

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023

HOLY GHOST/TRINITY UCC

PASTOR TARRAH VAUPEL

Anniversary Celebration



Join us as we celebrate THREE historic anniversaries in the life of our churches! Holy Ghost Darmstadt is celebrating 180 years, Trinity Biddleborn is celebrating 145 years, and our congregations are celebrating 70 years of worship and fellowship TOGETHER!

Our conference minister, Rev. Shana Johnson, will be joining us for our 9am worship service at our Holy Ghost Darmstadt location, and immediately following, we will travel to our Trinity Biddleborn location for a FREE catered luncheon with live entertainment! The Venedy Band will be taking the stage at 11:30am and we will be treated with some traditional German music as well as treasured favorites through the decades! Our meal is catered by The Bullpen, and the The Sweet Side food truck will be providing desserts for all! There will be games and fun for kids of all ages! **Please RSVP to Pastor Tarrah at 618-558-9841 so we are able to order the correct amount of food for everyone! Grab your favorite lawn chair and join us 😊**

Current Worship Series



On June 4th we kicked off our worship series that is taking us on a journey through Matthew's Gospel! **“Embracing the Kingdom”** more deeply explores the words found in Matthew 28:18-20, “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The following is a rough outline of our worship dates and correlating scriptures. Please understand that these themes and scriptures may change based on current events, church activities, etc.

After Pentecost V Scripture and Themes “The Vineyard”

“For many are called, but few are chosen.” – Matthew 22:14

October 8, 2023: Matthew 21:23-32 | “Going Ahead”

October 15, 2023: Anniversary Celebration of our congregations!

After Pentecost VI Scripture and Themes “Put to the Test”

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,” – Matthew 25:31-32

October 22, 2023: Matthew 22:15-22 | “Truth”

October 29, 2023: Matthew 22:34-46 | “Love”

November 5, 2023: Matthew 23:1-12 | “Greatness”

November 12, 2023: Matthew 25:1-13 | “Wisdom”

November 19, 2023: Matthew 25:14-30 | “Investment”

November 26, 2023 (Reign of Christ): Matthew 25:31-46 | “Care”

Combined Choir

Combined choir rehearsals have begun! If you are interested in being a part of the choir, please join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30am prior to the beginning of worship.



Noisy Offering at ISC Annual Meeting

Please gather your change and bring it to church on Sunday, October 8th and October 15th to support the ministry of Hoyleton during our ISC Annual Meeting. This offering will be gathered during opening worship during the annual meeting to further this wonderful ministry of

our ISC UCC conference. For more information on the work that Hoyleton does on our behalf, please visit: www.hoyleton.org.

Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting



Illinois South Conference
October 21, 2023
St. Peter's UCC, Red Bud, IL

ALL are welcome and invited to attend the Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 21st, 2023 at St. Peter's UCC in Red Bud, IL. Our church delegates and Pastor are required to attend but visitors are always encouraged to attend and see our conference at work. If anyone is interested in SINGING during the meeting with our featured/keynote musician Rev. Monty Jackson, please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 14th from 10am-12pm for a "Masterclass" workshop. Singers will gather to rehearse and prepare to be a part of making a joyful sound to the Lord during the Annual Meeting. For more information, please visit www.iscucc.org or speak with Pastor Tarrah for details.

Men's Fellowship



Pastor Tarrah has been working with Pastor Bob Koch (St. John's, New Athens) and Pastor Brett Palmer (Friedens, Marissa) to develop some new fellowship opportunities for the men of our congregations. If you have any ideas that you would like us to consider, please let Pastor Tarrah know as soon as possible. Stay tuned for more information about the group starting up AFTER the harvest this fall 😊

Christmas Cantata 2023



Save the date for our combined Christmas Cantata 2023! On Saturday, December 16th we shall gather at Holy Ghost Darmstadt at 2pm to join our voices with singers from neighboring congregations to present, "O Holy Light: A Christmas Cantata." Combined rehearsals for the Cantata are underway but it is NEVER too late to join! We practice each Wednesday at 5pm through December 13th. Prayerfully consider joining us!

Mission of the month

A basket is on the sharing table at each church.

This month our mission project is:

Hoyleton

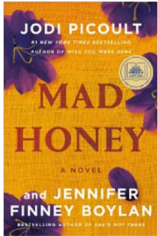
"For it is in giving that we receive."

-St. Francis

Book Club Dates

Our Book Club just finished reading “Grandma Gatewood’s Walk” By Ben Montgomery and “Killer Pancake” by Diane Mott Davidson. Our next book club meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25th at 6pm.

