



Leap of Faith

OCTOBER 2023

F. R. O. G.
Forever Relying On God



October is all about being cozy. This is the time of year for hot apple cider, chili, apple crisp, and hot chocolate. It is also the time for sweaters, sweatshirts, and sweatpants. All of this feels so good!

Think about sharing these things with others. Do you have an extra coat or hoodie that you could donate? How about hats and gloves? Many people in our area need these items as the weather turns colder.

Just as the heat and aroma of the Fall foods and the soft feel of the fabrics brings us calm and peace, being with God does the same thing for us. Get outside and experience the greatness of God through the changing nature of fall. See how God paints the leaves in brilliant colors. See how God frosts the grass on cold, crisp mornings.

Take time to read the Bible, pray, and be still before God. Psalm 16:5-8 is all about our lot being secure, and the counsel of God that is always available to us. Even though the harvest time has come, and the plants are dying back, Fall is also a time of new beginnings. Talk to God about what His plan is for your life. What new ways can God use you to help others?

Amen Pastor Laura

COME TO WORSHIP WITH US ON ZOOM!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here at St. John's United Church of Christ.
Contact stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com for service information.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2023 10:15 am

PRELUDE
"To God Be The Glory"
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

In September we donated money to four teachers for their classrooms. We also donated money to the United Church of Christ Disaster Fund.

Thank you to all who donated to our church. Your donations help us support worthy causes.

CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Mary Ellen Harris (Pres)	Wayne Knudson
Jean Quillin (VP)	Edward Quillin
George Adamson (Treas)	Dennis Harris
Kelly Harris (Sec)	
Courtney Papa-Abell	

PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Connecting to a community of believers is vital in your Christian walk. We all need Christian Fellowship to build us up and to hold us up. If you can't join us in person or on Zoom, watch our recorded service on our website or Facebook page.

WHAT IS TENDER LOVING CARE DAY

The Senior Community TLC Support Group in Hemet, CA. created this caring holiday in 2022. *Tender Loving Care Day* was created to “highlight the importance of providing special attention to those in need.” It also encourages action to address these needs. While the focus is on assisting seniors, this holiday also strives to help anyone in need. This TLC Support group has seen first-hand how important this support can be. They realize that it is worthwhile if more people are aware of what they can do to help. That’s why they created this holiday.

With a special emphasis on seniors among us, this special holiday calls our attention to those in need. The definition needs are broad ranging and unlimited in scope. As we go through our busy daily lives, it’s all too easy to forget about our seniors. Today’s special holiday also draws our attention to the needs of other people as well. This can include children, people with disabilities, and virtually anyone. Use *Tender Loving Care Day* to identify how you can make a positive difference in someone’s life. Without a doubt, you will find your actions rewarding.

While this holiday is but one day of the year, we challenge you to give tender loving care to those in need on a regular basis.

There are countless ways to help seniors. Here are just a few ideas:

- Organize events for residents of senior living facilities.
- They are often lonely. Spend time with them.
- Take them to and from doctors’ appointments.
- Bring them flowers.
- Bring them a special meal.
- Send them a greeting card.
- Comfort seniors who have lost a spouse or other loved one.
- Call them frequently to check up on them and to let them know you are keeping an eye on them for their safety.

There are many ways to help others. Here are some ideas:

- Assist handicapped people with transportation to and from doctors’ appointments.
- Assist them with shopping chores.
- Provide them with meals.
- Help children with their problems.
- Take an active role in supporting children.
- Provide transportation to and from their events.
- Help kids get into healthy activities like sports, scouting, and the arts.
- Help single parents by babysitting for free when needed.
- Give caregivers a break. Take over the task they are doing for a few hours a week. Help someone recovering from illness or surgery in their recovery process.

SUBSCRIBE TO PRAYER REQUESTS

To get a list of prayer request you have to subscribe to it on our web page. You will not see all the requests unless you have a subscription. You do not have to be a member of our Prayer Warriors group or even a member of our church to subscribe. For instructions on how to subscribe please, email webmaster@sjtohnsucelkhart.com

IMPORTANT DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 01 – World Communion Sunday
- 05 – World Teacher’s Day
- 08 – Pastor Appreciation Day
- 09 – Columbus Day
- 10 – World Homeless Day
- 10 – World Mental Health Day
- 14 – Tender Loving Care Day
- 31 – Halloween/All Hallows Eve

OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

- October 01** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Kolten Harris
- 08** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Kelly Harris
- 15** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Mary Ellen Harris
- 22** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – George Adamson
- 29** Jamelle Godlewski, Guest Speaker
Liturgist – Kayden Harris

Thank you to everyone for helping out!



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CELEBRATING TWELVE YEARS AT BRENTWOOD AT ELKHART

In the summer of 2011 our church building closed, but some of our St. John’s UCC members wanted to continue. We felt God leading us to Atria Eastlake Terrace, which is now Brentwood of Elkhart Assisted Living. We took a big leap of faith that Fall and started worshiping there along with residents, some of their family members and some of the staff.

We have made a lot of friends over the years and we have so many wonderful memories. It hasn’t always been easy especially during COVID when we couldn’t worship in person, but we have always felt God leading us. We pray for His continued guidance.

We want to thank everyone who has helped us with our worship service. We also want to thank the residents and staff for letting us come in every Sunday for church. We thank God for these past twelve years. We hope to continue as long as God allows us too.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Oct. 8TH is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We want to thank all the Pastors and Guest speakers, especially Laura Doty and Jamelle Godlewski, for all that they do.



Annual Congregational Meeting

This year our annual meeting will be on Wednesday, November 8, at 6pm on Zoom. If you would like to join let one of the consistory members know and we will send you the link.

Season after Pentecost Year A	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Proper 21 (26) Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 1, 2023 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
Proper 22 (27) Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 2023 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Canadian Thanksgiving Day October 9, 2023 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Psalm 65		2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Luke 17:11-19
Proper 23 (28) Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 15, 2023 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Proper 24 (29) Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2023 <u>ART</u> -- <u>PRAYER</u>	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22





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