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"Give Backs"

BJ'S Brewhouse

February 25th

Texas Roadhouse

March 26th

Panera Bread

April 28th

Flyers for these give backs are in this newsletter

Ash N' Dash

February 26th

7:30-8:30AM and
5:00-6:00PM

**Ash Wednesday
Service 7:00PM**

Gift Card Bingo

Friday, March 27th
@ 7:00PM

Mark Your Calendar

Pastor Michelle Funk's Ordination Service

February 23rd at 3:00PM

Newsletter Deadline

The articles for the April newsletter are due on March 8th. The newsletter will be collated on March 17th at 9:00AM.

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is published monthly.

Happy Spring Church!

Well, it might not be Spring until March 19th, yet the groundhog did not see a shadow so... I say we start acting like it is an early spring now!

I love when the weather begins to get warmer, the nights start to get shorter and the flowers begin to bloom. I especially love seeing that first daffodil with its bright yellow color shining through the bare winter soil. Which, of course, someone always posts a pic of on Facebook or Instagram.

It seems as if people just become happier when the weather changes. Some that suffer from seasonal depression finally begin to have brighter days. The kids are able to run and play in the fresh air. Some (like me) are finally able to go back to the enjoyment of simply being outside, swinging away.

There is so much for us to look forward to this Spring. We are trying something new using a worship theme from Worship Design Studio called "Roll Down Justice". We will be offering an informal communion option. And of course we are patiently waiting for the arrival of our interim Sr. Pastor Bonnie Moore.

May this coming month put a little "Spring" in your step! Now go outside, breathe in the fresh air, and play! (even if you still need a coat!)

Love & Light!

Michelle



Informal Communion

During Lent we will be offering an informal communion option for folks who are unable to come to regular services on communion Sunday due to work or other commitments. Join us in the sanctuary from 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm where you will be able to receive communion and a prayer from a pastor.

***Informal communion will be offered on Sundays –
March 1st and April 5th.***



To all my friends at St. John's UCC, Fullerton,

Thank you sincerely for the "Goodie Bag".... It was even delivered personally to my home here at United Zion in Lititz!

I appreciate everything and miss you all!

With love,
Roberta Haberern

To St. John's UCC, Fullerton,

We are writing to thank your congregation for your recent gift in the amount of \$692.22 directed to our Jubilee Ministry to the Homeless. We appreciate this generous contribution to the ministry and mission of Zion's Church. Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,
Rev. Robert T. Stevens, Senior Pastor

Thank you for another successful year with our Operation Santa program at Phoebe this Christmas season. Once again because of our friends from St. John's, our Christmas parties and Santa's visits were a triumph. Our residents are always so genuinely surprised every year when they see the gifts for them at Christmas. They never understand how it happens or why it happens, but the men and women who live here are so very thankful. In fact, I wish you could come and see them when they open the gifts—it'll remind you of Christmas morning at home!

I congratulate your commitment to our facility and to all the people in our care. Please know that you are always in our thoughts and prayers, and we wish you and your families the happiest and healthiest New Year. May 2020 bring you the same joy and love that you have given us. God bless you always.

~ Joan Wickel, Director of Community Life
Phoebe Ministries

To St. John's UCC, Fullerton,

On behalf of my mother, Ruth Eli, we would like to thank everyone for the Christmas goody bag and your thoughtfulness. We are truly blessed for all the support from the church during this difficult time. And a special thank you to Pastor Dave for all of his visits to see and bless us!

Ruth and Shirley Eli

I want to thank Pastors Herring and Quinn for their visits to my husband, Ron, while he was in the hospital. I missed Pastor Quinn's visits but was there when Pastor Herring visited. It was a very nice visit with laughs and prayers. Thank you to both for thinking of Ron and me.

I would also like to add my heartfelt thanks to my wonderful church friends, my great friends and family for their very kind words and prayers. They truly helped Ron get through this latest setback.

