



## **TALKING TURKEY! HARVEST FEST NEWS 2011**

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### **What's New at Harvest Fest?**

#### **Harvest Fest Funds? NOT part of the Budget!**

That's right, friends and neighbors, Harvest Fest Funds are no longer part of St. John's operating budget. We tightened our belt a little, shaved some expenses, reduced some costs, and took the Harvest Fest income out of the budget. Want to know what we are going to do with the Harvest Fest Funds? We are going to give it away! Go to page 4 to learn the truth.

#### **Harvest Fest Tickets**

Adult meal tickets are now priced at \$10. Child meal tickets are \$6. This is a price change from last year. You can check out tickets to sell on Sunday mornings beginning the first Sunday in September from the Harvest Fest Sign Up Table or you can check them out through the church office during the week, Tuesday through Friday, 8:30-4:30. Tickets can also be purchased from the same.

#### **Live Auction Deadline & Auction Booklet**

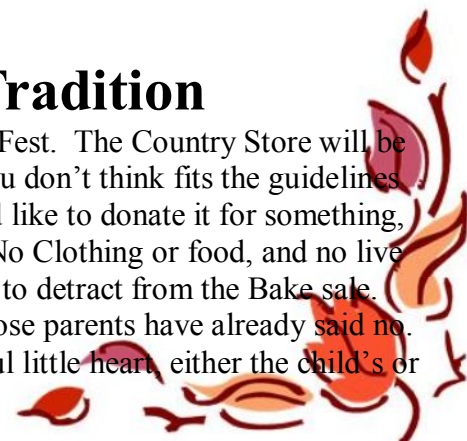
All Items for the Live Auction must have a photo, description and estimated value submitted by September 18. The Live Auction items will be published in a booklet, which will be made available to the congregation, posted on the website and accessible by the public one week before Harvest Fest. Late donations to the Live Auction will be placed in either the Silent Auction or another appropriate place for purchase. How do I get my items in early? Go to page 5 to get all the information you will need.

#### **Silent Auction Items**

The Harvest Fest Committee has asked that items contributed to the Silent Auction be either new or gently used. Items which have been "well loved" and are donated to the Silent Auction may be given to the Country Store area. We are hoping to raise the quality of the Silent Auction Items, helping to raise even more money for our church and community. Want to know about some of the local businesses donating to Harvest Fest this year? Go to page

#### **A New Addition To Harvest Fest Tradition**

This year, we are adding a new opportunity for treasure seeking to Harvest Fest. The Country Store will be located in the entry room of the Community Center. If you have something that you don't think fits the guidelines for the Live Auction, the Silent Auction, the Craft or Bake sale, but you sure would like to donate it for something, the Country Store is the place. We do ask that you honor the following requests: No Clothing or food, and no live animals. We don't want to violate state and federal laws, nor do we want anything to detract from the Bake sale. And we really don't want to get in trouble by selling a puppy or kitty to a child whose parents have already said no. The young man running the Country Store, Jake, should have to break some hopeful little heart, either the child's or



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### **Turkey Adoptions Opening Soon!**

It's that time of year again, and Harvest Fest needs you! We plan to cook 120 turkeys this year, and that means we need ovens. Every Sunday in September, we will be asking people to do one of three things to help get ready for the Harvest Fest Turkeys. If you are willing and able, we are asking you to pay for and bake one or two or three turkeys. You can adopt more than three if you want, don't let us limit you. If you aren't able to bake a turkey, but can pay for one, that's great. We appreciate the help. If you can't pay for one, but you are willing and able to bake a turkey or two, that's WONDERFUL! WE can't serve raw turkeys, so you would be making a massive contribution to the meal by baking a turkey someone else has purchased. If you aren't in a position to buy or bake turkeys, there is still something you can do-pray! Pray for those who are baking or buying, and pray that those who can help out with baking and buying answer the call. Turkeys will cost \$20 each this year.

### **Harvest Fest Kitchen Math**

If you do the math, 120 turkeys at an average of 20.5 pounds= 2460 pounds of turkey. Now, at 1/2 hour per pound, that is 1, 230 baking hours, given in love and service by the members of our congregation. That adds up to over 51 days worth of baking. Incredible! And please remember, that does not include all the kitchen time logged in on Friday and Saturday! Here's more Harvest Fest Math to amaze you:

In order to have 2000 pieces of dessert for the Harvest Fest Turkey Dinners, you need 134 cakes (each cake cut into 15 pieces) or 334 pies (each pie cut into 6 pieces) or some combination of the cakes and pies.

