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"We love because he first loved us." John 4:19 NRSV

JULY

JESUS UNCONDITIONALLY LOVES YOU

Dear St. John's Family and Friends,

Happy Summer! Everyone has their favorite time of year and this is mine. I love the heat and all the summer activities. Summer gives us a reason to visit our favorite ice cream shop. Summer brings some time off, vacation, and that means we can shed some of our everyday stress, play at the beach, visit mountains or just stay at home and relax.

Summer also means less clothing. Winter the layers go on. Summer the layers come off. In some ways that makes many of us cringe. Bathing suits are a great option for summer heat but few of us enjoy wearing or being seen in one. Many also stress about wearing sleeveless shirts that can show jiggly upper arms. Many are concerned that we are too fat or too thin or too something else. Unfortunately few of us have good body image. Most of us can be very hard on ourselves. All too many of us put ourselves down and feel uncomfortable about who we are or how we look.

That is why I want you to consider the July acronym above. Jesus Unconditionally Loves You! Think about it. Jesus Unconditionally Loves YOU!! YOU!!! If that is true; as I know it is, it doesn't matter if we don't look like a fashion model or whether we are the smartest one in the room. What each of us needs to remember is that no matter what you do or say or think.... Jesus loves you.

Does that help? I hope so. I hope that knowing you are loved unconditionally means that you can relax in some areas of your life and yet be challenged in other areas. Who cares if your nose is too big? What we need to care about is if we are working toward becoming the best person that God created us to become. It means that when we stumble, when we don't get the raise or promotion, when something painful happens, God is with us, loves us, and wants us to forge ahead.

And, God provides. I regularly ask Susan, our Office Administrator, what I should write about for the Pastor's Page month. She came up with the idea of the July acronym and I was able to reflect on it. Jesus truly loves us unconditionally while challenging us to be the best we can be. And, I believe God provides people in our lives to help us on the way – people like Susan.

So, dear friends, eat some ice cream, get rid of some stress, and give Jesus some praise. Be kind to yourself and remember – you are unconditionally loved. Enjoy the summer of 2019 – you only get to experience it once!

See you in church,

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Thank You!!!

Thank you, Pastor Becky and Pastor Dave for visiting Don in the hospital and spending time with me at home. It meant so much at such a sad time.

To all the congregation, I want to thank you for remembering me with cards. Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude.

Blessings,
Bert Smith

Dear St. John's Church Family,

Thank you so much for a well-planned and awesome retirement celebration. The many gifts and well wishes will be remembered for a long time. It's been a pleasure to be the church pianist for the past many, many years. Thanks again for everything. All is greatly appreciated. God bless.

Sincerely,
Emilie Moyer



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make VBS possible! Look for pictures and more in the next newsletter!

Blessings!



Change of Address

Jesus & Staci Pagan Kaylee, Sophia, Isabella 501 Grape Street Whitehall, PA 18052	Tracy Briody 1086 Smith Gap Road Bath, PA 18014-9772
Derrick Nailor 1140 Bull Valley Road Aspers, PA 17304-9405	Joshua & Kelly Christopher Collin, Audrey 769 Parkway Road Allentown, PA 18104-3339



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Please Let us know**

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call the church office - 610-264-8421

Be The Church: Update

“Be The Church” Congregational Challenge!!!!

Protect the Environment

Let’s clean up our earth! Whether you accept the challenge as an individual or a couple or a family... You are invited to get outside and clean up God’s earth! Get a bag or garbage pail or container. Put some gloves on, choose an area and get moving! Pick up garbage – lots of garbage. Make a difference! AND take pictures!!! A selfie maybe? Or ask someone to take a picture of your group. Now here is the important part... email your picture to starsofstjohns@gmail.com. Michelle Gutekunst, our Easy Worship Tech will compile the pictures that will all be shown on July 7th during worship.



