

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

The Scoop!

January, 2009

**"...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...

"Immerse Yourself"

"Immerse Yourself" is the theme of the United Church of Christ for this current biennium; the height of which will be this year's General Synod, this June in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The theme was chosen in part because of the prevalence of water in the Grand Rapids culture; but more importantly it is reflective of how water is used as a tool for understanding throughout the scriptures, and continues today to be the life force of our being.

Of course, we know that the human body make up is largely water; as an agricultural society, we know the importance of water to our crops and cattle; and in this town surrounded by creeks and streams, we understand the power and majesty of water, too.

But one thing that we don't often focus on is the theological importance of water throughout our traditions. From God's creative expression in the swirling waters at the chaos of creation; to God's re-creative saving grace found in the story of God's Ark; God's salvation at the parting of the Red Sea; to God's sustenance, seen in God's gift of water from a rock; even God's promises are carried in the waters of Mary's womb. Water is God's expression of life.

But how do we receive this water? Do we just dab a bit of it behind our ears, and say we have bathed? Or do we fully immerse ourselves in the waters of God's goodness? Do we dabble our fingers in the waters of faith, or do we "splash it on?" This is the heart of Jesus' ministry, a theme we will explore further this year as our faith develops even more. Are we afraid to immerse ourselves?

This month, water takes on a special theme, as we examine Jesus' baptism by John at the River Jordan. We will be receiving new members, celebrating the sacrament of baptism, and dedicating ourselves to a coming year of service. This is an exciting month at Bem Church; come and immerse yourself!

-Pastor Rick

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NEIGHBORS IN NEED- BEM CHURCH MISSION OF THE MONTH

Another World is Possible! The **Neighbors in Need** offering, which is our Bem Church Mission of the Month, supports the United Church of Christ's ministries of Justice and Compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the United Church of Christ's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian brothers and sisters in the United Church of Christ. One-third of the offering supports the United Church of Christ's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, the forebears of the United Church of Christ worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidasta, Arickara, and Hocak Indians. Today, there are 20 United Church of Christ Congregations on American Indian Reservations, and one urban, multi-tribal United Church of Christ Congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other United Church of Christ Congregations in the United States.

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. **Neighbors in Need** *is us*, working the world, doing God's work. Please give generously. Last year, Bem Church gave \$238 for our **Neighbors in Need** offering. Can we give at least \$250 this year? Look for bulletin inserts in each week in January, and plan now to make another world possible!

SCRIPTURES FOR JANUARY, 2009

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

January 4th - Epiphany Sunday "What Child is This?"

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

January 11th- The Baptism of Christ "Immerse Yourself"

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 29
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:4-11

January 18th "Lead Me, LORD!"

Hebrew Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-20
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Gospel Lesson: John 1:43-51

January 25th "God's Prerogative"

Hebrew Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 62:5-12
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

PAIRS AND SPARES NEWS

Pairs and Spares again supported the Heifer Project for Christmas instead of a gift exchange. These animals go to help families who need a "hand up" instead of a "hand out." If you want to help, see a P & S member. Don't forget the Penny Jar for mission work, too!

The Pairs and Spares monthly carry in meal will be Sunday, January 4. Bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome to stick around. This is a fun group- we would love to have you!

SEVEN HABITS

The United Church of Christ has published a pamphlet that takes a humorous look at church life. It is written by Anthony Robinson, and is called "*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective/Highly Ineffective Churches.*" Selections from this tongue in cheek brochure include:

