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I will not fear, though tens of thousands assail me on every side. Psalm 3:6

Boo! Did I scare you? I doubt it, but as we enter into the month of October and many thoughts turn toward the antics of Halloween, some scary things may be heading in your direction.

As a kid I remember Halloween very different than today. Our costumes were homemade and we used pillow cases to collect our candy. AND, we went Trick or Treating the whole week of Halloween! No one thought to check our treats to see if they were edible and safe. The scary parts of my childhood Halloween involved walking through the neighborhood while some teenage boys made evil, scary sounds that caused us younger kids to shiver with fear. But it was all part of the fun.

Life today is filled with scary stuff. The fears we face today are not limited to one month or a Halloween season. Valid fears can range from yucky spiders to fear of heights to fear of losing a loved one. Fear can cripple us and hold us back. Life can be hard, really hard, when our fears take over our lives.

What do you fear?

I'm told that many people are unable to live out their dreams because they cannot face their fears. I find that sad. The internet is loaded with resources that give us ways to conquer our fears and set one free. But although they make it sound easy, it isn't.

If you find yourself crippled with fears, it is time to do something about it. I think all good solutions come when we start with prayer. Ask God for guidance and be open to taking some chances. Give any fears which you have no control over, to God. It may be hard but keep working at it because it is do-able. And lastly, think about what is holding you back from doing something you value in life. Find ways to get through it instead of ignoring it and hoping the fear will go away. Become more proactive.

And be kind to yourself. Laugh in the face of fear, even if it is with corny 'Alexa' jokes such as: Where do skeletons go for a fun night out? Anywhere as long as it is a 'hip joint.'

Live life and experience joy! Open your eyes and find God's touch in everything around you. Laugh often. Halloween is coming. Let it be a fun season.

See you in church.

Blessings,

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Our Church Family



THANK
YOU!

Dear St. John's Family,

We are so grateful for all of the kindness shown to our mother/grandmother Kathleen Mullins. Thank you for the prayers. Many thanks to the ladies who made visits to her apartment. She so enjoyed them. Pastor Quinn, there are not enough words to express our appreciation to you for all of your visits to her in the hospital, rehab and at home. We were so grateful you were able to participate in our small family gathering in her memory.

With much gratitude,
The family of Kathleen Mullins



I wish to thank Pastors Becky, Michelle and David for their support and prayers. My thanks to all my friends who talked with me, and all who sent cards helping me to ease my grief over the loss of my son, Craig.

God Bless You All,
Paul "Gus" Geissinger, Jr.

Dear Pastor Beckwith and Congregation,

I wanted to extend the district's sincere appreciation for your generosity in donating and delivering school supplies for students in the Whitehall Copley School District. There are simply no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the kindness that you have extended towards our school family. Your donation will allow us to provide needy students with supplies necessary to enhance their education during this new school year.

We are grateful that our schools are located in such a caring community!

Sincerely,
Lorie D. Hackett, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



Thank you to Pastor Becky and Pastor Quinn for the help and visits while my husband, Ralph was in the hospital and rehab.

Sincerely,
Janet M. Miller



Thank you to Rev. Quinn for your visits and everybody thank you for your prayers.

Margaret Baatz

Check out our new and
improved website!
www.stjohnsuccfullerton.org



To the congregation of St. John's UCC,

Thank you so much for your prayers and concern for us while we were absent from church. It was so good of you to remember us, and we do truly appreciate it. It is so like the congregation of St. John's UCC to keep us in mind.

Gratefully,
Ronald and Ann Patterson



My husband Michael and I would like to thank the caring people of St. John's for all of the prayers, cards and concerns with his recent health scare. He is doing well and we are most grateful.

Special thanks to Pastor Dave for his visit at the hospital and extra special thanks to Pastor Becky. There are no words that can express what you do for this church that go way beyond the call of duty.

May God bless you all.
Colleen Kulhamer



Dear Pastor Becky,

Thank you so much for your call to our home and for your prayers. We have missed you and church and the congregation and your delightful and meaningful messages. We are looking forward to returning shortly to St. John's UCC.

Thank you for keeping us in mind and in your prayers

Very truly yours,
Ronald and Ann Patterson

Dear Rev. Beckwith,

We are writing to thank you and your congregation for your recent gift in the amount of \$144.87 directed to our Jubilee Ministry to the homeless. We appreciate this generous contribution to the ministry and mission of Zion's Church. Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,
Rev. Robert T. Stevens, Senior Pastor
Zion United Church of Christ



Dear Becky,

We just wanted to express our sincere gratitude for your willingness to baptize our boy at St. John's UCC. You have truly made us feel like a part of the community. We appreciate your love and friendship and your willingness to embrace our new little family.