“Be The Church”

The theme for St. John’s UCC, Fullerton for 2019 is “Be The Church.” We will be explaining more during the upcoming months but the idea is that each of us must Be The Church. This occurs when we are together but we also go into the world where we must Be The Church.

How will you Be the Church this year? How will God make a difference through the willingness of each member at St. John’s. Start visioning on how each of us can embrace this Be the Church movement.

BE THE CHURCH
Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
Forgive often.
Reject racism. (March)
Fight for the powerless
(April)
Share earthly and spiritual
resources.
Embrace diversity.
Love God. (February)
EnjoythisLife

Online Giving

Do you want to give an offering to help with missions, Capital Campaign, current expenses, etc. and do not have the cash available? Simply scan the QR code where it will take you to our new online giving website!



**Miller-Keystone
Blood Center**
Our Code – 0872

Our Church Family



Upcoming Baptisms

June 23 – Rowan Sarah Legath

June 30 – Maura Jane Rarich

July 14 – Addison Grace Czekner

Birth

Dylan Timothy Stoits was born on June 4th at St. Luke's Hospital, Allentown. He weighed 6 lb. 6 oz. and was 19 inches long. Dylan's parents are Scott and Megan Stoits. Dylan's grandparents are Karen and Frank Stoits.



Congratulations Rev. Virginia Heimer!

And Congratulations St. Peter's Church! Ginny, a member of St. John's, was recently elected to be the pastor of St. Peter's Church in Tamaqua. She will be installed as their pastor on August 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Becky has been invited to share the message for the installation.



Congratulations Graduates!

Madison Musselman graduated from Northampton Area High school. She plans to attend Shippensburg University in August where she will be participating in the History/Social Studies Secondary Education Certification Program.

Rebecca Sausser graduated May 11th as the Senior class speaker at Moravian Theological Seminary. She graduated with her Masters in Divinity with distinction. Rebecca is currently searching for a UCC Church to serve as their pastor! For right now though she is continuing to live in Bethlehem while her girlfriend finishes her masters.

Corrina Schneck graduated on June 3rd. She will be attending Kutztown University for Communication Design. Her parents are Donald Schneck and Christine Schneck.

Deaths

Margaret Papsun died on May 17th. She is survived by daughters, Linda Beidleman and Francine Anewalt, and sons Gary, Darrell, and Brian, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her graveside service was held on May 22nd.

Douglas Gutekunst died May 23rd. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis and daughter, Charlet Sherman, sons, Douglas, Thomas, step-son, Russell Patterson, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. His celebration of life service was held on May 29th.

July Anniversaries

July 6 - Sharon & Robert Czekner – 45 years
LeDonne and Scott Wagstaff – 6 years

July 11 – Joan & Ronald Stocker – 60 years
Michelle & Michael Gutekunst – 4 years

July 13 – Colleen & Michael Kulhamer - 34 years
Michelle & Jon Funk – 23 years

July 16 - Teresa & Charles Schwenk – 42 years

July 18 – Marian & Wilbur Kline – 66 years

July 20 – Donna & Keith Held – 34 years

July 22 – Mary Lou & James Tretter, Sr. – 58 years

July 27 - Marina & David Newton – 4 years

July 29 – Roxanne & Anthony DeMilio – 30 years



June Anniversary

We want to wish a belated Happy Anniversary to **Dianna and Donald Schneck**. They celebrated their one year anniversary on June 9th. Their anniversary was not listed in the June 2019 newsletter. We apologize for the error.

Upcoming Weddings

7-13 Amber Zeigler and Josh Stein

8-18
Claire Murawski & Zachary Dreisbach

Extra Prayers Needed

Joey Raszler, a St. John's member, who sang on our choir, has been in the Lehigh County Jail since April 5, 2017. After 825 days in jail, 3 birthdays spent incarcerated, and a severe beating – Joey's trial is scheduled to begin on July 9th.

Please pray for Joey, his family and our legal system. May God's will prevail.

