



# ECHO

Nov.-Dec

2013

## Looking Ahead!

Nov. 3 – Memorial Sunday

Nov. 10 - Veteran's Sunday

Nov. 12 – Matthew 25 Volunteer Day

If you're looking for a day of fulfilling fellowship, pack a lunch and join us from 10:00 to 2:00. Please let Virginia Robertson know if you are interested or need more information.

Nov. 17- Congregational Meeting –Free Will Offering & Lite Lunch. Lunch provided by Just Friends and proceeds go to a family at Christmas.

Nov. 24 - Harvest Sunday

Join us for a Thanksgiving Treat

Dec. 1 – Advent begins

Brice Thomas will be here.

Dec.10 – Orders for Christmas flowers due.

Watch your weekly bulletin for prices. Contact Sally Ortolf if you have questions.

Dec. 24– Christmas Eve Service 5:00PM

Nexus will be joining us for a candlelight family service.

Dec. 29– Casual

Greg will be with us today, along with coffee and donuts

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**Articles for January will be due December 29**

Put articles in the Echo box at church or email to me

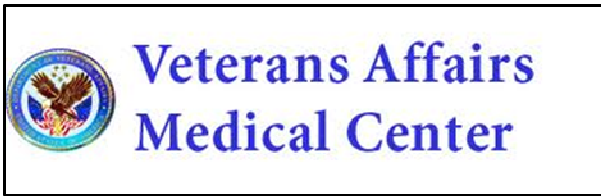
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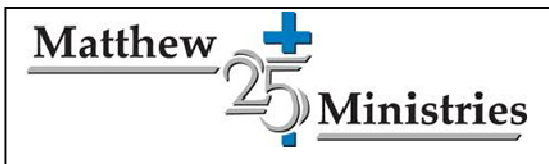


**OPEN DOOR PANTRY  
BENEFIT CONCERT  
SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 3**

**Zion Lutheran Church**



We will be sending phone cards to Cincinnati & Fort Thomas Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in recognition of Veteran's Day. Among other things, phone cards are on the "Wish List" of items to make the stay of our veterans a little more enjoyable. You may add your donation to the box on the Welcome Table and it will be combined with funds from our mission budget.



Our first tube of quarters for Matthew 25 Ministries was sent. \$100 will provide 1,111 servings of a protein-rich rice dish. The quarter tube holds \$120. Keep bringing in your coins.

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!!

If you're looking for a great gift for someone or you just want to treat yourself to a nice dinner, let us help you. We are taking orders for gift cards. A list of participating businesses and order forms will be available at the Welcome Table from Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> through Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Make check to First St. John with Scrip on memo line. If you have any questions contact Sally Ortolfo or Virginia Robertson.



### Thank You

Dear folks

Thank you for your gift of time and talent. Thanks to your support, we shared 14,000 scarves to visitors and delegates at General Synod, and they were distributed across the country. It was more than four times our goal! Now UCC Churches are taking action to protect LGBT youth from bullying and suicide. You made this happen.

Thank you from the UCC Coalition for LGBT concerns



## Thank You

First St John

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I am very happy and appreciative to be a recipient of scholarship.

I am a graduate student majoring in advanced nursing practice. I am currently starting my second year. After graduation I plan to continue to work at Methodist Dallas as a nurse practitioner. Thanks to you. I am one step closer to that goal.

Sincerely, April Browning

First St John

Thank you very much for your gift of scholarship money . I will try to put it to the best use I can.

Daniel K. Robertson

Dear First St. John Friends,

Thank you very much for the scholarship money. As most of you know college can get pretty pricy and any little bit helps, so I greatly appreciate your support. I'm so glad I have all of you.

Thank you! Taylor Sullivan

First St. John Friends,

Thank you so much for your help in funding, my continued education. Every year it gets harder to pay tuition and purchase books, it means so much that First St. John is there to make it a little easier.

Thanks, Jessica Kerby

## ***November Prayer Circle***

Eloise Andrews  
Jim Arnold  
Ada Mae Begley  
Payton Cauchran  
Linda Chalk  
Merle DePew  
Norma Durr  
Clay Frink  
Myron Gilley  
Imogene Goos  
Barbara Harris  
Fanny Murphy  
Kyle Phelps  
Diane Johnson  
Vicki Howard  
Marilyn Jeffers  
Alex Kip

Kitty  
Tamara Kirkwood  
& Twins  
Jackie McKinney  
DeDee Martin  
Gilda Moore  
Donald Mull  
Marion Reed  
Fred Smith  
Doug Stumpf  
Dave Upchurch  
Gartha Webb  
Elaine Weiss  
Richard Wesp



U.S Armed  
Forces &  
Their  
Families

**The Family of**

Lucille Grimes

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Please leave a message for the prayer circle with Shirley. Include the following information: name of person, illness. Thanks, Shirley M. Lovely, 726-6223. Please check names carefully. Shirley .

**If there are any names that need to be removed, call Shirley Lovely at the number above.**

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<p>Sunday's            9:00 Adult Class            9:15- 9:45 Coffee-Fellowship            10:00 Worship</p>				1	2	
<p>3            Remembrance            Sunday</p>	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>10            9:20            Worship team            Just Friends            after worship</p>	<p>11            Serve City            Kaeding            Bogan</p>	<p>12            10-2pm            Matthew            25            Ministries</p>	13	14	15	16
<p>17            Annual Meeting            and Lunch</p>	18	<p>19            1:00            Council</p>	20	21	22	23
<p>24            Casual-            Harvest            Sunday</p>	<p>25            Community            Meal            Pastor Mark            On Vacation            All Week</p>	26	27	28	29	30

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<b>1</b> Advent Begins	<b>Sunday's</b> 9:00 Adult Class 9:15- 9:45 Coffee-Fellowship 10:00 Worship			<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:20 Worship Team Just Friends	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Serve City Kramer Burnett	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:00 Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Casual Sunday	<b>30</b> Community Meal	<b>31</b>				

# Community Dinner Menu

**November** Breakfast Casserole, Biscuits, Fruit Salad

**December** Pot Luck



**Our Mission:**

To use our individual and congregational gifts, talents and resources to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to bring to all His word, His healing, His compassion and His forgiveness by being a warm accepting and loving faith community.

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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. Ballroom Second Floor

Fellowship Time: 9:15 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

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