



All Hallows' Eve and All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day (November 1) is the oldest holy day of the Christian calendar. Even older than Easter and Christmas celebrations, it is also known as All Souls' Day. This holy day is a yearly reminder that we are 'surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses'. These holy witnesses are both official saints- and those whom only God knows.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the list of officially honored saints exceeds 10,000 names. Saints are people who by their joyful service have extended God's love to others. They bear witness to the eternal benefits of serving in Christ's name. They inspire us to remain faithful. All Saints' Day honors all saints, especially those who do not have their own feast day.

All Hallows' Eve (October 31) is the day of preparation for All Saints Day. The name derives from the Old English word 'hallowed' which means holy or sanctified. Christians are most familiar with this word from the prayer Jesus taught us to pray: "Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name."

Traditionally, worshippers attended a church vigil which included prayer and fasting. Already in practice by 800 CE, these vigils were also known as St. John's Eve, St. Mark's Eve, or Allhallow Even. In England and Germany, they were held on the current date. However, in Ireland, saints were memorialized on April 20. Some scholars believe this contradicts the widely held view that the November date was chosen to Christianize the pagan festival of Samhain.

However, most scholars believe, that like Christmas and Easter, Halloween has its roots in pagan culture. The ancient Celts believed that when people died, they went to a land of eternal youth and happiness. Their fire festival called Samhain was their feast of the dead. It was held at the close of the harvest and the start of the winter season.

In Celtic culture, turning points, such as the time between one day and the next were magical times. Samhain, their change of year celebration, was especially magical. They believed dead spirits roamed the earth for one night before winter began. The living could communicate with these beloved dead.

The modern celebration of Halloween is a mix of ever evolving traditions. Bats became part of the tradition because they are an ancient Asian symbol of immortality. Corn shocks, pumpkins, and apples are reminders of harvest time. Dressing in costumes either symbolizes dead spirits- or prevents one from being recognized by evil spirits. Jack-o'-lanterns may represent spirits, be used to ward off supernatural beings, or signify Christian souls in purgatory. They can both frighten people or bring light into increasingly shorter days. Most recently, they have become temporary works of art.

In the United States, Halloween has become the more popular celebration. We can use it for good or evil. What we should not do is ignore the opportunity to bring people together, help us deal with shorter days, and remind us of eternity.

We are now Live Streaming to You Tube on 10 am on Sunday morning. www.youtube.com

in the box up on the top put in St. Paul's Attica or here is the direct link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi2hK62nkmeNAMJwMpchvJw>.

It will be also posted to Facebook after the broadcast.

Looking for volunteers to learn and do the sound on a Sunday am. This can be done right at your seat. There is a sample bulletin for you to follow. This the easiest way to help without much training.



On-Line Donations

Do you pay your bills on-line?

Consider adding your monthly church donation to that list.

Donations to the church can be set up as recurring transactions.

Checks are mailed from the bank to the church and clearly indicate the donor.

We want to continue to keep our congregation healthy. If you have been exposed to a suspected or confirmed case of Covid, please stay home and worship with St Paul's virtually for 2 weeks. If you are having any cold/flu symptoms please stay home. We want to have the option to stay mask-free as long as possible. As always our policies may change as local and state guidances change.

Pray for our Shut-ins



Carol Shreder

Larry Taylor

Bev West

Chuck Kellogg

...and others who are physically unable to join us.

Why not call or visit, to let them know they are missed?



SAVE THE DATE:
Back by Popular Demand

Sauerkraut Supper
November 8, 2022



Attica Food Link Distribution:



Attica Presbyterian Church
October 5
10am-12pm

Inside—1st come 1st served , Bring your own bags
This will be for the
next six month period.
Sponsored by Attica Food Pantry

We are currently worshipping in-house at St. Paul's UCC. Your Church Council is working to provide as safe as possible worship. To connect virtually live, the direct link to our YouTube Channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi2hK62nkmeNAMJwMpchvJw>

You'll be able to watch the recorded videos at a later time on both YouTube and Facebook.

