

Pastor's Message
4th Quarter 2018 Newsletter
St James UCC

As we close out the year with our 4th quarter newsletter, 3 major concerns come to mind: The first two are special mission offerings, and the third is the (re)addressing project.

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on **October 7, 2018**, 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 local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Neighbors in Need helps make A Just World Possible for All. For this to occur, it needs your support. Please give generously. And remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made anytime either at our church or online at: www.ucc.org/nin

The Christmas Fund provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ authorized ministers and lay employees and their surviving spouses, including pension and health premium supplementation, emergency assistance, and Christmas thank-you checks. A ministry of the Pension Boards, the offering is received annually on the Sunday before Christmas, which is **December 23, 2018**, this year.

The Addressing Project has assigned to all of us in the Danville area new street numbers. You may have discovered that your mail still arrives with the "old" number, but that may not last for much longer. As a result, it's **extremely important** that you provide us with your updated number if you wish to continue receiving church mail. If we receive address updates from the Postal Service, we will be required to pay for them.

If you've already given us your current number (check your label), there's nothing else you need to do except accept our thanks. If not, please leave it in the office ASAP. You

may provide the updates of relatives and friends as well, with their consent of course.
Again, thanks for your help!

Here's hoping you'll have a blessed end-of-year holiday season,

Rick

Important Future Dates at Ridgeville

Tuesday, 10/2 – Church Leaders' Banquet, St. Paul's UCC, Selinsgrove

Thursday, 10/4 – Hoagie Sale. Orders to Nancy Sees.

Sunday, 10/7 – World Communion Sunday; Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

Monday, 10/8 – Consistory, 7pm

Sunday, 10/14 – Laity Sunday; Make ice cream after church

Saturday, 10/20 – Soup & Sandwich Sale

Sunday 10/21 – CROP Walk. Hess Field, 12-6pm

Sunday, 10/28 – Halloween Party (tentative, time TBA)

Sunday 11/4 – Feed a Friend items due at church

Monday, 11/12 – Consistory, 7pm

Sunday, 11/18 – Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, 12/2 – 1st Sunday of Advent; Holy Communion; Adult Bible Study begins
following worship

Monday, 12/10 – Consistory, 7pm

Sunday, 12/17 or 12/23 – Christmas Program, 9am; Reception follows.

Monday, 12/24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:30pm

October Helpers

10/7 – **Acolyte:** Alaina McDonough
Liturgist: Keith Gibson
Greeters: Jack & Nancy Sees

10/21 – **Acolyte:** Alaina McDonough
Liturgist: Craig Reinaker
Greeter: Betty Confer

10/14 – **Acolyte:** Eric Sees
Liturgist/Speaker: Keith Gibson
Greeters: Charlie & Cindy Gerst

10/28 – **Acolyte:** Eric Sees
Liturgist: Eric Sees
Greeter: Julie Sees

November Helpers

11/4 – **Acolyte:** Alaina McDonough
Liturgist: Keith Gibson
Greeters: Brian & Sherri Witmer

11/18 – **Acolyte:** Alaina
McDonough
Liturgist: Eric Sees
Greeters: Keith & Brenda Gibson

11/11 – **Acolyte:** Eric Sees
Liturgist: Craig Reinaker
Greeters: Fred & Martie Geringer

11/25 – **Acolyte:** Eric Sees
Liturgist: Keith Gibson
Greeters: John & Andrea

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December Helpers

12/2 – **Acolyte:** Alaina McDonough
Liturgist: Craig Reinaker
Greeter: Cindy Cavanaugh

12/9 – **Acolyte:** Eric Sees
Liturgist: Eric Sees
Greeters: Craig Reinaker

12/16 – **Acolyte:** Alaina McDonough
Liturgist: Keith Gibson
Greeters: Jack & Nancy Sees

12/23 – **Acolyte:** Eric Sees
Liturgist: See Christmas Program
Greeter: Charlie & Cindy Gerst

12/30 – **Acolyte:** Alaina McDonough
Liturgist: Craig Reinaker

Greeter: Betty Confer