

# St. John's UCC, Fullerton

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## Forming Family

Joy, Compassion, Forgiveness & Love

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

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 2026  
9:30am**

# We Worship

*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 **July 5** and **August 2** as our kitchen leaders and volunteers take a break during the summer months.

## ***Hymnal Abbreviations***

***WR—Worship and Rejoice      NC—New Century Hymnal***  
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**\* Those who are comfortably able, please stand**

## **Chimes**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Steve Davis

- Happy Father's Day to all Father's
- June 21 – Fun Raising – August IronPigs Tickets Due
- June 28 – Honoring Alison Boor's Retirement in Worship
- July 12 – Fun Raising – Ocean City Bus Trip Due

### **\*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**

*Peace in the Storm*  
James Michael Stevens

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Robin Brensinger

One: Bend down, O Lord, and hear our prayer, for we are in need of your help.

**All: Protect us, for we are devoted to you. Save us, for we serve you and trust in you!**

One: Among the gods, there is none like you, O Lord; nor are there any works that compare with yours.

**All: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, and shall glorify your name.**

One: For you are great and do wondrous things.

**All: You alone are God!**

One: Teach us your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth.

**All: With all our hearts, we will praise you, O Lord our God, and we will glorify your name forever.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*The Master Came to Bring Good News*

Verses 1 and 4

*found on page 3*

**Invitation to Confession**

Liturgist: Robin Brensinger

One: We have come this morning with full hearts – hearts that carry sorrow, and worry, and guilt. In this time we offer our hearts to God, remembering Christ’s invitation that all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens may come to him. Trusting in that love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

*Time for Silent Prayer*

**Prayer of Confession**

Liturgist: Robin Brensinger

**All: Holy God, we offer you our life: that the good we have done will build up your children, and not our own ego; that the harm we have caused will lead us to confession and atonement; that the anxiety that eats at us will dissipate into trust; that the hope we hold will multiply and leaven the world like yeast. Hear us, forgive us, reshape us, and love us as only you can, we pray. Amen.**

## The Master Came to Bring Good News



1. The Mas - ter came to bring good news, The  
2. The Law's ful - filled through Je - sus Christ, The  
3. To seek the sin - ners Je - sus came, To  
4. For - give us, Lord, as we for - give And



news of love and free - dom, To heal the sick and  
man who lived for oth - ers. The law of Christ is:  
live a - mong the friend - less, To show them love that  
seek to help each oth - er. For - give us, Lord, and



seek the poor, To build the peace - ful king - dom.  
Serve in love Our sis - ters and our broth - ers.  
they might share The king - dom that is end - less.  
we shall live To pray and work to - geth - er.



Fa - ther, for - give us! Through Je - sus hear us!



As we for - give one an - oth - er!

Text: Ralph Finn, b.1941, © 1965, GIA Publications, Inc.  
Tune: ICH GLAUB AN GOTT, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Mainz *Gesangbuch*, 1870

## Sung Response

### Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

George Whelpton (1847-1930)

$\text{♩} = 90$

The musical notation is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 90. The melody consists of two lines. The first line contains the lyrics: "Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; in-cline thine ear to us, and". The second line, starting with a measure rest of 7, contains the lyrics: "grant us thy peace. A - - men." The piece ends with a double bar line.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; in-cline thine ear to us, and

7  
grant us thy peace. A - - men.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Robin Brensinger

One: Friends, this is the Good News:

All: **In Christ, God brought us back to our true home, to hope, to love, and to life.**

One: Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Message

Rev. Steve Davis/Samantha Kistler

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

### Hymn WR #83

*Children of the Heavenly Father*  
All Verses

### \*Scripture Reading

Read by: Sharon Czekner

#### *Romans 6: 1-11*

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin.

