



The Vital Spark

A NEWSLETTER OF COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ SEPTEMBER 2022

MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER, REV. JACOB THORNE

Dear Community,

As I write this article, I am very proud of who we are as a church.

This morning, we had seventeen young pastors from across the nation, with the Bethany Fellowship, visit us for a time of conversation, prayer, and learning. It was a gift to be able to share some insights on what a healthy, growing, and successful church in today's world looks like. And it was also wonderful to have Savannah and Tina Squires join us and reflect on the impactful ministries of UrbanReachSTL and how others might also become involved. When leaving, a leader of the Bethany Fellowship turned to me and said, "You guys are doing good things here." I couldn't agree more.

We are doing good things...and there are a number of upcoming events.

- Our Stable Sale is in full setup mode. Plenty of times are available to help and volunteer.
- Our children and youth ministry are hosting a fall harvest/pumpkin carving party that we hope you can join.
- Our finance team is working hard on the 2023 stewardship campaign.
- Our mission team has several upcoming opportunities, including: a trunk or treat party with UrbanReachSTL on October 22nd, an all church mission day on October 23rd, and, this Friday, an opportunity to serve a meal to the Parkway South band members and cheerleaders.
- Our garden continues to flourish in the fall weather.
- Our partnership with UrbanReachSTL continues, with our next meal being served on October 5th.
- Our property team is overseeing the remodeling of the two main bathrooms in DeWitt Hall.
- And our CLT met with the elders two weeks ago, out of which a comprehensive plan for both short and long terms goals was developed.

It is truly a joy to serve such an active congregation! Thank you to each of you who help make such ministry possible.

Blessings,

Jacob

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Book Club

Book Club meets next on October 17, 2022 AT 1:30 pm In the Narthex. October book is *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz. Please contact Brenda Richardson with any questions.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all who came out to donate blood at last week's blood drive. The American Red Cross collected 19 units. Many individuals will benefit from your precious gifts. Our next church blood drive is scheduled for December 6th.



PRISCILLA WOMEN'S GROUP SERVICE PROJECT

The theme this year is connecting with others to make the world better and what happens when we do not work together.

The service project for September is pet food for Circle of Concern clients. The service project for October is items for personal hygiene kits. Look for the donation box in the Narthex!

MISSION UPDATE

The Feed My Starving Children Mobile Food Pack went very well, with 6 people from CCC attending. We packed meals to feed people around the world.

Trunk or Treat for Urban Reach will be Oct. 22. Please join us for this event. We will also be providing Halloween candy. A box will be in the narthex soon.

We are hoping that everyone will support Mission Day on Sunday, Oct. 23, after church. Lunch will be provided for the workers. There will be offsite painting, assembling and packing the personal hygiene kits for Missouri's Festival of Sharing, and jobs at the church that need to be done.

Men's Breakfast

October 22, 2022

Wunderlich Center

URBANREACH STL

The annual Trunk-or-Treat is right around the corner!

Join us on October 22nd for a fun candy-filled day.

This is a perfect volunteer opportunity for the whole family!

A sign up sheet is in the Narthex . A box will be placed in the Narthex for candy donations soon.



Mission Day

Mission Day, October 23, will be here before we know it. One of the projects will be collecting and assembling personal hygiene kits for Missouri's Festival of Sharing.

There is a box in the Narthex to drop off your donations.

A list of the items needed are:

- 1 bottle skin lotion (10-16 oz.)
- 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more)
- 1 toothbrush (in original package)
- 1 bar of moisturizing soap (in package)
- 1 bottle of shampoo (12-16 oz.)
- 1 washcloth
- 2 razors (disposable)
- 1 comb (large) or brush
- 1 hand towel
- 1 deodorant

Bring whichever items you choose.

Thanks for participating in this worthwhile project!

FALL FESTIVAL



PUMPKIN CARVING AND GAMES

For kids and adults of all ages

October 16 from 1 to 3 pm in Dewitt Hall.

Please see the back of your connection card to sign up or email Becky

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY IS OCTOBER 16TH

We will have a reception for Jacob following Worship

THANK YOU

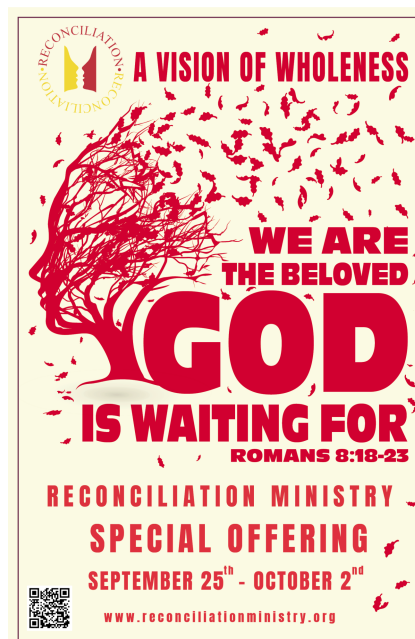
UrbanReachSTL

At our September meal, we served tacos, homemade Mexican rice, cucumbers and tomatoes from the garden, halo oranges and cookies.

Our next meal will be Wednesday, October 5th. If you are interested in helping, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex (or call the office). We will meet at the church and plan to leave around 4:15.

RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

Special Offering October 2nd



GARDEN UPDATES

With the beginnings of cooler temperatures, the Bremer Community Garden is thriving and bountiful. We have harvested over six hundred pounds of fresh produce so far, shared with Circle of Concern clients, families from Hanna Woods Elementary, UrbanReachSTL, and many church members and friends.

Through the end of October we will continue to have two times available to work in the garden each week. We meet Monday mornings at 9:30a.m. and Wednesday evenings (excluding October 5) at 5:30 p.m. This week we planted lettuce, kale and strawberries and we will continue to pick tomatoes, peppers, okra and beans.



STABLE SALE!

The Stable Sale financially benefits our church and several charities, but the Stable Workers need your help! Please consider giving the church some time to help during the essential prep time. You can sit in a chair and unpack boxes or if you are physically able you can help move boxes. We have week day, afternoon and or weekends hours

Friends and Family Day is October 2

PUBLIC DATES OF STABLE SALE

TIMES	DATE
9AM - 5PM	October 3 & 4
9AM - 6PM	October 5 & 6
9AM - 3PM	October 7
8:30AM - 3PM	October 8

Lunch for the Stable Workers

In the Narthex is a sign up board to provide meals, refreshments and snacks for our dedicated Stable Workers. Please take a moment and see if you can help. The dates are from September 18 through October 8th. **Some items still needed are diet soda (cans preferred), cookies, desserts and fruit.** Please have the meal or snacks at the stable by **11:30 AM.**

Caring Solutions 20th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday October 16, 2022

Appetizers/Beverages - Silent & Live Auction

Doors open at 4PM

Foundry Art Center in St. Charles

RSVP By October 3

Register and/or Donate <https://cs2022celebrate.givesmart.com>

Contact @ 314-942-7350 or info@caringsolutions.org or caringsolution.org



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