



**AIDEN  
HANNIS**

# St. John's **CONNECTIONS**

A monthly update from the people of St. John's UCC, Fullerton

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## The Journey Continues

The season of Easter concludes June 1. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and joy as we celebrate the Confirmation of three of our young people at St. John's. These youth have spent months preparing - studying Scripture, asking meaningful questions, praying together, learning about themselves and their faith, and what it means to say "yes" to the promises of faith made on their behalf at baptism. Now, with courage and conviction, they come to stand before the congregation and claim those promises as their own.



In these sacred moments, let us be clear: Confirmation is not a graduation. It's not an end, not a goodbye, and certainly not a moment to close the book, check the spiritual box and say, "Well, that's done." Rather, this is the turning of a sacred page - an invitation to deeper discipleship, to a life more fully lived in the rhythm of Christ's love.

In Confirmation, these young people, Aiden Hannis, Nicholas Santee and Lucas Williams are affirming that they want to walk this path of faith with intention. They are saying, "I want to be a part of this church. I want to follow Jesus. I want to keep learning and growing. I want to Worship, Love and Serve... No Matter What!" What a powerful thing to witness - and what a sacred responsibility for us, their church family.

So what comes next?

First, we continue to show up for them. We keep inviting them - not just to youth activities, but to worship leadership, to service projects, to conversations that matter. We ask their opinions. We listen. We remember that faith is not about having all the answers, but about having a safe space to ask the questions with each other.

Next, we remember that community doesn't have an age limit. These young people are not "the future of the church" - they are the church, right now, fully part of our faith family. Their voices, their gifts, their presence belong here, just as much as anyone else's.

And finally, we walk alongside them. Like all of us, their spiritual journeys will be full of twists and turns. There will be seasons of deep connection and seasons of doubt. Our calling is not to have a perfect roadmap for them, but to be faithful companions - reminding them that we and God are with them every step of the way.

To our Confirmands: we are so proud of you. Your "yes" is courageous. Your faith is inspiring. Your questions are holy. We are honored to be part of this journey with you - not as people who are sending you off, but as people who are walking right beside you, welcoming you in to an open and affirming faith.

Together, let us be those who love, in grace and hope. We are St. John's UCC, Fullerton, and...

**"We Worship, We Love and  
We Serve  
~ No Matter What!"**

Yours in grace and hope,

*Steve Davis*

Rev. Steven Davis, Senior Pastor



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## On The Cover...



### AIDEN HANNIS

My name is Aiden Hannis. I am in eighth grade at Whitehall-Coplay Middle School. I wrestle and play football for my school. I also like fishing, golfing, and spending time with my friends and family.

My mom and grandparents are lifelong members of St. John's UCC. I attended Sunday school here, and am currently in confirmation class.

### Vacation Bible School: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

June 22–26 | Sunday–Thursday, 6–8pm

Get ready to step back in time to ancient Egypt as we follow Joseph's incredible journey from prison to palace! Children will explore faith through music, crafts, games, and storytelling that brings the story of Joseph to life.

Registration is open through June 20. Sign up online at:

[stjohnsuccfullerton.org/vbs](http://stjohnsuccfullerton.org/vbs)

This year, participation is free, thanks to the generosity of our congregation. If you'd like to help support VBS through a donation, your gift will help cover supplies and staff needs.

Volunteers are needed! Whether you love storytelling, snacks, crafts, or simply cheering kids on — we need your help to make this week unforgettable.

Contact: DonnaLee Yeatts at [ydlee68@aol.com](mailto:ydlee68@aol.com)

## Music Ministry

*Music is an alternate universe where people are often unrecognizable from who they are outside of it! The shy become confident. The agitated become calm. The lonely become included. The quiet become heard. And the lost become found. Music reveals the true person inside us!*

-Vaughan Fleischfresser

Summer has arrived! A much needed and deserved break for all! Well, let me rephrase that real quick, for the members of the music ministry! I'm not jealous or anything! I Promise!

I found a very fascinating article taken from the Facebook page of Franklin County High School Choral Arts program in Kentucky. I copied it here and made some revisions to reflect the ministry of St. John's and what our purpose is on a weekly basis for not only the congregation and online viewers, but most importantly for ourselves.

Last month, I spoke about having a stack of chairs in my office that are currently empty without an owner, this month, I want to highlight some key aspects of becoming involved with a music ministry, that people can discover:

- They have a voice that is valued and part of a much bigger whole.
- Praying through the art of music and dynamics.
- A family
- Confidence both musical and personal.
- The importance of discipline, focus, and selflessness.
- There are others just like them.
- They are good at something.
- Hard work pays off.
- The sheer joy of making music with others.
- How to deal with making mistakes.
- How awesome making music with other people is.
- One's self.
- A source of comfort, a second family, and a sanctuary away from the world around them.

St. John's Music Ministry is a ministry open to **anyone** who enjoys fellowship and finding the beauty of prayer through song.

As we begin another summer, I ask you to pray about it! Maybe this fall, you can claim ownership of one of the empty chairs!

Please do not hesitate to contact me either through email at [sjfmusic@sjuccf.org](mailto:sjfmusic@sjuccf.org) or phone at (484) 241-0250 if you would like to know more information or have any questions!

Patrick

## New to Our St. John's Congregation



On May 18, St. John's rejoiced once again as we welcomed and received 9 new persons in covenant relationship with us! These are more than "new members." They are our siblings in faith, growing our faith family.

Please seek out and share your personal greetings and welcome with:

Bruce and Karen Laudenslager, Jeffrey Purdon, Bill and Beverly Rumble, Todd Cocivera, Susan Stetler, Amanda Stettler and her two children, Jayden Johnson and Alaina Johnson.

Our next Connection Class sessions for those who would like to make St. John's their faith home will be in August to be received on our Gathering Sunday, September 7!

## God Is Giving Us an Opportunity



For the last two and a half years, our Personnel Committee, our Elders and Consistory leadership and Sr. Pastor have been committed to growing our ministry and restoring our program staff to support our outreach, first to children and youth, then to pastoral care support. The last few years have been challenging, refocusing our ministry and adjusting to the financial realities post-COVID and with pastoral and several staff position reductions. This has been challenging work.

