



# St. John's **CONNECTIONS**

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

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## All This Joy

*All this sorrow, all this promise, all this pain.*

*Such is life, such is being, such is spirit, such is love.*

*City of joy, city of sorrow, city of promise, city of pain.*

*Such is life, such is being, such is spirit, such is love.*

*World of joy, world of sorrow, world of promise, world of pain.*

*Such is life, such is being, such is spirit, such is love.*

*All this sorrow, all this promise, all this pain.*

*But such is life, such is being, such is spirit, such is love.*

*Such is spirit, such is love.*

I listened to the music of John Denver so much growing up that I can still sing along with many of the songs without needing the lyrics. There used to be a closet for all of dad's records, turntable, sound system and speakers. (For those younger than 20 reading this, I invite you to Google any of those terms for definitions if I'm speaking ancient Greek to you.) I remember sitting in the "sound room" with the doors closed and singing with the music turned up loud or with headphones on, and my mom or dad opening the doors to tell me that dinner was ready or it was time for bed and telling me to "come out of the closet!" Little did we know back then!

Those songs from the 1970s and 80s shaped much of my ideals and understandings of life, hope, community, relationships, grief, work, play and so much more. Every part of my growing up, my faith, my relationships were grounded in something far greater than me and my understanding. I found meaning for my life and experience as I looked at the whole of life, not just the segmented parts.

The John Denver song, All This Joy (1989), spoke to me. It was released the year my first child was born. I remember sitting in my living room in the parsonage and hearing it for the first time, late on a December evening as I held my infant daughter, trying to get her back to sleep. Becoming a parent and looking at this little bundle of preciousness and blessing forever changed me. I looked at her and saw the potential and opportunity of life and hope as never before.

*All this sorrow, all this promise, all this pain.*

*Such is life, such is being, such is spirit, such is love.*



When I first found out I was going to be a father, I was excited and terrified in the same moment. Would I be a good dad? How would I take care of her, continue in seminary studies and as a student/pastor of the church? Would what I earned (\$14,000/year + housing) be enough for all the needs of beginning a family? Once she was born, the questions of temporal provision paled in significance to those of my role as her dad.

*All this sorrow, all this promise, all this pain.*

*Such is life, such is being, such is spirit, such is love.*

Today, we find ourselves in new and challenging times. Like so many times before, we desperately need positive connections in our world, our nation, our communities. We long for the ability to know each other and relate, to connect and be understood, to find meaning and common agreement. Our politics and understanding of community have become all too familiar examples of deep partisanship rather than opening points of discourse and building blocks for the establishment of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Beloved Community." All too often, our focus is on the sorrow and the pain, rather than the promise and our humanity of being; that which is lacking in our present world, rather than the spirit and love which are present as well.

*All this sorrow, all this promise, all this pain.*

*Such is life, such is being, such is spirit, such is love.*

This month, I welcome you to join me in a fresh look at what matters for us, that which gives us meaning and contentment, hope and life. In all we do, may we be moved and determined to share All This Joy as people whose faith matters, who feel and encourage grace, and make God's love real everyday, as we

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

Yours in grace and hope,

Rev. Steven Davis  
Senior Pastor

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## Re-Opening Task Force Update

Early in January, with the recommendations from church staff, the Penn NE Conference UCC and the Re-Opening Task Force, the Consistory approved a "pause of in-person worship and activities" at St. John's. Due to the increases in the infection rates and hospitalizations in our areas of the Delta and Omicron variants of the COVID-19 virus, a two week "pause" with additional evaluation every two weeks was determined to be our best way forward in keeping our congregation and our community as safe as possible.

The Task Force met on January 18 to hear reports on our community status and make additional recommendations to the Consistory. Please watch for updates on our website, [stjohnsuccfullerton.org](http://stjohnsuccfullerton.org), on our St. John's UCC, Fullerton Facebook page and by direct email message updates to the congregation. The current surge in infection and hospitalization rates can most effectively be reduced by our willingness to minimize social gatherings, abide by distancing guidelines, mask wearing and encourage vaccinations/boosters for all those eligible and able to be vaccinated.

When appropriate, in person worship and other activities will resume and the Task Force will communicate familiar guidelines and practices for our safety in gathering to ease us back together. Until then, and even after, we invite all to participate online, to welcome family and friends to join us from wherever they may be across the country. Thank you for your continuing faith and cooperation in supporting our whole community.



