

The Spirit

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From Pastor Caroline

While science fiction and fantasy have never been my favorite genre, I am fascinated by the idea of time travel. From *A Wrinkle in Time* to *Outlander* to *Dr. Who*, we wonder about time. I'm not sure where the summer went; for that matter, I'm not sure where 2021 went. Yet no matter how much I might like to have a time turner like Hermione in *Harry Potter*, I'm not able to turn back time. That's only possible in fiction and fantasy.

My car has put on a lot of miles in the past several years and almost all of those miles were spent driving forward. It is pretty hard to drive in reverse, which is why I do my best to avoid having to parallel park. Cars are a good metaphor for life: we have to park and rest. We have to drive forward if we want to get anywhere fast. We have to reverse for shorter periods of time, looking behind us to see what we might have missed. And we might stay in neutral for a little while, but too long and we run out of energy—or literally, out of gas!

During the past eighteen months, we have kept going. We have finished a marathon and in some ways are beginning a second one. We might not be sprinting, but we are still moving. We are finding ways to be the church and to embody Christ's love in the world. This is what it feels like to canoe the mountains, gaining new tools for the journey ahead. It might get a little messy and that's okay. We draw on God's grace, wisdom, and spirit to lead us through. After all, even illness is transformed into wellness when "I" becomes "we."

We are looking forward to another program year beginning in September and this one feels a little more predictable than did 2020-2021. We look forward to gathering for more in-person events, both educationally and socially, on Sunday mornings and during the week. COVID-19 is still with us and we continue to prioritize the health and safety of the most vulnerable among us, living out our love of God and neighbor. We are finding safe and creative ways to regather, to join together to live out our mission and vision, in 2021-22.

Outdoor Worship is planned for Saturday, August 14 (5:30) and Sunday, August 15 (10:00). Any changes to this schedule due to our HVAC project work will be communicated in the e-blast and on Sunday mornings. There will be a prerecorded service available on August 15 for those worshipping from home.

Hot or cold, we walk together. This is the theme of our Mission Possible HVAC campaign. It is also the truth of being the church. We are the church together. Commitment cards for this project are available at the church office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

May we draw on the power of the Spirit in this season and always.

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.



A Huge Thank you to everyone that helped out and supported St. John's Camp this summer. We had around 30 campers this season, which I feel as though is great for our first summer post-COVID, and this can't be done without all the help and support from the counselors, kitchen helpers, and volunteers that made this year a success. This can't be done without the help of all you. Thanks again to everyone that helped make St. John's Camp a success in 2021! -Calvin Frantz and the Camp Ministry

ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL

Dear Church Families,

We are so excited to announce that St. John's Nursery School will be reopening this month! This will be the Nursery School's 50th year of providing quality preschool education for young children in the Chambersburg area.

We are joyfully welcoming 13 staff members and over 117 students back to St. John's. Although this school year will look a bit different than those in the past, our Ministry and Staff are dedicated to providing a safe and healthy place for our students to play, grow, learn, develop, and thrive!

**Thank you for your continued prayers and support,
Kari Rock, Director**



MUSIC MINISTRY

To: THOSE WHO LIKE TO SING!!!!

During the COVID-19 time period St. John's United Church of Christ lost about half of our choir members for one reason or another. Therefore, we need to rebuild our choir this coming fall starting in September. If you belong to our church or just attend here, you are welcome to participate in singing in our choir. If you can read a little music and can carry a tune, you would be a welcome addition.

Singing is a way to worship and mentioned in the Bible many times. In Judges 5:2 we read:

Hear this, you kings! You rulers!

I will sing to the lord, I will sing:

I will make music to the lord, the God of Israel.

Will you please consider joining our choir in the fall. We practice on Thursday evenings at 7:15 in our choir room. Rehearsals last about one hour. There are NO tryouts and we will welcome all. If you give Gary Crum, Director, (ggcrum@gmail.com) your email address, I will put you on our mailing list. Thanks!

-Gary Crum

JOIN US FOR

Saturday Night Worship

August 14, 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



AUGUST 16, 2021 | 6:30 PM

BIBLE & A BEER

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!



Ladies Luncheon Group

Eight ladies attended a long awaited reunion at Windy Knoll on Wednesday, July 14 at noon. After enjoying sandwiches and ice cream and much sharing of news, it was decided the 2021 meeting Day will continue to be the 2nd Wednesday of each month but the meeting time will change to 11:30 to avoid the busy noon time.

Therefore, on **Wednesday, August 11 at 11:30 the group will gather at the Trojan Diner** (formerly Ruby Tuesday's) hoping more of the former members and perhaps some new faces will join us. We do have a great time.

Please contact Beverly Peters with your intention to attend.



