

The St. James Connector

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Worldwide Communion

Sunday

We will observe Worldwide Communion Sunday on Sunday October 3rd. 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 all people from every background, every race, and who live and worship 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

Remember To Use The Lifts

Recently our elevator was out of order on Sunday. Our lifts were still working and yet we discovered many folks wouldn't use them for various reasons.

Please make use of the lifts when you need to. Check with anyone in the office or ask a pastor. We are always happy to help those who haven't used the lifts before and need help.

Stewardship

Hello all! I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful summer. This is just to let you know that Commitment Sunday will be November 21, 2010. Look for a pledge card in your mail soon. For those who might not be in town on November 21st, please feel free to send your pledges earlier by mailing them to the church office or placing it in the offering plate.

As this time is close to Thanksgiving, we should all reflect on what St. James means to us and how we decide to contribute to preserve the wonderful services we receive as a congregation.

Yours In Christ,
Paul Hoock,
Stewardship Chair



Thank you for wearing your name tags. It helps create a welcoming environment for all who enter our church and helps us to greet one another by name

New Director of Music

Since late June our Music Search Committee has been hard at work, looking for a new Director of Music. We are pleased to announce that the search has resulted in hiring Ciaran Krueger to direct all of our choirs.

At his interview, Ciaran received rave reviews - from our youth as well as our adult choir members. He has a Masters in Music Performance: Choral Conducting, currently is a Music Teacher for Youth Pre-Kindergarten to Eighth Grade at St. Joseph University School and Annunciation School.

He also has been a Music Director with Creative Allusions Productions and is a Vocal director with Opera-Lytes.

We are pleased and excited to have someone of his expertise and ability to work with people of all ages directing our choirs.

We are also continuing to search for an Accompanist to work with Ciaran - and hope to have more news on that search in the very near future - a future that's gotten a lot brighter since Ciaran has

agreed to be part of our staff.
Rev. Bob

Cluster Pulpit Exchange

For well over 30 years we have been part of the Southtowns Cluster of UCC Churches, 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 10th we will have a Southtowns Cluster Pulpit Exchange. Rev. Sue Hodges (Trinity UCC, Gowanda) will be preaching here at St. James, and Rev. Bob Matlack will be preaching at Trinity UCC, Gowanda. Pastor Alva will be serving as liturgist with Pastor Sue. Please be a part of this special opportunity to get to know better one of our neighboring pastors!



SOUP SALE

The soup sale will be held on October 9th, from 11:30 until all soup is sold out. Pre-orders will be taken. You can order a quart of soup for \$5.00 on the sign-up sheet across from the lounge or call the office by Oct. 4th.

You may eat in for \$5.00. Lunch will be a bowl of soup, bread, dessert and beverage. We have five soups to choose

from: vegetable beef, chicken noodle, broccoli cheese, and chili. Please come and enjoy a lovely fall luncheon and invite a friend.

Women's Sewing Mission

Our October meeting will be Tuesday, October 12th. We meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Hall. Come, join the fun and our charitable work session. Bring your lunch and dessert will be provided.

Also, we are in need of sheets to use for our chux pads. Any sheet donations may be left in the church office. Thank you!

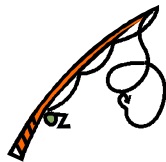
Christian Ed Meeting

The Board of Christian Ed will meet Tuesday, October 5th at 7 p.m. in the Resource Room.

SERVERS

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 26th at 1 p.m. at a local restaurant. Check the bulletin for the location.

To everyone who has helped with our soup sale by making a donation, lending a hand, placing an order or plans to attend.....Servers thanks you!



CASTING YOUR NETS will be attending a retreat from Oct, 22nd to Oct. 24th. This is the third year we have been involved with the Casting Your Nets program. We are looking forward to new ideas in our five areas:

Mission, Worship,
Fellowship, Generosity,

and Invitation.

Please pick up contribution statements which are located in the back of sanctuary. It saves on postage.

Barb Reuter



FLU CLINIC

The Flu Clinic will be held on Thursday, October 14th this year from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Flu and Pneumonia shots will both be administered by the Visiting Nurse Association. There is no appointment necessary. Walk-ins are welcome.

The insurances that will be accepted are:

Medicare Part B, as well as Independent Health, Univera, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

What a great way to get your flu and pneumonia shots!

Paula Pfister Pie Auction

Mark Your Calendars! The Paula Pfister Pie Auction is coming on Sunday, November 21st. 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.

Family Night

Please keep your eyes and ears open for information which will be announced in the weekly bulletin.

REGISTRY

Weddings:

Jeffrey David Werner and
Annalaura Roth
Married: September 11, 2010

Jason Walter Bantle and
Katherine Emily Cudek
Married: September 18, 2010

Heifer Fair

This year's Heifer Fair will be Sunday, October 17th following worship in the Assembly Hall. Please plan to join us as the children of the Church School Program present their annual Heifer Fair to raise funds for Heifer International during coffee hour. Everyone will have a chance to support this mission project and watch the delight on the faces of the children as they raise funds to support their particular project. The classes have 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 Senior High Class will be sponsoring the Heifer. They will be serving LUNCH in conjunction with the Heifer Fair to raise funds for this mission project. Please plan to attend and help to support their efforts by buying lunch.