Doris Smith

On behalf of the entire staff and our Shelter families, thank you for your generosity, thoughtfulness, and for the warm holiday spirit you imparted when you brought clothing (gloves, hats, scarves) for our families in December. We were touched by the outpouring of support we received from the community and by the fact that every single one of our families received gifts for the holidays. We know the end of the year can get busy, so we greatly appreciate your making the time to share some cheer with those in the Lehigh Valley who perhaps are the most in need of some spirit-uplifting. Thank you again for your kindness and have a wonderful year ahead!

~ Heather Pritchard, Development and Volunteer Coordinator, Sixth Street Shelter



Our Church Family

Change of Address/Phone No.

Barbara and Kevin Hoderman
212 Howertown Road
Northampton, PA 18067



Rev. Cliff Herring – 484-553-9175
Use the above number if you need to contact Pastor Cliff



New Member's Group Forming

If you would like to join the St. John's family please speak with Pastors Michelle Funk or Cliff Herring or Colleen Kulhamer, Consistory President.

Deaths

Todd Kresge died November 11th. His service was held on November 18th. He is survived by his mother, brothers, sisters and nieces and nephews.

Virginia Owens died January 26th. Her Celebration of Life service was held on January 30th. She is survived by a daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Louise Hoch died on February 13th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Todd, Virginia and Louise.

Birth

Rowan Henry Brown was born on February 4th. He weighed 6lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 ¾ inches long.

Rowan was born in Philadelphia. His parents are Christopher and Jennifer Brown. Grandparents are Donna and Dave Brown and Rowan's great-grandmother is Marion Brown.

Congratulations!

Check out our website!

www.stjohnsuccfullerton.org

Upcoming Baptisms

March 22nd –

(8:15AM) - Daniel Vrablic

(10:45AM) - Rowan Rarich-Lord

April 19th – Raylynn Mae Morris



March Anniversaries

March 3 – Nancy & Robert Dougherty – 41 years

March 5 – Karen & Tim Christman – 43 years

March 6 – Noreen & Bruce Miller – 38 years

Judith & Matthew Sommer – 21 years

Kerri & Eric Deigert – 4 years

March 7 – Louise & Harry Houser – 56 years

March 9 – Janet & Gary Black – 46 years

DonnaLee & Dewey Yeatts – 29 years

March 14 – Bettyjane & Joseph Bonshak – 57 years

March 20 – Ellen & George Updegrove – 26 years

March 24 – Susan & Dale Brinker – 41 years

March 28 – Susan & Richard Kaiser – 28 years

Hospital Admission Policies

When being admitted to an area hospital please inform them your church code is 473.

Please have a member of your family also call and let us know you have been hospitalized.



Susan, our Office

Administrator calls the hospitals daily but sometimes is not told of a member's admittance.

We want to visit and pray for all of our members. Help us to know when you need us! Call the church and pastor.

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our church - 473*

2019 Contribution Statements

Your 2019 Contribution statements are available. They are located on the table in the back of the church.

If you want your statement mailed to your house, please call the Church office. (610-264-8421)



Ironpigs Party Porch

Friday, July 31st

Baseball, food, fireworks, and non-alcoholic beverages, along with a great view of the game.

Price - \$37 (Same as the past few years)

Now taking reservations, with payment. See Tom Moyer.

LET'S GO PIGS!



Church News



Ash Wednesday: Ash & Dash – February 26

7:30-8:30AM; 5:00-6:00PM

Busy? Can't make it to our 7:00PM service? Stop by our Grape Street parking lot for Ashes in a Dash! Receive the imposition of ashes and a quick prayer from one of our Pastors while you are on the go!



Ash Wednesday Worship Service - February 26 - 7:00PM

The season of Lent begins with a call to repent, which means to “turn around.” This year, we will turn from our apathy and pray to be active instruments of peace, agents of change in the world. This service will include the traditional Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. We will be marked as Christians as we prepare ourselves for the Lenten season.



