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*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose." Romans 8:28*

Dear Friends,

What a great thing has begun to happen at St. John's! More and more of our members and friends have started to recognize and claim 'God Moments.' Some people have recognized and understood these happenings as God's activity in our lives. Some have found it difficult to claim the God connection. Some are simply skeptical.

A 'God Moment' is when something very special happens. It is the coming together of what needs to happen, to make things right. It is a moment or happening that is not easy to explain. But it leaves one knowing that something sacred has just occurred. It is in that moment or occasion, where we come to realize that God has touched our life. 'God Moments' are named as such because they are of God.

Recently a friend told me that sharing 'God Moments' is not only necessary, it is a must. One must pass along sacred events so that others might also experience them. When we share our 'God Moment' stories with one another, they not only touch our life, but may offer hope and reassurance for another. When you share a God Moment, another person may become more open to seeing the 'God Moments' in their own lives.

Where have you last seen God? What has been a recent 'God Moment' for you? I feel blessed that many of you share your 'God Moments' with me. In worship last Sunday someone spoke of a thank you note she had just received. The note came at the right time. She had been feeling down. It was as if God knew she needed to hear what had been written in the note.

'God Moments' range from notes to life saving events to whatever. A car breaks down and the vacationing couple has to cancel their hotel reservation. The next day, car fixed, they arrive at the hotel to learn it had burned down the night before. Would they have been burned in that fire? Why do some people seem to have good things happen while others struggle? We don't know but we do know that God is always with us and trying to break through to us.

If you keep your eyes open in this lifetime, it will be hard to ignore God. Many try to explain away things that really cannot be explained away. What a shame it is for those who miss out on God's blessings. It is important that we take time and see the actions of God working for the good in all of our lives. Let's open our eyes and look around. Surely, we will see God! Keep the stories coming!

See you in church,

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# Thank You!!!

Pastor Becky,

Thank you to you and the whole church for welcoming us and celebrating our children's relationship with God. We are truly blessed to know you.

Adam, Rachael, Dylan and Rowan Legath

We are so thankful to Pastor Dave and Pastor Becky for their warming, caring visits when Natalie was in the hospital this week. Who knew that an ER visit for a stomach ache would turn into major surgery? The prayers for her recovery and for Frank, who just lost his mother on Thursday, make us feel incredibly blessed to have become part of the St. John's family. Our pastors and our congregation bring us joy.

Thank you again, and we will see you in church soon.

Love,  
Frank and Natalie Reichl

I want to say thank you for the special invitation I received to the June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary worship service and the Community Days Celebration afterwards. I had "a tremendous time." The balloons I received that day were floating above my wheelchair for a long time. Everyone thought the balloons were for me. I proudly explained they were from my church.

From,  
Ray Lane

Dear Pastor Becky,

I want you to know how much our family appreciated your special service at Doug's funeral. Your words were personal and truly comforting. I am so grateful for your kindness and acceptance of us at this time.

Sincerely,  
Phyllis Gutekunst

St. John's United Church of Christ,

We are ever so grateful for your donation to our Food Bank. We are truly blessed to have people like you to help the Coplay Food Bank. With grateful hearts, we thank you so very much.

God Bless,  
Coplay Rec. & Welfare Food Bank

Thank You!  
THANK YOU!

*The articles for the September newsletter are due on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The newsletter will be collated on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM.*

# Our Church Family



## Baptisms

**Rowan Sarah Legath** was baptized on June 23. She is the daughter of Rachael and Adam. She has a big brother, Dylan.

**Maura Jane Rarich** was baptized on June 30. Maura is the daughter of Emma and Adam. She has a big brother Zander.

**Addison Grace Czekner** was baptized on July 14. Addison is the daughter of Stephanie and Robert Czekner.

## Wedding

Congratulations to Amber Ziegler and Josh Stein on their wedding on July 13<sup>th</sup> at our church.

## Upcoming Wedding

8-18  
Claire Murowski & Zachery Dreisbach

## Rev. Virginia Heimer's Installation!

Ginny, a member of St. John's, was recently elected to be the Pastor of St. Peters Church-West Penn in Tamaqua. Her installation as their pastor is on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM. Pastor Becky has been invited to share the message for the installation. Everyone is invited!

