October 2018

PREVUES

The Monthly e-newsletter of St. John United Church of Christ

Bellevue, Kentucky

FALL CABARET

"My Favorite Things"

VARIETY SHOW & SUPPER

Saturday, October 6, 2018

Meal Served: 5 to 6p

Salad bar, spaghetti & meatballs, dessert, and beverage

Show Time: 6:30p

Musical entertainment: Songs about things that make us feel good!

Buy tickets at: www.StJohnChurch.net/VS or at the Sunday Welcome Table

Tickets: Adults - $20, children under 8 – free

Questions: VS@StJohnChurch.net or 859-261-2066 ext. 207

From the Corner

By Keith M. Haithcock, Pastor and Teacher

The word Credo means, I believe.

The Pension Boards United Church of Christ (UCC) launched the Credo program in the UCC in 2015, following in the footsteps of the pension organizations of the Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches, which have benefited from Credo for almost 20 years.

The Credo experience is anchored in a week-long seminar and includes a pre-seminar assessment and post-seminar resources so that participants can deepen their commitment to lifelong wellness. Credo is a holistic wellness benefit that offers clergy space and resources designed to provide opportunities to examine significant areas of their lives and discern prayerfully the future direction of their vocation as they respond to God's call in a lifelong process of practice and transformation.

Participants will be challenged to develop specific plans to enhance their lives.

How does Credo define wellness? Credo concentrates on four interrelated dimensions of wellness: Spiritual, Vocational, Financial, Psychological & Physical Health.

What happens at a Credo seminar? A holistic understanding of wellness is the cornerstone of the Credo process. Seminars include a carefully-crafted blend of learning opportunities and activities that support an experiential learning model. The design seeks to honor each person and recognizes that participants have different needs and learning styles.

As reported at our annual meeting, I will be attending Credo this fiscal year. The October 9-15 Credo in Pine Knoll Shores, NC has been cancelled due to damage at the Trinity Center. I will re-register for the May 14-20 Credo in Richmond, VA. Let's continue our support for the victims of Hurricane Florence.

I am grateful for the support of the Strategic Leadership Council and the Pastoral Relations Committee. I ask for the prayers of the whole congregation as I attend this learning and retooling conference. The pre-seminar materials have already challenged me as I prepare.

Our Pension Boards UCC have made this opportunity possible. Not only do they cover the expenses of lodging, food, and transportation, they have also given me a $500 scholarship to cover my registration fee. Thus, having no fiscal impact on our already challenged budget. I am truly grateful that our Pension Boards cares about our clergy and provide this financial support for a time to enhance my vocation.

To know more about Credo visit: https://www.pbucc.org/index.php/credo

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Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9a to 4p.

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Worship in October @ 10:30a

Pre-service music begins at 10:20a

Reflections and Reading:

October 7: World Communion Sunday *"Feasting at the Welcome Table"* -John 6.51-58
October 14: Access Sunday *"God Knows Me!"* -Psalm 139.1-18
October 21: Laity Sunday *"Great Service"* -Mark 10.35-45
October 28: *"What Do You Want Me to Do for You?"* -Mark 10.46-52
All Saints Necrology

Prepare for Sunday Worship by:
Reading the lesson for the day.
Inviting a friend, neighbor, or family member to come with you.
Praying for all who will attend, the pastor, and other leaders of worship.
Enhancing your experience, sit toward the front and invite someone to sit with you.

Bible Study

Weekly Bible Encounter

For Youth & Adults
Sundays at 9a - Room 102

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

Previous Bible knowledge or experience is not required. Bibles are available.
Attend when you are able.

Face it, most of us would not read the Bible at all if we didn't have a plan. Here is your plan!
Invite a friend to come with you!

Morning Prayer

Wednesdays at 8a
In the Sanctuary

Start your day with 30-minutes of prayer
Scripture
Silence
Intercession

Enter thru the accessible door off the parking lot

Neighbors in Need Offering – October 7, 2018

This offering supports the United Church of Christ (UCC) ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC 's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Our National Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbor in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), historically forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nekota, Mandan, Hidarsa, Arikara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban multi-tribal UCC in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the United States.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED helps make a JUST WORLD for ALL POSSIBLE. For this to occur it needs your support. The goal for St. John is $900. We can meet this goal by giving $15 or more on World Communion Sunday, October 7.