Love, Jaime, Michael and Elliott



Thank you to Barb Holden, Karen Stoitsits and Ginny Brokenshire for helping at our 60th wedding anniversary celebration that we hosted for Fellowship Hour.

Also thanks to Bob and Nancy Dougherty for the beautiful Bird of Paradise bouquet.

Ralph and Janet M. Miller



Congratulations to William and Beverly Volz who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently. There was a party for them at the Starlite Diner. It was hosted by their children, St. John's member LeDonne Wagstaff, her brother, Bill and sisters, Denise, Darla and Marna.

Births

September 7th - **Ella Elizabeth Marino** was born to parents Abbey and Nick.

She was born at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown. Ella weighed 7lbs. 7oz. and was 21" long. Ella has older brothers Jayce and Bryce.

September 11th - **Amara June Weldner** was born to parents Brian and Tara. She was born at St. Luke's Hospital, Allentown. She weighed 7lb. 13 oz. and was 21.5" long.

Ella and Amara's grandparents are Sue and John Weldner and their great-grandmother is Nancy Bowman.

Congratulations to these families!

Baptisms

Elliott Cooper Watson was baptized August 26th. He is the first child of Jaime and Michael Watson

Lyla Ella Ann Schmoyer was baptized September 2nd. Her parents are Stephanie Batdorf and Scott Schmoyer. Lyla has a sister Rylee.

Upcoming Baptisms

10-14 @8:15AM - Braxton Adam Erney
10-14 @10:45AM - Owen Gene Brodnak
10-28 @10:45AM - Mona Sophia Deigert



Deaths

Annabelle Shoemaker died on August 29th. Her service was held on September 4th. Annabelle has a daughter, Louise Shive, three sons, Henry, John and Arthur, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Craig Geissinger died on September 1st. His life was celebrated on September 7th. Craig will be missed by his wife Linda, children Matthew, Michael and Melissa and grandchildren.

Change of Address:

Christopher Brown
813 S. 11th Street, #4
Philadelphia, PA 19147-2601



Miller-Keystone
Blood Center
Our Code – 0872

Newsletter Deadline

The articles for the November newsletter are due on October 14th. The newsletter will be collated on Tuesday, October 23rd at 9:00AM.

October Anniversaries

October 1

Melody and Kevin Fox – 41 years
Cynthia & William Kern – 41 years

October 2 Margaret & Robert Young – 25 years

October 6 Barbara & Robert Jennings – 17 years
Nancy & Robert Weaver – 56 years
Christine & Jacob Spadoni – 11 years

October 7 Abigail & Nicholas Marino – 1 year

October 8 Kimberly & Robert Saeger – 14 years

October 9

Ann & Ronald Patterson – 48 years

October 10 Andrea & James Leibensperger – 20 years
Helene & Robert Scheirer – 37 years

October 14 Jennifer & Christopher Kuhns – 18 years
Stephanie & Mark Miller – 12 years
Barbara & Jeffrey Seeds – 46 years

October 16 Tracy & Brian Fisher – 19 years

October 18 Tiffany & Skip Rossanese – 15 years
Patricia & Elwood Thompson - 43 years

October 20 Pamela & John Williams – 23 years
Kathy & William Roth, Sr. – 45 years
Tammy & David Cameron – 22 years
Ellen & James Sagazio – 11 years
Nancy & Thomas Koehler – 34 years

October 21 Tammy & Ronald Christman - 29 years

October 23 Amanda & John Bolton – 20 years

October 26 MaryBeth & Michael McNicholas – 16 years
Jenna & David Martin – 5 years

October 27 Joy & Michael Gravely - 45 years

October 30 Susan & Keith Kaider - 53 years

HAPPY

ANNIVERSARY

Hospital Admission Policies

When being admitted to an area hospital please inform them your church code is 473. Please have a member of your family also call and let us know you have been hospitalized.

Susan, our Office Administrator calls the hospitals daily but sometimes is not told of a member's admittance. We want to visit and pray for all of our members. Help us to know when you need us! Call the church and pastor.

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church - 473*

Recycle Cartridges ... Save Money!!!

Thank you everyone who continuously bring their used ink cartridges to the church for recycling.

Through Staples rewards program, for each cartridge we return to them our church receives \$2.00. With that reward money we can save on future items we purchase at Staples. Great Job!!

Church News



October Worship Services 8:15AM and 10:45AM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Additional</u>
October 7	Job 1:1; 2:1-10	World Communion
October 14	Psalms 22:1-15	Baptisms
October 21	Mark 10:35-45	Children's Sabbath
October 28	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	

World Communion: October 7th Flags Of The Nations

All around the world Christians will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion on October 7th. St. John's sanctuary will be lined with flags from many nations.

The Boy Scout Council was kind enough to let us borrow their flags and they will be displayed.