### **We Have a Date with the Pocket Lady!**

Several years ago, Louise Hilliard introduced us to the pocket lady, and served as the Harvest Fest Pocket Lady for several years. Due to health reasons, Louise is no longer serving as the Pocket Lady, but others have taken up the mantle (or vest, if you want to be accurate) and will be taking shifts at Harvest Fest this year. The Pocket Lady's vest has many pockets, and for a quarter, anyone can get a prize from a pocket. So, bring your change, and find the Pocket Lady. She will be happy to trade you a quarter for one of the fabulous prizes in her pocket vest.

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### **The Games Trailer Rocks!**

The Video Games Trailer was a high spot for the video gamers off all ages last year, and it will be back again this year!

Thanks to the gaming trailer, while the gamers were playing, the adults were inside, bidding on auction items, purchasing baked goods and crafts and enjoying the fellowship of the St. John's community.

Parents, please remember the Games Trailer is not staffed by church members. You are responsible for knowing when your child enters and exits the Games trailer. The people operating the trailer are there to supervise the activities within the trailer only.

### **Tell Me More About the Country Store**

The Country Store is a new area at Harvest Fest this year. Anything you would like to donate to the Country Store (no clothes or food, please) will be sold for the price of the love offering given for the item. We would be happy to accept almost any item, but prefer no puppies, kittens or other live animals that could cause a problem for the proud purchaser when it is shown off at home.

What makes it different from the Silent Auction? It is different from the Silent Auction because there is no bidding. You see it, you like it, you buy it. You don't have to keep bidding against your buddies, and you won't have to wait until 5:00 to find out if you have won your heart's desire. The Country Store's Inventory will in no way detract from either the Silent Auction or Live Auction. It will help us keep the Silent Auction to a manageable number, and assist the Live Auction in keeping the length of the auction reasonable.

Is it a garage sale? It's not a garage sale, for three reasons: A. We are holding it in the entry room to the Community Center, not a garage. B. You don't have to get up at the crack of dawn to get the good stuff. It will open at 10:00 a.m. with the rest of the festivities. C. You don't have to try and talk the price down on that wonderful flower pot, you can just be sure you pay a price that is fair to you and the seller.

How much money do you think we will raise? We have no idea how much money we will raise. Any money raised is bonus money, since we didn't have a Country Store last year.

Who is going to run the area? Jake Edmiston has volunteered to run the area this year. . How will we know what to charge? Wait until you hear how we are going to price the items.

To quote Rod Serling "Imagine, if you will, an area in the community center, teeming with items that have special value, known only to the person purchasing it. Now imagine yourself, preparing to purchase something you want, without worrying about the price." (You should insert your own rendition of the theme to "The Twilight Zone" here.

You walk up to the Country Store, and you see a basket you would love to have. You say to yourself "I wonder what they are asking for that basket?" You look at the basket, and there isn't a price on it. You look for a price list, but there isn't one posted.

You think "I'll ask, but if it is too much, I am not going to buy it!"

You ask the young man running the Country Store, "How much?"

He answers "How much would you like it to cost?"

Whatever you answer, that is the price.

That's CRAZY! We are trying to raise money for the community! We need to tell people how much to pay for stuff- Right?

Nope, the country store is all priced according to the wallet of the buyer. That makes it simple. Pay what you think.

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### **Harvest Fest Funds– We Are Giving Money Away!**

Due to the careful stewardship by our congregation, we have been able to remove Harvest Fest Funds from our operating budget. At one of our Administrative Council meetings this spring, the Council took under advisement and voted on a motion from the Harvest Fest Committee to put the Harvest Fest Funds to good use. Fifty percent of the profits from Harvest Fest will be distribute to three Georgetown organizations serving the community and improving lives. You can read a little about each of those organizations below. The remaining fifty percent will be put into a fund here at the church, to be used for capital improvements and repairs.

### **R.O.C.K.**

R.O.C.K., Ride On Center for Kids, located in Georgetown, Texas, is a non-profit provider of therapeutic riding and Hippotherapy for individuals with cognitive and physical challenges.

The funds St. John's is giving R.O.C.K. will be designated for scholarships for therapy.