## Congratulations!

**Becky Sausser**, a member of St. John's, was recently elected as Pastor of New Bethel UCC, Kempton, PA.

## Congratulations!

**To Brandon Deutsch** who was selected for National Honor Society.

Brandon is the son of Brian and Stephanie Deutsch.

Way to go!!



**Congratulations Maya Williams!** Maya was awarded the Principal's Award at Zephyr Elementary School for her character, positive attitude, high academic achievement and ability to develop positive relationships with her peers. She finishes elementary school with straight A's and perfect attendance.

## August Anniversaries

- August 1** Brenda & Dennis Pascoe – 49 years  
Clarissa & Donnie Brensinger – 4 years
- August 3** Donna & Russell Chorney – 14 years
- August 5** Jessica & Todd Shirk – 14 years  
Annamarie and Robert Barrall -30 years
- August 6** Michelle & Ryan Brobst – 14 years
- August 7** Beth & Gary D. Neitz – 15 years
- August 8** Christine & Stephen Reck – 4 years
- August 9** Stacy & Timothy Sommer -16 years
- August 11** Lissa & Ken Wuchter – 2 years  
Robin & Donald Brensinger – 29 years
- August 12**  
Gina & Terry Brokenshire – 30 years
- August 14** Stephanie & Brian Deutsch – 20 years

- August 15** Shirley & Thomas Teets – 60 years  
Sharon & Donald Foellner – 49 years  
Virginia & Ted Hess – 49 years
- August 16** Sandra & Ronald Glass – 61 years  
Carolann & David Adams – 2 years
- August 17** Noemi & David Quinn – 6 years
- August 18** Diane & William Orlowsky – 35 years
- August 19** Margaret & Richard Baatz, Sr. – 41 years  
Stephanie & Craig Hanzl – 30 years  
Alyssa & Bradley Beckwith – 13 years
- August 20** Melissa & Kyle Szoke – 9 years  
Roberta & Bruce Pope – 42 years
- August 21** Linda & Charles Apple – 54 years  
Tammy & Mark Yura – 20 years
- August 22** Beverly & Lamar Peters – 55 years  
Connie & John Viglione – 55 years
- August 23** Janet & Ralph Miller, Jr. – 61 years  
Amanda & Jeffrey Phillips – 16 years
- August 24** Rachel & Edward Pollitt – 17 years
- August 30** Grace & David Mohr – 61 years



## Deaths

**Janet Miller** died on June 18<sup>th</sup>. She is survived by her daughter, granddaughter and great-grandchildren. A graveside service was held on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Bryon Millham** died on July 16<sup>th</sup>. He is the son of members, Betty and Dale Millham.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Janet and Bryon.

## Continued Prayers

Joey Raszler's trial which was scheduled for July 9th has been rescheduled for December 10th. He has been in Lehigh County jail since April 5, 2017. Please pray for Joey, his family and our legal system. May God's will prevail.



## Change of Address

Connie & John Viglione  
4049 Rutz Lane, Allentown, PA 18104



## “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)**

*Enjoy this Life*

## Change of Address?

### Please Let us know

[stjohnsucc.secretary@rcn.com](mailto:stjohnsucc.secretary@rcn.com) or  
call the church office - 610-264-8421

## August 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.

## Hospital Admission Policies

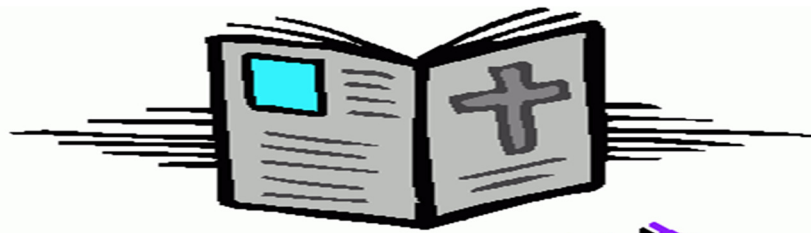
When being admitted to an area hospital please inform them your church code is 473.

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.



