

St. John's  
United  
Church  
Of Christ, Bem

# The Scoop!

November, 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...*

**"YOU ARE IMPORTANT!"**

*I recently attended a meeting of clergy from our Conference. In this meeting, we were asked at one point about ways that we, as a Conference, could meet each other's needs. One of my friends offered that we are often never told that we are important. As a Conference we often express how important our union is, our fellowship and our gathering, but we never express to one another that we as individuals are important.*

*How true these words ring; and how applicable they are to each of our lives. We often discuss how important the church is, and how important God is; but how often are you told that you are important to the church, and that you are important to God's work in the world?*

*Each one of us as individuals is important to the life of the church; and each one of us is important to God's continuing work in the world. **YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO GOD!** And also- **YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO BEM CHURCH!** Often times we feel that we are unimportant when God's world gets crazy around us; when the burdens of life overwhelm us; when we disagree with the Pastor or the Denomination; we feel that we, or our opinions, don't matter at times. But each member of our body is important; and when you are not here, each one of us, the church, and God's ministry in the world is diminished a bit.*

*As I write this, I am a bit disheartened by lower than expected attendance in worship this fall. This body of Christ is doing some very impressive and important work in God's world; but we need you to be a part of it. **YOU ARE IMPORTANT;** to Bem Church, to God, and to our ministry together. There are always good and valid reasons to skip worship opportunities; but in the end, your presence is needed to strengthen and build up the body of Christ.*

**YOU ARE IMPORTANT!**

**-Pastor Rick**

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## THE UCC ON TV

Have you seen your church on TV lately? The UCC “Steeple” television ad, featuring a diverse array of people reciting the “here is the church, here is the steeple” rhyme, began airing nationwide September 29 on BET, Bravo, CNN, and TV One subscription networks. These ads were estimated to have reached more than 10 million viewers! The following excerpts are from a letter authored by the Still Speaking Ministry of the Church House in Cleveland expressing some reactions to the ads: (the letter is edited for length and content purposes)

Dear Friends:

We have just completed our two week ad run of Steeples and the results are fantastic!

Traffic to the main portal of the United Church of Christ website increased 27 percent during the ad run and visitors to the "find a church" query page of the website were up 29 percent.

This same period saw 1,100 new users sign up to receive UCC email updates.

What's more, we've heard how thankful people are to know a church like the UCC exists:

- From Dot: "I saw (the ad) just a few days ago and was thrilled with it! In these days of such unrest and uncertainty, it centered me."
- From Adam: "I saw the ad and was really moved by it. I have located a church in my town and am very excited to reintroduce myself to God. Thank you so much. From one of the people..."
- From Jesse: "I love your ad on TV. I just saw it for the first time and... went on the internet to look up your views.... Thanks for really understanding and living the teachings of Christ."
- From John: "After seeing your "Steeple" ad on TV, I was curious to visit your website. As I sit here in tears, all I can say is WOW! I thought I would never find a church that would accept me for me."
- From Tom: "Thank you. As it was for so many of us, this week has been hard. (Economic uncertainty peaked that week) I came home so desperate looking for answers and wondering how we, both individually and as a country, could survive. As I sat mulling in my own depression, I saw your message on television that spoke to my heart about the need for understanding and inclusion. Now, more than ever, we need to hear that we are ALL God's children. Bless you--you made a difference in my life and I'm sure in so many others."

Peace, grace and many thanks for all you have done to support this ad campaign,

The Rev. Felix Carrion, Coordinator  
The Stillspeaking Ministry

Gwen Thomas, Assistant Coordinator  
The Stillspeaking Ministry

**The Still Speaking Ministry** of the United Church of Christ has been, and continues to be, a mission of the United Church of Christ to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ- the Good News of the welcome Jesus offers to everyone. While this particular Ad run was financed through specific contributions for that purpose, **The Still Speaking Ministry** and the production of the “Steeple” ad was and continues to be financed through our contributions to **Our Church’s Wider Mission**.

When **Bem Church** contributes to **Our Church’s Wider Mission**, 75% of it stays here in the Missouri Mid South Conference, where it goes to support Camps Mo-Val and Shannondale, to aid churches in search and call, in evangelism and church growth, in education and in other vital ministries; but 25% goes to the Church House in Cleveland, where it funds God’s Work through life changing missions such as **The Still Speaking Ministry**. **Our Church’s Wider Mission**- what a great way for **Bem Church** to spread God’s love all over the world!

