

St. John's UCC, Fullerton

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**We Worship, We Love, We Serve –
No Matter What!**

**Receiving and Welcoming
New Persons in Covenant**

**November 13, 2022
8:15 am & 10:45 am**

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

The Order of Worship

~ We Worship ~

*** Those who are comfortably able, please stand**

*Welcome to St. John's UCC, Fullerton! We are a place where love can grow!
As the music begins, please find your place and begin
to center your spirit for our worship of God together*

Prelude

Elegy

Jason Krug

Bells of St. John's

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

~ Nov. 20, Fall Congregational Meeting at 9:30

~ Nov. 23, Celebrating Pastor Dave Quinn 5:30 Potluck
and 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

~Abigail Goldfarb, Executive Director, Lehigh Valley
Conference of Churches

*Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

*Call to Worship

From UCC Worship Ways

One: Steadfast One, there is no wavering in you.

All: We come boldly, yet uncertain and unsure.

One: Fountain of truth, you reveal what is true and what
is not.

**All: You help us to see and hear so we'll know which road
to travel.**

One: Eternal Wisdom, your mind and heart are stayed on
loving us.

**All: We set our hearts and minds to love ourselves and
others, the way that you do.**

*Opening Hymn:#6

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Verses 1 & 2

Prayer of Confession

From UCC Worship Ways

One: Source of Grace, we confess that at times we can be indecisive, wavering, and even suspicious concerning you. Yet, you are loving toward us even when we are not. We know that you are trustworthy, so we yield our doubts to you.

All: **You are persistent in extending grace toward us because your compassion is ever-expanding. Thank you for this moment of transformation. We give you thanks for wholeness. Amen.**

(Time for Silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

One: God is unwavering in mercy, and because we come from God, we know God's grace is sufficient no matter our condition.

All: **Grace and mercy are extensions of God's steadfast love and are present for us and in us. Amen.**

(10:45) Children's Message

(10:45) Hymn

You Lord are Both Lamb and Shepherd
Verses 1 & 2

Hymn found on Pg. 3

Our Connection with the Lehigh Valley Conference of Churches

Abigail Goldfarb, Executive Director

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 22

1 You, Lord, are both lamb and shep - herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

prince and slave. You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry.

of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 Wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you, who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: French carol; arr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978

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PICARDY

***Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 12:1-2
(8:15) Michael Gravely
(10:45) Linda Powell

*Please stand in body or in spirit for the reading of God's Word.

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Rev Davis
Heart of Thanks - I Will Give Thanks

Special Music

Will the Circle Be Unbroken
Tony Alonso
Jubilation Choir

~ We Love ~

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Davis

God of many names, in faith we name these persons and needs before you, trusting you to bring your peace, healing and hope to people and circumstances. Hear our prayers for...

We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus, the Christ, whose heart of love and grace draws us together to pray, saying...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Praise Response

All That We Have
Gary Ault

*All That we Have, and all that we offer, comes from a heart
both frightened and free; take what we bring now and give
what we need. All done in His name.*

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings to God



Thank you for your generosity and
faithfulness in
supporting the ministry of
St. John's UCC!

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Prayer of Dedication

Adapted from UCC Worship Ways

One: Divine One, receive our gifts in the love we give them.
Thank you for blessing us with gifts to share, so the needs
of your people can be met.

**All: We offer our gifts with made-up minds. May what we
give be used to facilitate wholeness for all. Amen.**

~ We Serve ~

Celebration of Baptism – Jeremy Broгна

Receiving of New Persons in Covenant Relationship

Affirmations and Welcome

Clarence and Dorothea Biehn, Jeremy Broгна, Philip (Phil) and
Michele Ann (Shelly) Robinson, Christopher Rowe,
Helen Ryer

Leader: Let us, the members of St. John's United Church of Christ, Fullerton, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Congregation: We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

***Hymn #438**

It Is Well With My Soul
Verses 1 & 4

***The Benediction**

Rev. Davis

When the altar candles have been extinguished, our time of worship is concluded and our service in the world continues.

