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“I am a Life that was Changed!”

Have you ever wondered if the actions of your life, the faith you proclaim, the generosity you share make a difference in the world? Don't we want to have some assurance that our lives mattered to someone else? That we made the world a better place? Even if only in seemingly small ways, we long to hear the affirmation from the Savior, “Well done!”

Song writer, Ray Boltz, shared a story of lives changed in “Thank You for Giving to the Lord.” His story lyrics move me still today.

I dreamed I went to heaven
and you were there with me.
We walked upon the streets of gold
beside the crystal sea.
We heard the angels singing,
then someone called your name.
You turned and saw this young man
and he was smiling as he came.

And he said “Friend,
you may not know me now,”
and then he said, “but wait,
You used to teach my Sunday School
when I was only eight.
And every week you would say a prayer
before the class would start.
And one day when you said that prayer
I asked Jesus in my heart.”

“Thank you for giving to the Lord!
I am a life that was changed.
Thank you for giving to the Lord!
I am so glad you gave.”

Then another man stood before you
and said, “remember the time
a missionary came to your church
and his pictures made you cry.
You didn't have much money,
but you gave it anyway.
Jesus took the gift you gave
and that's why I'm here today.”

“Thank you for giving to the Lord!
I am a life that was changed.
Thank you for giving to the Lord!
I am so glad you gave.”

One by one they came,
far as the eyes could see,
each life somehow touched
by your generosity.
Little things that you had done,
sacrifices made,
unnoticed on the earth,
in heaven now proclaimed.

And I know that up in heaven
you're not supposed to cry,
but I am almost sure,
there were tears in your eyes
as Jesus took your hand
and you stood before the Lord.
He said, “My child, look around you,
for great is your reward.”

“Thank you for giving to the Lord!
I am a life that was changed.
Thank you for giving to the Lord!
I am so glad you gave.”

Our worship theme for October and November invites us to hear the affirmation, “**Because of YOU, our church changes lives!**” This is not simply an statement of gratitude. It also welcomes our recognition of God's faithfulness to bring blessing to us and through us. Lives are changed, people find wholeness and support, affirmation and safety to be their authentic selves because of YOU!

“**Because of YOU...**” the life-changing message of God's love and hope are open to people who never believed that good news included them; that never imagined that unconditional love could actually

be experienced by them; that their lives could be transformed and life abundant and eternal could be assured.

"Because of YOU..." St. John's UCC-Fullerton, is a place where we know ourselves as...

People of Compassion

We are ministers who embody the tangible love of a savior who fed the hungry, healed the hurting, and told us bluntly that what we did for the least we did for him.

People of Inclusion

Jesus came to include people. All are welcome around God's table as God's children. Whether you are a seeker, a skeptic, believer or somewhere in between on life's journey, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

People of Liberation

We seek to challenge all oppression, and pave the way for the moral arc of the universe to bend further toward justice! By embodying grace, inclusion, and compassion, we live out our liberation until all are fully set free!

People of Hope

We are a people filled with joy and unrelenting optimism because we believe God is good and God is LOVE! With God, all things are possible. God can use us to transform the world.

People of Jesus

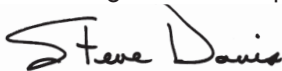
We believe Jesus is the living presence of God's grace. Jesus is the ultimate progressive spirit, who resisted the status of oppression and shows us still the way to the abundant life God intends for all people.

We enjoy the blessing of being and experiencing all these things! They are a reality! Because of YOU! Our church changes lives!

Thank you for giving to the Lord! I am a life that was changed.

"Worship, Love and Serve
~ No Matter What!"

Yours in grace and hope,



Rev. Steven Davis, Senior Pastor



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Rev EVELYN STUPP

Thank you for inviting me to be part of the November newsletter! As an ordained United Methodist clergy (retired) and Pastor of Bereavement & Care Ministries at Asbury UMC, Allentown, I've enjoyed my connection with St. John's in various ways: providing worship leadership/pulpit supply, facilitating the Bereavement Ministry overseen by Healthcare Ministry, training Consistory members in expanding congregational care and visitation ministries. I've also appreciated the gracious spirit of pastoral collegiality, as well as St. John's small groups/fellowship gatherings and the commitment to community outreach, mission, and inclusivity.

Convalescent & Homebound Residents

People who would welcome receiving a greeting card:

Shirley Abel	Ron Glass	Marilyn Piskula
Phyllis Ambearle	Gus Geissinger	Marietta Seyfried
Anita Beil	Roberta Haberern	Madeline Slivka
Clarence Biehn	Lucille Hicks	Bert Smith
Marion Brown	Geraldine Keim	Jolene Weaver
Sandra Diefender	Adrienne Kiesbar	Nancy Weaver
Shirley Downing	Emma Repp Kuczek	Bonnie Weikel
Jeanne Fischl	Jean Litzenberger	
Milton Focht	Dale Millham	
Sally Gibson	Karen Moyer	

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



Music at St. John's

Dan Forrest is an American composer, pianist, educator, and music editor. In honor of All Saints on Sunday, November 5th, St. John's Choir will be singing his work, "No Night There."

Several passages of Scripture came together for Dan in a unique way to create this text during Advent and Christmastide 2022:

Matthew 1:23

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel" (which means "God with us").

Matthew 28:20

"...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Revelation 21:3

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.'"

Psalms 118:6

"The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

Psalms 23:4

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Luke 1:13

"But the angel said to him: 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.'"

Matthew 1:20

"But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.'"

Luke 2:10

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'"

Revelation 22:5

“There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.”

Revelation 21:4

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Emmanuel, meaning “God with us,” is not merely a Christmas word; from the very first chapter of the New Testament, to Jesus’ final words on earth, to the final chapters of Revelation, God reminds us, “I am with you.”

“God is for us”—Psalm 118, verse 6 can be translated “God is with us” or “God is for us” not away from us, or against us, but for us; therefore “I will not fear.” Even in the valley of the shadow of death, we need not be afraid (Psalm 23: 4) why? Because God is with us. Do set these words remembering friends currently facing terminal illness.

“Do not be afraid”—All the main characters in the story of Christ’s incarnation and Nativity—Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds—are all told, “Do not be afraid.” The messenger of God himself repeatedly assures trembling and fearful people with words of comfort and hope.