## February Music Notes

One of my favorite “newer” hymns is Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore. Written in 1979 by Cesareo Gabarain, it is one of the most popular hymns to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious songs in Spain. The text has been translated into nearly eighty languages.

Monsenor Cesareo Gabarain (1936-1991), the Spanish composer-author, began his musical studies at age ten and was ordained to the priesthood in 1959. In addition to his theological education, Gabarain studied journalism and musicology.

Pescador de Hombres (Fisher of Men), is his most popular of the four hymns in the United Methodist Hymnal. Gabarain captures the total obedience of disciples and their willingness to give up everything:

*“As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.”*

~Matthew 4:18-20, NIV

The hymn earnestly asks us to follow Christ with the same obedience and commitment. The refrain is a call to surrender to Jesus in response to his command to follow him. The gentle melody, PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, is reminiscent of a rocking boat by the lakeshore.

An interesting fact, this hymn was used in the 1993 movie *Alive*, based on a book about the survivors of the Andes plane crash in 1972, and the Spanish film *Camino* (2008), about a girl who died of spinal cancer in 1985.

Musically,  
Gail



Church, Eleanor. Coastal Scene of Men Mending Nets in a New England Harbor.

Eleanor Church (Rye, NY) was active in the mid 20th century. She is perhaps best known for painting coastal scenes. She has shown at the Smithsonian Institute (1963) and The Lever House in NY (1964), and her work was featured in the American Artists Professional League Grand Championship show (1960).

## “Verso Chat” - Wednesdays at 9:00am

“Verso” is the Latin word meaning “conversation.” Our lives long for conversation, significant and meaningful connection, with God and each other. We want to discover God’s still speaking words instilling life into our circumstances.

We’ve been finding inspiration, hope, insight and challenge as we have entered into conversation with one another and with the sacred words of scripture. Over the last few weeks, we’ve had great fun looking deeper through conversation over upcoming lectionary readings for worship as our guide.

Join Pastor Steve and others from our faith family on Wednesday mornings at 9:00am on Zoom. You will find the [“Verso Chat” link](#) on our website. Once in-person activities resume, we will offer both on-site and zoom participation. Let’s have conversation (verso) and chat about the verses of scripture together.

## Annual Meeting 2022 - Sunday, February 13

The Annual Meeting Report Book will be made available for viewing and download online on the church website for your ability to print a copy at home. Click on the [link for Annual Meeting 2022](#) and you will find the reports for review, beginning January 30, 2 weeks prior to our Annual Meeting. If you would like a printed copy of the Annual Report to be printed by the church, please contact the church office by phone (610) 264-8421 or email to [sjofficesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sjofficesecretary@gmail.com) to request your copy.

The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, February 13 following the morning worship service. We will present the meeting through the YouTube and Facebook livestream continuing from worship, as well as a Zoom link to be posted for members not in attendance who want to participate.

## St. John’s Email List

Periodically, we send emails to provide information about church events. If you would like to be added to the list to receive these email announcements, please provide your email address to the church office at (610) 264-8421 or [sjofficesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sjofficesecretary@gmail.com)

## Nancy Eichman Honored and Memorialized

Several years ago, St. John's established an Endowment, the funding for which comes from dedicated donations to the church. The investment account for these gifts has grown to over \$500,000 and adds more than \$20,000 annually to support our budget.

This account is symbolized by the Legacy Tree hanging on the wall behind the church parlor. All contributions to our Endowment are recognized by a leaf noting those who are honored or memorialized.

Recently, St John's received a very generous gift of \$21,000 in memory Nancy Eichman. Of that amount, \$20,000 will be added to the Endowment Account and \$1,000 will be applied to the purchase of chairs for the pavilion.



Ron and his children, Christine, Timothy, Jeffrey, are honored to present this gift in memory and honor of Nancy, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Nancy was 75 ½ when she passed into the arms of God. Nancy and Ron were married for 56 ½ years and spent 60 years of their lives together.

Nancy was a 43-year member of St. John's and for many years she led and coordinated the work as a past president of the Ladies Aid / Kitchen Crew. In addition to the many hours, she spent in the kitchen, she also sang in both the Jubilation and Chancel Choirs.

Her team of volunteers spent countless hours in the kitchen and prepared many meals for church events. The income from these efforts and her leadership contributed thousands of dollars to the church as these gifts provided many things for which there was never enough money in the church budget.

