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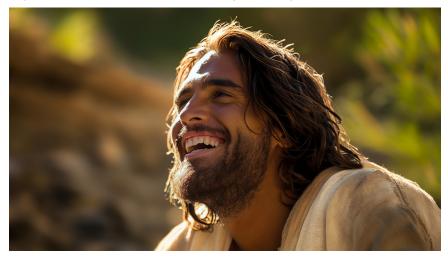
St. John's CONNECTIONS

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

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Big Surprises!

I'm someone who likes a fun surprise. I also like "planned" surprises, where something new and fun allows for a fresh experience that invites a deeper connection to God's love today, rather than limit the story of the resurrection to history. In all my years of pastoral ministry, I've never led a "Holy Humor" Sunday. After several conversations with other area clergy who have enjoyed great fun planning these worship experiences, I decided it was time to give it a try.



Many American churches are resurrecting this old Easter custom begun by the early Greek Christians - formerly called "Bright Sunday" - and now "Holy Humor Sunday" celebrations on the Sunday after Easter. For centuries in all Christian faith traditions, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. People celebrated "tricking the devil" with the empty tomb. This year, we join the fun and festive spirit on the Sunday following Easter and YOU are invited to participate in a unique way. We will also welcome new people to our faith family who have chosen to celebrate their joy in faith with us by becoming members of St. John's UCC, Fullerton, on Sunday, April 7.

The Sunday after Easter can often feel like a "low Sunday." Attendance usually dips and is nothing like the crowd that packed the sanctuary only a week before for Easter. The experience in years past just didn't seem to carry the "Alleluias" of the previous week. But not this year! As we have planned for worship, St. John's UCC, Fullerton, has chosen to engage in the Holy Humor brought on by Easter Sunday. Why so funny? Because death did not win. The power of injustice and oppression did not win. And the disciples couldn't even lock themselves up away from Jesus coming and saying "what's up? peace!"

In the midst of so much sadness, anxiety and chaos, isn't it great to have a moment of pure joy and surprise and laughter? Our worship in the weeks following Easter Sunday will be filled with songs that have us joyful, maybe even dancing or at least feeling the movement of God's Spirit!. We will claim and embrace the JOY of the risen Lord as our strength and hope! We are witnesses to all these things!

Preparing for the upcoming Easter season of worship, I wondered how often we are surprised with the good things God brings to us in worship. How often do we come to worship, expecting to be changed by our experience and encounter the love of God in a new and refreshing way? Do we come to worship anticipating the life-changing love of Jesus Christ to transform our chaos into joy? Are we looking forward to a joyful experience, or do we think more of worship as "our duty and responsibility?" I certainly hope we are looking for something life-changing in every gathering. I hope we are asking for the Holy Spirit to surprise us with something big that challenges us.

In April and May for the Easter season, join me in joyfully looking for the big surprises God will bring to us through friends and leaders who tell the story of God's great love and grace! Let us be surprised and refreshed in our experience of God who reminds us again and again, whoever we are and wherever we are on life's journey, whether

in chaos or joy, tragedy or triumph, God welcomes us to experience Jesus... ALIVE and present with us, now and always, as we "Worship, Love and Serve ~ No Matter What!"

Yours in grace and hope,

Rev. Steven Davis, Senior Pastor



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On The Cover...



GABRIELLA FERIOLI

My name is Gabriella Ferioli. I am 11 years old, and in 6th grade at Whitehall-Coplay Middle School. Some of my favorite things include: watching anime, drawing, and playing with my two dogs Sox and Shadow. My other hobbies include going outside and playing with friends.

One of my future goals is to play Volleyball all the way thru High School and maybe even in college.

I enjoy going to St. Johns UCC because my family has a long history with the church. My great-grandmother Blodwyn (Wynnie) Wetherhold was a life long member and my grandparents Raymond Ferioli and Robin Ferioli were married in this church. I also really enjoy attending my confirmation class because of the people I've meet there and my best friend Sophia attends as well. Learning about Jesus and how I can follow the examples He set for us is very important to me.

Another thing I love is when I hear Pastor Steve say every Sunday service, "whoever you are and where ever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here".

Convalescent & Homebound Residents

People who would welcome receiving a greeting card:

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

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

Music at St. John's

First, a huge thank you to the men and women of the handbell choir and adult choir who worked tirelessly to enhance the beauty of our Holy Week Celebration. I am always in awe of the talent each of these people bring to the table and their willingness to learn and tell the story of our faith through song!

This month, a text that I hold near and dear to my heart, always manages to reemerge around the Easter Season for me. Maybe it's me being a "Doubting Thomas," or maybe it's my own reminder to slow down for once and be patient. The text is the following:

I believe in the sun when it is not shining. I believe in love even when I cannot feel it. I believe in God even when He is silent.

These phrases were discovered by an Allied soldier towards the end of World War II. They are believed to have been written by a young girl, whose name we shall never know, who died in a Nazi concentration camp, on the wall of the cell she occupied until her death.

Very much like the author of these words, each of us, especially myself, has had moments when life has not played out the way we had scripted it in our mind; when it has felt like God was silent in our time of greatest need.

A plea to God for strength to believe, for hope in an overwhelming situation, for a glimpse of light in the midst of a dark night...these are sentiments we all share and have experienced. But our Creator, through his Resurrection, invites us to come with honesty and transparency, and to lay our burdens at the feet of the One who promises to be our strength in times of need. And in so doing, we find the courage to carry on. This is the assurance that is ours as children of the living God.

Isn't this text after all, what Easter is all about? Through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, when it seemed that the sun was hidden, love was broken, and belief was gone, The Resurrection of our Lord, helps our unbelief! Spring is here, new life is before our very eyes: from the trees regrowing their leaves, to flowers blooming, to the chirping of the birds outside. God is all around!

