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# St. John's **CONNECTIONS**

A monthly update from the people of St. John's UCC, Fullerton

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## “The Gospel in a Nutshell”

**“This is what eternal life is all about. It is not a state of timelessness or even a place. Eternal life is a relationship with God, past, present, and future. It is being able to remember, experience now, and anticipate God’s love forever. That’s the gospel – good news – in a nutshell!”**

— Rev. Dr. John Fellers, author of *Getting to Know a Loving God*



Almost 35 years ago, I discovered a collection of essays by John Fellers, a United Methodist pastor who was serving at the time in Shreveport, Louisiana, my birth town. In his book, John emphasizes the importance of seeing Jesus in others, letting God be God, and accepting others as God accepts us. His words opened my eyes in 1988 to seeing

myself and others with greater compassion and understanding. In one story, he shares the experience of Nicodemus with Jesus, asking about eternal life, and reminds us that “eternal life is not a system of punishment and reward; it is a special quality of life based on a unique relationship with God.”

To answer the question of what eternal life means, John shares the experience of another writer/teacher, Dr. Leo Buscaglia, a widely acclaimed lecturer on PBS in years past. Professor Buscaglia awoke in an intensive care unit after surgery. He was plugged into intravenous tubes, respirators, and monitoring devices. Before surgery, he had given orders that no one was to be admitted to his cubicle while he was in ICU. Buscaglia says he was roused by the creak of an opening door. A friend had slipped past the “no visitors” sign and was threading his way around all the medical paraphernalia to his bedside. “It was a moment of sheer magic,” Buscaglia wrote. When the friend took his hand and held it for a few seconds, Buscaglia forgot all the tubes, respirators, and monitors. He only knew that someone loved him, was close to him, and was trying to help him. Buscaglia finishes relating this incident by saying, “I’ll remember this moment forever.”

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and future. It is being able to remember, experience now, and anticipate God’s love forever. That’s the gospel – good news – in a nutshell!”



In every moment of life, we want to know, experience, and count on God’s great love for us. We want the assurance of a relationship, even when we might think we want to be alone. We want to feel the support and affirmation of others in life as we both give and receive love. The message of Jesus in this Easter season and every day is the message we proclaim in faithful affirmation... “In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We

are not alone.” Thanks be to God for this incredible gift. May we share it with each other, hand in hand.

May our journey of faith affirm our hope and celebrate God’s love, with us always in the risen Christ and in each other, as we:

“Worship, Love and Serve ~ No Matter What!”

Yours in grace and hope,

*Steve Davis*

Rev. Steven Davis, Senior Pastor



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## On The Cover...



### EMILY SZUTER

I have to thank Patrick Sandt, St. John's Director of Music Ministries, for bringing me to St. John's to sing with the choir!

I have been singing in a choir since my time at Nazareth High School and continued singing into my college years with the Moravian College women's choir. At Moravian College (now University), I received a Bachelor of Health Science and went on to obtain a Master of Occupational Therapy. I currently work with older adults in their private homes helping them improve their independence, safety, and quality of life. I love bringing music into my occupational therapy sessions with patients. Music can be so uplifting and healing, and I am proud to share that passion of mine at St. John's.

### Deadline for June Newsletter

If you would like to contribute an article for the June newsletter, please email your single-spaced submission in PDF, DOC, RTF or plain text format to our new address - [newsletter@sjuccf.org](mailto:newsletter@sjuccf.org) by Sunday, May 14.

Photos or graphics for your article should be sent as attachments to your email. Please do not embed them in the file.

Authors: some helpful newsletter guidelines are here:

<https://stjohnsuccfullerton.org/stylenotes>

## Music at St. John's

As we continue to shout our "Alleluias" in celebration of our Lord's Resurrection and celebrate the joy, hope, and love that the Easter Season brings, I can't help but reflect on the incredible journey our very own Music Ministry continues to travel on. Being of one voice to praise God through song during our Holy Week and Easter Sunday services, was truly an inspirational journey and showed that the music ministry is very much alive!