7 Habits of Highly *Ineffective* Churches:

1. **Elevate Mediocrity to a spiritual discipline.** Figure out where the average falls and aim just below there. Doing things with excellence, joy and flair may make someone uncomfortable. God doesn't really expect much, anyhow.
2. **Take no Risks.** A successful practice of risk avoidance is often best achieved by reinforcing remarks about how something might make the church liable, cost money, or ruffle feathers.
3. **Practice the following evangelism strategy:** "*If they want us, they know where to find us.*" Assume that everyone knows where you are and what you are.
4. **Blame Early and Often.** Maintaining dysfunction is achieved if scapegoats are regularly identified. If all else fails, blame the Pastor, the Conference or the Denomination.
5. **Always be prepared with an excuse.** Have an excuse ready like, "I've just been so busy."
6. **Make it clear to all that the job of the Pastor and staff is to keep everyone, meaning church members, happy.** Think of your church as "The Love Boat" and the Pastor as the cruise director and activity planner. Their job is to keep everyone happy all the time.
7. **Spend as little money as possible.** Even though we enjoy spending money in our personal lives, the church is a great place to practice modesty. Practice the phrase, "If it was good enough for our grandparents, than it will be good enough for our grandkids."

7 Habits of Highly *Effective* Churches:

1. **Strive for excellence in service to Christ.** Give God your best, whether it is in care of the church grounds, the soup you prepare for the homeless shelter, or the hymns and anthems you sing in worship.
2. **Cultivate a Spirit of Innovation and Experimentation.** Be open to new ideas that advance your mission. Free people to develop and try new ministries. Just remember, if you are not failing at something, you are probably not trying anything.
3. **Take the Initiative to build relationships with people and groups in the wider community beyond your congregation.** Get involved in community events. Introduce yourself as a member of the church. Invite people to "come and see."
4. **Let grace abound.** Christians are not perfect; they are forgiven. Making mistakes is not the worst thing that can happen. Besides, we often learn the most from our failures. In the end, *everything* is about God's forgiveness; God's grace.
5. **Always be prepared to give an account of the Hope that is within you.** (1Peter 3:15) Be a people of hope, trusting in God to find a way, even when we can't.
6. **Be willing to let people gracefully say goodbye.** Our mission and purpose may not be for everyone. If people are more comfortable elsewhere, let them go *with your blessing*.
7. **Splash it on!** Don't be afraid to spend money wisely, well and freely in God's cause. God calls us to joyfully give, and joyfully serve. Be extravagant with God's goodness and grace!

Of course, every church can see elements of itself, in some way or another, in all 14 of these points. This is not meant as a checklist, but rather as a means for poignant humor, reflection and further commitment to the amazing ways God lets us do God's work in the world. May this incredible congregation always strive to be an Effective Church in God's wonderful world!

WE WANT YOU TO HAVE A SAFER NEW YEAR

Did you know that the Boy Scouts, Church Camps, 4-H and School-sanctioned fellowship groups have, over the past 10 years, implemented intense screening and training programs to strive for safer environments for the youth in their care? As they have implemented healthy policies, it is even more important for churches to continue to do so as well.

WE WANT YOU to maintain the standards that our children, our elderly, our congregation members deserve. It begins with 30 minutes of your time– at a Healthy Relationships Gathering; and continues as you function in the church, aware of the need for vigilance and intent.

Stick around one Sunday; January 4, or January 25– we will gather at 11:15 and be done well before noon. During this time, we will 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 practices, response issues, and ask you to sign a covenant concerning your maintenance of healthy relationships in the church.

These gatherings are mandated by our insurance carrier, and are for every adult in the church. It is very important that everyone attends one! Maintaining Healthy Relationships is not a one time effort; it is an ongoing intentional focus. Questions? Ask Pastor Rick or a Church Council Member.

BUILDING A BRIDGE TO KENYA- Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction!

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. To this end, the Mission Committee is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Sunday, January 11 right after church!

Plan now to stick around after church on January 11 and be a part of the gathering. If you have items to donate to the Silent Auction, or if you have any other questions, Contact a Mission Committee Member- Nancy Carl, Judene Huellinghoff, Nancy Kohrmann, Marilyn Neuls, Laura Shore or Dez Sullinger.