> Happy Spring St. John's! Musically Yours, Patrick Sandt



Photo Directory Project 2024

Hey there! It will be so exciting to have a photo directory where we can easily connect by seeing each other's faces! Now is the time to act! Use the <u>"Directory" link</u> from the top menu on our website today to sign up for your picture to be included.

This directory isn't just about names and faces. It's about capturing the essence of our community, and that includes you. Your unique presence is what makes St. John's special, and we want to make sure you're part of the picture.

We understand that being in front of the camera isn't everyone's favorite thing, but trust us – your participation makes a difference, and we're committed to ensuring that everyone is included. No need to worry about perfection; just be yourself.

Anyone needing assistance should contact the church office, (610) 264-8421. Alison will help you find an available timeslot.

Deadline for May Newsletter

If you would like to contribute an article for the May newsletter, please email your single-spaced submission in PDF, DOC, RTF or plain text format to: - <u>newsletter@sjuccf.org</u> by Sunday, April 14.

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



9:30am Worship / Children's Faith Formation with Sunday Social time following worship 11:00am Confirmation Class and other Youth

Easter Message Series "We Are Witnesses!"

Through our Easter season celebrations, we not only celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday, but for several weeks! We will explore God's ultimate surprise of the empty tomb and the promise of eternal life and unconditional love. Our Easter journey wil focus on who we are as modern day disciples of Jesus, witnesses of God's lifechanging love in our lives!

March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY, 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion and Resurrection Cross Flowering

John 19:38-42 / "I Will Turn Your Tragedy into Triumph!"

We conclude our message series from Lent with the transforming message of God's love for us through conquering death and giving us eternal life! Celebrate Jesus' resurrection with all the fanfare and enthusiasm we bring to this ultimate day of life and love in the Christian faith! We join together in celebrating the resurrection as we add flowers to place on our resurrection cross as we enter for worship. We rejoice in the eternal life we have through Christ as we shout with joy, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!"

April 7 - BRIGHT SUNDAY - "HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY" with Holy Communion and welcoming new persons in covenant with us!

Many American churches are resurrecting (pun intended) an old Easter custom begun by the early Greek Christians ---- "Bright Sunday" or "Holy Humor Sunday" celebrations on the Sunday after Easter. For centuries in all Christian faith traditions, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

Plan to take part in worship on April 7 and bring your favorite joke to share, funny glasses or mustaches, wild hair, a clown nose, whatever you like to share the surprise of faith!

April 14 - Easter Season Messages - "We Are Witnesses!" Luke 24:36b-48

The month of April and first two Sundays in May, St. John's in worship will have a variety of messages and leaders sharing their witness of faith, how God's love has transformed how they live. They and we will share why St. John's is such an important part of their faith journey in our beloved community. Our Elders and other clergy will be among those who share their lives in faith with us.

April 21 - "We Are Witnesses!" - Enfolded by Love Acts 4:5-12

Our Consistory Elders of the Spiritual Council will be leading us in worship and sharing their own stories and journeys of faith. We are blessed to welcome DonnaLee Yeatts, Wendy Fox and Paul Raszler as they guide us in worship.

April 28 - "We Are Witnesses!" - Abiding in Love 1 John 4:7-21 & John 15:1-8

St. John's is proud to welcome our Penn NE Conference Minister, the Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, as our special guest preacher to lead us in worship and share her witness of faith! Come show your support for our connection with other UCC congregations across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as we focus on living in the love of Christ!

May 5 - "We Are Witnesses!" - Friends Together Worship with Holy Communion John 15:9-17

We are thrilled to have our Pastor Emerita, Rev. Dr. Becky Beckwith coming to St. John's on May 5 to assist Pastor Steve with communion and to bring the morning message. Becky will be fresh off her leadership time with St. John's UCC, Coopersburg, and looks forward to sharing in worship leadership with us!

Bring a friend and the whole family to welcome Becky as we share with "Friends Together" in worship and communion.

Welcome To Our Conference Minister!

St. John's has been blessed by the friendship of Bonnie Bates many times over the years. Our Conference Minister not only offers leadership support for pastors and congregations in important times of transition and celebration, she also represents the wider denomination of the United Church of Christ, Bonnie brings to us not only a vast array of leadership skills, she shares a passion for



Christ, a deep commitment to our inclusive connection in the love of God, and a great friendship with us at St. John's UCC, Fullerton.

Sunday, April 28, while Pastor Steve is out of town helping his mother move from New Mexico to Pennsylvania to have a new home with Bill and Steve, Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates has graciously accepted the invitation to come and share her witness to the love of Christ with us! We are honored to welcome Bonnie and share in worship with her leadership! Plan now to be part of this exciting day of worship!



Scan, Support & Sustain

Because Of You... In 2024!

As we enter Spring and Summer, it is increasingly important for us to have consistent income to support our ministry. St. John's needs to know we can count on your regular financial participation whether you are in worship or traveling on vacation.

We want to GROW our AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTOR base from 51 giving units to 75 by June 1. Will you help the church be more effective?

Some of you have chosen to make a contribution online through our secure website portal. Thank you for trying it out! We hope more will MAKE THE SWITCH by setting up recurring automatic contributions for your regular support of our ministry at St. John's UCC, Fullerton.

We've made it easy for you to share your gifts for ministry and using the QR Code above with your smart phone is a safe and secure means of supporting and sustaining the ministry to which God calls us.

<u>A new authorization form</u> is available on our website for you to download, print, fill out and return to the church office to begin your recurring contributions from a bank account or credit card. Because of YOU, our regular participants and friends, our ability to meet the needs of our church and community changes lives.