Bible Studies

Dig Deeper with Friends



Bible Study groups will meet in our respective areas - unless we can't maintain safe social distancing. Masks optional if fully vaccinated. If you have additional questions or concerns, contact the Convener: Lisa Knerr- Mon. evening, Charles- Wed. morning

Bible Studies are on hiatus
for the summer.
We will convene again on
September 7th

Sunday Bible readings:

The first reading is *italicized*; the message text is **bold**.

Oct 2

Lamentations 1:1-5a,c

Psalms 137:1-6

Luke 17:5-10

Oct 30

Luke 19:1-10

2 Thessalonians 1:2-3, 11-12

Oct 9

Luke 17:11-19

Psalms 111:1-4, 7-8

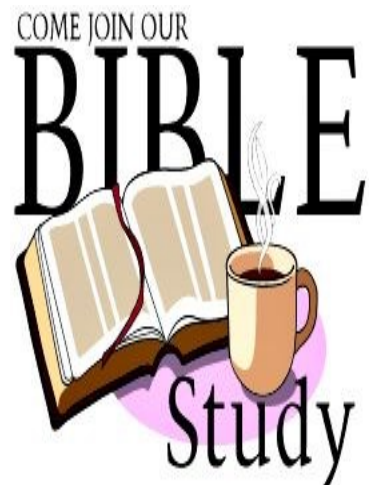
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Genesis 32:3-33:12

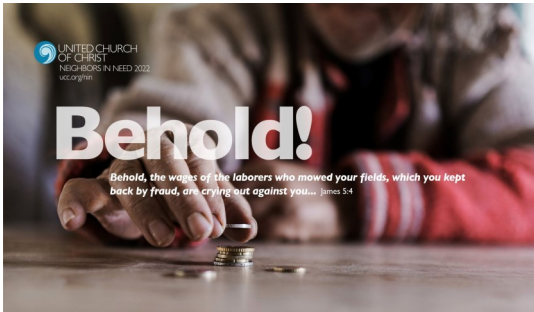
Oct 23

Psalms 65:1, 9-13

Joel 2:23-24, 28-29



UCC Neighbors in Need Offering- Behold



Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of compassion throughout the United States. Grants are also awarded to UCC churches and organizations who are doing justice work in their communities. Your donation envelope is included in this mailing.

Pastor Laurie and her Mom finally lifted off on her balloom ride. Glad to see you made it up. She thanks everyone from St. Paul's for her gift from her 25th ordination anniversary.



Pastoral Relations Minutes—August 28th

The Pastoral Relations committee met Sunday, May 15, 2022 following church services. Present: Tracy O'Neill, Laurie Bellucci, Patricia Baker, Marie Lowe, Council President, and Pastor Laurie Heidenreich.

The meeting was opened with prayer from Pastor Heidenreich.

Pastor Heidenreich provided updates on youth activities over the summer including camp and youth mission. Pastor Laurie provided updates regarding her scheduled absences through the end of the year. The committee then closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2022 following services. Church members and guests are welcome to reach out to any Pastoral Relations Committee member with any concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



Basket Raffle

Christian Education will be holding a basket raffle in conjunction with the Pork and Sauerkraut dinner on November 8th. Proceeds will help fund scholarships for next summer's Dunkirk campers. If you can give, please leave donated baskets in the back of the narthex.



Mark your Calendar

Halloween Party- Sunday, October 30th. Come to church in costume. There will be games, prizes, and treats.



SAVE THE DATE

November 20th
7pm
Thanksgiving Candle Light Service



Watch for the Sign up Sheet

Hanging of the Greens

November 27th





June 21, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Marie Lowe.

Present: Marie Lowe, Pastor Laurie, Marilyn Wilson, Deb Best, Laurie Bellucci, Lorraine Wolf, Lisa Neary, David Williman, Chris Kipfer, Tom Baker, Mary West

Absent: Jeff Peters, Chris Eddy

Attending: Danny Neary

Lorraine Wolf made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Tom Baker, passed.

