

*love the Lord your
God with all your
heart, soul, and mind.*

Announcements

October 25, 2026

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

ADULT FORUM

You are all invited to join us Sunday mornings before worship for a variety of studies and programs. 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.

Next week, November 1 - The Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank has long served a vital need in our community. St. John's continues to work with them to provide resources including many volunteer hours. We welcome Executive Director, Anne Egan, to bring us an update.

November 8 - Rick Guhl from our Green Team will join us for an information session about Interfaith Power and Light, an interfaith organization working with congregations to address environmental issues.

November 15 - Our theme this week is Seeing with the Heart: Art as Spiritual Reflection. Rev. Gina Harvey, Regional Director of Pastoral Care and Education at Phoebe Ministries, will lead us in a session about using art to deepen spiritual reflection.

November 22 - What is happening with our new Keystone Conference? What does this mean for St. John's? Please come meet our Transitional Executive Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, who will bring greetings from the conference and answer our questions.

November 29 - Can you believe it's that time already? Our annual **Advent Breakfast** kicks off our holiday season at **9:30AM** in the Social Hall. Always yummy and fun!

Upcoming Dates

Next Saturday night, October 31... turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed

November 1, 11:00AM - All Saints' Day

November 29, 9:30AM - Advent Breakfast

December 20, 11:00 AM - Youth Christmas Pageant

December 24, 7:30PM - Christmas Eve service

Central Elementary

Our annual **BOOKtacular** is this coming Friday, 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#/>

or scan the QR Code found at the back of the church.

Confirmation Class Project

This year, Erin Dopera, Hawthorne “Hawk” Rissell, and Jacob Pyle, are asking the church to donate some needed items to the resource room at our church. Please consider making a donation! Donations can be placed in the clear bin at the front of the church sanctuary.

Thank you!

Razors Shaving cream deodorant

Toothbrushes cleansing wipes

Backpacks and reusable bags

Nonperishable foods

(preferably ready to eat, as some of the people we help do not have access to a stove or microwave)

Snacks- granola bars, crackers, and nuts

Flashlights Coats Gloves

Sneakers Boots and sturdy shoes



Order forms for Christmas poinsettias are in the back of the church. Deadline for ordering is November 22.



October Special Mission Offering - Neighbors in Need

Our Special Mission Offering for October is 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 granted 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 1000 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 may do so 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.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Falla