

St. John's, Bem  
United Church  
Of Christ

# The Scoop!

November, 2011

*"...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...*

*"Thanksgiving"*

*Worship is about Thanksgiving.*

*That's it, plain and simple. When we gather for worship at Bem Church on Sunday mornings, we are gathering to give thanks to our Creator for all of the Blessings we share.*

*Now there are other important aspects to worship as well. Worship is a time for education and inspiration, to be sure. Worship is a time to reconnect to a community that energizes and empowers our individual ministries in the world. Worship is a time to remember, too- remember who and whose we are. But one of the core elements of worship is giving thanks to God.*

*We do this in several ways. When we sing praises to God, we are offering thanks to God through song. When we pray, we often start out thanking God for the blessings that come to mind as we develop our worship theme for the day. When we give our tithes and our offerings, we do so not grudgingly or to pay some sort of institutional dues; but out of thanksgiving for all the ways God has blessed us in our lives.*

*Worship is, among other things, about Thanksgiving.*

*It seems that, at times, we get too busy to thank God for all our blessings. Worship, the one time and place when we can center ourselves on being thankful, has become a secondary element in our lives; something that we fit in only when it is not too pretty a weekend when we can play outside, or when we did not celebrate a little too much Saturday night. Our weekly time of giving thanks has fallen on our list of priorities, behind sporting events, secular obligations, a fluffy pillow and warm bed, and anything else that could possibly distract us on Sunday mornings. We say we do not need to come to worship; that we can give thanks to God on our own time. We will find time for God eventually. Do we really believe that? Do we really do that? Who are we kidding?*

*This Thanksgiving season, if we want to truly be thankful, let's recommit ourselves to God's goals- in the world, in our culture, and in our lives. Let's be thankful- and give thanks to the one who deserves our thanks most of all.*

*-Pastor Rick*

## **St. John's, Bem United Church of Christ**

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## **SCRIPTURES FOR NOVEMBER 2011**

These are the scripture readings and topics we will be exploring in worship during the month of November. Read ahead! You will get much more out of the worship experience if you prepare ahead before Sunday morning.

### **11/6 – All Saint’s Day**

#### **“Identifying the Saints”**

New Testament: Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

### **11/13- Deer Hunter’s Sunday**

#### **“God, Water, and Deer”**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 42

Gospel Lesson: John 4:1-30, 39-42

### **11/20- Testimony Sunday**

#### **“Statements of Faith- Thanksgiving”**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 100

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:11-19

### **11/27- Confirmation Sunday**

#### **“Being Stewards of Christ’s Mission”**

Hebrew Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:32-40

## **ALL SAINT’S DAY OBSERVANCE- NOVEMBER 6**

On Sunday, November 6 we will be observing the passage from this life to the next of all the saints of the church who have died this past year. We will also be honoring the 40+ year saints of the church, and celebrate communion together. Be here 11/6 to celebrate All Saint’s Day!

## **DEER HUNTER’S SUNDAY– NOVEMBER 13**

Be here for a special worship focused around deer hunting– 11/13! It will be *really* different; *come as you are* and check it out! No need to dress up or anything; come down from your deer stand at 9:30 and make it to worship by 10:00! Come in your camouflage, orange, and other hunting attire; you are welcome here no matter what you are wearing! Coffee will be HOT!

## **THANKSGIVING SERVICE- NOVEMBER 23**

The Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance will host the annual ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on *Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00pm at Owensville Christian Church*

## **CONFIRMATION SUNDAYS- NOVEMBER 20 & 27**

The Confirmation Class of 2011 will present their testimonies of faith in worship on Sunday, November 20. Confirmation Sunday will be November 27; their First Communion as confirmed members of Bem Church will be December 4. Come celebrate with us!

## **LYDIA’S HOUSE- BEM CHURCH MISSION OF THE MONTH**

In partnership with its donors and volunteers, Lydia's House works in faith to end domestic violence by continuing to provide a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children. Since its incorporation in 1995, Lydia's House has provided transitional housing, access to community resources and comprehensive, goal-oriented support services for more than 450 abused women and their children. Lydia's House currently serves 36 women & 70 children. It is Missouri’s largest provider of confidentially located, furnished apartments for abused women and their children and is one of the largest programs of its type in the United States.