## **SCRIPTURES FOR NOVEMBER, 2008**

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

### **November 2<sup>nd</sup>- All Saints Day “Be Blessed; Be a Blessing”**

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17  
Gospel Lessons: Matthew 5:1-12  
Matthew 23:1-12

### **November 9<sup>th</sup>- Stewardship Sunday “Dedicating Our Hearts, Our Selves”**

Hebrew Scripture: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 78:1-7  
Epistle Lesson: 1Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

### **November 16<sup>th</sup>- Deer Hunter’s Special “Hunting for God in our lives”**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 42  
Hebrew Scriptures:  
Deuteronomy 15:19-22  
2 Samuel 22:31-34  
Habakkuk 3

***Special Scriptural focus on the prominence of deer hunting in the stories of our faith! Come down from the tree for an hour this Sunday! Hunters- Come to Church As You Are!***

### **November 23<sup>rd</sup>- “The End to all Things”**

**Reign of Christ/Thanksgiving Sunday**  
Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:7-18  
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 100  
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

### **November 30<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent “In the Beginning”**

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 80:1-7  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

## **THE RUSSELL HOUSE- NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH**

The Russell House is dedicated to helping people establish a life free of violence and provides confidential services to help people in crisis leave an abusive situation. Their services include:

- Shelter: They can provide shelter and referral to other shelters when appropriate
- Support: They provide support groups throughout the week. Support groups are held in Phelps, Maries, Dent, and Crawford counties each week.
- Advocacy: They can help people in crisis situations with suggestions and plans for safety. They can assist in finding community resources that are available to all.
- Court Advocacy: They can help those in crisis situations with explanations of their legal rights. They can assist in legal processes
- Crisis Hotline: They can assist those in crisis 24 Hours a day with confidential counseling and crisis intervention.
- Counseling: Therapy is provided for adults and children to address issues of domestic violence.

The Russell House is a non profit organization that provides services to victims of family violence. The Russell House is located in Rolla, MO and provides services that can be accessed by anyone, whether they stay in their shelter or not. All services are confidential and provided at no cost to the person in crisis. **The Bem Church Mission Committee** has chosen The Russell House as our **Bem Church Mission of the Month**; hear more about their work in church during the month of November!

## **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, as it wraps up this month.

As we have examined this theme through bulletin inserts and discussions in church, we have come to understand:

- That faith is personal, but not individual; we are part of a bigger picture, a “body of Christ” that would be diminished without our participation. We are Bem Church, We are The United Church of Christ, We are the Christian Faith, We are God’s Creation; and we are important parts of all of these.
- That our giving is “more than just thank you;” while we give out of gratitude for all God’s blessings, we do not give just to say thank you. If so, we would probably not continue to give when we are angry or sad. We give to God’s work in the world because that is our call as Christians, concentrating on God’s promises rather than our own feelings or moods.
- That we are all part of “one big soul that belongs to everybody” (a quote from *The Grapes of Wrath*). We are all part of God’s Creation and our giving is our way of sustaining it.
- That practice makes perfect, and virtue is a habit that requires practice. Generosity is a virtue, and giving to God’s work in the world is a practice that does not come easy. As with playing the piano, dance or chess, skill improves as we practice. A generous soul connected to God’s world comes with practice.
- That intentional giving of our time and our money, and setting goals for each will help our world to be a better place. The Bible suggests over and over again that God’s children give 10% of their talents to God’s work in the world. What would it mean if we dedicated 10% of our *time* to God? (Hint: there are 168 hours in a week...)

On Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will begin inviting you to make your faith promises to God for your financial support of God’s mission through Bem Church this coming year. You will receive Faith Promise Cards in your bulletin; these cards have three perforated sections. One section will be a dollar amount that you will commit to for this coming year; the other section will be for your name; the third section you will keep as a reminder of your promises with God. You will be invited during the service to come forward and place your dollar commitment and your name in two separate boxes, thereby preserving anonymity, yet still committing your stewardship to God. The results of the amounts expressed on these cards will be used to formulate our Bem Church budget for 2009.

As you ponder your commitment to what matters; God’s mission with the world; consider the lessons of our Stewardship Drive this year: “The World of the Generous Gets Larger and Larger.” The more generous we are with our hearts, our souls, our time, our lives, and yes, our money; the happier, the more focused, the more Christ like our lives become. The world of the Generous does get larger and larger, as we experience the miracles of Christ like living in our hearts every day.

***What’s going on in the United Church of Christ? Check out [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)!***

### **SAFETY COMMITTEE FORMED**

The Bem Church Council 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.

