

# OCTOBER, 2009

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## **The Church of the Future - Sermon Series**

On the last Sunday in September we will be beginning a sermon series on "The Church of the Future". Alva and I don't claim to have crystal balls that we can use to see exactly what lies ahead. However, there is a great deal of information - in combination with our own views and a lot of questions for us to struggle with - as to what might lie ahead for St. James UCC, for the United Church of Christ, for the Christian Church as a whole. How is God calling us to be the church as we walk into God's Future for us?

The topics will be as follows:  
September 26/27 - Who Will We Worship?  
October 3/4 - How Will We Worship?  
October 17/18 - The Challenge of Meaninglessness  
October 24/25 - The Challenge of Faith  
October 31/November 1 - The Challenge of Community  
November 7/8 - The Challenge of Evangelism  
November 15 - The Challenge of Stewardship

Join us for this series as we probe God's call to us. Please join us for meaningful conversation after the service with coffee and discussion.

## **Worldwide Communion Sunday**

Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> is Worldwide Communion Sunday. This is a special day as we celebrate The Lord's Supper with Christians all over the world. Once again we're reminded that it's not about just the United Church of Christ or Christians in the US, but rather that we are part of a faith that includes people of every background, every race, and who are in every single country in the world.

Join with us as we celebrate together in one of the most sacred ways of all.

Rev. Bob

## **Fall Kick Off Luau**

What a worshipful and fun day! Thank you to our youth for handing out the leis and greeting with Aloha. Our worship service was meaningful and uplifting. A delicious lunch of pulled pork, coleslaw and macaroni salad topped it off with ice cream sundaes. A strolling musician, bounce house, fellowship made the day complete Thank you for all who made the day!

Pastor Alva

## **Heifer Fair**

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> following worship there will be a Heifer Fair in the Assembly Hall. Please plan to join us as the children of the Church School Program present their annual Fair to raise funds for Heifer International. Everyone will have a chance to support this mission project as the children raise funds for their projects. Each class has picked the animals they would like to sponsor and are busy planning some exciting things for the fair. Remember to come to church and check out what is happening at the Heifer Fair. The Sr. High Class will be sponsoring "Milk Menagerie" which will include Heifer's. They will be serving LUNCH in conjunction with the Heifer Fair to raise funds for this mission project. Please plan to attend and help support their efforts by buying lunch.

## **Character Council of Hamburg**

### **Patience vs. Restlessness**

Patience is accepting a difficult situation without giving a deadline to remove it.

### **Cluster Pulpit Exchange**

For well over 30 years we have been part of the Southtowns Cluster of UCC Churches. This is a group of five churches that includes Faith UCC, Boston; St. James UCC, Hamburg; St. John's UCC, Eden; First Congregational UCC, Angola; and Trinity UCC, Gowanda. Over the years we have shared together (and continue to share together) in many ways. One of the ways we can get to know each other better is through Pulpit Exchanges.

On Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> we will have a Southtowns Cluster Pulpit Exchange. Rev. Bonnie Bates (Faith UCC, Boston) will be preaching here at St. James, and Rev. Bob Matlack will be preaching at Trinity UCC, Gowanda.

Please be a part of this special opportunity to get to know better one of our neighboring pastors!

### **Board of Christian Education**

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7 p.m. in the Resource Room.

### **Youth Board**

The next meeting of the Youth Board will be Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

Please remember to support our Youth in their fund raising efforts. We sell candy, accept cans and bottles for recycling, newspapers and clothing in the appropriate boxes.

### **Sewing Mission**

The October meeting of Women's Sewing Mission will be Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Hall.

Come and join us and bring your lunch. Dessert will be provided by Helen Marcus.

### **Servers**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at a local restaurant. Check the bulletin for the location.

#### **DON'T FORGET!!!**

**Our soup sale is October 10th from 11:30 to 2:30 or until we are sold out.**

The choices are

- beef vegetable,
- chicken noodle,
- ham & bean,
- broccoli cheese, and
- chili.

If you eat in you will have soup, bread and a delicious dessert. Lunch for Adults will be \$5.00 with children 12 and under \$3.00.

We will also have baked goods, knives and dishcloths for sale

To everyone who has made a donation, lended a hand, placed an order or plans to attend.....Servers thanks you!!!

### **FLU CLINIC**

Thursday, October 1, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the clinic will again be administering flu and pneumonia shots. There is no appointment necessary. Walk-ins are welcome. Insurances which will be accepted are: Medicare Part B, Independent Health, Univera and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. This is an easy way to get your flu and pneumonia shots. If you have no insurance, flu shots will be \$30.00 and pneumonia shots will be \$45.00.

### **JUST A NOTE:**

A note to parents and church members - if you are willing to donate your time and talents to help with the youth program please stop and speak to Karen Reinagel. You can help with anything from volunteering to running a youth activity to chaperoning an event or provide transportation to events.

### **NAME TAGS**

Name Tags create a welcoming environment for all. To create a welcoming environment for all who enter our church, all folks should have the opportunity to greet each other by name, regardless of whether they have attended St. James for multiple decades or for the first time today. In this spirit of fellowship, Casting Your Nets has invested in permanent name tags and encourages everyone to wear them at every service.

