

St. John's UCC, Fullerton

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

**November 2, 2025
All Saints Remembrance Day
21st Sunday after Pentecost
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

- Fall Congregational Meeting, Nov 16 during social hour
Proposed 2025 Budget and Nominees on the table in the back
- Operation Santa – Mitten Tree for November
- Special Communion Offering for Food Pantry
- Missions – Food Bank – 180 Boxes of Stuffing
- St. John's Bazaar, Saturday, November 8 (See Insert)
- Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Monday,
November 24, 6:00pm

*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

Resting in God's Arms
M. Hayes

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

One: Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**All: God, our Center,
may all that we are and do arise from our love for you.**

One: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

**All: God, our Comfort,
be with all whose hearts are filled with grief.**

One: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

**All: God, our Inspiration,
may love be our guide and reconciliation our desire.**

One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

**All: God, our Advocate,
may we hunger for churches where all belong.**

One: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

**All: God, our Re-Creator,
give us hearts ever open to mercy's possibilities.**

One: Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

**All: God, our Hope,
may we pray peace, make peace, and live peace.**

***Opening Hymn**

290, *The Strife is O'er*

Refrain, Verses 1, 2, 4 and Refrain

Affirmation of Faith

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church

All: We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of Nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the Church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Confession and Response Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

One: The redeeming love of God in Jesus Christ extends from generation to generation, keeping us in life and in death and in life everlasting. Together, let us seek God's forgiveness.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

All: God of the ages, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, we are grateful for their witness and humbled by their example. Remind us that the saints before us were not perfect, just forgiven, and saved by grace. We ask for that forgiveness, and we pray for the courage to trust in that grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sung Response

Kyrie

Ostinato I

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son. *Last time*

Assurance of Forgiveness Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

One: The hope to which we are called is the glorious inheritance of all the saints, the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Hymn

You Are Mine
Verses 1, 2 and 4

You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, 1



I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see.
heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give. (2) In the



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
all will know my name. *To refrain*
up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Refrain
Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



To stanzas 3 and 4
love you and you are mine."

4 "I

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas

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***Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 1:11-23

Scripture Reader: Sharon Antrim

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Steven Davis

For All the Saints

Song of Praise

Going Home—Mary McDonald

Violinist: Regi Mohr

*When the Father sends for me, and when He speaks my name, I will leave
my earthly home to enter heaven's gain; Then the pearly gates will open to
the streets of gold; There the Kingdom's glory to be behold!*

(Continued on page 6)

I will be going home, going home; Home to see my Savior, home to see my Lord. And I will be going home, going home, there in His presence, I will be at home.

Glory in the Light of heaven, peace forever more. Hallelujahs from the saints where time shall be no more. Home, where death will be defeated where His Kingdom reigns. When the trumpet sounds in glory; God calls out my name!

Then I will be going home, going home; Home to see my Savior, home to see my Lord. And I will be going home, going home; there in His presence, I will be at home!

Going home, going home; I'll be going home.

We Love

All Saints Remembrance

Rev. Davis, Samantha Kistler
Sharon Antrim, Bereavement Ministry

Edited from All Saints Prayer by Bruce Prewer

*(Our bell toll will follow each name shared as we remember with grateful hearts.
The choir will sing a refrain before and after the calling of names.)*

One: Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change, we thank you for the gift of life eternal, and for all those who, having served you well, now rest from their labors.

We thank you for all the saints remembered and those not held in our memory, for those dear souls most precious to us. Today we give thanks for those who during the last twelve months have died and entered into glory, especially.

Sandra Easterwood
Adrienne Kiesbar
Owen Eberhart, Jr.
Marilyn "Jean" Piskula
Sandra Diefenderfer
Nancy Bowman
Arline Yoder
Jean Litzenberger

Michael Kulhamer
Gayle Mihulec
Madeline Slivka
Ronald Glass
Emma Kuczek-Repp
Ron Eichman
Roberta Habern

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**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Please sign the communion book in the back of the church
if you have not done so at a service of communion in 2025.*

We Are an Inclusive Community!