Sunday Social Following Worship

Connecting With God And Others...

We've all enjoyed a great service of worship. Then, what do we look forward to next? Going home? Not for our bunch! We want our Sunday Social time!

Some have even started calling it our Sunday "Happy Hour" with now 35-40 people or more often staying for another hour or so to enjoy each others' company along with some delicious treats! Maybe a summertime "Happy Hour" is just what we need in the coming months.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have continued to sign up for a turn to share yourself, some refreshments, and a great time of friendship around the tables! The list with dates open to host the Sunday Social events is posted on the red display board in the sanctuary.

If you have enjoyed the love and efforts of others to share food and fellowship through the Sunday Social time, please consider signing up with a friend to help share this experience with others, or call the Church Office and let Alison know what Sunday you want to provide refreshments. Colleen Kulhammer is always happy to help orient you in the Church kitchen.

Join us after worship in Fox Hall for our Sunday Social!

SaveAround Books

The FunRaising committee is selling Save Around the Lehigh Valley books. This is a discount book that has coupons for restaurants, services and retail plus fun and recreation merchants that are local and national. Weis Markets, White Castle, Zandy's, Becky's Drive-In, Sherwin Williams are just a couple examples of the offers in the discount book. Please see Kathy Haggerty (610) 390-6989 to purchase a book and start saving.

Worship, Love and Serve - No Matter What

Another IronPigs Game Scheduled

We have reserved 80 seats in Section 105 of the grandstand at Coca Cola Park for the IronPigs vs. the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders baseball game. Game day is Tuesday, August 6, at 7:05pm. The cost is \$13 per person which will include a ticket to the game, \$2 ballpark credit, and a raffle ticket. It'll be Dollar Dog Night where hotdogs are \$1. For the first 1500 attendees, there will be a Cap Giveaway for any youth 17 years old and younger So, mark your calendar—we won't be taking reservations and payment until later in the Spring. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Raszler at (610) 393-7572 or email <u>craszler@aol.com</u>



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 **April 6 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 <u>QVRRBold@aol.com</u>

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel



Sacred Water Gathering

Water gathering while on vacations was a great success in 2023! You responded by bringing back your small bottles of water from various places, near and far. Thank you! We will be doing that again this year, beginning Easter Sunday and collecting through August. A basket of small bottles to collect water from various places will available at the center aisle.

Please pick up a couple to collect a sample of water from your journeys across the country and around the world in 2024. Bring it back, with your name and the location printed with the bottles, and give it to Pastor Steve for safe keeping. The water will be received, purified and then next Fall on our "Gathering Sunday," we will begin using this water for our celebrations of baptism and other sacred moments in worship. Thank you in advance for helping create a new ritual to touch us with the waters of life from all over the world.



An Easy Way to Contribute to St. John's

Do you realize that by purchasing Giant and Weis gift cards and by saving Redner's register tapes, you are contributing money to St. John's? For every Giant and Weis card sold, the church receives 5% back. For every Redner's tape collected, the church receives 1% back. Gift cards can be purchased through the church office or by seeing Tom Moyer or Carol Raszler every Sunday morning before or after worship. The Redner's tapes can be mailed to the church office or placed in a collection jar found on the table in the lounge area. It's a simple way to give financially to the church. Think of St. John's every time you go grocery shopping.



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Helping People In Need... With Discretion!

We receive calls every week from people in our community asking for our assistance. Many times, we connect them to other local area ministries which we support that can best provide for the need at hand. Other times, there's just not an easy way to help. On occasion, it's just easier to open our own billfold and give someone cash or get them food or pay for a night's lodging for a family in need. Pastor Steve and others on staff and in the congregation have done this and are committed to using their best judgment to share our compassion and offer responsible and reasonable support.

The other day, a woman called the church who needed money for transportation to and from Hershey, PA for her breast cancer treatments. Often, we might be cynical about the story, but this woman shared that she had resources for 3 trips, but not the 4th, and could we help. We inquired about the treatment center and asked if we could call them to verify her appointments. She agreed quickly and her story was confirmed. So we used a Weis gift card so she could get gas easily, and will replenish our gift card funds through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.



The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is meant to help with these extraordinary and unexpected, urgent needs. When someone contacts the Church Office or Pastor Steve directly, he has the discretion and support of the Spiritual Council and Stewardship and Finance Committee to use these funds special contributions, restricted by donors like all of us, for such purposes. Many times, these funds help our congregation members during a rough time when a little assistance would make the struggles less painful. Those receiving funds may remain anonymous. Our treasurer, Sue Weldner, can issue a check and Pastor Steve provides the receipt for whatever the need might be.

This is a great way for our small and large contributions occasionally shared to make a big and transforming difference to people in need. While the fund has not been accessed for many months, Sue reports that the current fund balance as of the March 1 is \$647.50. We know there are many places for you to share your generosity. If you'd like to make a one-time gift or set up a recurring small contribution to help grow this fund, you will be helping people in need of our compassion. Thank you in advance for your continuing spirit of support.

Consistory Meeting Recap February 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Home Communion Visitation is still going on.

Progress on Committee Chairs – we are still looking for volunteers for 4 committees that don't have a chair. Even if you are willing to do 1 year, but optimum would be 3 years

- Worship & Music
- Stewardship & Finance
- Visitation
- Youth Leadership

St John's UCC Mickley's is looking at local churches in the area to do some collaborations - social and programming connections. We will be reaching out to them.

Pastoral / Congregational Evaluations

"Well done, good and faithful ones..."

In January and February, the Personnel Committee shared an evaluation survey for the congregation to respond in assessing the leadership of our Senior Pastor, Rev. Steve Davis. There was also a series of questions about how St. John's UCC, Fullerton shares in our role of supporting the pastor and participating in our community life.