In April, Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, our PNEC Conference Minister, invited St. John's to consider an opportunity to build a relationship and grow our ministry with Children and Youth, in Pastoral Care and Worship. A young woman who is a Member in Discernment, working to complete seminary at Moravian University and further explore her calling to ministry, is looking for a congregation where she can complete her Field Education Placement and further discern how God would have her serve in ministry. The Elders of our Spiritual Council, the Consistory leadership and the Sr. Pastor have all visited with Samantha Kistler and believe God is opening a tremendous opportunity for us to grow our ministry and help Samantha discern her calling.

What would be involved? St. John's would provide a stipend to support Samantha's travel and honor her work with us. The initial year of her field placement would begin in August 2025 through May 2026 when Samantha would complete her seminary education and be eligible for ordination.

Samantha would be required to spend 8-10 hours per week in various areas of ministry at St. John's. Her experience with Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Phoebe Homes gave her a great appreciation for Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy. Samantha is also passionate about creating enriching experiences in Faith Formation for children and youth. Additionally, she has been supporting smaller

congregations with pulpit supply while other pastors are on vacation and providing some interim worship leadership.

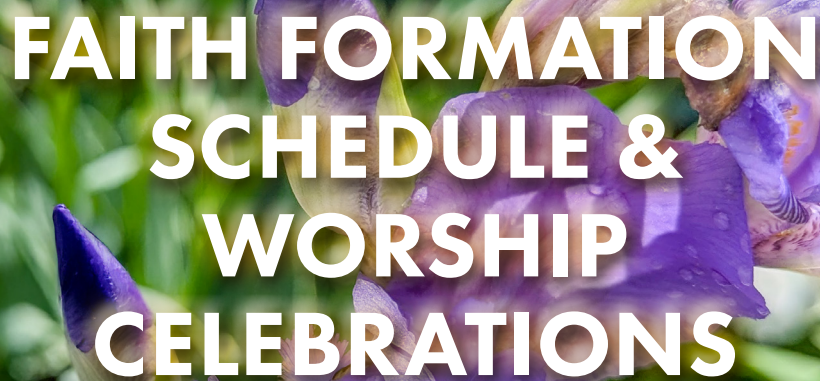
We would provide a ministry support loop in addition to pastoral supervision, to help Samantha have the best ministry experience and growth possible in her discernment.

All these areas would be part of her continuing Field Education placement at St. John's if we approve this partnership in ministry. The Stewardship and Finance Committee and Sr. Pastor are exploring more detailed descriptions of what a second year of ministry partnership might look like should Samantha commit to remaining in bi-vocational ministry while continuing her current full time employment as an Emotional Support Teacher for the Lehighton High School. This would enable her to continue to have other employment benefits such as healthcare, which we currently cannot provide.

The Elders and Consistory also believe it is in the best interest of St. John's, in our ministry with families and our homebound, to have a commitment to a minimum of two years of partnered ministry. We don't believe it is fair to our congregation or to Samantha to have only one year of beginning to restore ministry leadership and not invest in each other to build something more substantial.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee and Sr. Pastor, with the encouragement of the Consistory, are looking at utilizing some of our currently self-restricted funds to provide the needed support for the second year. We believe with the generous support of two anticipated funding sources, and the ongoing support of the St. John's family, we can do this work. We believe God is calling us to use funds to invest in growing our program ministry and pastoral support as well as investing in the start of a person's ministry career.

The St. John's leadership believes God is calling us to something challenging and new. We invite your prayerful consideration and your continuing financial support to bring this opportunity into reality. The Stewardship and Finance Committee will make their support recommendations to the Consistory for their meeting on June 10. If you have questions or want to share your support, please contact our Consistory members or Sr. Pastor: Wendy Fox (President/Elder), Colleen Kulhamer (Elder), Paul Raszler (Elder), Sharon Antrim, Kathy Roth, Tyler Shankweiler, Kay Chryst, Kirby Hower, Bob Bold (Vice-President), Robin Brensinger, Charlotte Kerrigan and Corrinna Schneck; Rev. Steve Davis.



# **FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE & WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS**

## **SUMMERTIME SUNDAY MORNINGS**

*for Children, Youth & Adults*

Faith Formation takes place in many ways. Whether it be in a class group setting, individual devotionals, or group reflection and sharing online, we were created to grow in our understanding. We are seeking beings, with the deep desire to know God, each other and our world in more significant ways. We learn and form our lives in faith continuously.

During the summer months at St. John's, our class leaders and facilitators, our children's leaders and helpers, all enjoy some time to recharge and have a change from our regular schedule. There will be no Sunday morning Faith Formation classes for adults or children in June, July or August. While our children's leaders and adult class takes a well-deserved break, our Faith Formation activity continues with these activities:

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**June 22-26 (Sunday - Thursday, 6-8pm)**

VBS isn't just for the children. Group leaders and helpers, singers and musicians, snack preparations and crafts are all ways to share our faith with children.



We need volunteers for EVERY area to make our VBS experience great. Children will be inspired and celebrate. Adults (grandparents) will be moved as we develop new relationships with young people and parents. We share our faith in many ways, and VBS can be one way for ALL of us to participate in life-changing moments of Faith Formation. Please sign up to be a volunteer and register your family, friends and neighborhood children for a great experience.

A few months ago, a new member said, "I would love to take part in a Bible Study, but I work. Do we offer an evening Faith Formation time for adults?" Jesus said, "Ask and you shall receive."

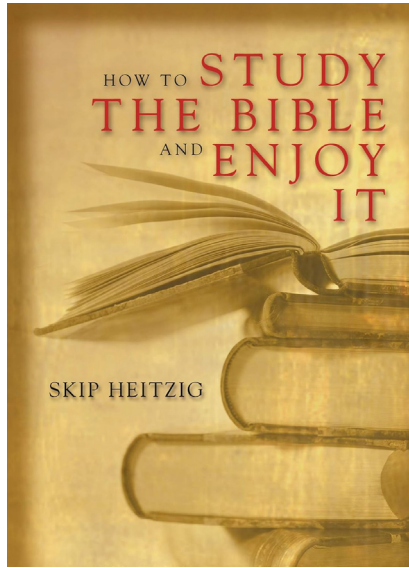
## **SUMMER SUPPER SHARING FOR THE SOUL**

*Wednesdays @ 6:00pm*

**July 2 & 9, 23 & 30, August 6 & 13**

This tongue twister opportunity to deepen our faith and enjoy a fresh time of learning is perfect for your Wednesday evenings this summer. This special summer series invites you to step into Room 201 (Sanctuary/Office level) for supper (salads and sandwiches), study, and a sacred safe space where spiritual senses are stirred and sharpened. Savor a summer evening of sharing designed to stir your soul and strengthen your spiritual walk.