Lydia’s House is the Bem Church Mission of the Month. This is a vital ministry, unique in its scope and operation, and a blessing to those in need of its services. Consider supporting this unique and needed ministry with your offerings in November- for our Mission of the Month!

## **WHO WILL CONTROL YOUR HANDS TODAY?**

*By Quinn Caldwell*

The Daily Devotional series is emailed FREE daily to anyone wishing to subscribe from the United Church of Christ. These devotionals are written by a group of 6-8 individuals who call themselves “The Still Speaking Writer’s Group”. This group has produced many moving and insightful publications over the past few years, including the brochures and devotional booklets found in our pews at Bem Church. One of the latest devotionals is reprinted here:

*“Then they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its utensils, the hooks, the frames, its bars, its pillars, and its bases; the covering of tanned rams’ skins and the covering of fine leather, and the curtain for the screen; the ark of the covenant with its poles and the mercy seat; the table with all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence; the pure lampstand with its lamps set on it and all its utensils, and the oil for the light; the golden altar, the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the screen for the entrance of the tent...The Israelites had done all of the work just as the LORD commanded Moses.”- (from Exodus 39:32-43)*

Reflection by Quinn Caldwell

*Here is the thing about Hands. The same pair can be used to build a bomb and to stroke a child’s face; to smack your spouse around and to paint a masterpiece; to [make a rude gesture] and to remove a cancer from an ailing body. It is all about who is in control.*

*The Israelites had just blown it big time. They had cast themselves a golden calf to worship. The story [preceding this one] glosses over the actual process of making the calf, but it must have taken a lot of work, some of it quite skilled, to produce such a thing. A lot of work, a lot of craftsmanship, a lot of time, a lot of loving care...all to produce one of the worst abominations God seems able to imagine.*

*Now here are those same people, offering the Tabernacle. The hands that created an abomination have now woven, and dyed, and cast, and sewn, and built a great portable cathedral in the desert. Those same sinning hands have produced tools to dispense forgiveness, and furniture for righteousness, and containers for the covenant, and a seat for mercy, and a great thing of beauty rising in the starkest of surroundings.*

*When left to their own devices, the best the people could come up with were a golden statue of a cow and a party. With God in control, they crafted mercy, forgiveness and beauty.*

*So the question is... who is going to control your hands today?*

## **CROP WALK TOTALS SO FAR**

Even as The November issue of The Scoop goes to press, Donations for the CROP Walk are still rolling in. So far, the community total for the 2011 CROP Walk is \$10,233.42! St. John’s, Bem Continues to lead churches in donation amounts with a total so far of \$4481.50 raised! Other churches that participated in the CROP Walk are: New Hope, Woollam, Rosebud, Drake and Beemont United Methodist Churches; St. Peter’s, Ebenezer Stone, Zion/St. Paul at Bay, St. Paul’s at Gerald and St. James at Charlotte United Churches of Christ. New Hope United Methodist Church reached the second-highest amount in donations at \$1512.50. Thank you to all who donated or participated; the people who benefit from the programs of Church World Services are the ones who really appreciate our efforts!

**UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES (and Festival of Sharing Report)**

Bem Church Youth- we have had a great time at our youth activities so far this year; and many other awesome things are in the works! Youth are showing up in great numbers for all of our activities, and that makes for a fun time. (At our last three activities, we had 15-17 youth attend each of them!) Most importantly, our youth are bonding together, learning about each other, and growing as friends. (Christian Fellowship at its finest!)

In October, eight youth (along with Pastor Rick and Hester) took a trip to the ***Festival of Sharing*** in Sedalia, MO. What a great time they had! It was a 24-hour Mission Trip, during which we participated in several faith-sharing activities. In one workshop, we assembled backpacks for children who are removed from their homes due to violence or neglect. They have nothing left in their lives, except these “backpacks of love” that we assembled (containing clothes, journals, coloring books, stuffed animals, etc.) In another workshop, we assembled special calendars for prison inmates, who are not allowed to have typical calendars, due to pictures and metal assembly parts. (Staples or rings) The special calendars we made had spiritual diagrams on them, and were assembled using short pieces of string instead of metal. (Our shift of about 50-60 people, assembled 1400 calendars! 4500 calendars were assembled in all that day!) Our last shift was to bag up rice and beans from 50lb. bags into 2lb paper sacks, which could be easily distributed to food pantries and individuals. On this trip, we were able to see firsthand what happens to items we collect here at church, and how they really go to those in need. We are already looking forward to going back to the ***Festival of Sharing*** next year!