The staff and pastoral reviews are an important part of our overall growing process of gathering important data in an ongoing basis to create a culture of exchanging ideas and needs. Valuing the efforts of what the congregation shared with the Search Committee in 2020-2021, to ultimately call a settled pastor who met the criteria we wanted and who we believe would help us best grow to be the Christian community we want to be, the Personnel Committee and Pastor Steve want to look for ways to assess and improve our collective efforts in ministry.

The Personnel Committee asked the congregation to evaluate Pastor Steve in 20 function areas scoring as follows:

Very Effective (4), Effective (3), Somewhat Effective (2), Not Effective (1), Don't Know (0) - (reduce number of responses if someone did not know).

Here are the results! We had 29 surveys turned in. Overall, Pastor Steve received a rating of 3.65 out of 4.0 average.

Leading worship in general	3.9
Preparation for worship	3.8
Preaching	3.8
Home Visitation	3.3
Hospital Visitation	3.7
Engagement in further study of Bible and theology	3.8
Stimulating others to grow as Christians	3.5
Encouraging engagement in The United Church of Christ	3.6
Conducting weddings and/or funerals	3.7
Sensitivity to member's personal needs	3.7
Responding to critique or conflict	3.4

Building a sense of community	3.8
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Work with committees and church officers	3.7
Sharing leadership with others	3.8
Honoring commitments, carrying out promises	3.7
Engaging with other religious leaders in the area	3.3
Ability to balance work and personal life	3.5
Demonstrating welcome and acceptance	3.7
Sharing his or her own spiritual journey	3.8
Interaction / Management leading of church staff	3.5

The Personnel Committee also asked the congregation to evaluate themselves as a congregation and how we are sharing our participation and support, and progressing in our ministry collectively. There were 12 function areas identified for scoring as follows:

Good (4), Fair (3), Needs Improvement (2)

We did not have an area for unknown for the congregation, which resulted in a strong rating for the congregation. We think we do a fine job, just like our Senior Pastor!

Overall, the congregation received a rating of 3.79 out of 4.0 average.

Welcoming and accepting our pastor as the unique individual he or she is	3.9
Respecting the privacy of our pastor	3.9
Providing our pastor with time off for vacation	4.0
Supporting time off for continuing education	3.9
Supporting our pastor with generating ideas and new programs	3.8
Praying for our pastor	3.7
Supporting and encouraging our pastor	3.8
Sharing leadership with our pastor	3.9
Sharing our concerns in a timely manner	3.6
Sharing our concerns in a loving manner	3.6
Reaching out to include and support our pastor's family	3.6
Supporting our pastor in times of crisis or with health concerns	3.8

What did we learn?

Of course, we wish that over the many weeks the surveys were available, more people had responded. The surveys were available online to download, and were distributed in the mailed newsletters, as well as available for the congregation in a worship bulletin and on the table display to pick up, fill out and return. There were 29 returned. That represents about 30% of the active worship body of the congregation. Pastor Steve was pleased with the number of responses for this first effort, and like the Personnel Committee, hopes more people will choose to share their evaluation in future surveys.

We learned that while growing back to a more robust ministry has many challenges, St. John's is strong and has strong pastoral leadership. The journey forward has been slower that we anticipated and returning to financial and participation health has consistently improved over the last year. Our first year in transition and coming out of our pandemic challenges created many new hurdles for us, which the pastor, leadership and congregation are all committed to improving.

We learned that ministry requires resources and one pastor can only do so much. Growing a congregation's program, ministry and outreach requires something of every person who calls St. John's their faith home. We ended 2023 with 526 members. While we have many members, only about one fourth (1/4) are actively participating in any given month. We have 68 giving units which contributed \$0.01 - \$99.99 for the year, and 251 giving units who contributed nothing at all. That may sound dismal, yet we have the vast majority of our participating and homebound members all sharing in support in some way. This is good news! Those who participate are clearly seeing the value and blessing God has brought to us and continues to create in us.

We learned that who we are has changed over the last 25 years. We have embraced a more progressive and still ever faithful outlook and approach to our faith. We believe God is still speaking in our generation as God did with those who first came together to establish St. John's. We are a United Church of Christ congregation that believes in the "big tent," with a warm and inclusive welcome, even when the issues are challenging and justice seems hard. We believe God is moving us to grow and adapt to our ever changing times with hearts of love and hope and a message that is relevant today, through the grace of the One who is the same yesterday, today and forever!

We learned that St. John's is a great place with a pastor and leaders who give their best to love and guide us into the unknown future, holding God's hand and seeking God's heart.

Our next evaluations will happen in July/August for our staff. Thereafter, the next Pastor/Congregation and Staff Evaluations will happen annually during the summer in preparation for the Fall budget preparations and recommendations by the Personnel Committee for staff compensation.

We thank you for your faithfulness in participating and celebrating who we are together!



Partnership with BAPL

Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering is seeking volunteers to partner with the Bethlehem Area Public Library to provide a starting point for those at the library who are experiencing homelessness, risk of homelessness, or who are in need of resources. Volunteers will be asked to input guest info into a software database, assist in searching for housing resources, provide information on local shelters and soup kitchens, assist guests with applying for employment, or benefits.

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-1pm (Volunteers do not need to volunteer each day. They may volunteer according to their schedule.)

If you able and willing, contact Maria Shior for further details.

mshior@bes-inc.org

Phillies Game vs Cleveland Guardians

Within a few weeks, America's favorite pastime will be upon us. If you are a baseball fan, hearing the roar of the crowd, the crack of the bat, and the clanging of the Liberty Bell when a player hits a homerun— will be music to your ears! Who wants to see a Phillies game in person?? Well, now is your chance!

