



Leap of Faith

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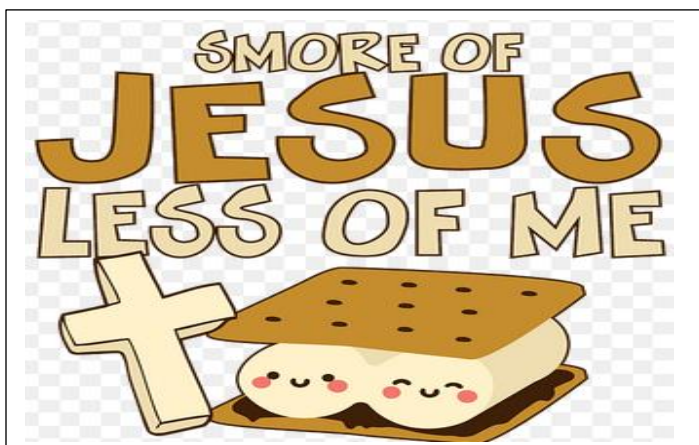
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Forever Relying On God



Fall is here! The leaves are showing off with their various colors. Time for leaf-peeping. Time for cuddly hot cider and pumpkin spice lattes. Time also to celebrate the harvest and all of God's gifts to us from His creation.

As we gather around the campfire for s'mores, let us think about how to have some more of God in our lives each day. Do we have a time of slowing down and listening to God through the Bible and prayer? This is how we can keep our peace no matter what our daily lives bring to us. Deuteronomy 33:27 says, "The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms". As we snuggle under our cozy hoodies and blankets, let us think about God's everlasting arms surrounding us!

Amen Pastor Laura



COME TO WORSHIP WITH US ON ZOOM!

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

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ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2024 10:15 AM

PRELUDE
"Peace, Perfect Peace"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONSISTORY MEMBERS

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

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.

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This is the time of year that I see a lot of spider webs. It reminds me of the story of Charlotte's Web by E. B. White. I don't like spiders but, I do think their webs are interesting.

One summer my mom, sister and I captured webs on black construction paper by spraying the web with white spray paint and then gently putting black construction paper behind it. The spider web would then stick to the paper and you could see it better.

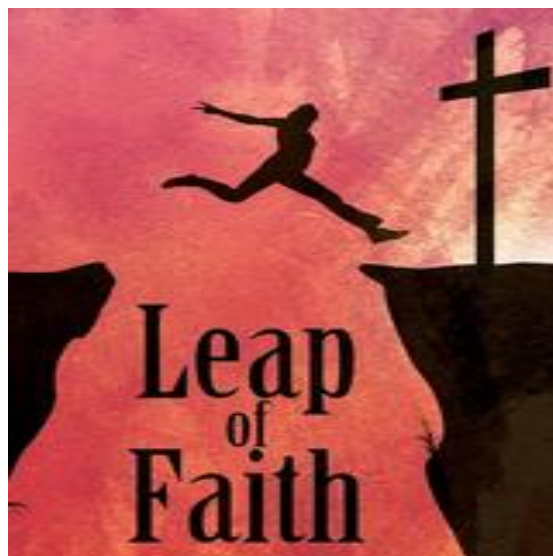
Thirteen years ago I watched a spider making a web. First I saw a thread floating in the light breeze. The silk thread was attached to a branch in our tree and then attached itself to the antenna of our truck which, was parked in our driveway. Soon I spotted a large brown spider. This reminded me of something I had read.

Spiders are programmed to climb a branch, release silk from her body and cast it into space confident that it will catch somewhere so she can begin her work. I believe that this is a good example of a leap of faith. The spider connects one silk thread to another trusting that a beautiful pattern will emerge.

When I come to think about it, there are many people in the Bible who took a leap of faith. I believe that God asked our church members to take a leap of faith when we moved our church services to Brentwood of Elkhart Assisted Living. (Formerly Atria and then East Lake Terrace Assisted Living)

Some people didn't think we would last six months or at the most a year. We have been at Brentwood for 13 years as of Sept. 25. We trusted God to make a beautiful pattern in the life of our church and we continue to trust in Him.

Mary Ellen Harris



*Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase.
Martin Luther King Jr.*

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR OCTOBER

05 – World Teacher’s Day
06 – World Communion Sunday
10 – World Homeless Day
10 – World Mental Health Day
12 – Tender Loving Care Day
13 – Pastor Appreciation Day
14 – Columbus Day
31 – Halloween/All Hallows Eve

OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

October 06 Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Kolten Harris

13 Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Mary Ellen Harris

20 Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Kelly Harris

27 Jamelle Godlewski, Guest Speaker
Liturgist – Courtney Papa-Abell

Thank you to everyone for helping out!

Pray for Our Partnership

For over 35 years the Indiana-Kentucky Conference has engaged in important ministry with our friends and partners in Sri Lanka, building lasting friendships and growing in faith together. From advocating for peace during the Sri Lankan Civil War to supporting pastors in their education, this ministry has been multifaceted and enriching over the years.

This World Communion Sunday, you’re invited to remember our partners in the Church of the American Ceylon Mission in your prayers. Our friends continue to face economic and political challenges, yet still they boldly advocate for peace and justice in their communities, as they love God and love their neighbors.

CELEBRATEING THIRTEEN YEARS AT BRENTWOOD AT ELKHART

In the summer of 2011 our church building closed, but some of our St. John’s UCC members wanted to continue. We felt God leading us to Atria Eastlake Terrace, which is now Brentwood of Elkhart Assisted Living. We took a big leap of faith that fall and started worshiping there along with residents, some of their family members and some of the staff.

We have made a lot of friends over the years and we have so many wonderful memories. It hasn’t always been easy especially during COVID when we couldn’t worship in person, but we have always felt God leading us. We pray for His continued guidance.

We want to thank everyone who has helped us with our worship service. We also want to thank the residents and staff for letting us come in every Sunday for church. We thank God for these past thirteen years. We hope to continue as long as God allows us too.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Oct. 13th is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We want to thank all the Pastors and Guest speakers, especially Laura Doty and Jamelle Godlewski, for all that they do.



Annual Meeting plus Consistory Meeting

Our Annual meeting plus Consistory meeting will be on Sunday Nov. 3rd. We will eat lunch in the private dining room at Brentwood of Elkhart Assisted Living. After lunch we will have the annual meeting and then the Consistory meeting. Cost for lunch is \$10. Please let Mary Ellen know if you are planning on attending. She needs to let Brentwood know ahead of time how many are attending and get them a check to pay for the lunches.

Season after Pentecost Year B	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Proper 22 (27) <i>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Oct 06, 2024 Art - Prayer	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Proper 23 (28) <i>Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</i> Oct 13, 2024 Art - Prayer	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Canadian Thanksgiving Day Oct 14, 2024 Art - Prayer	Joel 2:21-27 Psalm 126		1 Timothy 2:1-7	Matthew 6:25-33
Proper 24 (29) <i>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</i> Oct 20, 2024 Art - Prayer	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Proper 25 (30) <i>Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</i> Oct 27, 2024 Art - Prayer	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52





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