As we move more and more toward a global community, we need to remember that we are all created equally and Christ and his teachings are important to follow.

Thursday Night Worship! Women's Retreat Leads!!!

October 11th at 7:00 p.m.
"Seasons of Love"

Our October Thursday night worship will be led by the women who attended the 2018 women's retreat "Seasons of Love." The ladies had quite a time talking about the difficulties of love. Love can be hard, very hard. It can also be awesome. Please join us as we worship God and celebrate the many forms of love.



All Saints Day, November 4th 8:15AM and 10:45AM Worship Services

The annual All Saints Day service is on November 4th. At both services we will celebrate the lives of those who went on to life eternal from November 2017 to date. Join us in this celebration of eternal life and God's promises!



How is the Capital Campaign Doing?

Now that the new handicapped restroom in Fox Hall is nearing completion, and the Field of Dreams is being utilized, you may wonder how well our Capital Campaign is doing.

Our 3 year Capital Campaign called “Called to Grow, Launching the Dream”, officially began in January of 2017. (Pledges were accepted in 2016 after our kick-off banquet.) At this time we are a few months past the halfway point of our campaign, which is scheduled to end at the end of 2019.

Here are the totals, as of the end of August, 2018:

Amount Pledged - \$221,959

Pledges Received - \$163,282.30

Unpledged gifts - \$8,368.00

TOTAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIFTS RECEIVED - \$171,651.39



Thirty-five people have fully paid their pledge, and most of the others are on schedule to complete their pledge by the end of 2019. For all of these donations, both pledged and unpledged, we thank you.

As we enter the last half of this campaign, we encourage everyone to help this campaign to be successful. Please take advantage of the opportunity to help by using the gold Capital Campaign envelopes you receive with your regular Church envelopes. All donations, both large and small, are needed and appreciated. It would be great to see more gold envelopes in the offering plate on Sundays (Even if just a small gift of extra change!)

We thank all who have contributed to this campaign. Look again at the improved Field of Dreams, (By the way, there is still more to do there) and check out the progress of the new handicapped restroom in Fox Hall! Your gifts are being put to good use.

Called to Grow,
Launching the Dream Follow-Up Committee



“Give-Back Night”

Join us on **Tuesday, October 23, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Copperhead Grille** located at 1731 Airport Rd. in Allentown. From your dinner receipt, 15% will be donated back to St. John’s. The Give-Back will not be on any discounted or promotional items. **A flyer is required** which you can find on the table in the lounge and in this newsletter. Digital copies from a smart phone or tablet will not be accepted.

Consistory Members

Are you feeling called to help on the leadership team at St. John's? We seek to build this group with a balance of ages, worship attending times, length of membership, and more. It is considered an honor to be invited to lead and so we look for enthusiast prayerful individuals who seek to grow in their faith while encouraging others to do the same. We have been truly blessed to have many either nominate themselves or others and we seldom hear a 'no' to those who have been asked.

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Think about it... pray about it... if you are feeling called to a leadership role please speak with a pastor, Consistory member or elder.

Turkey Pot Pie Sale

Our delicious Turkey Pot Pie will be made on **Friday, October 19**. Cost is \$7.00 a quart. A **sign-up sheet for orders is in the lounge or rear of the sanctuary**. You can also call **Carol Raszler** at **610-393-7572** to place your order. **Deadline to order is Sunday, October 7.** Pickup times are that Friday from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or after each worship service on Sunday, October 21. **IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A TURKEY, PLEASE CONTACT CAROL.** We'll be back in 2019 after the Christmas holidays for more soup opportunities.

Coming Soon!

❖ **2019 Lehigh Valley Save Around Coupon Books** will be available at a cost of **\$25**. Each book boasts more than \$5000 in savings at area fine dining and fast food restaurants as well as at sports and service merchants.

Books are valid from now to December 2019. **To reserve your book, contact Tracey Glass at 610-432-4997.**



❖ Back by popular demand is our annual **Nut Sale**. You can choose from **deluxe mixed nuts (no peanuts), fancy pecan halves, heart healthy nut mix, and mixed chocolate cranberries**. Some new items may also be added. More details will be in the next newsletter.

❖ **Chick-fil-A Calendars** will **not** be available for purchase in 2019. The company has decided to discontinue this fundraiser.

From the Property and Finance Committees

The Property Committee has recently dealt with several necessary but unplanned issues that will strain the financial resources of the church. Items such as these are related to the fact that, as we continue to grow our ministry, we must also maintain our beautiful church and its equipment. That commitment is becoming more problematical as our church (like our congregation) ages. Some recent examples of expensive "upkeep" items that we are facing include:



ELEVATOR UPGRADE: In its present condition the elevator door closes with some force on any object (or person!) in its path before it retracts. A non-contact sensor that will eliminate this potentially hazardous situation will cost \$2,215.