### **HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS GATHERINGS PLANNED**

Maintaining Healthy Relationships in the church is an important part of keeping our children safe, our youth safe, and our church safe. As with anything in life, maintaining healthy relationships takes practice, effort and an intentional focus on our actions.

To this end, the Church Council and the Safety Committee will be hosting several Healthy Relationships gatherings for the membership of Bem Church. They will be at 11:30am on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>; Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>; and Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. That is the third, second, and first Sundays of each month, respectively.

At these gatherings, which will be about 50 minutes long, we will watch a short video, and then discuss the importance of maintaining healthy relationships in the church. We will go over St. John's Official Policy concerning Sexual Exploitation, Ministerial Conduct, and Youth Protection. We will also discuss standards and practices, response issues, and ask you to sign a covenant concerning your maintenance of healthy relationships in the church.

These gatherings are for every adult in the church. (There will be separate gatherings for youth ages 12-18.) Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes the entire community of Bem Church to maintain a healthy environment for our children, and for our selves. These gatherings are especially important for those working with youth; but are designed for all.

Some of you may be familiar with these gatherings, as Pastor Hal hosted some a few years ago. Even if you went to one of these at that time, we are asking you to come again. Maintaining Healthy Relationships is not a one time effort; it is an ongoing intentional focus that we must keep at the forefront of our thoughts. Questions? Ask Pastor Rick or a Church Council Member.

### **BEE DINNER FOR EDEN SEMINARY IN NOVEMBER**

November 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

This dinner is not cheap; but is a great night out on the town in a ritzy venue for a very worthy cause. (A portion is tax deductible as a charitable contribution!) Entertainment is provided by Jazz greats Paul Westcott and Nikki Washington. For more details, talk to Pastor Rick!

**THANK YOU!**

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

**Good Morning!**

Words cannot adequately express the appreciation of **Helping Hands Outreach Center of Gasconade County** for your continuing generosity of donations to our food bank. We specifically want to thank you for your August donations of \$98.79; Fresh garden produce; and 9 bags of groceries, etc.

As you are well aware, these donations come at a time when there are more people than ever having to use the Food Pantry as a source for their families. Again, *THANK YOU* for your continued assistance. It is so appreciated!

**-Sincerely, Jackie Dietrich, Secretary**

**ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**

Congratulations to Courtney Shockley for being voted Cuba Football Homecoming Sophomore Attendant for the Cuba Homecoming in October!

Congratulations to Aimee Hansel and Alicia Kreter for their participation in their team taking first place in Auxillary percussion, and 1<sup>st</sup> in class at the Sullivan Band Competition!

Congratulations also to Jenna Halmick and Jo Smith who have taken several trophies this month in band competitions with the Owensville High School Band!

**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 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!

**PAIRS AND SPARES NEWS**

Pairs and Spares met after church on October 12<sup>th</sup>, and took a trip to visit Duke Enke's cabin on Hog Trough Road. Everyone enjoyed their time there, and fellowship together.

Pairs and Spares will not meet on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, since they are hosting the Shannondale luncheon after church on October 26<sup>th</sup>. They will probably get together one Sunday after church to discuss Christmas plans, though; so watch for more announcements on Sunday mornings! All are invited to join us for fun, food and fellowship with Pairs and Spares!

**ATTENDANCE**

Date:	Worship/Sun. School:	Date:	Worship/Sunday School:
Sunday, September 7	124/41	Sunday, October 5	130/43
Sunday, September 14	118/54	Sunday, October 12	103/33
Sunday, September 21	95/39	Sunday, October 19	93/33
Sunday, September 28	116/32	Sunday, October 26	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>453/166</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>326/109</b>
Average:	114/42	3-Week Average:	109/36

**NOVEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

*Flowers: Nancy Kohrmann*

<b>Nursery:</b> <b>11/2:</b> Jodi Layman	<b>Greeters:</b> Carl Landwehr/ Pat Branson Families	<b>Lay Readers:</b> Laura Shore	<b>Acolytes:</b> Kelsey Baxter & Sable Huebner
<b>11/9:</b> Erin West	Jeff Koepke/ Gladys Koepke Families	Nancy Jenkins	Tanner Goodman & Andrew Carey
<b>11/16:</b> Allison Baker	Travis Kramme Family	Gary Peanick	Nicole Petty & Kelsey Baxter
<b>11/23:</b> Paula Shockley	Darin Layman Family	Nancy Kohrmann	Sable Huebner & Tanner Goodman
<b>11/30:</b> Tracy Behrens	Leann Smith/ Fern Kramme Families	J. Huellinghoff	Andrew Carey & Nicole Petty

