

From the Pastor's Keyboard...

"Stretching Exercises"

This past spring, I was working with my mother and brother to clean out my grandmother's basement in preparation to sell her house. Amid the trash and treasures, I can remember at one point finding a box of old rubber bands. They were hard and cracked, and would no longer stretch at all. They had wasted away in that box in the basement, not being used to their fullest potential. Now my grandmother had lived in this house for 70 years, and had not thrown much away in all that time. Who knows how long they sat in that basement, drying up and hardening? At this point, however they were no longer good for much.

Sometimes I think of our God given potential like a rubber band. It is no good if we just hide it away in a box in the basement, or waste it where nobody can see it. We are each instilled with creativity, expression, and the potential to change the world, to craft it in God's image. Our potential is like those rubber bands, though; if we squirrel them away in the cellar, they will never live into the potential they were created to achieve.

Another thing to remember about rubber bands is that they are no good unless you stretch them. You cannot get them to do their assigned duty until and unless you stretch them beyond where they are right now. A rubber band needs to be under tension to live into its calling in life; sitting in a drawer, that rubber band wastes away.

Like the rubber band, we need to stretch. In this world of cut and paste and falling into ruts, it is hard sometimes to break outside of the box and do something new; but doing a new thing is what God is all about. The Bible is a compendium of creation stories retold; God doing a new thing in lives that are happy in their ruts.

How can you do a new thing in God's world? How can you stretch your God-given potential? How can you put your gifts to work, sharing God's love with all. If you need a few suggestions, there are many opportunities offered in this newsletter; but that is just the beginning. Opportunities to stretch ourselves, to do something new, something scary, something that glorifies God and works toward God's will in the world- they are all around us. Stretch yourself and see what happens!

-Pastor Rick

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SCRIPTURES FOR SEPTEMBER, 2008

These are the scripture readings and topics we will be exploring in worship during the month of September. Read ahead! It is always beneficial if you read these before Sunday morning; you will get much more out of worship that way!

September 7th – Rally Day

“Passover Salvation”

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 12:1-14
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 148
Epistle Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

September 21st- Camp Sunday

“Manna- What is it?”

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 16:2-15
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

September 14th- Remembering 9/11

“Seventy Seven Times Forever”

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 14:19-31
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 114
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

September 28th- The First, The Last

“Indignation of Righteousness”

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

CROP WALK- WE WALK BECAUSE THEY WALK!

Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water, and fuel and to take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence! “We Walk Because They Walk” is the theme of the CROP Walk campaign, which Bem Church will be participating in once again. The CROP Walk will be our September “Mission of the Month.” Our annual CROP walk will be on October 5th this year, and Bem Church is once more expecting to make a significant contribution to this campaign!

These walks were begun by farmers just after World War II, who saw the plight of the war-torn European countries, and wanted to aid in their relief. The era may have changed, but the mission remains the same. Church World Services, which benefits from the CROP walks, is now spending much of its resources aiding refugees all around the world. As is our nature, we are called to respond. It should be noted, though that refugees are but one of many of those who benefit from our walks; in fact, 25% of the funds raised stay in the Owensville community to help those in need here at home!

Last year, Bem Church raised \$4300 for our CROP contribution through walkers and donors. In the past, we have raised as much as \$5000+. This year, our Mission Committee has determined that **we can do it again; we are passionate about justice, and we can raise \$5000 again!**

CROP walk will be the theme of the five Sundays in September, and October 5th as well. Betty Fletcher and Laura Shore will begin signing up walkers on September 7th, Rally Day! Start looking forward to this great campaign, begin talking about it with your friends, and let’s see another Bem Church rally to “Walk Because They Walk!”

**Technological opportunity- you can now send emails to friends all across the world asking them to donate to your CROP walk fundraising campaign! If you are tech-savvy, go to www.cropwalkonline.org, click on the state of Missouri, then on the line for the “Owensville CROP Walk.” From there, follow the directions to join the “Bem Church Team.” This is a great way to get contributions from friends world wide! For more tech help, talk to Pastor Rick.

What is going on in the United Church of Christ? Check out www.ucc.org!

UCC GROWTH MADE POSSIBLE BY BEM CHURCH!

In worship one Sunday in August, we discussed a movement afoot in the United Church of Christ- a movement to start 250 new churches in the next five years; and 1600 new churches by the year 2021. While this seems like a big goal, it is based on definitive studies on new church growth and development, and a strategic plan that calls for the United Church of Christ to set growth goal each year, finally reaching a 3% annual growth each year by the year 2015.

