

The Spirit

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From Pastor Caroline

My mom was a church musician and she taught me much about appreciating sacred music. I love to sing new words set to familiar melodies, such as in the case of “Help Us Accept Each Other.” We know “Aurelia,” for it is the same tune as “The Church’s One Foundation.” I appreciate this juxtaposition of something old and something new, bridging the gap between past and present, taking the best of our history and building upon it for the future.

I feel a bit like a broken record, speaking about how the road ahead of us will look nothing like the world behind us. But I know that it is true. The world has changed. Our lives have changed. We continue to ask questions about meaning and purpose, about our vision for the future and what that will look like. I know that this is not easy and it can feel scary. Yet God is still speaking and we are still listening, leaning into possibilities and opportunities. Sometimes the best thing we can do is to experiment: see what works and what doesn’t, learn from what we try, and keep going. As my colleagues in NGLI remind me, we are to “fail faster to succeed sooner” and “fail forward,” learning and growing along the way.

We are regathering and reentering and reimagining what our future will look like. What things do you miss? What ideas do you have for ministry and mission? Conversations about innovation and experimentation are critical, especially as we find ways to come together for worship, fellowship, education, and outreach, and explore ways to use our building.

Changes to our Regathering Plan have been approved by Consistory. The current version of our Plan (Phase V) is posted on our website. We continue to prioritize the health and safety of the most vulnerable among us, living out our love of God and neighbor.

All are invited to join us for Outdoor Worship on June 12 (Saturday night, 5:30) and June 20 (Sunday, 10:00). There will be no livestream on June 20, but we are working on a plan to have a prerecorded service available for those who are worshiping from home.

Please join us for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 13 at 11:00 am. This meeting will be a hybrid meeting; join us in the Sanctuary or on Zoom. Meeting packets are available on our website on the Church Documents page and at the Welcome Center. This Meeting is especially important as we will be talking about the HVAC Project that was approved at the Special Congregational Meeting on March 21. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

May we be inspired and guided and moved by the Spirit, living into our future.

Peace,
Pastor Caroline



- ◆ **Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday, 9am-3pm

- ◆ **Donations:**

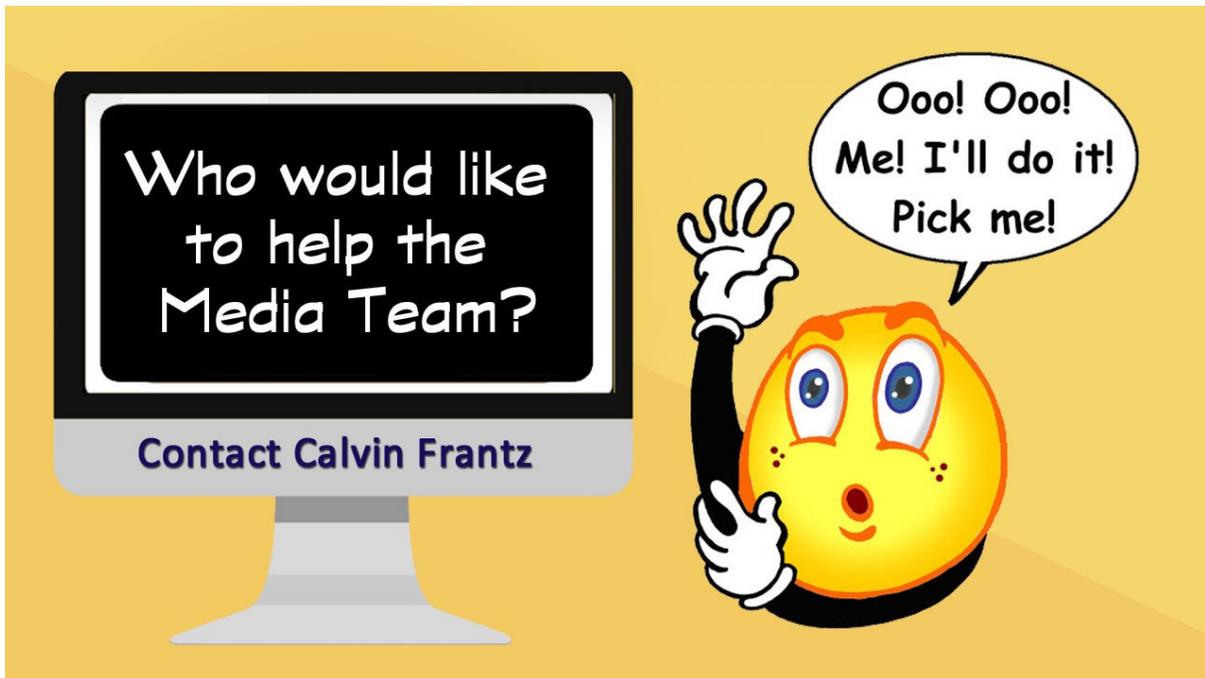
We are still accepting donations of cleaning supplies such as disinfectant wipes and spray

- ◆ **Volunteers Needed:**

We are still accepting volunteers for the church office. Volunteers would be assisting in phone/door coverage, greeting visitors, and light office duties as needed. To sign up to be an office volunteer, please call the church office.