PRAYER SHAWLS made by the ladies in the church are available for the asking. If you know of someone who is ill please feel free to give them one of these beautiful shawls.

FOOD PANTRY

Oct. 3 jello/pudding mixes
10 bread/cake mixes
17 cereal, oatmeal,
breakfast bars
24 spaghetti sauce, stew,
canned pasta
31 pancake mix/Bisquick

Compassion, Presence, And Care

A workshop for all members will be held Oct 15th – 16th at Ebenezer UCC beginning on Friday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event provides theological foundation as well as practical foundation for caring ministries. It is designed to help volunteers with their competence, skills and to help gain confidence. It is open to deacons, elders, secretaries, all congregational members, and parish visitors who are involved in all facets of pastoral care ministry. If you are interested a brochure with a registration form may be downloaded from a link at www.eucc.org or talk to Bob or Alva.

4th Grade Bible Study

Once again our 4th 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 a 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 about within the covers of this special book.

If you have a child in fourth grade be on the look out 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.

Family Night

Please keep your eyes and ears open for information to be announced in our church's weekly bulletins.

Crop Walk

Sunday, October 17th

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 1:00 p.m. The walk begins at Memorial Park, corner of 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 monies raised from the CROP Walk are returned to Hamburg's Churches In Action for local food pantries. Thank you to all who participated in last year's walk, we hope to see you and others at this year's walk!

Mark your calendars and remember to sponsor a walker or become a walker yourself. Pledge information will be posted near the bulletin board during the month of September up to the day of the CROP Walk.

Help is needed to man the Youth House during CROP Walk. The Youth House will be open serving as a rest stop for people participating in the CROP WALK and also for the youth to hang out from noon - 2pm.. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are willing to help.

GIFT THANKSGIVING DINNER

Our Gift Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 13th this year. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. to be followed by worship at 6:00. We will then come back downstairs for desserts and coffee. Please plan to attend and enjoy this special evening.

Way Retreat

Come join us for a fall retreat at Dunkirk Conference Center and Campground on October 22nd – 24th. All Western Association youth of UCC and Christian Churches are invited. The event will serve as a service project for the camp, but unlike any service project you have ever done before! We will assist the camp personnel in their annual Halloween Happening event held at the campground. The Cabins will be decorated for Halloween and the camp is open to the public. The Boardwalk is turned into a Haunted Woods! We will need folks to help get this ready and to be in costume to walk the grounds and woods during the event. Last year we had 300 children from the local area. During the event they hold a costume party and play games.

Friday night, when we gather we plan to have campfire and make pies and s'mores. It will be a GREAT time for all who attend. We look forward to seeing you there. The cost is \$20 for youth and \$10 for advisors and needs to be postmarked by October 15th. There will be a late fee after October 15th.

Please bring a sleeping bag, appropriate sleeping wear, towel, washcloth, soap, etc. Also Halloween costumes and decorations, a name tag and

snack to share.

Speak to your advisors for registration and medical forms needed. A check will be sent from St. James for the total number going. 'The event will be over October 24th at 10 a.m. Check out the Dunkirk website www.dunkirkcc.org for more information.

Youth News

Don't forget our youth on-going fund-raising projects: Abitibi Paper Recycling; Can & Bottle Drive (NO glass please!); St. Pauly's Textile Drive; and our Candy Bar Sale.

WANTED:

The Board of Christian Ed and Karen have the need for help:

1. A gas grill in good to excellent condition for grilling for church events.

2. Folks to help with the Middle and Senior High Youth Programs.

3. Teachers and Assistants for the various Church School Classes.

Please contact Karen if you can help.

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped to make the Western Fall Kick Off Event for the Fall Opening of Church School a great event. Special thanks go to our ice cream scoopers and everyone who helped in the kitchen. Your help and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone that volunteered and attended this year's VBS. Once again we had a great week.

Thank you to everyone that supported the Dunkirk Walk A Thon. Your efforts are greatly appreciated! Don't forget to give the CE office a total of how much you raised in pledges and turn in a copy of your pledge sheet.

Youth Calendar

Your 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 2010-2011. If you do not receive one by mid October please let Karen know and she will have one sent to you.

Operation Christmas Child

This year the 2010 National Collection Week is November 15th - 21st. This means all shoe box donations must be turned in by Sunday, November 21st in order for them to be delivered on time. This project is being sponsored by the Senior High Youth Class.

Christmas Pageant

Mark these dates on your calendar:

Pageant rehearsal will be Saturday, December 18th.

Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 19th during worship.

Special Thanks

I would like to extend a special thanks to Phil Reinagel, Chair of the Music Committee and to the folks who served on

the Music Search Committee
for their hard work during our
recent search for a Director of
Music

Each member spent a great
amount of time in the process.
We appreciate all the efforts
that have gone into choosing
our new director.

Charlotte Cialone