HVAC REPAIRS: The sophisticated HVAC equipment that was installed through the airport's Sound Abatement grant six years ago is malfunctioning. The warranty has expired and repairs will cost over \$4,000.

BELL TOWER MASONRY REPAIRS: Our bell tower exterior needs masonry work to seal out moisture and retard the deterioration which has recently been observed in a few of its many "cast stone" (concrete) structural elements. Several days of masonry work with the use of a high-reach lift are necessary and also a vented cap over the chimney flue is being designed. The cost of this work is expected to be about \$10,000.

An envelope is included in your newsletter to contribute to these repairs. We have a Property Fund that gets depleted quickly when a major repair comes. With three major repairs we could use some additional funding.

Meals on Wheels Update

Effective August 22nd the Meals on Wheel of Lehigh County and Meals on Wheels of Northampton County merged. The new entity is now known as Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley. They will operate as one organization, providing the same services to this larger combined service area.

While the mission and core values of the new agency might be phrased differently the commitment to supporting the client's choice to age in place with dignity while maintaining their social connectedness, is stronger than ever.

Sincerely
Vicki Coyle,
Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley CEO



Scripture Readers & Ushers

We have placed a sign-up sheet for scripture readers and ushers in the back of the sanctuary. It filled up fast but there are still some openings. Please call Nancy Dougherty (ushers) at 610-760-8361 or the church office (610-264-8421). You will have your choice of 8:15 or 10:45. We want people who are enthusiastic about serving God as worship leaders. Think about it.. or better yet... pray about it.

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Scrip Gift Card Orders –

Deadlines to order cards are October 5 and November 23rd. Order forms will be in the parlor and will include cards for your favorite stores for everyday shopping as well as for gifts.



There's a lot brewing at the next Lady PEEPS meeting on **Thursday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 201.** We'll be welcoming in the Halloween season with our theme **"Crazy Human Tricks and Treats."** Come and share in the fun as we offer up a cauldron full of some special tricks and show off some of our unusual talents. It will be an evening of laughter and fellowship with some amazing St. John's women. Refreshments will be served.

The Men's Breakfast Group



Breakfast

The Men's group of St. John's now meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Hamilton Family Restaurant in Allentown.

We would be pleased to have you join us.

Our next meeting date is October 6th at 8:30AM.

Gift Card Bingo

November 2nd @ 7:00PM
(Doors open at 6:00PM)

Tickets are now available. Cost of tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door.

Road Rally

This year's Road Rally will be held on October 21st. Mark that date on your calendar to join in this fun-filled day!

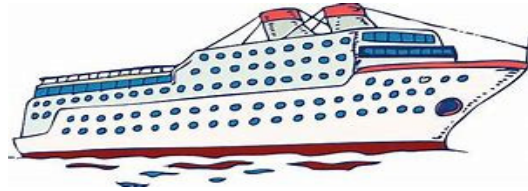


Lady PEEPS - Join Us for a "Spell"

SAVE
the
DATE

Cruise Ship Dinner Theatre

*With St. John's Players and produced by the
FunRaising Committee*



What: By popular demand, please join us for a fun night out for the entire family. Dinner buffet and live action theatre with some audience participation. This event sells out fast, so purchase your tickets early.

When: Saturday, October 13th at 6:00pm sharp

Where: Fox Hall

Cost: Tickets are \$15.00 for adults; \$8.00 children ages 5-12; Free for children under age 5

You will be able to purchase your tickets in the parlor after church from one of the committee members beginning in August or contact the church office at 610-264-8421. Deadline to purchase tickets will be Sunday, September 30th. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW.**

Dinner Theater Menu:

- ✓ Fresh fruit cup
- ✓ Chef's choice of vegetable
- ✓ Roasted eye-round of beef with red wine demi-glace
- ✓ Eggplant parmesan
- ✓ Pan-seared boneless chicken breast with slow-roasted garlic crème sauce, garnished
With diced tomatoes and a chiffonade of basil
- ✓ Dessert: cream puffs & parfais
- ✓ Rolls & butter
- ✓ Steak house roasted red bliss potatoes

The Power of \$2.00

The summer of 2018 has been a financially challenging time for St. John's

Typically, as families vacation or are away for holidays, donations decline. And that is, once again, the case this year. As of August 31, our budgeted Offerings for Current Expenses were \$201,386 whereas actual offerings were \$181,922. To date, we are running a deficit of \$15,103 and that is after having used the \$20,000 allocation from the endowment fund.

This is not a case for panic because we are still in a financially solid position, but it is an issue we must address so it does not become a problem in the future. And, as one would expect, the Goal of Stewardship and Finance is to pro-actively work toward solutions.