2020 Lenten Series ~ “Roll Down Justice”

Lent is a time of reminding ourselves who we are called to be in this world. Our Lenten series is inspired by Amos, a prophet whose message is that God calls us to let “justice roll down like waters.” What prejudices are we challenged to “give up” as a Lent practice of abstinence, and further, how are we willing to “give” of ourselves for the sake of the world?

Lenten “Soup, Spirit, and Soul” Worship - Wednesday nights – 6:30PM



Please join us for soup and bread and sometimes, dessert! We begin at 6:30PM in Fox Hall. We will remain in the hall for Learning and Lenten thoughts on Social justice issues. We will be in conversation with guest speakers discussing important social justice topics such as adoption and foster care, mental health, abusive relationships, and the prison system. Please join us for this Lenten series as we learn how we can be a part of changing the systems that continue to oppress and marginalize God's children.

Wednesdays: March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, March 25th and April 1st

Lenten Series used with permission by Worship Design Studio. © Marcia McFee

*****We are looking for people to make soup and bring bread** to our soup supper and services - Wednesdays during Lent, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and April 1st. A sign-up sheet will be in the coat room on the board. If there are any questions, please see/call Kenda Catalini 484-358-7453.

Holy Week

- April 5** Palm Sunday – 8:15AM and 10:45AM 9:30AM – Journey through Holy Week
- April 9** Maundy Thursday – 7:00PM – Holy Communion
- April 10** Good Friday – 7:00PM – An important service to experience. This moving service reminds us of all that Jesus did for us on that sacred day
- April 12** EASTER Services
6:30AM, 8:15AM and 10:45AM – “HE HAS RISEN!”



Holy Communion Sign In Book!

The book is on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You are asked to sign it if you participated in the sacrament. You need only sign it ONE TIME PER YEAR. The book will be alphabetical according to your last name.

Please participate often in the sacrament and make sure you sign the book at least one time during 2020.

Easter Candy Sale

The Easter Bunny is on his way to St. John's again! He's bringing Easter candy for sale. We will be selling semisweet peanut butter and coconut cream eggs for \$12.00/lb. You can purchase a pound of peanut butter, a pound of coconut or a pound of half and half.

Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 15th. Pick-up will once again be on Palm Sunday, April 5th after both services. Don't miss out on these yummy delicacies! Look for the order form posted on the board in the church coatroom.

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, faith backgrounds, abilities and economic circumstances.

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



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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. Next meeting is March 7th at 8:30AM.

Easter Egg Hunt



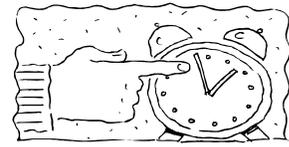
Saturday, April 4th - 10:00AM
(Ages 0 - 12) ~ Call the Church office
to register for the Egg Hunt

or register online

<https://tinyurl.com/sjegghunt2020>



Daylight Saving Time
begins March 8



SET YOUR CLOCKS
Ahead!

Sponsor Flowers and Bulletins – March, April, May

The following dates are available to sponsor **Altar Flowers in March, April, and May:**

March 1, 8, 15

April 5, 19

May 17, 24, 31



The following dates are available to sponsor **Bulletins in March, April and May:**

March 1, 22

April 5, 12

May 3, 17, 31

Please call Sally Gibson at 610-264-1210 if interested in any of the above dates. Cost is \$20.00 for bulletins, \$20.00 for each vase and \$30.00 for piano arrangement.



Pastie Sale is Back! Order your frozen pasties now

Pasties are available in 12 oz. beef, chicken, sausage, ham, vegetable melt and spinach melt at a cost of \$5.50 each. Fruit pasties are available in 6 oz. apple, cherry and blueberry at a cost of \$3.50.

