



# Leap of Faith

## NOVEMBER 2023

*F. R. O. G.*  
Forever Relying On God



The month of November is usually chilly, and it can be snowy. It is a time to enjoy the warmth of our homes and families. This is the time that we celebrate Thanksgiving for all that we have.

It is a time to appreciate the bounty that we have been blessed to enjoy. This should cause us to pause and think of those less fortunate than we are. Psalm 67 says, "Let God grant us grace and bless us; let God make His face shine on us, so that Your way becomes known on earth, so that your salvation becomes known among all the nations".

How is God asking us to give to those in need during this Thanksgiving season? Donating food, clothing, and household items can help a family who has lost their home to a fire. Warm coats, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks can help the homeless. Buying Soup for Success items can help women get a fresh start. In each of these ways, someone will know that we care, and that God loves them.

Amen Pastor Laura Doty

### COME TO WORSHIP WITH US

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at St. John's United Church of Christ.

Contact [stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com) for service information.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On November 19 at 4pm, Laura Doty will have her ordination and installation service.

It will be at First Congregational Church UCC located in St. David's Episcopal Church, 26824 CR 4, Elkhart, IN 46514.

Come celebrate this important event in Laura's life as well as in the life of our church.

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

November 05 Laura Doty, Pastor  
Liturgist – Courtney Papa-Abell  
12 Laura Doty, Pastor  
Liturgist – Kelly Harris  
19 Jamelle Godlewski, Guest Speaker  
Liturgist – Wayne Knudson  
26 Reverend Laura Doty  
Liturgist – Mary Ellen Harris

*Thank you to everyone for helping out!*

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER

01 – All Saint's Day  
02 – All Soul's Day  
05 – Daylight Savings Time Ends  
07 – Election Day  
11 – Veteran's Day  
13 – Caregiver Appreciation Day  
17 – World Peace Day  
23 – Thanksgiving Day

***Congregational Meeting – Will be  
November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6PM on Zoom. The Consistory  
Meeting will start right after. If you would like  
to join, let one of the consistory members  
know and we will send you the link.***

## **PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

Connecting to a community of believers is vital in your Christian walk. We all need Christian Fellowship to build us up and to hold us up. If you can't join us in person or on Zoom, watch our recorded service on our website or Facebook page.

### **CONSISTORY MEMBERS**

Mary Ellen Harris (Pres)	Wayne Knudson
Jean Quillin (VP)	Edward Quillin
George Adamson (Treas)	Dennis Harris
Kelly Harris (Sec)	
Courtney Papa-Abell	

*Daylight savings time ends  
November 5, 2023*



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Laura Doty and Cindy Robinett for bringing us music in Advent.

**VETERANS DAY!**  
  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

Season After Pentecost Year A	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>All Saints Day</b>				
November 1, 2023 <i>(Sometimes observed on first Sunday in November)</i> <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Revelation 7:9-17</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 34:1-10, 22</a>		<a href="#">1 John 3:1-3</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 5:1-12</a>
<b>Proper 26 (31)</b>				
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 5, 2023 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Joshua 3:7-17</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37</a>	<a href="#">Micah 3:5-12</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 43</a>	<a href="#">1 Thessalonians 2:9-13</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 23:1-12</a>
<b>Proper 27 (32)</b>				
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 12, 2023 <i>(If All Saints not observed on this day)</i> <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 78:1-7</a>	<a href="#">Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16</a> <b>or</b> <a href="#">Amos 5:18-24</a>  <a href="#">Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20</a> <b>or</b> <a href="#">Psalm 70</a>	<a href="#">1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 25:1-13</a>
<b>Proper 28 (33)</b>				
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 19, 2023 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Judges 4:1-7</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 123</a>	<a href="#">Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12</a>	<a href="#">1 Thessalonians 5:1-11</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 25:14-30</a>
<b>Thanksgiving Day, USA</b>				
November 23, 2023 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Deuteronomy 8:7-18</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 65</a>		<a href="#">2 Corinthians 9:6-15</a>	<a href="#">Luke 17:11-19</a>
<b>Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34)</b>				
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 26, 2023 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 100</a>	<a href="#">Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 95:1-7a</a>	<a href="#">Ephesians 1:15-23</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 25:31-46</a>



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