*Hospital Code for  
our church - 473*



# Church News

## August Worship Services 9:30AM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Additional</u>	<u>“Be The Church”</u>
8-4	Matthew 14:13-21	Feeding of the 5,000	Enjoy This Life!
8-11	Matthew 18:1-5; Matthew 19:13-15	Children in Worship	Love God
8-18	Luke 15:8-10	Parable of the Lost Coin	Encourage Generosity
8-25	Luke 13:10-17	Bent Over Woman	Fight For The Powerless

### Service Of Prayer: Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM

Prayer, the simple act of communicating with God, is a sacred and incredible gift. On August 22 we will offer a service of prayer. There will be a worship service led by Pastor Becky Beckwith and Pastor Dave Quinn.

There will be time during the service to sing, pray with a pastor, sit quietly in prayer, share prayers with another and more. We hope it is a great opportunity for the end of summer as we look toward the start of fall. There will also be music! Join us.



### 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. (Dates available are August 11<sup>th</sup> & September 1<sup>st</sup>.)

Check out our  
website!

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

## Wine & Word

August 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30-8:30 P.M.

“The Wine & Word” program is being held on August 1. The registration was filled up on one Sunday! That says we need to start doing more programs of this nature. Stay tuned!!!



## “Wheelin’ for Life”

### Miller-Keystone Blood Drive

In honor of Jack Ohl – Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> –  
8:00AM – 1:00PM

Join MKBC & Jeep Enthusiasts of Eastern PA

Join us at our **Bethlehem Donor Center**, 1465 Valley Center Parkway – for a day of jeep excitement, entertainment & camaraderie in honor of 13-year-old Jack Ohl! Enjoy the sounds of Portuguese Breakfast (Carlos Barata) from 10:30am-1pm – Free breakfast/lunch, treats, games for kids & more.



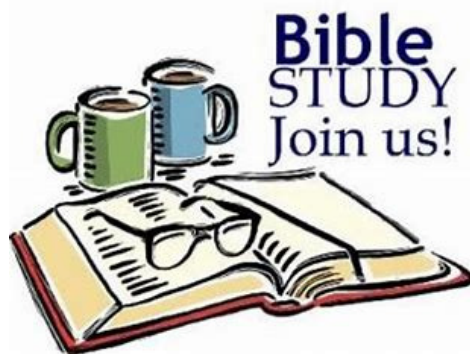
## Keystone-Miller Blood Drive

It will be held on Sunday, **October 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you give blood before that time and are not sure of your eligibility, please check with the blood center. Call Sharon Antrim 610-216-6207 to schedule your time. Thank you for saving lives.

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

## Upcoming September Bible Study - Dianna Butler Bass' Book Gratitude

Dates and time will be in upcoming bulletins and newsletter.



## Summer Breakfast Program – Adult Volunteers needed

At St. John's Lutheran Church on Third Street they need people to come in and engage with the children after breakfast and reading time. If you could help 1 hour a day or for more information please contact Lana Snyder 610-533-1357.

## 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.

*August's meeting is  
Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30AM.*



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

## 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!





## Friendship Bible Class Picnic

The picnic is scheduled for **Saturday, August 10**, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Paul & Carol Raszler's cabin near Schuylkill Haven—rain or shine. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish. 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. Directions were mailed and/or hand-delivered to class members in early July. **RSVP to Carol at 610-393-7572 or email at [crazzler@aol.com](mailto:crazzler@aol.com) no later than July 28.**



## Staff Position Available



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Are you interested in a part-time job (18-20 hours per week) at \$12 per hour in a positive and supportive environment?

We are looking to hire a Coordinating Custodian. If you are interested, submit a letter of interest to Connie Viglione, Pastor Becky or the Church office. A job description is available upon request.



## 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.



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## "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, bulletin, and in this newsletter.

★ Join us on **Tuesday, August 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Alburtis Tavern located at 106 S. Main St., Alburtis.** From your dinner receipt, the tavern will donate 10% of the proceeds back to St. John's. A flyer is required and can be found on the table in the lounge, bulletin, and in this newsletter.



## Free admission!

### Join Us for Dinner and a Movie



The dinner and movie will be held on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## City View Coupons –

Please note: Due to new owners at City View Diner, they no longer will be accepting the 10% coupon usually found in the bulletins each week.