The Evangelism Ministry, a part of Local Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ, is working to reach this goal; and in order to do so, has begun a series of training courses for new church planters. The following report contains excerpts taken from the UCC website, containing exciting news about the latest training course, and the potential it is tapping:

More than 100 new church planters, coaches, seminarians, presenters, and Conference and National ministries staff are participating in the UCC's second annual New Church Leadership Institute meeting this week (Aug. 12-15) in Atlanta, Ga.

"This New Church Leadership Institute builds the foundation for the new church development we need in the United Church of Christ," said the Rev. Cameron Trimble, director of the institute. "These new church planters will strengthen and energize our church both in the present and the future."

While in Atlanta, participants discussed topics such as: "Why start new churches?" "Ten challenges new starts face," "Church planting: nuts and bolts" and "People are coming! Now what?" Presenters included effective new church start pastors, a seminary professor and UCC leaders who specialize in church planting and coaching.

"It is appropriate that the Institute is happening while the Olympics are being held since starting new churches in the 21st century is an Olympian task," said the Rev. David Schoen, the UCC's evangelism team leader, in his opening welcome. "We have learned from the Olympics that no athlete succeeds alone."

"Athletes have coaches, training partners, team members, a whole nation and world cheering them on. So it is with church planting," Schoen said. "A new church planter needs a coach, training partners, a core team, wider church support from association, conference and national ministries, and more. It takes the whole church system to plant a new congregation. The New Church Leadership Institute seeks to create that church wide support for new church planting."

This year, the Institute included a pilot program for ministers involved in redeveloping congregations seeking renewal. This pilot "redeveloper program" will be reviewed for expansion at next year's Institute, Schoen said.

Bem Church's contributions to **Our Church's Wider Mission** are among the funds that make growth like this possible in the world. When we give to **Our Church's Wider Mission**, 75% of it stays here in Missouri; but 25% goes on to the National Offices, of which 25% goes directly to **Local Church Ministries**, helping to support the **Evangelism Ministry, Parish Life and Leadership Ministry, Congregational Vitality Ministries, Worship and Education Ministries**, and so many more. What a great way to spread God's love all over the world!

THANK YOU!

(Some thank you notes may be edited due to space limitations)

Dear St. John's Church Family,

Thank you so much for paying half of my fee for church camp. This year at Mo-Val I had loads of fun. This year was my favorite and best year ever!! Thanks again! **-Emily Koepke**

Dear St. John's Church Family,

Thank you for helping me go to Camp Mo-Val. I had a great time! **-Abby Koepke**

Dear Pastor Oberle,

Thank you for your donation of items for our Christmas Store, as well as a monetary donation of \$359 designated for Christmas Store items to benefit the children, youth, and families Evangelical Children's Home serves. Your support helps us continue a 150 year mission of working with those who need us the most, the children who are trying to make a better life for themselves and the families working to heal.

-Sincerely, Michael P. Brennan, Executive Director

Dear Friends at St. John's UCC (Bem),

The students at Eden Theological Seminary are thankful for the support you have given them through your congregation's recent gifts of \$43.50 & \$76.50. The sentiments expressed by Cedric Cooper, A Master's of Divinity Student, are similar to other seminarians:

"I chose to come to Eden Seminary because it has an openness and appreciation for my context. Eden places a high premium on context and because of that, I feel welcome. At eden I can learn the theoretical aspects of ministry and apply them with confidence practically in my setting. Eden challenges its student to think deeply about theological issues and examine their complexity."

Thank you for your contribution that will help to underwrite the education of more than 200 men and women preparing for ministry in the church!

-Sincerely, Stella A. Schoen, Vice President for Development, Eden Seminary

Dear Friends,

Helping Hands Outreach Center of Gasconade County would like to thank you so much for your contributions of one pallet of food and health care items on July 17, 2008 as well as 2 bags of squash and cucumbers brought in by Kathy McGee on July 22, 2008. This comes at a time when the requests have greatly increased and the donations have stayed level, so these items are needed. As a continuing donator to Helping Hands, you are aware of the need to "feed the hungry" in our community. Again, thank you for your assistance; it is appreciated.