“No night there”—God promises a renewed heaven and earth, and that there will be no night there, no crying there, no pain or death—all of these are gone forever; and in what is one of the most tender phrases every written, the God who is with us, and for us, will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

These words of comfort were originally conceived for Longest Night services during the Advent and Christmas season, but are equally appropriate in All Saints’ services, in times of mourning or memorial, or anytime throughout the year to offer words of comfort to hurting people, whose pain may or may not be readily apparent.

God is with us. God is for us. Do not be afraid.

Musically Yours,
Patrick



Staff Transitions and Welcomes

Financial Secretary



For 45 years, St. John's has enjoyed the faithful support of Tom and Emilie Moyer as our Financial Secretaries. This dynamic duo, who kept track of all the contributions to our ministry, at the end of 2022 shared their intention to "retire" from the position. When no one came forward to fulfill

this critical role, they continued to serve while Pastor Steve and the Personnel Committee sought new leadership.



After much prayerful consideration, Michelle Gutekunst has chosen to change roles in leadership, stepping away from worship tech to become our next Financial Secretary. The Personnel Committee is thankful to have Michelle share her gifts in leadership with St. John's. She

began Oct. 1 with transition support from Tom and Emilie.

Please share your expressions of gratitude to the Moyers and welcome Michelle to this new role in ministry at St. John's. We are grateful for the ongoing support of those who assist as counters and help ensure the financial support of our ministry. Thanks to all of you!

Worship Tech



Bill Castello began an official role on Oct. 1 as our Worship / Media Technician. Over the last two years in a volunteer capacity, Bill has helped improve how our worship is experienced onsite and online. Many of you know Bill from his contributions to our monthly newsletter since January

2022. With a background in media production, editing, and graphic design, Bill has been quietly helping to enhance our worship services. Whether you're in the sanctuary or joining from home, his work aims to make each service meaningful for everyone.

As our community's digital needs have grown, tasks such as updating our digital sign content, managing our social media platforms, and creating visuals for various events have become more prominent. In response, the Personnel Committee is revising the position description to reflect these changes. The committee is also committed to fostering clear and supportive work relationships during this transition.

If you have an interest in visuals, sound, or social media and wish to contribute, consider stopping by the Worship Tech Desk. Bill is there to guide and collaborate with anyone eager to support St. John's digital endeavors. Every bit of help is appreciated!

Homemade Chocolate Candy

St. John's Chocolatier, Ginny Brokenshire, is offering homemade chocolate candy again this year for the Christmas holidays. You can choose from semi-sweet peanut butter eggs or semi-sweet coconut cream eggs or a combination of both. The cost is \$14.00 a pound.



An order form can be found on the table in the lounge area or accessed from the church's website

<https://bit.ly/45Na1X3>

Completed order forms and money can either be given to Ginny, mailed to her at:

5368 Vera Cruz Rd., Center Valley, PA 18034

-or placed in the offering plate. The deadline for orders is Sunday, November 26. Pick-up will be on Sunday, December 17. If you have any questions, contact Ginny at home (610) 439-0443 or mobile (720) 909-5848.





FALL SCHEDULE

Worship Celebrations In November

8:30am Adult Faith Formation - Friendship Sunday School Class

9:30am Worship / Children's Faith Formation with Sunday Social time following worship

11:00am Confirmation Class and other Youth

During the Sunday worship services of October and November we are celebrating God's faithfulness and responding each week in gratitude for who we are as God's children, the Beloved Community in our baptism and inclusion in God's forever family. We are responding in gratitude for who we are as the Body of Christ, the people of St. John's UCC, Fullerton, in our celebration of Holy Communion. In the water, bread and wine, we are reminded of God's faithfulness and we are responding with our generosity.

"Because of YOU, Our Church Changes Lives"

Each week we share the many ways we experience transformation and by which our lives are changed and we are changing lives in our community.

The water we collected from so many places around the world is present as we come for holy communion for us to dip our finger and mark ourselves in the waters of renewal. This ancient reminder of our baptism and the welcome we receive to covenant relationship in

Christ creates the foundation for who we are as the loved people of God. Grounded in our covenant of baptism, we receive with joy the gifts of Christ's love in Holy Communion. We receive God's gifts of love and grace in the bread and wine, welcoming Christ's presence in our homes, our community and around the world. We welcome you, each week, to express the ways in which your life is being changed through God's love and the people of St. John's!

November 5 - All Saints Day Remembrance

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 & Matthew 5:1-12

"Because of YOU, Our Church Changes Lives"

- With great joy we remember the blessed saints of St. John's who have passed from our presence in the last year. We celebrate their lives of faith and their commitments to being the people of God. Once again, we will invite family members to be present, share in lighting candles, and name these beloved friends in faith.

November 12 - Stewardship Sunday

Joshua 24:14-25

"Because of YOU, Our Church Changes Lives"

- Like those Joshua led, we choose to serve the Lord with all we are and all we have. As we come for communion to receive God's gifts, we also bring our commitments to serve God through St. John's with our gifts of time, talent and treasure. Our church changes lives because we choose to give ourselves to God and each other as we worship, love and serve.

November 19 - Fall Congregational Meeting in Worship

Psalms 90:1-6, 12 & Matthew 25:14-15, 19-25

"Because of YOU, Our Church Changes Lives"

- Like those who long to hear God's affirmation, "Well done!" we will gather in worship to select a new elder and deacons to our Consistory leadership and elect our spiritual council. In the setting of worship, we will celebrate the resources God has placed in our hands as stewards and dedicate ourselves to increase the ability of the resources through our lives as we worship, love and serve. We will adopt a budget in response to God's faithfulness and our desire to see lives changed because of God at St. John's.

November 22, Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00pm

St. John's gathers for worship the evening before Thanksgiving to share our gratitude in worship together. We hope to have a special guest share our evening message of giving thanks. Come and worship as we gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.

November 30, Dinner 6:00pm & Decorating 7:00pm, "Hanging of the Greens"

Help share an evening of fellowship and festiveness as we prepare our hearts and the sanctuary and other spaces for the Advent Season! As we decorate with Christmas in mind, the Advent preparations invite us to prepare our worship and our lives to welcome the Christ Child! Come join us for food and fun! More information will be shared in the worship bulletins and in the next St. John's Connections Newsletter which will be in time for Advent.