But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

Rev. Steve Davis

**Forming Family: In Compassion**

**Hymn of Praise WR #515**

*Hymn of Promise*

All Verses

# We Love

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

Rev. Steve 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**

**Sharing Our Experience of the Keystone Conference**

Kirby Hower

*In the coming weeks, we will hear from other attendees  
of the Keystone Conference Annual Meeting.*

## 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: Robin Brensinger

**All: Make our giving an act of solidarity with those whose voices rise in need. Use these gifts to reveal your presence, to bring water into desert places, and to remind all your children that they are not alone. Shape us into people who hear because we have been heard. Amen.**

## We Serve

### \*Closing Hymn WR #64

*O God Beyond All Praising  
All Verses*

### \*Benediction

Rev. Steve Davis

### \*Postlude

*Postlude on Thaxted  
Arr. by Paul Tate*

## **Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule**

### **9:30am Worship**

*During June, July and August,  
Adult and Children's Faith Formation activities take a break  
with special opportunities announced. We look forward to coming  
together again on September 6.*

*Sunday Social will be held the first Sundays of July and August*

### **Attendance – June 14**

Onsite – 72 Online – 25

### **Sponsorship**

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Bill Fink  
in Memory of William E. Fink

### **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 21**

#### **Lectionary Readings**

*Genesis 21:8-21 and Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
Romans 6:1b-11 and Matthew 10:24-39*

#### **Serving in Worship Leadership**

Liturgist: Robin Brensinger	Scripture Reader: Sharon Czekner
Worship Tech: Bill Castello	Greeter: Pam Repetz
Ushers: Wayne Litchenwalner	Altar Guild: Cindy
Reck and Corrina Purdon	

### **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, June 28/ Open and Affirming Sunday**

#### **Lectionary Readings**

*Genesis 21:8-21 and Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
Romans 6:1b-11 and Matthew 10:24-39*

#### **Serving in Worship Leadership**

Liturgist: Dewey Yeatts	Scripture Reader: Samantha Kistler
Worship Tech: Bill Castello	Greeter: Kim Hillegass
Ushers: Tom and Emilie Moyer	Altar Guild: Corrina Purdon

## 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, Nicholas Bach, Tammy Beitzel, Sherry Castello (Bill's mom), Rob Czekner, Marion DeMilio, Janet and Jim Ebert, Sally Gibson, Sandy Glass, Tracey Glass, Mike Gravely, Donna Held, Rev. John Hoff and Charlee Hoff, JoAnn Hower, Barbara Jennings, Geraldine Keim, Mary Jane Kistler, Dawn Luckenbill, Jean McGonigle, Karen Moyer, Molly Nicholas, Eleanor and Joe O'Donnell, Elaine Parsons, Joey Raszler, Rebecca Schneck, Bobby Sherman, Bert Smith, Leona Snyder, Lori Stocker, Barry Stephens and Rev. Becca Stephens, Martha Strauss, Pat Thompson and George Williams.

Prayers for the family of Bill Meckes, who died on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## 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](mailto:estupp@asburylv.org) or 610-428-9095.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held this year on **Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31**. Keep an eye on your Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters – more news is coming!

## OCEAN CITY, NJ BUS TRIP

Join St. John's for a day trip to Ocean City, NJ on Saturday, July 25th! The cost is \$50 per person. Epic Tours will depart from the church parking lot at 8:00 AM and will leave Ocean City at 7:00 PM for the return trip. Beach tags are \$10 for anyone age 12 and older. Children 11 and under are free. Active-duty military members and veterans receive free beach admission with proper military or veteran ID. Please sign up on the sheet located on the red board and see me, Michelle G., or any member of the fundraising committee to submit payment. The deadline to sign up and submit payment is Sunday, July 12th.

## MUSIC MINISTRY SPONSORSHIP

A new opportunity has been added to our sponsorship form that allows members of the congregation to play a more direct and meaningful role in supporting our music ministry. Individuals and families now have the opportunity to sponsor either a choral or handbell piece to be presented during the 2026/2027 choral season. This offering offers a unique way to honor a loved one, celebrate a meaningful occasion, or simply contribute to the continued growth of our worship life through music.

While the music budget and music ministry restricted funds have helped develop and shape the program into what it is today, it is only through the congregation's continued support and appreciation of the program that we can continue to grow and enhance our weekly services. Your involvement ensures that we can bring in new, inspiring repertoire, expand our musical offerings, and maintain the level of excellence that has become a hallmark of our ministry. **Sponsoring a choral piece will be \$65.00,** which will help offset the cost of music as it continues to rise in price. Each sponsored piece becomes part of the fabric of our worship, enriching not only a single service but the spiritual life of our entire congregation.