We will have greeters to hand out name tags at both entrances to the Sanctuary and ask that you continue to wear your name tag until you are ready to leave the building. There will be baskets to return your name tag at both Sanctuary exits as well as in the Horton Lounge and at the door to the parking lot.

### **Members Needed:**

Our Long Range Planning Committee is looking for a few good people to help plan where our church is headed in the future. If you have an interest, please contact any Council member or the church office and we will let you know when our next meeting is scheduled.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Welcome Back to all singers and instrumentalists!

I hope you will find a place in the Music Ministry for your gifts, helping the children, on a Sunday morning, or joining the Chancel Choir.

Cherubs have begun working on Scripture songs at Wednesday rehearsals. This project includes activities to take home as well.

Youth and teens have several new songs and they will be singing along with the cherubs on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Chancel Choir is in full swing and welcomes interested singers each Sunday at 11 a.m. for rehearsal and 9:15 for worship warmup.

### **October Rehearsal Schedule**

Wed., October 7, 14, 21, 18  
Cherubs 7 p.m.  
Youth/Teens 7:30 p.m.

Cherubs and Youth sing for worship, Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Sunday**

9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir  
Warmup, October 11, 18, 25  
11:00 a.m. rehearsal, October  
4, 11, 18 and 25

Please join us for a few.

Christina Shrewsbury  
Music Director

### **Walk-A-Thon Thank You**

Thank you to everyone that supported the Dunkirk Walk A Thon

### **A Note from the Office:**

Please notify the office in the event your address changes. We have been getting returns on mail. We are charged for returns, so would like to save that expense.

Thank you, Patty Jensen

## **CROP WALK OCTOBER 18th**

You can make a difference! You can help feed hungry people, stock food pantries, provide disaster relief, provide tools, and help shelter refugees. One-quarter of all the dollars raised in the CROP Walk will return to communities in WNY for local hunger programs. CROP walks help to support food pantries, Meals on Wheels, meal sites and Food For All in WNY

Mark your calendar and sponsor a walker, or become a walker yourself. Pledge information is posted on the CE Board. Remember if you walk to turn in your collected donations to the church office. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 1 p.m.. The walk begins at Memorial Park, Union and Lake Streets, Hamburg. If you cannot join us, please show support for this cause by making a pledge to someone who is walking or call Tom at 649-4413 Ext. 237 to make a contribution.

The Youth House will be open for Middle and Senior High Youth to help man the house as a Rest Stop for the CROP Walk from noon to 2:00 p.m.

For the past couple of years our Church school children have been holding their own CROP Walk on the same Sunday as the Community CROP Walk. This year they have decided to wait until Spring of 2010 to hold a church school CROP Walk. More information will be posted in the Spring.

## **KATHERINE MARY HOUSE NEEDS**

As most of you know, the Katherine Mary House is a shelter for battered women in our Southtowns area. St. James has supported the shelter since it's beginning.

We have learned of their need for paper products, diapers, and light bulbs. We would like to set the month of October for St. James members to donate any of these items and others that you may have to share. There will be boxes set up for these donations outside the church office.

Also we learned they are in need of women's clothing and children's clothing if you have anything you may want to get rid of and need a place to give them.

Thanks from your Social Concerns Committee

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study**

Once again our 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be receiving a copy of the Good News Bible. The children will be studying with Pastor Alva in preparation to receive their Bibles this Fall during worship service. This is a special time in the life of the children; they are now old enough to be able to read and have a better understanding of what has been written within the covers of this special book.

If you have a child in Fourth Grade, be on the lookout for a letter explaining the details of the Bible study and the presentation. If you have any question please feel free to speak to Karen Reinagel.

## **SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER**

A number of church families are self-employed and we urge members to support them in their work. We are again trying to make a comprehensive list so please call the office to add your name or business to the list.

Carole Lee Rubeck, Assoc.  
Broker, Hunt Real Estate  
716-743-5163  
[www.RubeckResults.com](http://www.RubeckResults.com)

Thad Kosmowski  
"Man About The House"  
Repairs, remodeling and, custom  
cupolas  
716-861-8227

Melissa Reinagel  
Outdoor Adventures, LLC  
866-407-3742

Peter Reinagel  
General Home Repairs  
716-648-3934

## **WISH LIST FROM CHRISTIAN ED:**

1. A gas grill in good-to-excellent condition for grilling for church events.
2. Folks interested in working with the Middle & Senior High Youth Program.
3. Teachers for the Senior High Class that are willing to make a commitment of a week or two.

## **Family Night**

Our next Family Night Is Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m Please remember to sign-up if you are planning to attend. When you sign-up, please indicate wether you are willing to stay and help clean up following the event, and also indicate if you are willing to bring a dessert. If you have a special activity you would like to lead to entertain the children be sure to let Karen know. Karen is always looking for suggestions and help. Remember sign-up, help if you can, and remember to attend. This night is for you and you can make it what you want! Talk to Karen if you have questions or ideas.

