

**St. John's
United
Church
Of Christ, Bem**

The Scoop!

October, 2008

**"...no matter who you
are or where you are
on life's journey, you
are welcome here in
the United Church
of Christ..."**

From the Pastor's Keyboard...

"How is your World?"

This month, we jump into our annual Stewardship Drive. For some, this is a rough month of the year, because that is when the church starts talking about money again. Some folks bristle to mention the word money in church and when October rolls around, they cringe. Some even say that the church should not talk about money.

But money is simply a tool. It is a necessary tool in our society, but a tool nonetheless. An avoidance of the issue of money is an elevation to more than just tool status- to give it power- to make it an idol. The reality is that the church, like any mission institution dedicated to doing God's work in the world, needs to use the tools of the world to make that mission happen. Money is one of those tools.

Hence, every October we set ourselves towards a more intentional focus on the financial aspects of Stewardship, as we use the data you provide to compile an annual budget together. The results of this budget are that we can do God's work in a myriad of ways: through Christian Education; Youth Ministry, Elder Care; Reaching out to members and friends in need; Spreading the Good News of God's Love; Helping the disenfranchised in our community; and many other ways. Using that tool, money, we attempt to help God's Kingdom come, God's Will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven.

The theme of this year's Stewardship Drive is, "The World of the Generous Gets Larger and Larger" using a paraphrased selection from Proverbs 11:24 found in "The Message." Ponder that a bit. How does giving help our world get larger and larger? How does letting go of our excesses help us lead richer lives? How would giving not just our leftovers, but our first and our best help us and others be more fulfilled? How can we use the tools we have been given to make God's World larger than the culture of consumption that threatens to overtake it? How can we better use our tools?

-Pastor Rick

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SCRIPTURES FOR OCTOBER, 2008

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

October 5th – World Communion Day “More than a Checklist”

Hebrew Scripture: Ex. 20:1-4,7-9,12-20
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 19
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46

October 19th - “Too Taxing”

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 99
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22

October 12th- More than Thank You “False Idols”

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 109:1-6,19-23
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

October 26th- Reformation Sunday “Testimony of Faith”

Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46

THE WORLD OF THE GENEROUS GETS LARGER AND LARGER

“The world of the generous gets larger and larger.” –Proverbs 11:24, The Message. This is the theme of the Stewardship materials supplied to us by United Church of Christ Resources this year, and will be the theme of our Stewardship Drive all this month. From these materials, we hear this lesson:

“It is not possessions that Jesus criticizes but possessiveness. What we keep to ourselves is often necessary for our well being. But as C.S. Lewis put it, we cannot receive a gift when our hands are full. Giving a gift is hard when we cannot let go of things. Are our hands too full? Are we too possessive?”

There is no simple solution to this concern. But how we handle it determines whether our world is large or small. As any parent knows, the time comes when letting go is essential if a child is to move successfully into the larger world of adulthood. As any partner knows, possessiveness can stifle the growth of a good relationship. As any friend knows, mutual understanding requires more than clinging to one’s own point of view. And as any of us knows when facing an uncertain future, some things are going to have to be left behind.

As with letting go, the real question of giving is not what we can do but how much we don’t want to lose. If there is a risk in letting go or giving too freely, there is a greater risk in holding onto too much. Jesus says, ‘if you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it.’ Possessiveness kills.”

During the month of October, we will use bulletin inserts and Stewardship materials with devotions that relate to this theme. Finally, on All Saint’s Day, November 2, our Stewardship Drive will end with each of you being asked to make a Faith Promise to Bem Church; a promise that is anonymous to us, but heartfelt between you and God. This promise will be for the financial support of the ministries of Bem Church for the coming year, as we try to change God’s world by participating in Christ’s ministry with it.

As we walk this journey together, ponder how we can be more generous; not just of our money but of our time, our talent, and our hearts as well; and wonder how large our world can become!