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH- NOVEMBER 2008**

11/1- Emily Koepke, Dana Goodman; 11/2- Erin Peters; 11/3- Brian Jardes; 11/6- Diana Halmick; 11/8- Molly Wnuk; 11/9- Anna Ley; 11/11- Gene Behrens, Cheryl Ruffner, Pat Branson; 11/13- Laura Shore; 11/14- Jessie Smith; 11/16- Aaron Kohrman; 11/17- Stephanie Parker; 11/18- Shirley Boyd, Seth Parker; 11/20- Kate Gracyn Blankenship, Clay Chapman; 11/21- Jim Crook, Bryan Aytes; 11/27- Paula Copeland, Sharon Kohrmann; 11/28- Mark Thornton

...**Happy Birthday!**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH- NOVEMBER 2008**

11/4- Tammy & Terry Havelka; 11/5- Diana & Roger Halmick; 11/23- Julie & Bill Wirth; 11/29- Erin & Zachary Peters

...**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! If you want to help, ask a Mission Committee member- Nancy Carl, Judene Huellinghoff, Nancy Kohrmann, Marilyn Neuls, Desiree Sullinger, Laura Shore, or Pastor Rick!

**BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Special Offering Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 09-25-08</b>	<b>\$5104.</b>	<b>Balance as of 9-25-08</b>	<b>\$1130.</b>
Income:		Income:	
Offering	\$6510	Mission Fund	\$674.
Tower	\$550.	Food Bank	\$40.
German Meal	\$2884.*	CROP	\$110.
Other	<u>\$22.</u>	Our Church's Wider Mission	
Total Income	\$9966.		<u>\$300</u>
Expense:		Total Income	\$1124.
Budgeted Items	\$9605.	Expense:	
<b>Balance as of 10-25-08</b>	<b>\$5465</b>	Designated Disbursements \$1232.	
<b>Cemetery Fund</b>		<b>Balance as of 10-25-08</b>	<b>\$1022.</b>
<b>Balance as of 9-25-08</b>	<b>\$3895</b>	<b>Memorial/Gift Fund</b>	
Income:		<b>Balance as of 9-25-08</b>	<b>\$6917.</b>
Apple Butter	\$894	Income:	
Envelope	\$75	Elvira Schlottach Memorial	
Interest	<u>\$31.</u>	<b>Balance as of 10-25-08</b>	<b>\$7517</b>
Total Income	\$1000.	<b>Etta Licklider VBS Fund</b>	
Expense:		Savings Account Balance:	<b>\$902</b>
Mowing	\$200.	CD Balance:	<b>\$9891.</b>
Apple Butter	\$738.	<b>Youth Fellowship Account</b>	
<b>Balance as of 10-25-08</b>	<b>\$3957</b>	<b>Balance as of 9-25-08</b>	<b>\$1519.</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>		Income: Donations	
<b>Balance as of 9-25-08</b>	<b>\$3058.</b>	<b>Balance as of 10-25-08</b>	<b>\$1679.</b>
Income: Envelope		*German Meal expenses \$1066	
\$100.			
Expenses:			
\$250			
<b>Balance as of 10-25-08</b>	<b>\$2908.</b>		

**BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT- HOW ARE WE SO FAR?**

We have had some terrific fundraiser success in recent months, the profits of which are boosting our income and enabling ministry in exciting ways. While final totals are not ready yet, it looks like we will realize a profit of approximately \$2000 from the German Dinner, after the remaining sausage is sold; and approximately \$2000 from Apple Butter sales after all monies are turned in and bills are paid. Great fundraiser success!

While this income is very welcome, as of October 1<sup>st</sup> we are down approximately \$7000 in our projected offering income (Sunday Morning Contributions) from where we expected to be at this time of the year, based on your Faith Promises last November. However, we are sure that as the final quarter of the year rolls in, your Faith Promises will roll in as well, and our Sunday Morning Contributions will pick back up. We are doing a great ministry together at Bem Church; and together, our world and God's will in our lives will just get larger and larger!

**UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Several exciting Youth Group Activities are coming up, including a Halloween Party on October 26<sup>th</sup>; preparing baskets for senior members of Bem Church on November 9<sup>th</sup>; and Journey to Bethlehem in December. The youth meet the Second Sunday of each month right after church; if you are in 6-12 grade, come on down! Or- talk to Darin & Jodi Layman, youth advisors; or Courtney Shockley, Youth Group President. You are important to us!