-Sincerely, Jackie Dietrich, Secretary; Helping Hands Outreach Center

Dear Corporate Sponsor,

I wanted to take some time to personally thank you for your contribution to the 2008 Relay for Life of the Owensville Area. The community rallied together to raise approximately \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society. Through combined efforts from the Relays in the Eastern Missouri Region, we are on track to raise more than \$3 million for the fight against cancer!

Together we can Celebrate survivors, Remember the ones we lost, make our pledge to fight back, and find a cure! Thank you!

-Scott L. Myers; Community Development Manager, American Cancer Society

JAMAICAN PARTNERSHIP VISITS

For years, Bem Church has had a fond relationship with the churches in Jamaica, specifically Discovery Bay and its pastor, Carleton Senior. This relationship has waxed and waned over the years, but now things are getting exciting again!

Bem Church has been participating in talks with the Missouri Mid-South Conference Jamaica Partnership Group for several months now, and as a result of those talks we will be hosting Carleton Senior here in Bem for a week or so in October!

Carleton Senior will be in Missouri to be a guest speaker at Faithworks- the three day Missouri Mid-South Conference celebration/exploration of faith at Tan-tar-a in October. Prior to faithworks, however, Carleton will spend a few days as a houseguest with the Oberles; and Bem Church will have an opportunity to spend some time with him.

In preparation for his visit, our Sunday School children will be practicing Jamaican praise songs every Sunday morning at 8:45am for the next six weeks or so. Hopefully your child can make it! We are hoping Carleton will be here in worship Sunday, October 12th; but if not we will have a special mid-week opportunity with him. Watch for more details and emails to come!

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 7- RALLY DAY!

Our preschool-6th graders had a mini-unit of Sunday School in August, but now Rally Day is here and we are kicking things off with a bang! Starting September 7th, we will spend two months with “Joseph” (the same one of the “Technicolor Dreamcoat” fame) and a month with “Naomi and Ruth”. This is the program for preschoolers through sixth grade; it focuses on repetition and varied learning styles to make the Bible come alive for our children. It begins at **8:45** every Sunday morning; if your children have not given it a try, why not check it out?

September 7th will be a special kick off to this adventure as our children gather at **8:45** with a Jamaican flair; then rally together for worship at 10:00am. At 11:00, the Christian Education Committee will have brunch for the whole congregation. What a day! Come join the fun as we rally together and kick off the new year in a wonderful way!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

Our Sunday School program is an interesting adventure, using a rotation model curriculum to navigate students through different workshops for four weeks, using the same Bible story each week. This is a great program, but it needs lots of volunteers! The benefit is that ***when you volunteer to lead a workshop, you are only making a four week commitment***- not a nine-month class! The challenge is that because our leaders only teach for four weeks or so, we need to recruit new leaders every four weeks! That means we need lots of volunteers!

Volunteer for music, too! Starting this year, we will be looking for volunteers to lead our music opening, as well. Sunday School starts at **8:45** with singing and gathering activities; and we will be looking for you to volunteer to lead this gathering time! Laura Shore will be leading this time with Jamaican Praise Songs until October 12; you may fit into the rotation after that!

The opportunities for growth are abundant in our Sunday School program; all you need to do is jump aboard and reap the rewards of working with our children! To take advantage of this inspiring opportunity, contact Suzan Wilson (573.645.2665) or Pastor Rick.

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH- SEPTEMBER 2008

9/2- Roger Altemeyer; 9/3- Kim Oberle; 9/5- Sarah Scantlin, Michael Yamnitz, Kristie Zaccagnino; 9/6- Sharon Adkison; 9/9- Robert Idel, Drew West; 9/10- Lois Altemeyer, Kelsey Baxter, Garret West; 9/11- Fran Graham; 9/12- Kelly Oldfather; 9/14- Jackie Kohrmann; 9/15- Alana Blaske; 9/15- Tina Wnuk, Amelia Ley; 9/17- Janice Spurgeon; 9/18- Gladys Koepke, Shelby Oberle; 9/21- Curtis Aytes; 9/22- Danny Baxter; 9/24- Katie Havelka, Jessica Mittelhauser; 9/25- Wayne Buschmeyer, Drew Chapman; 9/29- Travis Kramme **Happy Birthday!**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH- SEPTEMBER 2008

9/1- Nancy & Richard Carl; 9/7- Judene & Steve Hullinghoff; 9/8- Jane & Gary Peanick; 9/13- Tammy & Danny Baxter; 9/17- Trisha & Patrick Mistler; 9/18- Kerri & Brad Carey; 9/20- Jessica & Chad Mittelhauser; 9/22- Janice & Gary Spurgeon; 9/23- Julie & Brad Czechin; 9/30- JoAnn & Ken Glaser **Happy Anniversary!**

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR EMMAUS HOMES

Join us for the 17th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the 315 men and women of Emmaus Homes! The Tournament will be held at the Bear Creek Golf Club in Wentzville, Mo on Friday, September 5th; registration begins at 9:00am.