Friday, July 26 will be St. John's UCC night at Citizens Bank Park. The Phillies play host to the AL Central Cleveland Guardians at 6:40pm. It is also Trea Turner Bobblehead night! There are only 25 tickets available and the cost is \$55.00 per ticket. The seats are in section 110, which is right along the first base side. The Phillies have their own Phundraising program for non-profit organizations (like St. John's), in which they will give back for tickets being sold. For every ticket we sell, we will receive \$4 back. When all tickets are sold, St. John's will receive a \$100 rebate check back. Transportation is not included - this is for tickets only. What a perfect time for people to carpool down to the game! Get there early and eat at Xfinity Live before the game! Please see Brian Strauss to sign up. Deadline to sign up is June 2nd.



Social Hour Demonstration by Michael Thomas

Michael Thomas Gutekunst will be hosting social hour with his family on April 7 in honor of his Black Belt Project for Action Karate Whitehall in the spirit of Paying it Forward.

He is inviting everyone to join us as he leads us through the Student Creed and demonstrates some basic skills like punches and kicks. He will also demonstrate a solo surprise weapon Action Kata. Please join us down in Fox Hall after worship on April 7.





Hello St. John's Walkers. The 2024 Spring Walking Challenge will begin April 20 and end May 11.

Please contact Sharon Antrim, <u>sharonantrim@yahoo.com</u> or call (610) 216-6207 to sign up. The weather will be beautiful and flowers will be blooming. This is a great way to get some exercise and enjoy the beauty of Mother Nature. You will feel so much better because the health benefits are numerous.

You can also sign up family and friends to walk with who are not members of St. John's. It's always a lot of fun to see how many steps we can do in four weeks. HAPPY STEPPING !!

> Healthcare Ministry Sharon Antrim

Spring Is Coming, And So Is Baseball!

Join us for St. John's night at the IronPigs Party Porch

Sunday, May 26, 6:35pm (Memorial Day Eve)

Cost of Tickets includes Party Porch seating for game, Buffet picnic, Soft drinks and bottled water all evening, Post-game Fireworks.

Tickets - \$39 (Same as last year). Contact Tom Moyer for reservations!

Basket Social – Donations Needed

May is fast approaching, and we need donations of baskets for our annual Basket Social. There are many themes you could choose from, some of which are the following:

Baby Items, Baking, Beauty/Spa Items, Beverages, Books, Camping, Car Care, Crafts, Gardening / Plants, Games/Toys, Grocery Gift Cards, Linens, Movie Gift Certificates, Pet Supplies, Picnic, Puzzles, Restaurant Gift Certificates, Snacks, Sports Items, Theme Park Gift Certificates



The list of ideas is endless! Monetary donations are accepted if you would like us to assemble a basket for you. Be sure to include a tag listing the items in your basket. We have room now to store the baskets, so get started and bring them into church as soon as possible. If you have any questions or plan to donate, contact our Co-Chairs: Amy Feidler, Carol Raszler, and Mike Borgman.

Reserve the dates: Saturday, May 4, 10am to 2pm Sunday, May 5, 8am to 9:30am and 10:30am to 11:30am

Tickets will be pulled at 12:00 noon on Sunday. Tickets are \$5.00 a sheet (26 tickets per sheet). Checks are payable to St. John's.

There will also be a Bake Sale on both days and baked goods are needed. Please contact our Co-Chairs if you would like to donate.

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

Spring Pastie Sale – Assortment of 15 kinds of meat, melts, and fruit pasties from \$4.25 to \$8.25. Pick-up on Apr. 25 & Apr. 28. <u>Deadline to order is Sunday, April 7</u>. Order forms on table in lounge or check website. See Carol.

Sat., May 4 & Sun. May 5 – Basket Social – Donations of baskets needed. Sat. 10:00am to 2:00pm & Sun. before and after worship. Fox Hall. Cost \$5 for sheet of 26 tickets. Bake Sale. See Amy, Carol, Mike.

Sun., May 26 - IronPigs Party Porch - 6:35pm. Cost \$39. See Tom.

Fri., June 14 – Flag Day Gift Card Bingo – Doors open 6:00pm; game begins 7:00pm. Tickets available closer to date. Wear red, white, & blue. See Tom.

Sat., June 22 – Bus Trip to Ocean City, NJ – \$45. For reservations, see Brian S.

Sat., July 13 – Block Party at Pavilion – 3:00pm to 8:00pm. Details to follow.

Fri., July 26 – Phillies vs. Cleveland Guardians – 6:40pm. \$55. Tickets only; provide your own transportation. See Brian S.

Tues., Aug. 6 - IronPigs Grandstand - 7:05pm. Cost \$13. See Carol.

Sat., Aug. 10 - Community Yard Sale - 8:00am to 2:00pm. Details to follow. See Brian S.

ShopAround Lehigh Valley Books – Cost \$25. Coupons for restaurants, businesses, and entertainment venues. Good for entire 2024. See Kathy.

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

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 on table in the lounge. See Karen.

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Amy Feidler	(610) 657- 0654	Karen Stoisits	(610) 262-0746
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Ocean City, NJ Bus Trip

St John's is going to the beach! Get your outdoor chairs, blankets, swimsuits, sun tan lotion, and walking shoes ready for a day trip to Ocean City, NJ. Perkiomen Bus Company will be picking up at our parking lot on Saturday, June 22 at 8:30am. The cost is \$45 per person. Last year, we attempted to go to the beach, but a coastal storm decided to get in our way. This year, let's hope for beautiful weather!

The bus will leave Ocean City, NJ at 7pm to return to St John's. The bus pick up and drop off will be at 13th and Boardwalk. There will be a designated time to bring your items back during the day to drop off.

