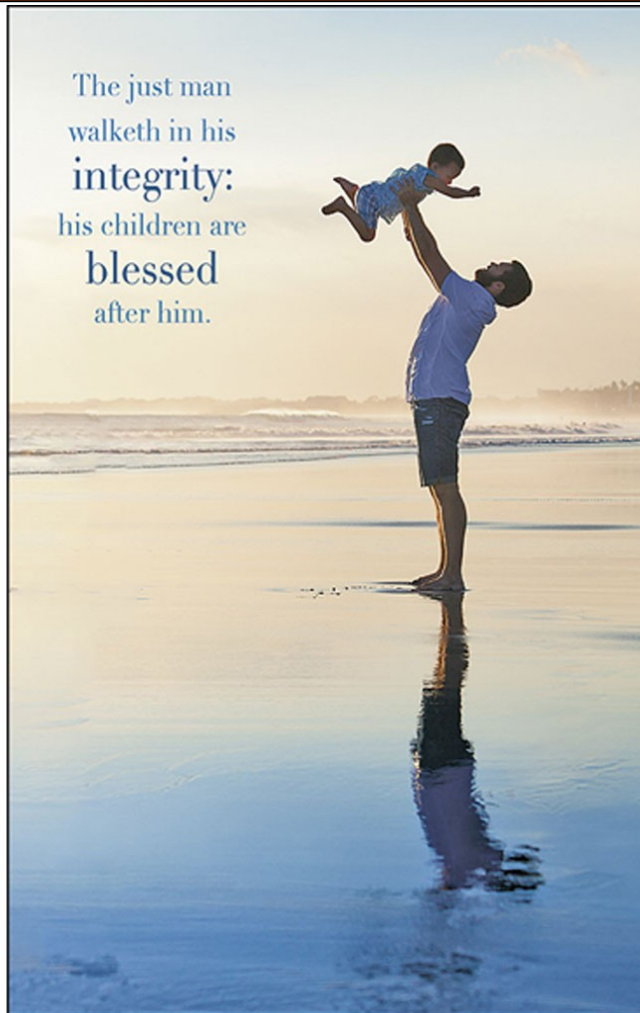


The Spirit

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From Pastor Caroline

The season of Pentecost has arrived, celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit moving among us. Those first followers gathered in Jerusalem and it is from there that our church comes. With a rush of wind and tongues of fire, the Spirit transforms us for new life, equipping us for mission and ministry with new people in new places.

How do we use our gifts and talents, our building and grounds, our energy and efforts to make a positive difference in our community? We do it together. We ask good questions, we build consensus, and we invite playfulness and creativity into our work, our life together.

My time in Detroit, MI with my Next Generation Leadership Initiative (NGLI) colleagues last month was faithful and fruitful. Our focus on “creativity and design” invited us to re-imagine what church is and re-energize us in building the church of the future. Detroit is a city in transition, a city re-inventing itself. I can identify with Detroit and the efforts to help its people thrive and flourish. That’s what all of us want, too. To not just survive, but thrive.

In this time when so much has changed (and continues to change), the model of “inspiration, ideation, implementation” sparks curiosity, creativity, and connection. The questions we ask are open-ended, “how might we...” questions that call us to dream, vision, and try. I’m excited about our future as a church, the things that we do well and build on and the new initiatives we might put into place. I’m glad and grateful to be in ministry with you.

We celebrate the green space we have available to us and look forward to holding outdoor worship again this summer. All are invited to join us for Outdoor Worship on the 4th Sunday of the month during the summer months: June 26, July 24, and August 28 (10 am). A prerecorded service will be available for those who are worshipping from home. In the event of rain, we will worship inside (no livestream). The once/month Saturday service will also be held outside this summer. Join us at

From Pastor Caroline Continued

5:30 pm on June 11, July 9, and August 13 for contemporary worship.

All are invited for the “Pentecost Picnic” following worship on June 5. Our hope is to gather on the lawn (Fellowship Hall will serve as the rain location). We will enjoy food and fellowship and celebrate our confirmands.

Please join us for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 12 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. Important decisions are happening in the life of our church. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

With our time, talent, and treasure, we dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, and of peace. May God receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage.

May we be inspired to dream, to create, and to grow in love of God and neighbor. Amen.

*Peace,
Pastor Caroline*



ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL

The 2021-2022 school year has come to a close here at St. John's Nursery School.

I feel blessed for the opportunity to work with such talented Teachers, knowledgeable Ministry Team, helpful Office Staff, and supportive Fam.

