



WELCOME ALL



St. John's **CONNECTIONS**

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

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“Welcome Home!”



*“Let us build a house where love
can dwell...” begins the song.*

*“Let us build a house where all are
named, their songs and visions heard,
and loved and treasured, taught and
claimed as words within the Word.*

*Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace.*

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place!”*

American sacred music composer Marty Haugen wrote the magnificent hymn, “All are Welcome” in which the first line speaks of the community of faith being created as a house where love is present and alive! When I think of St. John’s, Fullerton, that’s my perspective. LOVE is alive here, growing, real and tangible. As we anticipate the start of our new season of ministry starting September 11, we can feel a growing excitement! We are building a house where God’s love and ours can grow!

While we often affirm boldly, “We Worship, we Love, we Serve, No Matter What!”, we now have the invitation and challenge to make it so. Our “No Matter What!” is needed, from every St. John’s person, to help empower our next steps.

I am pleased to announce that our Consistory has voted 10-2 to welcome the church and community to two Sunday morning worship services, with Faith Formation (Sunday School) in between. We will worship at 8:15 & 10:45 beginning September 11, and have our “Welcome Home” rally at 9:30. Faith Formation classes are beginning to form now. If you’re interested in participating in your previous class or trying something new, explore the possibilities with us. You will begin seeing opportunities to take part in some well-established groups plus some new things! Come check them out any Sunday beginning September 11.

God shares new hope and life with us through love that grows our community! It is now our response that will grow the Church in the weeks ahead! So...

"Welcome Home!" to growing Worship in love!

"Welcome Home!" to growing Faith Formation in love!

"Welcome Home!" to growing Confirmation in love!

"Welcome Home!" to growing Children in love!

"Welcome Home!" to growing Missions in love!

"Welcome Home!" to growing Community in love!

"Welcome Home!" to growing Generosity in love!

The time is now and the challenge is present to create what we believe God wants us to be in this community! It will take ALL of us, welcoming ALL people, doing ALL that is necessary, "No Matter What!" so we can grow the love of God in this place!

We are St. John's UCC, Fullerton, and to every person, in LOVE, we say, "Welcome Home! Welcome to this house where love grows, where no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Welcome Home!"

Yours in grace and hope,



Rev. Steven Davis, Senior Pastor

Fall Worship on Sundays

8:15 & 10:45am

Faith Formation (Sunday School)

9:30am

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We Are FULLY OPEN

Living Forward in the New "COVID Normal"

As we resume a full schedule of activity at St. John's this Fall, a reminder: our current recommendations remain in effect and are posted on the website. As we expand our indoor activities this Fall, we urge everyone to remain attentive and focused on the well-being of our collective community. **For those vaccinated, masking is optional during worship and other gatherings. For those not vaccinated, we ask you to wear a mask. We provide KN-95 masks at our entry tables for all who would like one. We continue to urge all to use a mask during group singing.**

The Consistory continues to monitor case numbers and hospitalizations for COVID in our area and is paying attention to ongoing variants and projections for Fall/Winter 2022. We urge everyone who can get vaccinated and "boosted," including children, to assist us in keeping our community and most vulnerable healthy. Thank you for your continued understanding and participation in these measures.

Celebrating Pastors' Ordination Anniversaries

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

Pastor Emerita Rev. Dr. Becky Beckwith	25 years	Sept. 14, 1997
Rev. David Quinn	36 years	Sept. 25, 1986
Rev. Becca Stephens	30 years	Sept. 27, 1992



Music Corner of St. John's

"I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining. And I believe in love, even when there's no one there. And I believe in God, even when He is silent."

-Unknown (written during WW2, on the wall of a cellar, by a Jew in the Cologne concentration camp)

In June of 2017, I lost my best friend Kristin who was only 24. I began to know Kristin and her family when she was two years old and would come on Sunday mornings with her mom to the choir loft at St. Anthony's. At the time I was serving as a young organist. Kristin would sit on the organ bench with me after church and was absolutely memorized by the organ and what it did. Little did I know, that was only the beginning chapter of the friendship between Patrick and Kristin. As we got older and drifted in and out of each other's lives, I eventually made my way back to St. Anthony's and was reunited with Kristin and her family. When I left St. Anthony's, Kristin came with me to Sacred Heart where she became the heartbeat of a music ministry that was being built from scratch. Many times, Kristin talked me off the ledge, offered support, would just listen when needed, challenge me and of course, would be my number one cheerleader!