New York City Bus Trip

Join us for our bus trip on Saturday, December 2, to the "Big Apple" and tour the city on your own. Cost is \$50.00. Bus leaves at 9am from St. John's and leaves NYC at 7pm. Bus will drop us off and pick us up again at Bryant Park. Deadline for reservations and payment is Sunday, October 29. Contact Brian Strauss at (610)248-9119 or email strauss1975@aol.com



All Saints Day Remembrance

On November 1, we will commemorate All Saints Day, honoring the cherished members of St. John's who departed in the last year.

The Rev Alan Miller 12/2/2022

Cheryl Weaver 12/11/2022

Richard Bateman 1/3/2023

Susan Felegy 3/5/2023

Carl Case 6/3/2023

Margaret Snyder 6/3/2023

Franklin Nolt 7/15/2023

Elaine Lentz 8/23/2023

Shirley Green 8/24/2023

Eleanor Smith 8/27/2023

Jean Coombe 10/2/2023

Timothy Ott 10/12/2023

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

Friendship Sunday School Class

Adult Faith Formation

Sundays at 8:30am, Room 201

The Friendship Class meets prior to worship sharing a variety of topics and lessons from scripture to strengthen our walk in faith and our relationships with each other. Visit with Tom Moyer (class facilitator) and come be part of this great group as we grow in faith.

Blessed To Be A Blessing

Children's Faith Formation (Age 4 - 5th Grade)

Sundays at 9:30am for Worship, then to Room 101

The Children enjoy their new faith formation activities by gathering with the Church family in worship through the Children's Message, then moving to their Sacred Circle, Story, Craft and Blessing, downstairs in Room 101. Creative experiences of faith formation are shared, "Building Faith Brick by Brick" as a new part of our lessons!

Confirmation / Other Youth

Youth Faith Formation (6th, 7th & 8th Graders / All Other Youth)

Sundays at 11:00am following Sunday Social time, in 3rd floor Youth Room

We welcome ALL YOUTH to continue to share their growing faith journey with each other. Confirmation is an important time in the faith of a young person. Growing in an affirming faith is something we continue throughout our lives.

Our Confirmation Class meets on Sunday mornings from 11:00 to 12:30, and is open to ALL Youth who would like to grow in your walk of faith, learning more about our faith history and what we believe as followers of Jesus in the United Church of Christ. You are welcome to be part of this faith formation activity along with others from previous confirmation classes in renewing your faith.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact the church office, (610) 264-8421, or email Pastor Steve srpastor@sjuccf.org We welcome you to explore and develop your faith, the history of St. John's UCC, Fullerton and the journey we share together in God's love!

Connecting With God And Others Sunday Social Following Worship

Following worship, we enjoy lingering and talking with each other, and with refreshments, the conversations bring even greater joy! If you would like to "host" a Sunday Social time in Fox Hall, contact the church office or sign up on the red display board in the parlor.

Get to know some new friends. Keep the fun and friendship going each Sunday and visit with Colleen Kulhammer or Kenda Catalini about our kitchen area use. They will help you with whatever you might need to know.



A Message from Our Conference Minister

“What Does Penn Northeast Conference Do for Us?”

Dear Friends,



This week I have been asked once again “what does the Conference do for us?” I thought I might reflect for a moment on the work of the Conference. There are three full-time staff members in the Conference, Barbara, Patty, and me. We do the administrative, legal, communication, and bookkeeping work of the Conference. Martin, our treasurer, manages the rest of the financial work of the Conference. We support all the ministry teams of the Conference: the Committee on Ministry and its three working groups (Authorization, Oversight, and Local Congregational Support), the Congregational Vitality Team, Racial Justice Team, Disaster Response Team, Spiritual Development Team (focuses on religious education, youth and young adults), Amigos de Guatemala Team, Generosity Team, Coaching Team, Conference Meeting Planning Team, Ecumenical Relations Team, Mental Health Ministry Team, Search and Call, and our funding support teams, GEM, YEA, and GTW.

We support and manage church transitions, church conflicts, church mergers, closures, and planting of new churches (although we have not done this in a while). We provide Ministry Day, boundary training, continuing education events, and ongoing support and answering questions about legal, financial, and administrative needs of our congregations. We participate in the Lehigh Conference of Churches, the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, and judicatory gatherings of leaders from the PCUSA, ELCA, Moravian and Episcopal Church. We provide electronic communication through our website, Facebook page, and our This Week e-newsletter. We support Breeze for pastoral education and information recording and Tithe.ly for our event registration and contributions.

In short, the three Conference staff people spend their hours finding ways to support our local congregations, alongside the volunteers who staff our ministry teams, our Conference Board, and

our other Conference Committees. We do the work that, at one time, was done by 11 staff members. And that is not all....

As a member of a UCC congregation, you, too, are a part of the Conference, as WE are the Conference together. Everything you do in your congregation and in your community is the work of the Conference, it is what the Conference is and does. So, as we approach the time of the year when church budgets are prepared, funding is allocated and decisions are made, please remember the Conference and “what the Conference does for you and for us.” Our Churches Wider Mission is the primary source of funding for the Conference, and we have made a commitment to tithe our OCWM gifts to the national setting in order to support the work of our denomination. By the way, to contribute to the support of the Conference is a covenant your congregation makes as a part of the UCC, and it is covenant we make with the national setting. We do not have to agree in order to be in covenant with each other. This is why the UCC states clearly: “In essentials, unity. In nonessentials diversity. In everything charity.” We are united together by our belief in God, our recognition of Jesus as the head of the church, and the belief that the Bible is the foundation of what we believe.

So, the next time someone ask you, “what does the Conference do for us?” You will know at least a part of the answer.

Blessings, Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates

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Deadline for December Newsletter

If you would like to contribute an article for the November newsletter, please email your single-spaced submission in PDF, DOC, RTF or plain text format to: - newsletter@sjuccf.org by Sunday, November 12.

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

Authors, some helpful newsletter guidelines are here:

<https://stjohnsuccfullerton.org/stylenotes>



A Theology of Sufficiency

by Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer

Rich Biblical traditions shaped Jesus' vision, including Micah 4: 3-4:

"God shall judge between many peoples and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not take up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

It is my personal belief that this concept, one that I call a theology of sufficiency, provides a strategic pathway to the just peace we seek. It is the unjust distribution of wealth that keeps the wheels of war turning.

Micah rightly discerns in the heart of God that the beating of swords in plowshares can only be possible when the conditions envisioned by God and described in that final verse come into play. When all on Earth have their own vine and their own fig, just enough to sustain themselves and free from the wanton greed of others who covet their neighbors' goods.