Nancy was a shining example of selfless dedication. St. John's will continue to benefit from her efforts.



## **“Our Faith Home” Gathering Groups in 2022**

What better way to really know each other than to share our stories, our greatest hopes, biggest dreams, favorite memories and deepest longings for St. John’s. Pastor Steve wants to meet in small “gathering groups,” hosted by Consistory members with the congregation in small groups or 6-8 persons at the homes of our church leadership, at St. John’s or, if safety requirements demand, via online gatherings. We are a “Whatever it takes” congregation! So by whatever means, let’s share ourselves and our stories with our new Senior Pastor.

Sign-up sheets will be available with dates and locations of gatherings in February and March. You may also call the Church Office to sign up by phone. Once safety allows, these gatherings will expand to include as many as possible. We will have a wide variety of times and opportunities for your convenience. Plan now to be part of an “Our Faith Home” Gathering Group!

Due to COVID precautions, “Whatever it takes” will mean a delay to our in-person gathering.

Stay tuned in February for updates about “Our Faith Home”

## **Stewardship / Donations**

In recent meetings of the Finance and Stewardship Committee and with the report of our Treasurers and Financial Secretaries, St. John’s UCC, Fullerton leadership is clear and hopeful in our desire to ensure that our beloved community is both financially secure and moving forward in the vision and mission that has been set before us. They shared the concern of a changing world, changing habits and

the ongoing need for us to keep safe and well. At the same time, they also recognized the need for all of us to make fresh our commitment to remain faithful in our participation and offering of time, talent and, yes, our treasure. Livestream of worship and sharing the services with others gives us the opportunity to remain connected and inspired in our mission. Making a commitment to give financially to our unfinished work of justice, as well as the work of ensuring that people are taken care of in both their physical, spiritual, and emotional needs, remains our priority.

It is imperative that we “feed the hungry, visit the sick, clothe the naked,” as Jesus would say, as well as provide a safe opportunity for worship, and lead with a moral voice of justice and inclusion. This work can only be done by all of us, together, building up our ministry together through our commitments to contribute to the work of God that continues to unfold in and through the church we know as St. John’s UCC, Fullerton.

Over the last two years of pandemic ministry, our levels of giving have decreased. That is why, today, I am asking us all to think about our commitment to this beloved community and, on Sunday, or during the week, not only pray for our work, but to step up and give of our time, our talent and, yes, our treasure.

2022 will be a transformational year for our church. It will also be a challenging one as COVID-19 continues to impact our daily lives and decisions for ourselves and our neighbors. Please stand with me. Pray with me. Step up with me. And let us prove, once again, that God is bigger than our fears, our challenges, and allow our spirit of generosity to rise again as we renew the church’s ministry and program. God is with us and working in and through us to bring about life-changing ministry. Know that I appreciate everyone of you! Let’s make our contributions in this first quarter of the year match our giving from two years ago so we can prepare for a great spring and summer of renewal.

Yours in grace and hope,

Rev. Steve Davis



Our next Lady PEEPS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22nd at 6:30pm in Fox Hall.

Some of our confirmands will be joining us to learn more about the church history and those who have built it. It will also be a chance for the confirmands and the PEEPS to get to know each other.

Hopefully, we will be able to meet in our beloved church building and share this evening together. Refreshments will be served.

**Colleen Kulhamer**

### **Help St. John's while Shopping**

Giant and Weis gift cards are available for purchase in a variety of denominations. The church receives a percentage back from these purchases. Cards are available weekdays through Debbie in the church office (610) 264-8421 or can be purchased on Sundays, at church through Cheryl Weaver or Tom Moyer. These can be used for your weekly grocery purchases or make nice gifts as well.

Checks for the gift cards are to be made out to St. John's UCC Fullerton. If you have any difficulties obtaining them either of these two ways, please contact Cheryl Weaver.

### **Men's Breakfast Group**

Due to the recent surge in the Covid virus, the Men's Breakfast Group will NOT meet on February 5 at 8:30am at the Hamilton Family Restaurant. We will keep you informed on a monthly basis when meetings will be resumed. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Bold at (610) 393-6123 or email at [QVRRBold@aol.com](mailto:QVRRBold@aol.com)

### **Let's Help Save the Trees**

If you would prefer to receive your newsletter by email instead of postal mail, please call Deb at the church office (610) 264-8421 or [sjofficesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sjofficesecretary@gmail.com)

### **St. John's Prayer Chain Group**

Did you know St John's has a prayer chain group, currently with about 15 members? If you are interested in keeping others in prayer, we always welcome new participation. Please contact Kim Hillegass (610) 360-7895 or [kim1257@aol.com](mailto:kim1257@aol.com) and we will gladly add you to the group.