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

The Bem Church Council has been looking at practices and procedures, and attempting to discern ways that the work of the church can be done effectively with integrity; doing justice to all the members of our family. One of the matters discussed was the question of anonymity; and how anonymous criticisms can often breed a climate of distrust. To maintain the openness, honesty, transparency, and integrity of the Church Council, the following matter was approved on July 14, 2008 at the regularly scheduled monthly Council Meeting:

“In keeping with our tradition of Christian witness and maintaining the integrity of the congregational polity of our denomination, and in order to uphold the work and worth of our committee structure and the members that serve in its body, the Church Council of St. John’s United Church of Christ has adopted the following policy as a general guide regarding anonymity:

The Church Council of St. John’s United Church of Christ adopts as its general guide a policy discouraging any items of business, any joys or concerns, any critiques or complaints, or any matters otherwise needing discussion without specific attribution to its origin. For any of these items to be brought before the Council, it is expected that the person(s) who are concerned will have the confidence in their convictions to claim responsibility for the matter at hand.

This is not to discourage anyone with an awkward situation, a genuine concern for their safety or fear of retaliation to speak to the Council in confidence. Such matters can be discussed in a closed session meeting of the Church Council; however such matters should have specific attribution to their origin as well.

While this guideline essentially only covers gatherings of the Church Council, the Church Council of St. John’s United Church of Christ encourages each of the committees and organizations of the church to observe a similar policy as well; and encourages the same guideline to be observed at Congregational Meetings, too.”

This policy is intended to promote general welfare within the congregation, and maintain the integrity of our lives together. We hope you will take this guideline to heart, and consider it as you and your groups continue to do the work of Christ’s church.

SAFETY COMMITTEE FORMED

The Bem Church Council, as mentioned above, has been looking at practices and procedures, in an effort to discern ways that the work of the church can be done effectively with integrity; doing justice to all the members of our family. Another part of this effort was to form a safety committee, charged with keeping a critical eye on our church property and procedures, and alerting the Council and trustees if anything needs their attention.

The members of the Safety Committee are:

Dana Chapman, Rick Copeland, Tina Wnuk, Russ Bacon & Pat Branson

Bem Church Council Members are: Dee Ruegge, Council Secretary and Christian Education Committee Representative; Vicky Huebner, Pastor Parish Relations Committee Representative; Jackie Mitchell, Treasurer; Curtis Aytes, Vice President; Doug Shockley, Trustee; John Kreter, Trustee; and Gary Peanick, President.

MO-VAL MEMORIES

“I had a great time at camp! We did a lot of cool things! My favorite game is ‘Habitat’! I do not know about my favorite song; I loved them all! My counselor was really cool!

-Morgan Aytes

“My favorite songs were ‘Jesus is a Cool Dude’, ‘The Moose Song’, and ‘Peace Like a River’. My favorite activities were arts and crafts and vespers. I loved our camp out. It was fun and the food was great! I met lots of nice friends and had a great time!”

-Beth Sieckmann

“This year at Camp Mo-Val was the best one yet! I met some awesome new friends that are really nice. My favorite activities are swimming and paddle boating. They are really fun! The campouts were awesome and the food was delicious! I love Camp Mo-Val. I am going next year and I think you should too!”

-Joey Oberle

“The boys always have a great time and come back home more appreciative. Since our world seems so busy, I think camp is good for them to slow down and connect with nature. They make new friends and do without the electronic games and TV. Yay!”

-Brenda Lewis

I was the camp nurse for 12, 13, and 14 year old boys and girls at Canoe Camp at Shannondale. I would like to encourage all youth to attend. I loved the messages and the unique way the leader presented them. The kids not only learned how to care for God’s creatures, but how to have fun doing so. They bonded as a group and had a blast at everything they did. They were encouraged to try things that pushed their comfort zone in a lot of areas like the rock climbing and low ropes, river obstacles and caving. They had to learn to put trust in their peers. These are things that are not easy for this age to do, but with the encouragement of the leaders they were able to accomplish these challenges. The goals were set by themselves and they were not easy to achieve. They were encouraged to put faith in themselves, their peers, and God. They had a lot of fun on and off the river that they will remember for a lifetime.