Kristin served as the soloist for a piece I introduced to the choir called "I Believe" by Mark Miller, which featured the above quote as the main text of the piece. Kristin suffered from horrendous migraines, so bad to the point she would be sidelined for weeks on end. In June of 2017, Kristin was on her way home one Sunday morning, when she blacked out and was involved in a horrific accident (no one beside her was hurt) which ultimately took her life. When she passed and planning for her funeral began, it was only fitting that the choir of Sacred Heart requested to pay homage to her by singing "I Believe." The piece was essentially retired after this. Too many memories I guess you could say. The words of the piece, however, remained in the choir loft of Sacred Heart, as the choir had a plaque made in her honor with the text and had a special loft dedication in her honor.

Fast forward to 2021. Talk about a full circle moment! The very piece which I wished to retire managed to come back out of the library on what would have been Kristin's birthday on July 4th, 2021. As I played my last service after serving eleven years as the Director of Worship and Music for Sacred Heart Church, the choir felt it was only right, with my last day being her birthday, that they would sing it again as a farewell to me.

I still don't understand why God took this vibrant, energetic, love-filled person from the lives she touched and interacted with. There still are days I often think of her and wonder what would her opinion be about this, or if I give up on something, I almost can hear her asking me, "why?" Kristin, much like my grandmother, grandfather and mom, was a key factor into making me a choir director who pushes to find the very best from the choir and people I interact with.

In the music office, on my desk, is a plaque of Kristin now with the text of "I Believe" that was made for me when I left Sacred Heart. It serves as a reminder to me that she is always with me.

As the quote says "I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining. And I believe in love, even when there's no one there. And I believe in God, even when He is silent." No one may understand why things in life happen, but they do. The important thing out of it all, is we learn and grow from them. Some lessons are unfortunately harder than others. Since I had the incredible honor of knowing Kristin and her passion and love for music, her faith, and most importantly, having her friendship, I learned how to believe in the sun, love, and most importantly, God.

Musically Yours,
Patrick Sandt



Stewardship/Donations

Become an "Automatic Contributor"

Currently, 47 giving units participating.

St. John's Stewardship & Finance Committee wishes to express appreciation for those persons who have responded to the most recent updates shared in worship and in the bulletin and newsletter by increasing your contribution and by signing up to become a recurring "automatic contributor."

Contributions may be set up for 1 time per month or 2 times per month on the 1st and 15th. Our system only allows for contributions to be withdrawn automatically on those two dates.

Those wishing to make donations at any time may use the QR square code and follow the instructions to donate to whatever area of ministry you wish to support. "But I like having something to put in the offering plate when I come to worship!" you might say. We all appreciate the opportunity to share and express our gratitude to God for the life and work of faith in which we share. We want to participate in making a difference at home and around the world by sharing in acts of love, hope, and justice together. We offer the ease of using the QR Code found in our worship bulletin, on the worship slides, and in other locations around the church!



A new way to give!

St. John's UCC, Fullerton continues to operate in a significant deficit. While we prepare to re-engage and expand to more substantive ministry activity, we continue to experience a shortfall each month in contributions over our expenses, which causes us to use limited reserve funds to meet expenses. We need every person, not in equal amounts, but in equal response to help make this expanded activity effort a reality by seeing if you can increase your gifts by 20%. Think about it this way. If you give \$20 per week, can you increase it to \$24? If you give \$100, can you increase it to \$120? When we break it down, if everyone does what they can, we will meet our goal of reducing our deficit and engaging in meaningful outreach and ministry.

If you are not already doing so, please sign up for automatic secure contributions to be made from your bank account or credit/debit card. This allows for donations to continue on a regular basis, as well as making your donation process easier when special needs come up to which you wish to respond. There are no fees associated with donations made using your bank account and a small cost per transaction for processing credit/debit cards. If you need help getting set up or want to know more, please contact the church office or visit with Tom Moyer or Rev. Steve Davis. Become an "Automatic Contributor" today and help the church no matter where you may be on a Sunday morning!

Faith Formation Classes Registration for Children/Youth & Adults

Parents with children age 4 through high school: to prepare for our Fall Faith Formation classes, please use the online registration form on our website to provide the required information for your child/young person using the LINK BELOW. Or, click on the Children's ministry picture on our website and then the registration link button.

Adults, you are invited to register for Fall Faith Formation. Help us connect with you and grow in faith!

<https://forms.gle/FXuXYzsPY3XkMSj16>

Confirmation Class Registration Begins for Fall 2022

Youth/Parent Gathering - Sept 11, 10am

It's time for a new year of Confirmation at St. John's!

Confirmation in the church is an intentional period of growth and preparation when young people can learn more about the Christian faith, how we experience that faith in the United Church of Christ, and who we are together in our faith as St. John's UCC, Fullerton. Persons participate in weekly sharing from September to May, to acknowledge the pledge of faith that may have been made for them as infants/children in baptism, and affirm for themselves the core faith and values we share.

