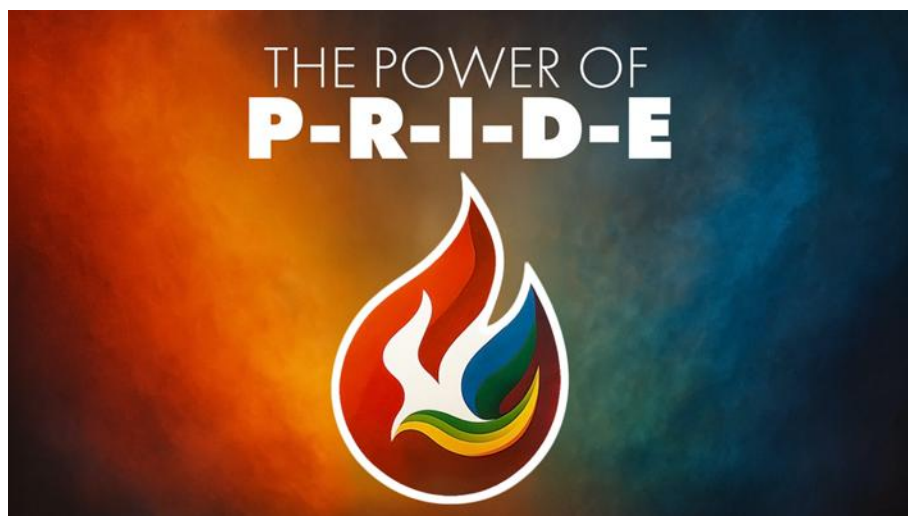




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**We Worship, We Love, We Serve
– No Matter What!**



**June 8, 2025
9:30am**



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Pentecost Sunday

We Worship

Welcome to St. John's UCC, Fullerton!

We celebrate the life and hope we find together in God's love!

*As the music begins, please find your place and
quietly center your spirit for our worship of God together.*

Our Offering is received as we gather for worship, with plates located on pedestals at the back. We graciously accept your gifts to God of praise and gratitude, 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 this Sunday, hosted by Colleen Kulhamer, and celebrating our **Confirmation Class 2024-2025 members**

Aiden James Hannis

Nicholas William Santee

Lucas George Williams.

This will be our final Sunday Social as we take a break this summer and return to after worship social time on September 7.

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

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

- Hymn Sing Sunday for Father's Day, June 15
- Outdoor Worship at The Pavilion, June 22
- Vacation Bible School, June 22-26, 6:00-8:00pm
- Ocean City Bus Trip – Cancelled. Interested in NYC for Christmas? Visit with Brian Fisher or Amy Feidler
- General Synod Expense (See pg. 16)

*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

Spirit of God
Kurt Meyer
Bells of St. John

*Call to Worship

Confirmation Class
Based on Acts 2

Aiden: To the One who sang a new melody as God's creation rose from chaos, who wept at the dark shadow of a cross, and who danced early in the morning, at the opening of an empty tomb.

All: Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with the fire of your love.

Nicholas: For the One who could not be contained by wind, or flame, or breath, the One who blesses the Church with courage, peace, and love.

All: Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with the fire of your love.

Lucas: For us who gather this day with trembling hands and uncertain hearts, teach us to sing a new song and to dance with reckless abandon.

All: Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with the fire of your love.

Aiden: Here in this gathering of believers, as you did with those so long ago, breathe on us now.

Nicholas: Breathe on us, blowing away our fears and our hesitations. Breathe on us, transforming our hard-heartedness into passion-filled lives.

Lucas: Breathe on us, for we need peace, peace that only you can give.

All: Come, Holy Spirit of God! Be with us in our words and our deeds. This we pray in your most holy name.

*Opening Hymn

On Pentecost They Gathered
Verses 1, 3, and 4
found on page 3 of the bulletin

On Pentecost They Gathered

Alternative Melody: Aurelia

Jane Parker Huber

1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day, a
2. The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed to
3. God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve, on
4. O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go, re -

band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing and pray. A might - y wind came
un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised. What u - ni - ver - sal
wom en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive. That Spir - it knows no
kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow. O give us ears to

blow - ing filled all the swirl - ing air, and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in -
mes - sage, what great good news was here? That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to
lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power. The church formed and re - form - ing, re -
lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise. so peo - ple of all na - tions glad

spired each per - son there.
van - guish all our fears.
sponds in ev - ery hour.
songs of joy shall raise.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with four numbered lines of text. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with chords in the piano part providing harmonic support.