Men's Breakfast!!!

Perkins Restaurant Thursday, August 4 at 7am. We will continue to meet the first Thursday of every month. All men invited!

August BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy "Dot" Baylor 8/7

Jean Cook 8/7

Lynann Funk 8/7

Sean Collier 8/7

John H. McGinley 8/8

Sadie Boyer 8/9

Carol Foltz 8/10

Emily Hoger 8/12

Joel Munday 8/13

Christine Pensinger 8/15

Kirk Zeger 8/15

Joyce Patterson 8/17

Eric Wadel 8/17

Erin Wadel 8/18

Jerry Thomason 8/19

Ann Osterman 8/21

Susan McNew 8/21

Dwight Sollenberger 8/21

Holly Pefley 8/22

Dolores St Clair 8/23

Sarah Young 8/23

Cooper Miller 8/23

Alma Bassler 8/24

Connie Kaiser 8/24

Wayne Statler 8/24

Kitty Ingram 8/27

Eric Hoover 8/28

Aleeya Leister 8/28

Joann Brechbill 8/29

Kenneth Horn 8/31

Elizabeth Widmann 8/31



Youth Ministry

A BIG Thank you to everyone who made our one-day VBS event a success! As always, this church pulls together when needed! Next year we hope to return to a five-night event!

Church School '21-22

The Church School staff is gearing up for a new year. But as there is going to be Church School we need your help! We are looking for **Teacher Assistants** and **Substitute Teachers**. We must have two adults in each classroom for Safe Church compliance. 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.



Hey fun loving and techie Youth! We have obtained a Wii system and some game accessories for the Youth room. Help set this up on our large screen, have some fun checking it out and give suggestions for additional games on **Sunday, August 15th** in the Youth room after worship.

Looking Ahead

The Children and Youth Ministry Team and Church School staff will be having a meeting on August 4th at 7 pm in the Parlor, to look at what the Youth Ministry Program will look like as we return in the Fall. Anyone from the congregation, interested in contributing input, is welcome to attend.

CPR/AED recertification's are past due for many volunteers in the church and a recertification course will be scheduled, in the near future. See Roxanne to be put on the list if you are interested.



To my St. John's family,

There are no words to adequately express our gratitude for your love, support and presents in body or spirit at John's service. A special thanks to Tim Long and the choir, the anthem was beautiful, Connie Morrill-Hair and Calvin Frantz for the slide show and live stream and Pastor Caroline for her meditation which so perfectly captured John's life. I am so blessed to be part of such a caring congregation.

Nancy Gaal & Family

St. John's family,

I want to thank you for the lovely flowers and for the many cards offering comfort at the difficult time. It is such a blessing to be part of this church family.

Deb Dilling

To my friends at St. John's:

Hi everybody! I'm doing well at Luther Ridge and recovering from my recent surgery. I am exercising daily to build up my strength. Thanks for all the cards you have sent to me! I hope to see you soon! Love, In Christ's Name
Peggy Orr



First Fruits for August

The Outreach Committee will be accepting donations to give to Title 1 elementary schools and various after school programs. Many budgets have been strained due to all the COVID needs and with parents also struggling there is a need for school supplies. We will be collecting these items and money through August 15 as school will be starting soon after. If you do have items to donate and you can't get them till after the date, please free to still drop them off. There will be boxes in the church for your donations. We will also have a basket for those who wish to give cash. If you have any questions contact Cindy Edwards or Lynda Pound. Here is a list of items needed and these will also be posted on the box:

- ◆ Watercolor paper and palettes
 - ◆ Glue (bottle and stick)
- ◆ Paint (acrylic and liquid watercolor)
 - ◆ Folders
 - ◆ Markers
 - ◆ Highlighter
 - ◆ Pencil case
 - ◆ Index cards
- ◆ Construction paper
 - ◆ No. 2 pencils
 - ◆ Spiral notebooks

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. JOHN'S UCC?

WE WILL BE RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS ON

September 12th



NO MATTER WHO YOU
ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME
HERE

NEW MEMBERS' CLASSES WILL BE
SCHEDULED TO SUIT THE GROUP

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR CAROLINE OR A
CURRENTLY SERVING ELDER IF INTERESTED

BE A BLESSING PRACTICE PEACE.
LEAD WITH LOVE.
BE JOYFUL. PRAY OFTEN. BE KIND. GIVE THANKS.
DO GOOD. HAVE COURAGE. WORK FOR JUSTICE.
BE THE LIGHT. ENCOURAGE OTHERS.  UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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

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

Sunday, September 5, 10:00 am (Online & In-Person*)

Saturday, September 11, 5:30 pm (Outside on the Lawn*)

*In-Person dates subject to COVID-19 restrictions



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