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United Church
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Sunday School -
9:15 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM

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Dennis Gromer

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Jim May

Board of Christian
Education Chair
Eleanor Berger

Board of Service
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Elaine Tebbenkamp

**Our Mission
Statement:**

St. John's Chapel UCC is called to love unconditionally, seek justice, foster spiritual growth, and embrace diversity of thought and body as taught by Jesus Christ.

THE MESSENGER

October 2011
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Pastoral Reflections

by Pastor Becky Hebert



I love to travel, doing it as a pilgrimage excites me even more, but there is always a time to come home. It hit me about two days before departure that I was ready to come home and back to all of you.

Thanks for the grand welcome home party you threw for me! The food, the conversations, the music, the children having bouncing fun, mixed with a crisp autumn day were spectacular. It felt like you were glad to see me. I know it was wonderful seeing all of you

I was well into severe burn out when I left you in June. I left you with sharp edges to my psyche. Hopefully, you are already noticing a softness to me. I have been refreshed, enriched, spirit filled and wondering if I still know how to write.

A season seemed to skip past me while in France. I enjoyed seeing the season turn from summer to autumn while in France. Once I got home, I was surprised it was still not summer here. I was shocked to realize the kids were back in school, and football season had started. This Sunday we enter the month of October with all the special October services. **World Communion** and Offering of Letter is this coming Sunday, which I will do without the Worship Committee's approval—since the earliest the committee can meet is on same said Sunday. If approved by Worship, the other special services of the month are:

- October 9 - Saint Francis of Assisi Animal Blessings
- October 23 - Stewardship Sunday
- October 30 - Reformation Sunday

You seem eager to hear about what I learned about my ancestors and about Mary Magdalene—and I am eager to share how the learning transformed me. It is going to take awhile to organize all the videos I took and the data that goes with each. It took me all of Saturday to freeze pictures from my flip video that I shared with you on Sunday in the narthex.

Eventually, I will want to introduce you to a program, *Spiritual Ancestry*, that will hopefully be the result of this very long pilgrimage I took with two women back into another time and place.

The dream of pilgrims all over the world is to see with their own eyes, to walk where (whoever) tread. Monuments, war sites, places where history unfolded (which of course is all places) makes for a vivid link with the past. When we look deeply into the past we find ourselves reaching the sacred center where all things collide and become unified. We find our "undiscovered self" waiting to be discovered. The self we can then lose in order to claim the self God intended us to be. On this journey, on this pilgrimage that I hope *Spiritual Ancestry* will take all of you.

Thanks again for the great welcome home!

Pastor Becky

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 12, 2011

JOHN'S CHAPEL UCC

September 15, 2011, Council Minutes

Members present:

Dennis Gromer, Steve Fortner, Shirley Datema, Curt Bartell, Jeanne Kruger, Stephan Scharf, Elaine Tebbenkamp

The September meeting was opened with meditation and prayer; August Council Minutes were reviewed via e-mail. Motion was made to approve the August minutes as submitted to Beth; motion was seconded and approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice President: No Report

Financial Secretary: Shirley Datema reported that this year in August, we had four weeks as compared to five weeks in August of last year; therefore offering was down this year by \$453.80 and attendance was also down 10 from last year. Total offering this August was \$8776.00 and average worship attendance was 71. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for August.

Treasurer: Steve reported that he has combined the funds that were discussed in July into the Emergency Fund and the Board of Christian Education fund. Offerings are down a bit and expenses were a little below budget, so for the year we are ahead about \$1000. Since Pastor Becky has now switched to Medicare, the expenses for health insurance and dental insurance will be shown in her salary amount and continuing education expenses. Other differences in budget expenses are shown in the secretary's salary and the choir director's position. The committee for selecting a new choir director will meet with Liz and agree on contract details and a salary amount as directed by Council. When any special project is to be done or when endowment money is used, the details will be shown in minutes or shown in the Messenger and brought before Council for approval. The

Profit and Loss figures for the month of August indicate that we are on budget. Treasurer's reports were approved

Board of Service Ministries: No report.

Board of Christian Education: Pastor Stephan reported that the committee met and had a pasta dinner and discussed Rally Day, which was much enjoyed.

