

## **Community Life/Party and Prayers Report 2017**

The Prayers and Party committee had a great start to the church year with the 2nd annual Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off. We were able to recruit several new members to help pull off this great event. We had a record breaking number of entries into the Chili Cook-off and awarded Mary Chapman, our one of a kind, Holy Communion Chili Cook-off trophy.

We are happy to welcome Pat Redington, as our Supper Club organizer. We had a great turnout for our first dinner in the Fall and are working on organizing the next dinner this Spring. We appreciate all those who have opened their homes to allow for a time of discussion, laughter, and friendship, as we build community together. If you're interested in hosting a group or would like to join a dinner group, please email Pat for more information ([redingtonpat@yahoo.com](mailto:redingtonpat@yahoo.com))

As many of you may have noticed, we put a hold on the Ministry Fair this Fall. We are working to relaunch this event this Spring. We are looking forward to highlighting all the ministries in our church and to help you find a place you can serve.

We again practiced the art of silence and prayer during the Wednesday nights of Advent. It provided a time to take pause during the hurried pace of the Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who brought soup, bread and salad for our soup suppers. We will again be holding a contemplative prayer opportunities during Lent. More information to come on that.

We want to thank everyone for the most successful event of the year: Advent Sing-along. We had so many more people show up that we had to make another run to the store for more food! It was a night full of singing, dancing, and laughing. We have to extend a special thank you to the newly launched Holy Communion Brewers Guild for the sampling the Holy Communion Advent Ale. It truly has been a great year building friendships and community within our congregation.

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