The Benediction and Postlude send us out to be the people of God in our community.

Postlude

Rondeau
David Lasky

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In Our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill or are in our area hospitals: Richard Baatz, Carl Case, Shirley Downing, Milton Focht, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Ginny Hess, Ted Hess, Geraldine Keim, Alan Miller, Karen Moyer, Eleanor O'Donnell, Jack Ohl, Joey Raszler, Charleah Sandt, Marietta Seyfried, Madeline Slivka, Cheryl Weaver and Nancy Weaver.

We continue to pray for all those serving in our nation's military and for their families for their sacrifices on behalf of our freedom.

If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital, tell them you are a member of St. John's or use the church code, 473.

If you have someone for us to remember in prayer, please contact the church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

2 vases in memory of Ray Gilbert by his family

1 vase in loving memory of Robert DeMilio

by the DeMilio family

2 vases in loving memory of our grandparents, Myrtle and Harvey E.

Saylor's, wedding anniversary on November 11, 1916. From
granddaughters Audrey Hoffert and Sandy Koch

NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following people into our family of faith:
Clarence and Dorothea Biehn, Jeremy Broгна, Philip and Michele
Robinson, Christopher Rowe, Helen Ryer

Attendance - November 6

Onsite - 8:15 - 39 10:45 - 81 Total Onsite - 120 Online - 23

Serving in Worship Leadership

November 13

Ushers 8:15 - Marion DeMillio & Karen Stoitsits

10:45 - Sharon Czekner & Bob Czekner

Worship Tech 8:15 - Bill Castello

10:45 - Bill Castello & Elijah Fox

November 20

Ushers 8:15 - Karen Stoitsits & Cindy Reck

10:45 - Robert Knauss & Margaret Young

Worship Tech 8:15 - Bill Castello

10:45 - Bill Castello & Elijah Fox

NOV. 20TH FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT 9:30

We will gather in the sanctuary for our Fall Congregational Meeting. ALL MEMBERS are eligible to vote on our proposed 2023 budget and our Consistory leadership, new elder and deacons (information sent to all by mail). Please plan to attend.

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

Your donations can be made any time with same day reconciliation with your bank. Recurring contributions can be scheduled weekly, twice monthly or monthly. We hope this helps us all share our gifts consistently and with ease.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

NOVEMBER 2022

| Overall | |
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| Overall Target | 22,500.00 |
| Overall Total | 5,654.60 |
| Overall Percent | 25.1% |

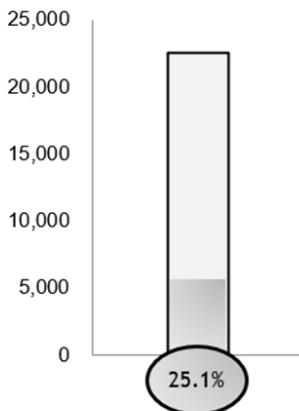
| Last Week | |
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| Start: | 11/6/22 |
| End: | 11/12/22 |
| Total: | 3,232.30 |

Amt need to reach Target

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| NOVEMBER 2022 | 16,845.40 |
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Progress

□ Overall Target
■ Overall Total



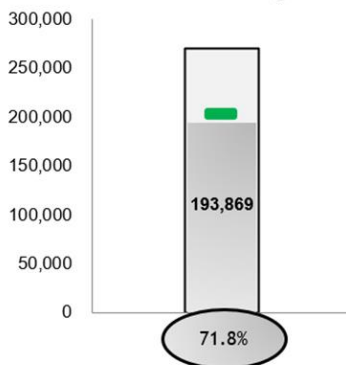
YTD OFFERINGS

NOVEMBER 2022

| Overall | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Overall Target | 270,000.00 |
| On Track Target | 202,500.00 |
| Overall Total | 193,868.97 |
| Overall Percent | 71.8% |

Progress

□ Overall Target
■ Overall Total
— On Track Target



WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

We are now collecting **boxes of stuffing or filling** mix for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays as well as monetary donations towards gift certificates to purchase turkeys. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary where you can place your donations.