Worship and Music: The Search Committee for Music Director has recommended the salary be \$100 weekly and that Liz's start date be August 24, when she had her first choir practice session. After these details are discussed with Liz, a recommendation should be given to either Jim May or Curt Bartell.

Building and Grounds: Shirley Datema reported that the shelving has been completed in the garage and flowers for worship have been stored on the shelves. Corneil reported that the doors of the church have not passed inspection. The gap in the insulation is too wide. Lee has replaced the time clock for the lights, etc. for approximately \$60. Supplies and funds for supplies are low for custodial care. An announcement should be put in the bulletin for our needs and we can expect donations from the congregation. The cross on the bell tower at the very top is missing. During our last workday, the shed was cleaned. Corneil clipped the hedges. There were about 6 people that attended.

Stewardship: Curt will meet with Pastor Becky to schedule events. Treasurer Steve has created a tentative budget for next year.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Stephan performed a baptism on August 28—Pastor's Dohm's great-granddaughter, Kristen's baby girl. The Shoemakers have moved to Springfield, and therefore, Betty Huneke no longer has transportation to church. This will be announced in church as it appears that we will be losing Betty as one of our members because of this situation.

OLD BUSINESS:

We still have not heard from the Joplin Relief members in regard to building efforts.

In regard to the upcoming "welcome home" party, arrangements have been made by Curt Bartell. On Friday afternoon, September 23, the outdoor tent will be set up on the asphalt in the southeast part of the parking lot. The chairs and tables will be set up early Sunday morning. The Bounce House will also be set up at that time and the catering is from Backyard Burgers. They will set up their grills and have food ready by 12:30 Sunday. They will provide bratwurst, hot dogs, grilled chicken, sauerkraut, German potato salad, green beans and dessert items. Drinks will be tea and lemonade. Curt will set up horseshoes and a badminton net. Shirley and Jeanne will bring dominos and cards. Raymond, Shirley's son, will provide a DJ setup with a boom box for music. Steve, Dennis, and Jim will be on cleanup detail.

Dennis has only collected one bid on the parking lot repairs. It was quite high (\$59,076) and it would be an ordeal to go through in securing a loan.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be a Stewardship meeting Monday, September 26, at 6:00 pm to work on the stewardship letter to be sent out. Fund raising activities will be discussed in regard to getting money for major repairs around the church. The first fund-raising dinner will be Sunday, October 6.

Our daycare group, Kids First, has put new mulch on the playground area at the cost of \$110. They have requested that the church pay half of the cost. Dennis will contact Leah and discuss this with her. A new yearly contract will need to be in place the first of May, so we should begin working on the contract and negotiate with Kids First.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to pay Elaine Tebbenkamp for the gift of the chalice for the West Plains church and the money will be taken out of the Bain budget.

Council should decide how long we want to keep accounting records. There was discussion and information given that the IRS rules indicate four years. Steve will check with someone in Conference as to its recommendations.

For Pastor Stephan's Eden schooling, he was required to take psychological testing and it was recommended that the church be responsi-

ble for 40% of the cost, which would be \$600. Shirley indicated that the Koinonia group would be willing to pay this expense.

Our church secretary Beth indicated that Schindel Pest Control is raising its costs. She will work on getting other bids from other companies for service agreements.

Steve contacted Simplex in regard to our contract with them to inspect our stove hood, fire extinguishers, and exit and emergency signs. After several attempts to contact someone and get a return call, Steve finally spoke with Dave Perry who said that we had no contract with them to come automatically for future inspections. Dennis said that he would look into this matter and see if there were other companies that could do the inspections.

There has been a \$60 donation to pay for the shut down procedure for the sprinkler system. Dennis said that he would take care of this responsibility as well.

The church opens for September are

Jim May and Dennis Gromer.