## **WESTERN AREA FALL MEETING AT ST. JAMES**

St. James will be hosting Western Area on November 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday afternoon. Registration is at 2 p.m., Worship is at 2:30 with a business meeting, elections, and installations. The meeting will be followed by a reception honoring Rev. David Felton's retirement. Hopefully, we will meet our new interim Conference Minister Rev. Dr. Rita Root.

We will need a few volunteers to help with guiding visitors through our building and with dinner to follow the meeting. Please speak with Alva if you are available for a few hours that day.

## **Youth Calendar of Events is coming soon!**

If you are a member of our Youth program you will be mailed a calendar of our yearly events for 2009-2010. If you do not receive one by mid October please let Karen know and she will have one sent to you.

## **Upcoming Youth Events to mark on your calendars**

**WAY Retreat** - Be on the lookout for information for the Fall WAY retreat sometime in November. Information will be posted on the Youth Bulletin Board. in the weekly bulletin or at Youth Group Meetings.

**Annual Halloween Party for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Under** - Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> during Church School. All children are invited, and encouraged to invite a friend, to attend this annual event. Please come to church in costume and remember to sign-up so we know how many to plan for. Also indicate on the sign-up sheet if you are willing to donate anything for the party. The party will conclude in the Assembly Hall with a parade of costumes during coffee hour. The party will include LUNCH during coffee hour. Everyone is invited to attend this event. Interested in helping? Speak to Karen Reinagel.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

Oct. 4	Instant Potatoes
Oct. 11	Noodles & Macaroni
Oct. 18	Paper Products
Oct. 25	Jello & Pudding Mixes

## **DUNKIRK CONFERENCE CENTER**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Halloween Happening!**

The date this year is October 24<sup>th</sup>. Last year over 300 people from the community attended this event. The conference center is hoping to increase that number this year. There will be many activities and area Youth Groups are planning on lending a hand to get Dunkirk in the Halloween Mood. There will be games, music costumes, a hay ride etc. Check out the Dunkirk website [www.dunkirkcc.org](http://www.dunkirkcc.org) for more information.

The St. James Senior High Youth Group will be attending this event. Check the bulletin board for details.

### **PAULA PFISTER PIE AUCTION**

Don't forget to mark your calendar. The Paula Pfister Pie Auction is coming on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. It's not too early to check over your recipes, dust off your rolling pin and think about what you'd like to bake and donate to this worthwhile event.

### **PRAISE BAND!**

St. James is starting it's own Praise Band. We are looking for anyone eager to help create a different sound for our church. We will be meeting once a week to rehearse on a day and time to be announced. The band will be participating during the worship service occasionally.

Please contact Philip Reinagel for more details at 604-5235 or email at [rein1420@yahoo.com](mailto:rein1420@yahoo.com)

Come be part of something new and exciting!

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Our 2009 National Collection Week is November 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. This means all shoe box donations must be turned in by Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> in order for them to be delivered by the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Karen is looking for a person who is willing to take on the responsibilities of Operation Christmas Child Mission Project. Please speak to Karen Reinagel if you are willing to oversee this project.

### **Christmas Pageant**

Mark these dates on your calendar. Pageant rehearsal will be Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Pageant Sunday, will be December 20<sup>th</sup> during worship.

### **A Community Note:**

Many folks have seen the Erie County Senior Stay-Fit Dining menus outside the office. These are delicious meals including dessert. The director of the program is Susan Radke.

Every senior in Hamburg may take part in this program. The meals are \$2.50 each and are served at the Sowles Road Senior Center at 11:30 each day. You must make reservations the Wednesday before you want to attend. You may of course pick all days for the month.

If you come to the gym, why not stay for lunch on those days? It's worth it. The folks are very nice and the price is right.

For more information, you may call them at 646-0096 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or visit online at: [www.erie.gov/stayfit](http://www.erie.gov/stayfit)

### **THANKS!!!**

Many thanks to all who prepared the Luau and the delightful and talented roving musician. Also thanks to all who have been so thoughtful and helpful to me personally. It's great to be back and be with my church family.

Ruth Rathman

Thanks St. James Bible School for the spider plant. My granddaughter Dawn gave it to me on Grandparents Day at Eden Heights. Also thanks to Alva for her visits.

God Bless, Flossie Rubeck

Thank you Horst and Don for all the church repairs, painting and anything that needs to be done.

Thanks to both of the David Banks for mowing and trimming the lawns.

Thanks to all the ladies that have made prayer shawls. Our prayer shawls are available to anyone that needs one so if you know someone in the hospital, nursing home, a young mother or a baby, just stop by the office and pick one up.

Thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped to make the Fall Kick-off & Luau for the Fall Opening of Church School a great success! A special thank you to our ice scoopers and to everyone who helped in the kitchen. Your help and dedication is appreciated. Karen Reinagel

Thank you to everyone that delivered a plant and card to our Sick & Shut In's. It was a tremendous help and I know the people receiving the plant and card were very grateful

Karen Reinagel.