## Washington, DC Trip Update

The timeline for collecting and... portion of our Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>... that in a D.C. trip... Instead we will lc... (monuments) along... trip.

... White House Tour... t be possible to include... ional Mall... this Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> day



## Reminder: Craft items are available for sale all year long!

We have a large supply of **kitchen and household furnishings** (T-towels, dishcloths, table runners, scrubbies, plastic bag holders, etc.); **baby items** (bibs, boo boo bunnies, burping cloths, sweaters, etc.); along with our **American Girl doll sweaters** and **Women's Group cookbooks**. There are many knitted, crocheted, and counted cross stitch items. **Right now is the perfect time to choose from our beach, lighthouse, shore, and summer decorations!** On August 24 the crafters will be near Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, to sell their crafts at an outdoor yard sale. If you need anything at any time, you can contact Carol Raszler at 610-393-7572 or email her at [craszler@aol.com](mailto:craszler@aol.com).

**Help is needed by anyone who can knit, crochet, or sew.** We have the yarn, supplies, material, 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.



## Who Is Ready for the Excitement of a Good Old-fashioned Auction?

Please join us on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> following church in Fox Hall for our “Anything Goes” Auction. The FunRaising Committee will be doing the refreshments for Fellowship Hour and we hope to keep you laughing and bidding. There will be yummy homemade goodies and services provided by your fellow parishioners to bid on.

The sky is the limit as to what treasures you might have the privilege of winning.

A service auction form is located in this newsletter for your use.



## Keep the Redner's Receipts Coming!

As of July 2019, the church has received a total of \$408.67 from the receipts that are turned into the church by our members. Thank you so much!

Also, thank you to Sally Gibson for her part in gathering all receipts, tallying all the totals of the “Sav-A-Tape” receipts and preparing the necessary forms needed by Redner's in order for St. John's to keep receiving these checks. Great job!!

## Batter Up!

There will be 73 St. John's baseball fans going to the IronPigs game at Coco-Cola Park on Monday, August 19, at 7:05 p.m. The IronPigs will be playing against the Syracuse Mets, an affiliate of the New York Mets. Hotdogs are \$1 all night long. **Bill Fink** has been chosen to throw out the First Pitch. **Tickets for the game should be available for pickup beginning Sunday, July 21.** Please see Carol Raszler in the lounge before or after worship.



## “ It's Something to Tweet About ”

St. John's Women's Group, the **PEEPS**, will be kicking off another year of fun, fellowship, and ministry. Look for the start of the new season to begin on **Tuesday, September 24, at 6:30 p.m. in Fox Hall.** 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](mailto:clkulhamer@aol.com) or put your suggestions in her church office mailbox.



## Field of Dreams Benches

Three benches and a waste receptacle for the Field of Dreams garden have arrived and will be installed shortly. These will enhance the beauty of the garden and offer a place to sit and enjoy the beauty that surrounds them.

One of the benches has been assembled and can be seen in the coat/elevator area.

As was mentioned earlier, if one is interested in sponsoring a bench as a memorial or gift to the church. The cost of each bench is about \$800. If interested, contact Tom Moyer for details.



Model RBP-60-R

# 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 lobby to reserve your seat. Tickets are now on sale in the parlor after church service.

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 Feidler, Michelle Funk, Tracey Glass or DonnaLee Yeatts.



## Basket Social Returns October 6<sup>th</sup>



We are looking for people to make baskets for the social. If you are able to make any baskets please let Kenda Catalini know how many and what type you are making or if you are willing to donate towards us creating one on your behalf.

All baskets will need to be to the church by October 5<sup>th</sup>, as we will be setting up that afternoon. Stay tuned for info on purchasing tickets.

## Strategic Planning Task Force:

The Strategic Task Force met for the second time and have begun to get busy! They have divided the tasks of seeing what the needs are with the church, community and beyond. They also will be wanting to know what you think should lie ahead for St. John's. Stay tuned and more information will follow soon.



## Update on Rev. Alan Miller

Hello friends.