We invite you to prayerfully consider taking part in this new initiative. Together, through our shared support, we can ensure that our music ministry continues to flourish—lifting hearts, deepening worship, and proclaiming the joy of the Gospel. Help our music ministry continue to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

## WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the month of June, we are collecting **pancake mix, pancake syrup, pasta, canned corn, and coffee.** Any other food donations as well as monetary donations are always welcome. Your donations can be placed in the shopping card found in the coatroom area next to the sanctuary. For more information or to volunteer on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, contact Gary Black at (484) 274-2405 or email at [gary.t.black@outlook.com](mailto:gary.t.black@outlook.com).

## BASKET SOCIAL WINNERS

If you don't need that empty basket or container or if there is any item in your basket that you will never use, we ask you to return them to the church to be used for a future event. Please bring them to the office or to worship and give them to Amy Feidler or Carol Raszler.

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

## BASEBALL AT IRONPIGS

We have reserved 80 seats in Section 105 of the grandstand at Coca Cola Park for the IronPigs vs. RailRiders baseball game on **Tuesday, August 11**, at 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$14,00, which includes ticket to the game and \$2.00 ballpark credit. It's "Dollar Dog Night," where hot dogs are \$1.00 all night long. **Deadline to reserve your seat is Sunday, June 21.** For reservations and payment, see Carol Raszler.

## PIE SALE

Reminder: Pick up for orders of coconut cream and chocolate peanut butters pies made by Andie Dallago, is scheduled for **either Friday, June 19, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or Sunday, June 21, after worship.** See Carol Raszler down in Fox Hall.

## PEEPS MEETING

Specially-produced oils created to contain the "essence" of a plant — its aroma, flavor, or characteristic properties— are referred to as "essential" oils. There are references made to essential oils in the Bible. Researchers have discovered essential oils have been produced and used in many cultures around the world for thousands of years. Some oils are useful for fighting germs, others for cooking or adding flavor to foods. Many oils are used as cosmetics or perfumes. In Biblical times, essential oils were used in worship in the Tabernacle or for anointing rituals. There is evidence specific oils were used by Christ's mother, Mary.

At the Peeps women's meeting on Tuesday, June 23rd, Jean Fennell will use her extensive knowledge on this to introduce listeners to fascinating facts about the history of essential oils, including scriptural reference. The meeting will be held in Fox Hall starting at 7 p.m. Ladies, the invitation is to any woman interested in this topic, especially those of us who just enjoy hangin' with the Peeps! Contact Regi Mohr at 610-390-0872 if you have questions. Note: Very small amounts of fragrant oils will be open to the air in the room at points during the talk.

**CHURCH CALENDAR  
FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21 - 28**

Sun 6/21	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Pie Sale pickup
Mon 6/22	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
Tues 6/23	9:00 am	Newsletter Mailing
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
		Confirmation Class retreat
Wed 6/24	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	12 noon	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Brownies
	6:30 pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Thurs 6/25	6:30 pm	Property Committee
Sat 6/27	9:30 am	Zumba
Sun 6/28	9:30 am	Worship

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## MONTHLY OFFERINGS

JUNE 2026

Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	14,945.16
Overall Percent	66.4%

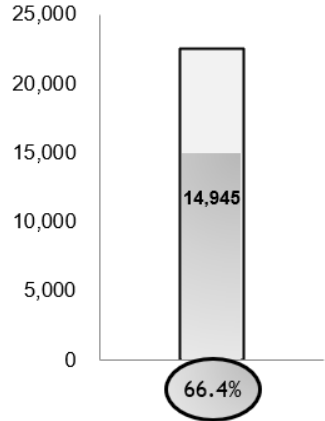
Last Week	
Start:	6/14/26
End:	6/20/26
Total:	8,529.65

Amt needed to reach Target

JUNE 2026	7,554.84
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### Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total



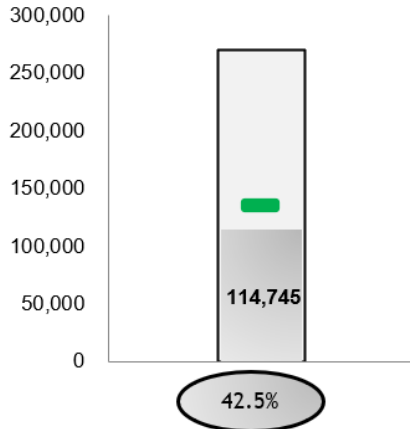
## YTD OFFERINGS

JUNE 2026

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	135,000.00
Overall Total	114,745.16
Overall Percent	42.5%

### Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total
- On Track Target



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