These therapies benefit the bodies, minds, and spirits of many children and adults in our community and we continue to expand in the areas of research, education, and service to injured members of our armed forces. R.O.C.K.'s mission is to improve independence and life skills, in partnership with the horse.

If you would like more information about R.O.C.K, you can look them up at [www.rockride.org](http://www.rockride.org).

Several of our members are involved with R.O.C.K. and would love to share more with you. Ask Heidi Derring or Roz Fisher to share their experiences with you.

### **Georgetown Project**

The Georgetown Project, a non-profit organization, is devoted to building a healthier community for all children and youth by mobilizing our community to action in a comprehensive and coordinated way. Our mission is to mobilize the Georgetown community to coordinate, strengthen, and develop resources and relationships -- so that our children and youth can grow into capable, caring, and resilient adults.

The funds St. John's will be giving are designated for a new project. The Georgetown Project has purchased a house which is being converted into a new drop-in day shelter providing supportive services to homeless youth. This shelter will not provide overnight accommodations, but will offer a respectful, safe and healthy environment for youth that is both nurturing and empowering. It will ensure youth have access to basic necessities needed to support a healthy lifestyle, stay in school, and plan for a productive future. Some of these necessities will include showers and evening meals.

If you would like more information about the Georgetown Project, you can find them online at [www.georgetownproject.com](http://www.georgetownproject.com).

Several of our members are actively involved with Georgetown Project. Ask Melissa Barhydt or Gene Lawhon to share their experiences.

### **The Caring Place**

The mission of The Caring Place is to serve human needs in Georgetown and Northern Williamson County. In 2008, The Caring Place provided services to 14,099 individuals in Williamson County.

The Caring Place assists families with food, clothing, and household items, financially with rent, utilities, medical expenses, temporary shelter, transportation, and other non-specified needs. The Fresh Food for Families and Hope operates through the Caring Place. Working with the community, The Caring Place coordinates the Coats for Kids program, Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Distribution. Every day, staff and volunteers help get people back on their feet with the basics of life: food, shelter and clothing.

Several of our members are actively involved with the Caring Place. Ask Linda Gusnowski, Ralph Crouteau or Marilyn Bergren to share their experiences.

If you would like more information, you can find them at [caringplacetx.bbnow.org](http://caringplacetx.bbnow.org).

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### **Live Auction Info**

We had great success with our live auction last year, and want to build upon it this year. Some things have changed, but others remain the same.

The changes we are making are intended to help us get the work out about the wonderful items in the auction.

The deadline for contributing items to the Live Auction will be September 18. If you are working on a handmade item and it isn't quite finished, don't panic. We need a picture of your project, a description of the product, the name of the donor and an estimated value. We will be using this information to create an auction booklet we will be distributing among the congregation the Sunday before Harvest Fest, as well as publishing on-line, in order to let the community know what we will be offering at the Auction. If you would prefer your name not be listed as an item donor, please note that on the information. All items for the Live Auction will be assigned an Auction Number at the time of the publishing of the booklet.

We need the items for Live Auction delivered to the Community Center on Friday, between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. If you can not bring your item to the community center at that time, please contact Elizabeth Edmiston to make other arrangements. You can also bring items easy to transport to the church, any time between now and September 30. Please have the church office let Elizabeth know about the items.

People who attend auctions often decide whether or not to attend based on the items advertised for sale. Help us get more members of the community in for the Live Auction by helping us get the word out about our wonderful auction items.

### **Harvest Fest Doesn't Happen Without Leadership**

While the church body pulls together to make Harvest Fest a reality, we depend on area leaders to make each segment of Harvest Fest run smoothly. A special thank you goes out to those folks who took a leadership role in the different areas:

Bake Sale: Myrtice Macomber

Craft Sale: Peggy Blair

Kitchen: Larry Bingham

Drive Thru: Fred Barhydt

Pit Crew: Lyle Fraser

Drinks Table: Lisbeth Munson

Dessert Table: Homebuilders Class

Silent Auction: Seekers & Legacies Classes-

Live Auction: Elizabeth Edmiston

Entertainment: Justin Langford

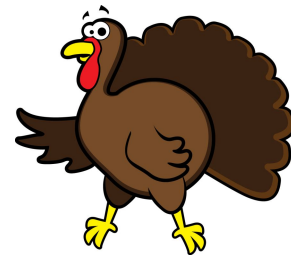
Country Store: Jake Edmiston

Table Bussing: Boy Scout Troop 155

Harvest Fest 5K & Family Fun Run: Linda Gusnowski

Harvest Fest Chairs: Briana and Mike Lindell

Fun Fact– Facts are Fun! The heaviest turkey ever raised weighed in at 86 pounds -- about the size of a large German Shepherd -- and was grown in England. That's a mighty big set of drumsticks, Folks!