If your young person is in the 7th or 8th grade and has not yet gone through a confirmation class, we invite you to register today using the link below or by clicking on the confirmation picture on our website. <https://forms.gle/2ac3kLUcaknqJB3e9>

Contact the church office for more information about our 2022-23 confirmation class. A required parent/youth gathering will take place Sunday, September 11 at 10am, between the morning worship services, for all who are interested in being part of this year's class. This will allow for some social time with others beginning at 9:30 in Fox Hall and then gathering in the 3rd-floor youth room with youth and parents.

4th Sunday Social Events

We love building community together! Many times, that involves some kind of gathering, good food to enjoy, and great people with whom we can connect! To grow our love as a faith community, we want to continue to encourage gatherings that help us know each other and share in the love of Christ.

On the 4th Sunday of each month, we want to invite you to join in a time of connection during the Faith Formation hour between the two worship services. As we make the shift from one worship service to two on Sundays, we want to continue to build the relationships and friendships we've made over the past year of worshipping together in one service.

Different ministry groups and Faith Formation classes will be invited to host some social time, bring some goodies to share, and enjoy some time between the worship services for more fun, casual and meaningful connections. Whether you are part of a Faith Formation class or not, stay after worship or come early on 4th Sundays to enjoy some social time together!

Please contact the church office if you, your class, group, or committee would like to host one of our 4th Sunday Social events!

For God so loved the world,
he gave his only begotten Son,
whosoever believeth in him
shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

Update on Rev. Alan Miller

Posted in "This Week in PNEC" 7/25/22

by Alan & Candy Miller's daughter, Tina

Today is a post I didn't want to write. I wish I had better news to share but inevitably we knew one day this day would come. My father had an appointment today with his doctor. The cancer is not responding to chemo. Unfortunately, we knew today would not be good as we have watched his body succumb to the devastating effects of cancer within the last two weeks. He decided not to finish his chemo. Time is something we thought we had much more of. Now we and the doctors feel it will not be much time at all. My father has fought so bravely these last seven years. Now we spend time together as a family and share wonderful memories.

We would love for you to share a memory for us to share with dad these tough days. If you have a fond memory of dad, we would love to read them to him.

The address is 4080 Saint Johns Street, High Point, NC 27265.

Please continue to pray for our family and most importantly my daddy these last few weeks for peace and comfort in his body and soul.



Verso Chat Continues! Grow With Us

“WELCOME ALL!” is not simply for worship, but for every activity at St. John’s! Welcome to participation in the Wednesday morning fun and conversation! Do you want a mid-week boost and connection with friends? Each week’s review of the lectionary readings for upcoming worship services is a study opportunity, so you can drop in and participate any time you are available. We want to discover God’s still-speaking words instilling life into our circumstances. “Verso” is the Latin word meaning “conversation.”

Join Pastor Steve and others from our faith family on Wednesday mornings at 9am onsite at St. John’s and on Zoom. You will find the “Verso Chat” link below and on the website to participate. Let’s study and chat about the verses of scripture together!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81571428042>

Men’s Breakfast Group

The Men’s Breakfast Group of St. John’s meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Hamilton Family Restaurant, located at 2027 Hamilton St. in Allentown. Our next meeting is on September 3 at 8:30am. We would be pleased to have you join us. If you would like to know more about this group, please contact Bob Bold at (610) 393-6123 or email QVRRBold@aol.com

Boscov’s Friends-Helping-Friends Shopping Pass

The event is October 19, 2022, 8am to 11pm. The shopping pass entitles you to 25% off the lowest sale price on all purchases for that day only. The shopping pass costs \$5.00 and St. John’s keeps the entire amount towards our fundraiser. Plan to start your Christmas shopping on that day and enjoy extra savings. Contact Ginny Brokenshire at (610) 439-0443 to purchase the shopping pass.

Worship & Faith Formation Schedule This Fall

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Our Faith Home survey and small group gatherings, and those who shared their thoughts on expanding our ministry activities this Fall. The next steps we take are our “NO MATTER WHAT!” actions to guide us forward!

Here is our new Sunday morning schedule:

8:15 Worship / 9:30 Faith Formation / 10:45 Worship



Beginning September 11, our “WELCOME ALL!” Celebration will have the feel of the nostalgic “Rally Day” Sundays, welcoming people back to activity and relationship after the Summer months. We will have registration tables set up in the Parlor between worship services for any who have not yet signed up the children and youth for our new “Blessed to Be a Blessing” Sunday morning Faith Formation for children, ages 4 through 6th grade.

Parents and confirmands will also have the opportunity to register and get more information about class activities in the Youth Room (301) at 10am.

The Consistory will be monitoring our progress as a congregation each month through the year-end, as was presented to the congregation in June and July. How we participate through our worship attendance, share our financial support, and participate in expanded activities to grow us forward will all be carefully watched. The Consistory will see if other measures are needed, should levels of support and participation not keep up with the needs for sustainability. Please consider how you can give of your time, talent, and treasure to sustain these significant goals! The time is now for our “NO MATTER WHAT!” faith!