-Tracy Behrens, RN

St. John’s, Bem United Church of Christ sent 36 campers to church camp this summer. We also had six of our members who volunteered their services in the capacity of counselor, director, nurse, and ropes course instructor. Bem Church does a fantastic job witnessing to God’s work in the world by not only encouraging this responsibility, but by supporting them financially as well. Bem Church offers to pay half the camp fee for all Bem Church members who attend church camp- an amount that added up to around \$4300 this year. Thanks to the dedicated, faithful contribution of \$1700 from our Pairs and Spares fellowship organization, the contribution of almost \$1100 from the Christian Education Committee, and the faithful stewardship of each one of you, this bill was faithfully paid at the end of the summer.

Camp Mo-Val had a fantastic summer this year, hosting 507 campers from 74 different Conference Churches & Agencies in Conference sponsored camps; and 104 Different volunteer leaders ages 16-81! These leaders came from 35 different Conference Churches and Agencies. Start thinking about ways that you can make Mo-Val a part of your summer next year!

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!

THANK YOU!

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

Dear St. John's Church Family,

"Thank you for helping to send me to church camp for the very first time. I had a lot of fun. I really liked swimming in the pool and roasting marshmallows. We sang songs by the fire. We got to tie dye a shirt, too!"

-Raegan West

Dear St. John's Church Family,

"Thank you to Pairs & Spares, The Christian Education Committee, and the Members of Bem Church for helping make our enriching Summer Camp Adventure possible for all of us!"

-All The Bem Church Children, Youth, Campers

Rev. Rick Oberle and Bem Church Members,

Thank you so very much for everything you all have done for Jim McCune and his family. We have known for a long time that Bem Church was a great group of people. God Bless!

-The Family of Jim McCune

CHOIR NOTES

Come to Choir Practice! The Bem Church Choir will be rehearsing during the week- one Monday night a month! They will meet at 6:30 on 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 Glen 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. Come by to eat from 5-7pm! (Orders for bulk sausage will be taken, too!)

BUILDING A BRIDGE TO JAMAICA

Carlton Senior is coming to town! Our friend from the North Middlesex Council of the Churches of Jamaica is coming to Bem for a visit! Carleton will arrive in Bem on Tuesday, October 14th, and leave on Tuesday, October 21st. He will be at Faithworks that weekend, so he will not be in worship with us; but you will have an opportunity to gather with him that week!

On Thursday, October 16th, the Mission Committee will host a carry in meal reception for Carleton from 6:00-8:00pm. Our Bem Church Children will be singing the Jamaican songs they have been practicing, and Carleton will share stories of his ministry. Come renew old friendships, and make new ones, too; as we build a bridge to Jamaica!

PAIRS AND SPARES NEWS

Pairs and Spares met after church on September 7th, and voted to distribute funds to the following church missions: \$1000 to the General Fund; \$1000 to the Building Fund; and \$1700 towards camp fees for Bem Church members attending camp.

The next meeting of the Pairs and Spares will be on Sunday, October 5th, right after church, prior to the CROP walk. All Pairs and Spares are invited to join us!

TIME PASSAGES...

Funerals...

God's promises of New Life and Resurrection were celebrated on September 13, 2008 in the life of Jim McCune, who died on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at age 83. Jim was a member of the Oak Hill Cemetery Board, and a friend of everyone in the community. Pastor Rick Oberle officiated at the funeral; Jim was interred in Oak Hill Cemetery. He is survived by dozens of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Resurrection promises were also fulfilled in the life of Morris Glaser, who died on July 3, 2008. A celebration of his life and the Good News of Christ's Promises was held at Gottenstroeter Funeral Home on July 12, 2008 with Pastor Rick Oberle officiating. Morris was a member of Central United Church of Christ in Jefferson City. He is survived by his wife and children, as well as a sister and several brothers, including Bem Church friend Clark Glaser.

Baptisms...

On June 29, 2008, we celebrated the baptism of Iris Jane Peters, daughter of Zach & Erin Peters. Iris' baptismal sponsors were Jessica Venezia & Matt Fletcher. Welcome, Iris!

Weddings...

