

St. John's UCC, Fullerton

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



July 21, 2024
9th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30am Worship

We Worship

Welcome to St. John's UCC, Fullerton!

*We are proudly an Open & Affirming (ONA) Congregation
of the Penn NE Conference 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.*

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

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

- Backpacks and School Supplies for WCSD – Drive-By Saturday, July 20, 10am-12pm in the Pavilion parking lot
- Community Yard Sale – Saturday, August 10
8am - 2pm at the Pavilion.
- “Many Hands Make Light Work!” Saturday, August 17
9am-12pm, FLOWERBED CLEAN-UP DAY
- 5G Connection – New Members Class (2 Sessions)
Session 1 - W/Th Aug. 21 (11am) OR 22 (7pm) and
Session 2 - S/M Aug. 25 (11am) OR 26 (7pm)
all 4 on Zoom
- Lehigh Valley Pride – August 18, 2-7pm
Bethlehem Steel Stacks – PNEC Volunteers needed

***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

Sarabande-Arr. by Jason Krug
Patrick Sandt, Director of Music

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Nancy Bowman

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock

One: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

All: **Come! Let us worship!**

One: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

All: **Come! Let us worship!**

One: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

All: **Come! Let us worship!**

One: So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

All: **Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Verses 1 and 2

found on page 3 of the bulletin

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Nancy Bowman

One: O God, the rock of our salvation, your faithfulness is as constant as the north star. But your holiness frightens us—for the justice of your love brings judgment on our lives. Like David before us, we would rather build you a temple and keep you safely in one place than have you move about with us in a tabernacle and be everywhere we go.

All: **Like the psalmist, we would rather shout the certainty of your favor, a favor as predictable as the rising sun and moon, than face the possibility that our peace may come, not through strength of arms, but through the love of a shepherd for the lost sheep of our world.**

(Time for silent prayer.)

Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

John M. Neale


Henry T. Smart

B \flat B \flat /F F/E \flat B \flat /D E \flat B \flat /D Gm




Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion. Christ the head nad
To this tem-ple, where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of
Here vouch-safe to all Thy ser-vants What they ask of
Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther; Laud and hon-or

4 F/A F 7 B \flat B \flat Gm/D D



cor-ner-stone, Cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious,
hosts, to-day. With ac-cus-tomed lov-ing kind-ness
Thee to gain, What they gain from Thee for-ev-er
Laud and hon-or to the Spir-it;

7 Gm D 7 Gm F/C C 7 F F 7



Bind-ing all the Church in one. Ho-ly Zi-on's
Hear Thy peo-ple as they pray, And Thy full-est
With the bless-ed to re-tain. And here-af-ter
Ev-er Three and ev-er One. One in might and

10 B \flat E \flat Cm B \flat /D Cm/E \flat Gm F(sus 4) F 7 B \flat



help for ev-er, And her con-fi-dence a-lone.
ben-e-dic-tion Shed with-in its walls al-way.
in Thy glo-ry Ev-er-more with Thee to reign.
One in glo-ry While un-end-ing a-ges run.

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Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Nancy Bowman

One: In Christ:

All: We are citizens with the saints as members of the household of God.

One: In Christ:

All: We are built spiritually into a holy temple of the Lord, a dwelling place for God. Thanks be to God, Amen.

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Verses 1 and 3

found on page 5 of the bulletin

Children's Message

Rev. Steve Davis

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

VBS Kids Singing!

God With Us

Praise Him

Great Things

Scripture Reading:

VBS Daily Verses

Luke 1:37, Isaiah 43:1

John 14:2, Psalm 122:1, Galatians 5:13

Reader: Carol O'Connell

**Please rise as you are able 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. Steven Davis

**Hometown Nazareth!
Where Jesus Was a Kid!**

Special Music and Dance

In Jesus Name (God of Possible)

by Katy Nichole

Maya Williams

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 440

1 Sav - ior, like a Shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2 We are thine, do thou be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre-pare:
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos-oms fill:

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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WORDS: Attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847); *Hymns for the Young*, 1836
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

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We Love

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

Rev. Davis

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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**

*Praise God
Melody: Duke Street*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God, above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist: Nancy Bowman

**All: Holy God, as we share our gifts, may we be reminded of
your unwavering faithfulness and steadfast guidance in
our lives. Grant us the wisdom to heed your call to**

worship and live out our faith with humility and grace.
Amen

We Serve

***Sending Forth**

This is a Day of New Beginnings
Verses 1,2,3, and 4

found on page 8 of the bulletin

***Benediction**

Rev. Davis

***Postlude**

Give Thanks Unto God—Arr. by Michael Ryan
Patrick Sandt, Director of Music

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.