Is this a short or long-term issue? Simply put, we don't know.

Addressing that question is the challenge facing Stewardship and Finance as it begins work on the 2019 budget. Instead of simply talking about the problem it is important for all of us not only to be aware of the issue but constructively consider solutions.

Do we want St. John's to be the growing church providing the programs and services we now enjoy? Do we believe that, individually, we are better off having St. John's as part of our lives? If so, it may be a time to ask ourselves, "What can I do about the deficit?" It's such a large number!!

Each of us may need to reflect on our personal giving. Some food for thought: When was the last time you adjusted your giving— weekly donations or electronic contributions to Offerings for Current Expenses? Do you "catch up" on giving for those Sundays when you are not in attendance? (Maybe enrolling in electronic giving may be a way to "cover" those times when you are unable to attend. Expenses do not take vacations.)

When the budget was adopted last fall, all were advised that, to make the 2018 budget work members would have to step up their giving. Did you do that?

While it may seem a small commitment, if each of us were to increase weekly giving by \$2.00 (some may be able to do more, and some may not be able to do that much), we would be on the path to reducing the problem.

To all of us, St. John's has been a pillar of strength—something we can rely on for our daily spiritual needs as well as being there to provide comfort and support in time of need.

All of that comes, of course, with a cost and it is a measure of the value we place on the St. John's that dictates our financial support.

Will you be part of the solution? Prayerfully consider how you will respond.

John Viglione, Stewardship and Finance Committee

Crafty Crafters News

Come to the lounge area before or after worship on **Sunday, October 21**. The Crafters will have for sale their **fall, Halloween, and Thanksgiving decorations** and assorted household items.

The Crafters will also be at **St. John's Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, December 1**, and will again have our items for sale **before and after worship on Sunday, December 2**. We'll have our **Christmas decorations along with our kitchen, household, and baby items**. In the meantime, if you need any item, please contact either **Ruthann Hallman at 610-434-0314** or **Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572**. We're still looking for more people who knit or crochet.

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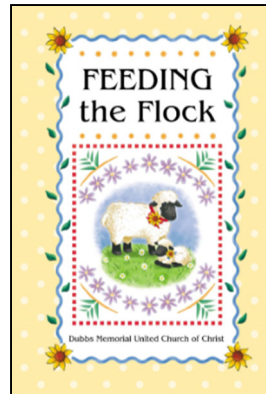
New Batch of

12 ~~10~~ Bean Soup Mix

We've added two more kinds of beans to our Bean Soup Mix! All you have to do is add a can of tomatoes, an onion, a ham hock, some seasonings, and cook yourself up a hearty mealtime soup. **Cost is \$4.00**. See Carol Raszler or contact her at 610-393-7572.

Women's Group Cookbook

Features 350 Recipes



Appetizers & Beverages
Soups & Salads
Main Dishes
Vegetables & Side Dishes
Bread & Rolls
Desserts
Cookies & Candy
This & That

Cost \$12.75

Make checks payable to St. John's UCC.
See Carol Raszler or call her at 610-393-7572

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If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please send your email address to Susan Kuder at stjohnsucc.secretary@rcn.com. By getting an emailed copy of the newsletter it saves the church money by using less paper, less ink usage, and lower mailing costs. Also, if you get it emailed, you will receive your newsletter quicker than through regular mail.

Consistory Corner

The Consistory is the elected leadership body of St. John's. They spend time building relationships with each other so that they can work and make decisions well together. It is important that the members be visible in worship, in committees and in the overall life of St. John's and you should know them.

I was born and raised in Colorado, attended college in Oklahoma and have lived in Pennsylvania most of my adult life. I taught ages 0-14 for 25 years and then ended my working career at Community Services for Children. I am currently retired. I am married and have a wonderful son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter who are also members here. I raised my son in St. John's UCC and then returned again a few years ago and have been quite active in a number of programs and committees. I am currently the leader of the Lady PEEPS Women's Group, office helper and occasional photographer at events. I am honored and excited to serve God and my church on Consistory. I love St. John's and its people.



Colleen Kulhamer



Melissa Mendiolina

I'm a sophomore at Whitehall-Coplay High School. I love to play softball, travel and try new things with as much of an open mind as I can.

St. John's UCC, Fullerton Mission Statement

St. John's United Church of Christ, Fullerton provides a welcoming and safe place for all people to worship God, grow in faith and fellowship, and serve others and God by following the example of Jesus Christ. We believe all persons are created in God's image and are loved, valued, and blessed equally by God.

This community of faith is an open and accepting congregation who seeks to welcome, without judgment, all persons, including those of all races, ethnicities, ages, sexual orientation, gender identities and expressions, family structures, faith backgrounds, abilities and economic circumstances.