As the Director of Music at St. John's, one of my main goals is to enrich and enhance our music ministry. This goal is constantly being evaluated: from the hymns we sing on Sunday, the services being planned, the anthems the choir sings and handbells play, to the maintenance of the musical instruments used for Sunday service.

I would like to share a possibility that has been on my mind since coming to St John's: to explore the option of upgrading our current Yamaha Piano, which we use for Sunday worship, to a grand piano for the church sanctuary. The beauty and depth of sound that a grand piano offers is unparalleled, and I believe it would be a significant asset to our music ministry.

Each key and pedal of the piano can be memorialized or donated in loving memory of a departed loved one, or simply as a way to support our music ministry. A plaque will be created to recognize all donors once each key and pedal of the piano has been memorialized or donated, and will be displayed in either the music office or sanctuary.

A special "Grand Piano Adventure" envelope will be placed in the bulletins, and included with this edition of the newsletter. This envelope can be returned attention to Patrick Sandt.



## Pricing for Keys and Pedals

- \$100 for a white key
- \$100 for a black key
- \$100 for a pedal (with baby grands, there are three pedals)

Bill Heiser, our current piano tuner for the church, has a friend looking to sell their 1960 Baldwin Grand Piano, which is a vintage model that is highly sought after by many musicians. It's a rare opportunity, and I believe we should pursue it to enhance the quality of our music ministry.

In doing my own research on this matter, a brand new grand piano could cost between \$10,000 and \$200,000. The manufacturer, the retailer, the type, and the model are highly important for the price. While entry-level grand pianos cost around \$10,000, mid-range ones cost about \$30,000, and high-end ones cost over \$30,000.

Following enthusiastic approval from the Consistory, I asked Bill Heiser to see if his friend would be willing to work with us on this project, as it is rare to find a grand piano at the price we are looking for. I have asked him to see if his friend would be willing to accept \$2500 as down payment to hold the piano since we would need time to raise the remaining funds. Already, in conversations with choir members, handbell ringers, and friends, donations of \$2300 have come forward, only \$200 shy of the down payment. One of those donations is a family looking to purchase an octave of notes!!

There are some additional considerations for this purchase, such as a piano dolly for moving the piano inside the church. The price for that including installation runs between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

The cost of a climate control system, including installation, is \$675. This is similar to the climate control system installed on the Yamaha piano currently in our sanctuary.

Moving cost for the piano is estimated to be \$1000-\$1500.

Together, I believe we can do this for our church! Please consider being a part of the Grand Piano Adventure and help keep the music alive here at St. John's!

Patrick Sandt

## Children's Faith Formation Needs Your LOVE!

~ Blessed to Be a Blessing ~ Sunday mornings and more!

We continue to grow our Faith Formation involvement for our children! We've grown from 7 to 9, and now often have between 9-12 children who are seeking our blessing each week!

ADULTS... We need YOU to share your love and blessing in this vital outreach to our younger disciples. We will be continuing "Blessed to Be a Blessing" as we shift to our summer schedule beginning June 4, with kids in worship for the Children's Message Mystery Bag, and then kids and leaders going to the classroom to share in sacred circle time, a Bible story and craft and some other goodies for children, age 4 through 6th grade.

For the month of May, we continue our current schedule with the group gathering in Room 101 at 9:30am. Adult leaders and helpers are welcome to observe, participate and get to know the routine in May so you can help sustain and expand this vital ministry to our youngest followers of Christ over the summer and beyond.



## Worship Celebrations In May

### 1st Sunday Communion

Offer the gifts of God in Christ with each other as we receive and share.

### Honoring Mothers' Day, May 14

Help us recognize and honor the special persons who have shared love and care, life and faith lessons, smiles and hugs. Celebrate this day and invite that special person to be with you in worship, or join them as we worship together!

### Celebrating Pentecost / Confirmation Sunday

May 28, 9:30am Combined Worship

The Church will gather to celebrate the Day of Pentecost and the culmination of our "Confirm, Not Conform" Confirmation Class activities. Pentecost celebrates the day the Holy Spirit filled the disciples and thousands of others as they all came to share and believe the teachings of Jesus and embrace the love of God for them. Our confirmands will be received in worship and their faith and accomplishments celebrated as they declare their faith in Christ. Confirmands will share God's gifts and serve us as we come to share the Holy Spirit and receive communion.