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### **Businesses Donating to Harvest Fest**

We have already received some wonderful donations from business which serve our area. Please take a look at the list below and be sure to thank these folks when you frequent their establishments:

Adi's Italian Village	Aerie Printing	All Things Kids
Buckhorn Museum	Curious Glass Shop	Curves– Fitness for Women
Fox Auto Parts	Garden Path Florist	Galaxy Bakery & Coffee House
Gatherings	Georgetown Winery	Georgetown Antique Mall
Golf On The Square	Inner Space Caverns	James Avery
Laurie's Too Tearoom	Macaroni Grill	Midas Auto Service Center
McAlister's Deli	DIVA	Lindell Chevron & Automotive
The Pit BBQ	Quenan's Jewelry	Sonic Drive-In
Starbucks	Sun Auto Service	Tribal Impressions
Shakes Frozen Custard	The Escape	Williamson County Museum
Novita Spa	The Palace Theater	Round Rock Express
	Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill	

### **Anticipated Auction Items**

We already know about some of the wonderful items to be offered in the live and silent auctions. Items listed have been committed to the Harvest Fest Auctions:

Value Meal Package– Value Meal Committee  
Tacked Quilt– St. John's Quilters  
2 Used Kindles & a \$50 Amazon Gift Card– Coleman Callaway and Jeff & Elizabeth Edmiston  
Crocheted Doily– Marie Ervin  
One Baby Quilt– St. John's Quilters  
1 Double Wedding Ring Quilt– St. John's Quilters  
Quilt– St. John's Quilters  
Afghan– Marie Ervin  
New Kindle– Dick & Mary Wood  
Jewelry  
Crosses  
Round Rock Express Tickets  
Wrench & Socket Set  
Book on the history of Williamson County  
Swedish Brown Bread by Linda Lindell

We are still SIX weeks out from Harvest Fest! Who knows what other treasures will be donated?

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**Jake Edmiston**  
Facilities & Set-Up Assistant

## Non-Cash Donation Form

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter certifies that the following donor(s) contributed the property items listed below to St. John's United Methodist Church.

Donor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Item(s) donated**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For use at or by St. John's, to be applied to  **The Harvest Fest Fund,**

Date Contributed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please be sure to send a copy of this completed form to the Finance Office.**

Thank you very much for your contribution to St. John's United Methodist Church.  
Sincerely,

LouAnne Case  
Chair of Finance

*If you asked a business for a donation for the Harvest Fest, please make sure you get a non-cash donation letter filled out and delivered to the donor, as well as making a copy for the church office.  
When it comes to soliciting donations,  
the personal connection makes the difference.*

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### Who Benefits from the Harvest Fest 5K & Family Fun Run?

Williamson Burnett County Opportunities: (WBCO): "The HarvestFest 5K Run will directly benefit the seniors in our community, allowing them to maintain their independence in their own homes, and ensuring they receive a daily well-balanced meal and visit from a supportive volunteer," stated Andrew Shell, Executive Director of WBC Opportunities.

WBC Opportunities has been the Meals on Wheels provider throughout both Williamson and Burnet counties for more than 30 years. Over the past several years, the need for this service has increased significantly as the population has increased both in numbers and in age. The number of meals currently being served has increased to nearly 170,000 meals annually. (Comment: If you do the math, WBCO Meals on Wheels delivers about 654 meals a day, not counting weekends or the Peanut Butter and Jelly programs.)

"We are grateful to our event sponsors and volunteers who have come together to make this event happen. Every dollar raised will go directly toward providing meals for our seniors," Shell continued. (Charity Chat, <http://www.statesman.com/blogs/content/shared-gen/blogs/austin/charity/index.html>. 9/16/2010)

In addition to the run itself, there will be a games area for children, and family pictures with the soon-to-be Famous Harvest Fest 5K Turkey! Don't miss this chance to get a picture with the 5K Turkey.