New Members Group Forming

We are looking forward to growing again! If you or someone you know is interested in membership at St. John's please contact one of the pastors or the church office.



July Scripture Readers & Ushers

We have placed a sheet in the coat room area for you to sign up to read scripture or usher.

Please think about volunteering or better yet... pray about it.

Confirmation - On Sunday, May 26th we confirmed 3 awesome individuals. Congratulations and many blessings on their continued journey!



Parker Robert Christman is the son of Charisma Christman and Derek Koval. He is in 8th grade at Northampton Middle School. Activities Parker is involved with in the community and school -Northampton Middle School Basketball, Volleyball, and AAU Basketball for In the Zone, Bath, PA.



Karly Lynn Myers is the daughter of Carol Myers and David Myers, and Jason Snyder, Stepfather. She is in 8th grade at Northampton Middle School. Karly participated at church by acolyting, reading scripture, going to Youth group and ushering. Activities she participated in the community are drawing, animating, therapeutic horse riding and German classes. Karly's fondest memory is when the youth group slept over at the church and played sardines together as a group. It was a great bonding experience to get to know each other.



Gregory James Sommer is the son of Stacy and Tim Sommer. He is in 8th grade at Whitehall Middle School. Gregory participated in STARs, Sunday School, VBS and Mission project. The activities he participates in the community, Tri-boro soccer, Whitehall soccer, Hokey baseball, WCMS Band. Gregory's fondest memory is when he went to the "Sleep out for Homelessness" event.



Church News



July Worship Services 9:30AM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Additional</u>
7-7	Genesis 1:26-30 Numbers 35:33-34	“Protect the Environment”
7-14	Luke 10:25-37	“Reject Racism and Love” Good Samaritan
7-21	Luke 10:38-42	“Share earthly and Spiritual resources” Mary and Martha
7-28	Mark 5:1-20	“Fight For the Powerless”



Celebrate Community Update

The Celebrate Community celebration for 2019 is now in the history books. It was a great event celebrating the original church buildings 90th birthday as well as the 90+ year old church members. There are 28 90+ church members of which 11 were in attendance.

Many people and groups were responsible for the success of the Celebrate Community celebration. First and foremost is the Celebrate Community committee. Many long hours were spent in planning and running the event. A huge thank you to the many volunteers who helped during setup, the event, and cleanup after the celebration. Also thanks is to be given to the many people, groups, and businesses for the many donations and contributions made for the event. Final thanks goes to the entire church community for its support and participation. In excess of \$3,000 will be donated to the church.

Sincerely,
Jinny Hess, Celebrate Community Chairperson



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.



The Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's group of St. John's meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Hamilton Family Restaurant in Allentown. We would be pleased to have you join us.

July's meeting is Saturday, July 6th at 8:30AM.

Wine & Word

August 1st 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Come join Pastor Becky for another round of "The Wine & Word" program. We will again be using Word by Word: a daily spiritual practice by Shauna Niequist. The word we will exam is "Watch" ...for sign, ...for teachers ...for surprises ...from a respectful distance, ...through the night.

This program is held at the Beckwith home. We serve wine (thank you Ted and Jinny Hess) and snacks. Also non-alcoholic beverages. The conversation is always fruitful and we really get to know one another. To sign up please call the church office (610-264-8421) or the sign up on the sheet in the sanctuary coat room. This one is again limited to 20 so sign up quick – we've always had full capacity!

Soup and Baked Goods Sales

Thank you to everyone who supported our food sales this past season. We are happy to report that:

- For the Beef Vegetable Soup sale in April, we made 108 qts.
- For the Bake Sale in May, we sold 30 shoofly pies and 16 funny cakes.
- For the Turkey Pot Pie sale in June, we made 66 qts. of soup.