In the United Church of Christ, we observe an

**“Open Communion.” ALL persons are welcome to receive
the gifts of God's grace and love with us at the table.**

In The United Church of Christ, ALL means ALL!

The Invitation to Receive

One: The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast. Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.

All: **We receive the bread and wine connected to the ages: to the saint of old who felt unworthy, to the seeker eager to know God, to the teenager who wonders what it's all about, to the child who eats with unburdened faith.**

One: Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations. There is great joy here. No one is turned away for God is the host! God is in this place. Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table, to taste the feast, the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

All: **Time and time again you've offered your grace, even as we have stepped away, You continue to call us to be your people. You have never left us. We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances. You are ever-patient, always faithful.**

One: We give thanks for this time of celebration. For the One this meal remembers. For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

All: With those who have gone before us, whose hands touched the bread, whose lips embraced the cup, we worship you. We glorify you.

Words of Institution and Consecration

Sharing the Meal

The elements will be passed in the pew, and we will receive the bread and eat at the same time, then the cup passed and all drink together.

One: The body of Christ, given for us.

All: Amen

One: The cup of our salvation, given for us.

All: Amen

Music During Communion

886, Eye Has Not Seen

Introduction, Refrain, Verse 1, Refrain as elements of bread are received.

Refrain, Verse 2, Refrain as elements of wine is received.

Refrain, Verse 3, Refrain as the elements are returned to the table.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

words by Kurt Struckmeyer

**Praise life that makes us change and grow
Praise love that makes compassion flow
Praise peace that ends all strife and fear
Praise hands that work for justice here. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist: Sherri Gangware

**All: Gracious God of every growing gift, you call forth saints
not with perfection, but with purpose — to grow in faith,
abound in love, and serve with steadfastness. Receive these
offerings as signs of our gratitude, given by those you are
shaping for good works in Christ. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.**

We Serve

***Sending Hymn**

**# 529, *For All the Saints*
Verses 1, 2, and 6**

***The Benediction**

Rev. Davis

Postlude

Recessional on "Sine Nomine"
Arr. by Gregg Sewell

Patrick Sandt, Director of Music

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Flower Sponsorship

*In Loving Memory of Gerald T. Ott
Susan Rarich*

Bulletin Sponsorship

*In honor of mother and NaNa, Nancy Keister's birthday by Robert & Lee
Ann Lopez and Alyssa and Christopher Amaral.*

*In loving memory of husband, father and Pop Pop, Edward Keister and
mother and Grandmother, Josephine Lopez by the Keister, Lopez and
Amaral families.*

Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule

8:15am Friendship Class

9:30am Worship/Faith Formation: Holy Moly

10:30am Sunday Social

Attendance – Oct 26

Onsite – 86 Online – 23

Feast of All Saints, November 2

Lectionary Readings

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 and Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23 and Luke 6:20-31

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Sherri Gangewere

Scripture Reader: Sharon Antrim

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Altar Guild: Corrina Purdon

Greeters/Ushers: Sharon Antrim, Robin Brensinger, Wendy Fox, Kirby Hower, Kathy Roth

22nd Sunday after Pentecost, November 9

Lectionary Readings

Haggai 2:1-2:9 and Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98

Job 19:23-27a and Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 and Luke 20:27-38

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Sharon Czekner

Scripture Reader: Kay Chryst

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Altar Guild: Linda Apple

Greeters: Linda and Charlie Apple

Ushers: Tom and Emilie Moyer

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, Larry Albright, Phyllis Ambearle, Grace Arnold, Margaret and Richard Baatz, Christina Bach, Clarence Biehn, Bob Bold, Sherry Castello (Bill's mom), Rob Czekner, Roxanne DeMilio, Janet and Jim Ebert, Gus Geissinger, Gary George, Sally Gibson, 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.

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.