On July 19, 2008 at Capitol Regional Hotel in Jefferson City, MO April Decker and Brian Jardes were united in marriage with Pastor Rick Oberle officiating. April and Brian Jardes now reside in Olathe, Kansas. Congratulations to them!

On September 20, 2008 during a beautiful outdoor ceremony at Kohrman Lake in Bem, Missouri, Liz Hollandsworth and Matt Fletcher were united in marriage with Pastor Rick Oberle officiating. Liz and Matt Fletcher now reside on Baxter Road near Bland, Missouri.

Births...

Wendy and Jason Merhoff are the proud parents of a baby girl born 9/18/08. She weighed 7lb 9oz and was 18 3/4" long. Her name is Carlee Ann. Grandparents are Chuck & Donna Czeschin and Great Grandma is Bernice Stockglausner.

Stephanie and Travis Kramme are the proud parents of a baby boy born 9/19/08. He weighed 8lb 14ozs and was 19 1/2 inches long. His name is Westin Travis. Brothers are Wyatt Kramme and Dawson Clark; Grandparents are Neil and Marilyn Kramme; and Great Grandmother is Fern Kramme.

Jodi and Corey Wilson are the proud parents of a baby girl born August 14th, 2008. Her name is Olivia Nicole Wilson. Grandparents are Pam and Bobbie Keeney.

ATTENDANCE

Date:	Worship/Sun. School:	Date:	Worship/Sunday School:
Sunday, August 3	98	Sunday, September 7	124/41
Sunday, August 10	95/11	Sunday, September 14	118/54
Sunday, August 17	106/11	Sunday, September 21	95/39
Sunday, August 24	103/24	Sunday, September 28	
Total:	402/46	3- Week Total:	337/134
Average:	101/15	Average:	112/45

OCTOBER SERVICE SCHEDULE *Flowers: Crystal Blankenship*

Nursery: 10/5: Paula Copeland	Greeters: Kerri Carey Family	Lay Readers: Nancy Carl	Acolytes: Jonathan Huellinghoff & John Behrens
10/12: Nancy Kohrmann	Charles Shore/ Teresa Ringeisen Families	Jamie Schultz	Aimee Hansel & John Keller
10/19: Vicky Huebner	Ken Glaser Family	Esther Tayloe	Sable Huebner & Kelsey Baxter
10/26: Crystal Blankenship	Wayne Horstmann/ James Schafer Families	Dee Ruegge	Tiffani Youtzy & Alicia Kreter

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH- OCTOBER 2008

10/1- Gracie Schultz, Lyla Lenauer, Lois Ruffner, Eric Buschmeyer;
 10/4- Matt Amsden, Rick Goodman; 10/5-Allan Kohrmann; 10/7-Richard Carl, Lana Altemeyer;
 10/8- Terry Havelka, Russ Bacon; 10/9- Ginny Amsden; 10/10- Nancy Carpenter; 10/11- Iris Peters;
 10/12- Dale Adkison, Tucker Huebner; 10/14- Lori Adams, Brenda Sieckmann;
 10/15- Pam Keeney, Jeff Smith, Alicia Kreter; 10/16- Dawson Clark, Jonathan Hullinghoff;
 10/17- Kyrsten McBrayer; 10/19- Charlie Whelan; 10/21- Tammy Baxter, Chris Blankenship;
 10/22- John Tayloe; 10/23- Doug Shockley;
 10/24- Anita Oldfather, Sable Huebner, Tanner Goodman, Macen Blankenship, Jacob Hall;
 10/26- Jackson Lenauer, Nancy Kohrmann, Dorothy Ringeisen; 10/27- Elaine Menderski;
 10/29- Connie Lickliger ...Happy Birthday!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH- OCTOBER 2008

10/1- Sandy & Carl Landwehr, Leann & Jim Smith; 10/2- Jessica & Seth Parker;
 10/3- Faye & Willis Howard; 10/6- Crystal & Chris Blankenship; 10/7- Cheryl & Dave Ruffner;
 10/9- Casey & Keith Heying; 10/21- Jackie & Ken Adkison;
 10/23- Stephanie & Travis Kramme; 10/29- Fran & Dan Graham ...Happy Anniversary!