***The next big youth fundraiser will be the Deer Hunter’s Chili on November 13.*** The youth are organizing and serving the Deer Hunter’s Chili; and the funds raised will help pay for our Mission Trip in June, and our other activities throughout this year. (Like paint for the youth room and items for the “Love Boxes” we will distribute to our elderly and shut-ins in February.) We hope everyone will help support our Deer Hunter’s Chili November 13.

If you have not been participating in Youth Group activities this year, now is the time to jump in! We have a whole new group and a whole new focus this year; and it is off to a great start!

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| November 13- after church   | Host/Serve the Deer Hunter’s Chili Meal        |
| November 26- 10:00am-6:00pm | Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Wal-Mart        |
| December 11- after church   | Trip to West County Mall- Scavenger Hunt       |
| Christmas Break             | Paint the Youth Room upstairs                  |
| January 13- 6:00pm-midnight | Midnight Madness Activity at Church            |
| February 12- after church   | Assemble & Deliver Love Boxes                  |
| March 9- after school       | Bowling and Dinner in Owensville               |
| March 18- after church      | Service Activity                               |
| March 9-April 8             | Take orders for Bem Church T-Shirt sales       |
| April 8- morning            | Easter Egg Hunt at Church                      |
| April 22- after church      | Go to lunch and a movie                        |
| May 5- 9:00am-noon          | Participate in church work day                 |
| June 20-24 (Wed-Sun)        | Mission Trip to Chicago, Kansas City or Joplin |

**EACH 1 FRIEND  
BRING 1 RAISING  
SUNDAY**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*November 6, 2011*

*Bring a Friend Sunday!*

*Each One, Bring One!*

*(And a can of soup, too!)*

**STEWARDSHIP ON-LINE!**

Tend to forget your checkbook or envelopes on Sunday mornings? Hate worrying about writing a check during the sermon or anthem? Tired of worrying about “making up” your financial stewardship when you are not in attendance? Look into e-giving! E-giving is now possible at St. John’s, Bem.

For more information, visit:

[www.egive-usa.com](http://www.egive-usa.com); or check with Pastor Rick or the church office.

**SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE NUMBERS**

Each year, the Bem Church Scholarship Committee gives awards to students who meet certain criteria. These are scholarship numbers for the past ten years, from 8/7/2001 thru 7/28/2011

- \$34,750-** Amount of scholarships awarded
- 59-** Scholarships have been awarded
- 42-** Different individuals have received scholarships
- 17-** Individuals received scholarship awards twice
- \$1000-** Dollar amount of each individual scholarship the past two years
- \$140,000-** original balance of Fund
- \$168,159-** current balance of Fund

This vital ministry was made possible thanks to one devoted couple, their vision for ministry, faith, and generosity! Thank you to them- may we all be so faithful!

**Sometimes, I want to ask God a few questions...**

**With all of God’s power...**

**Why does God allow poverty to exist in the world?**

**Famine? Hunger? Injustice?**

**Cruelty and torture?**

**I want to ask, why does God to allow these things to exist in the world when God could do something about it?**

**But I am afraid to ask God...**

**...because I am afraid God might ask me the same Question...**

**BEM CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The Bem Church Office is closed on Fridays. Carole is available (usually) Monday through Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm. *Please leave a message if the machine picks up- often we are here, just away from the phone!*

**NOVEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

*Flowers: Nancy Kohrmann*

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|--|---|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Nursery Workers:</b><br>11/6: Vicky Huebner<br>& Dana Goodman | <b>Greeters:</b><br>The Carl Landwehr &<br>Pat Branson Families | <b>Lay Reader:</b><br>Pam Idel | <b>Acolytes:</b><br>Emily Koepke<br>& Morgan Huebner |
| 11/13: Stephanie Kramme<br>& Laurie McFalls                      | The Jeff Koepke Family  | Hester Tayloe                  | Taylor LaValle<br>& Allison Carey                    |
| 11/20: Tina Wnuk<br>& Jan McQueen                                | The Charles Czeschin &<br>Brad Czeschin Families                | Taylor LaValle                 | Dalten Chapman<br>& Brandon Czeschin                 |
| 11/27: Tammy Baxter<br>& Dawn Kreter                             | The Dennis Jenkins &<br>Renee Shaw Families                     | Emily Koepke                   | Breanna Baker<br>& Taylor LaValle                    |