COME TO ST. JOHN'S BAZAAR

Saturday, November 8, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

You'll find bargains galore as you explore our various departments: jewelry, purses, dishes, glassware, pots & pans, knick knacks, furniture, appliances, toys & games, puzzles, sports equipment, linens, books & CDs, seasonal & household décor. Our crafters group has been hard at work all year long. Stop by the candy and bake sale tables for a selection of mouth-watering treats.. For lunch you'll be able to feast on pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, hamburger BBQ, chili, beef vegetable soup, snacks and beverages. There's something here for everyone.

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

Many young adults with children and senior adults on fixed incomes rely on Federal assistance for their food needs. With the government shutdown, congregations are looking to help fund area food banks, where they are already seeing significant increases in people looking for assistance. Federal funding for SNAP (food stamps) ended on October 31. 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 the 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. Pastor 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 NYC

Spend Saturday, December 13, in NYC and enjoy the city during the holiday season. See a play, visit a museum, or do some Christmas shopping. Cost of the trip is \$50 per person with the bus leaving St. John's parking lot at 9:00 a.m. & leaving NYC at 7:00 p.m. **Deadline for reservations and payment is Sunday, November 9.** Please make checks payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton. If you have any questions, see Brian Fisher, Amy Feidler, or Pastor Steve. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the rear of the sanctuary.

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.

SPECIAL COMMUNION OFFERING

With the continuation of the Federal Government Shutdown, people from all ages and walks of life are hurting, especially those Federal employees working without pay and SNAP recipients who rely on assistance for food. Area congregations are asked to help financially support our area Food Banks and Pantries during this time of significant increases of people needing assistance. Additional envelopes for giving to our Food Panty are available for your generosity and compassionate support.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – DATE CHANGE TO NOVEMBER 15

All men and friends are invited to join us for breakfast at the Hamilton Family Restaurant, meeting in the back left dining area at 8:30am on **Saturday, November 15.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 2025

Overall	
Overall Target	22,500.00
Overall Total	15,475.29
Overall Percent	68.8%

Last Week	
Start:	10/26/25
End:	11/1/25
Total:	1,954.92

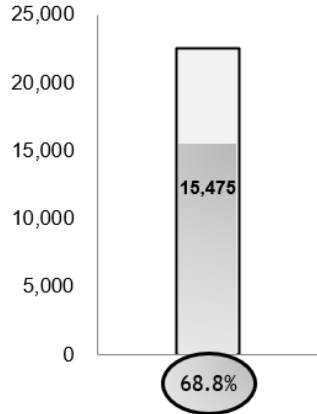
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OCTOBER 2025	7,024.71
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Progress

□ Overall Target

■ Overall Total



YTD OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 2025

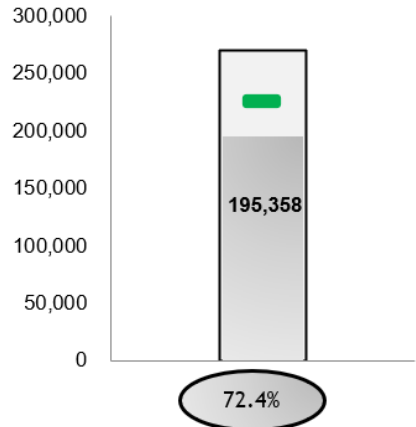
Overall	
Overall Target	270,000.00
On Track Target	225,000.00
Overall Total	195,357.55
Overall Percent	72.4%

Progress

□ Overall Target

■ Overall Total

— On Track Target



CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2 – NOVEMBER 9

Sun 11/2	8:15 am	Adult Faith Formation Friendship Class
	9:30 am	Worship
	9:30 am	Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Social Hour/Conference Class
	12:00 noon	Custodians meeting Daylight Savings Ends
Tues 11/4	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Stewardship and Finance
Wed 11/5	9:00 am	Verso Chat
	12 noon	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Painting Group
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Thurs 11/6	7:00 pm	Choir
Fri 11/7	5:00 pm	St. George Church School
Sat 11/8	9:00 am	Church Bazaar
Sun 11/9	8:15 am	Adult Faith Formation Friendship Class
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Social Hour
		Newsletter Deadline

“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 received contributions is Sunday, November 23.

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