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Our Summer Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule

8:30am Adult Faith Formation – First Sunday of the month

- Friendship Sunday School Class

9:30am Children’s Faith Formation – First Sunday of the month

9:30 Worship Service

- with Sunday Social time following worship

Attendance – July 14

Onsite – 76 Online – 18

Serving in Worship Leadership

July 21

Liturgist – Nancy Bowman Scripture Reader – Carole O’Connell

Worship Tech – Bill Castello

Social Hour – Bob Bold and Joan Phillips

Ushers – Karen Stoitsits and Kim Hillegass

July 28

Liturgist – Kay Christ Scripture Reader – Barbara Menges

Worship Tech – Bill Castello

Social Hour – LeeAnn Lopez and Nancy Keister

Ushers – Carole O’Connell and Pamela Repetz

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Unison

1 This is a day of new be - gin-nings, time to re - mem - ber
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, love's might-y Spir - it,
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the past and
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and share what
 *4 In faith we'll gath - er round the ta - ble to taste and share what

and move on, time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 now as then, can make for us a world of dif - ference,
 leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
 love can do. This is a day of new be - gin - nings;
 love can do. This is a day of new be - gin - nings;

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.
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*Alternate text for Holy Communion

WORDS: Brian Wren (1936-)
 MUSIC: Carlton R. Young (1926-)Words © 1983, 1987 Hope Publishing Company
 Music © 1987 Hope Publishing CompanyBEGINNINGS
 9.8.9.8.

In Our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill, in our area hospitals, or otherwise in need of prayer:

Larry Albright, Phyllis Ambearle, Grace Arnold, Margaret and Richard Baatz, Clarence and Dorothea Biehn, Rick Borgman, Joe Catalini, Margaret and Mike Davis, Samuel, Nick and Amanda Devaney, Janet Ebert, Tracey Glass, Ray Hower, Geraldine Keim, Judy Luckenbill, Gayle Mihulec, Rev. Dave and Grace Mohr, Karen Moyer, Joey Raszler, Marietta Seyfried, Leona Snyder, Barry Stephens, Tessa, Zoey and Aiden.

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

Pray for those suffering from weather disasters across the US, for fire, flood and heat victims.

Pray for the war against Ukraine by Russia, the war between Israel and Hamas, the Israeli hostages and the Palestinian people. Pray for all the innocents killed and suffering in Gaza. Pray for our national political and theological divisions and pray concerning the increasing rise of White Christian Nationalism.

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.

Prayers of support and condolences to Pastor Steve at the passing of his stepmother, Betty, in Texas on July 18. Prayers of joy and gratitude for the birth of grandson, Joshua, to Pastor Steve and Bill's oldest son, Jacob, and fiancé, Hayley, July 19 in California. One breathes her last, another his first, and for both lives we praise God.

GRIEF SUPPORT ~ HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

You are invited to attend a grief support group at Asbury UM Church, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown on the 4th Tuesday of the month 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 support gathering is **Tues., July 23**.

DINE & DONATE NIGHT AT COPPERHEAD GRILL

Come to Copperhead Grill located at 1731 Airport Rd., Allentown, on Thursday, August 15, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. St. John's will receive 15% of the sales. A flyer is needed and can be found on the website or on the table in the lounge. For more information, contact Mike Borgman at 610-762-8959 or email at blackbear402@rcn.com

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the month of July, we are collecting:

**macaroni and cheese, canned corn, canned tuna,
peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix and pancake syrup.**

Any other non-perishable 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. 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

WAYS TO SUPPORT ST. JOHN'S

It's a simple thing to do! Buy Weis & Giant gift cards and the church receives 5% back. Save the register tapes from Redner's and the church receives 1% back. You can get your gift cards from the office or by seeing Tom Moyer & Carol Raszler every Sunday. A collection jar for the tapes is on the table in the lounge area.