October: Elaine Tebbenkamp

November: Shirley Datema

The meeting closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Jeanne Kruger



OCTOBER

Board of Service Ministries September 12, 2011

Sept. 12, 2011 BOSM MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Service Ministries meeting was held on Monday, Sept. 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the group reciting St. John's Chapel UCC Mission Statement. Members in attendance were Louise Eggleston, CloElla Leverenz, Kathy Pittman, Elaine Tebbenkamp, Beverly Graham and Johna Steinhauer. The June minutes were approved as written. Beverly reported that we had deposits from the sale of ink pens for \$4 and inkjet toners for \$54.75. We are currently making monthly payments on the \$294 bill from AT&T Yellow Pages ad and have paid off \$63 so far. Beverly is going to be sure and contact AT&T to cancel the next year's ad as we cannot afford it.

Assignments for pew pad collection & attendance charts for the rest of the year were made. October will be Louise, November – Kathy, December – Beverly & January – Johna. Beverly & Elaine are currently alternating Sundays to greet people in the narthex but we need more volunteers. It was suggested that there be one person at each narthex door to greet people and hand them the Sunday bulletin. We are going to check with Council to see if this would be OK. We will ask Beth to put in the Messenger that we need volunteers for additional greeters and to contact Louise Eggleston.

Under old business the "Unbinding the Gospel" study group that Elaine led has completed their sessions. Johna reported that the new pictorial directory should be arriving soon. We want to thank Beth Shane-Clark for all the hours she took out of her busy schedule this summer working on the directory.

Under new business, discussion was held about publicity for our congregation at such events as the Fall Bazaar and Sausage Supper. These are great opportunities to reach new people. Beverly is going to compile a flier about the upcoming events at the Chapel to hand out at the welcome back party & bazaar and we can also pass out copies of St. John's UCC Chapel tri-fold color brochure. Beverly also suggested another event for community outreach that we might participate in is "Trunk & Treat" on Halloween to let

neighborhood families know we are an active congregation. CloElla will check to see what night the other churches in our immediate area are having theirs and we will try to have ours the same night. The meeting was adjourned with the group praying the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by
Johna Steinhauer, Secretary

WOMEN'S GUILD September 8, 2011

The Women's Guild met September 8 with 9 members and 1 guest, Alice Shoemaker, in attendance.

A very inspiring program, "Stardust In Our Lives" was given by Rosemary Bane. The devotional "Be Kind To Him World", was given by Esther Steinhauer. The July minutes were read. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$301.24.

Loy and Judy took a prayer shawl to Joyce Scroggs. Liz Jordan is having severe back pain.

Evelyn Blumenstock made a motion that the Guild have their usual bake sale at the bazaar. Cloella seconded the motion and it passed. Sharon Haislip reported 1300 Best Choice labels have been turned in.

The October program may be given by Pastor Becky. Continue to bring baby items for the Bailey School nursery. The meeting closed by praying the Lord's Prayer. Refreshments were served by Lois Rahmoeller and Esther Steinhauer.

Board of Christian Education September 27, 2011

The Board of Christian Education met Tuesday, September 27, 2011. Members present were Butch Stillman, Chuck Andrews, Pastor Becky, Joyce Burton, Eleanor Berger, and Helen Keeton. The date of this meeting was

corrected in the minutes. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$576.59

Pastor Becky asked the status of Children's Sunday School, Children's Sermon, The G.N.O.M.E.S group, acolytes, and confirmation. Tona, Chuck, and Joyce will meet to discuss Children's Sunday School. Joyce will do the Children's Sermon October 9th. Becky will check to see who is eligible for confirmation.

The annual All Church Hayride is planned for October 22nd at 5:00 P.M. at the Datema compound. Hot dogs, chili, s'mores, and paper goods will be provided. Those attending should bring a dessert, chips, and drinks. Eleanor will put this in the bulletin.

The annual BCE Christmas party will be December 10th at 5:00 P.M. at Eleanor Berger's home. There will be an ornament exchange.

Eleanor will check with Tona to see if she will direct the Children's Christmas Program again this year. The tentative date for that is December 18th during worship.

The next BCE meeting will be Sunday, November 6th following worship.

BCE postponed their October meeting until November 6th following worship

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE
September 20, 2011**

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MINUTES

Friendship Circle met Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Chapel with 11 members present. The secretary's, treasurer's and Crosslines reports were given. Beverly Graham reported on cards she sent and turned in a bill for stamps.

Old Business

Cookbooks – The cover arrived for approval. It was decided to change the title of the cookbook to a darker color.