Registration is \$150 per person, or \$450 for a team of 3. To register, or to make a donation contact Emmaus Homes at 636.534.5214 or email marting@emmaushomes.org. Registration deadline is Friday, August 29. *(Also- mark your calendars now for the big fundraising event of the season- the Emmaus Home Bazaar and quilt auction on October 12th!)*

BEE DINNER FOR EDEN SEMINARY IN NOVEMBER

November 14th will be the next Eden BEE Dinner. This dinner is a great fundraiser for Eden Seminary, and is usually held at a very prestigious venue in St. Louis. This year's dinner is at a venue called "Lumen" in downtown St. Louis; and promises to be a great evening. Watch for more details next month, or talk to Pastor Rick if you are interested in attending!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FAIR WINNERS!

Congratulations to Zach Morris, who won Grand Champion Standing for his steer at the Gasconade County Fair; and to Morgan Huebner who won best in class! Congratulations to all who won recognition in the Crawford, and Gasconade County or State Fairs!

PAIRS AND SPARES NEWS

Thank you to the Bem Church Quilters and all who made the Fall Picnic a success. Thanks to your efforts, Pairs and Spares raised a total of \$2976.94! \$2275 was made at the quilt auction, with successful bidders being Willis Howard, Debbie Adams, Brenda Sieckmann, and Lois Ruffner for the large quilts; Curtis Aytes, Chris Larimore, Melba Arri, Gail Gutierrez, Marie Reed, Laura Shore for the baby quilts, scarves, pillows, and other items. The Country Store made a profit of \$513.91. Thank you to all who made this picnic success possible!

Pairs and Spares will be meeting on September 7th during/after the Rally Day luncheon to discuss their plans for the year, allocate picnic funds, and so forth. All are welcome!

Don't forget to bring a meal for Helping Hands Food Pantry!

SEPTEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Flowers: Jane Peanick

Nursery: 9/7: Tammi Branson	Greeters: Gary Peanick Family	Lay Readers: Jacob Kohrmann	Acolytes: Terry Adams & John Behrens
9/14: Brooke Johnson	Francis Graham Family	Fran Huebner	Aimee Hansel & John Keller
9/21: Judene Huellinghoff	Betty Fletcher/Sadie Kohrmann Families	Paula Shockley	Scott Lewis & Garret Baker
9/28: Barb Parker	James Koepke Family	Leann Smith	Tiffani Youtzy & Alicia Kreter

ATTENDANCE

Date:	Worship/Sun. School:	Date:	Worship/Sunday School:
Sunday, July 9	103	Sunday, August 3	98
Sunday, July 13	170	Sunday, August 10	95/11
Sunday, July 20	79	Sunday, August 17	106/11
Sunday, July 27	95	Sunday, August 24	103/24
Total:	447	4- Week Total:	402/46
Average:	112	Average:	101/15

BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

General Fund

Balance as of 07-25-08	\$7435.
Income:	
Offering	\$7274.
Tower	\$550.
Y.F. Reimb	\$1000.
Other	\$399.
Picnic	<u>\$6425</u>
Total Income	\$15,648.
Expense:	
Budgeted Items	\$12,535.
Balance as of 08-25-08	\$10,548.

Cemetery Fund

Balance as of 7-25-08	\$2741.
Income:	
Envelope	\$146.
Interest	<u>\$198.</u>
Total Income	\$344.
Expense:	
Mowing	\$445.
Balance as of 8-25-08	\$2640.

Building Fund

Balance as of 7-25-08	\$4149.
Income: Envelope	\$90.
Expenses: None	
Balance as of 8-25-08	\$4239.

Special Offering Fund

Balance as of 7-25-08	\$1193.
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Income:

Mission Fund	\$500.
Food Bank	\$10.
Fest. Of Sharing	\$97.
Ev. Children's Home	<u>\$96.</u>
Total Income	\$703..

Expense:

Designated Disbursements	\$931.
Balance as of 8-25-08	\$965.