Nut & Fruit Sale

Back by popular demand is our annual Nut & Fruit Sale. Choose from the items listed below. Unfortunately, mixed chocolate cranberries (one of our favorites) was discontinued by the company. Instead, you can purchase dark chocolate cranberries. There will be a slight increase in prices this year.

Deluxe Mixed Nuts	Pecans, cashews, pistachios, macadamias, almonds, brazilnuts & hazelnuts – no peanuts; roasted & gently salted	\$12/lb.
Fancy Pecan Halves	Mammoth pecan halves	\$12/lb.
Giant Whole Cashews	Roasted & gently salted	\$12/lb.
Whole Almonds	Roasted & gently salted	\$12/lb.
Healthy Mix	Cashews and almonds, sweet dried cranberries, golden raisins, pumpkin seeds & sunflower seeds	\$12/lb.
Dark Chocolate Cranberries	Sweet, tangy, dried cranberries in rich, dark chocolate	\$12/lb.
Chocolate Bridge Mix	Cashews, almonds, brazil nuts, peanuts, pecans, walnuts, hazelnuts, dried pineapple & raisins coated in milk chocolate	\$12/lb.
Harvest Medley Mix	Dried cherries & cranberries, roasted & salted pistachios, cashews & pecans	\$12/lb.

Order in advance by phoning Carol Raszler (610) 393-7572 or email craszler@aol.com. Those who purchased items in 2021 will be contacted via email or phone.

Deadline to place orders is Saturday, October 1, 2022

- Delivery is anticipated by mid-November.
- Pick-up will be by a scheduled drive-by and after worship service.
- Payment is due when items are delivered with cash or checks payable to St. John's UCC, Fullerton.

Purchase now for holiday baking or Christmas gifts!

Craft & Vendor Show

September 24th - 9am to 2pm

Saturday will be a great day to come out and enjoy the Pavilion! Support our crafters and vendors and visit the bake sale table where we will have food available for purchase. Our church crafters will have tables of beautiful items.

- The Worship and Music committee will be present to sign up participants to be greeters or bulletin sponsors.
- The Healthcare committee will be on hand and available to check your blood pressure.
- The Mission committee will be signing up people for the Crop walk, and collecting food for the local food bank.
- "Fun Raising" will have multiple items to purchase and sign up for. Weis gift cards, plus Boscov's Friends & Family days. We are also looking for people to join the "fun raising" committee. Let us know if you would be interested.
- There will be a Pastie Sale sign up, and Bingo is back in October! Purchase your tickets at the craft & vendor show.

We are looking for helpers. We need people to help sell food, and sell basket tickets. Come early to help us set up and clean up after! Any and all help is appreciated.

Please let Kenda Catalini know ASAP by phone (484) 358-7453 or email kpcatalini@aol.com

Celebrate Emma!



You are invited to the 100th birthday celebration for Emma Kuczek-Repp.

Sunday September 18th

Join us in the worship service and immediately after for a reception in Fox Hall to honor this exceptional lady!



The Lady PEEPs are going back in time to the Roaring '20s to celebrate our very own Emma Kuczek-Repp who will be 100 years young on September 22nd. Emma will tell us a little bit about her life and there will be lots of photos and other surprises. We will meet on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30pm in Fox Hall. Feel free to dress in your best roaring '20s outfit. There will be hats and pearls and refreshments! All ladies are welcome, so join us for this special occasion.

Consistory Members

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Convalescent & Homebound Residents

People who would welcome receiving a greeting card:

Shirley Abel	Geraldine Keim	Marietta Seyfried
Anita Beil	Adrienne Kiesbar	Eleanor Smith
Jean Coombe	Emma Kuczek-Repp	Bert Smith
Sandra Diefenderfer	Elaine Lentz	Peggy Snyder
Susan Felegy	Jean Litzenberger	Nancy Weaver
Sally Gibson	Roy Luckenbill	Ethel Weiland
Roberta Haberern	Karen Moyer	Bonnie Weikel
Sylvia Hafer	Frank Nolt	
Lucille Hicks	Marilyn (Jean) Piskula	

To protect privacy, please contact the church office for a listing with mailing addresses.

Pasties for Dinner

The "Fun Raising" Committee is selling pasties from Mr. Pastie in Pen Argyl. The 12 oz. pastie is available in Beef, Chicken, Sausage or Ham for \$7.00 each. Also available in the 12 oz. size is Veggie Melt and Spinach Melt for \$7.00. The 6 oz. fruit pies are available in Apple, Cherry or Blueberry for \$4.00 each. All the pasties come frozen and simply need to be baked. Make a salad and you have a very easy meal.