New Business

The Annual Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 5. Beverly sent out letters to people for rental of spaces. Eleanor Berger will make the flier. The banner's date will be changed and placed in the front church yard in a few weeks. Food and work sign-up sheets will be passed around at our October meeting.

Correspondence was read. Ozarks Food Harvest is hosting a food drive for food for Joplin.

A motion was made by Christy Graham, seconded by Helen Keeton and passed to give \$150 to St. John's Chapel pass-through fund for janitorial supplies.

Nancy Anderson and Beverly Graham are hostesses in October.

The meeting was adjourned with the Mizpah benediction. Very delicious bar cookies and cakes were served by Ida Barry.

Jan Rund,
Secretary

Attention Please:

The October meeting of the Women's Guild will be a special one. First, Pastor Becky will be presenting the Program "A Harmonious End to Life" This is also the last month to bring baby items for Bailey Alternative school. So mark your calendars for the Women's Guild meeting On 10-13-11 and make plans to attend.

The Directories Are In!

October

Birthdays



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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Jane Dunham | 19 David Rahmoeller |
| Harry Klender, 89 yrs | Marilyn Stockman |
| Christopher T. Scharf | 22 Shirley Datema |
| 2 Susan Gelner | Jeanne Helfrecht, |
| Tona Rowett | 87 yrs |
| 3 Kory Siccama | 23 Rachel Thompson |
| 4 Adrienne Russell | 25 Lea Ann Kruger |
| Carolyn Wolfe | 28 Michelle Kiras |
| 5 Christy Graham | Elaine Tebbenkamp |
| Sarah Graham | Richard Thompson, |
| 6 Glenda Wiese | 87yrs |
| 7 Mark Riffey | 30 Shari McKinney |
| 8 Michele Peacher | Holly Stillman |
| 9 Earl Reed, 90 yrs. | Carsen Glaser |
| 12 Wendy Pace | |
| 15 Virginia Blumenstock, 87 yrs | |
| 16 Kari Jones | |

Anniversaries

- 4 Thad & Christy Nelson
- 7 George & Jeanne Helfrecht, 61 yrs
- Norman & Esther Steinhauer, 61 yrs
- 11 William & Elizabeth Brazeale, 53 yrs
- 18 Judith & Lee Bartell, 53 yrs
- 20 Corneil & Shirley Datema, 49 yrs
- 21 Alan & Camille Lockhart
- 31 Richard & Mary Margaret Thompson



SERVICES THIS MONTH

Sunday, October 2

Communion
Neighbors in Need

Sunday, October 9

Feast Of St. Francis
Crop Walk

Sunday, October 16

Sunday, October 23

Stewardship Sunday & Carry In Luncheon

Sunday, October 30

Reformation Sunday

To Corneil Datema for building shelves that greatly help the Pulpit Decorating Committee

To Corneil & Lee for putting up the Reunion Party sign.

Thanks to all who helped make the Reunion Party a success.

Thank you to the ladies who make sure communion is prepared, even on short notice. (You know who you are; Evelyn and Sharon)

Thank you to those who are willing to serve, be it greeting on Sunday mornings, counting offering, planning events, decorating, mowing, cleaning, and cooking, just to name a few.

Thank you to the leaders of the recent round of Binding The Gospel, Pastor Stephen, Elaine Tebbenkamp, and Curt Bartell.

There are many unmentioned Angels who silently perform acts of kindness every day. Tell others about the Angels Among Us at St. John's Chapel by dropping a note by the office.

The Directories Are In



On our September 13th Crosslines Day, groceries and milk were given to **71 families for a total of 190 people.**

In addition to food donations brought by church members, the amount spent from our pantry fund for groceries and milk was \$252.65. Thank you for the food and monetary donations in honor of birthdays, etc. It is such a great help! Please bring food items by **Sunday, October 9th** as our next Crosslines Day is **Tuesday, October 11th.** Much appreciation to all who help and provide for our monthly Crosslines Day!



The church will be opened in the month of October by:
Elaine Tebbenkamp.

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING



St. Francis

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi is October 9th. Blessings of pets will be done on that day. Well behaved animals may attend our service. Please contact Pastor Becky prior to Sunday to make

arrangements to bring your pet.