### Convalescent & Homebound Residents

People who would welcome receiving a greeting card:

Shirley Abel	Ron Glass	Frank Nolt
Anita Beil	Roberta Haberern	Marilyn Piskula
Clarence Biehn	Lucille Hicks	Marietta Seyfried
Jim Carr	Geraldine Keim	Eleanor Smith
Carl Case	Adrienne Kiesbar	Bert Smith
Jean Coombe	Emma Repp Kuczek	Peggy Snyder
Sandra Diefenderfer	Elaine Lentz	Nancy Weaver
Shirley Downing	Jean Litzenberger	Bonnie Weikel
Jean Fischl	Dale Millham	
Milton Focht	Karen Moyer	

To protect privacy, please contact the church office for a listing with mailing addresses.



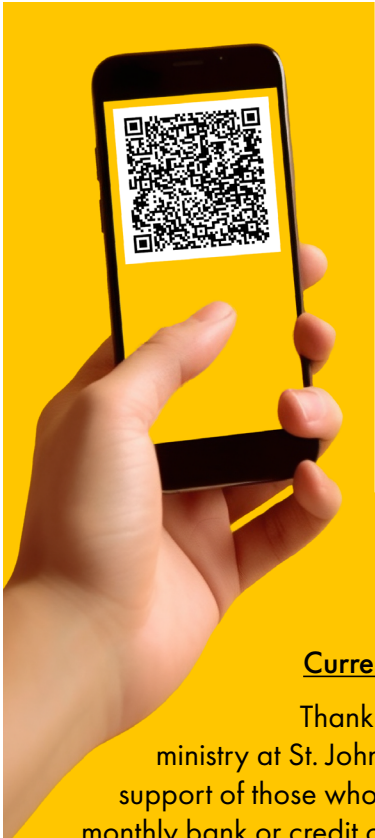
### Friendship Bible Class

The Friendship Bible Class will celebrate their time together as St. John’s Adult Faith Formation Class. The class was happy to finally be back together again after the restrictions from the pandemic were lifted. They will be attending a luncheon after worship on Sunday, May 21, at 2pm at the Deitsch Eck restaurant in Lenhartsville. It’ll be a time of fun and fellowship as they enjoy a wonderful family-style meal. Thank you to Nancy Bowman, Kay Chryst, Tom Chryst, Bill Fink, Tom Moyer, Paul Raszler. Becca Stephens, and Tyler Shankweiler for teaching and leading the class in discussion this past year.



### Men’s Breakfast Group

The Men’s Breakfast Group of St. John’s meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Hamilton Family Restaurant located at 2027 Hamilton St. in Allentown. At our next meeting on May 6 at 8:30am, Rev. David Quinn will be our guest speaker. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Bob Bold at (610) 393-6123 or email [QVRRBold@aol.com](mailto:QVRRBold@aol.com). We would be pleased to have you join us.



### Become an “Automatic Contributor”

Currently, 49 giving units participating.

Thank you for your faithful support of our ministry at St. John’s. We are grateful for the consistent support of those who are “automatic contributors” through monthly bank or credit card drafts. We are growing in the right direction. Thank you for your generosity!

If you’re not yet one of our automatic contributors, please consider making this significant change in your method of recurring support. We still have only 49 giving units utilizing this service. It makes a tremendous difference in the monthly cashflow when we know the contributions will be coming to meet our expenses. You can make this happen!

We offer the ease of using the QR Code found in our worship bulletin and in other locations around the church! If you need help getting set up or want to know more, please contact the church office or visit with Tom Moyer or Rev. Steve Davis. Become an “Automatic Contributor” today and help the church no matter where you may be on a Sunday morning!



