

# The Spirit

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***From Pastor Caroline***

Part of being the church is asking questions that we do not know the answer to. Curiosity may have killed the cat, but it brings new ideas and increased vitality into the church. We use our curiosity to explore, experiment, and innovate. We use our curiosity to engage with our neighbors, learning more about our community and people's needs. Curiosity combines with creativity as we evaluate what we do well, what strengths we can build on, and what new things we might try. Where are we coming alive and where are we almost dead?

The seven last words of the church can be said in two ways: "We have always done it this way" and "we have never done it that way." This is nothing new. But they are words that stifle and suppress our curiosity and creativity. And those are skills that we desperately need as we build the church of the future. I have a sign in my home that says, "But what if I fall? Oh my dearest, what if you fly?" Failure is an opportunity to learn something. And we learn by trying, by doing, by not letting fear hold us back. After all, I never aspired to be a television preacher, yet our worship services are on YouTube every week.

Sometimes necessity truly is the mother of invention and circumstances force our hand. We give thanks for the new things we have tried and the possibilities that lie ahead of us. May we work together to ask questions, propose new initiatives, and consider the opportunities that lie ahead of us, knowing that we do not do this work alone. We are grounded in God's love and guided by the Holy Spirit as we seek to follow Jesus and be Christ's church.

We remain in Phase V of our Regathering Plan, posted on our website. We 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 Saturday, July 10 (5:30) and Sunday, July 18 (10:00). A prerecorded service will be available on July 18 for those worshipping from home. We give thanks for our beautiful grounds and delight in the glorious shade!

**Thank you** for your support of our efforts to widen our welcome, extend hospitality, and increase usage of our building through the Mission Possible campaign. Hot or cold, we walk together! Musser Mechanical has been hard at work replacing our HVAC system. Every day brings more progress on this project. Commitment cards to fund this project are available at the church office. Questions about the project can be directed to members of the Mission Possible Committee: Scot Orndorff, Skip Elliott, Sue McMurtray, Vera Reber, and Jerry Thomason. Their contact information is in the church directory. We give thanks for the generous support of our congregation and the possibilities that the future holds!

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

- ◆ **Reminder:**

The Church Office is CLOSED on Monday, July 5th 2021 in observance of Independence Day.

- ◆ **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.



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

Camp began June 27<sup>th</sup> for our Kum-Ba-Yah campers and ends on Wednesday June 30<sup>th</sup> for campers that have completed 3rd-5th grade.

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

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

We can still use volunteers to help with camp this summer. The kitchen sign-up sheet for helping cook for the overnight camps is on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center at Church. We are still in need of a female counselor 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. Also, you can help by volunteering to share a Life Learnings or a God Talk. We all have different talents. So, whatever yours is, please share it with our Campers. Please contact Calvin Frantz at [calvinafrantz@yahoo.com](mailto:calvinafrantz@yahoo.com) or at our Camp e-mail [camp@sjucc1811.org](mailto:camp@sjucc1811.org).

We are so thankful to have Campers join us at our special place in God's Creation near Cowen's Gap. Thank you in advance for whatever assistance you can offer this summer!





# MUSIC MINISTRY

## SUMMER SINGERS

Are back singing and planning to sing for all of you on the schedule as follows:

July 16 Fri - St. Luke's Lutheran Church at 2 PM

July 19 Mon- Menno Haven Life Center at 2 PM

July 22 Thur- Menno Haven Life Center at 7 PM

July 25 Sun - St. John's UCC at 4 PM

We hope that you all can make some plans to hear our group this year. We have some old and new music for you that we think you will enjoy hearing. Come and be blessed!

Gary and Gloria Crum

JOIN US FOR

# Saturday Night Worship

July 10, 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



JULY 19, 2021 | 6:30 PM

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# **BIBLE & A BEER**

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Theological conversations  
Rich discussion  
Powerful testimony

Join us at 6:30 pm at Norland Pub  
454 Norland Avenue Chambersburg

Bring your questions,  
Invite your friends!



The **Ladies Luncheon Group** hopes to meet **Wednesday, July 14** in the following manner at **Windy Knoll** --lunch from **12-1 inside** and we have reserved the outside **gazebo** from **1-2pm** for ice cream.

**Please call Bev Peters (717- 709- 2825)** to let her know when **YOU** plan to come. Any St. John's lady is welcome to join the group.



### **Men's Breakfast!!!**

**Perkins Restaurant** Thursday, July 1 at 7am. We will continue to meet the first Thursday of every month. All men invited!