First I want to thank you all for your love and prayers for Alan. We feel them. **Today** was chemo number 3. Alan is always surprised when the bag of Alimta, his chemotherapy, is brought in. He says that it's such a small bag. It only takes 10 minutes to infuse. It may be small, but it packs a punch. This time around his fatigued lasted 2 1/2 weeks. He also saw the oncologist. Alan has been complaining of shortness of breath even walking from the garage to the living room. The past 2 weeks he has become even more short of breath.

The nurse took him for a walk test **today** and his oxygen level dropped to 87. This is low as they want to see it from 96%-100%. Alan will start home oxygen within 24 hours. He will have a home respiratory therapist come into our home for evaluation. He does not need to wear his oxygen while sitting. Only when he is moving around or grocery store, etc. the doctor feels that he has lung damage from prior chemo and radiation. He is still apathetic, but his memory is getting better ever so slightly.

Love, Candy and Alan

## Celebrate Community Update:

The Celebrate Community Group did another amazing job this year. As a church we celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of the sanctuary start up along with our members who were 90+ years old. We have 29 members who are 90 and over. 11 Attended the event! Amazing! Worship was held in the Field of Dreams parking lot under a tent. There was lots of food, entertainment, music and more.



We are so grateful for those who shared of their time and talents. This year the money raised was to further the ministries of St. John's. In the past the Whitehall School teachers, Food Bank, Veterans, Fire Fighters, Meals on Wheels benefited.

Special thank you to the committee, many who have participated from the start: Jinny Hess, chairperson; Lori Silfies, Gary and Cheryl Weaver, Connie Viglione, Tracey Glass, Julie Beck, Emile Moyer, Pastors Becky & Michelle. The committee has decided to take a break for 2020. The Celebrate Community event was started because we wanted to give back to community after having received a grant.

# How Is Our Capital Campaign Doing?

Our 3-year Capital Campaign, “Called to Grow, Launching the Dream” has only 6 months left. It will conclude at the end of 2019. Much use has been made of the money donated, as you can see by the beautiful Field of Dreams. There is still more work to be done.

Here is a summary of the Capital Campaign as of June 30, 2019:

Amount Pledged - \$221,959

Amount received from these pledges - \$ 208,438.76

Amount of unpledged gifts- \$11,296

TOTAL INCOME FOR CAMPAIGN - \$219,734.76



Not all pledges have been completed. Some have passed away, others have had their circumstances change since their pledge was made. But the Campaign should end successfully, raising more than the amount pledged. If you are not sure if your pledge has been completed, please contact Tom Moyer for up-to-date information about your pledge.

Thanks to all who have been a part of this campaign.



## August 2019 Music Notes

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow* is one of those “oldie but goodie” hymns. It was written by Civilla D. Martin. Mrs. Martin tells of a visit in 1904 to a bedridden Christian friend and asked the woman if she ever got discouraged because of her physical condition. Her friend responded quickly: “Mrs. Martin, how can I be discouraged when my heavenly Father watches over each little sparrow and I know He loves and cares for me.” Within just a few minutes, Mrs. Martin completed the writing of her new text, which has since been a source of much encouragement to many of God’s people.

It is interesting that our Lord chose the most common of all birds, sparrows of little value, to teach a profound truth: In God’s eyes, no one is insignificant! He is vitally concerned with even the details of our lives. The Bible uses another bird to teach this inspiring truth: “Those who hope in the Lord will soar on wings like eagles.... (Isaiah 40:31). With an awareness of God’s concern for our lives and the promise of His enabling power to live victoriously, why should we be afraid?

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Becky’s sermon will be on the bent over woman. This woman was crippled by a spirit for 18 years and could not straighten up at all. We will sing *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* during our worship service. And don’t miss this service to find out what happened to the bent over woman and how that hymn relates to her.

Musically,  
Gail



# Christian Education & Youth

## Confirmation Retreat! Saturday, October 19th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

We will be exploring Worship, Church Architecture, and more! Don't worry! We will have lots of time for fun including a church wide scavenger hunt! This retreat is for all first and second year confirmands and is one of the requirements for confirmation. Peer mentors (grades 9-12) welcome & urged to attend.

## Confirmation:

Is your child entering 7th grade this coming fall? If so, then it's time to begin the confirmation process! Please call the church office or email Pastor Michelle [sjuccyouth@gmail.com](mailto:sjuccyouth@gmail.com) so we can make sure you are registered and have all the information you need to begin the confirmation process!