Send us a signal that you're ready to sign up on Sundays or send an email to Steve! We will be discussing the book, "How to Study the Bible and Enjoy It" by Rev. Skip Heitzig. When you let us know your intention to participate, we will order the book for you. (\$7 donation if you're able.) We will also sign up to donate salads and slider sandwiches each week for us to enjoy together.



The book *How to Study the Bible and Enjoy It* by Skip Heitzig comprises eight chapters, each designed to guide readers through a comprehensive and engaging approach to Bible study. The chapters are as follows:

- Deciphering the Bible
- Finding the Right Tools
- Getting Started
- Observation: Opening Your Eyes
- Interpretation: Opening Your Mind
- God's Creative Writing
- Application: Opening Your Heart
- Practicing What We've Preached

These chapters collectively provide a structured framework for participants to delve into the Scriptures, emphasizing the importance of observation, interpretation, and application in the study process. This is not a Bible Study, but rather a fresh way to look at HOW we study God's Word to find greater meaning from the ancient word and our Still Speaking God.

Save the dates and sign up today to take part in this special summer study series!

## HYMN SING SUNDAY

**June 15, 9:30am**

Join us in singing hymns that have been longtime favorites and newer favorites. If you haven't already done so, turn in your song suggestions to Patrick by Monday, June 2, or email your suggestions to him at [music@sjuccf.org](mailto:music@sjuccf.org). He will guide us in worship with the congregation singing praise to God!

## OUTDOOR WORSHIP

### AT THE ST. JOHN'S PAVILION

**SAVE THE DATES - June 22, June 27 and August 31**

9:30am Morning Worship - Our faith community gathers to Worship, Love and Serve every Sunday morning! On these three dates, we will be outside (weather permitting) and enjoy worship outdoors at the Pavilion. Bring your lawn chairs if you want something more comfortable than the folding metal chairs.

## CONFIRMATION

**Sunday, June 1**

**AFFIRMING FAITH**

Begin the month of June in worship as we welcome the Faith Affirmations of our Confirmation Class, who will be received in worship on June 1. Please share your joy with Nicholas Santee, Aiden Hannis and Lucas Williams. Pray for them by name. Express your thanks for their worship participation and leadership. Join them in the journey of discovery to affirm their faith in God through Jesus Christ.

As members of this year's Confirmation Class, these young men are stepping into a new season of faith, purpose and commitment. Each brings a unique blend of thoughtfulness, conviction and heart that will shape the church today and in the future, and the communities in which they serve.

They are already leaders – in classrooms, among peers, and within this congregation. They listen with intention, act with integrity, and aren't afraid to ask hard questions or stand up for what's right. Their presence makes a difference.

Through Confirmation, they deepen their roots in faith, not just for themselves, but for the good of others. Whether guiding a team, encouraging friends, or speaking up when it matters, they are building lives centered on compassion, wisdom and service.

We give thanks for the journey that brought them here and look forward with hope to the impact they are sure to make.

## OPEN AND AFFIRMING SUNDAY IN THE UCC

### June 29

St. John's is one of several Open and Affirming congregations (ONA) in the Penn Northeast Conference and one of many in the wider United Church of Christ. Open and Affirming congregations share the radical inclusive love of God in every way possible. We let people know they are SAFE with us, especially if they are part of a marginalized group.



What does this mean? Open and Affirming is the United Church of Christ's (UCC) designation for congregations, campus ministries, and other bodies in the UCC which make a public covenant of welcome into their full life and ministry to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. It also includes persons with other disabilities or limitations, physical and mental, with whom we share extra support. We want to do our best to assure that nothing stands in the way of anyone experiencing the love of God through us when they participate with St. John's.

WHOEVER YOU ARE and WHEREVER YOU MAY BE on life's journey, YOU ARE...WELCOME HERE at St. John's UCC, Fullerton!

Learn more at <https://openandaffirming.org>

## EVERY SUNDAY THIS SUMMER!

We have a place for you, one and all, and YOU ARE...  
WELCOME HERE! We have created places in the congregational seating for those with mobility issues and assistance support. We are working to make our spaces and worship experience more accessible for everyone, including those with hearing impairment, and we always welcome our online worship participants to share in the chat with us anytime, anyplace!

Join us each week in the gathering spaces, the classrooms, the sanctuary, online, and with Sunday Social time following worship in Fox Hall. We welcome you into the experience of God's love through St. John's.

### Faith Formation

Because we have been short-staffed, we offered crafts to the children in April and May during the abbreviated class time on Communion Sundays. Thank you to Michelle Gutekunst for taking the lead on that and to Amy Feidler for providing materials.

The three final Holy Moly classes this season were May 11, 18 & 25th.

There will be no class on June 1 as it is Confirmation Sunday and it is good for the children to be in worship to experience the important milestones in the life of our congregation.

I had an in-person meeting of Holy Moly leaders and helpers for Monday May 12 which we are calling Faith Formation for the Future. I outlined the ins and outs of how I coordinated the program in order to pave the way for a smooth transition to new leadership in September. I will no longer be leading the Sunday morning programing as of the end of May. If the new leaders have any questions they can certainly reach out to me.

Blessings,

Becca Stephens



"You shall receive power!" These words of Jesus to his disciples, and to all of us today, were first experienced by the disciples and over 3,000 people on the Day of Pentecost. The Feast of Pentecost, celebrated 50 days after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and those who heard them and believed their message, marking the birth of the Church. It's also a reminder of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church's mission to spread the Good News!

The name "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word for "fifty," referring to the 50th day after Passover in the Jewish calendar. It was originally known as Shavuot, or the Feast of Weeks, a harvest festival. In Jewish tradition, this celebration marks the anniversary of the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In our Christian celebration, Pentecost celebrates the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit, described in the Book of Acts. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to proclaim the Gospel and witness to Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. Pentecost is seen as the moment the Church was established as a visible, empowered community, capable of sharing the Gospel with the world.

To be SEEN holds significance, especially in the LGBTQIA+ community, where increasingly, political efforts and legislation is created in states and nations seeking to erase those from our cultural tapestry of inclusion. Pentecost saw God's Spirit come to those who were both Jewish and Gentiles (non-Jewish persons) to share the inclusive embrace of God.



## SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Worship & Holy Communion - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Acts 1:1-8, John 17:20-23

**“The POWER of P-R-I-D-E!” (Power)**

Lectionary Readings: Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97,  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26

Join us as we celebrate our Confirmation Class in worship and receive them into full covenant relationship! They will share in serving us Holy Communion as we honor their faithful affirmations.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Pentecost Sunday Worship

Romans 8:14-17

**“The POWER of P-R-I-D-E!” (Relationship)**

Lectionary Readings: Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9,  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Everyone can experience the POWER of Pentecost and P-R-I-D-E in our faith as we focus on building relationships, growing together in the grace and love of God through Christ. We are commanded by Jesus to love each other as he first loved us. Sometimes easier said than done. Yet the Day of Pentecost shows us how God breaks through social constructs and religious boundaries and opens the doors to the fresh winds of the Holy Spirit to blow on us all!

## SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Worship - Trinity Sunday & Father's Day / Hymn Sing Sunday

Romans 5:1-5

**“The POWER of P-R-I-D-E!” (Identity)**

Lectionary Readings: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-3,  
Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

Our identity is not only in our DNA, but also in our connection to God. No matter how the world around us may choose to label us, we know our true identity is God given and it is GOOD! The words

of faith we sing each week, remind us of who we are in Christ, who we are as children of God and loved by God. Our identity is shared with the world in the embrace we share and the songs we sing. Join us for a great day of worship in song as we share some of our favorites together!

## SUNDAY, JUNE 22

*Outdoor Worship at the St. John's Pavilion*

*Luke 8:26-39*

### **"The POWER of P-R-I-D-E!" (Declaring)**

*Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and  
Psalm 42 and 43, Isaiah 65:1-9 and Psalm 22:19-28,  
Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39*

What do we do when confronted with the realities of injustice in life? How do we find a way forward when life is unfair? Jesus brings healing to a man who wants nothing more than to follow him and learn more. Jesus tells him to go home and declare the good things God has done in his life. Will we do the same?

## SUNDAY, JUNE 29

*Open and Affirming Sunday in the UCC*

*2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14*

### **"The POWER of P-R-I-D-E!" (Everyone)**

*Lectionary Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20, 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16,  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62*

Is there someone in your life that you respect so much that you wish you could be like them? The prophet, Elijah, had great devotion to God and great wisdom to share about walking faithfully with the Divine. The POWER of P-R-I-D-E for EVERY person exists with the decision to take up the mantle of our mentors, to embrace the ways of the ones who walk with God. Everyone can receive the power of God to be those who take on the responsibility of helping people see God's presence. EVERYONE can bear witness to God's love.

## Sunday Socials

### Building Community Following Worship!

Every Sunday after worship, our community gathers in Fox Hall for Sunday Social — a time to share good food, enjoy meaningful conversation, and strengthen the bonds that make our church a true spiritual home. Whether you're reconnecting with familiar faces or welcoming someone new, this time together deepens our sense of belonging and extends our circle of care.



We'd love for you to be part of this ministry of hospitality!

Hosting is simple and rewarding — and it's even more fun with a friend, your family, or a group. Take a look at the available Sundays this month and consider signing up to help create a warm and welcoming space for all.

Here's how to sign up: Stop by the red display board at the back of the sanctuary, or call the church office and let Alison know which Sunday works for you.

Need a little guidance? Colleen Kulhammer is always happy to offer a quick tour of the kitchen and help you feel confident and comfortable. Remember, it's not about going all out. Whether you bring coffee and cookies, juice and muffins, veggies and dip, or something a little more elaborate, what matters most is your willingness to help foster connection and joy. Your presence is the greatest gift you can bring.

Let's keep the spirit of welcome alive. Join us in making Sunday Social a blessing for everyone! Sign up today.

## **Births, Deaths, Baptisms:**

### **BIRTHS:**

Brooks Wayne Kulhamer was born Friday, May 9, weighing 5 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 18 inches. He is the son of Andrew & Jamie Kulhamer, baby brother to Riley & Bailey, and the grandson of Colleen Kulhamer.



### **BAPTISMS:**

Margaret "Maggie" Fox Reck born July 17, 2020, and Elizabeth Fox Reck, born February 24, 2019 were baptized on May 11 at St. John's. They are the daughters of Stephen and Christine Reck, granddaughter of Cindy Reck, and great-granddaughter of the late Rev. Aaron Fox.



### **DEATHS:**

Jean E. Litzenberger passed away on April 12 at the age of 97. She is survived by her daughter Nancy Dougherty and son-in-law Robert and other family members.

Michael P. Kulhamer passed away on May 3 at the age of 75. He is survived by his wife of 39 years Colleen Kulhamer, son Andrew D. Kulhamer and wife Jamie, granddaughters Riley and Bailey, and just born grandson Brooks. A memorial service was held at St. John's on May 14.

## Honoring our Teen Scholars

Congratulations to the following teens who were recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Whitehall High School:

Elijah Fox, son of Wendy & Keith Fox, and Maya Williams, daughter of Jill & George Williams and granddaughter of Rev. Dr. Becky & Robert Beckwith.



# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>1</b> 9:30am Worship - Confirmation 10:30am Basket Social 10:30am Social Hour VBS rehearsal following worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Stewardship and Finance	<b>4</b> <b>No Verso Chat</b> 12:00pm Painting 6:00pm Painting 6:30pm Zumba-Fox 7:00pm SAA-Recovery
<b>8</b> <b>Newsletter deadline</b> 9:30am Worship - Pentecost 10:30am Social Hour VBS rehearsal following worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Elders 7:00pm Consistory	<b>11</b> <b>No Verso Chat</b> 12:00pm Painting 6:00pm Painting 6:30pm Zumba-Fox 7:00pm SAA-Recovery
<b>15</b> 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Social Hour	<b>16</b> 6:30pm "Fun-Raising" Committee	<b>17</b> 1:00pm Staff Meeting	<b>18</b> 9:00am Verso Chat 12:00pm Painting 6:00pm Painting 6:30pm Zumba-Fox 7:00pm SAA-Recovery
<b>22</b> 9:30am Sunday Worship-Pavilion 10:30am Social Hour 6:00-8:00pm VBS	<b>23</b> 9:00am Preschool Summer Camp 6:00-8:00pm VBS	<b>24</b> 9:00am Preschool Summer Camp 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:00-8:00pm VBS	<b>25</b> 9:00am Preschool 9:00am Verso Chat 12:00pm Painting 6:00pm Painting 6:30pm Zumba-Fox 7:00pm SAA-Recovery 6:00-8:00pm VBS
<b>29</b> 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Social Hour	<b>30</b>		<b>1 July</b> <b>The Grief Support Group</b> Regular meetings will continue



