



Leap of Faith (Formerly The Voice)

NOVEMBER 2011



TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH!

Soon it will be Thanksgiving. The US Holiday that was to set aside for thanking God for all our blessings and for remembering the struggles our forefathers went through when they settled in this new land.

As Christians, we know we need to be thankful every day. Ephesians 5:20 says "always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

I don't know about you, but for me it isn't easy to give thanks always for everything. I broke my leg this summer and it was hard for me to be thankful for a broken leg. But it didn't get infected, my body didn't reject the metal rod that was put in, and it healed and I was able to walk again on my own. All of which I was very thankful for. I was thankful for the doctor, nurses, and physical therapists that helped in the healing as well as the care I got from my husband.

A friend joked that I should be thankful I didn't break both legs and I was, but to be thankful for the broken leg itself, now that was a different story. I am still working on that, but I do know that it changed my life and that God worked the bad situation into something good for that I should be thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving everybody, but don't wait for a special day to be thankful, be thankful every day!

Mary Ellen Harris

**COME WORSHIP
WITH US AT
ATRIA EASTLAKE TERRACE
Every Sunday at 10:15 am**



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are now be meeting at
Greenleaf Health Campus

1201 E. Beardsley Street
2nd & 4th Wednesdays

2:30 pm

Several of our members are currently at Greenleaf for therapy. Residents are also invited to join us. We meet in the Living Rm.

We are making hats, scarves & mittens for area children to give at Christmas.

Or just come & join in the fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Nov. 20th. We are going to try something different this year. I have reserved space for us at Ryan's, 2810 Emerson Dr., Elkhart (off of CR 6). The reservation is for 12 noon. The price per meal is \$10.39 plus tax and a drink is extra. We need everyone to come. Please RSVP by Nov. 13th.

Contact person Mary Ellen Harris (574) 293-7481
Or if you have email, please respond to:

stiohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LEADERS

October 30 – Courtney Papa
November 6 - Rev. David Boothby
13 - Rev. Paul Koepke
20 - Rev. Paul Loucks
27 - Laura Doty, MDiv.

In October, we had Laura Doty, George Adamson, David Stahly (Plymouth UCC), Courtney Papa & Rev. John von Lackum. Special music Donna Clifton (Plymouth UCC) and Laura Doty.

Thank you to everyone for their inspiration!

Consistory Meeting – Monday, Nov. 14 – 6:30 pm



TRICK OR TREAT AT THE ATRIA

The residents at the Atria gave out candy to children Trick or Treating last Thursday, October 27th from 3:00-6:00 pm.

Several of our members were there to help the staff. Thank you to those who attended.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

St. John's will continue to collect non-perishable food items for Church Community Services Food Pantry.

We now have a box designated at the front entrance of the Atria if you would like to bring your items.

Thank you!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.stjohnsucelkhart.com

Face Book – Just enter St. John's United Church of Christ

CURRENT CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Deacons –

Wayne Knudson	George Adamson
Frank Hughes	Kevin Harris
Dennis Harris	Linda Couch

Elders –

Mary Ellen Harris(Pres)	Dan Brown
Jean Quillin (VPres)	Courtney Papa
Jan Adamson	Sid Dew (Treas/Sec)



Moments From Our Past.....

Somewhere around 1893, the congregation decided at their meeting that all members who, without a valid excuse, did not attend congregational business meetings would be assessed 25 cents. Maybe we should try something like that??? Just kidding!!

Northwest Association Meeting – Indiana Kentucky Conference – United Church of Christ

The fall association meeting was held Sunday, September 9th at Crown Point. Representing St. John's were Mary Ellen & Dennis Harris, George & Jan Adamson. Please ask them about the meeting when