## Study the Easter to Pentecost Seasons' Scriptures with Verso Chat Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9am

Each season of the church worship year invites us to both new and familiar scriptures to deepen our faith and worship experience. You too can enhance your experience of the Easter to Pentecost seasons by joining our weekly Verso-Chat Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. We explore the weekly readings of scripture we share in worship. You're invited and welcome to participate in fun and conversation as we search through the lectionary readings for upcoming worship services as a study opportunity. ALL are welcome to drop in and participate. Each week is it's own contained experience to discover God's "still speaking" words.

Verso-Chat meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:00am on Zoom, and you are always welcome to participate onsite with Pastor Steve. You will find the "Verso Chat" LINK BELOW and on the website to participate. Let's study and chat about the verses of scripture together!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81571428042>



## A "God Moment"!

We've learned what a "God Moment" was the first time we came to St. John's from Dubbs UCC almost eight years ago. It's been defined as "a personal encounter one may experience where God's purpose, presence and love is revealed. Sometimes it may present itself through a message in a song or prayer or through some action." I had a "God Moment" about three weeks ago. It was a Sunday morning, and I was carrying bags of shoes out to the car – shoes we collected for the recent Shoe Drive. A stranger passed by and approached me. He asked if I was going back into St. John's for worship. When I said I was, he handed me a \$20 bill. "Here," he said, "please take this for the church and put it in the offering plate. I don't go to church anymore. I was a member there at one time. I know all the good things that St. John's has been doing, so please use it wherever it is needed." I thanked him for his kindness and generosity and invited him to come inside for worship. Sometimes, when you least expect it, a "God Moment" will come into our lives. Keep on the lookout for those "God Moments," rejoice in it, and thank God for our many blessings.

Paul Raszler



**Stephen Bryce**

@stephenhbryce

I am utterly convinced that God will have all kinds of grace if we got the theology wrong. I'm not entirely sure about how God will take it if we got the loving other people, seeking justice, and choosing mercy part of life wrong.

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## Basket Social

**Friday, May 19th 4pm to 8pm & Saturday, May 20th 8am to 1pm**

We are looking for donations of baskets for the basket social. Or if you would like to do a monetary donation, Kenda will be glad to make a basket for you. All items must be new, No used or old items please!

- Tickets will be pulled at 1pm
- Tickets are \$5.00 a sheet, (26 tickets per sheet)
- Food will be available for purchase both days.
- Any questions please reach out to Kenda at (484) 358-7453



## IronPigs Game – Another Opportunity

We have reserved 80 seats in Section 105 of the grandstand for the IronPigs vs. Buffalo Bisons game. Game day is Tuesday, August 1, at 7:05pm. Cost will be \$13 per person which will include a ticket to the game, \$2 ballpark credit, and raffle ticket. While it is too early to know of any giveaways, we know that hotdogs will again be \$1. So, mark your calendar—we are now taking reservations and payment must be made in advance. (Checks are payable to St. John's.) For more information and reservations, please contact Carol Raszler at (610) 393-7572 or email [craszler@aol.com](mailto:craszler@aol.com). Deadline for reservations is Sunday, June 18.



## Sunday Morning Social Hour “Hosts” Still Needed

Would you be willing to “host” a Sunday morning Social Hour in Fox Hall? We are still looking for volunteers for social time between the Sunday services of worship. Please sign up on the table in the Parlor.



# Lady PEEPS

POSITIVE, EXTRAORDINARY, ENCOURAGING, PRAYERFUL SISTERS

The Lady PEEPS Women's Group will enjoy their last meeting of the season on Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30pm in Fox Hall. The theme for the evening will be Turtles and Pennies... and BBQ! I promise it won't cost you a penny and we won't barbecue turtles, but we will enjoy an evening together of learning, laughter and food! There will be a meal to eat, so show up with an empty belly. Come spend this evening with a very special group of St. John's ladies and please enter through the elevator entrance! See you there!



Several ladies at this past Tuesday's PEEPS meeting requested Kathy Roth's recipe for Texas Caviar. If you weren't there, you missed something good to eat.

Attached is Kathy's recipe. If anyone wants her recipes for the wraps she made, let me know.