Everyone is invited to fully share and participate in the life, ministry, and joys of our church family.

October 2018 Music Notes

Children's Sabbath will be celebrated on Sunday, October 21st. Children will receive Bibles and Kidz JAM will sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children." I'm sure most of you remember that children's song.

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight; Jesus loves the little children of the world.

A wonderful hymn with the general theme of service and the dominant theme of equality of all peoples in Christ – rich and poor and black and white – are our neighbors, is "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love." This hymn will also be sung on Children's Sabbath.

Following African independence movements throughout the 1960s and 1970s, a number of Western missionaries encouraged the composition of Christian song in African idioms. Thomas S. Colvin (1925-2000) was one of these missionaries.

Colvin was a pastoral missionary for the Church of Scotland in Ghana from 1958-1964 and Malawi from 1954-'58 and 1964-74. He was also an active member of the ecumenical Iona Community in Scotland for nearly 50 years. His missionary ministry was characterized by justice issues such as Christian service committees, refugee resettlement and community development projects.

The songs collected by Colvin have been spread by members of the Iona Community around the world. Several of his texts set to African melodies have found a home in Western hymnals. Colvin nurtured new African congregational songs by adapting local melodies and writing new texts appropriate for African Christians and, as it turns out, Christians around the world.

"Jesu, Jesu" is Colvin's most popular hymn. The melody is adapted from a Ghanaian folk song he heard during his years of service in that country. The tune name CHEREPONI comes from a town in northern Ghana, where the hymn was written.

Missionaries brought the Gospel to a foreign land. Now that the gospel has taken root around much of the world, this hymn suggests that relationships among all peoples should be as equals, where our love for each other through Christ "puts us on our knees, showing our faith by our deeds, serving the neighbors we have from you."

The composition of the hymn itself is symbolic of collaboration between two cultures. The text comes from a European Christian inspired by his service in Ghana. The melody comes from a West African country. In this composition, even the act of hymn singing may become a metaphor for neighborly relationships that are possible in Christ.

Jesus loves all His children – young, old, red, yellow, black, white. And He asks us to do the same by loving and serving all our neighbors.

Musically,

Gail



Christian Education and Youth

Youth Group Begins Monday, September 24th!

Our Youth Group meetings begin again on Monday September 24th!

Middler Youth Group (6th-8th grades) will meet Monday evenings 5:00 pm - 6:00pm.
Leaders – Pastor Michelle & Corrina Schneck

Sr. Youth Group will meet Monday evenings 7:00 pm - 8:00pm.
Leaders – Pastor Michelle & TBD

Mini Youth Group

(Kindergarten – 2nd grade) and
Jr. Youth Group (grades 3rd-5th) will meet October - April on the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 pm - 7:00pm.
Dinner will be served.

FIRST MEETING – Tuesday, October 2nd!
Leaders – Mini Youth Group – Kristen Riedy
JR Youth Group – Wendy Fox

If you would like to volunteer to make our meal one of these months, please let Pastor Michelle know stjohnsucc.youth@rcn.com or call the church office at 610-264-8421. Your generosity and help is greatly appreciated!



Haunted Parkway!

Saturday, October 20th
Admission \$12.00.

7:00 pm for Middler & Sr. Youth Group
and Friends

Friends are welcome! Please make sure your friend falls into the same group as you do, Middler 6th-8th grade, Sr. 9th - 12th grades.

Please let us know if you will be attending so we can look for you! Sign up for this event in the youth room (305)

Sr. Youth Group Road Rally Cars!

Sr. Youth group will once again take to the road! Join us as we enjoy the congregation "Road Rally" together! Sunday, October 21st 1:00 pm. Please sign up in youth room so we can make sure we have enough drivers! Bring money for dinner!



Trunk or Treat!!!

Friday, October 26th 6pm – 8pm. Everyone is welcome to bring their cars! Decorate your trunk and hand out treats to St. J's local trick or treaters!!



Members are welcome to hand out treats on their own or Committees are welcome to hand out treats as a group!
It's sure to be spooktacular!!!!

Children's Sabbath - Sunday, October 21st

Join us as we celebrate Children's Sabbath at the 8:15 and 10:45 am worship services. Our 2nd graders and first year confirmands will receive their Bibles from St. John's! Bible sponsorship is a great way to show your support as our children & youth grow in their faith! Share the love of God's Word by sponsoring an Adventure Bible for a 2nd grade student or a Guidebook Student Bible for a First year Confirmand!

If you would like to sponsor a Bible, it is a \$20 donation and checks can be made payable to St John's UCC Fullerton. Please write "Bible sponsorship" in the memo area.