We would like to thank all the sponsors for their enthusiasm and support of the race, and for all the entrants, who make the race fun. The Sponsor list for the Harvest Fest 5K & Family Fun Run is extensive. Please let these sponsors know we appreciate their support for this worthy cause: **Scott & White Health-care- Round Rock, 1st Southwest, REI, Run-Tex, Tradewinds Dental, Georgetown Tax & Bookkeeping, Taylor Family Eye Care.** In addition, **Wonderful Things will be holding a special fundraiser the weekend of September 23-24. Wonderful Things will donate 10% of any sale on at least one day that weekend, if the purchaser mentions the Harvest Fest 5K Run.**

When Harvest Fest is over, if you still want to be involved with Meals on Wheels, please contact Lisbeth Munson at 869-2460. Drivers and helpers are always needed and appreciated.

### Lord's Acre October 2 During Worship

During the excitement and build up of Harvest Fest, we often forget to mention or consider the second half of our fall celebration, The Lord's Acre Offering, which takes place on the Sunday directly following Harvest Fest. At Harvest Fest, you are purchasing items or meals or services, so you are receiving something for your money. The Lord's Acre Offering is an opportunity for you to prayerfully consider what you have been given throughout the past year, and to give accordingly.

The Lord's Acre Offering is a tradition brought to us from the days when we lived in a primarily agrarian society. Each year, farmers would set aside a calf, pig, acre of land or other measure of their farming endeavors and earmark it for a fall offering. The calf, pig or crop would be tended throughout the season, along with the rest of the farmer's crop. In early times, the cow, pig or crop yield was taken to the church, to help feed the pastor and family. As it became more common for pastors to receive a monetary payment for their work and leadership, the tradition was altered to meet the changing times. Instead of taking the crop or animals to the church, the harvested crop or animals were taken to market. The portion of money brought in from the "Lord's Acre" was given to the church, to continue the Lord's work.

In our society today, few of us have a crop to set aside or a cow to sell, but we do have our paychecks. For the Lord's Acre today, many workers give one day's wages to the church. This is not a part of your regular financial commitment to the church, but something extra, a celebration of all you have been given.

***1 Chronicles 29:14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."***

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### HARVEST FEST 5K RUN AND FAMILY FUN RUN SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2011

The third annual Harvest Fest 5K and Family Fun Run is a great way to start your October running season! Register by September 1 and save \$5 on the 5K Run.

Our 5K course begins and ends in the San Gabriel Park in Georgetown and we will have a half mile fun run for the kids. After the race, there will be refreshments, and awards ceremony and you can visit the Harvest Fest being held in the Community Center in the park. The 5K course is a scenic route by the San Gabriel River and in the Hike and Bike Trail. Proceeds from this race will support WBCO (Williamson/Burnet County Opportunities) which is the Senior Nutrition Program and Meals on Wheels. Williamson/Burnet County Opportunities provides hot, home-delivered meals, five days a week to those who, due to illness, age or disability are unable to provide proper nutrition for themselves. This service not only enables the homebound to live independently as long as possible, also relieves the isolation and loneliness of the home-bound. WBCO also provides hot nutritious meals to seniors at Senior Centers Monday through Friday at noon.

After the race we will have awards for the winners in each category. We will have entertainment and prize drawings at the finish line.

This is a chip-timed event. If you do not wear a chip, you will not be timed and will not be included in any results. All chips must be surrendered at the finish line.

### Harvest Fest 5K & Family Fun Run Registration Form

**DO NOT MAIL AFTER September 26. After September 26 register online or in person.**

Circle Event: 5K Run Family Fun Run T-Shirt Size Circle One : Youth S M L Adult S M L XL (XXL –add \$2)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby certify that I am adequately fit to run in this race. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned, for myself, my personal representative, beneficiaries and heirs, knowingly waive, release, and discharge any and all rights and claims which I have or may have hereafter accrue to me or my estate against St. John's UMC, Georgetown and WBCO and any of the sponsors, organizers and volunteers and assigns for any and all injuries or death suffered by me in this event. I will also allow my picture and name to be used in publications as a result of this race.**

**This is a chip-timed event. If you do not wear a chip, you will not be timed and will not be included in any results. All chips must be surrendered at the finish line.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(A parent or legal guardian must sign for all participants under the age of 18.)*

Registration Fee 5K Run (\$25 before Sep 1, \$30 by Sep 29, then \$35 ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fun Run (5-10 years \$10 ) \_\_\_\_\_

Under 5 years FREE (No T-Shirt)

Make checks payable to "HarvestFest 5K Run"

**EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE – NO REFUNDS!!!**

Mail to HarvestFest 5K, ATTN: Linda, 221 Skyline Rd, Georgetown, Texas 78628

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### Help Wanted

**Opportunities Abound** for individuals with the time to help mash sweet potatoes. Research has shown the need for 'tater mashers will reach an all time high on September 30 and October 1 of 2011. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of the NEXT BIG Thing.