BUILDING A BRIDGE TO KENYA

Church World Services is organizing a delegation of 10 persons actively engaged in their communities in CWS programs to meet with Kenyan leaders from rural and urban areas to stand in solidarity with them as they struggle to overcome hunger, unemployment, HIV/AIDS and global policies of oppression. Our own Laura Shore has been picked for this delegation, due to her tireless efforts in the CROP fundraising walks. Congratulations, Laura!

Laura will leave Bem on February 3 to travel to Kansas City. She will spend a day in transit, arriving in Kenya on February 4. While there, she will participate in several CWS programs, including working with the Water for Life program on February 6. (This is the program Bem Church raised \$5000 for in memory of Jana Smith.) Every day is a different CWS program, in which Laura will gain hands-on experience working in mission with God's children. On February 15, she returns home to Bem, to share her journey with us.

This trip will cost Laura quite a bit of money; and despite Laura's protests, the Bem Church Mission Committee is committed to helping her defray those expenses as much as possible. Watch for more information on how you can help us help Laura participate in this important Mission Work!

BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

General Fund

Balance as of 08-25-08	\$10,548.
Income:	
Offering	\$6433.
Tower	\$550.
Quilt Auction	\$1000.
P/S Donation (camp)	\$1700.
Other	\$916.
Picnic	<u>\$400</u>
Total Income	\$10,999.
Expense:	
Budgeted Items	\$16,443.
Balance as of 09-25-08	\$5104.

Cemetery Fund

Balance as of 8-25-08	\$2640.
Income:	
Apple Butter	\$1555.
Envelope	\$245.
Interest	<u>\$161.</u>
Total Income	\$1961.
Expense:	
Mowing	\$400.
Balance as of 9-25-08	\$3895.

Building Fund

Balance as of 8-25-08	\$4239.
Income: Envelope	
Quilt Auction	\$141.
Quilt Auction	\$1000.
Expenses: Bell Tower, other	
	\$2322
Balance as of 9-25-08	\$3058.

Special Offering Fund

Balance as of 8-25-08	\$965.
Income:	
Mission Fund	\$515.
Food Bank	\$82.
CROP	\$326.
Food Pantry	<u>\$96.</u>
Total Income	\$1019.
Expense:	
Designated Disbursements	\$854.
Balance as of 9-25-08	\$1130.

Memorial/Gift Fund

Balance as of 8-25-08	\$7715.
Expense: Desk donation	\$798
Balance as of 9-25-08	\$6917

Etta Licklider VBS Fund

Savings Account Balance:	\$902
CD Balance:	\$9891.

Youth Fellowship Account

Balance as of 8-25-08	\$2037.
Expenses:	
Urban Mission Trip Expenses	\$518.
Balance as of 9-25-08	\$1519.

BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT- HOW ARE WE SO FAR?

As of September 28th, 75% of 2008 has passed us by. With an income goal of \$130,000 for 2008, we should have received \$97,500 in General Fund Income and \$5250 in our Mission Fund at this point. As of September 21st, we have received \$107,147 in General Fund income; \$4934 in Mission Fund income. We are ahead in the General Fund, but behind in the Mission Fund.

This sounds like great news in our General Fund income, but counted in that overage are annual receipts and extra income that will not carry through to the end of the year. For instance, picnic income, quilt income donations, camp donations (such as the \$1700 received from Pairs and Spares) inflate that number; but these are all income sources that are over for the year.

If you look at Sunday Morning Contributions, the faithful testimonies that make our Mission Possible in God's world, as of August 31, we are down \$5200 from where we expected to be at this time of the year, based on your Faith Promises last October. However, we are sure that as the final quarter of the year comes in, your Faith Promises will kick in as well, and our Sunday Morning Contributions will pick back up. Together, we can do God's work in many great ways; and our world and God's will in our lives will just get larger and larger!

What is going on in the UCC? Check out www.ucc.org!