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

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, Marilyn Glaser; 11/14- Jessie Smith; 11/16- Aaron Kohrmann;  
11/17- Stephanie Parker; 11/18- Shirley Boyd, Seth Parker; 11/19- Gregory Aytes;  
11/20- Kate Blankenship, Clay Chapman; 11/21- Jim Crook, Bryan Aytes;  
11/27- Paula Copeland; 11/28- Mark Thornton ...**Happy Birthday!**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

|                        |                        |                         |                         |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Date:                  | Date:                  | Date:                   | Date:                   |
| July 3        75       | August 7     76        | September 4 96          | October 2     82        |
| July 10      101       | August 14    68        | September 11 144        | October 9     107       |
| July 17      107       | August 21    103       | September 18 97         | October 16    94        |
| July 24      110       | August 28    126       | September 25 104        | October 23    125       |
| July 31      66        |                        |                         | October 30              |
| Total:      459        | Total:      373        | Total:      441         | Total:      408         |
| <b>Average:    92</b>  | <b>Average:    93</b>  | <b>Average:    110</b>  | <b>Average:    102</b>  |
| <b>Last Year:   92</b> | <b>Last Year:   93</b> | <b>Last Year:   107</b> | <b>Last Year:   120</b> |

**ADVENT WORKSHOP DECEMBER 4**

Make plans now to attend Advent Workshop on December 4! We will celebrate Advent together after church that Sunday with food and crafts for all ages. Lunch will be served. Plan now to stick around after church that day and ring in the Advent Season- family style!

**BIRTHDAY SUNDAY CELEBRATION!**

***Birthday Sunday this month is November 13.*** Everyone is welcome to a social hour **BEFORE** worship that day in the Sofa Room. Everyone- Come celebrate November birthdays 11/13! Deer Hunters- Come in from the cold and have some HOT Coffee and treats before worship!

### **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS**

A brand new Bem Church Pictorial Directory is in the works! The Membership Care Committee and the Bem Church Council have contracted with Olan Mills to produce another top quality directory for us. If you look through our most recent directory, you will see how our families have grown and changed over the past 4+ years. It is time for an update- here we grow again!

Pictures for the directory will be taken on January 4-7, 2012. Our hopes are that college students will be able to sit for these pictures before they have to go back to school. All are invited to have their picture taken- members, friends, family; all who have a connection to Bem are invited to be a part of this latest historical endeavor.

The Membership Care Committee will be signing people up for pictures before and after worship on November 13, 20, 27 and December 4, 11, 18. All who sit for pictures will be included in the new Church Directory, and will receive a \$25 credit towards a photo purchase of their choice. Let's make sure we are all a part of this family photo album!

### **FEEDBACK NEEDED**

Nursery workers and greeters- Carole will be working on your schedule for 2012 in the weeks to come. If there are certain days that you would like to be scheduled, or certain days you cannot fulfill these duties, please email Carole and let her know- [carole@bemchurch.com](mailto:carole@bemchurch.com)!

### **THANK YOU**

*(some thank-you notes may be edited)*

**Dear Friends at St. John's United Church of Christ,**

Thank you so much for your donation of \$100 for use of the Bounce House. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**In Christ's Service,**

**Velma Wachter, St. John's UCC, St. Clair**

**Dear Bem Church Family-**

I would like to thank you for the Scholarship I received from the Bem Church Scholarship Fund. It was a great help in letting me start my dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. School is going very well. I am looking forward to what the next few years of school are going to teach me. I have always wanted to be a nurse, and now that dream is coming true. Thank you very much!

**God Bless! Denise Renee Shaw**

**Dear Pastor Rick,**

Thank you so much for the package! I loved it!! [the care package sent by Membership Care Committee to our College Students

Thanks so much! I really appreciate it. Everyone loves getting packages here!