Thank you to the Quilters and Christian Education Committee, who have already raised over \$1000 for this wonderful mission work! Our Sunday School offering at the Christmas Program brought in \$273 towards this; and the Quilt Raffle generated \$897!

THANK YOU!

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

Dear Friends at St. John's

Thank you for your recent gifts of \$74.90 and \$47.45 to Eden Theological Seminary. Your gifts make possible the education of more than 200 students currently preparing for leadership in the church and community. Please accept these expressions of thanks from Michelle Scott and Patricia Stone, both Master's of Divinity Students at Eden:

“None of this would be possible for me if it were not for generous gifts from people like you. I so greatly appreciate the gifts that you have given to the seminary to allow me to readily respond to the call that God has placed in my life.”

“Thank you for your financial support. Through your gift, I am able to attend seminary as a full time student, and hopefully be able to acquire my Master's of Divinity degree. I pray that I may use the education I get from Eden to further the ministry of the greater church.”

Yes, thank you for your commitment to Eden Seminary and its students. If you would like more information about the Seminary, or would like to schedule a visit or tour, please contact me at 314.918.2569

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

Good Morning!

On behalf of **Helping Hands Outreach Center of Gasconade County** we wish to thank you for your gift of \$60 on October 1, 2008 and 7 bags of canned goods and miscellaneous items on October 21, 2008 to help meet the needs of the people in our community. There are so many good charities that we are most grateful for your recognition of the needs that our people have and your willingness to help meet those truly in need.

Again, thank you so much for your continued assistance. It is so appreciated!

-Helping Hands Outreach Center of Gasconade County

Dear St. John's Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards and prayers this past year as I underwent surgery, struggled with setbacks and worked on my rehab. Things are going much better now with my knee. Thank you also to the Youth Group for the basket of goodies to aid in my recovery. It was very much appreciated!

-Greg Kohrmann

Thank you, St. John's

Thank you for the cards and prayers when I had my appendicitis a few weeks back. I am back to work now and doing fine. Thank you also to the Youth Group for remembering me with their basket of goodies. It was great!

-Nick Kohrmann

Thank you for coming!

Thanks to all who attended our open house on December 20, to commemorate the occasion of our 50th wedding anniversary. It was a fun filled afternoon visiting with everyone, remembering times gone by, and looking forward to the future. Thank you for making our anniversary so special!

-Carole & Sonnie Dotson

Thank you to the Youth Group

Thank you so much for the box of goodies. We are proud of each one of you and your leaders for all the ways you serve others with love and compassion.

-Charlie & Laura Shore

MORE THANK YOUS

Dear St. John's Church Friends,

On behalf of women and children who find safety at Russell House, thank you for your generous donation of \$360. This money will be used to help women as they establish an independent life free of violence.

Russell House is a non-profit organization that provides services to victims of family violence. We support the principle that all individuals have a right to a life free of abuse. Those who seek safe haven at Russell House know that the shelter is here because of caring people like you, in our community. Again, thank you for your support and generosity.

-Sharon Meusch, Executive Director

EMMAUS HOMES DINNER

Emmaus Homes invites you to join us as we continue to help over 300 Spirited People with developmental disabilities lead Spirited Lives through our 21st annual "Open Your Heart Dinner" at the luxurious Renaissance grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis on Friday, February 6, 2009.

Since the dinner's inception, we have raised nearly \$2 million for our life changing mission, which is to provide quality of life for the men and women of Emmaus. At this year's event, guests can mingle with "stars" of yesterday and today as Open Your Heart goes "Hollywood." You can help support *Spirited People Leading Spirited Lives* by attending the event as a guest, dinner sponsor, sponsoring a table for clients, donating an auction item, or even volunteering your time at the dinner.

For information on sponsorship, volunteer opportunities, or to request a dinner invitation (\$150 per guest) please contact Gabrielle Martin at 636.534.5214. We look forward to seeing you!