Melissa Artopoeus and Pastor Keith Haithcock, UCC Mission Offerings Coordinators

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NOVEMBER ITEMS DUE OCTOBER 10TH
Email your submissions to: Prevues@StJohnChurch.net.
All repeat submissions should be revised.
Requests for the Prayer List are due on Mondays. Email to PrayerList@StJohnChurch.net.
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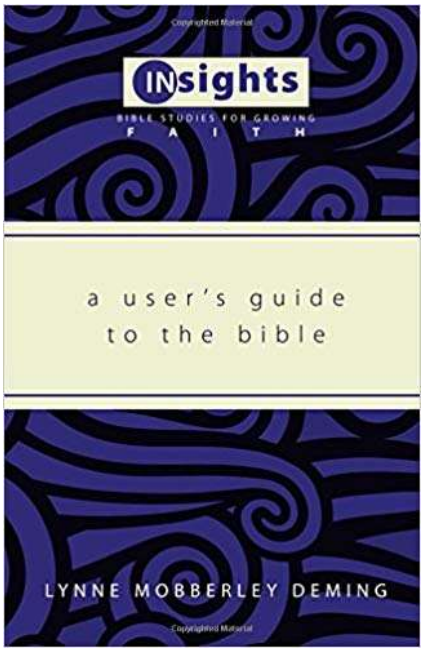
Walk to End Hunger – One Step at a Time

Sunday, October 7th, starting at St. John's UCC Newport. Registration will start at 1p with the walk starting at 2p. Your support is both needed and welcome. Contact Rev. Russ Kimmerly revruss2@yahoo.com 513.202.0128 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!



One Session Study Bible 101 session #1

A User's Guide to the Bible

One 4-hour session
Saturday, October 27, 2018
9:30a to 2p, Room 102
Bring a bag lunch

A practical introduction to the bible for adults and youth. In this study you will learn about how the Bible came into being, its contents, date, and authorship of each biblical book, be introduced to some basic Bible study tools, and learn how to use them.

Previous Bible knowledge or experience is not required. Bibles are available.

Register by October 21, 2018 by calling 859.261.2066, ext. 202; emailing: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net; signing up at the Welcome Table; or using your Sunday Information Card.

At least 7 registrants are required for session to take place.
Books are provided - Return at the end of the session.

Registrants are encouraged to view these youtube videos prior to class:
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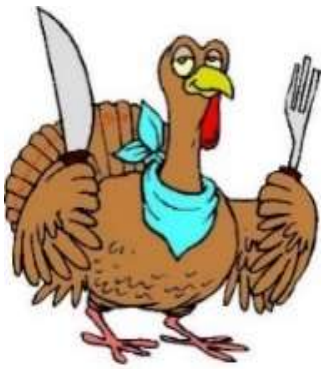
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cC8YD1bZ0ll



Sunday, November 18th – Following worship
Fellowship Hall (LL100)
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Hurricane Florence Relief

To send financial support on line go to:
http://www.ucc.org/hurricanes_2018_ucc_response,
or mail to:
Attention: Financial Services
United Church of Christ
700 Prospect Ave. 6th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115
Please write "2018 Hurricane Relief" in the memo line.

Illumination Youth Ministries Updates

They say that the best way to make God laugh is to share your plans. Illumination planned to celebrate the end of summer on September 5 with a last hurrah of water balloons and outdoor fun. We were instead met with some pretty torrential rain. A trip to KFC was just the thing! We shared a meal and laughter together before heading back in time to catch a break in the rain. Our water balloons did not go to waste. :)

Our fall scripture is taken from Psalm 119:66--
"Teach me knowledge and good judgement, for I trust your commands."

Wednesday, October 3rd - 5:30-7:30 pm at First Christian Church (1031 Alexandria Pike, Fort Thomas): Let's come together to gather supplies for homeless shelters. We will also plan to assemble some go-packs. Talk to your churches and friends--let's gather socks, toothbrushes/toothpaste, deodorant, granola bars/cracker packs, and water bottles. Hand sanitizer and feminine hygiene products are always needed, too!

We will NOT meet on October 16. Instead, please hold Friday, October 19 for Fall fun. We'll plan to visit a pumpkin patch and corn maze.

Illumination Youth Ministry is a shared ministry of St. John UCC-Bellevue, Christ Church UCC-Fort Thomas, and First Christian Church-Fort Thomas. Middle School and High School Youth (Grades 6-12) are invited and encouraged to attend. Our regularly scheduled meetings are on the first Wednesday and third Tuesday of each month. Friends are always welcome—we just ask that everyone sign in for meetings with appropriate emergency contact information.

For more information, please contact the Illumination Youth Director: Melanie Sorrell
Call or text: 859.468.8076, Email: melaniemcb@gmail.com

Recent Memorial Fund Gifts

In memory of Kenny Turner from Virginia Turner

St. John Financials & Attendance Information (through September 23)

September 2018 Offering Total: $11,007 Worship Attendance Average: 65

Blessings to those who are celebrating this month!

October Birthdays

5 Stan Bowling
Mitch Leigh
9 Donna Hoffman
18 Mike Delaney
24 Glenn Anderson
25 Tim Dutey
26 Troy Layton
Sally Sipperley
29 Steve Howes

October Anniversaries

1 Troy Layton & Robert Portlock
3 Anne Marie Jansen & Jackie Conley
4 Dean & Carol Griffith
6 Marc Bruin & Mark Behnke

Pastor's Discretionary Assistance Fund

-Helping those in need-

September Update

The Rev. Keith M. Haithcock

6 Kroger Cards for food were distributed.
40 Blessing Bags (individual-meals) were distributed.
6 households were served by PDAF.