We'll be on hiatus now over the summer months. **Andria Dallago** will be scheduling her delicious **Cheesecakes** in the near future. Watch for our soup sales to resume on **Friday, October 18**, with **Turkey Pot Pie**.

The articles for the August newsletter are due on July 14th. The newsletter will be collated on July 23rd at 9:00AM.

Pastor Dave Did It!

On Saturday, June 1, Pastor David Quinn took the big leap—off an 11-story building that is! Participants rappelled off the rear of the Two Center City building at 7th & Hamilton Street, along the ArtsWalk. A huge thank you goes to everyone at St. John's for the \$2050 in donations we received in order for him to participate in "Valley Over the Edge." Dave's total amount in donations was \$2368.75, putting him in Second Place as the person who brought in the most contributions.

This charity fundraising event was to support the many programs of the **Lehigh Conference of Churches**. As he touched down and put his feet firmly on the ground, he was greeted with a host of well-wishers who came to see him do this daring feat and offer their support. Pictures of the event can be found on St. John's website, Facebook, and on a poster on display in the coat room area by the sanctuary. Pastor Dave said he's ready to do it again next year—maybe he'll have someone else crazy enough to join him in this adventure.



Gift Card Bingo

Friday, July 19th @ 7:00PM
(Doors open at 6:00PM)

Tickets are now available.
Call the church office or see
Tom Moyer or Tracey Glass.
Cost of tickets are \$20.00 in
advance and \$25.00 at the door.



SAVE THE DATE!

IronPigs – Another

Opportunity!



As this newsletter goes to press, we have almost **60** people from St. John's going to the **IronPigs** baseball game on **Monday, August 19, at 7:05 p.m.** The

IronPigs will be playing against the Syracuse Mets (affiliated with the New York Mets). Coco-Cola Park information, game tickets, vouchers for food and merchandise, and raffle tickets will be distributed to everyone in mid-July.

Hotdogs are \$1 all night long. **Deadline for ticket reservation and payment is June 30.** Cost is \$12 per person. Checks are payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572 or email her at craszler@aol.com.

Sign Up to Host a Sunday Summer Fellowship Hour

Use your imagination, baking skills and have fun hosting a Sunday. Paper plates, tablecloths, forks and napkins are supplied.



There is a poster in the coat room area to sign up for a date.

Free admission!

Join Us for Dinner and a Movie



The dinner and movie will be held on Wednesday, August 7th at 6:00pm in Fox Hall as we watch *Sing Street*. This is a great movie for all ages about a high school boy in 1980's Ireland who establishes a band to impress a girl.

Come out and watch this great movie while listening to some great '80s music. Oh, and bring a covered dish for all to share. Post movie discussion will be led by Dewey Yeatts.

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.

“Give-Back Nights”

★ Join us on **Tuesday, July 30, from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 p.m. at Pizza Hut located at 7720 Main St., (Rt. 100 by I-78 Exit) in Fogelsville.** From your dinner receipt, Pizza Hut will donate a portion of the proceeds back to St. John’s. A flyer is required and can be found on the table in the lounge, this newsletter and the church website www.stjohnsuccfullerton.org



“ PEEPS ”

Positive, **E**xtraordinary, **E**ncouraging, **P**rayerful **S**isters



The May PEEPS (Women’s Group) meeting marked the end of our 2018-2019 season of programs. Thank you to all the ladies who attended our fun and informative sessions.

Look for us on **Tuesday, September 24, at 6:30 p.m. in Fox Hall** when we will be back again for another year of fellowship and ministry. We hope to see some new faces along with our regularly attending PEEPS. **If anyone is interested in leading a program or if anyone has any ideas and interests for our meetings, please contact Colleen Kulhamer** by email at clkulhamer@aol.com or put your suggestions in her church office mailbox.

Don’t be late...For this very important date!

The “FunRaising” committee will be sponsoring a *Mad Hatter’s Unbirthday Tea Party* in Fox Hall on Saturday, October 12th at 1:00pm.