There are plenty of choices of food on the boardwalk including pizza, crab fries, seafood, and ice cream! Some of the great restaurants are Manco & Manco, Three Brothers Pizzeria, Chickie & Pete's, Clancy's By the Sea, just to name a few. Want to play some mini golf or do an escape room? There are plenty of mini golf courses and escape rooms to pick from that are right on the boardwalk. Want to go shopping in town at the stores? Take a walk on Asbury Avenue to see all the different variety of shops that Ocean City, NJ has to offer. Top the day off with some delicious ice cream or taffy from Kohr's Brothers and Shriver's. If you want to research where you want to go, please visit <u>https://oceancityvacation.com/</u> <u>shopping/boardwalk</u> Please see Brian Strauss to sign up. Deadline to sign up is May 19.

FYI Ocean City, NJ charges a fee for beach tags. The cost is \$10 for a daily beach tag.



We Are Almost Done! So What's the Next Project Need?

In just a couple more months, we will complete our repayment to ourselves with our Furnace Loan Fund. As many will remember, a few years ago St. John's furnace went out and we had to replace it. Of course, that rarely ever happens when you've saved up and are ready for the expense. So, we approved using funds we had for another project to pay for the furnace, and pay ourselves back! Over the last few years, every month people have contributed using the special red border Furnace Loan Fund offering envelopes. Recently, some very generous people have donated to reduce our loan to ourselves even more.

Friends, we are almost done! We anticipate that with giving at current levels, we will completely pay off the loan this June, almost 6 months ahead of what we thought! One person recently gave \$2,000 toward the loan! THANK YOU, one and all for your generosity!

So then what's our next project need you ask? Well, there are many possibilities we could consider, and our Property Committee and Stewardship & Finance Committee will be sharing recommendations soon. One significant opportunity we have is our elevator. We recently were reminded just how important a fully functioning elevator is to our faith community.

While repairs have been made, improvements to promote the longevity of our elevator will be needed in the coming years to bring our 42-year-old elevator up to current code standards. This will require something of us all. With an aging congregation, we know how important it is for us to have access to the larger areas of our building.

Let's get ready to celebrate in June! And let's look forward now to how more of us can join in supporting funding for special projects to prepare in advance for the expenses of being a church that is open and accessible to all people.

If you're one of the many who have used the special envelopes to contribute, let us encourage you to remain in the habit and keep on giving! Before we "close out" our loan fund, we will announce our next way through which we invite your faithfulness and generosity to continue. Thank you for being a community that generously shares!

Celebrate Earth Day! Saturday, April 22

Earth Day is a day when humans everywhere take time to be grateful for this planet and the amazing natural resources we've benefited from it this far. It is also a day where we do our best to make sure future generations can continue to enjoy those resources.

Each year there is a different Earth Day theme and this year's theme is "**Planet vs. Plastic**." Plastics in landfills take up to 1,000 years to decompose. More than 300 million metric tons of plastic are produced each year, about half of which is destined to be used only once. Every minute one garbage truck's worth of plastic is dumped into our oceans. By 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean by weight. Plastic leaches toxic chemicals into our environment and food chain, exposing humans and other living creatures to harmful health risks.

We can all live with less plastic. Start small. Choose a few simple, manageable tips and then build toward a more plastic-free lifestyle. Here are a few things you can do:

- Stop using disposable plastic bottles and carry your favorite reusable tumbler instead.
- Use cloth totes at the supermarket instead of their plastic bags. Post reminders around your home and in your car so you don't forget to bring them.
- Enjoy ice cream in a cone, not a cup.
- Cut down on excess packaging by buying grains, nuts, legumes, baking ingredients, cereals, and more in bulk.
- Choose fresh produce with no packaging.
- Bring plastic bags to recycling drop-off locations. You will find containers at St. John's for you to dispose of your plastic bags.
- Try to avoid any personal care products with polyethylene listed as an ingredient.
- When ordering delivery or take-out from a restaurant, tell the restaurant you don't need plastic cutlery.

The Whitehall Food Pantry Story

Celebrating 50 Years of Service

St. John's has 20-25 volunteers who help on the fourth Monday of every month at the Whitehall Food Pantry. Volunteers include St. John's members, people from the community, and teenage students from the Whitehall-Coplay School District. The pantry is located at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 3900 Mechanicsville Road in Whitehall. Four local churches participate on a monthly basis to organize and distribute food: St. John's UCC, Fullerton; Faith Lutheran Church; St. John's UCC, Mickleys; and St. John's Lutheran Church. The Rotary Club packs "senior boxes" for our elderly patrons in the community. The pantry also collects, packs, and distributes "snack packs" for needy students in the Whitehall-Coplay School District on weekdays when the children are not in school.

The morning session runs from 9am to about 12:00 noon. Donated food may arrive from stores like Giant, Weis, Chick-Fil-A, Big Lots; from local churches in the area; from the Whitehall-Coplay School District; and from annual food drives by the Boy Scouts and the U.S. Postal Workers. 50% of the food supplies comes from Second Harvest Food Bank, a program of Community Action Lehigh Valley. Second Harvest also provides an assortment of meats, eggs, milk, cheeses, and frozen fruits, canned goods and other staples like rice and pasta

Volunteers with trucks and cars bring food to unload; canned goods are checked for expiration dates and stocked on shelves; food coming from the Giant grocery store must be weighed; boxes of produce are checked for spoilage; and vegetables and fruits are then organized; breads and baked goods are separated and placed on tables and racks.

The evening session runs from 5:30pm to about 8pm. The patrons must check in with the two Co-Directors. All patrons must have previously been qualified based on income and the number of people in the family. The pantry serves about 125 different families each month.