WATER GATHERING

Help create a ritual to touch us with the waters of life from all over the world. Water bottles are available for you to take home. Please take them along on vacation to collect water from your travels, and then bring the water back and give it to Pastor Steve for safekeeping. In the Fall we will combine all the water and purify it to use for the coming year.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Our Community Yard Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, August 10, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Pavilion. \$15 per space for church table; \$10 per space if you bring your own table. Checks are payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton. Forms are available on website or on table in lounge area. Payment must accompany form and sent into church office

or given to Brian Strauss. All payments are final and non-refundable. Any questions, contact Brian Strauss at (610) 248-9119 or Strauss1975@aol.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN'S

In just a few weeks, the music ministry of St. John's will reassemble from a much-needed break that included relaxation and I am sure many worldly travels. What a most splendid way to welcome the fall months!

The year ahead promises to be the most splendid of seasons and word has gotten back to this author that YOUR involvement would be most welcome. Patrick, our Choir Director, not to be confused with Task Master, is now accepting applications for musical positions. Word on the street is, he is currently looking for additional queens and kings of the night (Soprano, Altos, Tenors and Bases) for the great almighty choir and ringers of the majestic bells.

There are some qualifications to consider for these positions of course, they are as followed:

- **Physical Qualifications:** Must be able to carry light musical note's part way across the church. Must also have sufficient vision to see the director twenty feet away.
- **Experience:** No applications will be accepted from people who have not sung, hummed, or whistled in the tub or shower.
- **Wages:** Satisfaction and joy in God's service
- **Fringe Benefits:** The promise of having the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.
- **Vacation:** Missed rehearsals and church services are primarily a matter of conscience and ability to return the glares and pointed remarks of the director and other choir members.
- **Retirement:** There is no particular age, but is generally determined by printed notes getting too small, notes too high to sing, church too hot or cold, or the choir director is simply unable to play the notes you sing in a timely fashion or gets lost in which page is being sung.

If you are interested in participating with this wonderful group or finding out additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Sandt, either through writing a letter to sjfmusic@sjucf.org or by ringing him at 484-241-2050.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

JULY 2024

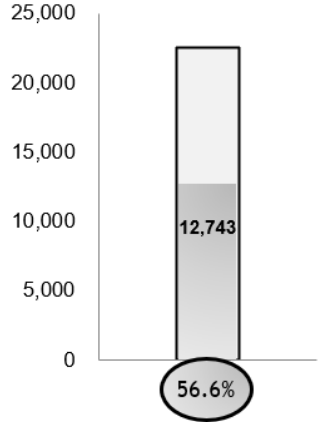
Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	12,743.35
Overall Percent	56.6%

Last Week	
Start:	7/14/24
End:	7/20/24
Total:	6,030.86

Amt needed to reach Target	
JULY 2024	9,756.65

Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total



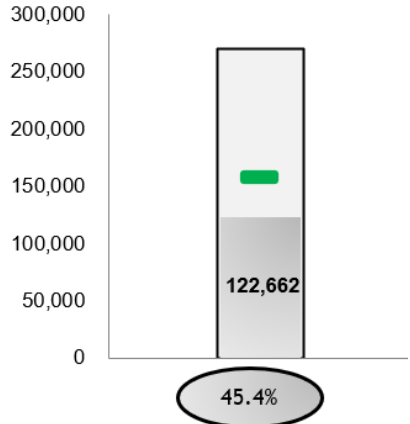
YTD OFFERINGS

JULY 2024

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	157,500.00
Overall Total	122,662.37
Overall Percent	45.4%

Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total
- On Track Target



Church Calendar for the Week of July 21 through July 28

Sun 7/21	9:30 am	Worship/VBS Sunday
	10:30 am	Social Hour
Mon 7/22	9:00 am	Preschool Camp
Tues 7/23	9:00 am	Preschool Camp
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Elders
	7:00 pm	Consistory
Wed 7/24	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	9:00 am	Preschool Camp
	12 noon	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Painting Group
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Thurs 7/25	9:00 am	Preschool Camp
	6:30 pm	Property Committee
Fri 7/26	9:00 am	Preschool Camp
		Phillies trip
Sat 7/27	10:00 am	Consistory Retreat – Fox Hall
Sun 7/28	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Social Hour

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