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> so-Chat Group k Hall Support-Room 302	<b>5</b> 9:30am Visitation Committee	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30am Men's Breakfast at HamFam 9:30am Zumba-Fox Hall
<b>11</b> so-Chat Group k Hall Support-Room 302	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30am Zumba-Fox Hall
<b>18</b> with Pastor Steve Group k Hall Support-Room 302	<b>19</b> Office closed - Juneteenth	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> VBS set-up
<b>25</b> Summer Camp with Pastor Steve Group k Hall Support-Room 302	<b>26</b> 9:00am Preschool Summer Camp 6:00-8:00pm VBS 6:30pm Property Committee	<b>27</b> 9:00am Preschool Summer Camp	<b>28</b> 9:30am Zumba-Fox Hall

## Grief Support Group Update

Support Group will meet on Monday, June 24.

Continue on the 4th Tuesday of each month through November

## **St. John's Basket Social & Bake Sale Has It All! You Won't Believe What You'll Find**

**Saturday, May 31 – 9am to 2pm**

**Sunday, June 1 – Before & After 9:30am Worship**

**Drawing at 11:30am on Sunday in Fox Hall**

Imagine finding baskets with gift cards from Morgan's, Prime Steak House, Cheesecake Factory, Lowe's, and other restaurants and stores. There will be an assortment of wines, books, puzzles, and items made by our St. John's crafters "Keeping You in Stitches."

Then, if you're looking for baskets with special themes, we have basket assortments of music & theater opportunities (State Theatre and American Music Theatre), Eagles & Penn State merchandise, baking supplies and groceries, baby items and children's activities, gardening and bird feeding accessories, snacks and candies, and various holiday decors.

***We ask you to bring in your  
basket donation and/or your  
baked goods donation to Fox Hall  
on Friday, May 30, between 10am - 6pm.***

If you're a collector, we have baskets with snowmen, gnomes, angels, and cookbooks. The list is endless, and you don't want to miss it!

Sheets of tickets (26 tickets per sheet at \$5.00) will be available ahead of time on Sundays before and after worship as well as on the dates of the Basket Social.

There will be a variety of baked goods available for sale on both days. Some of the goodies that day will include Moravian cakes, funny cakes, cut-out cookies, and wet bottom shoofly pies.

If you have any questions or would like to donate a basket or baked goods, please contact Amy Feidler (835) 210-5944 [alfeidler@gmail.com](mailto:alfeidler@gmail.com) or Carol Raszler (610) 393-7572 [craszler@aol.com](mailto:craszler@aol.com)

***The Basket Social has its own song!***  
***[\(LISTEN HERE\)](#)***



# BASKET SOCIAL & BAKE SALE



**YOU'LL FIND OODLES  
OF BASKETS!**

Saturday, May 31 9am - 2pm + Sunday, June 1 - Before & After 9:30am Worship

**MAY 31 - JUNE 1**

**26 TICKETS - \$5**

**TICKETS DRAWN 11:30am - JUNE 1**

**St John's UCC-Fullerton**

**575 Grape St (610) 264-8421**

## 2025 Together We Are Stronger

### YOU Make the Difference - Summer Support & An Invitation

As the warmth of summer approaches, we give thanks once again for the steady light of your generosity that continues to make the ministry of St. John's shine in our community. Through every act of compassion, commitment, and care — whether supporting mission work, outreach projects, or community events — you help bring our shared vision to life. Thank you!

Each month, our Stewardship and Finance Committee lifts up the good news of what your giving makes possible. Together, we are building a church rooted in love, hope, and justice — one that reaches beyond our walls to touch the world in meaningful ways.

This summer, as many of us take time to rest and renew, we also look ahead with faith and purpose. Our goal is to grow — not only to meet the needs of today, but to expand the reach of our ministry in the months and years ahead. This is a journey we can only take together.

My family and I have increased our support to deepen the significance of our ministry this summer and for the remainder of the year. We invite you to do the same. At our Annual Meeting, Treasurer, Sue Weldner reminded us that even small, consistent increases in giving can lead to significant change. Every contribution matters.

If you haven't yet signed up for Automatic Contributions, now is a great time to consider it. It's a simple, dependable way to sustain the life and work of our church — even during the busy summer season. Michelle Gutekunst and our team are happy to help you get started.

Whether your gift is large or small, know that it is part of something bigger: a vibrant, faithful community answering the call to love and serve.

With gratitude, as we continue to worship, love, and serve,

**The Stewardship and Finance Committee**

**The St. John's Consistory Leadership**

**Rev. Steve Davis**



P.S. Automatic giving helps bring consistency to our financial planning and ministry efforts. Reach out anytime—we're here to help make it easy for you to support the mission you believe in.

Giving online is easy! Use the QR Code to support individual areas of ministry or special projects as they arise. It's easy, safe and secure. Help support St. John's today!

## Tax-Advantaged Contributions

### Plan Ahead: Tax-Advantaged Giving Opportunities for 2025

by John Viglione

Now that the 2024 tax filing season has passed, it's a great time to start planning for 2025—especially if charitable giving is part of your financial picture.

As you may know, the Legacy Tree in the church parlor provides a meaningful way to honor or remember someone special. Donations toward the purchase of a leaf are deposited into our Endowment Accounts, which help supplement St. John's income and support our ministries for years to come.

If you have a 401(k) or IRA and are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), you may be able to reduce your federal tax liability by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). When done correctly, a direct gift from your retirement account to St. John's or another qualified 501(c)(3) charity counts toward your RMD—but is excluded from taxable income.

For example, someone in a 20% tax bracket who donates \$1,000 directly from their account could save \$200 in taxes. In effect, the charity receives the full amount, but the donor's out-of-pocket cost is reduced.



But what if you don't have an RMD or retirement plan to draw from? There's another option. If you hold stocks or mutual funds that have grown in value, you can donate those appreciated securities directly to the church instead of selling them. This not only supports a worthy cause—it helps you avoid paying capital gains tax.

Let's say you bought stock for \$1,000 and it's now worth \$5,000. Selling it would trigger a \$4,000 capital gain and a potential \$600 tax bill (assuming a 15% capital gains rate). But if you transfer the security directly to St. John's, you can give the full value and bypass the tax entirely.