SHARING OUR CARE AND SUPPORT

The Visitation Committee is looking for new members! Some members visit the Homebound, others minister with cards and phone calls. The Committee is also putting together Christmas gift bags for our homebound members; there will be an envelope in the upcoming newsletter. Your monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

GRIEF SUPPORT ~ HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

If you are grieving the death of a loved one, you are invited to attend a grief support group at Asbury UM Church, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown. The group meets the 4th Tuesday monthly at 1pm in the upper level Parlor and is led by Rev. Evelyn Stupp, Asbury's Pastor of Bereavement and Care Ministries. Please contact her at estupp@asburylv.org or 610-428-9095 for more details and to indicate your interest. The next gathering for support is **Tuesday, Nov. 22.**

HONORING & FAREWELL TO PASTOR DAVE QUINN

Save the Date! Wednesday, November 23

5:30pm Potluck Meal in Fox Hall

7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship



The Consistory invites all to help us honor Pastor Dave Quinn as he leaves us as our Visitation Pastor after over 6 years. We want to celebrate his gifts of leadership, care and friendship with us by sharing CARDS and by CONTRIBUTING to a financial gift of blessing.

Join us as we give thanks for Pastor Dave and his ministry with us and wish him well as he continues to serve two congregations as pastor. We will join in our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7:00pm and Pastor Dave will share the evening message as we share our thanks together.

HAPPY FRIENDSGIVING

The Lady PEEPS Women's Group will be celebrating Friendsgiving Day on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 PM in Fox Hall. Ladies, come join us as we spend a relaxing evening together playing games, making an easy art project and growing friendships. Refreshments will be served. Please use the elevator entrance to join us and I will see you there!

OPERATION SANTA

You can find the Mitten Tree at the rear of the sanctuary. Please remove a mitten if you wish to make a monetary contribution for seniors at Phoebe Ministries (red mitten) and/or children and teens at Valley Youth House (yellow mitten). From your donations, gifts will be purchased by the staff at both locations. **Deadline is Sunday, November 27.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR SERVICE OF THE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 18th, St. John's will be holding our first ever Service of the Nativity. Volunteers to help with the event are needed. We are looking for volunteers and families to assist with the following: Ushers (4 total-help with programs, candles, lighting of candles, cleanup); Readers for the Service (currently have two, three more are needed); Lighters of the Advent Candles (done on the beginning of the service) (families, friends-4 total); Volunteers to help make goodies for fellowship to follow the service.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information on how to become involved with this wonderful service, please contact Patrick Sandt at Sjfmusic@sjuccf.org or through phone at 484-241-0250. Please consider becoming involved with this beautiful new service for the Christmas season!

UKRAINE RELIEF FUND - THE NEED CONTINUES

Your contributions so far have helped with Ukrainian relief by giving to UCC National, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, Project HOPE, and World Central Kitchen. **For the month of November, any funds received will go to Project HOPE.** Be sure to note that your contribution is for "Ukraine Relief Fund." Special offering envelopes, along with yellow and blue lapel pins showing your support can be found on the table in the lounge area by the sanctuary.

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 December 3 at 8:30 am. 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 at QVRRBold@aol.com.

Church Calendar for the Week of Nov 13 - Nov 20, 2022

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| Sun, 11/13 | 8:15 am | Worship Service |
| | 9:30 am | Faith Formation/Confirmation Class |
| | 10:45 am | Worship Service |
| | | Newsletter deadline |
| Mon, 11/14 | 6:00 pm | Bells of St. John's |
| | 7:00 pm | Jubilation Choir |
| Tues, 11/15 | 1:30 pm | Staff Meeting |
| | 6:00 pm | Elders |
| | 7:00 pm | Consistory |
| Wed, 11/16 | 9:00 am | Verso Chat |
| | 6:30 pm | Zumba |
| | 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| Thurs, 11/17 | 7:00 pm | Worship and Music |
| Sun, 11/20 | 8:15 am | Worship Service |
| | 9:30 am | Congregational Meeting |
| | 10:45 am | Worship Service |

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