Carol Raszler

## Kathy Roth's Texas Caviar

Make at least 24 hrs. ahead of time!

3/4 c. apple cider vinegar

1/4 c. veg. oil

1 c. sugar

1 Tb. water

Salt & pepper

Bring to a boil and set aside to cool.

2 cans (15 oz.) black beans – drain & rinse

2 cans (15 oz.) black-eyed peas – drain & rinse

1 can (15 oz.) white shoe peg corn

1 4 oz. jar pimento

1 small onion – finely chopped

1 sweet pepper – finely chopped

Mix all ingredients together. Add to cooled liquid.



We congratulate Pastor Steve who will celebrate the 31st Anniversary of his ordination which took place on May 26, 1992.

### May Birthdays

If you have an upcoming birthday or notice an omission, please update the church office.

5/4..... Nancy Bennett	5/17 .....Jennifer Rarich Lucille Schneck
5/5..... Brittany Daiello	
5/8.....Robin Brensinger Robert Czekner	5/18 .....Sandra Nagy
5/9..... Barbara Marinkovits Kimberly Saeger	5/19 ..... William Roth Sr.
5/10 ..... Bailee Neitz	5/20 .....Lori Fink Barbara Hoderman
5/11.....Craig Hanzl Hunter Miller Robert Schlenker	5/21 .....Thomas Moyer Ricardo Venanzi
5/12 ..... Elaine Lentz	5/22 .....Ronald Eichman
5/13 .....Ryan Szoke	5/23 .....Jamie Kulhamer
5/14 .....Donald Brensinger Grant Brobst Fortress Chryst Josef Raszler Timothy Silfies Lucas Williams	5/25 ..... Sandra Glass
5/15 ..... Nancy Dougherty	5/27 ..... Seth Bergeris-Cortright Tara Roth
5/16 .....Kristin Jordan Judith Sommer Cole Troxell	5/28 ..... Spenser Beck Janet Black David Newton Amy Romberger Teresa Schwenk
	5/30 .....Judith Barron Parker Christman Danielle Powell Tammy Yura



### May Wedding Anniversaries

If you have an upcoming anniversary or notice an omission, please update the church office.

Lee Ann & Robert Lopez 5/2/1992	5/22/2010 Roger & Mary Ann Knauss
Craig & Lauren Schutts 5/3/2008	5/22/2016 William & Laurie Dovico
Joseph & Kenda Catalini 5/4/2002	5/23/2009 Jesus & Staci Pagan
James & Janet Ebert 5/7/2011	5/24/2015 Michael & Kristin Jordan
Keith & Wendy Fox Jr. 5/8/1999	5/24/2015 Jennifer Rarich & Eric Lord
Karen & Frank Stoitsits 5/12/1979	5/25/2013 Susan & John Weldner
Julia Gross & Thomas Gross III 5/12/2012	5/25/1986 Ernest & Candra Zellner Jr
George & Jill Williams 5/17/2003	5/25/1974 Lisa & Alan Weiner
Gary & Shirley George 5/18/1968	5/30/1982 Sandra & Steven Nagy
Ashley & Ricardo Venanzi	5/31/2002

### Church Chuckle



A boy asks his father to use the car and the father replies "No, not until you cut your hair!". The boy replies "But Dad...Jesus had long hair!" to which his father says, "Yeah, but Jesus walked everywhere."



### Help Needed at Whitehall Food Pantry

An urgent plea is going out for your help at the Whitehall Food Pantry on the 4th Monday of every month. Volunteers are needed in the morning from 9 to 11am to sort food supplies and stock shelves. Volunteers are also needed in the evening from 5:30 to 7:30pm to distribute food to pantry clients. The Whitehall Food Pantry is located at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 3900 Mechanicsville Rd. in Whitehall. If you would like to help or learn more about the food pantry, please contact Gary Black (484) 274-2405 or email him [gary.t.black@outlook.com](mailto:gary.t.black@outlook.com)

For the month of May, we are collecting cans of tuna fish, soups, and cereal. Any other food items are accepted as well. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary where you can place your donations. Monetary contributions are always welcome and can be forwarded to the church office or via on-line or text.