Laurie Bellucci made a motion to accept the May 2022 minutes, seconded by Deb Best, passed.

Media – The church received a resignation from Eric Lovell. Dan Neary has agreed to figure out how to run the system. Danny reported, he has figured out Easy Worship as far as how to edit, add and delete the screens. He is still working on learning how to use the stream deck, the OBS system and how to stream it live to you tube and Facebook simultaneously. The church secretary will create pre-worship screens. Passwords are in the process of being changed. Procedures, once they are understood, will be documented and eventually teams will be created to take turns on Sundays.

Reports:

Deacons – Graduation Sunday is June 26. The new music book will be put together in August. The assignment of July lay readers, greeters and ushers are Lisa Neary's responsibility. 50-year member celebration will be the first Sunday in October. Lorraine Wolf and John Brandon will be our 50-year members and Russ Wackenheim will be our 75-year member. Prayer families will be on the pre-worship screens.

Trustees – The parking lot side of the church does not have a gutter and that is damaging the asphalt. Since we have received no bids yet for the driveway/parking lot, we are going to continue to patch and put up a gutter first. Security system and parking lot light is still in the works. Signs upon entering the village and the sign in front of church need painting and some touch up work. Sauerkraut supper – we are pulling out banners and the book has been copied for the committee. Muck dogs' game – there is a faith and family night on July 8th at 7:05 p.m. at \$6/person that we would like to organize and offer to the congregation.

Treasurer's report – was reviewed.

Christian Ed – Preschool has a teacher with no director at this point. There will be no afternoon class this next school year. There are 16-four-year-old children and 20-three-year-old children enrolled and registration is closed with a waiting list. Director responsibilities will be split between teachers and the Christian ed committee. There will be a summer Sunday school sign up posted.

Pastor's Report – Pampered Chef fundraiser raised \$350+. And the UCC calendar is here.

Laurie Bellucci made a motion to accept all reports, seconded by Lorraine Wolf, passed.

Business:

Picnic went well – we had a good turnout. Discussed another one on September 11th.

Talked about new pictorial – will check with John Brandon to see if he is interested in helping with this. There are a number of Sundays in the fall when picture taking can be scheduled.

Discussed the fire drill. There is no chair by the front door. We need to review how to wheel someone down the stairs.

Chris Kipfer discussed the fence/parking lot space. It is extremely hard to mow. She is suggesting we have someone professional to put down stone/rock.

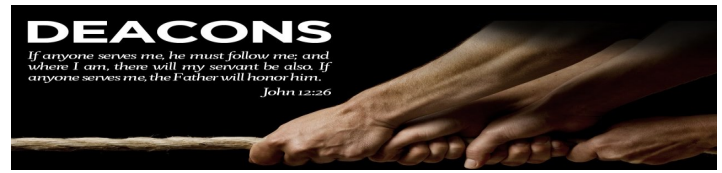
Next meeting is September 20th at 7:00 (Deacons and Trustees will meet at their individual meetings at 6:30 p.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 with a motion made by Lorraine Wolf and seconded by David Williman, passed.

Pastor Laurie led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Neary



June 21, 2022

Members Present: Laurie Bellucci, Mary West, Lisa Neary, Marilyn Wilson, Marie Lowe, Lorraine Wolf and Pastor Laurie.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Laurie led us in prayer.

Agenda reviewed, motion made to accept by Marie Lowe and seconded by Marilyn Wilson. Motion carried.

May minutes reviewed, motion made to accept by Lisa Neary and seconded by Marie Lowe. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Graduation Sunday all set for June 26th. Laurie Bellucci will hand out gifts. Cake following service.

Pastor Laurie and Laurie Bellucci will be compiling music for new music book. Deacons will review and new music book will be printed in August.

NEW BUSINESS

Lay Readers, Ushers & Greeters: Lisa Neary responsible for July.