Thanksgiving "thank you"

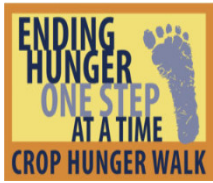
The KidZ JAM classes will once again be treating the congregation to a "Thank you" in November. During the month of November the classes will be working on a craft for the congregation. On Sunday, November 18th the KidZ JAM classes will distribute the small tokens of appreciation to the congregation.



Vendor Fair and Craft Show

Save the Date! Saturday, December 1st and shop until you drop! Lots of Vendors and Crafters! Get your Christmas shopping done and support our Youth Group! Chinese Auction & 50-50 Raffle too! Kitchen will be open for lots of great lunchtime treats! You won't want to miss this!

Mission Moment



CROP Hunger Walk

This year's CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 14**, starting at **1:30 p.m. at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, located at 140 S. Ott St. in**

Allentown. You can choose from a 6-mile loop through parts of Allentown with rest stops along the way or a 1-mile trek through St. Timothy's neighborhood. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.

St. John's needs walkers and sponsors! If you would like to be a walker and/or sponsor a walker, you can sign up in the parlor before or after worship or **contact Marion DeMilio at 610-797-9652** (email momoyer@ptd.net) or **Linda Smith at 610-791-1554** (email bedivere@ptd.net.)

Funds from the CROP Walk provide emergency relief for floods and other disasters as well as support for hunger relief and hunger prevention programs in the United States and throughout the world. From all monetary donations, 25% stays right here in the area going to the Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen and the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen.

In 2017 the LCC Soup Kitchen and the Daybreak drop-in center served more than 41,544 meals of which 820 were served to children. Each year, the AAEFB provides food for about 25,000 people.

Neighbors in Need – “Love of Neighbor”

A special offering for Neighbors in Need (NIN) will be received during the worship service on Sunday, October 7. If scripture commands, “*love your neighbor as you love yourself,*” then ask yourself, “Who Is My Neighbor?”. (Matthew 22:39)



Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund an array of local and national initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries.

Our Christmas Mitten Tree Project is Coming Soon!

This year's Mitten Tree Project will include gift donations for families, youth, babies, and senior citizens. We hope to make Christmas brighter for those less fortunate at the Sixth Street Shelter, Valley Youth House, Bright Hope, and Phoebe Ministries. More information on items needed will be in the next newsletter and future bulletins.

Mission Moment! - Continued

Whitehall Food Pantry

For the month of October, donations are needed for the following: **cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soups, canned tuna, spaghetti sauce, and instant mashed potatoes.** A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom by the sanctuary where you can place your donations. Monetary contributions, as well as any other non-perishable food items, can be made at any time throughout the year. **A special monetary offering for the Whitehall Food Pantry will be taken during worship on Sunday, September 30.**

Update on Other Mission Outreaches:

‡ **Backpack and School Supplies Drive** – Our St. John’s Family is truly amazing! Over 1950 items were delivered to the Whitehall-Coplay School District in time for the start of the school year. Supplies included, among many other things, 30 backpacks, 831 pencils, 234 pens, and 57 composition books. Besides the congregation, a special thank you also goes to the leaders, parents, and children at our Vacation Bible School for their generous donations.

‡ **Jubilee Breakfast Ministry** – We will again prepare meals once a month, November through April, for the Jubilee Breakfast Ministry held at Zion’s UCC located at 620 W. Hamilton St. in Allentown. **Nancy Dougherty** is coordinating the breakfasts, and she is making a list of people who would be willing to volunteer for this service. If you are interested in helping or want more information, please **contact Nancy at 610-760-8361** (email nancydough@msn.com).

‡ **Whitehall-Coplay Summer Breakfast Camp** – Thank you to the volunteers from St. John’s who supported this program held at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 835 Third St., in Whitehall. More than 4000 meals were served to the kids this summer. They received a hot meal of eggs, pancakes, or French toast on three days; a cold meal of cereal and fruit on 2 days; and a bagged lunch was given daily. On Fridays a weekend bag of food was also provided. With the theme “Around the World,” the children learned of various cultures, music, and food as they traveled to Africa, the Caribbean, Mexico, and studied Native Americans. They had a lot of fun with exercises, games, and educational activities. **Your support of time, food donations, or monetary contributions helped make this program a huge success.**

How did St. John’s Family do?