Your over-and-above gift to the PDAF will go to those in our congregation and community who need food, housing, utilities and amenities.

Around the Table Luncheons

A new ministry to serve community needs through developing spiritual relationships

The Strategic Leadership Council (SLC) has approved the proposal for a new ministry with hopes of strengthening the Church, building spiritual relationships, and impacting our growth and mission in our local communities. It's called Around the Table Luncheons.

This new ministry is based on the premise that when we share relationship with one another in the Church we are more likely to live out the Church's mission together. When we know others in the Church by face or limited acquaintance we are less likely to engage in the Church beyond attending worship services. By adding a monthly luncheon option, St. John congregants, and everyone we invite, will have the opportunity to meet new friends, get to know each other, discover common interests, engage in conversations, and establish relationships.

AROUND *the* TABLE

Sitting around the table is only the beginning. When we eat together we begin to know each other and make friends. Out of those friendships come a willingness and motivation to work together. The opposite is true also. When we invite and include others from the Church and outside of the Church to work with us in serving the needs of the communities, we become connected at a deeper level; having a human impact on the needs in our communities and meeting the people behind those needs. Around the Table luncheons has the potential of widening our welcome, expanding our invitation, and acting out our mission while growing the Church.

So, either way, eating together and working together, it's all about welcoming, inviting, and including everyone, not only around the table, but around faith, friendship, and care for our neighbors.

Also, Around the Table luncheons are luncheons that impact our communities thru *Center Table Catering*, a fully licensed service with the State of Kentucky and the Health Department. Not only does contracting *Center Table Catering* allow us to be around the table to enjoy a meal, conversation, and new friends, by attending a luncheon after worship on Sundays at St. John Church we are supporting recovery efforts and culinary arts training programs for women with addiction.
Transforming lives right in our own neighborhood. About 43% of the women in Phase II of Brighton Recovery Center seek employment in the food service industry. *Center Table Catering* is here to insure their careers in the industry are long and successful.

CENTER TABLE
Catering with a Purpose

Learn More Here: http://www.centertable.com

Center Table, *Catering with a Purpose* is a social enterprise catering company that uses fresh, house-grown, seasonal ingredients to create delicious food for all occasions.

Luncheons are scheduled to begin in January 2019. Cherie Draper, Around the Table Co-director, is looking for people to help briefly before and after each luncheon with: beverage set up, ticket taking, food presentation, clearing tables, etc. If you are willing to help contact: Cheriedraper@rocketmail.com or 425.971.4703.

Watch for more info like: menus, cost, why we contracted a caterer, etc., in future *Prevues* articles.

October 2018 Calendar

Tuesday, October 2
- 1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
- 6:30p Cub Scouts, Rm LL100
- 6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 203

Wednesday, October 3
- 8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
- 2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S
- 5:30p Illumination Youth Ministries
  First Christian, Ft. Thomas

Thursday, October 4
- 10:00a UCC Clergy Group
  Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
- 7:00p Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203

Saturday, October 6
- 5:00p Fall Cabaret, LL100

Sunday, October 7
- 9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
- 9:30a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
- 10:30a Sunday Worship with Communion & Sign Interpretation, Sanctuary
- 1:00p CROP Walk registration, St. John's Newport

Tuesday, October 9
- 1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
- 6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 203

Wednesday, October 10

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- 8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
- 2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S

Thursday, October 11
- 10:00a UCC Clergy Group
  Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas

Sunday, October 14
- 8:45a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
- 9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
- 10:30a Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
- 2:00p Private Party, LL100 & Kitchen

Tuesday, October 16
- 1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
- 5:30p Illumination Youth Ministries
  Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
- 6:30p Cub Scouts, LL100
- 6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 203

Wednesday, October 17
- 8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
- 2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S

Thursday, October 18
- 8:30a Staff Meeting, Rm 101
- 10:00a UCC Clergy Group
  Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
- 4:30p Youth Advisory Board
  Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas

Sunday, October 21
- 8:45a Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
- 9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
- 10:30a Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 23
- 1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
- 6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 203

Wednesday, October 24
- 8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
- 2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S

Thursday, October 25
- 10:00a UCC Clergy Group
  Christ Church, 15 S. Ft. Thomas
- 6:00p Strategic Leadership Council, Rm 102

Saturday, October 27
- 9:30a Bible 101 Session #1, Rm 102
- 11:30a Free Senior Meal, LL100

Sunday, October 28
- 9:00a Weekly Bible Encounter Class, Rm 102
- 10:30a Sunday Worship, Sanctuary
  (All Saints Necrology)

Tuesday, October 30
- 1:30p Staff Meeting, Rm 101
- 6:30p Cub Scouts, LL100
- 6:30p Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 203

Wednesday, October 31
- 8:00a Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
- 2:00p Friendship Center, Rm LL100S

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Illumination Youth Group

BRIGHTON CENTER
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Cincinnati, Ohio

Our Church's Wider Mission
God is still speaking,
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