**Sincerely, Courtney Shockley**

***Thank you to Glen Mercer and Gracie Schultz, 2011 recipients of the Pauline Miller CROP Walking Award, who raised \$2050.50 for the 2011 Owensville CROP Walk! What an amazing haul! They truly understand the need to be God's hands and feet in the world. Glen and Gracie not only went door to door and telephoned their friends; they also spent a whole Saturday collecting at Wal-Mart "Rattling for Bucks". What dedication! Their passion for ministry is an inspiration to us all. 'Thank you' to Glen and Gracie; and to all of the "unsung heroes" who make ministry happen at Bem Church!***

### **MISSION: 1 BLASTS OFF!**

*“...as you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes, I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, **that they may all be one.** As you, God, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us...” –John 17:18-21*

This was Jesus’ prayer right before he was betrayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus prays for all of God’s children, that we may all be one. How can we be one? How can we answer Jesus’ prayers? By following Jesus’ example of service and ministry. We can be one- we can be the answer to Jesus’ prayers if we just live as he lived, and as he teaches us to live. How is that? By loving God with all our heart, all our mind and all our soul AND our neighbor as ourselves.

This prayer for unity has become the cornerstone of the United Church of Christ and our motto, “That They May All Be One” calling for unity in our hearts and in our dealings with the world. We strive for unity; and part of that unity is helping each other out of oppressive situations, including the desperate cycle of hunger.

To that end, the United Church of Christ is kicking off “Mission: 1”- 11 days of intensive mission work to combat hunger in our society during the “1s” in this calendar year- 11-1-11 through 11-11-11. Gimmicky, sure; but very faithful to Christ’s call to service.

The National, Conference, and Association settings of the United Church of Christ have provided various resources for churches to jump on this campaign; but it is up to each individual church to tailor it for their own needs.

For Bem Church, the Mission Committee has set a challenging goal- but one that we can meet if we just keep Christ’s prayer for unity in our hearts. ***Our goal for this campaign is to collect 1,111 cans of soup here at Bem Church- for Helping Hands Outreach Center!***

A lofty goal, sure; but we can do it! We have already started collecting- and we will collect through November 13. ***Think of creative ways you can participate in this mission!*** Maybe you can start a canned soup drive at work; maybe you can have a soup party night with your friends- everybody bring a pot of soup over to your house for all to share for dinner, and a few cans of soup to donate up at church. Maybe a trail ride where everyone brings a can of soup for the collection! Be creative- and let’s live Jesus’ prayer for unity in our own lives!

(For more info go to [www.ucc.org/mission1](http://www.ucc.org/mission1))

### **EACH 1 BRING 1**

As part of the National “Mission: 1” campaign, churches across the denomination are also called to participate in “Each 1 Bring 1” Sunday! Each 1 Bring 1 will be on Sunday, November 6; All Saint’s Day (observed). On this particular Sunday, you are invited to bring a friend to church that day. Everyone is asked to bring one person with them who normally does not attend; whether it is a first time visitor, or a member whom we have not seen in a while! Everybody bring one- each one, bring one! Let’s fill this place up!

This is also the day we celebrate the lives of all whom have died in the past year; and honor those who have been members of this congregation for 50+ years. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion that day- all as we recognize the Saints of the Church.

**BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**

**General Fund**

**Balance as of 9-15-11 \$10,304\*\***

Income:

Offering \$7094  
 Tower \$609  
 Picnic \$100  
 Interest \$73  
 Quilters donation \$4000  
 German Dinner \$1556  
 other \$983

Total Income \$14,415

Expense: Budgeted Items (\$23,642)

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$1080\*\***

*\*\*General Fund Balance Includes \$20,000 from Rippeto Funds- Cushion for expenses*

*\*\* (Two big insurance bills and camp fees totaled \$10,920 in expenses this month!)*

**Building Fund**

**Balance as of 9-15-11 \$579**

Income: \$65

Expense: (\$323)

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$321.**

**Cemetery Fund**

**Balance as of 9-15-11 \$415**

Income:

Envelopes \$30  
 Apple Butter \$2312  
 Donation \$100  
 Interest \$116  
 Total Income \$2558

Expenses:

Apple Butter (\$428)