Order sheets are available in the coat room. Payment is required at the time of the order. Orders can be placed in the offering plate or given to Cheryl Weaver. **Order deadline is Sunday March 15th.** Pickup will be Friday, April 3rd from 4:00 - 6:00 pm in Fox Hall or after both services on April 5th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cheryl Weaver 610-443-0161.

Penn Northeast Conference is offering an All Conference Book Study

The Book that will be discussed is “White Fragility”
“Why It’s so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism”

Join us on the following dates for conversation and discussions -
We will meet on Zoom from 1:30 – 2:30 pm each of these days:

March 17, 2020 Introduction & Chapters 1-2
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/895351659>

March 31, 2020 Chapters 3-4
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/509071118>

April 14, 2020 Chapters 5-7
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/627034430>

April 28, 2020 Chapters 8-10
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/663486752>

May 12, 2020 Chapter 11-12
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/548819191>

May 26, 2020 Where do we go from here?
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/592872391>



Lady PEEPS Invites You!

“Finding Hope and Encouragement While Grieving”

Join the Lady PEEPS on **Tuesday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m.** in Fox Hall as we learn how to deal with grief, loss, and holding on to self-image. We will view a video by our favorite Christian comedian **Chonda Pierce** entitled “**Enough: Laugh, Cry, Love.**” Chonda tells us how she dealt with grieving and challenging times in her life, blending it all with humor, insight, and self-examination, and all the while keeping her faith in Christ. Afterwards, **Rev. Evelyn Stupp**, St. John’s pastor on our **Bereavement Ministry Team** will engage us in conversation on this topic. Refreshments will be served.

Hop on Over – Easter and Spring Crafts are Coming!



The Crafters Group will have Easter and Spring decorations and other craft items for sale on Sundays, March 8 and March 15. Craft items will be on display in the lounge area. You can visit before and after each worship service to make your purchases.

Here is a list of some handmade craft items we have available for sale all year long:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| ◆ Kitchen T-Towels | ◆ Table Runners | ◆ Baby Bibs |
| ◆ Dishcloths | ◆ Fingertip Towels | ◆ Baby Sweaters |
| ◆ Potholders | ◆ Plastic Bag Holders | ◆ Baby Burping Bibs |
| ◆ Scrubbies | ◆ Cork Hotplates | ◆ Boo Boo Bunnies |
| ◆ Bread Cloths | ◆ Covered Hangers | ◆ American Girl Doll Sweaters |

We also have 12-Bean Soup Mix for \$4.00 and Sugared Pecans for \$3.50

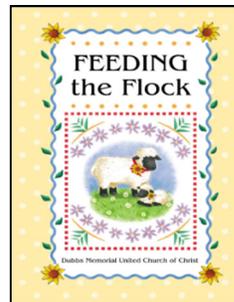
If you need any items, you can contact Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572 or crazler@aol.com.

Volunteers are needed for our Craft projects!

We could use your help if your talents include:

- ◆ Knitting
- ◆ Crocheting
- ◆ Sewing
- ◆ Counted Cross Stitching
- ◆ Scrapbooking
- ◆ Gluing & Assembling of Crafts

Women's Group Church Cookbook



Features 350 Recipes
Appetizers & Beverages
Soups & Salads
Main Dishes
Vegetables & Side Dishes
Breads & Rolls
Desserts
Cookies & Candy
This & That

Cost: \$12.75

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

Gift Card Bingo

The Gift Card Bingo that had previously been scheduled for February 28th has been rescheduled for March 27th. Doors will open at 6 pm. Games begin at 7 pm. The cost is \$20:00 in advance and \$25:00 at the door. In addition to the regular bingos and specials there will be a basket raffle and the kitchen will be open. Come join us for lots of good food and fun! Tickets can be purchased after service or by contacting Tracey Glass or Tom Moyer.

“Give-Back Nights”

★Join us on **Tuesday, February 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at BJ's Brewhouse located at 665 N. Krocks Rd., in Allentown.** From your dinner receipt, 20% will be donated back to St. John's. A flyer is required.