At the heart of God's vision of all nations laying down their weapons and no longer learning the ways of war is the collective distribution of God's bounty to ensure that all are fed and sheltered. These are the underlying conditions that render the sword and the spear obsolete and that mandate their re-purposing as implements of agriculture rather than of devastation.

I remember with great fondness and deep appreciation the first Sunday I walked into the church I served right out of seminary, Zion United Church of Christ in Mayview, Missouri. A town of 250 people ten miles from a gallon of gas and a loaf of bread, this farm rich

community was deeply dedicated to the work of a just peace. On the wall inside the front door as you entered the sanctuary was a poster that hung for all the years I served there. It was a quote from UCC theologian and biblical scholar Luke T. Johnson and it read quite simply: "Whatever you possess that someone else needs already belongs to them."

Generosity, as a spiritual practice, provides a way for us to think together as a Church about a theology of sufficiency so that there can be enough resources for all. Together, we can relate to each other so that "all sit under their own vines and their own fig trees, and not one shall make them afraid."

Consistory Meeting Highlights from 10/10/23

Susan Weldner, Treasurer presented the 2024 budget and Consistory approved.

What do we have available for youth? We are looking at a once-a-month fun night, inviting the last 3 years of confirmands.

The Home Communion Visitation is still going on.

For the rest of October and the first two Sundays in November, we will be serving communion so any help from any of the congregation members are welcome. If willing to help please let either Bill Fink, DonnaLee Yeatts or Wendy Fox know the dates you are willing to help. If you never have served communion, no worries, we will help you out.

Nominations for Consistory are still happening, if you are interested, please feel free to talk to one of the current members.

The Visitation Committee are asking for donations for the Christmas Bags they hand out to the shut-ins. These bags are roughly \$25 each, roughly needing \$950 total.

There will be a Thanksgiving Eve service. There will only be one Christmas Eve service at 6pm. Christmas Eve is a Sunday so we will still be having a 9:30am service.

Mark your calendars - July 15th – July 19th, DonnaLee Yeatts and Wendy Fox are co-chairing the VBS this summer. Stay tuned for how you can help.

Trunk Or Treat

On Friday, October 27th, join us at the Pavilion between 6pm-8pm for a fun and spooky evening of Trunk or Treat. Dress up if you like and decorate your car to hand out candy and goodies to all the neighborhood ghosts and goblins! This year we will also be setting up the pavilion as the Bedrock Cafe to sell \$5 Dino Meals or Brontosaurus Chili Meals to raise more money for our Furnace Fund. The Dino meal will include a hot dog, chips, cookie and water bottle and the Brontosaurus meal will include a bowl of chili, crackers, cookie and water bottle which can be eaten in the Pavilion or taken to go. The servers will be Fred and Wilma Flintstone and Barney and Betty Rubble! This will be an evening of fun, fellowship and food! Last year we had well over 200 children come through the parking lot! If you can participate please see Colleen or email ckulhamer@aol.com Thanks and stay spooky!

Congregational Fall Meeting

November 19 During Worship

Election of New Deacons and Elder for Consistory Leadership + 2024 Proposed Budget

Our Fall Congregational Meeting marks points of appreciation for those who have led the Church in 2023 and those nominated to guide our congregation in the grace of God for 2024.

Those being presented for leadership as new deacons are: Kay Chryst, Kirby Hower, Tyler Shankweiler, and Fortress Chryst as Youth Deacon.

(Note: As of the printing of this newsletter, a new Elder to serve on the Spiritual Council has not yet been nominated. This person's name will be presented to the congregation as soon as possible.)

Sue Weldner, our Treasurer, and the Stewardship and Finance Committee have presented the Proposed 2024 Budget to the Consistory and it is approved for our consideration. Please see the Proposed Budget on page 32. Copies will be available on the Parlor table by November 5, 2023 for review by the congregation and our vote on Sunday, November 19 in worship. If you have questions about the budget, please contact Sue Weldner or Pastor Steve in the Church Office for more information.

Scrip Gift Card Sales

It's that time of year again! You know the holidays are just around the corner when we start getting ready for our annual Scrip gift card sale. What better way to shop for those on your gift list than with a Scrip gift card? It makes finishing your shopping easy and the gift cards cost so much less to send!

Scrip is a national program to help non-profit groups and schools earn money. Scrip allows families to purchase prepaid merchandise gift cards for local and national businesses through the Great Lakes Scrip company. These gift cards are just like cash.

If you are interested in making a purchase, please fill out the order form, complete with your check made payable to St. John's UCC Fullerton and mail to:

St. John's UCC, 575 Grape St, Whitehall, PA 18052

Attention: Tracey Glass

The form to place an order is included with the printed version of this newsletter and online here: <https://bit.ly/45YobVm>

Order form and payment must be received by 11/19/23. Gift cards will be available for pick-up on or after 12/10/23. If you have any questions, call the church office (610) 264-8421 or Tracey (610) 905-8426.

Order forms may also be placed in her mailbox in the church office or placed in the offering plate. Happy shopping!!

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 : **Applebee's Hamburger and Fries** coupons are still being sold as :
 : a fundraiser for St John's. They are \$10.00 each. They do not expire, :
 : and can be used at any Applebee's in the Lehigh Valley. I will be :
 : picking up the coupons shortly to distribute to everyone. Get your :
 : order in soon! Money is due at time of sign up. Please see Kenda. :
 : (484) 358-7453 or email kpatalini@aol.com :
 :



"Fun-Raising" Events at St. John's

Saturday, Nov. 4 – Craft & Vendor Fair – 9am to 2pm in Fox Hall. \$25 per table to rent space. Food available. Shop for Christmas gifts. Contact Kenda Catalini.

Saturday, Dec. 2 – Bus Trip to NYC – Tour the "Big Apple" on your own. Cost \$50. See Brian Strauss for reservations.

Nut & Fruit Sale – Orders should be arriving soon. Drive-by pickup will be November 11 from 10am-12pm at Pavilion. Contact Carol Raszler.

Pastie Sale – Pickup on Wednesday, November 8, from 6pm to 8pm or Sunday, November 12 after worship in Fox Hall. Contact Carol Raszler.

Homemade Chocolate Candy – Semi-sweet peanut butter and coconut cream eggs. \$14/lb. Deadline to order is Sunday, November 26. Pickup scheduled for December 17. Contact Ginny Brokenshire.