### So Many Disasters – What Can We Do?

At a recent Mission Committee meeting, we discussed the ongoing request for donations for disaster relief. We continue giving to Ukraine's war efforts and to earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria. We've given to the hurricanes and floods in Florida and the South and to the wildfires out West. Now the U.S is dealing with catastrophic tornadoes almost on a daily basis.

The Mission Committee has decided to create a General Disaster Relief Fund. There will be special offering envelopes you can use. One is included with this newsletter, and more can also be found on the table in the lounge. You will also have the ability to give on-line or by text giving. We will promote a particular disaster each month. You decide where you would like your contributions to go. Be sure to list the disaster in the memo section of your check or signify the disaster you're supporting when giving on-line or by text.

Donations for May will go to the General Disaster Relief Fund earmarked for "Tornado Relief." In the last few weeks, the tornadoes in Mississippi, Arkansas, and other states left a trail of death and destruction. Almost 70 people were killed, homes and businesses destroyed. It left the town of Rolling Fork, Mississippi, literally obliterated. There have been 478 tornadoes reported across 25 states so far this year. Your contributions will be sent to the UCC's Disaster Ministries. It is part of Global H.O.P.E. (Humanitarian. Opportunities. Progress. Empowerment.), one of the teams of the UCC's Wider Church Ministries. The Global H.O.P.E. team facilitates the UCC's response to natural and human-caused disasters across the U.S, its territories, and places around the world.

### Update on Other Outreaches

Thank you to everyone who contributed in March for "One Great Hour of Sharing." Your gifts to OGHS provide immediate aid and long-term support to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster, or other crises around the world. Your donations amounted to \$565.00.

Contributions for Ukraine in March amounted to \$125.00 and went to UCC National. Donations will continue to the end of April for World Central Kitchen as they provide meals the Ukrainian people.

In May and June, look for "Strengthen the Church," another 5-for-5 mission offering of the UCC. This offering supports the efforts of our local conferences and the national ministries of the UCC. Half of the funds will remain with Penn Northeast Conference.

## Shoe Drive a Huge Success!



A heartfelt thank you to all the “good souls” (soles) who donated their gently used or new shoes in response to the Shoe Drive with Frieden’s UCC in Oley, Pa. The goal was to collect 5,000 pounds of shoes. For every pound collected, 50¢ per pound will be given back to help sponsor a mission trip to Peru to rebuild houses. The shoes are refurbished and sent to Third World countries.

We are pleased to report that 465 pairs of shoes (22 trash bags) were collected by St. John’s and delivered to Frieden’s on April 15. We hope to update you in the next newsletter to see if the goal was reached, the total number of shoes collected, and the total pounds of the shoes received. Great Swamp UCC in Spinnerstown is also partnering in this endeavor.

## Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative’s Community Meals

WCHI and the Faith-Based Community are providing free meals to low-income Whitehall-Coplay households on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4 to 6:30pm—Dine-in Only. The host churches are as follows:

Date	Church	Address	Phone
Sunday, May 7	St. John’s Lutheran Church	835 Third St., Whitehall	(610) 533-1357
Tuesday, May 16	Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	3300 Seventh St., Whitehall	(610) 434-8661
Sunday, June 4	St. Peter Roman Catholic Church	4 S. 5 <sup>th</sup> St., Coplay	(610) 262-2417
Tuesday, June 20	Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church	4331 Main St., Whitehall	(610) 730-3184

While we are not able at this time to prepare meals here at St. John’s, you can contact any church that is hosting the event and volunteer to help.



### How Did St. John’s Family Do?

Recent Outreaches	Mar 2023	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Our Church’s Wider Mission	\$1,111.00	\$3,282.00	\$4,477.60	\$4,267.30
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 490.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 739.00	\$ 801.80
Whitehall Food Pantry	\$ 280.00	\$1,440.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 720.00
Ukraine Relief Fun	\$ 125.00	\$ 790.00	\$1,145.00	N/A
Turkey/Syria Earthquake	-0-	\$ 552.00	N/A	N/A

Mission Outreach giving for March 2023 totaled \$2,386.00 and YTD giving totaled \$7,009.00.