## Confirmation Class Parent's Meeting

We will be having a parent's meeting for all confirmands (First and Second year) and their parents/guardians on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30 am - 10:30 am. Please make sure at least one adult attends with your confirmand. We will be going over the class requirements for the 2019 - 2020 year.

## « Reflections » Liturgical Dance

Our regular Multi-generational Reflections Liturgical Dance group will continue to meet for 2-3 weeks prior to Praising God through Dance in Worship. (Rehearsals announced in bulletin, through email, and on screen)



If you are interested in joining our Liturgical Dance Group please speak with Pastor Michelle or email

## Calendar dates:

August 4th - 10:30 am VBS Evaluation Meeting

August 5th - 5:00 pm CE Committee Meeting

August 19th - 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Committee Meeting

August 18th - Pride in the Park



## Sunday Morning Faith Formation Classes

Join us for a great start to the new year! Join us for Kidz JAM (Jesus And Me), our teen, or adult classes on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am!

### Kidz JAM! Classes

PreK - Room 103

Grades K-1st Room 101

Grades 2nd - 3rd Room 301

Grades 4th - 6th Room 303

### Teen Classes

Confirmation (grades 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) Room 305

Youth (grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) Room 306



### Adult Classes

#### Colorful Christians Room 302

Join us for scripture, devotions, meditative coloring, fellowship and fun!

#### Friendship Bible Class Room 201

Join us for Scripture, Bible Study, Fellowship and Fun!

## PNEC Sleepout for Homelessness at New Creation UCC!

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> - All teens grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> welcome to attend! Confirmands and Youth Group members urged to attend!

Sponsorship forms will be available in the youth room (305) approx.. September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Make sure to pick up your registration packet! It is a great experience of learning mission and fun!

## Mini Golf Youth Group Family Outing

*Join us Sunday, August 11th at  
11:30 am!*

We will meet at the Oasis Mini Golf in Bethlehem for a fun morning! The Youth Ministry Fund will cover one game of Mini Golf and a small ice cream for each Youth Group member attending. If you would like something else, please bring money with you. \*friends and family members will need to bring money for their own golf/etc.



## KidZ JAM Kick Off! Faith Formation Hour Begins! September 15<sup>th</sup>

\*Rally Day! KidZ JAM, Confirmation, and Youth in Fox Hall at 9:30 am!

\*Blessings of the Backpacks & Installation of Faith Formation teachers during the 10:45 am worship service

Save the time and the wait in line on Rally Day and register online: <https://tinyurl.com/sjff2019>

VBS

We had a great time at VBS “To Mars and Beyond”. Thanks to everyone that helped to make our week a “Blast!”



## Youth Group Meetings Resume!

It's time to begin another great Youth Ministry year! Our regular Youth Group meetings resume beginning **Monday, September 23rd!**

SR Youth Group (grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)  
Mondays 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

New format! Our teens will begin all together with check in & large group time. Then split into grades 7th-9th and 10th-12th for small group time. The group will come back together for closing/games together to end the evening.

Mini Youth Group (K - 3rd grade) & JR Youth Group (4th - 6th grade)

First Tuesday of every month (October – April)  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner included!



# Niagara Falls Youthfest (HIGH SCHOOL 9th-12th grade) Friday, October 25th - Sunday, October 27th.

Our Canadian sister church, the United Church of Canada is holding a youth conference. The information can be found by clicking this link <https://niagarayouthfest.wixsite.com/info>

The cost of the trip is \$25 per person WoW!!!! Teens will also need money for a meal on Saturday night (There will be free time Saturday evening at the Falls) and any souvenirs.

This is a great opportunity for our youth at a very reasonable cost. As of right now there is very limited space for this trip and we can only take the FIRST 8 teens that pay for the trip. We currently have two drivers, Pastor Michelle & Wendy Fox. If you are an adult that would like to attend as an extra driver, please speak with Pastor Michelle.