This event is open to everyone of all genders and ages. Tickets are \$15.00 ages 8 & up; \$10.00 ages 7 and under. Mark this date on your calendar now and sign up in the church parlor to reserve your seat. Tickets will go on sale in mid-July and will be limited to 100 guests.



Menu includes tea breads, scones, finger sandwiches, various desserts and of course, tea. Expect special favors, door prizes, raffles and your friends from Wonderland. Not into tea? We also are looking for people who would be willing to help with this event: donating gift baskets, creating decorations, assisting in the kitchen, or serving our guests. If you’re willing to help, please see one of the committee members: Sharon Czekner, Amy Fiedler, Michelle Funk, Tracey Glass or DonnaLee Yeatts.

“Anything Goes” Auction!

We are looking for your help. We're looking for people to donate their items or volunteer their time to be auctioned off during the fellowship hour after church service on Sunday, August 25th in Fox Hall.

Do you have a special craft, talent, service, or other item you could donate towards our action? Be creative!

Here are some suggested services or items you could donate:

1. A day of grocery shopping for someone
2. Drive someone to a doctor's appointment
3. Bake a cake or cookies
4. Sealcoat a driveway
5. Plant flowers
6. Donate a craft item
7. Create a portrait of someone's pet
8. Wrap presents
9. Create a Disney World schedule for a family
10. Donate a gift basket
11. Anything Goes! Be Creative! Even if you don't have anything to donate, please join us for the auction.



Please complete the information below and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate by Sunday, August 18th.

Name: _____

Item to donate: _____

Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____



Pizza Hut

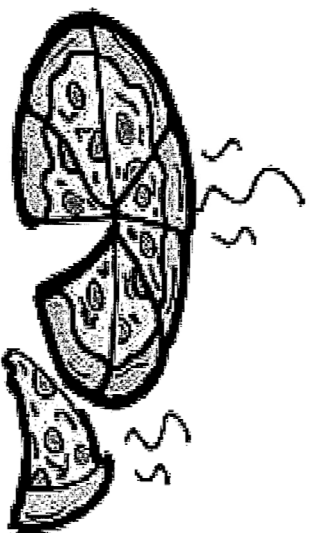
Fundraising

Help Support St. John's UCC, Fullerton

Where: 7720 Main Street, Unit 16
(off Rt. 100) Fogelsville, PA 18051

When: Tuesday, July 30, 2019

From: Noon – 8:00PM



Bring this flyer to the restaurant when you place your order and Pizza Hut will donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase to St. John's UCC, Fullerton.

A Word from Our Crafty Crafters

Right now is the perfect time to choose from our beach, lighthouse, shore, and summer decorations! We have a large supply of **kitchen and household furnishings** (dishcloths, table runners, scrubbies, potholders, etc.); **baby items** (bibs, boo boo bunnies, burping cloths, sweaters, etc.); along with our **American Girl doll sweaters** and **Women's Group cookbooks**. We just got done making a new supply of plastic bag holders and T-towels. Our craft items are for sale all year long. If you need anything at any time, you can **contact Carol Raszler** at 610-393-7572 or email her at craszler@aol.com.

Help is needed by anyone who can knit or crochet.

We have the yarn, supplies, and patterns. All we need is your talented hands to do the work at your home on your time. Contact Carol Raszler if you'd be willing to help.



Friendship Bible Class Picnic



The **picnic** is scheduled for **Saturday, August 10**, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Paul and Carol Raszler's cabin near Schuylkill Haven—rain or shine. Class members who wish to camp outside are invited to stay for the entire weekend. There's fishing, swimming, horseshoes, tennis, and boating activities available. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish. **RSVP to Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572 or at craszler@aol.com by Sunday, July 28, to confirm who's attending and what dish you will be bringing.** Directions will be mailed and/or hand-delivered to class members in early July.

Thank you to the Friendship Class for hosting the Fellowship Hour following worship on June 23.