An order form is included in the newsletter or is available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. To order, mail your order form with payment to the church office or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday. The deadline to order is Sunday, October 16. Pickup will be Friday, November 4 2pm – 4pm in Fox Hall (use elevator door entrance) or Sunday, November 6 in Fox Hall after the church service. Please designate the date you will be picking up on the order form.

If you have any questions, please call the church office (610) 264-8421 or contact Cheryl Weaver.



Help Wanted

Are you the type of person that enjoys planning fun events? We could use your help and skills on the "Fun Raising" Committee. We are looking for new ideas and extra hands to help with fundraising events at St. John's Church.

St. John's "Fun Raising" Committee is sponsoring our first Gift Card Bingo since COVID on October 7. We hope that all of you can attend, but in addition, we will need the following things donated for this evening:

- Your gift of helping that evening. We need people to help run this event, as well as to put away tables and chairs after we are finished.
- Hamburger Barbecue. We need a few people to each bring a pound or two of hamburger BBQ to mix together to sell that evening.
- Donations of "Tricky Tray" prizes. Each prize should be worth \$15 to \$25.
- Baked goods for us to sell. Each portion should be individually wrapped.
- Donations of 12 oz. cans of some type of Coca Cola.

If you are able to help with any of these things please notify Tom Moyer or Cheryl Weaver. We would like Fox Hall to be filled October 7. Please tell your friends about this event! THANKS!

St John's 27th Annual Road Rally

Sunday, October 23, at 1:30pm

Enjoy the autumn scenery somewhere in the Lehigh Valley, then join together for a meal at a sight to be revealed. Sign-up sheets will be in the church in October. **Spectacular prizes can be won!**

St. John's
Technical
Artistic
Resources



The STARs committee is your group of tech-savvy, creative folks who assemble the weekly livestream of the worship service. We are looking for people who would like to learn about what we do and join our team. starsofstjohns@gmail.com

St. John's Crafters Group Invites You

St. John's Crafters Group will be at the church's Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, September 24, from 9am to 2pm at the Pavilion. We have lots of handmade household decorations, kitchen items, baby items, 12-bean soup mix, and cookbooks.

Check out our newest items: fabric baskets, patchwork table runners, and bowl cozies. Get a jump start on your Christmas shopping.

Homemade Christmas Candy

The "Fun Raising" Committee will be selling homemade chocolate candy for the Christmas season at a cost of \$14.00/pound. There will be semi-sweet chocolate peanut butter balls and semi-sweet coconut balls this year. You can order full pounds or do half peanut butter/half coconut. The order forms are included in the newsletter and also available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Deadline to order is November 27 and delivery will be at church on December 18. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ginny Brokenshire (610) 439-0443.



Q: Why did Mrs. Watermelon decide on a church wedding?
A: Because she cantoloupe.

September Birthdays

<p>9/1 Bill Castello Madeline Slivka</p> <p>9/2 Adam Marinkovits</p> <p>9/3 Patricia Molinaro Jill Williams</p> <p>9/4 Bonnie Strauss</p> <p>9/6 Carl Case Kayleigh Fisher</p> <p>9/7 Cathy Bachman Audra Sommer</p> <p>9/8 Samantha Schutts</p> <p>9/9 Gary Black William Fink Lora Nailor</p> <p>9/11 David Adams Tina Baatz Judith Rossanese</p> <p>9/12 Evelyn Broad</p> <p>9/13 Russell Chorney Robert Christman Jr Virginia Hess</p> <p>9/14 Roberta Haberer Jane Moyer</p> <p>9/16 Rebecca Loch</p> <p>9/17 William Focht</p>	<p>9/18 Virginia Brokenshire Sheryn Chwastiak Joyce Dumbach</p> <p>9/19 Andrew Deutsch Donald Foellner Robert Hoanzl Nathan Powell</p> <p>9/20 Betty Millham Rowan Rarich Lord</p> <p>9/22 Ruthann Hallman Emma Kuczek-Repp Robert Lopez</p> <p>9/23 Thomas Hunsicker Craig Schutts Patrick Yoder</p> <p>9/25 Sharon Foellner Leona Snyder</p> <p>9/26 Barbara Jennings</p> <p>9/27 Margaret Baatz Roger Schneck</p> <p>9/28 Shirley Abel Susan Brinker Cynthia Sommers</p> <p>9/29 Tracy Fisher Michael Thomas Gutekunst</p> <p>9/30 Tara Bryant Linda Powell</p>
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If you have an upcoming birthday or notice an omission, please update the church office.