# July BIRTHDAYS

**Joanne Shew 7/3**

**Marco Dereef 7/5**

**Kelly Ann Hoover 7/5**

**Jeffery Baltozer 7/6**

**Rodney Byers 7/7**

**Suzanne Knepper 7/8**

**Robert Archibald 7/10**

**Linda Zeger 7/10**

**Betty Koontz 7/11**

**Kimberly Rzomp 7/11**

**R Kyle Myers 7/11**

**Renee Byers 7/12**

**William Slothower 7/13**

**Barbara Fisher 7/13**

**Elizabeth Nutter 7/13**

**Atley John Van Why 7/13**

**Cassandra Rzomp 7/14**

**Alexis Reichelderfer 7/15**

**Charles Reichelderfer 7/16**

**Grace Kongkeattikul 7/18**

**Sandy Domer 7/19**

**Connie Stenger 7/21**

**Maurice Marotte III 7/23**

**Kevin Woy 7/23**

**Edna Scubelek 7/24**

**Kirk Johnson 7/25**

**Kiana Smith 7/25**

**Jill Bard 7/28**

**Jackson Tucker 7/29**

**Deanna Statler 7/30**

**Stacey Johnson 7/30**

**Jessica Hoffeditz 7/30**

**Ryan Brown Jr. 7/31**



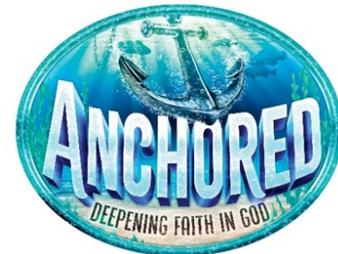
# Youth Ministry

Dive deep into scripture with us to see how God is Faithful and keeps us “Anchored”, as St. John’s hosts a 1-day VBS event. July 31<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Roxanne Davenport if you can volunteer.

Monetary donations towards craft expenses are always welcome.

VBS Work days are scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> after worship. Pizza and drinks will be provided or bring your own lunch. RSVP to Roxanne. Thank you!



## 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. A commitment of every week is not necessary, as we can split schedules. Please contact Roxanne Davenport if you can help in any capacity. Child Abuse clearances are required.

Dear Congregation, I'm so appreciative of your kind words, cards, and gifts given for my part in switching to online worship. Thank you so much. Yes ... I had too much time on my hands and just happened to have possession of various software (that I'll never know the half of!). And so it began. Pastor Caroline's faith in combining our skills for "The Holy Experiment," as she called it, pulled it all together. A big thanks goes to her for making me feel that I had something to offer! Again, thank you all for your generosity and also for your patience and understanding during the process.

Ginny Cairns



Thank you so much for the Toddler Bible storybook. It was so kind of you all to think of Sadie on her Baptism. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful, caring and inviting church family at St. John's UCC.

Peace,

Katie, Jim and Sadie Boyer

## **First Fruits for July**

Maranatha Ministries provides an array of services for the Chambersburg community. It provides a life recovery program that includes live in facilities for those returning from prison, addicts and the homeless.

Through an 18-24 month program Maranatha assists individuals of families with temporary housing and supportive services to help them achieve self-sufficiency. This gives participants a hand up– not hand out.

A food pantry which serves 600-900 families monthly and a Drop in cold weather shelter are additional services provided.

The heart of Maranatha is to share the love of Christ with others.

Thank you for your generous support!

### **A WONDERFUL MATHEMATICAL CALCULATION IN OUTREACH**

Partnering ministries of Outreach and Open and Affirming (ONA),  
Sponsorship by St. John's UCC Church,  
First Fruits Offering during May,  
Financial support to the St. John's "Team" registered with the Race  
Against Poverty (RAP)

### **EQUALS (=)**

A resounding message of care and support to our local community in carrying out St, John's mission and vision! All these efforts brought forth a total support of \$1555 to this year's Race Against Poverty event. We can stand proud in this collaboration of all of us at St. John's UCC.

**WE THANK YOU!**



## THE OPEN AND AFFIRMING MINISTRY TEAM

Over the years, June has become PRIDE month for the LGBTQ community. Because events have been limited this year due to the incremental phasing out of COVID restrictions, Franklin County Pride has developed a decal to be displayed at businesses, organizations, churches, etc. With colorful highlighting, its written content is: “Diverse, Inclusive, Accepting, Welcoming Safe Space For All.” Although June has been recognized as the official focus for PRIDE, we remember that this message carries on throughout July to May as well. In that spirit, you may see this decal appearing in some of the entrances at St. John’s. As a resident of Franklin County, the individual figure in the decal is for you to identify (it will be easy!).

With the last Sunday in June being “Open and Affirming Sunday” in the UCC denomination, in worship that day including liturgy and music, we will be emphasizing our commitment to St. John’s Covenant of Welcome and Affirmation. We will continue to prayerfully seek ways in which we “live out” our Covenant within St. John’s and in the wider community.



# 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

Diana Kongkeattikul, **Vice President**

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

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

Sunday, August 1, 10:00 am (Online & In-Person\*)

Saturday, August 14, 5:30 pm (Outside on the Lawn)

\*In-Person dates subject to COVID-19 restrictions



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