Most of our communications are done by email (except with God) when requests come in, but calls will be made to members who don't have an email address. Please join us!

In need of prayers for you or someone you know? You can contact the Office or Pastor or Kim to have someone added to our list.

### **Redner's Receipt Tape**

Please continue to use your Redner's card and save your register receipts for the church. The entire receipt needs to be submitted or we will not receive any reimbursement from them. We recently received a check for \$95.78 from Redner's.

Please turn your tapes into the church office as we will continue submitting them. This is just another way to help the church financially just by purchasing your groceries and turning in the receipts. We now have a basket in the back of the sanctuary to put your receipt inside.

### **A Word from the Crafters**

Thank you to everyone who purchased craft items in 2021. Realizing a profit of \$1634.00, the funds were divided equally and designated to go to the following organizations: Lehigh Conference of Churches (General Fund), Sixth Street Shelter, Valley Youth House, and Zion's UCC (Jubilee Breakfast Ministry).

During these winter months, keep in mind we have 12-Bean Soup Mix available for sale at \$4.00 each. And with many of you at home these days and doing more cooking, you might be interested in our Church Cookbook for sale, recently reduced to \$10.00.

As you know, crafts are available for sale all year long. You can contact Carol Raszler at (610) 393-7572 or email her at [crazzler@aol.com](mailto:crazzler@aol.com) to make your purchases.

## 5G Connection Class

What is a 5G Connection all about? Having a strong connection is fundamental when we think about our phones, sharing information, communicating, live streaming... you name it, the better the connection, the more enjoyable the experience of participating. We find the same when we think about our experience of the St. John's UCC, Fullerton faith community! The greater our connection, the greater our experience.

Whether you've been part of the church family for decades or a recent participant or online viewer, we want every person to have a great connection. Everyone is invited to "upgrade" your connection and take part in our 5G Connection Class, where we will explore what it means to:

The 5G Connection Class will be held over 2 consecutive Sundays, January 23 and 30 following worship. Participants will have the opportunity to be received in covenant relationship in worship February 13. If you've never made the decision to be "a member" of St. John's, or if you've wanted to do so and didn't know what's involved, now is your opportunity!

Explore what it means to:

- G**ather in faith and fellowship,
- G**ain understanding and relationships,
- G**ive in time, talent and treasure,
- G**row through acts of compassion and service,
- G**o! Sharing our life and love, grace and hope!

Contact the Church Office or speak with Pastor Steve to learn more if you're interested in being part of the 5G Connection Class. Classes will be offered 3-4 times a year for your consideration. The [link to participate](#) is on the church website under Church Happenings. Everyone is welcome to learn more!

## Text-to-Give

Here's another way you can make secure donations to St. John's via your smartphone! Text the amount you want to donate to (844) 935-3593 - it's a free call! The first time you do this, you will be led through a step-by-step process to set up your giving account and make payments via a credit card or direct debit from your checking account. For future donations, all you will need to do is text the amount of your donation to that number. All donations made via text-to-give will be included on your end-of-the-year giving statement.

You can also text funds to the same number to see a list of funds to which you can donate to, then text the amount you want to give, space, and fund name to donate to a specific fund. Unspecified donations received through text-to-give will go to the St. John's UCC General Operating Fund. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of St. John's!

## Lehigh Valley Phantoms Hockey & Star Wars Night

St. J's has reserved seats for this not-to-be missed evening of fun and excitement- a competitive hockey game with a Star Wars theme!

Save the date - Sunday, March 20 at 5:05pm. Tickets are \$23.00 and we will be watching from the lower level.

Reservations along with payment must be made by Sunday, February 13. Checks payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton. Contact Carole Flores any time before or after church or by e-mail at [mistytbear1263@gmail.com](mailto:mistytbear1263@gmail.com) or by calling (610) 770-0472. Feel free to come in your best Star Wars attire or to just watch the festivities! All welcome!

