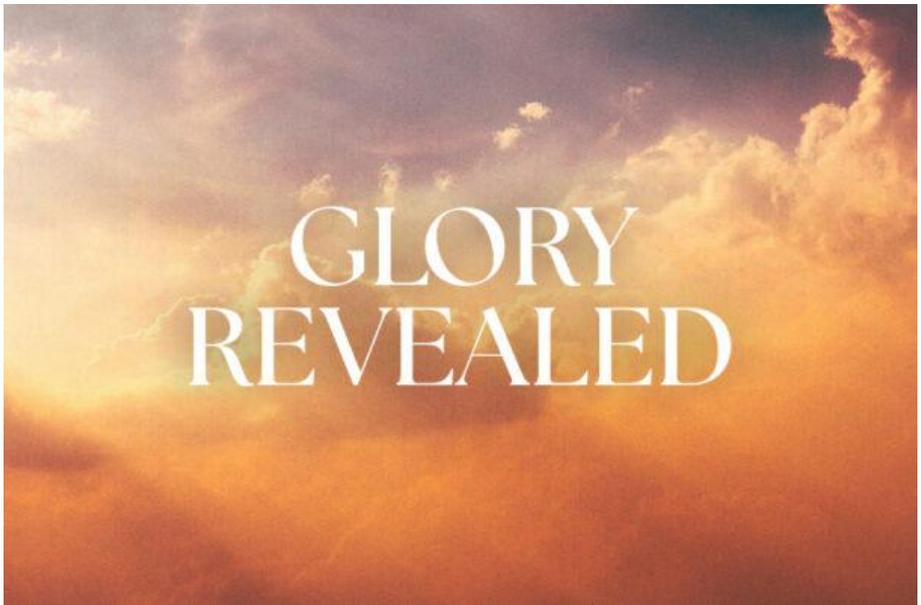


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***We Worship, We Love, We Serve
– No Matter What!***



February 15, 2026

**Transfiguration Sunday
9:30am**

We Worship

Welcome to St. John's UCC, Fullerton!

*We are proudly an Open & Affirming (ONA) Congregation
of the Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ!*

You are WELCOME HERE!

Our Offering is received as we gather for worship, with plates located on pedestals at the back. We graciously accept your gifts of praise and gratitude to God, to be presented during the service. While guests are welcome to contribute, please know there is no obligation; the financial support of our church is primarily the responsibility of our congregation members.

Sunday Social is a time to gather for light refreshments and connection time, to visit, make new friends and build relationships. Join us in Fox Hall following worship each Sunday, hosted by various congregants and groups.

Children's Faith Formation begins in the early part of our worship service in the sanctuary, including the Children's Message. Parents are asked to accompany their child if they are at the kids' table in the back. On Communion Sundays the children remain in the worship service.

Hymnal Abbreviations

WR—Worship and Rejoice NC—New Century Hymnal
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Observing Black History Month this February

This week marked the beginning of Black History Month. This month is about so much more than t-shirts or slogans. We celebrate the valuable contributions of Black Americans while making space to recognize the oppressive systems and ongoing discrimination that continue to affect underserved communities of color throughout Pennsylvania and the nation.

Black History Month this year is more important than ever. While many in power try to erase the experiences of Black Americans, this month is a reminder: from the beginning, Black Americans have been uniquely oppressed and discriminated against, but despite it all, Black culture has made a mark on American society that can't be removed.

Throughout history, Black Americans have been targets of violence, ignorance, and lies. In the last decade, we are once again seeing racist and oppressive systems designed to harm our community be propped up by national and state leaders. As the Church, we are demanding change, as leaders, and congregations commit to building a future that works for all.

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

We are proud to you say... “You are... **Welcome Here!**

Please “check in” on Facebook and “Like” and “Subscribe” to the St. John’s YouTube channel and help us share hope in our area.

- Ash Wednesday (Lent) February 18, Ash & Dash, 8-9am / 4-5pm with 6pm Soup & Bread meal and 7pm Worship
- Wednesday Evenings in Lent – 6pm Soup & Bread meals signups, and devotional series, Mary’s Way of the Cross
- Fun-Raising Opportunities – Hoagies, Pasties, Phantoms Hockey Game, Gift Card Bingo, Joshua Trip and more!

*Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Music to Prepare our Hearts for Worship

Faithfulness

Arranged by Todd Beaney

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

One: Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor, there is a glory rising, born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us.

All: **A light that shines through the clouds, an invitation seeking all of who we are that transfigures the world.**

One: This light transforms darkness into hope and brings life from a cross, where old life ends and new life is born.

All: **In glory, Jesus meets us here raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain, carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heavens glory.**

One: Let us worship from the mountain and together proclaim:

All: **“This is God’s Son, God’s Chosen; we will listen to him!”**

*Opening Hymn: **WR #598** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Verses 1 and 2

Prayer of Confession and Response Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

One: Standing in the light of Christ, we see the shadows hidden in hearts. Let us tell the truth about ourselves, trusting in God's grace, that we might receive mercy and be renewed, first in silent prayer.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

All: **Holy God, we confess that you have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world, yet we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us. Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid. May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.**

Sung Response

Choir, All

Call to Confession for Epiphany

Riko Watanabe

♩ = 72
First time Choir, then All ² ³ ⁴

Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy on us

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Assurance of Forgiveness Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

One: You are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased.
You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved.

All: **We are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away; may we see that everything is becoming new and go forth to share the good news of God's love. Thanks be to God!**

Children's Message

Rev. Davis & Samantha Kistler

Children and youth are welcome to come up to the chancel steps.

Hymn: WR #319

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Verses 1 and 2

*Scripture Reading

Scripture Reader: Dewey Yeatts

Exodus 24: 12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God.

To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.

Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17: 1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Glory Revealed: God's Beloved

Song of Praise: WR #502

Be Thou My Vision
Verses 1, 2, and 3

We Love

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People
(Requests shared from the entry table basket)

Rev. Davis &
Samantha Kistler

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**

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**

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

All: Radiant God, let these offerings be more than habit. Let them reflect the light of Christ we have glimpsed on the mountaintop and the hope we carry into the valleys below. Use them — and us — to shine your love where shadows linger, until all your beloved children know they are seen, named, and cherished. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

We Serve

***Closing Hymn: NC # 182** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*
Verses 1 and 3

***The Benediction**

Rev. Davis

***Postlude**

Fanfare on Hydrodol
Arranged by Noel Rawesthrone

Attendance – February 8

Onsite 89 Online – 39

Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule

8:15am Friendship Class

9:30am Worship/Faith Formation: Holy Moly

10:30am Sunday Social

Transfiguration Sunday, February 15

Lectionary Readings

Exodus 24:12-18 and Psalm 2 or Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16-21 and Matthew 17:1-9

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: DonnaLee Yeatts

Scripture Reader: Dewey Yeatts

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Altar Guild: Charlotte Kerrigan

Greeters: Pam Repetz and Jackie Maxon

Ushers: Tom and Emilie Moyer

Ash Wednesday, February 18

Lectionary Readings

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 51:1-17 and 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

Scripture Reader: Tyler Shankweiler

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Greeters and Ushers: Kirby Hower, Charlotte Kerrigan, Linda Powell,

Dewey Yeatts

First Sunday in Lent, February 22

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 and Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19 and Matthew 4:1-11

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Joy Gravely

Scripture Reader: Sherri Gangewere

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Altar Guild: Cindy Reck

Greeters: Aubrey Funches and Constance Arnold

Ushers: Carole O'Connell and Wayne Lichtenwalner

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill, in our area hospitals, or otherwise in need of prayer: Phyllis Ambearle, Gracie Arnold, Margaret and Richard Baatz, Christina Bach, Sherry Castello (Bill's mom), Rob Czekner, Marion DeMilio, Janet and Jim Ebert, Sally Gibson, Sandy Glass and Tracey Glass, Mike Gravely, Donna Held, Rev. John Hoff and Charlee Hoff, Ray and JoAnn Hower, Geraldine Keim, Mary Jane Kistler, Dawn Luckenbill, Jean McGonigle, Karen Moyer, Molly Nicholas, Eleanor and Joe O'Donnell, Elaine Parsons, Joey Raszler, Rebecca Schneck, Bert Smith, Leona Snyder, Lori Stocker, Barry Stephens and Rev. Becca Stephens, Martha Strauss, and George Williams.