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

1/1- Jackie Mitchell; 1/2- Barb Parker; 1/4- Chris Lewis;
1/5- Bruce Chapman, Courtney Shockley;
1/8-Andrea Hickey, Brooke Wildebrandt, Everett Scheel, Nathan Lewis, Beth Sieckmann;
1/10- Don Brand, Teresa Ringeisen; 1/12- Doreen Will, Dee Ruegge; 1/14- Ken Adkison;
1/19- Dorathea Koepke; 1/20- Chirley Enke, Ken Glaser, Rob Copeland;
1/21- Drew Layman, Chris Lauth; 1/22- Chad Peanick, Andrew Carey;
1/23- Dawson Peters; 1/24- Morgan Aytes; 1/29- Clara Decker; 1/31- Becca Sieckmann
...Happy Birthday!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

1/6- Nancy & Dennis Jenkins; 1/8- Jan & Mike Yamnitz; 1/14- Allison & Bryon Baker;
1/26- Jodie & Corey Wilson; 1/29- Debbie & John Adams, Vera & John Kreter
...Happy Anniversary!

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 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 works well. Mark your calendars for the year now, and Praise the Lord in song!

JANUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE *Flowers: Fran Huebner*

Nursery: 1/4: Kim Oberle	Greeters: Nancy Carl Family	Lay Readers: Breanna Baker	Acolytes: Nicole Petty & Tanner Goodman
1/11: Tammy Branson	Willis Howard Family	Emily Koepke	Kelsey Baxter & Sable Huebner
1/18: Brooke Johnson	Tom Kohrmann Family	Bryan Aytes	Andrew Carey & Nicole Petty
1/25: Judene Huellinghoff	Kevin Huebner Family	Joey Oberle	Kelsey Baxter & Tanner Goodman

ATTENDANCE

Date:	Worship/Sun. School:	Date:	Worship/Sunday School:
Sunday, November 2	150/39	Sunday, December 7	129/38
Sunday, November 9	141/43	Sunday, December 14	166/45
Sunday, November 16	120/38	Sunday, December 21	161/45
Sunday, November 23	101/41	Wednesday, December 24	201(63+138)
Sunday, November 30	157/45	Sunday, December 28	115/27
Total:	669/206	Total:	772/155
Average:	134/41	Average:	154/39

BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

General Fund		Quilters	
Balance as of 11-25-08	\$4855.	Balance as of 11-25-08	\$543
Income:		Income: Quilt Raffle	\$897
Offering	\$12,142	Expenses:	(\$51)
Tower	\$550.	Balance as of 12-29-08	\$1389
Reimbursements	\$1468	Special Offering Fund	
Interest	\$73	Balance as of 11-25-08	\$993.
Other	<u>\$203</u>	Income: Flowers	\$175.
Total Income	\$14,537.	Mission Fund	\$787.
Expense: Budgeted Items	(\$17,499.)	Our Church's Wider Mission	\$137.
Balance as of 12-29-08	\$1792	Helping Hands Food Pantry	\$786
Cemetery Fund		Operation Christmas	\$25
Balance as of 11-25-08	\$4388	Russell House	\$195
Income:		The Christmas Fund	\$151
Lot Sales	\$300	Kenya Mission Trip	<u>\$293</u>
Contributions	\$795	Total Income	\$2549.
Interest	<u>\$380.</u>	Designated Disbursements	(\$1055.)
Total Income	\$1475.	Balance as of 12-29-08	\$2487.
Expense: CD Purchase	(\$4000.)	Memorial/Gift Fund	
Balance as of 12-29-08	\$1863	Balance as of 11-25-08	\$7567.
Building Fund		Income:	\$25
Balance as of 11-25-08	\$2656.	Expenses:	(\$38)
Income: Envelope	\$35.	Balance as of 12-29-08	\$7554
Expenses:	(\$115)	Youth Fellowship Account	
Balance as of 12-29-08	\$2576.	Balance as of 11-25-08	\$1527.
Etta Licklider VBS Fund		Income: Mexican Meal	\$380.
Savings Account Balance:	\$903	Expenses: Misc	(\$38)
CD Balance:	\$9891.	Thanksgiving Baskets	(\$113)
		Reimburse Church (NYE)	(\$1200)
		Balance as of 12-29-08	\$556.