September Wedding Anniversaries

<p>Diane & James Buss 09/01/1984</p> <p>Jo Ellen & Barry Wexler 09/06/1986</p> <p>Richard & Tina Baatz Jr. 09/09/2000</p> <p>Dale & Betty Millham 09/10/1955</p> <p>Barbara & Robert Menges 09/12/1964</p> <p>Paul & Carol Raszler 09/13/1969</p> <p>Jamie & Heather Santee 09/14/2002</p> <p>Gregg & Valerie Fisher 09/15/1984</p> <p>Frank & Phyllis Cszasz 09/16/2006</p> <p>Barbara & Blaine Holden 09/16/1978</p> <p>William & LeAnn Focht 09/18/1993</p> <p>Thomas & Kristine Gersbach 09/18/1982</p>	<p>Nathan & Danielle Powell 09/18/2010</p> <p>Michael & Elyse Kern 09/19/2015</p> <p>Nicole & Craig Headman 09/22/2007</p> <p>Amanda & Erik Volkert 09/23/2017</p> <p>Larry & Cindy Martin 09/24/1977</p> <p>Timothy & Lori Silfies 09/24/1983</p> <p>George & Mary Ann Weaver 09/25/1993</p> <p>Andrew & Jamie Kulhamer 09/26/2014</p> <p>Mark & Denise Moll 09/26/1981</p> <p>Lora & Jeffrey Nailor 09/26/1987</p> <p>Diane & James Walter 09/27/1980</p> <p>Joyce & Kenneth Dumbach 09/29/1990</p>
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October Newsletter

If you are contributing an article for the October newsletter, it will be due on Sunday, September 11.

Please send your submission via email to newsletter@sjuccf.org - PDF, DOC, RTF or plain text format.



Backpacks & School Supplies for WCSD

The Mission Committee thanks everyone for your generous response to our Backpacks and School Supplies Drive with our drive-by on July 23 and with donations dropped off at the church after worship. **Almost 1100 items were delivered on August 4 to the Whitehall-Coplay School District.** Supplies included among other things: 34 backpacks, 10 calculators, 21 spiral and composition notebooks, 34 boxes of crayons, 23 sets of colored pencils, 406 pencils, 154 pens, 46 pocket folders, 19 packages of notebook paper (2740 sheets), and 61 glue sticks.

CROP Hunger Walk

This year's CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for **Sunday, October 2, at 1:30pm** at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church located at 140 S. Ott Street in Allentown. Walkers are needed and members can sponsor our walkers with your donations. The Mission Committee is coordinating this event with our Healthcare Ministry and its Walking Challenge event. More details will be in the next newsletter. **Come to the Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, September 24, from 9am to 2pm,** find our table under the Pavilion, and sign up to be a walker and/or sponsor our walkers.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/allentownpa>

Ukraine Relief Fund Update

Your contributions so far have helped with Ukrainian relief by giving to UCC National, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, Project HOPE, and World Central Kitchen. As long as the crisis continues, we will receive donations by mail, at worship, or by on-line and text giving. **For the month of September, funds will go to World Central Kitchen.** Be sure to note that your contribution is for "Ukraine Relief Fund." Special offering envelopes along with yellow and blue lapel pins showing your support can be found on the table in the lounge area next to the sanctuary.

Here is how your contributions have helped the people of Ukraine:

As of mid-July, **World Central Kitchen** has delivered 100 million meals in 8 countries, at more than 6,000 distribution points, including over 1,000 cities and towns inside Ukraine and to the countries taking in refugees. Today, the teams inside Ukraine continue to expand efforts reaching families under constant attack in eastern cities while still caring for refugees who have fled west. Between the preparation of hot, fresh meals and large grocery kits with ingredients for families to cook with at home, they are serving more than 1.7 million meals every single day. As the situation has unfolded, the war in Ukraine has also become a war on food. Activity at ports and borders has been disrupted, straining the food supply. WCK food cargo trains and restaurant and farm partners have been hit with missiles. Still, every single day thousands of WCK's Ukrainian Food Fighters show up to provide nourishing meals and food aid to families remaining in the country.

Scenes from central Europe have been heart-wrenching. Ukrainians are still trapped without water, food, or power. Almost all Ukrainian refugees are women, children, and older people, so the risks on gender-based violence and abuse are multiplied. Many older people remain in areas of intense fighting where they cannot get medical support for chronic health issues like hypertension. Having delivered more than \$4.7 million in pharmaceuticals to the region by mid-July, **Project HOPE** is working with refugees and vulnerable people inside Ukraine to provide life-saving medical care, protection, and mental health support.