Continued prayers for those in our military, especially Dominic DeMilio, Kaden Rossanese, and Nathan Unger.

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.** To add someone to our prayer list please contact the Church Office.

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICES

If inclement weather requires cancellation of Sunday services, notices will be on Channel 69 news or www.wfmz.com/weather/stormcenter.

GRIEF SUPPORT ~ HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

If you're grieving the loss of a loved one, you are invited to attend a monthly daytime grief support group at Asbury UMC, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown. Rev. Evelyn Stupp, Asbury's Pastor of Bereavement and Care Ministries, leads the group. For more information and to indicate your interest in attending, please contact her at estupp@asburylv.org or 610-428-9095.

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND: "JOSHUA"

Wednesday, June 3, 2026. Bus leaves St. John's at 8am for 11am show. After the show we will enjoy a lunch buffet at Yoder's restaurant in nearby New Holland, PA. Cost of trip, including chartered bus, downstairs theater tickets, lunch buffet, and tips is \$150 per person. (Children may be a little cheaper.) Because we need to know how many are interested in this trip, we ask that you make your reservations ASAP. Please include a \$75 deposit with each reservation, and give to Tom Moyer or Carol Raszler.

APPLEBEES BURGERS FOR A CAUSE

Now available! Applebee's burger gift cards are good for any burgers on their menu (Some cost over \$17.00), for the price of \$10 per card. The certificates never expire, and are good at Applebee's in our area. They make great stocking stuffers! See Carol Raszler or Tom Moyer to purchase these certificates.

GIANT, WEIS, REDNER'S

Buy Giant and Weis gift cards and the church receives 5% back. Also good for purchasing gas. You can get your gift cards from the office or by seeing Tom Moyer & Carol Raszler every Sunday. Save the register tapes from Redner's and the church receives 1% back. A collection jar for the tapes is on the table in the lounge area or see Karen Stoitsits.

Please do not roll the Redner's tapes and do not include other stores' receipts.

“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING” WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

Because of the recent snowstorms, we've extended our canned soup drive for “Souper Bowl of Caring” to February 22. Our goal is to receive 250 cans of soup for the food pantry. Any other food donations as well as monetary donations are always welcome. **Please bring your cans of soup and place them on the shelves in the coatroom next to the sanctuary.** For more information or to volunteer on the 4th Monday of the month, contact Gary Black at (484) 274-2405 or email at gary.t.black@outlook.com.

PASTIE SALE

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 13 selections to choose from. Order forms can be found on the table in the lounge area, in the January newsletter, or on the church's website. **Pickup is either Thursday, April 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or on Sunday, April 12, after worship down in Fox Hall.** If you have any questions, see Carol Raszler. **Deadline to place your order is Sunday, March 1.**

LEHIGH VALLEY SAVEAROUND BOOKS 2025

This coupon book, good for all of 2025, contains discount offers for restaurants, hotels, car rentals, entertainment venues, amusement parks, clothing, food, and much more. Cost is \$25 per book. A sample copy is on display in the lounge area. See Carol Raszler to make your purchase.

HOAGIE FUNDRAISER

St. John's is excited to kick off our first-ever Hoagie Fundraiser, running January 11th through February 22nd! This is a delicious way to support St John's while enjoying fresh, made-to-order food from Island Expressions. Whether you're grabbing lunch for yourself, feeding the family, or ordering for work, every purchase helps make a difference.

The sign-up sheet for the hoagie fundraiser will be on the red bulletin board in the back of the church with all the other announcements. Payment is due at the time you order the hoagies. Please hand the payment to either Michelle Guntekunst, Amy Feidler, or Brian Strauss. The last day to order hoagies will be February 22nd. The hoagies will be delivered to the church on March 6th during the day from Island Expressions, and pick-up time is from 4 pm until 7 pm.