Recent Outreaches	August	Year-to-Date
Our Churches Wider Mission	\$1,424.56	\$12,209.88
Neighbors in Need	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Whitehall Food Bank	-0-	\$ 763.00

Healthcare Ministry

This month the Healthcare Committee has arranged for Miller Memorial Bloodmobile to be at our church for blood donations again. They are always in need of blood as there are many people in crisis situations every day. Blood is produced in our bone marrow. It consists of platelets, red blood cells and plasma. Platelets constitute a small percentage of total blood volume and they are needed to control bleeding. People saved if you donate platelets are leukemia and cancer patients, cardiac surgery patients, burn victims, organ and bone marrow transplant recipients, and people with bleeding disorders. Red blood cells

make up about 45 percent of blood volume and carry oxygen throughout the body. Lives saved from increased red blood cells are premature infants, trauma victims, surgical patients, people battling cancer, kidney disease, and anemia. The remaining 55 percent of blood volume is made up of plasma, a pale yellow mixture of water, proteins, and salts. It also helps promote clotting. Lives saved with plasma include burn victims, cardiac surgery patients, liver transplant recipients, patients suffering from shock or bleeding and immune disorders. There are four blood types that are determined by our genetics. They are A, B, AB and O. There is also an Rh factor that is positive or negative. The blood bank determines your type and will match it appropriately to a person in need.

Give the gift of life



Donate blood

Blood is essential for life. It carries oxygen and nutrients throughout the body, fights infections and helps heal wounds. Our blood is a self-generating resource that can be generously given to others in their time of need. Anyone 17 and older can donate blood. You should be healthy and weigh at least 110 lbs. You should also be free of antibiotics for 24 hours and symptom-free for 72 hours following a cold or the flu. Infectious disease testing is performed for the safety of the blood supply.

St. John's Healthcare Committee arranges for the bloodmobile to come once or twice a year. If you have any questions regarding blood donation, please contact Marion DeMilio or anyone in the Healthcare Committee. The national average for blood donations is only 5 percent! Please consider giving the gift of life to a person in need. One in three people will need blood during their lifetime. That little needle stick doesn't compare to the feeling you get from helping to save a life!





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Real Potato Filling Sale

\$7.00 for a two pound container ~

All orders and payment must be received by November 4, 2018.

PLEASE PAY WHEN ORDERING
NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED

Dates for pick up: Saturday, November 17th and Sunday, November 18th

Please complete this order form and place in the offering place along with your payment or call the church office at 610-264-8421

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Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of Containers @ \$7.00 each _____

Amount Due _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Check one:

Pick up Saturday 3-4:30PM _____

Pick up Sunday (after both services) _____

Call Cheryl Weaver - 610-443-0161 or Ruthann Hallman 610-434-0314 with any questions —



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October 8:15am and 10:45am Worship Services Information

October 7th Scripture: Job 1:1; 2:1-10 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Hymns:

◁Lift Every Voice and Sing ▷One Bread, One Body ▷In Christ there is No East or West

8:15AM

Scripture Reader: LeDonne Wagstaff

Acolyte: Gregory Sommer

STARs Tech: Joe Trippett

10:45AM

Acolyte: Karly Myers

STARs Tech: Corrina Schneck

October 14th Scripture: Psalm 22:1-15 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Hymns: ▷Hymn of Promise ▷O God, My God ▷Precious Lord, Take My Hand

8:15AM

Ushers – Sandra Nagy, Janet Ebert, Jim Ebert, Judy Miranda

Scripture Reader: Ellen Sagazio

Acolyte: Parker Christman

STARs Tech: Susan Rarich

10:45AM

Ushers - Wayne Lichtenwalner, Doris Smith, Sally Gibson

Scripture Reader: Kim Hillegass

Acolyte: Madison Musselman

STARs Tech: Nicole Perez

October 21st

Scripture: Mark 10:35-45

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Hymns: <>They'll Know We Are Christians <>Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
<>Go, My Children, with My Blessing

8:15AM

Ushers: Marion DeMilio, Linda Smith, Judy Miranda

Scripture Reader: Janet Ebert

Acolyte: Gregory Sommer

STARs Tech: Tom Moyer

10:45AM

Ushers: Sally Gibson, Kim Hillegass, Kathy Bright

Scripture Reader: Corrina Schneck

Acolyte: Eireann Hunsicker

STARs Tech: Don Schneck

October 28th

Scripture: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Hymns: <>God of the Sparrow God of the Whale <>Heal Me, Hands of Jesus
<>Called as Partners in Christ's Service

8:15AM

Ushers: Sandra Nagy, Judy Miranda, Kevin Hoderman, Barbara Hoderman

Scripture Reader: Kevin Hoderman

Acolyte: Parker Christman

STARs Tech: Tom Moyer

10:45AM

Ushers: Wayne Lichtenwalner, Cheryl Weaver, Gary Weaver

Scripture Reader: Connie Viglione

Acolyte: Karly Myers

STARs Tech: DonnaLee Yeatts

Altar Guild: 8:15SAM – Marion DeMilio and Connie Viglione

10:45AM Kathy Bright and Doris Smith



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Summer Worship Service - 9:30AM
Return to Two Services on September 23rd
– 8:15AM and 10:45AM