TIME PASSAGES...

Christina and Curtis Aytes are the proud parents of a baby boy born 11/19/08. He weighed 6lb 8ozs and was 20 3/4 inches long. His name is Gregory Russell Aytes. Siblings are Bryan, Morgan and Veronica Aytes; Grandparents are Sharon and Russell Bacon and Peggy Aytes.

Dyana and Keith Glaser are the proud parents of a baby boy born 12/3/08. He weighed 7lb 8ozs and was 20 inches long. His name is Keigan Neil Glaser. Sisters are Brooke and Taylor Wildebrandt; Grandparents Betty and Don Zeilmann and Marilyn Glaser.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR BEM CHURCH YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

On December 20, 2008, Michael C. Spurgeon received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Missouri Science and Technology (UMR) in Rolla, Missouri. Congratulations, Michael!

On December 20, 2008 Sarah Amsden Scantlin received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with an emphasis on education from the University of Missouri Science and Technology (UMR) in Rolla, Missouri. Sarah has been teaching in Salem and St. James, MO. Sarah's parents are Darrel & Ginny Amsden; Grandmother is Hulda Eisenhauer. Congratulations, Sarah!

BOOK STUDY IN FEBRUARY/MARCH

Pastor Rick is organizing a book study to meet in February and March around the book, "Unbinding the Gospel" by Martha Grace Reese. This would be an 8-week book study, and participants are expected to purchase their own book (about \$15- we can order it thru the church office) and participate in the 40-day prayer journal outlined in the book as a part of the course.

"Unbinding the Gospel" is a book about untying the knots that keep us from living exciting lives in the Spirit. It is about unbinding the Good News that God adores us and everyone else, and that God has shown this to us through Jesus Christ. This is a book about faith sharing, intended for folks who want to start living a more exciting life with God and with each other; and developing a vivid relationship with God. This book is biblically centered, but is not a "Bible Study;" it is an exercise in faith development. (For folks who are looking for a "Bible Study", we are planning a six week course on The Book of Acts after Easter.)

This course is limited to eight weeks only. *As of right now, we are planning to meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm, from February 3th through March 24th.* If you are interested in participating, or have any questions, talk to Pastor Rick. (There will be a sign up sheet in church, too.)

INQUIRER'S CLASS

What is the United Church of Christ? How did Bem Church come to be? What are our ideas and attitudes toward ministry, and how do we live out God's mandate to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?" Come to our Inquirer's Class and let's discuss these issues, and whatever else you would like to discuss! We will be gathering on Tuesday, January 6th at 6:30pm in the "sofa room." This class is for everyone; from guests who may be contemplating membership in Bem Church, to for long time members who just want to learn more about their church and denomination. If you fit into this broad category, come join us!

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

ST. JOHN'S UCC PRAYER LIST

...as of 12/30/08

Joys and Concerns...

The Family of Lois Kreter... who died 12/30; as we grieve our loss, we also celebrate that God's promises of New Life and Resurrection have been fulfilled in her life today!
The Family of McKay Cranmer... on their loss; McKaye was a 5th grade student who died inexplicably on Christmas morning (Vicky Huebner's student)
The Family of Edna Morgan... who died 12/30; as we grieve our loss, we know that God's promises are true, and fulfilled in Edna's life today!
The Wirth Family...grieving the loss of their young friend Katie
Til Knobbe... in hospice care (Kim Oberle's grandmother)
Dave Stark... Fenton Fire Fighter has been battling cancer; released by his doctors to return to work. Prognosis looks promising! Rejoice! (Curtis Aytes' friend)
Rev. Brueseke & Ebenezer Stone UCC... celebrating Rev. Brueseke's retirement 12/28
Lawrence Pankey...cardiac issues (Courtney Shockley's grandfather)
Bob Reagan... health issues (John Behrens' stepfather)
Alyssa LaValle... due to perform with her cheer squad at the Gator Bowl in Florida on New Year's Day! Congratulations, Alyssa!
Sarah Scantlin and Michael Spurgeon... Congratulations on degrees earned upon graduation from UMR on 12/20!

