regular Attendees, Friends and All

ARE INVITED TO

Kids Konnection

Sundays at 10:30a (grades 1st thru 5th)

Kids Konnection is a multi-age-level interactive class that meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month. Classes help kids learn about God's love and the Bible lessons about Jesus.

A criminal background check for leaders is required and two adults are always present in class. Contact Pastor@StJohnChurch.net or call 859.261.2066.

November Calendar

Tuesday, November 1
1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 202

Wednesday, November 2
7:47a Morning Prayer – Sanctuary
2:00p Friendship Center – LL100S
5:30p Illumination Youth Ministries Sr. High & Middle School dinner served- Christ Church 15 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.

Thursday, November 3
10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
1:00p Outreach Missions Group – Rm 102

Saturday, November 5
10:00a All-Church Yard Clean-up Day

Sunday, November 6
Advent Study book order due (see page 6)
8:45a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
10:30a Worship with Communion & sign interpretation, Sanctuary
Sermon: "HOLD ON TO FAITH"
2 Thessalonians 3.6-13
2:00p All-Church Yard Clean-up Day

Tuesday, November 8th
1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
4:30p Pastor-President meeting, Rm 101
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 202
7:00p Pastor's Newcomers' Open House – Pastor Keith's home
15 Custis Ave Ft. Thomas

Wednesday, November 9th
7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S

Thursday, November 10th
DEADLINE for November Prevues items
10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
3:00p Riverside Prayer Group, Rm 102
5:15p Youth Advisory Board, Christ Church, 15 St. Ft. Thomas Ave. Ft. Thomas KY

Saturday, November 12th
9:00a Covenant Membership Class – Rm 102

Sunday, November 13th
8:45a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
Sermon: "INFINITE POSSIBILITIES"
Isaiah 65.17-25
10:40a Kids Konnection, Rm 202

Tuesday, November 15th
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 202
1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101

Wednesday, November 16th
7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S
5:30p Illumination Youth Ministries "Meet Up" Sr. High only – Christ Church 15 S. Ft. Thomas Ave., Ft. Thomas KY

Thursday, November 17th
8:15a Staff Meeting – Rm 101
10:00a UCC Clergy Group, Church Parlor, Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
5:30p Strategic Leadership Council – Rm 102

Friday, November 18th
6:30p Happy Prayer Group – Rm 102

Saturday, November 19th
9:00a Choir special rehearsal

Sunday, November 20th
Nativity Scene set up
8:45a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
Sermon: "TOGETHER IN CHRIST"
Colossians 1.11-20
10:40a Kids Konnection, Rm 202

Tuesday, November 22nd
1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 202

Wednesday, November 23rd
7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S

Sunday, November 27th
8:45a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
10:30a Worship, Sanctuary
Sermon: "CALLED TO GIFT"
Isaiah 2.1-5, Matthew 24.36-44
10:40a Kids Konnection, Rm 202
12:00p Financial Snapshot Luncheon

Tuesday, November 29th
1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 202

Wednesday, November 30th
7:47a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
2:00p Friendship Center, LL100S

Thursday, December 1st
World AIDS Day
6:00p HIV testing and Information Tables – Truth & Destiny United Church of Christ 2645 W. North Bend Rd. Cinti.
7:00p Worship Service

Bell Ringers wanted!

The handbell choir is looking for a few new ringers. No experience necessary. We can teach you anything you need to know. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at 6:30, and we play during service on the 3rd Sunday off the month. For more information contact Stephanie Dalsfoist, sdalsfoist@gmail.com or 513-708-0246.

Sunday after Church Social

Immediately after worship
On select Sundays we offer a simple variety of refreshments. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve refreshments.

Table Setting Supplies are provided.

Be part of the team
Share your culinary abilities with your Church, something light and simple is best.
A reimbursement for food of up to $25 is offered if needed.

Sign Up Today
If you are interested in volunteering contact Bruce Horn at bbobbyh55@gmail.com or 513.608.5331 or sign up at the Welcome Table in the back of the worship space.

Friendship Center!

Open every Wednesday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall (lower level) at St. John United Church of Christ
Enter through the accessible door off the parking lot.

For adults and seniors Games, crafts, conversation, social time, basic computer training, music, guest speakers, etc. *Share your talents and expertise.* **For more information** Call 859.261.2066, ext. 206, and leave a message, or email OMG@StJohnChurch.net

Free Senior Meal & Social

The last Saturday of each month from 11:30a to 2:00p
Fellowship Hall (lower level) at St. John United Church of Christ
Enter through the accessible door off the parking lot.
Nutritious meals for senior adults.
Meet new friends, enjoy fun, laughter, games and more.
Serving seniors from all communities.
Invite a friend to come with you.
Reservations
Not required but helpful. Call 859.261.2066, ext. 206. Leave your name, phone, and size of your party.

Save the Dates

Coming Soon – Christmas Shoppe and Winter Rummage Sale!

Friday December 2nd from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. (with Bellevue First Friday promotions)
Saturday December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Church basement fellowship hall.

This year's Christmas Shoppe will be expanded to also include a section for a traditional rummage sale. In response to increased community demand, we are expanding the holiday and winter rummage sale experience. At least half of the sale will focus on quality Christmas decorations and gift ideas, whereas the other half will be our traditional seek and find of cheap treasures you didn't know you needed. Mark your calendar now so you do not miss this holiday shopping extravaganza.