Whitehall Food Pantry

For the month of September, we are collecting drip coffee and canned or instant potatoes. Any other non-perishable food items are always welcome. A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom area by the sanctuary where you can place your donations. Monetary contributions can also be accepted by mailing a check to the church office or by on-line or text giving. **Come to the Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, September 24, from 9am to 2pm, find our table under the Pavilion, and drop off your food donations.**

Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative

WCHI and the Faith-Based Community are providing free meals to low-income Whitehall-Coplay households on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4pm to 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, 9/4	Muslim Assoc. of the Lehigh Valley	1988 Schadt Ave., Whitehall	(703) 346-8698
Tuesday, 9/20	Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church	3300 7th St., Whitehall	(610) 434-8661
Sunday, 10/2	Muslim Assoc. of the Lehigh Valley	1988 Schadt Ave., Whitehall	(703) 346-8698
Tuesday, 10/18	Redeemed Christian Church of God	5 N. 3rd St., Coplay	(610) 262-8993

Think About Joining the Mission Committee

Tune in to see what this committee is all about. You may have some good ideas to share or become involved in our mission work. The Mission Committee's next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 26, at 7pm** via Zoom. Contact Jean McGonigle (484) 350-2041 or Carol Raszler (610) 393-7572 to get the Zoom link and passcode.



How Did St. John’s Family Do?

Recent Outreaches	July 2022	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
Our Church’s Wider Mission	\$1,162.00	\$9,642.90	\$10,502.70	\$11,240.26
Strengthen the Church	\$15.00	\$240.00	\$170.00	\$25.00
Whitehall Food Pantry	\$175.00	\$865.00	\$1,715.00	\$2,023.00
Ukraine Relief Fund	\$125.00	\$3,060.00	N/A	N/A
Wheat Basket	-0-	\$50.00	N/A	N/A

Thank You

Dear Friends at St. John’s UCC:

Thank you for your generous donation to the United Church of Christ to support disaster relief in Ukraine. Through your gift, families that have been displaced and are in need of shelter and basic necessities will receive support. Your love of neighbor will be made tangible through your giving by also providing spiritual support and physical resources to rebuild their lives. United in prayer, action, and giving, we stand as a people of faith in love and compassion.

Thank you for spreading God’s hope, peace, and love through your financial assistance as the UCC continues to build a just world for all.

In faith,
Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer
 General Minister and President

St Johns UCC Fullerton - Statement of Finances
JUL 2022

Income	Electronic	7/3/2022	7/10/2022	7/17/2022	7/24/2022	7/31/2022	Total
Offerings for Operating Expenses	\$6,054.61	\$2,600.00	\$2,590.00	\$2,674.00	\$4,157.00	\$2,952.30	\$21,027.91
Rental Income-Gross		\$61.50		\$1,225.50			\$1,287.00
Fundraising Income-Net of Exp			\$25.00	\$155.00	\$19.82	\$125.00	\$324.82
Endowment Interest						\$5,670.00	\$5,670.00
Flowers					\$40.00		\$40.00
Christian Education	\$5.00						\$5.00
Special Gifts					\$1,000.00	\$1,750.00	\$2,750.00
Total	\$6,059.61	\$2,661.50	\$2,615.00	\$4,054.50	\$5,216.82	\$10,497.30	\$31,104.73

Expense Summary	Actual	Budget	Difference
Pastoral Services	\$13,272.00	\$13,377.00	\$(105.00)
Staff Salaries & Expense	\$7,019.97	\$9,791.00	\$(2,771.03)
Property	\$2,213.49	\$2,876.00	\$(662.51)
Parish Programs	\$2,397.03	\$2,493.00	\$(95.97)
Total	\$24,902.49	\$28,537.00	\$(3,634.51)

	Month	Year
Total Income	\$31,104.73	\$167,625.44
Total Expenses	\$24,902.49	\$185,451.70
Net (LOSS)	\$6,202.24	\$(17,826.26)

Mission Giving, JUL 2022

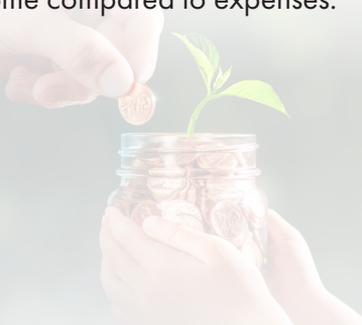
Our Churches Wider Mission	\$1,147.00
Strengthen the Church	\$15.00
Ukrainian Relief	\$125.00
Whitehall Food Bank	\$175.00
Total	\$1,462.00