★Join us on **Thursday, March 26, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Texas Roadhouse located at 6268 Hamilton Blvd. in Trexlertown.** From your dinner receipt, 10% will be donated back to St. John's. **An additional 20% off on a meal for military, veterans, fire, police, EMT, paramedics, doctors, nurses, teachers with proof of ID.** A flyer is required.

★Join us on **Tuesday, April 28, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Panera Bread located at 2669 MacArthur Rd. in Whitehall.** From your dinner receipt, 20% will be donated back to St. John's. A flyer is required.

Flyers can be found in this newsletter, bulletin, and in the parlor.



Get a New View of the Valley While Changing Lives A Team is Forming for “Valley Over the Edge”

The Lehigh Conference of Churches is hosting its Third Annual “**Valley Over the Edge**” on **Saturday, May 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in which 92 rappellers will be going “over the edge” at Five City Center in Allentown. Proceeds from this incredible



charity event will help the LCC, through its many programs, turn faith into action, bringing hope to the most vulnerable. Two daring souls have agreed to participate in which they need to raise \$500 each. They have formed a team called **Team St. J's Fullerton (TSJF)** or maybe this could stand for **Two Silly Jumping Fools?** Why not **Three Silly Jumping Fools** or **Ten Silly Jumping Fools?** The more volunteers the merrier for St. John's to raise money for a good cause! **If anyone is interesting in joining this team of daredevils, please contact Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572 or email her at crazler@aol.com.**

Hearty Soup Sales

* **Beef Vegetable Soup is being made on Friday, March 20.** Cost is \$7.00 a quart. Anyone willing to help or learn is welcome to come starting at 8:00 a.m. A **sign-up sheet for orders is in the coatroom area off the sanctuary or you can contact Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572.** Pickup times are that Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. down in Fox Hall or in the lounge after each worship service on Sunday, March 22. **Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 8.**

* **Turkey Pot Pie will be made on Friday, May 15.** Cost is \$7.00 a quart. A **sign-up sheet for orders will be posted in mid-April or you can contact Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572.** Pickup times are that Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. down in Fox Hall or in the lounge after each worship service on Sunday, June 9. **Deadline for orders is Sunday, May 3.**

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Pies are Back!

Our next Bake Sale with The Bakery Nook is scheduled for **Friday, April 24.** We will be taking orders for **Wet-Bottom Shoofly Pies, Funny Cakes, and Plain & Walnut Sticky Buns.** Cost is \$10. 10" pies are too big for you?—cut in half and freeze! A **sign-up sheet for orders is in the coatroom area off the sanctuary or you can contact Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572.** Pickup time is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. that Friday in Room 201 or in the lounge after each worship service on Sunday, April 26. **Deadline for orders is Sunday, April 12.**

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Our Nut & Fruit Sale is Over, **BUT...**

We will have bags of **Sugared Pecans** available for purchase at the **Crafters' Spring and Easter Craft Sale** on **March 8 and March 15.** It's a great snack! Cost is \$3.50. **Please see Carol Raszler before or after worship to make your purchases.**



Miller Blood Drive – April 19th

Sunday, April 19, 2020 will be the next Miller Blood Drive at St. John's. This blood drive is being dedicated to Jack Ohl. If you cannot donate on this date and go to the blood center, please mention the donation is for

Jack Ohl through St. John's. I am already scheduling donors so please call me for a time slot. Sharon Antrim 610-216-6207. Please leave a message if I don't answer and I will get back to you asap. I truly appreciate the response I get from all donors. Save lives.

God Bless . . . Sharon





March Music Notes

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. We will be using a series called “Roll Down, Justice!”, by Dr. Marcia McFee. Music has been composed by Mark A. Miller. We will be singing two of the songs by Mr. Miller during our Lenten worship services. Some tunes will be new and others will be familiar tunes with new words.