## Thank Yous

To Our St. John's Family and Friends,

Words cannot thank you all for your kind words, cards, letters, emails, love, and prayers over these past six years as we waited for the trial of our son Joey. While the outcome isn't what we prayed and hoped for, we can never forget how much your continued support has meant to all of us. Thank you to those who came to the trial and to all the many hearings giving us encouragement and hope. We would be remiss if we did not thank Pastor Becky for ministering all these years to Joey through her in-person, face-to-face visits with him; giving him hugs when we were never permitted to do so; and for her countless, weekly phone calls. St. John's has been such a blessing to us during this difficult ordeal. Thank you, Church Family, for all you've done. Please continue keeping Joey in your prayers.

God Bless You,  
Paul and Carol Raszler

Thank you so much Pastor Steve and everyone at St John's of Fullerton for the EGG-celelent Spring/Easter Baskets!!! They are wonderful and we know they are going to make some bunny happy. We really appreciate you!

Thanks again from - Pinebrook Family  
Answers, High Fidelity Wraparound!  
Emma

Dear Friends at St. John's UCC,

Thank you for your generous donation to the United Church of Christ to support disaster relief in Ukraine. Through your gift of \$185.00, families who have been displaced and are in need of shelter and basic necessities will receive support. Your gift enables the church to be present with people amid catastrophic and life-changing situations, offering immediate relief and providing long-term recovery support. Working through a network of global and local partners, the church lives out its call to care for our neighbors as we strive together toward a just world for all. Through your giving, those in need will be provided with spiritual support and physical resources to rebuild their lives. Thank you again for spreading God's hope, peace, and love through your financial assistance.

Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer  
General Minister and President  
United Church of Christ

Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter and spring items during our recent craft sales in March. We were able to turn \$380.00 into St. John's. Thank you also to Janet Miller for donating many craft items she made. Craft items can be purchased at any time during the year by simply contacting Carol Raszler at (610) 393-7572 or by emailing [craszler@aol.com](mailto:craszler@aol.com)



**St Johns UCC Fullerton - Statement of Finances**  
**Mar 2023**

Income	Electronic	3/5/2023	3/12/2023	3/19/2023	3/26/2023	Total
Offerings for Operating Expenses	\$6,575.72	\$2,759.00	\$5,947.00	\$3,065.00	\$3,623.00	\$21,969.72
Rental Income--Gross				\$1,266.00	\$300.00	\$1,566.00
Fundraising Income--Net of Exp	\$80.00	\$332.00	\$800.00	\$5,810.70	\$248.00	\$7,270.70
Endowment Interest						\$-
Flowers		\$44.00	\$127.00	\$142.00		\$313.00
Christian Education	\$10.00	\$17.00	\$32.00	\$67.00		\$126.00
Special Gifts					\$206.81	\$206.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,665.72</b>	<b>\$3,152.00</b>	<b>\$6,906.00</b>	<b>\$10,350.70</b>	<b>\$4,377.81</b>	<b>\$-</b> <b>\$31,452.23</b>

Expense Summary	Actual	Budget	Difference
Pastoral Services	\$10,624.52	\$11,749.00	\$(1,124.48)
Staff Salaries & Expense	\$7,783.64	\$9,364.50	\$(1,580.86)
Property	\$3,503.73	\$3,218.00	\$285.73
Parish Programs	\$1,441.42	\$1,855.50	\$(414.08)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,353.31</b>	<b>\$26,187.00</b>	<b>\$(2,833.69)</b>

	Month	Year
Total Income	\$31,452.23	\$84,586.89
Total Expenses	\$23,353.31	\$70,385.45
Net	\$8,098.92	\$14,201.44

**Mission Giving, Mar 2023**

Our Churches Wider Mission	\$1,111.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$490.00
UCC Ukrainian Relief	\$125.00
Whitehall Food Bank	\$280.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,006.00</b>