"Burgers for a Cause" – Applebee's \$10 coupon. Good at any Applebee's at any time. See Kenda Catalini to purchase a coupon.

Scrip Gift Card Sales – Shop for those on your gift card list. Deadline Sunday, November 19, with pickup on Sunday, December 10. Order forms available online or on table in lounge. Contact Tracey Glass.

Weis & Giant Gift Cards – 5% comes back to the church with your purchase of grocery gift cards. See Tom Moyer or Carol Raszler.

Redner's Receipts – 1% comes back to the church when you send your entire grocery receipt to the church. Be sure it says "Save a Tape" on the receipt. Collection basket is also on the table in the lounge. See Karen Stoitsits.

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Holiday Shopping Starts Here at St. John's

Our selection of crafts can be purchased on the following dates:

Saturday, November 4

Craft and Vendor Fair – 9pm to 2pm – Fox Hall

Sundays, November 26 & December 3

Before and After Worship - Lounge Area

Looking for household furnishings for the holidays? We've got Christmas and Fall t-towels, table runners, stocking stuffers, cross-stitch finger-tip towels, stockings, wine totes, coasters, Santas, angels, ornaments, snowmen, and more!

Have a new baby or children in the family? We've got cross-stitch and cloth baby bibs, knitted baby sweaters, burping cloths, tooth fairy pillows, boo boo bunnies, quilt blankets, American Girl doll sweaters, stuffed animals, and more!

Need birthday or thank-you gifts? We've got wine totes, wine coasters, cork hot plates, table runners, cross-stitch finger-tip towels, bread cloths, kitchen towels, potholders, dishcloths, friendship bunnies, church cookbooks, 12-bean soup mix, and more!

Something New! We've got casserole totes, bowl cozies, clothespin bags, cloth shopping bags, patchwork table runners, tissue boxes, pillowcases, bookmarks, and "what-not" baskets!

If you have any questions or need any of these items, contact Carol Raszler at (610) 965-4299 or email craszler@aol.com



Congratulations – A Time to Celebrate!

November 15 marks the second anniversary of Pastor Steve's being hired as St. John's Senior Pastor. After receiving an affirmative vote by the congregation on Sunday, October 24, 2021, Pastor Steve and Bill were officially welcomed at their first worship service on Sunday, November 21, 2021. Happy Second Anniversary!



Nut & Fruit Sale Update

We received confirmation from Terrilynn Company regarding the order for our annual Nut and Fruit Sale. The anticipated time of arrival should be the beginning of November. We will be in touch with you to arrange a drive-by pickup at the Pavilion November 11 from 10am-12noon.

For those of you who missed out on this opportunity, we will have a few extra items to sell from the assortment of nuts, fruit, and chocolate items. Costs vary from \$12 to \$13 for 1 lb. bags. Stay tuned! If you have any questions, contact Carol Raszler at (610) 393-7572 or email craszler@aol.com

Do You Belong to Our Redner's Save-A-Tape Program?

St. John's receives 1% back on all Redner's grocery receipts that are submitted. If you are not a member of Redner's Save-A-Tape program, please join—then make sure you use your customer card when you check out. The grocery chain does have some guidelines we need to follow. The whole receipt must be submitted, and it must say "Save-A-Tape" on it. If you use a charge card and do not want any numbers to show on the receipt, you can black them out. In addition, please check at customer service to make sure you are using a current customer card as some of the cards have been updated. If you have any questions, contact Karen Stoitsits at (610) 262-0746 or email littlekdr@yahoo.com. You can mail your receipts to the church office or deposit them in a jar on the table in the lounge area.



Pastie Sale Pickup



Thank you to everyone who placed an order for our fall Pastie Sale. Pickup is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, from 6pm to 8pm and on Sunday, November 12, following worship in Fox Hall. If you have any questions, contact Carol Raszler at (610) 393-7572 or email craszler@aol.com

Homemade Potato Filling News

Due to minimal sales and shortage of volunteers last year, the "Fun-Raising" Committee regrets to announce that they will not be making homemade potato filling this year for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Service of the Nativity

An Evening of Music, Prayer, and Reflection

12/17
6:00pm





Become an "Automatic Contributor"

Currently, 50 giving units participating!

Each week in worship, Pastor Steve reminds us of the ways which our giving to God through St. John's is changing lives and making a difference in our community. Our ministry depends on our regular participation, involvement and giving. As "Automatic Contributors" our gifts enable ministry with the faithful contribution to create opportunities for lives to be touched by our generosity. Will you become an "automatic contributor" by self-designating online? Your consistent support can reflect your love for God and the ministry outreach of St. John's UCC, Fullerton.

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. Our next meeting is on **November 4 at 8:30am**. We would be pleased to have you join us. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Bob Bold at (610) 393-6123 or email QVRRBold@aol.com



God Is Still Speaking...

with Verso-Chat Bible Study - Wednesdays, 9:00am

Our Lectionary reading study and sharing is a highlight of each Wednesday morning. You are welcome to join in the conversation and discovery as we share insights and ideas with each other. Look at scripture with us and consider the themes being shared in worship to deepen our faith.

ALL are welcome to enhance your experience by joining our weekly Verso-Chat Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. Each week is its own contained experience to discover God's "still speaking" words. 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>



Visitation Committee Needs Your Help

Gift bags will be put together by our Visitation Committee and will include snacks, cards with stamps, tissues, pens/paper, socks etc. Your monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Growing the Legacy Tree

Our Endowment Fund was created as a way of fulfilling a vision—affording an opportunity for members to honor or memorialize family, friends, or events while at the same time strengthening the financial foundation of St. John's.

The Legacy Tree displayed in the church parlor is a visual symbol of its creation. The Endowment Fund income supports our annual budget. Did you know it is now about \$20,000 annually?

Endowment income plays an important part in strengthening church programs. Our Legacy Tree has served as a perpetual reminder of bestowed honors.

When in the church, take a moment to view our Legacy Tree and remember those so honored. Visualize how you or your family might become part of its growth by adding a leaf. Anytime can be a good time to create a perpetual remembrance via the Legacy Tree.

There are several levels of giving starting at \$1,000 and gifts can even be made in installments. Complete information is posted on the Legacy Wall. The upcoming holiday season is an ideal time to honor or recognize someone through a donation to the endowment fund (purchasing a leaf). A leaf can acknowledge anniversaries or birthdays or other special occasions or honor children or grandchildren.