“Making the Text Come Alive” -strategies for reading scripture aloud

Worship is a move from being self-centered to being God-centered. In our worship service, we read from the various books of the Bible, hearing God’s word in community. How do we make sense of the words when we read them aloud? What do we do with grammar and pauses? Henry Hopper, a retired Presbyterian pastor who lives at Menno Haven and often serves as lector, has offered to lead an optional opportunity for lectors to practice reading scripture with passion as well as purpose. The goal of this opportunity is to gain “tips and tricks” and increase one’s comfort and confidence with reading scripture. Contact Henry or Ginny Cairns if you are interested in this opportunity.





MUSIC MINISTRY

THANK YOU!

A very sincere thank you for the dedication and devotion of our vocalists and instrumentalists who have come back to rehearsals after our long hiatus. All our groups have led the worship services with enthusiasm and your work is really appreciated. It is equally important whether heard in the sanctuary or in the recorded version. Your talents and time are put to good use.

Gloria and Gary Crum

JOIN US FOR

Saturday Night Worship

June 12, 2021 | 5:30 pm | Outside by Parking Lot B

Family-friendly worship
with Communion (bring your own elements)

Join us for a wonderful worship experience!

St. John's United Church of Christ
1811 Lincoln Way E
Chambersburg, PA

The **Ladies Luncheon Group** will attempt to begin to meet again **Wednesday, June 9** in the following manner at **Windy Knoll----** **Lunch from 12-1 pm inside and we have reserved the outside gazebo from 1-2 pm for ice cream.** It is important that you **call Bev Peters (717-709-2825)** and let her know **when** you plan to come. Any St. John 's lady may join this group for any of its events.



Men's Breakfast!!!

Perkins Restaurant Thursday, June 3rd at 7am. We will continue to meet the first Thursday of every month. All men invited!



Feel Good Yoga

*at St. John's
with Sue Collier*

*Tuesdays
5:30 pm \$5.00*

Come and enjoy the benefits of the Feel-Good Yoga practice!

St. John's United Church of Christ, 1811 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg PA
Fellowship Hall - Use Parking Lot B

June BIRTHDAYS

Mark Reichelderfer 6/03

Cheryl Sollenberger 6/03

Owen Reichelderfer 6/04

Dorothy Holz 6/05

Connie Strunk 6/05

Gary Johnson 6/07

Constance Reichelderfer 6/09

Stephanie Baltozer 6/14

John Campbell 6/14

Carol Yarema 6/16

Jill Miller 6/19

Thomas Kinton 6/20

Lynda Pound 6/21

Kerry Miller 6/21

J Christian Snavely 6/23

Antonio Cuesta 6/24

Kay Hughes 6/26

The Rev. Forrest Koontz 6/29

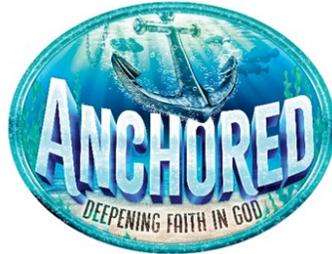
Betty Niemond 6/29

Susan Weller 6/29

Barbara Soper 6/30



Youth Ministry



Dive deep into scripture with us and see how God is Faithful and keeps us "Anchored", as St. John's hosts a 1 day VBS event. July 31st only from 9:00-3:00. Due to COVID safety we will hold this event outside, rain or shine. A volunteer orientation meeting will be held on July 26th at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall. Work days and take home projects will be coming soon! Please contact Roxanne Davenport if you can volunteer.

Knights of North Castle 2022

Your VBS Team is looking forward to returning to a week-long Vacation Bible School experience next year with Knights of North Castle. Please continue to save **only** the following items:

- Large puzzle pieces small to medium size
 - Cotton filler/batting
 - Styrofoam cooler/lids
- Rolls of iridescent cloth/paper
 - Scrabble tiles

Thank you so much for contributing toilet paper and paper towel rolls for VBS. We now have enough of these two items for a craft. But if you have puzzles and scrabble tiles, we need these items for two crafts. Please place these items in the cart in the lobby by Fellowship Hall.