Mark your calendars for the October Senior & Retirees luncheon on October 19th at noon. We would like to invite all who are able to come that day. You don't have to be retired to attend.



Senior & Retirees Luncheon



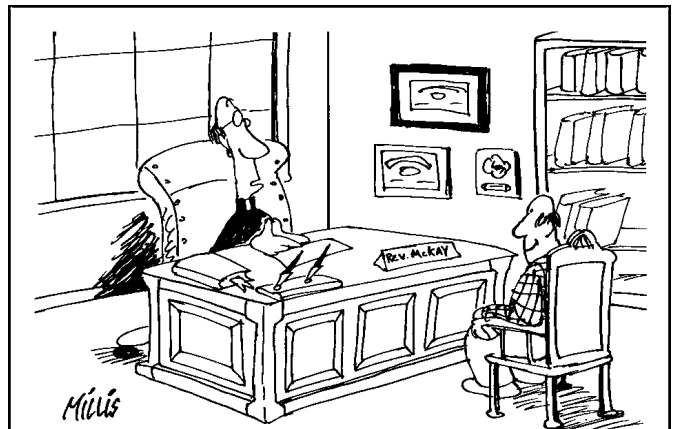
And please remember to bring your



Envelope full of pledges On Sunday, October 9th Remember, You can GIVE, WALK, Or BOTH! Thank you

A Big Thank You

Virginia Steury would like to thank all who sent her birthday cards. She was very pleased and thought it was sweet to be remembered in such a caring way.



"We're grateful for the checks, but in order for us to cash them, you'll have to make them out to the church, not to 'The Big Guy Upstairs.'"

Chapel News

You say Goodbye and I say Hello

As we bid a fond farewell to our beloved Associate Pastor, Stephan Scharf, we say hello to Pastor Becky as she has returned to us from her sabbatical.

Pastor Stephan is at Eden Seminary to complete his education. Please keep him in your prayers as he embarks on this exciting new chapter in his life.

We will plan a proper farewell for Stephan at a later date.

Pastor Becky is getting back into the swing of Chapel life. We can look forward to many stories, and opportunities to learn from her and to strengthen our church family. Welcome back, Pastor Becky.



19th Annual Springfield Area
CROP HUNGER WALK
(Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)

Sunday, October 9, 2011
2:00 p.m.
(Registration Begins 1:00 p.m.)

2-mile Walk Beginning and Ending at
Phelps Grove Park
(Bennett St., West of National Ave.)

Come, Walk with the World!

Helping Hungry People through:
Church World Service
Crosslines
Least of These

(More information at www.springfieldcropwalk.com)

Crop Walk 2011

Don't forget to make a pledge or donate your time to Crop Walk. What a wonderful way to help feed the hungry, both locally and abroad, and to get out in the beautiful fall weather. Please contact Nancy Anderson for ways that you can help.

Reunion Party Report

A good time was had by all at The Reunion Party for Pastor Becky, friends, and congregation on September 25. We enjoyed chicken and brats, potatoes and green beans, and of course, strudel and ice cream. The food was catered by Back Yard Burger. There was music, a little dancing, and a bounce house.

To quote Gus Kruger, "Best day ever!"

CONTACT ALL OUR FORMER MEMBERS

Reunion Party

It is time for us to come together again and celebrate. Pastor Becky is home from sabbatical. It is time to visit with congregation members, old and new alike, and invite all of our neighbors for an old fashioned festival including German Fare, an Ice Cream Social, Games, German Music, and a Bounce House for the kids.

Date: 09/25/2011



FOOD
GAMES
MUSIC
FUN



Time: Right after Worship
Sunday School at 9:00 A.M.
Worship at 10:30 A.M.

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Contact Beth in the Church
Office with questions:
881-5175

All Are Invited!
It's All Free



October
2nd,
2011

Neighbors in Need

Imagine a world without hunger, violence, and poverty.