Invitation to Confession

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

One: Almighty God, who sent the promised Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we often resist the work of your Spirit among us, that we are slow to serve you and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. Now, hear the prayers we bring before you for forgiveness, as we pray.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Sung Response

Kyrie

Ostinato I

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son, Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son,

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son, e - lé - i - son, e - lé - i - son. *Last time*

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

All: God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions and by your Spirit draw us together. Create in us a desire to do your will and be your faithful people for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

One: Siblings in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

All: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Message

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

Song of Praise

Come Holy Spirit, Fill Us
Marty Parks

Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with your eternal power to stand and face with courage each dark and fearful hour. The world around us rages with war throughout the lands. But we are nestled firmly in God's Almighty hands.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with everlasting peace. Let daily stresses leave us and anxious striving cease. Help us confront the future with confidence and calm; and let Your loving comfort become a soothing balm.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with never ending grace, so when we look at others, we'll see our Saviors face. Come stir your gift within us and fan a fervent flame to spread the word of Jesus and praise His precious name.

Come Holy Spirit fill us with unrelenting love that will not rest till others can share our home above. Compel us with Your whispers and help us to obey to show your loving kindness that Jesus is the way Come Holy Spirit fill us, O spirit fill us now.

***Scripture Reading:**

Romans 8:14-17

Read by: Barbara Seeds

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"

It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Steven Davis

**The Power of P.R.I.D.E.
The Power of RELATIONSHIP**

Choir Anthem

Let Your Spirit Rise

Stan Pethel

Listen, hear the breath of life; fresh wind and a kindled fire. Spirit with the dancing flames, scatter gifts of grace, scatter gifts of grace.

Come Holy Spirit; come and fill our lives. Pour your love on us, let Your Spirit rise. May the power of your presence descend now as a dove, that we may speak the language of love.

Spirit, speak this very hour; touch each heart with a heav'nly power. Spirit with the dancing flames, scatter gifts of grace, scatter gifts of grace.

Won't You Come Holy Spirit; come and fill our lives. Pour your love on us, let Your Spirit rise. May the power of your presence descend now as a dove, that we may speak the language of love. Scatter gifts of grace; come O Spirit come.

We Love

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Davis

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!

Acknowledgement of Graduates

Connor Strauss, graduated from Whitehall High School, and will be attending West Chester University in the Fall. Connor is the son of Bonnie & Brian Strauss

Sophie O'Connell Twigg, graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering, and will soon to be employed in Manhattan. She is the granddaughter of Carole & Dennis O'Connell; daughter of Bridget O'Connell & Andrew Twigg of Bethlehem

Zoe Roth, graduated from Catasauqua High School with honors, she will be attending Cedar Crest College for Early Childhood Education and will be playing field hockey.
Zoe is the granddaughter of Kathy & Bill Roth.

Megan Cunningham, graduated from Kutztown with a Business Management degree. She is the niece of LeeAnn & Bob Lopez.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Davis

All: Gracious God, breath of life and movement of all creation, we bring these gifts today as signs of our faith and our hope in your Spirit's work among us. Open our eyes to see your deeds of power and to follow where your Spirit sends. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

***Closing Hymn**

O Spirit All Embracing

Verses 1 and 2

We Serve

found on page 9 of the bulletin

***Benediction**

Rev. Davis

***Postlude**

Postlude on Thaxted

Arr. By Noel Rawesthorne

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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O Spirit All-Embracing



1. O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2. O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3. Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



Un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies;
You show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - spect - ed place.
And give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



Un - fail - ing is your treas - ure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
To know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



Sur - pass - ing world - ly pleas - ure, the rich - es you af - ford.
You fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
To seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
For vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



Come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
Un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your Church a - new.
In prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

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Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule

9:30am Worship

with Sunday Social time following worship

During the Summer months, 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 7.