Every financial situation is unique, and tax laws are complex, so it's always wise to consult your tax or financial advisor before taking action. But with a little planning, your generosity can go further—both for you and for the church.





# VERSO-CHAT

## God Is Still Speaking...

Wednesdays, 9am and Online Anytime starting in July!

Discover Scripture Anew This Summer with Verso-Chat.

Looking for a meaningful and fresh way to engage with scripture? Join us for Verso-Chat - our weekly lectionary reading scripture study where curiosity is welcome, questions are encouraged, and the Spirit is always moving. We gather every Wednesday morning to explore the lectionary texts and listen together for God's "still speaking" voice.

Verso-Chat is for everyone - especially if traditional Sunday School hasn't been your style or if you're just beginning your journey with the Bible. Whether you come with questions, insights, or simply a desire to grow in faith, you'll find a warm and welcoming community here.

This summer, while our regular adult Faith Formation programs pause, Verso-Chat continues - offering a space for connection, reflection, and spiritual growth. Beginning in July, we'll also start recording our sessions so you can watch and reflect at your convenience. Can't make Wednesday mornings? Let Pastor Steve know if you'd be interested in an evening option - we're open to expanding as interest grows!

Our summer conversations will follow the Revised Common Lectionary for the season of Pentecost - scriptures that shape our Sunday worship and invite us to experience the Holy Spirit's presence more deeply. Through prayerful reading and group reflection, we'll open our hearts to the Spirit's power and discover how we're called to be bold witnesses in the world.

So come and be part of something life-giving. Laugh, learn, and listen - because every session is an opportunity to encounter God's Word in new and transformative ways.

All are welcome. Click the Verso-Chat link below or visit our website to join the conversation. We'd love to see you there!

Let's explore God's Still-Speaking Word together!

<https://bit.ly/VersoChat>



## Upcoming “Fun-Raising” Events at St. John’s

**Saturday, May 31 – Basket Social & Bake Sale** – 9am to 2 pm in Fox Hall. Cost \$5 for 26 tickets. Tickets drawn at 11:30am on June 1. See Amy or Carol.

**Sunday, June 1 – Basket Social & Bake Sale** – 8am to 9:30am and 10:30am to 11:30am in Fox Hall. Cost \$5 for 26 tickets. Tickets drawn at 11:30am. See Amy or Carol.

**Saturday, June 21 – Community Yard Sale** – Canceled.

**Saturday, June 28 – Bus Trip to Ocean City, NJ** – Bus leaves St. John’s 7:30am. Bus leaves Ocean City 7:00pm. Cost \$50. Enjoy a day on the beach or on the boardwalk. See Amy or Brian to reserve your seat.

**Tuesday, Aug. 5 – IronPigs vs Scranton/Wilkes Barre RailRiders at Coca Cola Park** – 7:05pm. Cost \$14 Includes ticket & food voucher. “Dollar Dog Night” where hotdogs are only \$1. Deadline to reserve tickets June 15. See Carol.

**Giant & Weis Gift Cards** – Church gets 5% back. See Tom or Carol.

**Redner’s Register Tapes** – Church gets 1% back. Please do not roll the register tapes or submit receipts from other stores. See Karen.

### Save These Dates:

**Halloween Gift Card Bingo – Friday, October 17**

**29th Annual Road Rally – Sunday, October 19**

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*If you are looking for a way to get Involved, contribute to St. John’s, and have fun doing It...consider being part of the “Fun-Raising” Committee. Contact anyone on the committee for details. The committee usually meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6pm in Room 201 and by Zoom.*

## Clergy Milestones

We congratulate the following pastors who will celebrate the anniversaries of their ordinations in June:

**Rev. Cliffert Herring** – 53rd Anniversary of Ordination June 11, 1972 – currently serving as Interim Pastor at St. Peter's Church, West Penn in Tamaqua.

**Rev. John Hoff** – 52nd Anniversary of Ordination June 10, 1973 – Retired.

**Rev. David Mohr** – 62nd Anniversary of Ordination June 1, 1963 – Retired.

**Pastor Emerita Rev. Dr. Becky Beckwith** has been called as Interim Pastor at St. Thomas UCC, in Bethlehem, starting June 2.



## Deadline for July Newsletter

If you would like to contribute an article for the July newsletter, please email your single-spaced submission in PDF, DOC, RTF or plain text format to: - [newsletter@sjuccf.org](mailto:newsletter@sjuccf.org) by Sunday, June 8.

Photos or graphics for your article should be sent as attachments to your emailed submission. Please do not send inside a .DOC file.

[Updated style guidelines here](#)

# Lady PEEPS

It has been 10 years since the Lady PEEPS Women's Group was formed. Pastor Emerita Becky Beckwith first led this group for the first 3 months at which time I volunteered to take over the group and help plan and lead our monthly meetings. During that time our meetings consisted of guest speakers, arts and crafts, games, Bible study, science fun, tea parties, gardening and so much more. This group continues to thrive and has become a safe haven and a place to form friendships for the women of St. John's.

My last meeting as the leader of this wonderful group is May 20th. It is time for me to step down and figure out the directions I need to take to move forward in my life. I will be leaving this group leader position in some very capable hands. Regi Mohr has consented to lead the group beginning in September. She will be a great leader and I know she will have much help and support from this amazing group of women.

It has been my honor to lead the Lady PEEPS Women's Group and I will join you all in the fall under Regi's fine leadership. God Bless!

**Colleen Kulhamer**



Several of the PEEPS ladies met up with their PEEPS homebound member Helen Ryer at the Olive Garden on Saturday, May 10, for a time of conversation and renewing old friendships. Seated from front to left are Helen Ryer, Emilie Moyer, Regi Mohr, Carol

Raszler, Diana Beck, and Regina Hickman.

## With Much Gratitude for Your Love

Last month, I said, "Sixty years. It feels strange, yes. But it also feels sacred." I could not have imagined the gratitude I would feel following worship on May 11 and the extravagant way in which you, our St. John's community, joined in the celebration of my 60th birthday.

I'm grateful to my mom, Jackie Maxon, for all the love, support and planning she did "in secret" to make it a great day. Thank you to my husband, Bill Castello and tech pro Jesus Pagan, for helping create a great slideshow and song. Thank you to Colleen Kulhamer for all her extra efforts in the midst of her own grieving her husband's passing and celebrating her grandson's birth, to adding her own special touch to create a great and festive time together. Thank you to Pam Repetz, who helped my mom get the cake and tend to other details as well.