“Let Justice Roll” will be sung as a call to worship and also as our prayer response. “May Peace Flow” will be the sung benediction. The traditional “Lord’s Prayer” will be sung the first Sunday in Lent. The offering response will be sung to the tune *Lasst Uns Erfreuen* or *All Creatures of Our God and King*. Familiar hymns will also be sung during the Lenten season. In this series we will explore our calling to proclaim God’s love for all people by committing to actions of social justice in our communities.

Singing a new song scares some people. As a musician, I like to see notes as I sing something new. People tell me they can’t read music. You may not be able to read the actual notes, but you can see how the words to the song are written. If words are close together, the notes go faster. If there is considerable space between words, notes are held a bit longer. Try your best when singing the new songs. Don’t worry about making mistakes. No one is perfect. And I certainly make my share of mistakes.

During this Lenten season, let the liturgy and music help call us all to join together in the work of addressing justice issues in our communities.

Musically,

Gail

What, When, Where, And Who?

WHAT: Children’s Choir

WHERE: Choir Room

WHEN: Wednesday, March 4th, 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm,
to Wednesday, April 8th

WHO: Girls and Boys in Kindergarten to Sixth Grade

The children will sing for the 10:45am Easter service, Sunday, April 12th. Questions, please call Gail Hanzl, 610-264-8421.

Confirmation

Save the date!

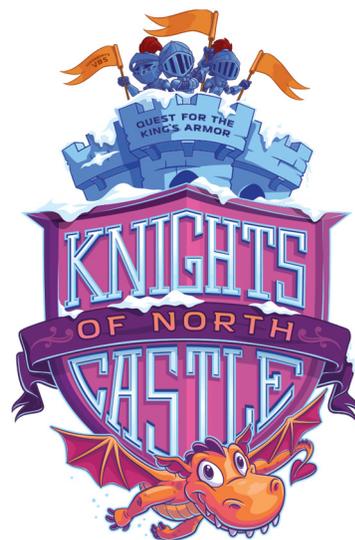
Sunday May 24th
at the 9:30 am service

Vacation Bible School "Knights of North Castle"

Monday, July 13th-Friday July 17th
5:45 pm - 8:00 pm. Grades PreK - 6th

Volunteer Leader and Teen VBS including dinner at 5:00 pm

We are beginning to fill volunteer slots. VBS is a great way to serve God while having fun! If you would like to help with VBS this year please speak with Directors Jesus or Stacy Pagan or Pastor Michelle!



Volunteers needed!

We are seeking volunteers for our children & youth ministries! If you are feeling a desire to work with our children and/or youth, and to be a part of something greater than yourself, please speak with Pastor Michelle!

Mission Moment!

One Great Hour of Sharing



In this newsletter you will find an insert and offering envelope for **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**. Through this all-church offering, the United Church of Christ helps people around the world whose lives have been devastated by war, natural disasters, and by lack of food or clean water. Together we can make a difference in thousands of lives through this offering. A few examples are:

✝ Aid is sent to refugee camps in the Congo, where refugees seek safety from war and genocide. Help is also given to help refugees resettle.

✝ In India, this offering provides small loans to families who provide much needed food to their community. Once they build up their businesses, they help the community to build wells providing clean water to their village which was affected by a severe water shortage.

✝ In Florida, these offerings help people who are on fixed incomes, ill, elderly, and disabled to rebuild their homes which suffered damage from hurricanes, including Hurricane Irma in 2017. Through these offerings, as well as hundreds of volunteer work teams, over 200 homes have been repaired.

Throughout the world OGHS funds are demonstrating the Love of Christ and support of congregations such as ours to help those who are in need. Your generosity and support will help to continue this life-sustaining work. **One Great Hour of Sharing offerings will be received on March 22.**



~ Message from Our Bridge Pastor
Rev. Cliff Herring

Whitehall Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is providing a meal to its clients for the Easter holiday. **St. John's goal is to collect 150 cans of red beets.** Donations are being accepted from March 8 through April 5

For the month of **March**, donations are needed for the following: **any kind of soup, pancake mix, pancake syrup, hamburger helper, and canned vegetables.**

A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area off the sanctuary where you can place your donations. Any other non-perishable food items as well as monetary contributions can always be made at any time throughout the year.