Please know that you MUST have a passport or passcard to attend this trip. If you do not have a passport or passcard, please begin the process NOW as it can take up to 8-10 weeks. (FYI – Passcards are the most reasonable option; \$65.00 for 16 (+), \$50.00 for under 16. (Passports and passcards for those under 16 are valid for 5 years, over 16 valid for 10 years)

As of right now we have 2 cars that will be driving the teens. If another chaperone is available we may be able to open this event up to more people. **DEADLINE:** August 1st or to capacity whichever is sooner

Checks payable St John's UCC, Fullerton please give directly to Pastor Michelle, mail to her attention, or leave in her mailbox. Write "Niagara Falls" in memo area.



## National Youth Event - UCC (for ages 12-22 as of July 22, 2020) July 22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 <http://nye.uccpages.org>

This is a highlight for our teens and only comes every 4 years. This year the event will be held at Purdue University in Indiana for youth & Young adults ages 12-22 (must be in this age group on July 22, 2020).

The cost for the registration is \$375 plus bus expenses (PNEC runs a bus with all PNEC youth and leaders usually the cost is less than \$125 per person) In order to begin preparation and planning, a \$100 non-refundable deposit per person is due October 31st. Checks payable St John's UCC, Fuller - please give directly to Pastor Michelle, mail to her attention, or leave in her mailbox area



The youth ministry team is hoping that through fundraising and PNEC YEA fund we will be able to keep the out of pocket expense around \$200 per person.

We do have our annual Vendor Fair that helps to differ some of this expense. Participation in Vendor Fair on November 9th (1-2 hour shift) is crucial since we will be offering a large sum of the proceeds to the participants of NYE to help with the costs.

We will also be adding a couple extra fundraisers to help with the expense for those attending. If you have financial concerns please speak with Pastor Michelle or Pastor Becky as we do not want a teen to miss this experience. Please consider this awesome opportunity! The teens that have experienced NYE highly recommend it!



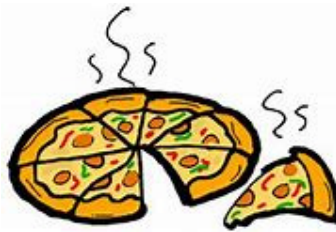
## Fundraising

*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



## Fundraiser Give Back Night

Please join us at Alburtis Tavern to help support St. John's UCC, Fullerton!

Alburtis Tavern will donate **10%** of the food sales from our supporters' checks back to us!

**Date:** Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>      **Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Place:** Alburtis Tavern, 106 South Main St., Alburtis, PA 18011  
610-928-0404

Please present this flyer to your server to ensure that St. John's receives credit for your purchase.

# Mission Moment!

## Last Chance – Backpack & School Supplies Drive



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 low-income parents and homeless families are not able to afford. The school year starts on August 27, and we have a wonderful opportunity to help. **Listed below are items you can donate:**

- ☺ New/gently used backpacks
- ☺ Loose-leaf notebook paper
- ☺ Pencil cases with zipper
- ☺ Black permanent markers
- ☺ Plastic water bottles
- ☺ Granola/cereal bars
- ☺ 1” & 1½” 3-ring binders
- ☺ Index cards
- ☺ Pencils
- ☺ Pens (blue or black)
- ☺ Colored pocket folders
- ☺ Pencil sharpeners
- ☺ Erasers
- ☺ Box of crayons
- ☺ Dividers with tabs
- ☺ Colored pencils
- ☺ Scotch tape
- ☺ Rulers
- ☺ Highlighters
- ☺ Glue sticks

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 August, donations are needed for the following: **cake mix, white or brown rice, jelly, and spaghetti sauce.** A shopping cart can be found in the coatroom off the sanctuary where you can place your donations. Any other non-perishable food items can always be made at any time throughout the year. **Monetary donations are always accepted and special offering envelopes will be in the church bulletin on Sundays, August 4, and September 29.**

## Fundraiser Tithing

It is the policy at St. John’s that 10% of all our gross profits from our fundraisers shall be tithed to various charities or organizations selected by the Mission Committee. At the end of June and for the first half of the year, a total of **\$351.62** was distributed evenly to the following: **Lehigh Conference of Churches, Valley Youth House, and Zion’s UCC Jubilee Breakfast.**

<b>How did St. John’s Family do?</b>		
<b>Recent Outreaches</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
Our Churches Wider Mission	\$1,332.00	\$9,817.23
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 25.00	\$ 755.00 Final
Strengthen the Church	\$ 460.50	\$ 480.50
Whitehall Food Bank	-0-	\$ 720.00

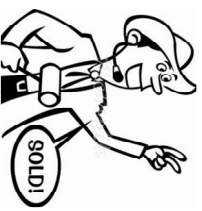
# “Anything Goes” Auction!