**St John's UCC Fullerton**  
**Fund Balances**  
**For Month Ending, Mar 2023**

Account	Feb-23	Mar-23	Difference
Checking Account--KNBT	\$37,976.72	\$45,977.08	\$8,000.36
Giant Card Funds	\$1,514.51	\$2,314.51	\$800.00
Weis Card Funds	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$-
sub-total General Fund Assets	\$40,211.23	\$49,011.59	\$8,800.36
IN & OUT Account--KNBT Checking	\$75,923.40	\$77,695.86	\$1,772.46
Restricted/Property Money Market	\$31,866.25	\$31,866.52	\$0.27
sub-total Restricted Assets	\$107,789.65	\$109,562.38	\$1,772.73
Endowment Fund--KNBT	\$448,263.75	\$453,736.77	\$5,473.02
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$596,264.63</b>	<b>\$612,310.74</b>	<b>\$16,046.11</b>
Cornerstone Pavillion Loan	\$(85,043.15)	\$(84,873.30)	\$169.85
<b>TOTAL LIABILITES</b>	<b>\$(85,043.15)</b>	<b>\$(84,873.30)</b>	<b>\$169.85</b>
<b>NET FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$511,221.48</b>	<b>\$527,437.44</b>	<b>\$16,215.96</b>



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# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 6:00pm Bell Choir	<b>2</b> 9:30am Staff meeting: Rm 201	<b>3</b> 9:00am Verso Chat with Pastor Steve: Rm 201 6:30pm STAK's meeting 6:30pm Zumba class: Fox Hall 7:0pm Choir 7:00pm SAA-Recovery Support	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Cinco de Mayo	<b>6</b> 8:30am Men's breakfast: Hamilton Family Restaurant 9:30am Zumba class: Fox Hall
<b>7</b> 8:15am Worship Service 9:30am Confirmation Class/ Elders 9:30am Faith Formation 10:45am Worship Service	<b>8</b> 6:30pm Mission Committee Zoom	<b>9</b> 10:30am Visitation Committee 1:30am Staff meeting: Rm 201 6:30pm Stewardship & Finance	<b>10</b> 9:00am Verso Chat with Pastor Steve: Rm 201 6:30pm STAK's meeting 6:30pm Zumba class: Fox Hall 7:00pm SAA-Recovery Support	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30am Zumba class: Fox Hall
<b>14</b> Members Day Newsletter articles due 8:15am Worship Service 9:30am Confirmation Class 9:30am Faith Formation 10:45am Worship Service	<b>15</b> 6:00pm Bell Choir	<b>16</b> 9:30am Staff meeting: Rm 201 10:00am Retired Clergy 6:00pm Elders 7:00pm Consistory	<b>17</b> 9:00am Verso Chat with Pastor Steve: Rm 201 6:30pm Zumba class: Fox Hall 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm SAA-Recovery Support	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 4:00-8:00pm Basket Social Fox Hall	<b>20</b> 8:00am-1:00pm Basket Social Fox Hall
<b>21</b> 8:15am Worship Service 9:30am Confirmation Class/ Parents 9:30am Faith Formation 10:45am Worship Service 2:00pm Friendship Class to Deitsch Edk	<b>22</b> 6:00pm "Fun-Raising" Committee	<b>23</b> 9:30am Staff meeting: Rm 201 6:30pm Lady PEERS 7:00pm Worship & Music	<b>24</b> 9:00am Verso Chat with Pastor Steve: Rm 201 6:30pm Zumba class: Fox Hall 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm SAA-Recovery Support	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Property Committee	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Iron Rigs Party Porch	<b>27</b> 9:30am Zumba class: Fox Hall
<b>28</b> Pentecost 9:30am Sunday Worship- Confirmation	<b>29</b> Memorial Day Office closed	<b>30</b> 9:30am Staff meeting: Rm 201	<b>31</b> 9:00am Verso Chat with Pastor Steve: Rm 201 6:00pm Music Ministry Appreciate Night 6:30pm Zumba class: Fox Hall 7:00pm SAA-Recovery Support			