Check out our
website!

www.stjohnsuccfullerton.org

July 2019 Music Notes

Please mark Sunday, July 21st on your calendar. The Jerusalem Singers will be leading worship that Sunday with a musical presentation. The group is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to public service and the performance of traditional and contemporary classical music with Christian texts. The singers are under the direction of Pete Deshler since 1996 and have sung here many times. They will take up a food collection that will be donated to New Bethany Ministries. A container will be in the back of the sanctuary for your donations of food. Thank you in advance for your support.

The scripture being read that day is Luke 10:38-42, the story of Martha and Mary. Martha serves and Mary listens. We will sing the hymn "For All the Faithful Women", written by Herman Stuempfle. He wrote this hymn in honor of the tenth anniversary of Elizabeth Platz, the first woman ordained in the Lutheran Church of America. Stuempfle was President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, PA.

There were many strong, brave, and faithful women in the Bible. May we follow their example of service and discipleship.

Musically,
Gail



Christian Education & Youth

Mission Trip to Philadelphia

Becca Stevens and Paul Heimer and 4 teens will be attending the Summer Mission Trip to Old First Reformed UCC, Philadelphia. They will do a lot of service work and helping the homeless population. They are excited to be joined on Saturday morning by some of our Mission Committee members who will be bringing the food and helping them to cook for 80 homeless individuals during the Sunday morning

breakfast at Old First. Please keep them all in your prayers!



It's All About BEEES!

On Monday, May 13th, Blaine "the Beekeepers" Holden joined the Youth Group to talk about faith and beekeeping! What a great night!



Mental Health Sunday

Join us Sunday, July 28th as we “Widen the Welcome” for Mental Health. We will learn about Jesus and the Gerasene Demoniac and Carol Olson and Chilly will share their story.

The National Institute of Mental Health report that one in four adults in the U.S. have substance abuse or a mental illness that is mild, moderate or severe. Research has shown that mental illness has a biological basis. Mental illnesses are brain disorders associated with changes in structure, chemistry and function, which affect how a person thinks, feels and acts.



Pride in the Park - August 18th

PNEC will again have a table at this year's Pride in the Park! If you would like to volunteer, please let Pastor Becky or Michelle know!

PNEC Sleepout for Homelessness 2019

Saturday, September 28th- Sunday, September 29th

New Creation UCC in Easton

More information to follow next newsletter

Clean up!

On Monday, May 20th the Youth Group helped to clean up and pull weeds at our rental property for our new tenants!

Thanks Donna Brown for guiding us and leading the “clean up.”



Theology Matters

PNEC will be holding a curriculum event “Theology Matters” on Saturday, July 20th here at St. John's. There will be workshops on all aspects of faith formation including children, youth, multicultural, confirmation and more. The event is highly recommended for those volunteering in Faith Formation. If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Michelle.

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BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



God comforts us in all our trouble so that we can comfort others,,we offer the same comfort that we ourselves received from God. (2 Corinthians 1:4)

Grief and loss are a normal part of life, and sometimes it helps to know you're not alone. St. John's UCC is starting a bereavement ministry to support those dealing with the loss of a loved one, loss of a job or a change in life experiences.

We'll be offering opportunities in the fall and around the holidays in which we'll be sharing these and other helpful insights:

- understanding grief/bereavement
- finding support, hope and a "new normal"
- maintaining healthy self-care strategies
- living with change and moving forward

Watch newsletters/Sunday bulletins for more information!

Evelyn Stupp, M.Div., LMFT, is a retired ordained United Methodist pastor who has served several churches and also worked as a hospice chaplain and bereavement coordinator.

As a pastor and licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, she has additional training and experience in bereavement ministry. She has developed and led various bereavement support groups and presentations.

Evelyn attends St. John's and has connected with our Healthcare Committee and Consistory to begin this new bereavement ministry.