Our volunteers, called "cart masters" each take a grocery cart and accompany a patron to assist in the food selection process and bagging. There are several food stations: meats, dairy, frozen foods, produce, baked goods, canned goods, pasta, rice, and other staples. Our volunteers help the patrons load their cars and return the food carts to the pantry. Any baked goods that remain are taken to Casa Jeanette, another food pantry in Allentown.

The greatest rewards are knowing families have been fed; seeing smiles on patrons' faces; and receiving a heartfelt "thank you." If this story inspires you to learn more about volunteering at Whitehall Food Pantry, please contact St. John's coordinator Gary Black at <u>gary.t.black@outlook.com</u> or (484) 274-2405. Whether you can come once a month, occasionally, or for only one session, your help is always needed.



Co-Directors Doreen Wagner (right) schedules and qualifies patrons. Brenda Ringer (left) is responsible for the pantry's budget, financing, and checking in patrons.

Gary Black (right), St. John's Coordinator, weighs food coming from the Giant grocery store as another volunteer helps unload food trucks.

Lucille and Roger Schneck check expiration dates on canned goods and help stock shelves.

Amy Feidler sorts through baked goods and produce.

Karen Stoisits (left) assists with meat distribution while Charlotte Kerrigan (right) serves as a "cart master" to help patrons with food selections.

The pantry is now ready for the patrons—stocked with canned goods, staples, produce, baked goods, meats, dairy products, and much more.

God Is Still Speaking...

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

We love learning more about God and each other at St. John's! Our weekly lectionary study gives us opportunity to hear from God through the "still speaking" Word and through each other with our sharing. We welcome you to take part in this weekly time of faith formation. Maybe you're not a "Sunday School" person or don't feel like you know much about the Bible. Questions are welcomed in our study time! We laugh! We learn! We grow in our faith together! We welcome you to this time of sharing with us.

For the Easter season (March 31 - May 19) we return to the lectionary readings as our foundation readings for worship. ALL are welcome to enhance your experience by joining our weekly Verso-Chat Bible Study. Each week is it's 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



Top Seven Rejected Church Promotions

- 7. Change-the-Oil-in-the-Elevator Sunday (be sure to wear grubbies)
- 6. Musical Chairs Sunday (the congregation rotates chairs during each hymn
- 5. Grape-Juice-and-Cheeze-Whiz Sunday
- 4. No-Offerings-Will-Be-Taken Sunday
- 3. Kids-Eat-Free-Potluck Sunday
- 2. Do-It-Yourself-Worship Sunday
- 1. Bring-a-Friend-Take-Home-a-Tomato Sunday



POSITIVE, EXTRAORDINARY, ENCOURAGING, PRAYERFUL SISTERS

Chocolate and Tea with DonnaLee is the theme for our next Lady PEEPS Women's Group meeting. We will meet in Fox Hall on April 23 at 6:30pm.

DonnaLee Yeatts is a tea specialist with a passion for and in-depth knowledge of all things tea! Come to this tea party and learn how to pair tea with chocolate. There will be samplings to try along with refreshments! Enjoy a relaxing evening with St. John's ladies, and please use the elevator entrance.

Colleen Kulhamer

Don't Miss Out on Our Spring Pastie Sale

The deadline to place your order is Sunday, April 7. Our next sale won't be until late Fall. These traditional turnovers are made by hand at the Mr. Pastie bakery in Pen Argyl and come frozen. If you don't have time to cook, just pop these pasties in the oven for a quick, delicious meal.

We have two new additions this time—Philly Cheese Steak and Chicken Cordon Bleu. Prices range from \$4.25 for the fruit pasties and from \$7.25 to \$8.25 for meat, specialty, and melt pasties. Descriptions of all 15 items and prices can be found in March's newsletter.

Order forms are available on the church's website and on the table in the lounge area and can be turned into the office or given to Carol Raszler. Payment is due with your order with checks payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton. Pickup dates are Thursday, April 25, from 6pm to 8pm and Sunday, April 28, following worship in Fox Hall.

April Birthdays

If you have an upcoming birthday or notice	an omission, please update the church office.
4/1 Kevin Fox	4/15 Karen Christman
Dale Millham	Julia Gross
Rev Matthew Seeds	4/16 Ashley Venanzi
4/3 Larry Albright	4/17 Sandra Easterwood
Aiden Hannis	4/18 Crystal Schwenk
Roger Knauss	4/19 Phyllis Csaszar
4/5 Maya Williams	Craig Headman
Mark Yura	4/20Leia Stocker
4/6 Michael McNicholas	4/21Jacob Clewell
4/7 William Meckes	4/22Stephanie Hanzl
4/8Karen Moyer	4/23William Hausman
4/9 Christopher Leibensperger	4/25Geraldine Keim
4/11 Zoe Roth	4/28 Michael Kern
Olivia Weidner	4/29Shirley Downing
4/12 Maci Dovico	Archer Hunsicker
4/13Donna Held	Carson Strauss
James Tretter Sr	Jacqueline Thomas
Bonnie Weikel Sarah Young	4/30 Nicholas Bach
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April Wedding Anniversaries

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

Rev John & Charlene Hoff 4/8/72 James & Patricia Molinaro 4/8/61 Roger & Lucille Schneck 4/20/63 Todd & Sandra Heffelfinger 4/23/94





"Souper Bowl of Caring"

"Well done, good and faithful servant." ~ Matthew 25:21

Thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to this year's "Souper Bowl of Caring" campaign. Our goal initially was to have 100 cans of soup collected for the month of February, but one family responded immediately and donated all 100 cans.

