

**Serving Today**

Consistory Helpers for November: Mark Hile & David Mutter

Worship Assistant: Dale Fronheiser

Nursery Caregivers: Tracy Kochey & Roxanne Anhalt

This week's flowers are sponsored by Rick & Linda Furches in honor and memory of their parents.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by Tyler & Wendy Shane in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Terry & Mayetta Shane

Flowers: Bill & Dawn Endy

*2017 Flower & Bulletin Sign-up sheets are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. If you sponsor flowers for the week, please remember to take them with you after the service; if you do not want to take your flowers home, please let Nikki know and she will make sure they get to a shut-in to enjoy.*

**Last Week**

Last Week's Attendance:

Church: At St. Joe's Sunday School: 25

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Last Week's Offering: \$3,635.00  
2017 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$3,070.65



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**November 19, 2017**

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2017

(+) *Those who are able please stand*

**Bold - congregation responds as able**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The Thanks of God" D. Paxton

+CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Psalm 95

O Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us com before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with Psalms.**

+HYMN "We Praise Thee" Blue Hymnal No. 19

### CONFESSION OF SIN

~ *Silent Prayers* ~

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Hear the Good News in Jesus Christ. We are forgiven;  
**Thanks be to God.**

### +GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to The Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen*

+STATEMENT OF FAITH (unison) Psalm 105

**Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; see his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, O descendants of Abraham his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones. He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Almighty God, inspire our hearts and minds that we may hear anew your message for us today. Amen**

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 26] Matthew 25:14-22

ANTHEM "Together in Thanksgiving" S. Pethel

GOSPEL LESSON [NT page 27]

Matthew 25:23-30

SERMON Pastor Mary

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO OFFERING

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

+OFFERING RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE (prayers for local and worldwide concerns)

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors) Blue Hymnal page 37

+HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" Blue Hymnal No. 72

+BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you; With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

+POSTLUDE "Thanksgiving Joy" P. Davis



**Welcome Visitors** – We warmly welcome you and ask that before you leave today, please make sure to sign the guestbook on the podium out in the Narthex.

**Communitas** – The weekly Communitas are available for you in the narthex.

**Bethany Children's home** – We will be supporting Bethany Children's Home Christmas Wish List. Individual items needed can be found in the Narthex on the wall or a complete list is available by the wall too. Please return new unwrapped gifts by December 3 to the box located in the Narthex.

**Grocery Gift Cards to Support Missions: Giant, Redner's, & Weis** – See Connie Hile

**Blue Mountain Candles** – The Women's Guild are selling Blue Mountain Candles through next Sunday, November 26. 24 oz. candle jars @ \$15 each (all candles have 2 wicks) or a set of 6 - 3 oz. wax melt cubes @ \$5. They make great Christmas gifts! See: Mayetta, Eileen, Clara, Megyn, Dorothy, Gloria, Mary Jane, Linda, Teresa, Kristin, Pastor Mary, Nancy or Marie.

**Angel Tree** – Our angel tree is up and ready for you to purchase gifts for a local family with 4 kids ages 11-15. Please take an angel from the tree and return the new unwrapped item by December 10 to the box located in the Narthex.

**Quilt Making** – Pastor Mary and the confirmation class are in need of wool fabric (coats, pants, dresses). If you have any you would like to donate please give it to Pastor Mary.

**Aluminum Can Collection** – The youth group continues to collect and recycle aluminum cans. You can put your bags of cans through the side window of the barn at the church that is facing the road any time you have a full bag. We use the money to support our many activities and also to help sponsor a child in the Philippines.

**Joyful Noise Offering** – The joyful noise offering will be collected today. Money collected today will be combined with the past 2 months and be used to purchase gifts for our angel tree family.

**Newsletter Deadline** – The deadline to submit information for the December newsletter is TODAY. Please send your info to [nikki@stjohnhillucc.org](mailto:nikki@stjohnhillucc.org)

**Congregational Meeting** – There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, 12/10 after church to review and hopefully approve the budget for 2018. Copies of the proposed budget will be available in the narthex for review prior to the meeting.

**Christmas Decorating** – We will gather to prepare the Sanctuary and Sunday School for Advent and Christmas on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 1:00 pm.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday – November 19**

8:30 am Sunday School  
8:30 am Confirmation Class  
9:30 am Worship Service  
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**Monday – November 20**

9 am Prayer Group  
9:30 am Bible Study

**Tuesday – November 21**

7:30 pm Cemetery Board Meeting at St. Joe's

**Wednesday – November 22**

6 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
7 pm Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
at St. John-Hill UCC

**HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:**

**Sunday – November 26**

8:30 am Sunday School  
8:30 am Confirmation Class  
9:30 am Worship Service  
Poinsettia Orders Due  
6:30 pm Cantata Rehearsal

**Monday – November 27**

9 am Prayer Group  
9:30 am Bible Study

**Wednesday – November 29**

7 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
7:45 pm Cantata Rehearsal

**Saturday – December 2**

1 pm Christmas Decorating

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus” ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



**Prayer Concerns:**

Please pray for the men and women in the military, your neighbors and community, and our church. Pray for all those celebrating miracles. Prayers for all those who are suffering from violence, fear for their lives, those who have been affected by violent acts, those suffering from wounds and most importantly those who have lost a loved one.

*Help us keep our prayer list up to date. To add, remove, or update a prayer request, please contact the church office or place a colored prayer request slip from your pew in the offering plate. Prayer requests are kept on the list for a 4 week period, if you would like the person to remain on the list for an additional 4 weeks, please contact Nikki with an update.*

- Marie Schollenberger ----- returned home
- Kris Endy (Bill & Dawn Endy's Daughter in Law) -----Battling Cancer
- John Mauger, Pearl Endy -----recovering from surgery
- Royce Stauffer -----recovering from a stroke
- Abby Beidler ----- continuing health issues
- Family of Danny Bauer (Janet Conrad's Brother) ----- he passed away