50 year membership celebration tentatively schedule for October 2nd for John Brandon and Lorraine Wolf. Also will be celebrating Russ Wackenheim's 75 years of membership.

New people are being trained for streaming worship. Service is being copied and posted later after worship during transition of training.

Suggestion made to have prayer families names pulled earlier in week by Pastor Laurie. This is so a slide can be made up to have names appear on screens prior to service. Decision made to commence this.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. with Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting September 20th.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Wolf, Deacons Secretary

October 2nd
Come celebrate with
John Brandon
and Loraine Wolf!



There will be a coffee hour.



October Parish Nurse Notes

Fall is here and days are getting shorter; less sunshine. Sunshine plays a large part in our mental health and well-being; decreased levels of sunshine may increase depression symptoms. October 2-8 is Mental Illness Awareness Week. This is a week to stress screening for depression and mental health. 25% of adults in the US are estimated to be affected by a diagnosable mental illness every year? And 45% of those may be suffering from 2 or more mental health disorders. Along with those numbers, there are over 17 million children and adults who suffer from ADHD. Adding to this is the increase of intolerance and bullying in schools. Bullying Prevention is observed to teach children how to stand together against bullying. The goal of screening is to bring help and hope to those who suffer and assist families during this time.

Here are a few questions to ask if you are concerned about mental health for yourself or others: level of interest or pleasure in doing daily things, feeling down or hopeless, sleeping too much or having trouble sleeping, feeling tired or with little energy, overeating or poor appetite, trouble concentrating, thoughts of harm, or change in activity. Please seek professional help if any of these apply to you.

Fire Prevention week is the 9th- 15th. Check your smoke and carbon dioxide alarm systems- change the batteries. Review your family's fire plan, make sure you have working fire extinguishers and know how to use them.

Oct 22 is Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Check your bathroom and cabinets for old or expired medications. Any pharmacy will take these medications back. Never flush them.

Remember to schedule your annual influenza vaccines, along with pneumonia vaccine if you are eligible. Keep hydrated, get adequate sleep, eat healthy and stay active. Wash your hands, cover your mouth when you cough. Keep yourself healthy- you are important to us!



OCTOBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Worship & Communion—50 Yr member Celebration 10 am	3 Bible Study 7 pm <i>Christopher Eddy Jr</i>	4	5 Bible Study 10 am Food Link 10-12noon	6 Bell choir 6pm Choir 7 pm	7 <i>Lauren West</i>	8
9 Worship 10 am	10 Bible Study 7 pm Columbus Day	11 <i>Lisa Knerr</i> <i>Liz & Jason Mest</i>	12 Bible Study 10am <i>Nancy Cohenbach</i>	13 Sisters in Faith 6pm Choir 7 pm	14 <i>Becki & Jeff Peters</i>	15
16 Worship 10 am	17 Bible Study 7 pm <i>Cheri Phillips</i>	18 <i>Eric Peters</i>	19 Bible Study 10 am	20 Bell choir 6pm Choir 7 pm <i>Tracy & Paul O'Neil</i>	21	22
23 Worship 10 am	24 Bible Study 7 pm	25	26 Bible Study 10am	27 Bell choir 6pm Choir 7 pm <i>Randy Berry</i>	28	29
30 Worship 10 am	31 Happy Halloween					

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
11 Washington Street
Attica, NY 14011



Oct 2022

of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Village of Attica

St. Paul's UCC, 11 Washington Street

Just around the corner, first block down from Main Street.

Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

Sunday School for children K-7th Grade - Nursery always open!

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at St. Paul's."

Reverend Lauran Heidenreich

Call the church at (585-591-2705), stpaulunited@verizon.net or pastorucc@verizon.net

Website: atticaucc.org

**November Newsletter Deadline
October 18th**

**Please make sure all newsletter
submissions are in by this date. In the pink folder
on the office window or e-mailed to:
stpaulunited@verizon.net**