Our goal was then raised to 250 cans for the month. We're happy to report that we received a total of 368 cans of soup. The Confirmation Class also participated by manning soup pots after worship on Super Bowl Sunday and \$245 was collected from the congregation. All the soup cans and the monetary contributions were given to the Whitehall Food Pantry.





Whitehall Food Pantry

For the month of April, we are collecting macaroni and cheese, boxes of rice, jelly, pancake mix, and cereal. Any other nonperishable food items are always welcome. 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 online or by text. For more information, contact Gary Black at <u>gary.t.black@outlook.com</u> or (484) 274-2405. Be sure to read the article and pictures in this newsletter about what our volunteers do at the food pantry.

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 4pm to 6:30pm, dine-in only. The host churches are as follows:

Date	Church	Address	Phone
Sunday, April 7	St. John's Lutheran Church	835 Third St, Whitehall	(610) 533-1357
Tuesday, April 16	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church	618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall	(610) 266-0695
Sunday, May 5	Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church	3355 MacArthur Rd., Whitehall	(610) 435-0451
Tuesday, May21	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church	4331 Main St., Whitehall	(610) 730-3184

Update on Other Mission Outreaches

If you would like to make a contribution to the General Disaster Relief Fund, you can find special offering envelopes on the table in the lounge area and place them in the offering plate or mail to the church office or give online or by text.

January and February donations totaling \$70.00 were sent to UCC National for Middle East Support.

We will continue to receive contributions for One Great Hour of Sharing to the end of March. Simply send your donation into the church office or place it in the offering plate or give online or by text.

Mission	Feb. 2024	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
Our Church's Wider Mission	\$ 951.00	\$2,375.00	\$1,089.00	\$2,755.50
Whitehall Food Pantry	\$ 190.00	\$ 415.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 375.00
Souper Bowl of Caring	\$ 245.00	\$ 245.00	N/A	N/A
Disaster Relief Fund – Ukraine	-0-	\$ 110.00	\$ 480.00	N/A
Disaster Relief Fund — Middle East Support	\$ 20.00	\$ 70.00	N/A	N/A
Disaster Relief Fund – Unspecified	-0-	\$ 10.00	N/A	N/A

How did St. John's Family do?

Mission Outreach giving for February totaled \$1,406.00 and is now at \$3,225.00 YTD.

Thank You Notes

Dear St. John's UCC,

Thank you, on behalf of the Lehigh Conference of Churches, for your recent contribution of \$794.56 to support our neighbors in need. For over 65 years, we have brought together area faith organizations like yours to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable while building partnerships and fostering unity. With you, we can carry out the work of God well beyond our collective walls, providing housing, hope, and healing to those who need it most. This most generous gift allows us to continue our work with more than 14,000 individuals and families in the Lehigh Valley living in poverty. The Conference is most grateful for your support.

> Faithfully, Pastor Genie Watson Ecumenical Associate Lehigh Conference of Churches

(Note: St. John's contribution to LCC came from a portion of the 10% tithing of fundraising sales in 2023.)



Bobby Sun Ray



Every now and then, a ray of sunshine brightens the day and warms the heart. It is the hope of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit at the Early Intervention location, that a new Labrador pup with a heart as golden as his fur, will not only represent a cute addition to the CLIU, but also symbolize the continuity of values and spirit of unity that defines their workplace.



What makes Bobby Sun Ray even more special, is this playful 7-month-old Golden Labrador pup is named in honor of esteemed former Board President of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, Bob Bold! Bobby Sun Ray is bringing a breath of fresh air and joy to the workplace with his playful antics and wagging tail, uplifting spirits and reminding everyone of the positive energy we bring to our work and mission in public education.

St. John's UCC, Fullerton, acknowledges Bob Bold for sponsoring this newsletter and celebrates his work for the CLIU education community! Congratulations Bob and welcome to Bobby Ray!



St Johns UCC Fullerton - Statement of Finances Feb 2024

Income	Electronic	2/4/2024	2/11/2024	2/18/2024	2/25/2024		Total
Offerings for Operating	¢6 210 46	¢2 020 E2	\$1.748.00	¢2 424 00	¢1 202 00		¢16 604 0
Expenses Rental IncomeGross	\$6,310.46	\$3,830.53	\$1,740.00	\$3,434.00	\$1,302.00		\$16,624.9
Fundraising IncomeNet of Exp			\$19.30	\$2,580.00 \$(374.57)	\$496.50		\$2,580.0 \$141.2
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Flowers		\$125.00	\$97.00	\$83.00	\$183.00	· · · · ·	\$488.0
Christian Education	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$65.00	\$15.00	\$10.00		\$110.0
Special Gifts	ψ10.00	\$10.00	ψ00.00	ψ10.00	\$350.00		\$350.0
Total	\$6,320.46	\$3,965.53	\$1,929.30	\$5,737.43	\$2,341.50	\$-	\$20,294.22
Expense Summary			Actual		Budget		Difference
Pastoral Services		\$10,21			793.00		73.09)
Staff Salaries & Expense		\$8,86			377.00		9.90)
Property		\$4,30			511.00		93.15
Parish Programs		\$2,37			29.50		42.13
Total		\$25,76	52.79	\$25,	410.50	\$3	52.29
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		Total Income	\$20,294.22	\$43,042.87			
	E	Total xpenses	\$25,762.79	\$49,457.87			
		Net	\$(5,468.57)	\$(6,415.00)			
Mission Giving, Feb 2024	-						
Our Churches Wider Mission		\$951	00				
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Saturday	6 8:30am Men's breakfast: Hamilton Family Restaurant 9:30am Zumba class: Fox Hall	13 9:30am Zumba class: Fox Hall	20 9:30am Zumba class: Fox Hall	27 9:30am Zumba class: Fox Hall	