Attendance –June 1 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Onsite – 125 Online - 25

Pentecost Sunday, June 8

Lectionary Readings

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 and Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 and John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

Scripture Reader: Barbara Seeds

Worship Tech – Bill Castello

Ushers: Carole O Connell

Greeter: Linda and Charlie Apple

Robin Brensinger

Social Hour: Colleen and Consistory – Honoring our Confirmands

Trinity Sunday, June 15

Lectionary Readings

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5 and John 16:12-15

Serving in Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Sherri Gangwere

Scripture Reader: Sharon Czekner

Worship Tech – Bill Castello

Ushers: Tom and Emilie Moyer

Greeter: Pam Repetz and Sharon Antrim

Altar Guild: Cindy Reck

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, Diana Beck, Clarence and Dorothea Biehn, Sherry Castello (Bill's mom), Bob Czekner, Rob Czekner, Meagan Davis and baby Elishah (Steve and Bill's daughter), Margaret and Mike Davis, Samuel, Nick and Amanda Devaney, Janet Ebert, Gus Geissinger, Gary George, Sally Gibson,

Lynn Gilbert, Tracey Glass, Ron Glass, Joy and Mike Gravely, Donna Held, Joanne Hower, Ray Hower, Geraldine Keim, Emma Kuczek Repp, Judy Luckenbill, Gayle Mihulec, Karen Moyer, Joey Raszler, Madeline Slivka, Bert Smith, Leona Snyder, 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.

CALLING ALL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

A new schedule for the months of July and August for readers, liturgists, ushers and greeters will be coming out mid-June, and volunteers are needed! Anyone interested in becoming involved with this wonderful ministry of the church, please contact Patrick at music@sjuccf.org or through the church office, extension 13.

SUMMER CHOIR

Calling all singers! If a weekly commitment is too hard for you, consider joining the music ministry for our Summer Choir. It would involve two rehearsals (July 3rd and July 10th) and then singing on Sunday, July 13th. If interested, please contact Patrick at music@sjuccf.org

VBS REGISTRATION



It's time to register for Vacation Bible School, held this year on June 22-26 (Sunday through Thursday) from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Register online by using the QR Code or contact the church office.

DON'T DELAY! REGISTER TODAY!

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.

"STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH"

This special offering of UCC National furthers the work of our conferences and the national UCC as they work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The contributions are divided with 50% staying regionally within our own conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries of the UCC. Special offering inserts & envelopes were in the June newsletter, are in today's bulletin, and also on the table in the lounge area. They will be received on Sunday, June 8, and continue to the end of June.

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the month of June, we are collecting cereal, pork & beans, and canned fruit. Any other non-perishable food items as well as monetary contributions are always welcome. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary for you to place your food donations. If you would like to volunteer at the pantry on the 4th Monday of each month from 9am to 11am or 5:30pm to 8:00pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, please contact Gary Black at (484) 274-2405 or gary.t.black@outlook.com.

OCEAN CITY BUS TRIP

Unfortunately, the trip to Ocean City had to be cancelled due to not enough people signing up and paying by the due date. Our deposit will be transferred to the December trip to New York City. If anyone is interested in having your paid funds held for the NYC trip, please contact Brian Fisher or Amy Feidler.

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 **Tuesday, June 24.**

PEOPLE NEEDED TO SERVE ON "FUN-RAISING" COMMITTEE

Help is needed for anyone interested in serving on St. John's "Fun-Raising" Committee. If you have thoughts on ways to raise money for the church, ideas for new fundraisers, suggestions for current fundraisers, we need you to consider becoming part of this committee. For more information, contact chairperson Amy Feidler at (835) 210-5944 or email at alfeidler@gmail.com.

GENERAL SYNOD EXPENSE – Special Offerings

This year, the PNEC has selected both Rev. Steve Davis and Tyler Shankweiler to represent our conference at the national level of our global denomination, July 11-15, in Kansas City, Missouri. The PNEC will reimburse travel, food and General Synod expenses by 50% for all delegates. To help offset the expense for Pastor Steve and Tyler, for the communion Sundays of May, June and July, we will have a special offering plate and envelopes available for your donations. Contributions may also be made online or shared any Sunday, noting General Synod Expense. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 8 – JUNE 15

Sun 6/8	9:30 am	Feast of Pentecost
	10:30 am	Sunday Social Hour
		Newsletter Deadline
Tues 6/10	1:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	6pm	Elders
	7:00 pm	Consistory
Wed 6/11	12 noon	Painting Group
	6:00 pm	Painting Group
	6:30pm	Zumba
	7:00 pm	SAA Recovery Group
Sat 6/14	9:30 am	Zumba
	2pm	Pavilion Event
Sun 6/15	9:30 am	Worship (Hymn Sing Sunday)
	10:30 am	Sunday Social Hour