And thank you to ALL of you for the beautiful ways you shared your love with me. I'm honored and grateful for all the cards and lovely remembrances on Facebook, for the special gifts and the hugs. I'm so blessed by this wonderful congregation for all the ways you share your lives with me.

### Gladys and the Bake Sale



Gladys insisted her lemon squares were sugar-free. Turns out, she just forgot the sugar. Again.

## Everyone Needs Groceries

Whether you drive to the grocery store to shop, order online, or have your groceries delivered, we all need groceries. Do you realize that by purchasing Giant and Weis gift cards and by saving Redner's register tapes you are contributing money to St. John's?

For every Giant and Weis card sold, the church receives 5% back. You also get discounts for gas at both stores. Gift cards can be purchased through the church office or by seeing Tom Moyer or Carol Raszler every Sunday morning before or after worship.

For every Redner's tape collected, the church receives 1% back from its Save-A-Tape Program. The Redner's tapes can be mailed to the church office or placed in a collection jar found on the table in the lounge area. Please do not roll the Redner's tapes and do not include receipts from other stores.

Thanks to Karen Stoisits, who compiles and sends in the tapes, we recently received \$52.47 back from Redner's for receipts totaling almost \$5,250.

It's an easy way to give financially to the church. Think of St. John's every time you buy groceries or get gas for your car.

## Men's Breakfast Group



The Men's Breakfast Group of St. John's meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Hamilton Family Restaurant located at 2027 Hamilton St. in Allentown. Our next meeting is on **June 7 at 8:30am**. We would be pleased to have you join us. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Bob Bold at (610) 393-6123 or email [QVRRBold@aol.com](mailto:QVRRBold@aol.com)

## June Birthdays

If you have an upcoming birthday or notice an omission, please update the church office.

6/1 .....	Kevin Weidner	6/16 .....	Melody Fox
6/2 .....	Kay Chryst	6/20 .....	Charles Apple
6/3 .....	Aaron Young		Sophia Pagan
6/4 .....	Linda Luckenbill	6/21 .....	Kristen Vanfleet
	Keith Held	6/22 .....	Cheryl Mill
6/5 .....	Zachary Szoke		Brandon Deutsch
	Jeffrey Seeds	6/24 .....	Ernest Zellner Jr
6/6 .....	Margaret Huegel		Stephen Reck
	Gregg Fisher		Aubrey Funches
6/9 .....	Joan Yura	6/25 .....	Dale Serfass
6/13 .....	Linda Geissinger	6/26 .....	Patricia Yanavok
	Lynn Miller	6/29 .....	Thomas Gersbach
	Alexander Bach	6/30 .....	Michele Robinson
	Pam Repetz		





## June Wedding Anniversaries

If you have an upcoming anniversary or notice an omission, please update the church office.

6/2/1979

Robert & Cheryl Mill

6/3/1963

George (Rick) & Roberta Borgman

6/5/1965

Glenn & Carol Buskirk

6/5/1971

Clarence & Dorothea Biehn

6/9/2018

Donald & Dianna Schneck

6/11/1983

David & Donna Brown

6/13/1964

Thomas & Doris Hunsicker

6/14/1969

Gary & Ruthann Hallman

6/15/2024

Alyssa & Christopher Amaral

6/19/(missing year info)

Linda & Keith Helfrich

6/20/1987

Andrew & Judith Doyle

6/24/1989

Randy & Cathy Bachman

6/29/2002

Brian & Bonnie Strauss

6/30/1979

George & Sharon Romberger





## IronPigs Grandstand – Not Much Time Left!

The deadline for reservations is Sunday, June 15. We have reserved 80 seats in Section 104 of the grandstand at Coca Cola Park for the IronPigs vs. the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders baseball game. Game day is Tuesday, August 5, at 7:05pm. The cost is \$14.00 per person, which includes a ticket to the game and a \$2.00 ballpark credit. It'll be Dollar Dog Night where hotdogs are only \$1.00. For reservations, please see Carol Raszler before or after worship, contact her at (610) 393-7572, or email [craszler@aol.com](mailto:craszler@aol.com). Checks are payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton.



## Ocean City New Jersey Bus Trip



Enjoy a day at the shore on Saturday June 28 with all of your St John's friends. Get your sun screen, swim suit, your beach blanket, lawn chair and walking shoes for a wonderful day in the sun. Our bus provided by Epic Tours will be leaving the St John's parking lot at 7:30 am and leaving Ocean City New Jersey at 7pm. For just \$50.00 per person, you can see all Ocean City has to offer. Do you like a day sitting on the beach watching the waves, or do you like to shop ?? Or is miniature golf more to your speed ??? Or, an Escape Room ??? The Ocean City Visitor's Guide is filled with great places to eat so bring your appetite.

Getting there will be a Breeze – see Brian Fisher or Amy Feidler to sign up .

Worship, Love and Serve - No Matter What!



### **“Strengthen the Church”**

*“O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great.” ~ Psalm 104*

In this scripture, our faith turns us toward a God who can hold many languages, many creatures, and many possibilities. The image of sea creatures reminds us that we each find a unique purpose and calling in God’s creation. These purposes can be big and great, small and emerging, and deep and wide.

The Strengthen the Church offering furthers the work of our conferences and the national UCC as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided with 50% staying regionally within our own conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries.

A special offering envelope and insert is included in this newsletter. Contributions will be received on Sunday, June 8, and continue to the end of June. You can place them in the offering plate, mail them to the church office, or contribute online or by text.



## Whitehall Food Pantry

St. John's commitment to help the fourth Monday of each month continues throughout the summer. Because of vacations, holidays, sports, and other activities, we are in need of people to help us in our commitment to help those less fortunate. If you are available this Memorial Day, May 26, or any fourth Monday of the month, please contact Gary Black [gary.t.black@outlook.com](mailto:gary.t.black@outlook.com) or at (484) 274-2405. The morning session (stocking the shelves and organizing food received from grocery stores and Second Harvest) runs from 9am to about 11am. The evening session (distribution of food to the pantry's patrons) runs from 5:30pm to approximately 8pm. If you could help at any one or both of these sessions, it would be greatly appreciated.

For the month of June, we are collecting cereal, pork & beans, and canned fruit. Any other non-perishable food items are always welcome. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary where you can place your donations. Monetary contributions are always accepted and can be forwarded to the church office, placed in the offering plate, or given online or by text.