Memorial/Gift Fund

Balance as of 7-25-08	\$7215.
Total Income:	\$500.*
Balance as of 8-25-08	\$7715
*Hildegard Laschober Memorial	
Etta Licklider VBS Fund	
Balance as of 8-25-08	
Savings Account Balance:	\$902
CD Balance:	\$9891.

Youth Fellowship Account

Balance as of 6-25-08	\$2114.
Income:	
Fund R./Donations	\$1598.
Picnic	<u>\$150.</u>
	\$1748
Expenses:	
Urban Mission Trip	\$825.
Reimb Gen Fund	<u>\$1000</u>
	\$1825.
Balance 7-25-08	\$2037.

CHOIR NOTES

The Bem Church Choir will be starting the year off on the right note on Sunday, September 7th with an anthem of praise and celebration, acknowledging Rally Day and the kick off of another Sunday School year. Rally Day is not the end, though; exciting things are in the work for the choir this year as they focus on praising God using the gifts God has given them.

Starting Monday, September 8th the Bem Church Choir will be rehearsing during the week- one Monday night a month! They will meet at 6:30 on September 8; October 6; November 3; December 1; January 5; February 2; March 2; April 6; and May 4. At this time, they will choose and practice the anthems for the upcoming month, and rehearse any special music that is coming up in worship. Weekly practices are hard to make, but once a month may be more attainable for all. Mark your calendars for the year now, and Praise the Lord in song!

GERMAN DINNER AT BEM

October 4th will be the date for the next German Dinner at Bem. Master Meatcutter Glenn Mercer will have his special recipe sausage again; Pastor Rick will be cooking the German Potato Salad again; and all the hard workers on the fundraising committee will be doing their usual excellent job. Watch for more details; but plan on coming by to eat from 5-7pm!
(Orders for bulk sausage will be taken again, too!)

GRAPE COUNTRY CLUSTER

Bem Church is a charter member of the Grape Country Cluster of United Church of Christ Congregations; a group of ten UCC Congregations in this area that have gathered to share resources, fulfill each others goals and needs, and nurture and encourage the fellowship that demonstrates that the Spirit of the Gospel lives. It is Bem's turn to host; we will be hosting their next meeting, September 23 at 7:00pm! The guest presenter will be our own Jamie Schultz, who will be speaking to us about the Habakkuk Project in the Missouri Mid South Conference. This is your chance to come and see what the Cluster is all about! Come join fun, fellowship, and camaraderie of fellow UCCers at Bem on September 23!

APPLE BUTTER- GET IT BEFORE IT IS GONE!

The Bem Church Apple Butter Cooking Crew will be whirling into action on September 8, 9, & 10 this year as they cook up gallons of Apple Butter for sale in our community. This annual event is a fund raiser for the Cemetery Fund; and the batches are usually sold as quickly as they come out of the kettle! There are several ways you can help make this fund raiser a success:

- **Donating jars for Apple Butter-** We are in need of jars; quarts and pints. Right now we are in dire need of pint jars- they are always the hardest to come by!
- **Washing jars-** The jars that we have need to be washed; they will be setting out under the picnic pavilion starting this weekend, August 30 & 31. Come by and pick up a case or three or more and run them thru your dishwasher; just be sure to have them back here by Sunday, September 7th so we can see how many more we need to buy before Monday!
- **Cooking Apple Butter-** There is always a need for stirrers on Apple Butter days; come by and enjoy the fellowship of this event! (please coordinate this with Carole)
- **Buying Apple Butter-** We are taking orders for the finished product- Pints \$3.50; Quarts \$6.50. Don't wait until the day of; it may all be gone! Contact Carole today and place your order- 573.437.3698 or carole@bemchurch.com.

Don't miss out on this fun fall event! Order your Apple Butter today!

ST. JOHN'S UCC PRAYER LIST

...as of 8/25/08

Please keep in your prayers this month...

The Family of Jacob Michael Emmanuel... born on August 21, 2008 at 2:54pm, weighing 8lbs, 4ozs. Congratulations! (Jacob is Annette Burton's grandson!)

The Family of Olivia Nicole Wilson... born on August 14th, 2008 weighing 6lb. 8ozs, Congratulations to parents Jodi and Corey Wilson; grandparents Pam and Bobbie Keeney!

The Family of Greg Wissbaum... an American hero from the Gulf War who died August 15th. (Curtis & Christina Aytes' friend)

All Students, Administration, Faculty & Staff... on the start of a great new school year

Health Issues...