Church School '21-22

As we come to the end of the most unusual year and a half in the history of Church School, we look forward to the possibility of a more usual schedule of instruction next year. This though means that we again will be looking for Teachers, Assistants and Substitute Teachers. An every week commitment is not necessary, as we can split schedules. Please contact Roxanne Davenport if you can help in any capacity.

Child Abuse clearances are required.



Craft Night

Make a Gnome of Your Own!
An Invitational Ministry event

Wednesday June 16, 2021

6:00 PM

\$15 payable to St. John's that night

Outside in Parking Lot B
(or Fellowship Hall, if bad weather)

Please sign up with Chani Wolfe
Deadline is June 13



THE OPEN AND AFFIRMING MINISTRY TEAM

As We Continue Our Covenantal Journey

It is wonderful to emerge on a larger scale in engaging with each other and in activities that bring us together for spiritual growth, as well as fulfilling our mission as the Church. The ONA Ministry shares and highlights some days in June, some of which we have surprisingly discovered of interest (in addition to some well-known ones). As part of our educational journey, we pass these along to you:

1. **June is National LGBTQ Pride Month** where we celebrate and affirm those in the LGBTQ+ community. This honors the Stonewall 1969 riots and the subsequent work to achieve equal justice and opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning Americans. Often recognized via celebrations, parades, picnics, etc., it has had to adjust in this last year in more restrictive activities. The local Pride event will not take place in June this year, but hopefully there will be some type of event as we move further along in our transition from COVID limitations. When details of such an event (s) are formulated, we will apprise you of same.
2. During the week of June 1st – 7th, the **Race Against Poverty** will take place where individuals can run or walk at a time convenient for them to participate in this ‘virtual’ event this year. All funds will go to support the Circles Program at South Central Community Action Programs where individuals commit to working toward a goal of moving out of poverty, enhancing their own lives as well as enhancing our community’s overall health and progress to ‘a beloved community.’ This year, St. John’s UCC has stepped forth in supporting this event via sponsorship.
3. **June 19th** – a gathering sponsored by Racial Reconciliation – referring to the freedom day or emancipation day celebrated by black people in the United States originally in Texas. It commemorates the announcement in that locale of the abolition of slavery and emancipation of slaves on June 19, 1865. In Franklin county, this second annual “**Display of Unity: Juneteenth and Love Demonstration**” will feature music, speakers, and supportive signs. Go to www.racialreconciliationfc.org/juneteenth to register for this event.



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A few other highlights for this month:

1. It is the month of **Summer Solstice** – the day with most hours of daylight. Who of us cannot rejoice at the thought of emerging from this past year into this time of extended light that seems to energize and refresh us all?
2. **June 12th** is **National Loving Day**. While we wish to celebrate love all year around, this day is the biggest multiracial commemoration in America. The movie “*Loving vs. Virginia*” portrays the struggles of an interracial couple in the breakthrough action by the Supreme Court ruling that all anti-miscegenation laws be struck down and ended, meaning mixed-race marriages were no longer illegal in the United States. It is not an official federal holiday, but perhaps the biggest multiracial commemoration in America.
3. Along with June being recognized as PTSD month, **June 27th** is recognized as **PTSD Day**, where we recognize the condition that veterans and non-veterans suffer when experiencing traumatic events. The US Senate designated this day in 2010.
4. **June 29th** is “**Hug Holiday**” – where folks are encouraged to give hugs to those who need them, with additional focus on elderly, sick and invalid, lonely individuals and anyone who needs warmth, cheer, and love that a hug provides. While we do not need a specific day in June for this, we are reminded on this day of June 29th that hugs are welcomed by most any day and received as an affirmation by those we hug. As we emerge from our COVID restrictions, may we appropriately offer hugs!





With Camp Ministry moving forward to open St. John's Camp for 2021, Outreach Ministry's First Fruits for June will go to sponsor a camper. The camp season will open with Camp Kum-Ba-Yah from June 27-30th for grades 3-5 at a cost of \$150/camper. Next is Camp Noah from July 6-9th for Kindergarten-grade 2 at a cost of \$110/camper. Last is Camp Galilee from July 11-14th for grades 6-8 at a cost of \$200/camper. Help us send campers to camp who may not have been able to attend otherwise. As always, Outreach Ministry thanks our congregation for their generosity.



A Virtual Event

June 1-7, 2021

Join our community as we take a stand together against poverty!

Run or walk on your day, in your own way!



St John's Camp is a "GO" for 2021!

Camp Counselor Training: Saturday June 5th at 10:00 A.M. at St. John's in Room 116.

Camp Sunday: Sunday June 6th at St. John's at 10:00 A.M. and will also be live streamed on YouTube.

Camp Kum-Ba-Yah: Sunday June 27 until Wednesday June 30 for campers that have completed 3rd-5th grade.