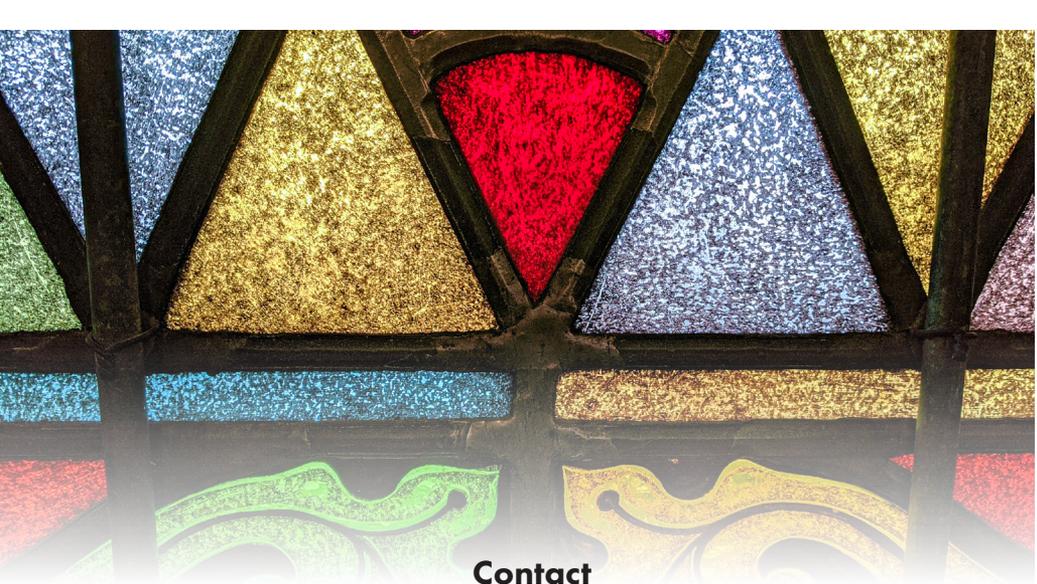
St John's UCC Fullerton
Fund Balances
For Month Ending, JUL 2022

Account	Jun-22	Jul-22	Difference
Checking Account-KNBT	\$29,299.12	\$36,700.35	\$7,401.23
Giant Card Funds	\$3,017.01	\$244.51	\$(2,772.50)
Weis Card Funds	\$3,010.00	\$3,185.00	\$175.00
sub-total General Fund Assets	\$35,326.13	\$40,129.86	\$4,803.73
IN & OUT Account-KNBT Checking	\$71,019.24	\$70,748.14	\$(271.10)
Restricted/Property Money Market	\$31,864.14	\$31,864.41	\$0.27
sub-total Restricted Assets	\$102,883.38	\$102,612.55	\$(270.83)
Endowment Fund-KNBT	\$445,595.53	\$467,935.13	\$22,339.60
TOTAL ASSETS	\$583,805.04	\$610,677.54	\$26,872.50
Cornerstone Pavilion Loan	\$(85,550.57)	\$(85,550.57)	\$-
TOTAL LIABILITES	\$(85,550.57)	\$(85,550.57)	\$-
NET FUND BALANCE	\$498,254.47	\$525,126.97	\$26,872.50

Financial Update

Offerings to date for August are \$12,080. With two remaining Sundays, we need \$10,420 to reach our break even target of \$22,500 in offerings. Through July, we are \$17,825 behind in overall income compared to expenses.





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September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 9:30am Worship Service</p>	<p>5 Labor Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p>6 9:30am Staff meeting: Rm 201 6:30pm S&F Committee</p>	<p>7 9:00am Verso Choir with Pastor Steve 6:30pm STARS Committee Mtg 6:30pm Zumba class: Fox Hall</p>	<p>8 7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>3 8:30am Men's Breakfast Group: Horn Farm Restaurant 9:30am Zumba class: Fox Hall</p>
<p>11 Faith Formation Registration Confirmation Registration 8:15am Worship Service 9:30am Welcome Home Social 10:45am Worship Service October Newsletter articles due</p>	<p>12 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Jubilation Choir</p>	<p>13 10:30am Visitation Committee 6:30pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Consistory</p>	<p>14 9:00am Verso Choir with Pastor Steve: Rm 201 6:30pm Zumba class: Fox Hall 7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:30am Zumba class: Fox Hall</p>
<p>18 8:15am Worship Service 9:30am Emma's 100th Birthday Celebration 10:45am Worship Service</p>	<p>19 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Jubilation Choir</p>	<p>20 6:30pm Lady PEEPS: Fox Hall</p>	<p>21 9:00am Verso Choir with Pastor Steve: Rm 201 6:30pm Zumba class: Fox Hall 7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>22 6:30pm "Fun Raising" Committee</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9:00am Craft & Vendor Show: Pavilion 9:30am Zumba class: Fox Hall</p>
<p>25 8:15am Worship Service 9:30am Faith Formation 10:45am Worship Service</p>	<p>26 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00 Jubilation Choir 7:00 Mission Committee</p>	<p>27 9:30am Staff meeting: Rm 201</p>	<p>28 9:00am Verso Choir with Pastor Steve: Rm 201 12:00pm PNEC Meeting: Pavilion 6:30pm Zumba class: Fox Hall 7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	