We wish to thank everyone who made monetary donations to the Whitehall Food Pantry in January. **A total of \$487 was received.**

Mission Moment – Continued

Jubilee Breakfast Ministry

The remaining dates for St. John's to serve breakfast at Zion's UCC (620 W. Hamilton St., Allentown) are Fridays, March 26 and April 30, from 6:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. This ministry provides a hot meal and warm hospitality to the homeless, the working poor, and anyone in need of food. If you are interested in volunteering in this important ministry, please contact Nancy Dougherty at 610-760-8361 or email her at nancydough@msn.com.

Update on Other Mission Outreaches:

✝ **Church World Service – Hygiene Kits** – Just a reminder that the items we are collecting for CWS are due no later than March 1. We hope to have enough donations to complete 25 Hygiene Kits, which will eventually be disbursed to places in the United States and around the world where natural disasters have struck. Donations can be placed in the container found in the coatroom area off the sanctuary.



✝ **Crafters Group** – The Crafters Group realized a profit of \$1665 in sales for 2019. The Mission Committee designated that the funds be distributed to the following mission outreach ministries: to sponsor a St. John's youth to attend the National Youth Event in West Lafayette, Indiana, in July of 2020; to provide funding to St. John's Discretionary Fund to aid our church families in need; and to donate funds to the Disaster Ministries of UCC National for hurricane and earthquake disaster relief and recovery in Puerto Rico.

How did our St. John's Family do?

Recent Outreaches	January	Year-to-Date
Our Churches Wider Mission	\$1705.08	\$1705.08
Whitehall Food Bank	\$ 487.00	\$ 487.00

HealthCare Ministry

Cold and flu season is upon us. Hopefully, you were able to get vaccinated, as that is the only way that one might prevent the flu or reduce the severity of the illness. Every year thousands of people die from contracting the influenza virus. It can trigger severe inflammation in the lungs that leads to respiratory failure. The bacteria from a secondary infection can also get into your blood stream and cause sepsis which spreads throughout your whole body.

Sometimes it is hard to tell the difference between a cold and the flu as many of the symptoms are the same such as coughing, sneezing, stuffy nose and sore throat. The flu is usually more severe with symptoms such as fever, aches, chills, weakness, headache and the onset is more abrupt.

In recent news, a new threat has arisen internationally. It is a never seen before coronavirus that originated in Wuhan, China. That is what makes it scary is that not much is known about it. Symptoms so far seem to mimic a flu-type virus. So far, about 2,000 people have been infected with the virus and 76 have died. Most of the infected are from China or have traveled from Wuhan, China recently and were infected while there. The virus spreads easily from a cough or sneeze of an infected person. Five people are infected in the US so far that traveled from Wuhan, China. Great efforts to limit travel from China, check people at airports traveling to and from China are being done to help limit the spread of this coronavirus. In China, citizens are encouraged to wear protective masks to help prevent the spread of the virus.

We will surely learn more as time moves on about how this virus works. In the meantime, to help minimize your chances of catching any of these bugs, here are a few tips to keep in mind.

1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If a family member is sick, it may help to invest in some masks to minimize the spread of the virus.
2. Stay home when you are sick.
3. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
4. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
5. Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol based cleaner.
6. Disinfect surfaces that you touch often such as kitchen and bathroom countertops and fixtures and doorknobs.