## February Wedding Anniversaries

Edward & Cynthia Sommers  
2/10/1973

Barrie & Judith Carr  
2/21/1981

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

### February Birthdays

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| 2/01.....Connor Landis<br>Gavin Phillips   | 2/14.....Melanie Eckert<br>Dolly Holler<br>Aaron Mill                                 |
| 2/02.....Aubrey Beckwith<br>Robert Saeger  | 2/15.....Richard Baatz, Sr.<br>Conner Strauss   |
| 2/04.....Robert Beckwith<br>Barbara Begel<br>Dewey Yeatts  | 2/16.....Gerald Yanavok<br>2/17.....Janice Blaker<br>George Eckstein<br>Troy Rothrock |
| 2/05.....Michelle Brobst   | 2/18.....Marion DeMilio   |
| 2/06.....Alexis Bundra<br>Andrew Doyle<br>John Hoffman<br>Cheryl Weaver  | 2/19.....Ronald Christman<br>Sandy Koch   |
| 2/07.....Halie Holderman<br>Peter Mohr<br>Eric Romberger   | 2/20.....Ronald Brader<br>Joseph Catalini<br>Ashley Kuhns<br>Donna Lynch              |
| 2/08.....Brian Fisher<br>Aubree Jordan   | 2/21.....Kelly Weiner   |
| 2/09.....Kailey Gober  | 2/22.....Michelle Cortright<br>Shirley Green  |
| 2/10.....Owen Eberhart, Jr.<br>Todd Heffelfinger<br>Timothy Ott<br>Bruce Pope<br>Timothy Sommer<br>Brian Strauss<br>Janet Williams | 2/23.....Emilie Dumbach<br>Robert Scheirer  |
| 2/11.....Janet Ebert<br>George Williams  | 2/24.....Mary Jane Ott<br>Elizabeth Reck<br>Lyla Schmoyer                             |
| 2/12.....William Dovico<br>Beth Ann Erney  | 2/25.....Thomas Chryst  |
| 2/13.....Reagan Fenstermacher<br>Paul E Geissinger, Jr.<br>Eleanor O'Donnell<br>Kaylee Pagan<br>Rebecca Sausser                    | 2/26.....Cameron Brosious<br>Wayne Lichtenwalner                                      |
|  | 2/28.....Anthony DeMilio<br>Heather Santee  |

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



### Thank-You's

Thank you for your recent donation of \$487.92 (plus \$100.00 on-line) to the "One Night Without a Home" fundraiser, hosted by the Lehigh Conference of Churches.

Because you answered our call, we can do the same for others. We see the effects of poverty, addiction, abuse, and mental illness on the most vulnerable in our community. In an instant, a life event can send a family or individual spiraling towards homelessness.

We truly appreciate donors like you who enable a path of hope for people who are struggling.

Blessings,  
**Abigail Goldfarb**  
 Executive Director  
 Lehigh Conference of Churches

I would like to thank everyone in the church family for all my cards and good wishes for the holiday season.

My love and prayers to all of you,  
**Jean Coombe**

### Church Envelopes - Are you using them?

If you are already giving electronically and still wish to use printed church envelopes, please call the church office so we can arrange to have them sent to you. Otherwise, to conserve resources in 2022, we will discontinue sending by default.

### Altar Flower Dates Available

<b>January</b> 23, 30	<b>May</b> 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	<b>September</b> 4, 11, 18, 25
<b>February</b> 6, 13, 20, 27	<b>June</b> 5, 12, 19, 26	<b>October</b> 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
<b>March</b> 6, 13, 20, 27	<b>July</b> 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	<b>November</b> 6, 13, 20, 27
<b>April</b> 3, 10, 17, 24	<b>August</b> 7, 14, 21, 28	<b>December</b> 4, 11, 18, 25



**Tornadoes in Kentucky and Wildfires in Colorado  
How You Can Help...**

Deadly tornadoes swept across Kentucky and seven other states the weekend of December 10. Raging wildfires broke out in Boulder County, Colorado, over New Year’s Eve and Day. Lives lost. Homes and businesses destroyed. Billions in property damage. When disasters like earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, or wildfires strike, Church World Service works with partners on the scene to provide shelter, food, water, blankets, recovery kits, and counseling – the basics needed to ensure the survival of individuals and communities at risk.

During the month of February, we will be collecting items for CWS Hygiene Kits.