Our challenge is to grow our Legacy Tree by honoring important people in our lives. Won't you join the many others who have already done so?

Lady PEEPS

POSITIVE, EXTRAORDINARY, ENCOURAGING, PRAYERFUL SISTERS

The Lady PEEPS Women's Group will meet on Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30pm in Fox Hall. Our theme will be THANKFUL FOR GOD'S PAINTBRUSH. Come and join us as we enjoy a relaxing evening of creative painting and conversation together. God has given us so much inspiration with the beautiful Autumn colors that surround us. We have much to be thankful for and this group of St. John's women is a wonderful place to share and just be your beautiful self. Refreshments will be served and please use the elevator entrance. See you there, ladies!

Colleen Kulhamer



John always remembered being told that his name came from the Bible, but he wasn't quite sure of the details. One evening, while in his room, he overheard his parents discussing names for his soon-to-be baby brother. Eager to be a part of the process, John asked, "Have you picked a name for him yet?"

His parents exchanged a knowing glance before his mom replied, "We're thinking of naming him David."

John's eyes lit up as he recalled the famous biblical story he'd learned in Sunday school. After a pause, he said with a grin, "I'm glad you didn't go with Goliath!"

Joining St. John's 5G Connection Class

November 12

St. John's UCC, Fullerton continues to be a growing place! God's love is felt here and our warm welcome invites people to become part of our covenant community. We are excited to offer another opportunity on November 12 for people interested in becoming part of the St. John's UCC, Fullerton community of faith. Pastor Steve will meet with anyone interested in being received into St. John's in an informal time of conversation at a time convenient for you. Let him know of your interest and schedule a time to visit with him through the Church Office. Enjoy a 5G Connection today!

We all want a great connection with God, the church community as a whole and individual people. We GATHER, GAIN, GIVE, GROW and GO in our relationship with God and each other!

- G**ather in faith and fellowship
- G**ain understanding and relationships
- G**ive in time, talent and treasure
- G**row through acts of compassion and service
- G**O! Sharing our life and love, grace and hope!

St. John's is our place to worship, love and serve ~ no matter what, through a great 5G Connection!





St. John's

FULLERTON -  UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

PROPOSED BUDGET

	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual
Offerings	\$250,258	\$250,258	\$230,906
Rental Income	\$14,722	\$14,722	\$15,404
Fundraising Income	\$5,816	\$5,816	\$10,919
Endowment Interest	\$21,176	\$21,176	\$22,680
Flowers Income	\$728	\$728	\$3,171
Christian Ed Income	\$1,304	\$1,304	\$1,005
Special Gifts & Transfers	\$2,227	\$2,227	\$5,308
Total Income	\$296,231	\$296,231	\$289,392
Pastoral Services	\$131,139	\$131,139	\$135,685
Staff Salaries	\$118,802	\$118,802	\$103,643
Property	\$27,367	\$27,367	\$31,415
Parish Programs	\$22,151	\$22,151	\$29,392
Total Expense	\$299,459	\$299,459	\$300,136
Net	\$(3,228)	\$(3,228)	\$(10,744)



2023 Actual (Est)	2024 Budget	% Change 2023 Actual vs 2024 Budget	% Change 2023 Actual vs 2022 Actual
\$240,000	\$250,000	4.17%	3.94%
\$16,500	\$17,000	3.03%	7.12%
\$20,500	\$21,500	4.88%	87.75%
\$23,165	\$23,590	1.83%	2.14%
\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%	(5.38%)
\$1,750	\$1,750	0.00%	74.14%
\$2,000	\$2,500	25.00%	(62.32%)
\$306,915	\$319,340	4.05%	6.06%
\$125,682	\$129,135	2.75%	(7.37%)
\$97,623	\$106,749	9.35%	(5.81%)
\$35,815	\$38,125	6.45%	14.00%
\$32,950	\$29,450	(10.62%)	12.11%
\$292,070	\$303,459	3.90%	(2.69%)
\$14,845	\$15,881		

November Birthdays

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

11/1	Carol Seagreaves Martha Ann Strauss Alan Weiner	11/15	Adrienne Kiesbar Jack Ohl
11/2.....	Tyler Stocker Karen Stoits	11/16	Jeffrey Phillips Kyle Szoke
11/4.....	James Ebert Ingrid Hemdal Gayle Mihulec Maci Pollitt	11/17	Beth Neitz
11/5.....	Nicole Headman Jean Litzenberger	11/18	Jean VanFleet
11/6.....	Cole Buskirk	11/21	Rachel Eichman Kathy Roth
11/7	Roxanne DeMilio Colleen Kulhamer Lissa Wuchter	11/22	Kendra Fox
11/8.....	Charlene Hoff Edward Sommers Connie Viglione	11/23	Tyler Brown Ronald Glass Tracey Glass Andrew Kulhamer
11/9.....	Linda Apple Joelene Weaver Lori Yocco Candra Zellner	11/25	Carol Raszler Mia Venanzi
11/10	Sharon Antrim	11/26	Paul Long Lauren Schutts
11/11.....	Robert Bold	11/27	Tyler McNicholas Amanda Volkert
11/12	Zander Rarich	11/28	Aiden Sommer Susan Weldner
		11/29	Alyssa Lopez
		11/30	Arline Yoder



November Wedding Anniversaries

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

Conrad & Julie Beck 11/3/84	Rev Dr Becky & Robert Beckwith 11/18/72
Craig & Tara Bryant 11/9/02	Thomas & Emilie Moyer 11/19/60
Lori & Gregory Yocco 11/9/85	William & Lori Fink 11/23/08
William & Debra Hausman 11/11/95	Stanley & Linda Luckenbill 11/27/69
Randy & Dee Schlenker 11/11/00	Donald & Lynn Miller Jr 11/27/76





“Operation Santa” – Mitten Tree Project

The Mission Committee is happy to announce that we are again sponsoring “Operation Santa.” We are not collecting actual gifts again this year. Instead, we are encouraging everyone to give a donation to Phoebe Ministries or Valley Youth House or both. From your contributions, gifts will be purchased by the staff at VYH for their clients and gift certificates for the beauty salon/barber shop and the gift shop will be purchased for the Phoebe residents.