**Wanted: Ovens, gas or electric fine,** to help cook turkeys the week of September 26-30. This is such a great experience, you'll want to pay for a turkey, just to be able to smell it in your kitchen!

*Good news! If you bake a turkey, you don't have to worry about leftovers! Bring your Turkey to the Community Center on Friday, September 30, and we will take it from there.*

**If you want to be a member of the 5K Turkey Fan Club,** register now for the Harvest Fest 5K / Family Fun

Run. You will receive a t-shirt, an opportunity to raise money for WBCO Senior Nutrition Programs and be included in the elite 5K/ Family Fun Run group which will be touring the San Gabriel Park Running/Walking Path on October 1. Don't miss this chance to do your own version of the Turkey Trot!

**For Sale:** Delicious Turkey Dinners with all the fixing's, for \$10 Adult, \$6 Child, on October 1- Georgetown Community Center.

**Available for purchase:** Swedish brown bread and other baked favorites. Opportunities for treats like these only come around once a year. Be sure you are at the Bake Sale Table when it opens at 10:00, to be sure you get the sweet treats you crave.

**Help Wanted: Crafters**  
We need your special creations for our Arts & Crafts section at Harvest Fest. Your donations are appreci-

ated. Please bring donations to Community Center on Friday, September 30.

**Bread Machines Available for Loans:** If you would like to borrow a bread machine to make Swedish brown bread for the Harvest Fest Bake Sale, please call Elizabeth @ 563-8840. She has three machines available.

**Help Wanted:** Servers are needed for the Harvest Fest Drive Thru. Our goal is to serve more meals in the drive-thru this year than we served in total last year! Be a part of a team that makes things happen!

*To place an ad in the Talking Turkey-Harvest Fest News, please email Elizabeth @ stjohsumcelizabeth@yahoo.com for information, pricing (it's free) and deadlines.*

**Sunday, August 21**

**Last Day to Pre-Order Harvest Fest T-shirts**

**Some shirts will be available after preorders close, but selections will be limited!**

**Order Now!**

**Preorder your shirt for \$10.**

**After August 21, all shirts will be priced at \$12.**

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### Want to Share Your Kitchen Skills?

Harvest Fest needs workers in the kitchen on Friday and Saturday. We need folks to help debone birds, bake cornbread, mix up dressing, make fruit salad and mash sweet potatoes. If you can dice, mince, smash, mix, stir, trim, carve or delump, there is definitely an opportunity for fun and fellowship in the Harvest Fest Kitchen. Larry Bingham and his faithful crew can use all the help you are willing to give on Friday and Saturday. If you have any time available, the Kitchen is a great place to spend it on Harvest Fest Weekend.

### Set up & Break Down Help Needed!

We need folks to help set up for Harvest Fest on Friday, and to help break down on Saturday. Friday morning we need willing hands to help pack up the equipment (including all the long folding tables the church owns) and haul it to the community center. If you have to be at work on Friday morning and can't help, Larry Bingham would welcome your assistance on Thursday evening. The kitchen crew needs all their groceries and supplies in the kitchen, not in the trailer, so you could help out then. If you have kids committed to soccer games all day on Saturday, but you still want to be a part, sign up to help break down and cart our equipment back to the church at 6:00 p.m. on October 1. There are opportunities for everyone to help at Harvest Fest!

### St. John's Invites Royal Family to Harvest Fest: Who Have You Invited?

The Queen of England has expressed interest in the behind the scenes action of Harvest Fest. We were told she heard that St. John's manages to produce enough food, crafts, baked goods and auction items to be able to support not only our needs, but to help our community. She was fascinated by the idea of people of all walks of life, joining together for a weekend of outreach and missions.