We are reading two books for our next gathering. Check out more about them below. ALL are welcome to join us at any time. If you aren’t a reader, we try to choose selections that are available via audio books as well. Reading the books in their entirety aren’t a requirement to attend either. There is plenty of conversation to keep everyone engaged whether you’ve read the book or not! Join us 😊



“Mad Honey” by Jodi Picoult

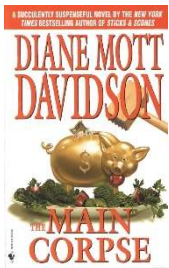
Olivia McAfee knows what it feels like to start over. Her picture-perfect life—living in Boston, married to a brilliant cardiothoracic surgeon, raising their beautiful son, Asher—was upended when her husband revealed a darker side. She never imagined that she would end up back in her sleepy New Hampshire hometown, living in the house she grew up in and taking over her father’s beekeeping business.

Lily Campanello is familiar with do-overs, too. When she and her mom relocate to Adams, New Hampshire, for her final year of high school, they both hope it will be a fresh start.

And for just a short while, these new beginnings are exactly what Olivia and Lily need. Their paths cross when Asher falls for the new girl in school, and Lily can’t help but fall for him, too. With Ash, she feels happy for the first time. Yet she wonders if she can trust him completely. . . .

Then one day, Olivia receives a phone call: Lily is dead, and Asher is being questioned by the police. Olivia is adamant that her son is innocent. But she would be lying if she didn’t acknowledge the flashes of his father’s temper in Ash, and as the case against him unfolds, she realizes he’s hidden more than he’s shared with her.

Mad Honey is a riveting novel of suspense, an unforgettable love story, and a moving and powerful exploration of the secrets we keep and the risks we take in order to become ourselves.



“The Main Corpse” by Diane Mott Davidson

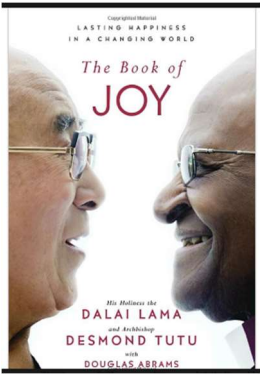
Goldy, owner of Goldilocks' Catering, barely weathered a disastrous spring in which relentless rains and driving snow put a real damper on her business. But now, thanks to her best friend, Marla, the Colorado caterer is suddenly cooking up a storm...lovingly preparing Crab Quesadillas, Tomato-Brie Pie, and Gold Foil-Wrapped Fudge Bars for her wealthy new client, Prospect Financial Partners.

The Prospect Partners' financial whiz, Tony Royce, with whom Marla is having a tempestuous affair, and Albert Lipscomb, who is personally managing Marla's money, have hired Goldy to prepare a sumptuous party to kick off their latest venture: the reopening of the Eurydice Gold Mine. Anxious to take advantage of a golden opportunity, Goldy arrives at the mine site early, loaded down with goodies. Yet just when she thinks she can relax, all hell breaks loose--and the main culprit is Marla.

Her best friend is sure the mine venture is a scam. And when, several days later, Albert ends up missing, it looks as if Marla was right. Why, then, is the police captain treating Goldy's best friend as if she had committed a crime? And how can Goldy keep her fourteen-year-old son Arch and his unreliable bloodhound from making matters worse?

As Goldy works furiously to restore her business by whipping up hot, fragrant Sour Cream Cherry Coffeecake and featherlight Cinnamon Scones, she finds herself drawn into a most unusual situation of missing partners, stolen millions, and multiple homicides. And only when Goldy can discover which of the victims is the main corpse will she be able to unravel the mystery that threatens to cancel out her friend's dearest asset--her life.

The Book of Joy Study Group



The Book of Joy adult study group is underway! The book narrates a weeklong gathering between the 14th Dalai Lama and the Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

If you are interested in participating in the group, please pick up a copy of the book from the book seller of your choice and save these dates on your calendar 😊

Session 4: Wednesday, October 4th at 6pm; The Nature of True Joy: Our Greatest Joy & The Meeting of Two Mischievous People. (pre-reading pages 59-78)

Session 5: Wednesday, October 18th at 6pm; The Nature of True Joy: The Obstacles to Joy: You are a Masterpiece in the making; fear, stress, and anxiety; and frustration and anger. (pre-reading pages 83-108)

Session 6: Wednesday, November 1st at 6pm; The Nature of True Joy: The obstacles to Joy: Sadness and grief; despair and loneliness. (pre-reading pages 109-133)

Session 7: Wednesday, November 15th at 6pm; The Nature of True Joy: The Obstacles to Joy: Envy, suffering & adversity, illness & fear of death; and meditation: now I'll tell you a secret thing. (pre-reading pages 135-188)

Session 8: Wednesday, December 6th; The Eight Pillars of Joy: Perspective and Humility (pre-reading pages 193-213)

Session 9: Wednesday, January 3rd; The Eight Pillars of Joy: Humor and Acceptance (pre-reading pages 215-228)

Session 10: Wednesday, January 17th; The Eight Pillars of Joy: Forgiveness and Gratitude (pre-reading pages 229-249)

Session 11: Wednesday, February 7th; The Eight of Pillars of Joy: Compassion and Generosity (pre-reading pages 251-275)

Session 12: Wednesday, February 21st; Meditation, Celebration and Departure (pre-reading pages 277-305)



PRAYER LIST (long term)

Richard Juenger, Les Erb, Dorothy Herzog, Vicki Black, Larry Wagner, Bradley Funk, Almira Kinzel, Rick Schaeffer, Lucas (3-year-old with leukemia in Darmstadt), and Skip Horton.