PLEASE NOTE: In the weeks following of me writing this article, the coronavirus is now called Covid-19. Most cases are still in China where it originated. It has spread to 25 countries now. It is a highly contagious virus, but not as deadly as SARS or the flu can be. The amount of people with confirmed infection of COVID19 is about 60,000 worldwide with about 1,400 deaths so far. ~ Diane Buss



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From the Healthcare Committee

“Cook Smart” - Vegetable Turkey Chili

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| ½ cup water | 2 cups chopped onions | 1 clove garlic, minced |
| 2 lbs. ground 99% lean turkey | ½ tsp. salt | Pepper & Italian seasoning to taste |
| 1 tsp. paprika | 2 tsps. parsley | 3 stalks celery, chopped |
| 2- 15oz. cans low salt tomato sauce | | 2 -14.5oz. cans low salt stewed tomatoes |
| 2 medium carrots, sliced | Chili powder & cumin to taste | |
| 2 -19oz. cans Red Kidney beans, DRAINED | 2 - 19oz. cans White Cannellini beans, DRAINED | |

In large Dutch oven, heat water, onions, garlic, ground turkey, salt, pepper, Italian seasoning, paprika, and parsley. Cook until onions are translucent. Add remaining ingredients, blend well, bring to boil, then simmer for one hour on low heat. Yield: 5 quarts

Diabetic Exchanges per 1 cup: 1 starch/2 lean meat/3 vegetable
Calories 167, Protein 17.2g. Fat 1g, Fiber 5.5g, Sodium 287.5mg
Source: Althea Handwerk



March 8:15AM and 10:45AM

March 1st First Sunday in Lent

Hymns: *How Great Thou Art *like a child *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

8:15AM

Elders: Marion DeMilio, Susan Rarich

Ushers: John Viglione, Connie Viglione, Colleen Kulhamer, Ted Hess, Sharon Antrim, Charlie Apple, Bob Dougherty, Nancy Dougherty

STARs Tech: Joe Trippett Acolyte: Jared Holderman-Adams

10:45

Elders: Brian Fisher, Pete Mohr

Ushers: Bob Czekner, Sharon Czekner, Gary Weaver, Cheryl Weaver, Dewey Yeatts, Doris Smith, Wendy Fox, Kim Hillegass

STARs Tech: DonnaLee Yeatts Acolyte: Michael Baatz

March 8 Second Sunday in Lent

Hymns: *I Need You Every Hour *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

8:15AM

Usher: Judy Miranda

STARs Tech: Susan Rarich Acolyte: Alex Bryant

10:45AM

Ushers: Wayne Lichtenwalner, Steven Schlenker

Scripture Reader: Brenda Pascoe STARs Tech: Donald Schneck Acolyte: Kayleigh Fisher

March 15 Third Sunday in Lent

Hymns: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love *We Are Called

8:15AM

Usher: Judy Miranda Scripture Reader: Connie Viglione

STARs Tech: Joe Trippett Acolyte: Cole Buskirk

10:45AM

Ushers: Bruce Pope, Bobbi Pope Scripture Reader: Wayne Lichtenwalner

STARs Tech: Jesus Pagan Acolyte: William Hoffman

March 22nd

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Hymns: *What Wondrous Love Is This *Great Is Your Faithfulness”

8:15AM

Usher: Judy Miranda

STARs Tech: Tom Moyer

Acolyte: Bailee Neitz

10:45AM Scripture – Matthew 19:13-22

Ushers: Wayne Lichtenwalner, Stephen Schlenker, Diana Beck Scripture Reader: Brenda Pascoe

STARs Tech: DonnaLee Yeatts

Acolyte: Jillian Sommer

March 29th

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Hymns: *Before Your Cross, O Jesus *Here I Am, Lord”

8:15AM

Usher: Judy Miranda

STARs Tech: Tom Moyer

Acolyte: Tommy Saeger

10:45AM

Ushers: Frank Reichl, Natalie Reichl, Wayne Lichtenwalner

Scripture Reader: Linda Powell

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Acolyte: Kyrach Gedroic



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_____	<u>6 1/2" Daffodils – yellow (\$6.50)</u>	_____
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_____ Pink		_____
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10:45AM _____



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