### Collection of Backpacks & School Supplies

Just to let you know, we will be asking for donations of backpacks, calculators, and school supplies for the Whitehall-Coplay School District starting the end of June and continuing into July. A collection box will be in the coatroom area by the sanctuary. We will also have a donation drive-by on Saturday, July 19, from 10:00am to 12:00 noon at the Pavilion. A list of items needed and further details will be in the church bulletin and in the July newsletter

### Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative's Community Meals

WCHI and the Faith-Based Community are providing free meals to low-income Whitehall-Coplay households on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4pm to 6pm. WCHI will post a meal reminder on Facebook and Instagram and state if it is an inside sit-down meal, take out, or a version of both. The meal being served will also be posted.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karen Haberern, Program Chair, at (610) 730-3184. The host churches are as follows:

Date	Place	Address	Phone
Sunday, June 1	St. Peter Roman Catholic Church	4 S. 5th St., Coplay	(610) 262-2417
Tuesday, June 17	Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	3300 7th St., Whitehall	(610) 434-8661

## Update on Other Mission Outreaches

Thank you to everyone who contributed to help Rev. David Quinn's family recover from the California Wildfires that destroyed his son's home. Because of your generosity and caring, we were able to give them \$900.00 to help them to begin rebuilding their lives.

## How did St. John's Family do?

Mission	April 2025	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2023
Our Church's Wider Mission	\$ 952.00	\$4,167.00	\$4,603.33	\$4,573.00
Whitehall Food Pantry	\$ 310.00	\$1,295.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,740.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 100.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 440.00	\$ 565.00
Quinn Family Wildfires	\$ 50.00	\$ 900.00	N/A	N/A

Note: At this time, we are no longer receiving donations for Ukraine Disaster Relief Fund, Israel & Hamas Middle East Support, California Wildfires, and General Disaster Relief Fund.

## Mission Committee – A Way to Serve

The Mission Committee is always looking for fresh faces to join us as we continue to support various outreach programs throughout the year not only here locally but also across the United States as well as around the world. We meet approximately six times a year. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 2, at 7pm. If you feel this might be your calling or want to know more about our committee, please contact any of the following committee members:



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Dear Pastor Steve and Mission Committee,

Thank you for always being there for me and Pinebrook Family Answers High Fidelity Wraparound. The Easter baskets donated by members of the congregation brought so much joy and encouragement to so many youths and their families. It warms my heart every time to see the look of appreciation and surprise on all their faces. It is a blessing to have you lead with such dedication and compassion in helping our community.

Emma Rarich  
High Fidelity Wraparound Coach  
Pinebrook Family Answers





# BUDGET UPDATE

## St Johns UCC Fullerton - Statement of Finances Apr 2025

Income	Electronic	4/6/2025	4/13/2025	4/20/2025	4/27/2025	Total
Offerings for Operating Expenses	\$7,097.07	\$3,573.25	\$3,656.50	\$4,392.00	\$4,452.00	\$23,170.82
Rental Income--Gross	\$100.00	\$33.00				\$133.00
Fundraising Income--Net of Exp	\$(1,234.27)		\$500.00	\$(360.00)	\$1,121.37	\$27.10
Endowment Interest	\$5,825.00					\$5,825.00
Flowers	\$33.00	\$130.00				\$163.00
Faith Formation	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$55.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$120.00
Special Gifts			\$3.01			\$3.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,840.80</b>	<b>\$3,751.25</b>	<b>\$4,214.51</b>	<b>\$4,047.00</b>	<b>\$5,588.37</b>	<b>\$-</b>

Expense Summary	Actual	Budget	Difference
Pastoral Services	\$10,351.92	\$10,258.50	\$(93.42)
Staff Salaries & Expense	\$9,002.17	\$9,329.75	\$327.58
Building Services	\$4,237.70	\$3,387.50	\$(850.20)
Faith Formation	\$-	\$104.17	\$104.17
Parish Programs	\$2,520.27	\$2,369.25	\$(151.02)
Fundraising Tithe	\$-	\$-	\$-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,112.06</b>	<b>\$25,449.17</b>	<b>\$(662.89)</b>

	Month	Year
Total Income	\$29,441.93	\$104,052.38
Total Expenses	\$26,112.06	\$104,530.59
Net INCOME (LOSS)	\$3,329.87	\$(478.21)

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### Mission Giving, Apr 2025

Our Churches Wider Mission	\$952.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$100.00
Quinn Family Wildfire	\$50.00
Whitehall Food Pantry	\$310.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,412.00</b>

### St John's UCC Fullerton Account Balances For Month Ending, Apr 2025

Account	Mar-25	Apr-25	Difference
Checking Account	\$42,967.21	\$49,036.65	\$6,069.44
Giant Card Funds	\$1,927.76	\$2,827.76	\$900.00
Weis Card Funds	\$1,622.25	\$363.50	\$(1,258.75)
sub-total General Fund Assets	\$46,517.22	\$52,227.91	\$5,710.69
Restricted/Property Checking	\$38,830.65	\$38,332.28	\$(498.37)
Restricted/Property Investments	\$79,918.00	\$80,093.00	\$175.00
sub-total Restricted Assets	\$118,748.65	\$118,425.28	\$(323.37)
Endowment Fund--Quadrant	\$502,420.00	\$498,448.00	\$(3,972.00)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$667,685.87</b>	<b>\$669,101.19</b>	<b>\$1,415.32</b>
Cornerstone Pavilion Loan	\$(82,046.45)	\$(81,928.91)	\$117.54
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$(82,046.45)</b>	<b>\$(81,928.91)</b>	<b>\$117.54</b>
<b>NET FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$585,639.42</b>	<b>\$587,172.28</b>	<b>\$1,532.86</b>



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# The Church Eternal

*"I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.  
From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day,  
and not only to me but also to all  
who have longed for his appearing." - 2 Timothy 4:7-8*

On May 3, Michael Kulhamer became part of the "great cloud of witnesses" as he passed from this earthly life. Our heartfelt condolences are shared with Colleen, his wife, and an Elder at St. John's, and her family. We express our gratitude for Michael's faith. We mourn his passing. We celebrate his life. We rejoice in his being at home in the fullness of God's love. For the gifts of his life we say "Thanks be to God through our Lord, Jesus Christ!" And all God's people said, "Amen!"

With grateful hearts, we remember:

**Michael Paul Kulhamer (75).**

Born to Life December 25, 1949 - Born to Life Eternal May 3, 2025