PRAYER LIST (short term)

People of Ukraine, Matt Reidy (June Pflasterer's Son-in-law), Jeanette Funk, People of Maui, Janette (Wagner) Hall, Frederick (Virginia Wojtkowski's brother), Lindsey & Family (Pastor Tarrah's sister), Charles Earrigrand (Charlotte & Rob Shaw's Son-in-law), Judy Jacobs (Cousin of Frieda and June V), People of Morrocco, People of Libya, Jane Kish (Friend of Cathy Harms), and Elgene Lickenbrock.

Please contact Pastor Tarrah, Kim Weekley, or Frieda Feig if you wish to add someone to our prayer list. If you have a private prayer request, please contact Pastor Tarrah directly.

SAVE THE DATE!

Anniversary Celebration! - Sunday, October 15th during 9am worship and following
Please RSVP to Pastor Tarrah at 618-558-9841 so we are able to order the correct amount of food for everyone!

Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 27th

90th Birthday Party for June P. – November 19th following worship

Thanksgiving Sunday and Totenfest – Sunday, November 26th during **9am worship**

Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, November 26th immediately following worship

First Sunday of Advent: Hope – Sunday, December 3rd, **9am worship at Trinity**

Congregational Christmas Party – Friday, December 8th at **5pm at Holy Ghost**

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace – Sunday, December 10th, **9am worship at Trinity**

Christmas Cantata with Cocoa and Cookies reception – Saturday, December 16th,
2pm at Holy Ghost

Third Sunday of Advent: Joy – Sunday, December 17th during **9am worship**

Blue Christmas Service followed by outing to the ‘Way of Lights’ – Thursday, December 21st
at **5pm (Trinity Biddleborn)**

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love – Sunday, December 24th, **9am worship at Holy Ghost**

Christmas Eve Candlelight service – Sunday, December 24th at **5pm at Trinity**

New Year’s Eve Service of hope and reflection – Sunday, December 31st at Holy Ghost



JOIN US FOR THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF

*Holy Ghost
&
Trinity*

UNITED CHURCHES OF CHRIST

We are humbled to be celebrating THREE anniversaries together: 180 years of ministry at Holy Ghost, 145 years of ministry at Trinity, and 70 years of ministry together as yoked congregations!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2023

9am Worship at our Holy Ghost Darmstadt location
2806 WEILMUNSTER RD, LENZBURG, IL 62255

11am Luncheon at our Trinity Biddleborn Pavilion
5698 BIDDLEBORN RD, MARISSA, IL 62257



PRIZES

FREE

FUN

FOOD

OCT 27TH | 5:30-7:30PM

HOLY GHOST DARMSTADT UCC
2806 WEILMUNSTER RD, LENZBURG, IL 62255
WWW.COUNTRYCHURCHES.ORG

Confirmation Dates for October and November 2023

October 15 -Confirmation Class participates in Anniversary Celebration

October 27 -Trunk or Treat at Holy Ghost; Confirmands attend and work
(Service Project)

November 5 -Confirmation Class at Trinity with Faith Partners

November 19 -Confirmation Class at Holy Ghost

October Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

- 7- Mallory Shubert
- 9 -Eva Kinzel
- 11 -Daren Bollmeier
- 18 -Steven Steinheimer
- 21 -Craig Steinheimer
- 21 -Casey Trentman
- 22 -Michael Triefenbach (Mike)
- 25 -Joe Weekley
- 26 -Betty Jo Triefenbach

Anniversaries

- 1-Pastor Tarrah & Jasen Vaupel
- 11 -Eva & Larry Kinzel
- 15 -Rachel & Dustin Weekley
- 18 -Judy & Michael Feig
- 20 -Brandon & Christa Leonhardt
- 28 -Sandy & Mitch Prosis

November Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

- 7- Virginia Wojtkowski
- 9- Ron Dietrich
- 10 -June Pflasterer
- 11 -Sandy Prosis
- 23 -Molly Shubert
- 26 -Kenny Wagner
- 26 -Taylor Prosis

Anniversaries

- 20 -Carrie & Justin Rhodes
- 25-Verleen & Daryl Bollmeier
- 27 -Elaine & Doug Bugger



June P's Birthday Celebration

Come one, come all to celebrate June's 90th birthday!

On Sunday, Nov. 19th, June's family will be hosting a time of refreshments and celebration immediately following worship!

Hope to see everyone there!!

