

THE LIFE OF ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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'Tis the Season for Giving!



Bethany Children's Home

Member Doug Taylor will once again accept donations for **BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME**, located in Womelsdorf, PA. Children ages 10-21 reside at the home, and your gifts may be the first some have ever received. A few items from their wish list include all kinds of clothing, personal care items, games, art supplies, and gift cards.

For a full list, go to www.bethanyhome.org/holidays-at-bethany. Unwrapped, new (with tag) donations should be dropped off at the church no later than 11:00 a.m., Sunday, December 8.



The next **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**, held in the SJUCC Social Hall, will be on Friday, November 29, 12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m., and Friday, February 5, 2025, 2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment to donate blood, platelets or plasma, call Lori Campbell at 610-360-2413, or email her at lori.campbell@cbheritage.com.

Benevolent BASKET



During the month of **November**, we're collecting NEW winter hats, gloves and scarves for **BETHLEHEM EMERGENCY SHELTER, S.T.A.R.—SERVING TO AID AND RESTORE.**

[Note: Donations will not be collected in December.]

In **October**, holiday baking supplies were collected for **THE LORD'S PANTRY** which will surely add some sweet treats to many holiday tables.



In **September**, donations of dog and cat food & treats, and cat litter were collected for **COMMON SENSE FOR ANIMALS**. The rescued animals in their care give you a paws up!





Annual Holiday Bazaar

Don't miss this popular annual event at the church! This year, it will be held on **Saturday, November 23, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.** This event has been held for many, many years and is anticipated by the local community and the surrounding area.

Our Social Hall will be filled with vendors selling homemade and hand-crafted holiday items, jams & jellies, jewelry, baked goods and more!

Before or after perusing the array of items, enjoy a delicious lunch in our cafe. You can also purchase containers of homemade soup, fresh baked goods, and bags of your favorite nuts.



You can even try your luck in the Quilt & Gift Card Raffle! **Grand prize for the raffle is a queen-size quilt**, handcrafted by our own Linda Dunlap and machine-quilted (and donated) by good friend Pam Kosa of Quilt Finale. There are 10 other prizes available to win, including gift cards to Kohls, Lowes, Cabelas, and other popular stores.

Join Us IN Worship

Worship Services
Sundays—10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion
is celebrated on
the first Sunday
of each month.

Services are offered
in-person and
streamed live
for Facebook
and YouTube.

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New Website

Recently, our website was beautifully re-designed in WordPress. In addition to offering information about St. John, anyone may make a donation to the church through a link to PayPal.

<https://stjohnuccriegelsville.org>





Advent & Christmas Services

This Advent, slow down and celebrate the joy of the season with us. Allow yourself to pause in the busyness of this season and meditate on the indescribable gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Advent 1	Boundless Love	December 1,	10:00 a.m.
Advent 2	Boundless Joy	December 8	10:00 a.m.
Advent 3	Boundless Peace	December 15	10:00 a.m.
Advent 4	Boundless Hope	December 22	10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve	Boundless Spirit	December 24	9:00 p.m.
Christmas 1	Boundless Life	December 29	10:00 a.m.



Lasagna Dinner is a Hit!

After a five-year hiatus due to COVID-19, on September 18 we held our always well-received Lasagna Dinner. For the low cost of \$12, diners received a large slice of lasagna, a trip to the salad bar, fresh bread, a beverage, and dessert.

Our parishioners donated approximately 20 lasagnas and at least 28 members/volunteers helped throughout the day—setting up, preparing, serving, and cleaning up afterwards.

We served more than 100 people and brought in \$1,312 for the church. After such a successful evening, we certainly hope to have another lasagna dinner next fall.

Lasagna Dinner

Friday, September 20, 2024

Take-Out Available!

4 to 7 pm
(or until Sold Out)

at St John United Church of Christ
651 Easton Rd., Riegelsville

\$12 Adults | \$5 Children 6-10
Children 5 & Under: FREE

Dinner Includes:
Homemade Lasagna
Fresh Bread
Salad Bar
Homemade Desserts



For more information, call St. John UCC at 610-749-2551 or visit us on Facebook: SJUCCRiegelsville www.stjohnuccriegelsville.org



St. John UCC's 175th Anniversary

Our church is celebrating 175 years this year! While gathering items of interest to the anniversary, we discovered this beautiful quilt we created to celebrate our nation's bicentennial in 1976.

In the display case upstairs near the sanctuary, is the quilt and other interesting information on the church in the past 175 years.

Thank you to member Kathleen Kurtz for all of her hard work in putting together this exhibit.



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