Our goal is to provide 20 kits. You can help by donating the following needed items:

- Hand towel approximately 15"x28" to 16"x32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- Wash cloth
- Wide-tooth (only) comb
- Fingernail or toenail clipper
- Bath size (only) bar of soap in wrapper
- Single toothbrush in the package (no toothpaste)
- Standard-size band-aids

There will be a Drive-By Event scheduled for Saturday, February 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the Grape St. Parking Lot. (snowdate February 26). If we are back in church for in-person worship, you will also find a large basket in the coat room area by the sanctuary to place your items. Deadline to receive items is Sunday, February 27.

**Whitehall Food Pantry**

For the month of February, donations are needed for the following: spaghetti sauce, pasta, and canned vegetables. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom off the sanctuary where you can place your donations. In the event we are not back in church for in-person worship, monetary contributions are always accepted and can be forwarded to the church office or via on-line or text.

**Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative’s Community Meals**

WCHI and the Faith-Based Community are providing free meals to low-income Whitehall-Coplay households starting twice a month from now through December 2022. All are welcome to attend both meals on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:00pm to 6:30pm. The host locations change every time, and they will decide if masks are required and if it is a sit-down or take-out meal. Call the host church to see what guidelines they are following.

Date	Church	Address	Phone
Sunday, 2/6	St. Peter Roman Catholic Church	4 S. Fifth St. Coplay	(610) 262-2417
Tuesday, 2/15	Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	3300 Seventh St. Whitehall	(610) 434-8661
Sunday, 3/6	TBD	--	--
Tuesday, 3/15	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church	618 Fullerton Ave. Whitehall	(610) 266-0695

## Jubilee Breakfast Ministry

The Jubilee Breakfast Ministry is held at Zion's UCC located at 620 W. Hamilton St. in Allentown. This ministry provides a free hot breakfast (take-out meals only at this time due to covid) to those who are homeless and to the working poor. Meals are being offered from 6:30am to 9:00am on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from now until April.

## Update on Other Mission Outreaches

The Christmas Fund – This fund is a special ministry of the Pension Boards of UCC National, which provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ ministers and lay employees and their surviving spouses. It includes pension and health premium supplementation, emergency grants and assistance, and Christmas “thank-you” gift checks. **A special offering was taken in December 2021 and we received \$666.80.** Thank you to everyone who participated.

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

Recent Outreaches	December 2021	2021 Final YTD	2020 Final YTD
Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,195.00	\$17,616.30	\$19,250.95
Christmas Fund	\$626.80	\$666.80	\$585.00
Whitehall Food Pantry	\$1,200.00	\$4,745.00	\$3,333.00
Wheat Basket Sponsorship	\$-0-	\$325.00	N/A
Mask Ministry	\$-0-	\$126.00	\$1,523.00

The Mission Committee wishes to thank our St. John's Family for your generous contributions towards Mission Outreach Programs in 2021.

Those who served on the Mission Committee in 2021 were: Gary Black, Bob Dougherty, Nancy Dougherty, Marion DeMilio, Kim Hillegass, Jean McGonigle (chairperson), Carol Raszler (secretary), Interim Pastor Bonnie Moore, and Senior Pastor Steve Davis. We also wish to thank Bill Meckes and Connie Viglione for the many years they served on this committee.

## Pavilion Update

2021 saw the end of most of the expenses related to the construction of the pavilion. There will still be some things to be done, but these are minor compared to the building costs. Once these are completed, there will be a final accounting of our indebtedness.

As we move forward, the church will be dealing with our loan from Cornerstone. To date, that contract has called for our only paying interest (during the construction phase) but we will soon transition to paying both principal and interest.

Our outstanding loan balance is about \$85,000. To reflect this change, going forward, envelopes will carry an additional line relating to repaying this loan. So, as you consider your offerings for the upcoming year, it is hoped you will be able to help St. John's in meeting this obligation.

## Bus Trip

St. John's will be running a bus to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster to view its new production “David”.

The trip will be on Wednesday, July 6th. We will leave the Church at 8:00am for the 11:00am show, then go to nearby Shady Maples for their wonderful smorgasbord lunch. The cost will be \$120, which includes show tickets, bus costs, lunch, taxes, and tips.

Please make reservations ASAP with Tom Moyer (610) 432-3372, as the bus usually fills up quickly.

## 2021 Giving Statements

Your 2021 giving statement will be e-mailed to you around the middle of January. If we do not have your e-mail address, your statement will be printed for pick-up at the Church, after January 23rd. To have your statement mailed to you, please call the Church office.