Phoebe Ministries – Founded in 1903 and affiliated with the UCC, Phoebe Ministries is a multi-facility organization specializing in healthcare, housing, and support services for seniors. It is guided by its mission to provide compassionate care to residents of its community regardless of their ability to pay.

Valley Youth House – Begun in 1973 as a single shelter in the Lehigh Valley for homeless young people, it has grown to over 250 residential sites throughout Pennsylvania. Its mission is to help all youth, the most vulnerable, those who’ve been abused, run away, or are homeless. Valley Youth House helps them build a healthy and independent future.

Look for the Mitten Tree in the lounge area during the month of November. Take a red or yellow mitten for Phoebe and a green or purple mitten for VYH. Your contribution can be mailed to the office, put in the offering plate, or donated on-line or by text. All checks are payable to St. John’s UCC, Fullerton. Be sure to specify Phoebe or VYH in the memo section. **Deadline to receive your contribution is Sunday, November 26.**

Whitehall Food Pantry

Donations are now needed for the pantry's Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. For the months of November and December, the food pantry is asking for donations of canned turkey gravy, canned cranberry sauce, and canned vegetables. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary where you can place your donations. Monetary contributions are always accepted and can be forwarded to the church office, placed in the offering plate, or given by on-line or text giving. If you would like to volunteer at the food pantry, please contact Gary Black gary.t.black@outlook.com or (484) 274-2405.

General Disaster Relief Fund

For the months of August and September we received donations amounting to \$790.00 for Hawaii Disaster Relief in order to offer support for the devastation caused by the wildfires there, particularly on the island of Maui. Your contributions were sent to the Hawaii Conference. According to Hawaii's governor, the overall damage was estimated at close to \$6 billion. As the tragic impact of these wildfires was revealed, local congregations have provided resources and assistance to those who are affected, including gas, clothes, food, and shelter. The UCC will increase support to immediate relief efforts and be present for the journey ahead, enabling long-term aid for persons who require assistance with their recovery. Already a \$10,000 grant has been sent by UCC National to the Hawaii Conference to support emergency needs for those impacted by the wildfires.

We will continue to receive donations for World Central Kitchen until the end of October.

For the month of November, contributions will be directed towards Project HOPE for their work in the Ukraine. General Disaster Relief Fund and Ukraine Relief Fund envelopes can be found on the table in the lounge area or you can send in your donation to the church office, put in the offering plate, or give on-line or by texting. Be sure to note in the memo section it is for "Ukraine Relief Fund."



From February 24, 2022 (which marked the start of the large-scale armed attack by Russia) to September 10, 2023, there have been recorded 27,149 civilian casualties in the country: 9,614 killed and 17,535 injured. In addition, a total of 6 million Ukrainian refugees were registered across Europe and a total of 6.2 million refugees were registered worldwide. Most of them fled the country by arriving at the border with Poland.

Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative

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

Date	Church	Address	Phone
Sunday, Nov 5	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church	618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall	(610) 266-0695
Tuesday, Nov 21	First Presbyterian of Hokendauqua	3005 S Front St., Whitehall	(610) 264-9693
Sunday, Dec 3	Muslim Assoc. of the Lehigh Valley	618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall	(703) 346-8698
Tuesday, Dec 19	Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	3300 Seventh St., Whitehall	(610) 434-8661

Other Outreaches

This year’s Neighbors in Need (NIN) theme is “Behold.” Its focus is on environmental justice and being better stewards of our planet. The deadline to receive donations is October 31.

As this newsletter goes to press, we received over \$600 in donations for the CROP Walk that was held on October 22. We wish to thank our St. John’s walkers for the event—Amy Feidler, Cindy Reck, and Karen Stoitsits.

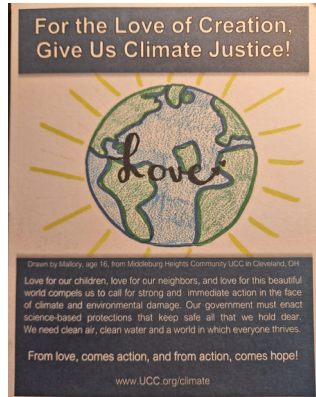
We are currently about \$2,000 behind in our giving this year to Our

Church's Wider Mission. Be sure to read on [page 16](#), an article by Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, PNEC Conference Minister. The article explains what Penn Northeast Conference does. OCWM is the primary source of funding for our conference.

Climate Hope Postcard Campaign Update

On October 13, a delegation of the UCC laity and clergy delivered more than 7,000 petition postcards to the staff of the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC. Among the delegation was Mallory, the 17-year-old winner of the Climate Hope Art Contest, whose art appeared on the front of the postcards. EPA staff will discuss with the delegation concerns about the EPA's Greenhouse Gas Standards, Guidelines for Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants, and the EPA's Clean Trucks Plan. Thank you to the 136 churches across the country, including our own St. John's, that collected the postcards and made this visit possible.

In September 2023, President Biden launched the American Climate Corps (ACC), a new program that will train tens of thousands of young people for high-demand careers in climate and clean energy. On October 4, Pope Francis released a second papal letter on the climate crisis and inequality. A multi-faith panel of climate leaders will reflect upon the Pope's updated plea for climate action. The UCC Council for Climate Justice will have a climate gathering session on November 1. At this assembly, proposals will be discussed for action campaigns and projects for 2024.



How Did St. John's Family Do?

Recent Outreaches	Sept 2023	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Our Church's Wider Mission	\$977.00	\$9,497.00	\$11,584.90	\$13,498.30
Neighbors in Need	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Whitehall Food Pantry	-0-	\$3,017.00	\$1,055.00	\$2,035.00
Hawaii Relief Fund	\$265.00	\$ 790.00	N/A	N/A
Ukraine Relief Fund	\$10.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,445.00	N/A
Earthquake Relief	\$25.00	\$577.00	N/A	N/A
General Disaster Relief	\$30.00	\$280.00	N/A	N/A
TOTALS	\$1,777.00	\$16,281.00	\$16,194.90	\$15,558.30

**Mission Outreach giving for September 2023 totaled \$1,777.00
and YTD giving totaled \$18,199.00.**



Thank You Notes

Dear Friends at St. John's UCC:

Thank you for your recent donation of \$140 to the United Church of Christ to support the disaster relief in Ukraine. Through your gift, families who have been displaced and are in need of shelter and basic necessities will receive support. The need in Ukraine continues to be great. Your gift enables the church to be present with people amid this life-changing catastrophe, 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 shelter, spiritual support, and physical resources to rebuild their lives. United in prayer, action, and giving, we stand as a people of faith in love and compassion. Thank you again for spreading God's hope, peace, and love through your financial assistance as the UCC continues to build a just world for all.