Camp Noah: Tuesday, July 6th until Friday July 9th, for campers that have completed K- 2nd grade.

Camp Galilee: Sunday July 11th until Wednesday July 14th, for campers who have completed 6th-9th grade. We added 9th grade for campers who would have "aged out."

We are also looking for lots of volunteers to help with camp this summer. We are especially in need of male and female counselors for Kum-Ba-Yah and Galilee. Also, because we created an extensive health and safety plan following recommendations from the CDC and PA Department of Health, we really need additional staff. You can help by volunteering to share a Life Learnings or a God Talk, coming up to help in the kitchen, or volunteer to be a part of the cleaning crew to help keep camp safe for everyone involved. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity this summer for St. John's camp, please contact Calvin Frantz at calvinafrantz@yahoo.com or at our Camp e-mail camp@sjucc1811.org.

Thank you and we are looking forward to having campers back at St. John's Camp this summer!





Dear St. John's family,

My sister and I want to express our sincere appreciation to all those who came to our father's service, listened online or was with us in spirit.

Your kindness, warm hugs and words of support gave us much comfort in our sorrow. Glenn's life was something certainly to celebrate and we are pleased to have been able to do it within the sanctuary that he helped build. The meaningful worship service and magnificent music was exactly as our father envisioned. Thank you to all for making it happen. Our hearts will always be with you.

God's blessings to each of you.

Laurie Schultz Morgan

Thank you to our many friends at St. John's for all of the cards and messages on my early retirement. Ann and I plan on taking it one day at a time, enjoying our time with friends and family. Your thoughtfulness and encouragement really warmed our hearts!

Jeff Aldrich

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 11 AM

Join us in the Sanctuary or on Zoom via video chat or call-in
Meeting ID 959 4270 2879 & Passcode 322355
Call in option: 646 558 8656 or 301 715 8592
(use Meeting ID and Passcode to join by phone)

Meeting packets are available at the Welcome Center
and posted on our website on the Church Documents page.

Dear St. John's Church Family and Friends,

I want to thank all of you for your beautiful cards, calls and prayers during my long and challenging medical ordeal. After 7 and ½ months I can say that I am finally turning a positive corner. I have all of you to thank for keeping my spirits high and my faith empowered. I have not completed this journey yet, but I know I have the most caring and loving church family and Pastor who are always encouraging me to keep my faith strong and know that through God's grace all will be okay. I miss all of you but hopefully I will be seeing you again soon.

*Love,
Donna Hilton*



Ministry Chairs

2020-2021

Called to Care—*Connie Morrill-Hair
and Lisa Frantz*

Camp—*Eileen Shaffer*

Caring Cooks—*Lisa Frantz*

Children & Youth Ministry—*Roxanne Davenport*

Facilities Ministry—*Ken Dilling*

Fellowship—*Sue McMurtray*

Finance—*Scot Orndorff*

Invitational Ministry—*Susan Collier*

Library—*Mary Lee Yaukey*

Nursery School—*Linda Zeger*

Open and Affirming—*Jim Boyer*

Outreach—*Lynda Pound*

Prayer Shawl Ministry — *Nina Widmann*

Public Relations— *TBD– Suggestions/ Volunteers Welcome!*

Safe Church Compliance—Safe Church Compliance Steward, *Sarah Herbert*

Safe Church Response—Safe Church Compliance Steward, *Sarah Herbert*

Safety and Security—*Tom Kinton*

Technology and Media Ministry— *Calvin Frantz*

Worship/Music Ministry—*Gary Crum*

Want to serve
on a Ministry?

These Ministry teams
would welcome you &
your talents!

Speak to them or Pastor
Caroline today to be a part
of these ministries.

CONSISTORY 2020-2021

Trustees

Peter A'Zary

Ken Dilling, **Head Trustee**

Tom Kinton

Elders

Peg Bryner

Fran Herrity

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Connie Morrill-Hair

Gary Patterson

Eileen Shaffer, **Secretary, Head Elder**

Deacons

Mike Blumberg

David Dietrich

Julie Dereef

Lisa Fair, **President, Head Deacon**

Calvin Frantz

Michael Herbert

Pastor

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Sunday Worship will be at 10 am

(Offered Online and In-Person*)

Summer Outdoor Worship 3rd Sunday of the Month

St. John's UCC Communion Dates for 2021

Sunday, June 6, 10:00 am (Online & In-Person*)

Saturday, June 12, 5:30 pm (Outside on the Lawn)

Sunday, July 4, 10:00 am (Online & In-Person*)

Saturday, July 10, 5:30 pm (Outside on the Lawn)

*In-Person dates subject to COVID-19 restrictions



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