Everyone can help prepare. We need your donations of Christmas themed items and general household items you are ready to part with. **Please bring your donations to the church basement any time AFTER the Thanksgiving potluck dinner Sunday November 20, but on or before Sunday November 27**. Set up and preparations begin during Thanksgiving weekend. We also need workers for the sale. Prior to the sale, this includes organizing, organizing, and more organizing, then pricing. During sale times this includes street side promoters and door greeters, floor staff and customer assistance, ongoing organizers, and baggers. On Saturday afternoon, a clean-up packing crew is needed. All together, we need about 20 volunteers from start to finish. Contact Dale Clark 513.673.4260 or dale@dsp.org with questions and/or to volunteer.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship at 9:00 p.m.

Preservice Music begins at 8:45 p.m.

On ***Saturday, December 24th*** at ***9:00 p.m.*** we will join together for the traditional Christmas Eve Service in the beauty of the St. John sanctuary. Plan now to arrange your schedule and invite your family, neighbors and friends to join you for a service full of traditional carol singing, special music with Choir, soloists and instrumentalist, a special time for children, the sermon by Pastor Keith, a heartwarming candlelight celebration, and Holy Communion as we welcome the Christ child.
A nursery provided for infants through five years.

Free Christmas Event!

Community Carol Sing
Bellevue Nativity Dedication

Friday, December 2, 2016 8:00 p.m.

HOSTED BY ST. JOHN
MUSICIANS AND GUEST VOCALISTS

St. John United Church of Christ
520 Fairfield Ave., Bellevue, KY

Visit the Christmas Shoppe
Lower level: Fri. Dec. 2nd 5:00p to 8:00p and Sat. Dec. 3rd 9:00a to 1:00p

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World AIDS Day
Thursday, December 1st

Truth & Destiny
United Church of Christ
2645 West North Bend Road, Cincinnati, OH

6:00p HIV testing & Information Fair
7:00p Worship Service

Please Join us for a Special Senior

Holiday Meal and Social
December 17th at 11:30 a.m.

For more information see Outreach Mission Group members:
Bob Epton, Carol Griffith, Bruce Horn, Steve Phillips, Willie Tackett or Eileen Thornton.
For reservations call: 859.261.2066 x 206
Meal is Free – Donations Accepted
St. John United Church of Christ 520 Fairfield Ave, Bellevue
Note: There will be no Senior Meal on November 26th or December 31st.

From the Community

NEXUS United Church of Christ
Celebrating 10 Years of Ministry

Friday, November 4th, 2016 7:00 p.m.
10th Anniversary Concert featuring Shawn Thomas

Sunday, November 6th, 2016
10th Anniversary Reception (2:30 p.m.) and Worship Service (3:00 p.m.)
East Butler YMCA
6645 Morris Road Hamilton, OH 45011
(513)-708-7803 PastorMike@NexusUCC.org

Order your wreath today!

Decorate with beautiful and great smelling wreaths while supporting your community at the same time. Proceeds go towards the care and beautification of Bellevue by offering home owner grants and planting and maintaining the pots, gardens and parks around town.

Place your order now!

Mixed Greens Wreaths

- Mixed Greens Wreaths are rich in appearance and tradition, made with noble fir accented with incense cedar, berried juniper and pine cones
- 24" Wreath $25; choice of red or burgundy bow

Local Delivery / Pickup

- Pickup will be on Wednesday, November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Callahan Center 322 Van Voast, Bellevue KY 41073 (rear of Bellevue City Building)
- Local delivery within Bellevue is available during that time as well

Orders

- Order online here
- Download the order form here to mail in with your payment: BNA-WreathSale-2016
- Cash and checks made out to BNA are accepted or credit card if ordering online
- Order deadline is November 22nd

St. John United Church of Christ is proud to provide outreach to the following organizations:

Illumination Youth Group

BRIGHTON CENTER
A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

Washington
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Cincinnati, Ohio

Our Church's Wider Mission
God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Durban, South Africa

Rubate Hospital - Kenya Africa

For more information contact us directly:

St. John United Church of Christ

520 Fairfield Avenue, Bellevue, KY. 41073 859.261.2066

Website - http://StJohnChurch.net Facebook.com/StJohnUCC

MINISTERS

The whole congregation

PASTOR

Keith M. Haithcock, Pastor & Teacher

(Typical Office Hours: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

– Always available by appointment – Pastor@StJohnChurch.net; phone extension 202

VOLUNTEER IN RESIDENCE CLERGY

Sue Jelinek, Chaplain in Residence; sue.jelinek@cchmc.org; 513.681.4631

PROFESSIONAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Steve Milloy, Keyboard Musician & Choir Director; smilloy738@aol.com

Debbie Cummings, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor

Office@StJohnChurch.net; phone extension 201

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Data@StJohnChurch.net

Alicia C. Taylor-Byers, Interim Illumination Youth Ministries Coordinator

aliciataylorbyers@hotmail.com 859.609.0814

Luis Hernandez, House Keeper

(Cleaning Hours: Fridays 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. & Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (SLC)

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Lonnie Fields, Member at Large flds7@aol.com 513.481.5917

Melissa Stephens, Member at Large Melissasuestephens@gmail.com - 859.802.2745

OUTREACH MISSIONS GROUP (OMG)

email: OMG@StJohnChurch.net

Our Vision

We are a source of **hope** and opportunity for people who need us.
The community **understands** us the way we understand ourselves.
Our ministry is open, accessible, and **inviting** in ways that encourage all members of the community to use their gifts in ministry.

Our Mission

Our caring congregation feeds the spiritual and physical needs of the community.