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Item to donate: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Pastie Tally Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity

12 oz. BEEF @\$5.50

No onion

12 oz. CHICKEN @\$5.50

12 oz. SAUSAGE @\$5.50

12 oz. HAM @\$5.50

6 oz. Fruit @\$3.50

Apple

Cherry

Blueberry

12 oz. VEGGIE MELT @\$5.50

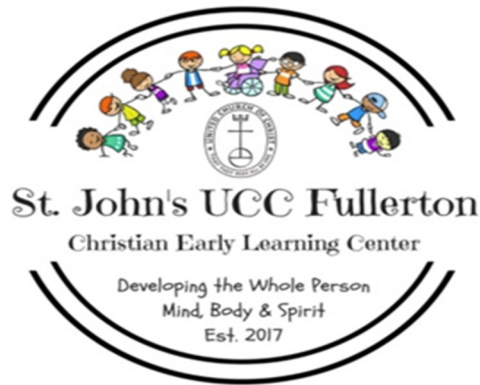
(w/Cheddar Cheese)

12 oz. SPINACH MELT @\$5.50

(w/Cheddar Cheese)

**TOTAL DUE**

- Order deadline – Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>
- Pastie Pick Up dates – (FYI – Pasties are frozen) Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – 4:00-6:00PM & Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> after the services
- Money is due with the order



## NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR!

Register online: <https://stjohnslearningcenter.com>

Contact us today: Laurie Dovico, Director - 610-433-0254

575 Grape Street, Whitehall, PA 18052



**There will be two open houses coming up:**

**Tuesdays, August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:00-8:00PM**

**Meet the Teacher night - Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> - - 6:00-7:30PM**

Hi! My name is Laurie Dovico and I'm so excited to venture into the Director position for St. John's UCC Christian Early Learning Center!

I graduated from Kutztown University in 2007 with a degree in Psychology. Since then I've worked with individuals with traumatic brain injuries, children in a daycare setting, and children in my home.

I'm the proud mother of three children with my husband Bill. I truly enjoy helping others and doing anything I can to put a smile on a child's face. I look forward to working with the children and teachers at the Christian Early Learning Center and hopefully leading the center to great success.



## **August Worship Services 9:30AM**

**August 4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Matthew 14:13-21**

Hymns: \*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ \*Let Us Break Bread Together  
\*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Elders: Paul Raszler, Marion DeMilio

Ushers: Jean McGonigle, Eleanor O'Donnell, Ginny Brokenshire, Amy Feidler, Gary Weaver,  
Cheryl Weaver, Linda Smith, Nancy Dougherty

Acolyte: Bailee Neitz                      STARs Tech: Joe Trippett

**August 11<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Matthew 18:1-5; Matthew 19:13-15**

Hymns: \*Little Children, Welcome \*Jesus Loves Me \*Go, My Children with My Blessing

Usher: Head Usher: Tom Moyer, Emilie Moyer, Amy Feidler, Janet Ebert

Acolyte: Steven Schlenker      STARs Tech: DonnaLee Yeatts

Children's Message: Pastor Michelle

**August 18<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Luke 15:8-10**

Hymns: \*We Gather Together      \*When the Poor Ones      \*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ushers: Head Usher: Don Foellner, Sharon Foellner, Linda Smith, Jim Ebert

Acolyte: Jillian Sommer              STARs Tech: Susan Rarich

**August 25<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Luke 13:10-17**

Hymns: \*I've Got Peace Like a River \*God's Eye Is on the Sparrow \*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Ushers: Head Usher: Bob Czekner, Sharon Czekner, Jim Ebert, Janet Ebert

Acolyte: Alex Bryant                      STARs Tech: Tom Moyer

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Summer Worship Services  
9:30AM