ST. JOHN'S UCC PRAYER LIST

...as of 9/22/08

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Matt & Liz Fletcher... united in marriage Saturday 9/20 at Kormann Lake. Congratulations!
Wendy & Jason Mehrhoff & Family... congratulations on baby Carlee Ann born 9/18!
Stephanie & Travis Kramme & Family... congratulations on baby Westin Travis born 9/19!
Suzan Wilson... congratulations on being diagnosed cancer free!
Jackie Mitchell... at home, monitoring cardiac conditions for a few weeks
Brant Littrell... medical tests addressing growth issues
Kristie Krupp... hospitalized; battling a serious infection (Cheryl Ruffner's sister)
Eileen Carpenter... in rehab at Frene Valley (Teresa Ringeisen's friend)
Travelling Sports Teams... for safety in their journeys to and from competitions

Recovering from surgeries & other procedures...

Abby Koepke; Greg Kohrmann; Don Ruffner (in rehab for a few weeks at Frene Valley);
John Kreter; Jim Wilkerson (JoAnn Glaser's brother in law); **Bob Neuls;**
Jan Buzelle (friend of Oberles); **Mary Spurgeon; Stasha Peters & Sharon Lambing...**

Health Issues...

Joe Smith (Carole Dotson's nephew); **Betty Raack; Trevor** (Nancy Carl's grandson);
Jim Honse (Dee Ruegge's friend); **Judy Hall** (Teresa Ringeisen's friend); **Vi Miller;**
Esther Hollander (Needs heart valve replacement surgery); **Norman Blankenship;**
Katy Gallagher; Andrea Schotz (Connie Koepke's cousin);
Remi Bruning (infant continuing to face medical procedures- Paula Shockley's friend);

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);
Cecelia (JoAnn Glaser's sister); **Johnnie Miller** (Gerry Corzine's friend);
Renee Poulson & Dan Redhage (Teresa Ringeisen's friends);
Dave Stark (Fenton Fire Fighter); **Joy Schneider** (Nancy Carl's Friend);
Sue & Scott Sassman; Dr. Troy Hudnall; Joyce Elsperman (Lori Adams' friend);
Jerry Michel (Gladys Koepke's nephew); **Mary Ackermann** (Vicky Huebner's friend);

Serving us in the Military...

Tommy Creedon, 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;
Ira Lickliger at Sunset Health Care in Union;
Bernice Lickliger at Frene Valley;
Don Ruffner at Frene Valley for Rehab

Pregnancies in our church family...

Christina & Curtis Aytes; Bryan, Morgan, & Veronica
Dyana & Keith Glaser; Brooke & Taylor Wildebrandt
Kristen & Cody Echols
Renee & Brandon Shaw & Ashlee

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

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES- 10:00am SUNDAY SCHOOL- 8:45am

October 4 th -	German Dinner here at Bem	5:00-7:00pm
October 5 th -	World Communion Sunday ; Communion	10:00am
	Pairs & Spares Meeting	11:00am
	CROP Walk	1:00pm
	Gasconade County Bible Society Annual Meeting	7:00pm
October 6 th -	Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
October 8 th -	Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance at FBC	10:30am
October 9 th -	Jamaica Partnership Meeting at Zion UCC, Union	7:00pm
October 10-11	Youth Group Retreat/Group Building/Planning at Mo-Val	7:00pm-noon
October 12 th -	Emmaus Homes Fall Bazaar	12:00-5:00pm
October 13 th -	Council Meeting	6:30pm
October 14 th -	Carleton Senior Arrives	
October 15 th -	Membership Care Committee Meeting	6:30pm
October 16 th -	Jamaica Carry-In Meal/Reception here at Bem	6:00-8:00pm
October 17-19	Faithworks at Tan-tar-a	
October 21 st -	Carleton Senior Departs	
October 26 th -	Christian Ed Halloween Party	2:00-4:00pm
October 27 th -	Mission Committee Meeting	6:30pm
October 28 th -	Grape Country Cluster Meeting	7:00pm

QUILTING EVERY TUESDAY 9:00AM-2:00PM: BRING SACK LUNCH

YOGA EVERY MONDAY: 6:00-7:30pm

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

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