In faith,
Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson
General Minister and President
United Church of Christ

Thanks to your participation, Fox Hall was almost completely filled for our Friday-the 13th Bingo night event. We were able to raise \$4,763.58 toward our General Fund, and it's all thanks to your generosity and dedication. The laughter, camaraderie, and friendly competition made the evening a huge success.

We'd like to extend our gratitude to the volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the event ran smoothly. Special thanks also to our donors who provided the fantastic prizes that were up for grabs.

Hats off to our Bingo champions! And for those who didn't score a win, better luck next time, and may your daubers never run dry!

Please mark your calendars for our next Bingo night, close to St Patrick's Day, on March 15, 2024. Who knows, maybe our beloved choir director can be lured into calling the numbers for his namesake evening!

Warm regards,
Pastor Steve Davis

St Johns UCC Fullerton - Statement of Finances

Sep 2023

Income	Electronic	9/3/2023	9/10/2023	9/17/2023	9/24/2023	Total
Offerings for Operating Expenses	\$6,850.28	\$3,185.00	\$2,533.00	\$3,952.00	\$1,270.50	\$17,790.78
Rental Income—Gross				\$(66.50)		\$(66.50)
Fundraising Income—Net of Exp	\$134.50	\$911.60	\$879.50	\$78.83	\$(2,382.56)	\$(378.13)
Endowment Interest						\$-
Flowers	\$31.80	\$48.95	\$65.75	\$42.95		\$189.45
Christian Education	\$10.00		\$15.00	\$60.00	\$10.00	\$95.00
Special Gifts					\$206.81	\$206.81
Total	\$7,026.58	\$4,145.55	\$3,493.25	\$4,077.28	\$(895.25)	\$-

Expense Summary	Actual	Budget	Difference
Pastoral Services	\$10,542.88	\$11,751.00	\$(1,208.12)
Staff Salaries & Expense	\$8,498.30	\$9,656.50	\$(1,158.20)
Property	\$1,454.90	\$2,393.00	\$(938.10)
Parish Programs	\$2,168.97	\$2,155.50	\$13.47
Total	\$22,665.05	\$25,956.00	\$(3,290.95)

	Month	Year
Total Income	\$17,847.41	\$224,691.65
Total Expenses	\$22,665.05	\$218,406.73
*****	Net (LOSS)	\$(4,817.64)
		\$6,284.92

Mission Giving, Sep 2023

Our Churches Wider Mission	\$977.00		
Neighbors in Need	\$40.00		
UCC Hawaii	\$265.00		
UCC Earthquake	\$25.00		
General Disaster	\$30.00		
Ukraine Relief	\$10.00		
Crop Walk	\$450.00		
Total	\$1,797.00		

St John's UCC Fullerton

Fund Balances

For Month Ending, Sep 2023

Account	Aug-23	Sep-23	Difference
Checking Account—KNBT	\$41,941.04	\$34,448.86	\$(7,492.18)
Giant Card Funds	\$1,769.51	\$719.51	\$(1,050.00)
Weis Card Funds	\$395.00	\$1,095.00	\$700.00
sub-total General Fund Assets	\$44,105.55	\$36,263.37	\$(7,842.18)
IN & OUT Account—KNBT Checking	\$87,966.42	\$41,288.77	\$(46,677.65)
Restricted/Property Investments	\$31,867.85	\$75,000.00	\$43,132.15
sub-total Restricted Assets	\$119,834.27	\$116,288.77	\$(3,545.50)
Endowment Fund—Quadrant	\$470,295.95	\$470,295.95	\$-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$634,235.77	\$622,848.09	\$(11,387.68)
Cornerstone Pavilion Loan	\$(84,316.09)	\$(84,207.70)	\$108.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$(84,316.09)	\$(84,207.70)	\$108.39
NET FUND BALANCE	\$549,919.68	\$538,640.39	\$(11,279.29)





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November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 Daylight Saving Ends 8:30am Friendship Class 9:30am Children's Faith Formation 9:30am Sunday Worship - All Saints Day 10:30am Social Hour 11:00am Confirmation Class/Youth</p>	<p>6 6:30pm Worship & Music</p>	<p>7 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Stewardship & Finance</p>	<p>1 9:00am Verso Chat with Pastor Steve: Rm 201 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm SIAKs Committee Mtg 6:30pm Zumba class: Fox Hall 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm SAA-Recovery Support</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 8:30am Men's breakfast: Hamilton Family Restaurant 9:00am Craft Fair</p>
<p>12 Newsletter Articles Due 8:30am Friendship Class 9:30am Children's Faith Formation 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Social Hour 11:00am Confirmation Class/Youth 6:00pm Postie Pickup</p>	<p>13 6:00pm Personnel Committee</p>	<p>14 10:30am Visitation Committee 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Elders 7:00pm Consistory</p>	<p>15 9:00am Verso Chat with Pastor Steve: Rm 201 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Zumba class: Fox Hall 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm SAA-Recovery Support</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 9:30am Zumba class: Fox Hall</p>
<p>19 8:30am Friendship Class 9:30am Children's Faith Formation 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Social Hour 11:00am Confirmation Class/Youth</p>	<p>20 6:00pm "Fun-Raising" Committee</p>	<p>21 9:30am Staff Meeting 10:00am Community of Practice 6:30pm PEPS 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>22 9:00am Verso Chat with Pastor Steve: Rm 201 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm SAA-Recovery Support</p>	<p>23 Office closed - Thanksgiving</p>	<p>24 Office closed - Thanksgiving</p>	<p>25 9:30am Zumba class: Fox Hall</p>
<p>26 8:30am Friendship Class 9:30am Children's Faith Formation 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Social Hour</p>	<p>27 6:30pm Rehearsal - Service of the Nativity</p>	<p>28 9:30am Staff meeting 6:30pm Service of the Nativity-Volunteers</p>	<p>29 9:00am Verso Chat with Pastor Steve: Rm 201 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Zumba class: Fox Hall 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm SAA-Recovery Support</p>	<p>30 5:30pm Dinner and Hanging of the Greens</p>	<p>31</p>	