Stewardship
Sunday & Carry
in Lunch is
October 23



Reformation
Sunday Is
October 30th



The Board Of Service Ministries is starting a new prayer group starting October 6, 2011. It will be held here at the Chapel from 9-10:00 A.M. All are invited to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2011

	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSES	INCOME	EXPENSES	EXPENSES
January	\$11,542.07	\$15,118.43	\$13,379.19	\$11,665.88	\$12,703.99
February	\$12,173.28	\$12,995.21	\$11,593.82	\$8,690.71	\$10,302.04
March	\$10,102.13	\$13,221.46	\$11,714.84	\$10,598.56	\$11,194.50
April	\$8,999.18	\$13,287.33	\$12,913.91	\$11,787.94	\$12,054.00
May	\$12,792.05	\$12,406.72	\$12,359.52	\$9,327.38	\$10,040.99
June	\$8,793.29	\$12,779.75	\$7,124.69	\$11,278.04	\$11,684.84
July	\$9,994.52	\$12,398.81	\$11,420.26	\$9,573.43	\$12,249.99
August	\$13,907.77	\$10,157.08	\$8,749.71	\$10,190.40	\$10,463.04
September	\$10,095.71	\$11,579.50			\$11,355.50
October	\$11,035.66	\$12,001.42			\$13,478.99
November	\$13,723.82	\$11,403.51			\$10,463.04
December	\$13,125.51	\$12,256.29			\$11,355.50
YTD Totals	\$136,284.99	\$149,605.51	\$89,255.94	\$83,112.34	\$137,346.42

8/31/2011

Please remember to bring your pledged giving up-to-date. Thank you.

Money Market \$16,406.21
 Petty Cash \$115.00
 Regular Checking \$644.46

 TOTAL CASH \$17,165.67

A review of the budget vs. actual may be obtained from the church office, if desired.



The Board of Service Ministries will sponsor a **Trunk or Treat** on October 30 from 5-7 P.M.

A trunk or treat is an alternative to door to door trick or treating. Cars line up in a parking lot with their trunks facing out. Children come by each "trunk" and receive treats. The trunks may be decorated, and volunteers may dress up in costume if they wish.

The BOSM is requesting volunteers to pass out candy and for donations of candy and treats to be handed out. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for volunteers and donations.

Please consider participating in this fun outreach to our friends and neighbors.

**The Annual
 October All
 Church
 Hayride
 sponsored by
 the Board of
 Christian
 Education will
 be on Saturday,
 October 22, 2011
 at 5:00 P.M.
 The hayride
 will be at the
 Datema farm.**



Christian Education will provide Hot Dogs, Hot Dog Buns, Chili, and all paper products. Please bring one item or more: Chips, desserts, or drinks to share.

If it rains, we will have the get together at the Datema Compound and play games.

OCTOBER: PROGRAMS & MEETINGS

- 1st** **Bread for the World** at The Library Center @ 9:00 am.
- 2nd** **World Communion Sunday & Neighbors in Need**
Worship Committee meets after Worship
- 3rd** **Grace & Weight** is Monday at 5:30 pm.
Board of Service Ministries will meet Monday at 6:00 pm.
- 5th** **Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm.**
- 6th** **NEW! BOSM Prayer Group**-meets at the Chapel
from 9-10:00 am ALL ARE INVITED.
- 9th** **Animal Blessing Sunday- Feast of St. Francis**
Bring Crosslines donations today.
Independent Women will convene on Sunday at 1:00 pm.
Crop Walk at 2:00 pm on Phelps Grove Park
- 11th** **Crosslines Fish Day.**
Men's Brotherhood meets Tuesday at 8 am.
Grace & Weight meets Tuesday at 5:30 pm.
Council meets Tuesday at 6:30 pm.
- 12th** **Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm.**
- 13th** **Women's Guild** will meet Thursday at 1:00 pm .Pastor Becky is
the featured speaker.
- 17th** **Grace & Weight** is Monday at 5:30 pm.
- 18th** **Friendship Circle** will meet Tuesday at 7:00 pm.
- 19th** **Seniors & Retirees Luncheon**, 12 noon- All Are Invited
Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm.
- 20th** **Messenger items** are due today.
The Endowment Committee meets at 6:30 pm
- 22nd** **BCE Annual Hayride** at 5:00pm at the Datema's
- 23rd** **Stewardship Sunday & World Food day and Carry in**
Luncheon
- 24th** **Grace & Weight** meets Mondays at 5:30 pm
- 25th** **Board of Christian Education** postponed until November 6th after Worship.
- 26th** **Ozark Cluster** meets today at 10:00 am.
Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm.
- 30th** **Reformation Sunday**
Trunk or Treat 5-7:00 pm
- 31st** **Grace & Weight** is Monday at 5:30 pm.

