

*Put on then, as God's chosen
ones, holy and beloved,
compassion, kindness,
lowliness, meekness, patience...*

Announcements

October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

ADULT FORUM

You are all invited to join us Sunday mornings before worship for a variety of studies and programs. And, bring your friends! We gather in the Trinity Room at 9:30AM for coffee or tea then begin our program at 9:45AM with a sharing of joys and concerns.

This is what we have planned so far:

Next week, October 18 - The midterm elections are fast approaching. Barbara Connolly from the Lehigh Valley League of Women Voters will get us up to date with the latest election information.

October 25 - St. John's has long supported the Ripple Community and it will be great to hear what is happening with this important organization from their director, Sherri Binder.

Upcoming Dates

October 24 - Crochet and Pray in Trinity room

November 1 - All Saints' Day

November 29 - Advent Breakfast

December 20 - Youth Christmas Pageant

December 24 - Christmas Eve service 7:30pm

Central Elementary

Our annual **BOOktacular** is October 30th and it is a dedicated day of reading throughout the school. We invite individual volunteers from local organizations, churches and universities to dedicate 30 minutes to reading a short book to one of our classes. It's a great opportunity to give back to the community and interact with our amazing students.

You can sign up using the below website:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4AABA829A0FFC16-66042214-volunteer#/>

Resource Request

If you would like to make a donation to the resource room, please consider giving any of the following items.

Please also consider making a monetary donations, which allows us to buy essential items needed in bulk!

- canned soup
- deodorant
- Backpacks
- granola bars
- men's and women's underwear
- individually wrapped toothbrushes

October Special Mission Offering - Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need (NIN) supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct services. In 2025, 26 grants were awarded to churches to run such programs. The remaining third is used to support our Native American neighbors within the UCC. This is accomplished by NIN's support of the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Currently, there are 21 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban multi-tribal congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The funds are used to support the ministries of these congregations. CAIM also serves as a resource for more than 1,000 individuals from other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations throughout the U.S. We would ask that you prayerfully consider giving generously to support these ministries of justice and compassion throughout the month of October.

You can support NIN by writing a check to St. John's UCC-Allentown designated for NIN, making it a designated part of your weekly offering or by using the DONATE button on our website. Thank you.