Recovering from surgeries & other procedures...

Margot Schmidt; Mary Spurgeon; Diana Halmick; John Kreter; Esther Hollander; Clara Decker (recovering from ankle surgery); **Doris Barnhouse**

Health Issues... **Jim Honse** (Dee Ruegge's friend); **Judy Hall** (Teresa Ringeisen's friend); **Norman Blankenship; Betty Raack; Laura Simmerly** (Diana Halmick's friend); **Andrea Schotz** (Connie Koepke's cousin); **Vi Miller; Joe Smith** (Carole Dotson's nephew) **Remi Bruning** (Paula Shockley's friend); **Steve Aberle** (Connie Koepke's friend);

Challenges in Life... **Pam & Richard Koepke; Fran & Dan Graham; Ken Wittich**

Living with Cancer...

Mary Ackermann (Vicky Huebner's friend); **Joyce Elsperman** (Lori Adams' friend); **Karen Willimann** (Armin Enke's daughter); **Patty Kempf** (Danny Baxter's secretary); **Cecelia** (JoAnn Glaser's sister); **Eddie Tayloe; Joy Schneider** (Nancy Carl's Friend); **Sue Sassman; Diane Hughes** (Judene's friend); **Dustin Quirouet** (C. Blankenship's friend)

Serving us in the Military... **Tommy Creedon, Landon Freeman, Page Neville, Jason West Brendan O'Very, Erik Laudahal & JR Lackey**

Our family members and friends in care facilities...

Blanche Lewis & Geneva Schaefferkoetter at Gasconade Manor; **Ira Lickliders** at Sunset Health Care in Union; **Bernice Lickliders** at Frene Valley

Pregnancies in our church family...

Kristen & Cody Echols	Jessica & Chad Mittelhauser
Renee & Brandon Shaw & Ashlee	Paula & Rick Copeland; Jay and Drew
Brandi & Chris Lauth & Will	Kristie & Tom Zaccagnino
Tina & George Wnuk & Molly	Ashley & Matt Spurgeon

This year's confirmation class...

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

ST. JOHN'S UCC, BEM- JANUARY 2009 CALENDAR

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

January 4 th -	Epiphany Sunday Worship Observance	10:00am
	Healthy Relationships Gathering	11:15am
	Pairs and Spares Meeting/Meal- All are invited!	11:15am
January 5 th -	Choir Practice	6:30pm
January 6 th -	Epiphany	
	Inquirer's Class	6:30pm
January 7 th -	Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance at FBC	10:30am
January 10 th -	Confirmation	9:00am
	Scholarship Committee Meeting	11:00am
January 11 th -	Baptism of Jesus Celebrated in Worship	10:00am
	Reception of New Members/Westin Travis Kramme Baptism	
	Annual Meeting Written Reports Distributed	
	Mission Committee Fundraiser for Kenya Trip	11:15am
	Youth Group Meeting	11:15am
January 12 th -	Council Meeting	6:30pm
January 15 th -	Pastor Rick at Helping Hands Food Pantry	11:00am
January 18 th -	Annual Congregational Meeting	11:00am
January 22 nd -	Grape Country Cluster Meeting at Ebenezer Stone	7:00pm
January 23-24	Youth Group Lock-in at Church	
January 24 th -	Confirmation	9:00am
January 25 th -	Installation of New Church Council in Worship	10:00am
	Healthy Relationships Gathering	11:15am
January 26 th -	Mission Committee Meeting	6:30pm

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

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

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