We, the Harvest Fest Committee, would like to formally invite the Queen, her kids, grandkids and other relatives to come to Harvest Fest. We can't promise we'll treat you like royalty, but we know we'll treat you like family. Who knows, maybe Prince Phillip would like to come help make giblet gravy.

Just know we welcome everyone to Harvest Fest, and to all our events at St. John's.

So this begs the question, Who have you invited?

**Invite your family.** Not just the ones that live in your house, but your cousins, grandchildren and grandparents, the uncle you haven't seen since 2003! We have one family, the Brutons, who invite their grandparents to drive in from Ballenger and San Angelo for the festivities. If the grandparents will drive that far, can't we at least try to get our kin that live in Williamson County to attend?

**Invite your friends.** Sure, some of your friends go to other churches, but Harvest Fest isn't really about the congregation of St. John's, it is about the community of which St. John's is a part.

**Invite your neighbors.** Never met them? What better time than now? Get up right now and go knock on their door. Introduce yourself and tell them you'd like to get to know them better, and what better place to do that than at Harvest Fest?

**Invite the people you do business with**— after all, don't you have to take clients out to lunch and dinner regularly? Now think about it, what's better, a quick lunch, where the only thing you talk about is business, OR a leisurely sit down to a turkey dinner, with live entertainment and lots of action going on? Better yet, buy tickets and give them to your clients. Let your clients come and see for themselves what a great person you are, working in the kitchen or serving drinks— you will be seen as a person who gets things done. That's who folks want to do business with.

We know Harvest Fest is a ton of fun, why keep it from the people you love, live by and do business with? Let's get out there and start inviting!

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### Harvest Fest Hattie Hears Your Questions!

Dear Hattie,

*I would love to make a dozen pies for Harvest Fest, but I don't have the time to make and bake the pies all on the day before Harvest Fest. I can either mix them up or I can bake, but not both! Tell me how to solve my dilemma!*

*Pie In The Sky Dreamer*

Dear Pie in the Sky,

Did you know you can assemble your apple, cherry and pumpkin pies and then freeze them before baking? Why not take a Saturday night and put your pies together and stick them in the freezer. You can pull your frozen pies out on Thursday night and stick them in the fridge to thaw, and bake those delicious treats on the morning before Harvest Fest. It's an old trick my mother did for years, when the peaches came off at the same time as the strawberries. I know for a fact that Harvest Fest needs lots of Pies, so get to it!

Happy Pie Making! Hattie

Dear Hattie,

*Why in the world is St. John's giving money to other organizations? We need to keep that money in our church funds. I want my contributions to help good, Christian folks. What gives?*

*The Neighborhood Church Lady*

Dear Church Lady,

St. John's understands that ministries happen in places other than worship centers. Might I refer you to Matthew 25:35-46. By giving funds to these organizations, we are helping the handicapped, the homeless and those who need a helping hand. We are keeping some of the Harvest Fest funds in our "Rainy Day Fund", but our congregation has decided to let the blessings rain down upon our community! The congregation of St. John's believes we are following the greatest commandment, to love our neighbors as ourselves. Hattie.

Dear Hattie,

*I was trying to think of something really cute to donate to the Harvest Fest Auction this year. Then I realized, I have an entire litter of kittens that need good homes. Can I donate a basket of kittens to the Silent Auction? I understand that the Harvest Fest committee has asked that baskets have a value of at least \$50. I have nine kittens, and I have already spent more than \$50 getting them their shots and wormed. What do you think?*

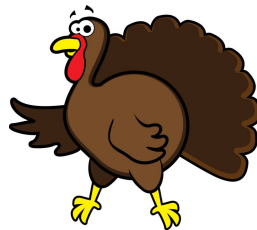
*Herding Kittens in Hamilton*

Dear Herding,

While everyone would love to see your kitties, the Harvest Fest Silent Auction would probably not be a good fit. Kittens aren't silent. Also, everyone is very busy, working in the different areas, preparing food, selling tickets, taking bids, fixing to-go plates and all the other activities that have to happen in order for Harvest Fest to be successful. And really, we need you to help to make everything happen. However, I would be happy to give you the home phone numbers of parents who need a little more responsibility, if you would like to try to place your kittens privately.

Helpful Hattie ;-)

**Fun Fact– Facts are Fun!** Turkeys are not picky eaters. While turkeys mainly dine on grass and grains, they are not above eating berries, insects and small reptiles!



Why did the turkey sit on the tomahawk?  
She was trying to hatchet!