



# The Vital Spark

A NEWSLETTER OF COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ SEPTEMBER 2023

MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER, REV. JACOB THORNE

Dear Community,

This fall is a busy season here at church. We have a number of upcoming ministries taking place:

October 1<sup>st</sup> marks the start of our Stable Sale. On this day, “Friends and Family” of CCC can shop a day ahead of the sales official start and take home that perfect possession that you always wanted.

October 8<sup>th</sup> marks the start of our stewardship campaign. This year’s theme is “Together for Joy.” Our finance team is already working hard planning for next year’s budget and none of the ministries we do would be possible without the financial support from each of you.

October 18<sup>th</sup> will be this year’s final date for providing meals for URSTL. We always have a wonderful time with the community.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> is the day of our church wide all generations fall festival. We will gather after worship for snacks, games, pumpkin carving and s’mores.

October 28<sup>th</sup> is trunk-or-treat for URSTL from 1:00-3:00. For the past several years we have provided both cars and candy. Please join if you can.

October 29<sup>th</sup> is All Saints’ Sunday. Leading up to this day we will have a cross available in the narthex, which will later be placed in the sanctuary, where we can post the names of the saints in our life. Our goal is to cover the entirety of the cross with the names of those saints who have given our lives purpose and meaning.

And as always, within the midst and busyness of these special activities, the daily and weekly rhythms of the church remain. We will continue to have our buildings used by a variety of community members, have special guests join us in worship, and reach out to those in need, all while sharing the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to this coming month and seeing you in church on Sunday, if not before.

Blessings,

Jacob

## Priscilla Women's Group

The Priscilla Women's Group will meet on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 in the library. Our study is on pages 11-13 in *Just Women*. In the Scripture, Philippians: 4:6-7, Paul is writing from prison to thank the people of Philippi for their gift and to encourage them to remain hopeful. Our collection this month will go to the Himalayan Cataract Project. This non-profit organization has restored sight to thousands of people in the poorest parts of the world and also works to educate eye-care professionals in the nations they serve. Join us for a time of study, prayer, service and fellowship.



## Book Discussion Group

The CCC Book Discussion Group will be meeting on Monday, October 16th in the Narthex for a conversation about the book, *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks.

Please contact Brenda Richardson for additional infor-

## Family Ministry Fall Festival

Save the date for the Family Ministry Fall Festival on October 22nd. The event will be from 11 am – 1:30 pm. We will be having pumpkin decorating, bingo, lawn games, hot dogs and s'mores. Anyone is welcome to wear costumes if they would like. Bring your friends and family along with you. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and include any additional people that are coming with you. Please RSVP by October 15th.



## GARDEN UPDATES

This week has been a busy week for the butterflies in the garden. Many Monarchs stopped by for a moment on their way to migrate to Mexico.

We continue to meet at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays to collect produce for Hanna Woods and Circle of Concern. New faces are always welcome. October 18th is the only Wednesday we will NOT meet at the normal 5:30 pm time.



## Urban Reach STL

- \* Decorate a car and pass out candy to the neighborhood kids
- \* Donate candy...LOTS of candy needed!
- \* Donate bakery items for the CAKE WALK (Little Debbie's, cakes, pies, cookies)
- \* Volunteer at a station (craft table, photo area, food)

For more information or to sign up to volunteer or donate email [savannah@ur STL.org](mailto:savannah@ur STL.org)

## Isaiah 58 Ministries

The Mission Team is looking forward to supporting Isaiah 58 Ministries fulfill their goal to provide holiday food bags for families in the community. They anticipate serving 200 families at Thanksgiving and would like our assistance in collecting food for these special bags. The item CCC will be donating to the Thanksgiving bags this year is 400 boxes of Jiffy cornbread mix.

We will have a basket in the Narthex from October 10th to November 7th for your donations.

Thank you in advance for your participation.



# THANK YOU!

## Red Cross Blood Drive Report

Thank you to all who came out to donate blood at September's blood drive. The American Red Cross collected 22 units, which will help many people in need. Congratulations to Jim Bube who completed his 11th gallon, Betty Quicksall who completed her 10th gallon, and Doug Hoover who is over 12 gallons. Just these 3 individuals have helped over 800 people with their consistent donations!

Our next blood drive is December 5 and is already open for scheduling if you so desire to sign up early.

Thanks to the generosity of our CCC members, we were able to donate a total of \$1000 to Week of Compassion, specifically for the relief for the Maui Wildfires.

# FALL STABLE SALE HOURS



October 2, 9am-5pm  
October 3, 9am-5pm  
October 4, 9am-6pm  
October 5, 9am-6pm  
October 6, 9am-3pm  
October 7, 8:30am-3pm

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