Questions? Please contact Evelyn at 610-428-9095 or estupp15@gmail.com or Healthcare Committee Chairperson Marion DeMilio at 610-730-4387 or momoyer@ptd.net

Mission Moment!



Backpack Drive the Month of July

Over half of the students in the Whitehall-Coplay School District rely on full or partial subsidies for lunches. Equipping a child with the needed school supplies can be a burden that many parents are not able to afford. What happens then is that the teachers, out of their own pockets, provide the needed school supplies

for these children. We have a wonderful opportunity to help. **Listed below are items that are needed:**

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| ☺ New/gently used backpacks | ☺ Pencil sharpeners | ☺ 1" & 1½" 3-ring binders |
| ☺ Loose-leaf notebook paper | ☺ Erasers | ☺ Dividers with tabs |
| ☺ Pencil cases/pouches with zipper | ☺ Pencils | ☺ Colored pocket folders |
| ☺ Black permanent markers | ☺ Pens (blue or black) | ☺ Plastic water bottles |
| ☺ Box of crayons | ☺ Colored pencils | ☺ Granola and cereal bars |

For your convenience, a complete shopping list of the school supplies can be picked up on the table in the coatroom off the sanctuary. Look there for the collection box to place your donated items.

Deadline to receive backpacks and school supplies is Sunday, August 4.

Whitehall Food Pantry

For the month of July, donations are needed for the following: **instant mashed potatoes, cereal, macaroni and cheese, and tea bags.** Any other non-perishable food items can always be made at any time throughout the year. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom off the sanctuary where you can place your donations. **Monetary donations are always accepted and special offering envelopes will be in the church bulletin on Sunday, August 4.**

Strengthen the Church

We will continue to receive donations for Strengthen the Church until the end of June. This is a special mission offering of UCC National which supports the expansion of ministry and growth of local UCC congregations. As God calls our congregations to "*Be The Church*" in new ways, your generosity will plant seeds for new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

How did St. John's Family do?

Recent Outreaches	May	Year-to-Date
Our Churches Wider Mission	\$1,695.73	\$8,243.23
Strengthen the Church	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Whitehall Food Bank	\$ 25.00	\$ 720.00
"Valley Over the Edge" – LCC	\$ 814.00	\$2,050.00

July Worship Services 9:30AM

July 7th 4th Sunday After Pentecost Genesis 1:26-30 Numbers 35:33-34

Hymns: *For the Beauty of the Earth *We Are Not Our Own *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

Elders: Kim Hillegass, Susan Rarich

Ushers: Bruce Miller, Noreen Miller, Dewey Yeatts, DonnaLee Yeatts, Colleen Kulhamer, Linda Powell, Marion DeMilio, Joy Gravely

Acolyte: Kayleigh Fisher STARs Tech: Joe Trippett

July 14th 5th Sunday After Pentecost Luke 10:25-37

Hymns: *What Gift Can We Bring? *Take My Gifts *For the Fruit of All Creation

Usher: Judy Miranda, Gary Weaver, Cheryl Weaver, Kim Hillegass

Scripture Reader: Karly Myers Acolyte: Andrew Deutsch STARs Tech: Susan Rarich

July 21st 6th Sunday After Pentecost Luke 10:38-42

Hymns: *For All the Faithful Women *When the Poor Ones *All Things Bright and Beautiful

Ushers: Judy Miranda, Tammy Yura, Mark Yura

Scripture Reader: Carol Myers Acolyte: Emily Dimmick STARs Tech: DonnaLee Yeatts

July 28th 7th Sunday After Pentecost Mark 5:1-20

Hymns: *From the Crush of Wealth and Power *Strong, Gentle Children
*O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

Ushers: Diana Beck, Judy Miranda, Kathy Bright, Carole Flores

Scripture Reader: Natalie Reichl Acolyte: Tyler McNicholas STARs Tech: Tom Moyer

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