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$2545**

**Cemetery Fund Investments**

CDs Balance \$66,333

Money Market \$15,071

Rippeto Funds \$35,005

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$116,409**

**Memorial Fund**

**Balance as of 9-15-11 \$9662**

Income: Copier Fund \$20

Dorothy Ringeisen Memorial \$145

Expense: Copier (\$4355)

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$5472**

**Memorial Fund CD**

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$1493**

**Special Offering Fund**

**Balance as of 9-15-11 \$836**

Income: Mission Fund \$616

Helping Hands \$30

Camp Mo-Val \$94

CROP Walk \$210

Total Income: \$950

Disbursements: (\$1230)

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$556**

**Pairs and Spares**

**Balance as of 9-15-11 \$1586**

Expense: Mission Work (\$500)

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$1086**

**Quilters**

**Balance as of 9-15-11 \$4945**

Expense: donation to Church (\$4000)

Supplies (\$35)

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$910**

**Youth Fellowship Account**

**Balance as of 9-15-11 \$264**

Income: Butter Braid Sales \$2640

Expense (\$133)

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$2837**

**Mission & Social Concerns**

**Balance as of 9-15-11 \$1852**

Income: Rada \$112

Expense: Rada (\$101)

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$1863**

**Hospitality Committee**

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$1622**

**Scholarship Funds**

**Balance as of 1-1-11 \$171,838**

Scholarships 2011 (\$6000)

**Checking Account \$1050**

**Edward Jones \$2799**

**United Church Funds \$163,593**

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$167,442**

**Rippeto Estate Mission Work Fund**

**United Church Funds**

**Balance as of 1-1-11 \$85,000**

**Balance as of 10-15-11 \$90,442**

*(For information/balances/questions on other Rippeto Estate Funds, The Cemetery Funds, Or any other financial questions, ask Carole; Or a Church Council member!)*

**ST. JOHN'S UCC, BEM- NOVEMBER 2011 CALENDAR**

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

|             |   |                |
|-------------|---|----------------|
| November 2  | Confirmation Class of 2012, 2011                                | 5:00pm/6:00pm  |
| November 5  | Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge                                  | 7:00am         |
| November 6  | <b>All Saint's Day- Bring a Friend Sunday- "Each 1 Bring 1"</b> |                |
|             | Pairs and Spares Carry-in meal/meeting                          | 11:15am        |
| November 8  | Membership Care Committee                                       | 10:30am        |
| November 9  | Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance at FBC                  | 10:30am        |
|             | Confirmation Class of 2012, 2011                                | 5:00pm/6:00pm  |
| November 10 | Christian Ed Committee Meeting                                  | 6:30pm         |
| November 11 | Helping Hands Outreach Center Mobile Market                     | 10:00am        |
| November 13 | <b>BirthDay Sunday-</b> fellowship time <b>BEFORE</b> worship   | 9:00am         |
|             | <b>Deer Hunter's Sunday- Be here for worship</b>                | 10:00am        |
|             | <b>Deer Hunter's Chili- Youth Group Fundraiser</b>              | 11:00am        |
| November 16 | Confirmation Class of 2012, 2011                                | 5:00pm/6:00pm  |
| November 19 | Recycle Owensville Collection Day                               |                |
| November 20 | Testimony Sunday  |                |
| November 21 | Church Council Meeting  | 6:30pm         |
| November 23 | Community Thanksgiving Service at OCC                           | 7:00pm         |
| November 26 | Youth Ring Salvation Army Bell at Wal-Mart                      | 10:00am-6:00pm |
| November 27 | Confirmation Sunday   |                |
| November 28 | Mission Committee Meeting                                       | 6:30pm         |
| December 1  | Grape Country Cluster Meeting at Ebenezer Stone                 | 7:00pm         |

***Quilting Every Tuesday 9:00am-2:00pm; Bring Sack Lunch!***

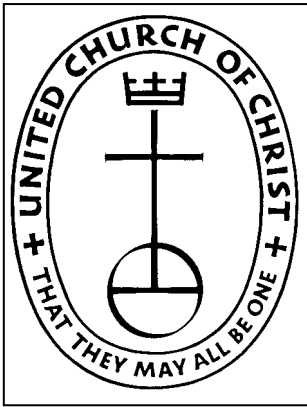
***Quilting also Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm!***

***In The Scoop next month: Advent Bible Study***

2011 financial picture so far...

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