PHANTOMS HOCKEY

Hey, St. John's, who is ready for an afternoon on the ice? Do you want to see the Phantoms Hockey team in action? Phantoms are playing WBS Penguins. Location: PPL Center Time: 3pm. Day: Sunday March 8th. Cost: \$28.00 per ticket. Section 121. Come and have a fun afternoon with fellow St. John's Member's!! If you are interested in going please email me your name, phone number, and how many tickets you need. My email address is brianfish2001@yahoo.com. Phone: 610-762-1134, Thanks, Brian Fisher.

GIFT CARD BINGO

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

20 Chances to win Gift Cards

Worth \$50 or more!

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM TOM MOYER,
OR THE CHURCH OFFICE - \$20 OR \$25 AT THE DOOR**

We are looking for the following donations to help make this evening a success:

Sponsor a game, \$50

Tricky Tray Prize- Something new, or gift cards (\$20-\$30 range)

Hot dogs

Bottled water

Baked goods

JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING OF FUN!!

PEEPS MEETING

The Lady PEEPS (Women's Group) will meet on **Tuesday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m.** in Fox Hall. Please contact Regi Mohr at 610-390-0872 to learn more about PEEPS.

SNOW REMOVAL HELP

For those who asked about helping with snow safety, if you would like to make a donation towards snow removal, or purchase Blue Heat ice melt, (which is what we use for our sidewalks and steps), either would be appreciated! Special offering envelopes can be found in the pews and on the back table.



Keystone Conference Open and Affirming

WINTER GATHERING

MARCH 7, 2026

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FROM THE LOVE OF GOD"**



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if that works
best for you!**

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**Email Steve Roush at
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DETAILS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

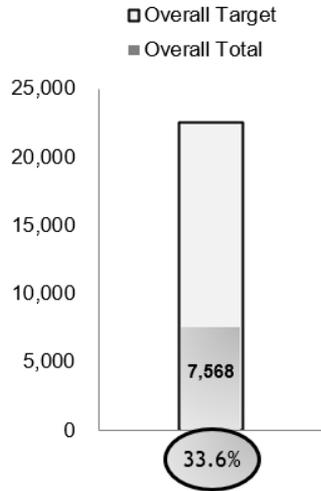
FEBRUARY 2026

Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	7,568.20
Overall Percent	33.6%

Last Week	
Start:	2/8/26
End:	2/14/26
Total:	2,061.00

Amt needed to reach Target	
FEBRUARY 2026	14,931.80

Progress

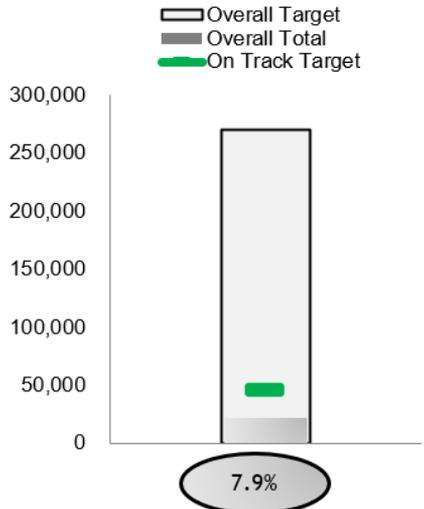


YTD OFFERINGS

FEBRUARY 2026

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	45,000.00
Overall Total	21,375.20
Overall Percent	7.9%

Progress



**CHURCH CALENDAR
FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 22**

Sun 2/15	8:15 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Adult Faith Formation Friendship Class Worship Faith Formation for Children Social Hour
Mon 2/16	6:00 pm	Office Closed – President’s Day Fun-Raising Committee
Tues 2/17	9:00 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	Newsletter collating Community of Practice PEEPS
Wed 2/18	8-9 am 9:00 am 12 noon 4-5 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Ash and Dash Verso Chat Lectionary Study Painting Group Ash and Dash Dinner Painting Group Ash Wednesday service SAA Recovery Group
Thurs 2/19	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bell Choir Zumba Choir
Fri 2/20	5:00 pm	St. George Church School
Sat 2/21	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun 2/22	8:15 am 9:30 am 9:30 am	Adult Faith Formation Friendship Class Worship Faith Formation for Children Last day to order hoagies

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