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Have a prayer request? Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the prayer chain at mejensen7@verizon.net



ANNOUNCEMENTS

M&M's (Monday Morning Needlework Group)

Join us from 10am-12pm in the parlor. Bring your handwork or just come to socialize, we'd love to see you there!

Authentic Italian Night - Donations Needed!

Italian Night is Saturday, November 21st and we are looking forward to inviting our community! In order to cook an authentic meal, Maria will need the following;

15 pounds of hamburger, 16 cans of crushed tomatoes, 6 loaves of Italian bread, 12 pounds of ziti only!

Please place all donations in the kitchen on the counter with a note on them. 😊 Many thanks for your generosity in order to make this night happen!

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor James via phone. Call or text (774)-993-9407

Sunday, November 1

10:00am ~ All Saints Worship

11:00am ~ Trunk or Treat

Saturday, November 7

5:00pm ~ A Night of Mediumship with Alexandra Willis

Sunday, November 8

10:00am ~ Second Chance Sunday, With Bethany House Ministries

11:00am ~ Talk back after worship with refreshments

Saturday, November 21

5:30pm ~ Authentic Italian Night

Sunday, November 22

10:00am ~ Worship

11:00am ~ Stone Soup Lunch

Book Club, Sunday October 18 after worship

Book: God's Monsters, by Esther J. Hamori

Church of Christ, Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Our Mission

We seek to be a Christian community by worshiping God through prayer, music, and the proclaimed Word. Following Christ's example, we enthusiastically reach out to everyone with compassion, respect and love so that we may grow in faith and commitment together.



October 18th, 2026

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Worship God, Serve our neighbors, Share God's love

Spooky Sunday October 18, 2026, at 10:00am

*Indicates standing if you are able
B = Black Hymnal – R = Red Hymnal

Prelude *Excerpt from Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, Bach*

Welcome / Announcements

Gathering Music *All I Need is You*

*Call to Worship

One: On this Spooky Sunday, the candles glow and flicker.
All: The Holy Ghost moves through this church with a fire growing thicker.
One: With flaming swords at Eden’s door stand the watchful cherubim.
All: With “Holy, holy, holy!” sing the blazing seraphim.
One: God made Leviathan, that great beast loves to play...
All: What a whale of a tale! Even monsters must obey!
One: When Jesus walked the waves, the disciples cried, "A ghost!"
All: He said, "Take heart, it is I!" - the One we love the most.
One: In the valley of dry bones, God's breath came rolling in,
All: Bone to bone, breath to breath, the dead rose up again!
One: This church has Spirit, can I get a "Boo!"?
All: Holy Spirit, breathe your fire and make us new! ... Boo!!!
One: We worship the God who walks out of the tomb
All: who shatters the dark and scatters the gloom.

*Opening Prayer (together)

Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble: Mischievous God, conspire with us today to make some *good trouble!* We gather like witches around a cauldron, though we suspect yours smells more like a church potluck casserole. Toss into your great cauldron our stubborn hearts, then stir until something holy bubbles up. Season us with courage, a dash of compassion, and a generous pinch of justice. Let our trouble be the kind that feeds the hungry, welcomes the stranger, and makes the powerful just a little bit nervous. Amen.

*Hymn *B-277 Holy, Holy, Holy*

A Time For Children Of All Ages

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Mark 5:1-20

Sermon Christ In The Haunted Places

*Hymn *B-565 God, Whose Giving Knows no Ending*

The Church at Prayer
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Our Personal Prayers in Silence
Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (please use the wording with which you are most familiar.)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response *On God Alone I Wait Silently*

A Time of Offering
Invitation to Give
Offertory Anthem *Draw Me Close, arr. Hayes*
*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above your heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (Kid friendly)
Dear God, thank you for all the treats you give us, like sunshine and snacks, friends and family, and a church where everyone is welcome. We give you our gifts today, so please use them to help people who are hungry, lonely, or scared of the dark, and to shine your light in every corner. Make us brave and kind, like little jack-o-lanterns full of your love. Amen!

*Hymn *R-366 God of Grace and God of Glory*

*Benediction

Postlude *Sarabande in D Minor*

Please stay for fellowship following the service.