**St Johns UCC Fullerton - Statement of Finances**

**DEC 2021**

Income	Electronic	12/5/2021	12/12/2021	12/19/2021	12/26/2021	Total
Offerings for Operating Expenses	\$ 5,150.61	\$ 2,592.00	\$ 3,404.00	\$ 3,228.00	\$ 5,537.55	\$ 19,912.16
Rental Income--Gross		\$ 43.00			\$ 1,187.50	\$ 1,230.50
Fundraising Income--Net of Exp		\$ 425.00	\$ 806.79	\$ 77.00		\$ 1,308.79
Endowment Interest						\$ -
Flowers		\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00
Christian Education	\$ 30.00					\$ 30.00
Special Gifts					\$ 206.81	\$ 206.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,180.61</b>	<b>\$ 3,160.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,210.79</b>	<b>\$ 3,305.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,931.86</b>	<b>\$ - \$ 22,788.26</b>

Expense Summary		Actual	Budget	Difference
Pastoral Services		\$ 13,633.97	\$ 12,868.00	\$ 765.97
Staff Salaries & Expense		\$ 9,216.18	\$ 10,626.00	\$ (1,409.82)
Property		\$ 3,185.59	\$ 3,310.00	\$ (124.41)
Parish Programs		\$ 4,638.93	\$ 5,533.00	\$ (894.07)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 30,674.67</b>	<b>\$ 32,337.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,662.33)</b>

	Month	Year
Total Income	\$ 22,788.26	\$ 286,722.50
Total Expenses	\$ 30,674.67	\$ 276,046.91
***** Net INCOME *****	\$ (7,886.41)	\$ 10,675.59

**Mission Giving, DEC 2021**

Our Churches Wider Mission	\$	1,195.00
Christmas Fund	\$	626.80
Whitehall Food Bank	\$	1,200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,021.80</b>

**St John's UCC Fullerton  
Fund Balances  
For Month Ending, DEC 2021**

Account	Nov-21	Dec-21	Difference
Checking Account--KNBT	\$ 48,123.60	\$ 43,390.59	\$ (4,733.01)
Giant Card Funds	\$ 842.51	\$ 1,494.51	\$ 652.00
Weis Card Funds	\$ 2,220.00	\$ 1,460.00	\$ (760.00)
sub-total General Fund Assets	\$ 51,186.11	\$ 46,345.10	\$ (4,841.01)
IN & OUT Account--KNBT Checking	\$ 95,282.56	\$ 67,382.10	\$ (27,900.46)
Restricted/Property Money Market	\$ 31,862.29	\$ 31,862.57	\$ 0.28
sub-total Restricted Assets	\$ 127,144.85	\$ 99,244.67	\$ (27,900.18)
Endowment Fund--KNBT	\$ 520,322.02	\$ 539,649.17	\$ 19,327.15
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 698,652.98</b>	<b>\$ 685,238.94</b>	<b>\$ (13,414.04)</b>
Cornerstone Pavillion Loan	\$ (85,550.57)	\$ (85,550.57)	\$ -
<b>TOTAL LIABILITES</b>	<b>\$ (85,550.57)</b>	<b>\$ (85,550.57)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>NET FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 613,102.41</b>	<b>\$ 599,688.37</b>	<b>\$ (13,414.04)</b>



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# February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 9:30am Worship Service	7	8 9:30am Staff meeting: Rm 201 & Zoom 8:00pm Stewardship and Finance Committee (Zoom)	9 9:00am Verso Chat with Pastor Steve 6:30pm STARS Committee (Zoom) 6:30pm Zumba Class: Fox Hall	10 7:00pm Music and Worship: Rm 201 and Zoom	11	12 9:30am Zomba classes: Fox Hall
13 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Annual Meeting: Sanctuary 10:40am Confirmation Class: Fox Hall	14	15 9:30am Staff meeting: Rm 201 & Zoom 6:30pm Lady Peeps: Fox Hall	16 9:00am Verso Chat with Pastor Steve: Zoom 6:30pm Zumba Class: Fox Hall	17	18	19 9:30am Zomba classes: Fox Hall 10:00am CWS Drive-By (Grape Street Lot)
20 9:30am Worship Service	21	22 9:30am Staff meeting: Pastor Steve's Office 6:30pm Lady Peeps: Fox Hall	23 9:00am Verso Chat with Pastor Steve: Zoom 6:30pm Zumba Class: Fox Hall	24	25	26 9:30am Zomba classes: Fox Hall 10:00am CWS Drive-By (Grape Street Lot)
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