**ST. JOHN'S UCC PRAYER LIST**

...as of 10/21/08

*Prayer Joys and Concerns...*

**The Family of Castin Ellis...** on their loss; 21 year old Castin died from trauma due to a car accident; funeral was Saturday 10/25 in Olathe, KS. (Scott & Liz Ellis' daughter)

**The Family of Elvira Schlottach...** on their loss; Elvira died in October; a memorial for her life and God's Resurrection Promises was celebrated Saturday 10/25 at Gottenstroeter

*Recovering from surgeries & other procedures...*

**Don Ruffner; Mary Spurgeon; Stasha Peters; John Kreter; Greg Kohrmann;**

**Esther Hollander** (Recovering from heart valve replacement surgery);

**Jim Wilkerson** (JoAnn Glaser's brother in law); **Bob Neuls**

*Health Issues...*

**Jim Honse** (Dee Ruegge's friend); **Judy Hall** (Teresa Ringeisen's friend); **Vi Miller;**

**Norman Blankenship; Mary Kay Patterson** (Bob Neuls' friend); **Betty Raack;**

**Katy Gallagher; Andrea Schotz** (Connie Koepke's cousin);

**Remi Bruning** (Paula Shockley's friend); **Trevor Martin** (Nancy Carl's grandson);

**Larry Albert** (Bob Neuls' friend); **Joe Smith** (Carole Dotson's nephew);

**Kristie Krupp** (Cheryl Ruffner's sister); **Fritz Steinbeck** (Teresa Ringeisen's friend)

*Challenges in Life...*

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

*Living with Cancer...*

**Karen Willimann** (Armin Enke's daughter); **Patty Kempf** (Danny Baxter's secretary);

**Michelle Arnold** (Aimee Hansel's friend); **Cecelia** (JoAnn Glaser's sister);

**Dave Stark** (Fenton Fire Fighter);

**Renee Poulson & Dan Redhage** (Teresa Ringeisen's friends); **Sue & Scott Sassman;**

**Joy Schneider** (Nancy Carl's Friend); **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, Erik Laudahal; 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

*Pregnancies in our church family...*

**Christina & Curtis Aytes; Bryan, Morgan, & Veronica**

**Dyana & Keith Glaser; Brooke & Taylor Wildebrandt**

**Kristen & Cody Echols**

**Renee & Brandon Shaw & Ashlee**

**Brandi & Chris Lauth & Will**

**Tina & George Wnuk & Molly**

(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; Erik is Nancy Carl's nephew, in the National Guard, serving 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)

*This year's Confirmation Class...*

**Kelsey Baxter, Andrew Carey, Tanner Goodman, Sable Huebner & Nicole Petty**

**ST. JOHN'S UCC, BEM- NOVEMBER 2008 CALENDAR**

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

November 1 <sup>st</sup> -	Confirmation Day at Eden Seminary	8:00am-4:00pm
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> -	<i>All Saints' Day</i> ; Communion	10:00am
November 3 <sup>rd</sup> -	Choir Practice	6:30pm
November 8 <sup>th</sup> -	Mo-Val Work Day	9:00am
November 9 <sup>th</sup> -	Youth Group Meeting/making baskets	11:00am
November 10 <sup>th</sup> -	Council Meeting	6:30pm
November 12 <sup>th</sup> -	Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance at FBC	10:30am
November 15 <sup>th</sup> -	Deer Hunter's Chili	10:30am-7:00pm
November 16 <sup>th</sup> -	Healthy Relationships Gathering	11:30am
November 17 <sup>th</sup> -	Operation Christmas Meeting at New Hope UMC	7:00pm
November 20 <sup>th</sup> -	Confirmation Class	5:00-7:00pm
November 23 <sup>rd</sup> -	Community Thanksgiving Service at New Hope UMC	3:00pm
November 27 <sup>th</sup> -	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	
November 30 <sup>th</sup> -	First Sunday of Advent	
	<i>All-Church Advent Workshop</i> with soup luncheon	11:00am
December 1 <sup>st</sup> -	Choir Practice	6:30pm
December 6 <sup>th</sup> -	Breakfast with Santa at Masonic Lodge	7:00-10:00am
December 7 <sup>th</sup> -	Nobby Ota's Holiday Meal at Farmer's Merchant	4:00pm

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

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