



# SEPTEMBER 2020

## NEWSLETTER

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Pastor Rosemary Captain

### Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am guilty of making assumptions. See if these sound familiar; I assumed the pandemic would be over in 2 – 3 months. I assumed church would be the same when we returned, with fellowship time, lovely singing, Sunday School, and all that. I assumed the kids would go back to school just like last fall. I assumed we'd be going to Cardinal Baseball games in St. Louis.

I got an F for those assumptions. They were all wrong. I used to assume that someone else would pick up after me. That changed when I got my first apartment by myself. If I didn't pick up my messes, nobody else would.

Some people assume that God has a magic wand and can make all bad things go away. Do we assume that God will take care of all people who are suffering from fires, and floods, and tornadoes, and hurricanes? Last time I checked, I never saw a Fire Truck with God's name on it. What I did see was the brave men and women who God sends to drive the trucks, hold the hoses, get on the very tall ladders, and rescue people who are caught in the fire.

I've never seen a long white coat with the name "Dr. God" on it. But I have seen the people who work in the health profession, and after many years of study and practice, be proficient in taking care of us when we are sick.

I've never seen God on the bench of a pipe organ, but I have seen musicians like Sharon Banjavcic who have a God given talent to make godly music come out of those pipes.

Sometimes we forget that human beings are God's hands and feet. We may never see God, but we can see the people that God sends to help others after fires or floods or tornadoes or hurricanes.



Never assume that God does not need us. God knows how to send the brightest and the best when ministry and compassion is needed. And that would include YOU. Everybody has a place in the choir and everybody has a place in God's world filled with all kinds of people who have all kinds of needs. See if you can find your place in God's legion of helpers.

Peace and blessings, Pastor Rosemary

## September Birthdays:

9/7 Sue Sharp  
9/9 Wayne Schlosser  
9/14 Louise Cohlmeier  
9/16 Jo Fox  
9/18 Dorothy Ovelgoenner  
9/23 Carol Randle  
9/23 Jennifer Hackbarth



## September Anniversaries:

9/17 Cindy & Clay Harris # 43  
9/25 Carol & Joe Bulva # 44



## Remember our Shut-ins:

Ardella Morris  
1201 Hartman Lane Apt. 235  
Belleville, IL 62221

Darlene Bax  
220 Fieldcrossing Drive Apt. 40  
Highland, IL 62249

Terry Kissel  
429 South Main Street Room 228  
Shiloh, IL 62269

Jeanette Brown  
5904 Perrin Road  
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

### **MEMORIALS:**

For Barb Kissel by Terry Kissel

For Roger Fox by Nancy & Jim Eisenhauer,  
Dorothy Ovelgoenner



For Barbara Moran by

Mary Lou & Urban Baum, Sharon & Steve Banjavcic,  
Nancy & Jim Eisenhauer, Ginny Ganschietz, Ruth Ogles,  
Carol & Joe Bulva, Judy & Russ Hartmann, Dorothy Ovelgoenner,  
Jan & Tom Miller, Judy & Rich Schmitt, Jeff & Susie Kilian,  
Pam & Kevin Johnson, Debra J. Schlobohm-McKenny & John McKenny,  
James & Lisa Riess, Donna & Kelli Coughlin, Jane Riess, Yvonne Weber,  
Pastor Rosemary

**ST. JOHN PRAYER LIST:** Rich Schmitt, Tom Petroff, Hunter Brink, Nelson Libell,  
Dave Seneczyn, Eric White, Lori Riess, Charles Chamberlin, Donna Isselhard,  
Mitch Nallie, Candy Pearce, Greg Talley, Carol Meyer, Leah Williams, Pat  
Holtgrave, Jane Riess, Shari Hamilton, Charlotte Watson, Becky Ballard.

(If there are names on this list that you believe can be removed, call the church secretary.)



## NOTES AND THANK YOU

To all of our St. John UCC friends and family,

We would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers while our mom, Barb Moran, was in the hospital and the New Athens Home for a short while. Also, thank you for all who came to the visitation and funeral for Barb. A special thank you for your cards and for the donations made to the church in memory of our mother. We will miss her sweet contagious smile, her beautiful twinkling blue eyes, her fabulous style and grace, but mostly we will miss her presence with us each and every day! Some day we will all meet again in the Kingdom of Heaven. What a blessing that will be!

Love to all,

Becky, Larry, Josh & Ethan, Jessica & Scott, Jennifer Riess, Terry, Michelle, Moriah & Micah Moran, Mark & Diane Moran



## EVENING CIRCLE

The Evening Circle's September meeting will be held after worship Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have the election of officers and will discuss the mask fundraiser and any other fundraising ideas we can brainstorm. All women of the church are invited. Looking forward to seeing you all Sept. 20.

**EVENING CIRCLE FUNDRAISER** The Evening Circle's fund raising efforts this fall are hampered by COVID, as almost everything is right now. We are trying something different. We will be selling custom face masks. You may find that friends and family would like a mask for fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas or of a favorite color.



Here is how it will work. On Sunday, September 6, there will be cut fabrics available. All you have to do is to choose two fabrics (one for either side of the mask) and pin them together along with a form with your contact info on it. The masks will be ready for pickup two weeks later, September 20. A donation will be asked for each mask. If you are unable to come to church or are quarantined, call Nancy Eisenhower at 233-5894 for ordering information.

# September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 AA Meeting	4	5
6 Worship at 10 am	7 Office closed for Labor Day	8 Bible Study at 7 pm	9 Church Council 7 pm Via Zoom	10 AA Meeting	11	12
13 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am	14	15 Bible Study at 7 pm	16	17 AA Meeting	18	19
20 Worship at 10 am Evening Circle meeting after worship	21	22 Bible Study at 7 pm	23	24 AA Meeting	25	26
27 Worship at 10 am	28	29 Bible Study at 7 pm	30			