**MEMBER-
SHIP
DIRECTORY
UPDATES...**
*Membership Di-
rectories are
available in the
office. Inform
Beth of errors,
changes and up-
dates.
THANK YOU!*

**New Prayer
Group on
10-6-2011.
9-10 A.M.
All Are Invited.
Sponsored by
the Board of
Service
Ministries**

**ANNUAL
FALL
BAZAAR
NOVEMBER
5th**

**Don't forget to bring
candy or volunteer your
trunk For
The TRUNK OR TREAT
October 30th**



**The
Directories
Are In!**

**The Next MESSENGER Deadline is...
October 20th, Thank you!**



October 2011

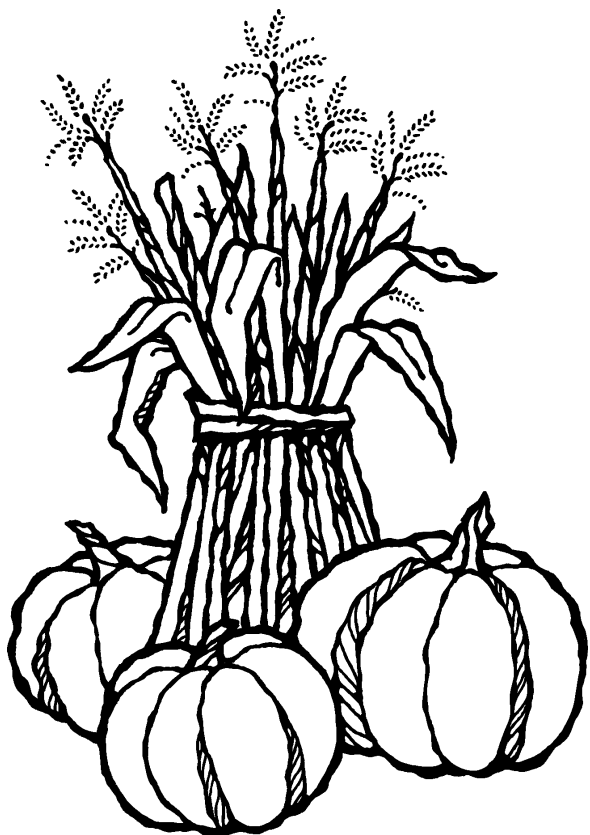


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 BFTW meets at the Library Center @ 9:00 A.M.
2 World Communion Sunday Worship Committee meets after Worship	3 Grace & Weight @ 5:30 PM BOSM @ 6:00 PM	4	5 Choir Practice @ 7:00 PM.	6 NEW - All Church Prayer Group 9-10:00 AM	7	8
9 Animal Blessing Sunday - Donations For Crosslines - Independent Women @ 1:00pm - Crop Walk @2:00pm	10	11 Fish Day Brotherhood @ 8:00 AM G&W @ 5:30PM Council @ 6:30PM	12 Choir Practice @ 7:00 PM.	13 Women's Guild @ 1:00 PM- Pastor Becky speaking	14	15
16	17 Grace & Weight @ 5:30 PM	18 Friendship Circle @7:00 PM	19 Sr. & Retirees Lunch @ 12:00 PM Choir -Practice @ 7:00 PM	20	21	22 Annual All Church Hayride @ 5:00PM at Datema's
23 Stewardship Sunday & Carry In Luncheon	24 Grace & Weight @ 5:30 PM	25 BCE Postponed until November 6th after Worship	26 Choir Practice @ 7:00 PM.	27	28	29
30 Reformation Sunday Trunk or Treat 5-7:00PM	31 Grace & Weight @ 5:30 PM Halloween				Make Plans to Attend The Annual Fall Bazaar on November 5th	

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October 30



October 23

October 2