Joe Smith (Carole Dotson's nephew); **Jan Buzelle** (friend of Oberles);
Sharon Lambing (Dawn Kreter's mother); **Greg Kohrmann; Vi Miller;**
Jim Honse (Dee Ruegge's friend); **Norman Blankenship;**
Judy Hall (Teresa Ringeisen's friend); **Mary Spurgeon** (diagnostic tests being done);
Esther Hollander (Needs heart valve replacement surgery);
Don Ruffner (in rehab for a few weeks at Frene Valley);
Remi Bruning (infant continuing to face medical procedures- Paula Shockley's friend);
Alec Vance (Connie Koepke's friend- in a coma after car accident);
Trevor (Nancy Carl's grandson); **Laura Simmerly** (Diana Halmick's friend)
Katy Gallagher... receiving treatment for leukemia

Challenges in Life...

Pam & Richard Koepke; Fran & Dan Graham; Amy Ventilmiglia (Lindsey Mercer's friend)

Living with Cancer...

Patty Kemp (Danny Baxter's secretary); **Michelle Arnold** (Aimee Hansel's friend);
Linda Bunk (Faye Howard's friend); **Cecelia** (JoAnn Glaser's sister);
Dave Stark (Fenton Fire Fighter); **Joy Schneider** (Nancy Carl's Friend);
Sue & Scott Sassman; Dr. Troy Hudnall; Suzan Wilson;
Jerry Michel (Gladys Koepke's nephew); **Joyce Elsperman** (Lori Adams' friend);
Mary Ackermann (Vicky Huebner's friend);
Renee Poulson & Dan Redhage (Teresa Ringeisen's friends);

Serving us in the Military...

Landon Freeman, Page Neville, Brendan O'Very, JR Lackey & Jason West...

Our family members and friends in care facilities...

Blanche Lewis, Edna Morgan, Lois Kreter,
& Geneva Schaefferkoetter at Gasconade Manor;
Jim McCune at Gasconade Terrace;
Ira Licklider at Sunset Health Care in Union;

Pregnancies in our church family...

Wendy and Jason Mehrhoff
Stephanie & Travis Kramme; Wyatt & Dawson
Christina & Curtis Aytes; Bryan, Morgan, & Veronica
Dyana & Keith Glaser; Brooke & Taylor Wildebrandt
Kristen & Cody Echols
Renee & Brandon Shaw & Ashlee

(Landon is Paula Shockley's friend, just sent to Kuwait; Page is Fran Huebner's friend; Brendan is Kim Oberle's cousin, currently in Iraq; JR is Judene's nephew, home from Afghanistan, going to Italy; Jason West is Erin West's brother in law. Jason is home from Iraq, serving us stateside)

ST. JOHN'S UCC, BEM- SEPTEMBER 2008 CALENDAR

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES- 10:00am	SUNDAY SCHOOL- 8:45am
September 2- Eden Seminary Opening Convocation	10:30am
September 6- New Hope United Methodist Church Country Fair	3:00pm-7:00pm
September 7- Rally Day! All Sunday School Classes Resume	8:45am!
Communion	10:00am
Christian Education Rally Day Brunch	11:00am
September 8, 9, 10- Apple Butter Cooking/Sales	All Day
September 8- Council Meeting	6:30pm
September 11- Jamaica Meeting at St. Peter's UCC in Washington	7:00pm
September 13- Owensville Heritage Festival	9:00am
September 14- Youth Group Meeting- Second Sunday	11:00am
September 18- Pastor Rick at Helping Hands Outreach Center	11:00am
September 20- Matt Fletcher/ Liz Hollandsworth Wedding at Sadie's	4:00pm
September 21- Camp Sunday in Church	10:00am
Pastor Rick leading worship at Frene Valley	2:00pm
September 22- Mission Committee Meeting	6:30pm
September 23- Grape Country Cluster Meeting at Bem	7:00pm
September 28- Eastern Association Meeting at St. John's UCC, St. Clair	
September 29- CROP Walk Meeting at St. Peter's UCC	7:00pm
October 4- German Dinner Here at Church	
October 5- CROP Walk	

QUILTING EVERY TUESDAY 9:00AM-2:00PM: BRING SACK LUNCH
YOGA EVERY MONDAY: 6:00-7:30pm

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To everyone in the home of:

