

St. John's UCC, Fullerton

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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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



**November 23, 2025
Reign of Christ Sunday
9:30 am**

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.

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.

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

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

- Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Monday, November 24, 6:00pm, Non-Perishable Food Offering with Advent Decorating after (page 9)
- NYC Bus Trip, December 13 – Due November 24 (page 8)
- Movie & Ice-Cream Night, December 6, 6:30pm (page 9)
- Mitten Tree for November (page 8)
- Food Pantry Update
- Volunteers for Lighting of the Advent Wreath
- Prayer Shawls – Prayer Quilts at the back as you come in

***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 *There is A Higher Throne*
Arranged by Llyod Larson

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

One: Thanks and praise to you, Jesus Christ, King and Lord of all,
given the name above every other name

All: Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you.

One: King of righteousness, King of peace, enthroned at the right
hand on high

All: Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you

One: Great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us;

All: Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you.

One: Pioneer of our salvation, you bring us to glory through your
death and resurrection;

**All: Every knee bows to you; every tongue confesses, you are
King of kings and Lord of Lords, to the glory of God the
Father.**

*Opening Hymn #342

Rejoice, the Lord Is King
All Verses

Prayer of Confession and Response

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

One: In humility we are called to confess our sin. Trusting in the
merciful love of God, let us pray together.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

**All: Gracious Lord, we are called to follow your lead in creating
a beloved community, yet we idolize wealth and power.
Heal us and help us, O God. Turn us from the ways of sin,
the means that create unjust ends. Grant that we may seek
to be for others what you are for us: a source of light on the
way to peace.**

Kyrie

Ostinato I



Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

One: The Lord gives light to those who dwell in darkness and guides our every step in the path of salvation.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

Children's Message

Rev. Davis &
Samantha Kiester

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

Hymn #100

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
All Verses

***Scripture Reading**

Colossians 1: 11-20

Scripture Reader: Sharon Czekner

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers--all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Steven Davis

Let Gratitude Shine: May You Be Made Strong

Song of Praise

None Like You
Craig Courtney

Creator of the moon and stars, of mountains reaching high, Creator of the galaxies who hears a baby's cry. Eternity, with all its years, stands present in Your view. Alpha and Omega, Lord, there is none like You.

You make the wilderness to bloom and in the desert sand, Provide the gentle, soaking rain, refreshing thirsty land. You send the warming of the sun, the fragile snowflake too. We bow in gratitude, O Lord, there is none like You.

You paint the rainbow on the storm and tell the wind to cease, You reach out with tender hand, creation is at peace. You speak Your Word and it is done, the universe obeys, But we are free to choose, Your children sing Your praise.

Creator of the moon and stars, of mountains reaching high, Creator of the galaxies who hears a baby's cry. Eternity, with all its years, stands present in Your view. Alpha and Omega, Lord, there is none like You.

We Love

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

Rev. Davis &
Samantha Kiester

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!

**Praise God, when face to face we see
The One who died to set us free;
The One who rose in victory.
Praise now forever Christ our King!**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

**All: Compassionate Shepherd, as we bring our gifts before
you, may they be signs of our desire to follow your way—
offering compassion where there has been hurt, justice
where there has been harm, and hope where there has
been despair. In the name of the One who gathers and
leads us always this we pray, Amen.**

We Serve

***Sending Hymn #317**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Verses 1, 2, and 4

***The Benediction**

Rev. Davis

Postlude

Postlude on Diademta

Arr. by Douglas Nolan

Patrick Sandt, Director of Music

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Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule

8:15am Friendship Class

9:30am Worship/Faith Formation: Holy Moly

10:30am Sunday Social

Flower Sponsorship for Sunday, November 23rd

In honor of Kendra's 23rd Birthday, love Mom, Dad, and Elijah

In honor of Lori and Bill's 17th Wedding Anniversary

By William Fink

Reign of Christ, November 23

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79

Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20 and Luke 23:33-43

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

Scripture Reader: Sharon Czekner

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Altar Guild: Cindy Reck

Greeters: Carole O'Connell

Ushers: Charlotte Kerrigan and Kim Hillegass

Thanksgiving, November 27

Lectionary Readings

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Psalm 100

Philippians 4:4-9 and John 6:25-35

First Sunday of Advent, November 30

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5 and Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14 and Matthew 24:36-44

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Joy Gravely

Scripture Reader: Sherri Gangwere

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Altar Guild: Kim Hillegass

Greeters: Aubrey Funches and Constance Arnold

Ushers: Tom and Emilie Moyer

Attendance – November 16

Onsite – 92

Online – 21

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill, in our area hospitals, or otherwise in need of prayer: Shirley Abel, Phyllis Ambearle, Grace Arnold, Margaret and Richard Baatz, Christina Bach, Clarence Biehn, Bob Bold, Sherry Castello (Bill's mom), Rob Czekner, Janet and Jim Ebert, Gus Geissinger, Gary George, Sally Gibson, Sandy Glass and Tracey Glass, Mike Gravely, Donna Held, Ray and JoAnn Hower, Geraldine Keim, Karen Moyer, Molly Nicholas, Carol Raszler, Joey Raszler, Bert Smith, Leona Snyder, Barry 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.

GROCERY OPPORTUNITIES – GIANT, WEIS & REDNER'S

Buy Giant and Weis gift cards and the church receives 5% back. Also good for purchasing gas. 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.

LEHIGH VALLEY SAVEAROUND BOOKS

This coupon book, good for all of 2026, 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.

“OPERATION SANTA”

Look for the Mitten Tree at the back of the sanctuary. We are encouraging everyone to consider giving a donation to Phoebe Ministries and/or Pinebrook Family Answers. From your contribution, the staff at Pinebrook will purchase Christmas gifts for their children and youth, and the staff at Phoebe will purchase gift certificates to Phoebe's beauty salon/barber shop and gift shop for their senior residents. Be sure to take a mitten off the tree. Your contribution can be mailed, put in the offering plate, or paid online. Checks are payable to St. John's. Be sure to specify Phoebe or Pinebrook in the memo section. Deadline to receive contributions is Sunday, November 23.

BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY – December 13

We have been able to extend the deadline for our bus trip to New York City to Monday, November 24. The cost of the trip is \$50/seat. Please make your reservation with payment TODAY! Visit with Amy Feidler or Brian Strauss for more information. We need to have a minimum of 48 people for the trip.

RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS

Orders have been placed for RaiseRight gift cards. You will be notified when the cards arrive for pickup. Thanks for your support of St. John's.

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

A special offering for the Whitehall Food Pantry will be received over the coming weeks as the need continues. In addition, for the months of November & December, our goal is to collect 180 boxed or packaged stuffing mix for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary for you to place your food donations.

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.

ADVENT DECORATING

Volunteers are needed to help with decorating the church on Monday, November 24th, immediately following the 6PM Interfaith service. If you are available to help, please see Patrick Sandt.

GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE

During the upcoming holidays, many of you will win turkeys, get them as gifts, or earn them with the supermarket rewards program. If you would like to donate your turkey for our fundraising events, please contact Carol Raszler to make arrangements.

FAMILY MOVIE & ICE CREAM NIGHT



Join us on Saturday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. for a fun-filled event. Choose from a big selection of ice cream flavors with all the toppings, eat some popcorn, and watch the movie “WONKA.”

The movie depicts a young Willy Wonka (played by Timothee Chalamet) as he arrives in the city with a dream of opening his own

chocolate shop. He becomes entangled with a ruthless boarding house owner and greedy chocolatiers who want to crush any new competition. With the help of an orphan Noodle and other new friends, he sets out to make his unique chocolates and defeat his rivals. The story is a heartwarming tale of determination, friendship, and the idea that it only takes a dream to make a different. A signup sheet can be found on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.

ZION CHORAL SOCIETY

Zion Choral Society will be in concert Sunday, November 23rd at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship, 1151 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Allentown at 3PM. Zion Choral Society is composed of 67 auditioned singers providing a rich and inspired program of Christian music. For an uplifting, meaningful musical afternoon, please plan to attend as you are able.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

NOVEMBER 2025

Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	14,206.30
Overall Percent	63.1%

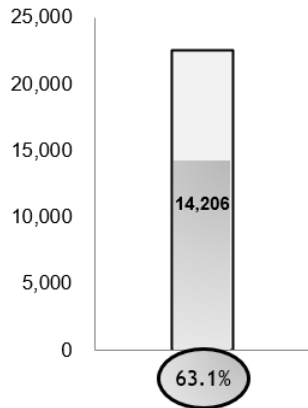
Last Week	
Start:	11/16/25
End:	11/22/25
Total:	6,331.90

Amt needed to reach Target

NOVEMBER 2025	8,293.70
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Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total



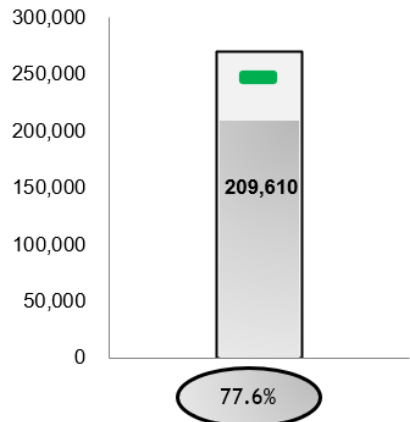
YTD OFFERINGS

NOVEMBER 2025

Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	247,500.00
Overall Total	209,609.65
Overall Percent	77.6%

Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total
- On Track Target



**CHURCH CALENDAR
FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23 – NOVEMBER 30**

Sun 11/23	8:15 am	Adult Faith Formation
		Friendship Class
	9:30 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Social Hour
Mon 11/24	6:00 pm	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
Tues 11/25	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Choir
Wed 11/26	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	12 noon	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Painting Group
	6:30 pm	STARS
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Thurs 11/27		Office Closed - Thanksgiving
Fri 11/28		Office Closed - Thanksgiving
Sat 11/29	9:30 am	Zumba
	10:00 am	Larry Albright Visitation and Funeral
Sun 11/30	8:15 am	Adult Faith Formation
		Friendship Class
	9:30 am	Worship – First Sunday of Advent
	9:30 am	Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Social Hour