We still have some openings in our 3 and 4-year-old classes for the 2022-2023 school year. If you or anyone you know would like to register their child in one of our preschool programs, please visit www.sjucc1811.org for a registration form. Once you are on the website, please click on Nursery School at the top of the page. There you will find all of the information you will need to complete the registration process.

I ask for your continued prayers for the Nursery School as we move forward.

Wishing you a blessed and safe summer!

Kari Rock

MUSIC VOLUNTARIES PRELUDE

Prelude — pra-lud, prel-yud, or pre-lud—An organ, instrumental or vocal composition played or sung, at the beginning of a worship service.

The prelude is a time for people to become quiet, to meditate and pray, and to prepare their hearts individually for the worship of God. If people continue to talk, they seem to be oblivious to the intent of the music. The prelude is an offering to God by the musicians on behalf of the people.

We have changed our format in the last few years and it seemed to work very well. We sing a gathering song which gets everyone's attention. This is followed by announcements and then we are told to quiet our hearts and minds with the musical prelude.

The musicians must be diligent in their own attitude and intent. They must be certain they have selected and prepared music for that Sunday, service or occasion. They must offer their music to God as an act of personal devotion and celebration and not as a performance. They must understand their role of bringing the people into an attitude of worship and meditation.

Gloria Crum

YOUTH MINISTRY

June Calendar of Events

5 Confirmation Sunday

Church Picnic

12 Children's Corner

VBS workday after worship

19

26 Children's Corner

VBS WORK DAYS ARE COMING: June 12; July 17, and July 24. Lunch will be provided so please let Roxanne know if you can help. Jobs for all ages and artistic abilities.

YOUTH MINISTRY

VBS 2022

Volunteers Needed!

July 31 thru August 4



Godly Play!

New Class for our Children
Coming in Fall 2022

Geared especially for younger children, the Godly Play method is a curriculum of spiritual practice exploring the mystery of God's presence in our lives. The Godly Play curriculum engages what is most exciting about religious education: God inviting us into—and pursuing us in the midst of—Scripture and spiritual experience. Godly Play practice teaches us to listen for God and to make authentic and creative responses to God's call in our lives. It is a hands-on, manipulative, interactive storytelling approach. The Godly Play curriculum guides participants through self-discovery, which is fundamental to the Montessori tradition from which Godly Play developed. We are very excited to begin offering this new class for our children!



A Message from the “Caring Corner”

If you think you are tired of COVID and its restrictions, speak to someone in a care facility. Vaccines, masks, reduced visits, reduced interaction with other folks—it has not been easy. Media reports the devastating effects of isolation and lack of socialization. Do you remember ‘reach out touch someone?’ Many of our homebound friends would love it if we could find ways to do that!

For many of us, we have the freedom to go outside, take a trip, visit friends, and decide on our own precautions—to mask or not to mask. For many of our folks who live in a facility—this is not the case. We ask you to keep this in mind and to try to find ways to stay connected with people who are less fortunate and cannot create their own outlets.

Our team continues to make calls, send cards, and make in person visits. And we ask you to do the same. It is amazing what we can do to help others through this challenging time.

And by the way—everyone can use a hug or gentle touch on occasion. Ask permission, think about the other persons situation, and if you can even touch a shoulder, human contact goes a long way to make someone feel better.

Our thanks to the many folks who do reach out and reconnect in some way. And our encouragement to everyone to give it a try. We are better together!

The Called to Care Team



FIRST FRUITS

The First Fruits for June is in support of Sponsor a Camper.

Please help sponsor a camper so that all children from our community are able to enjoy the outdoors and our wonderful camp no matter their financial status. This is the place where faith and fun have gone hand in hand for over 75 years.



JUNE 20, 2022 | 6:30 PM

BIBLE & A BEER

Theological conversations
Rich discussion
Powerful testimony

Join us at 6:30 pm at The Cottage Pub
572 Wayne Avenue Chambersburg

Bring your questions,
Invite your friends!



JOIN US FOR

Saturday Night Worship

June 11, 2022 | 5:30 pm | Outside on the Lawn

Family-friendly worship
with Communion

Join us for a wonderful worship experience!

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



“NOTES” FROM ONA (Open and Affirming) MINISTRY

June is National Pride month and St. John’s ONA Ministry wishes to highlight some activities for this month:

In recognition of our efforts to advocate and support marginalized individuals, we lend our support to the Juneteenth Freedom Day event on June 18 (begun as ‘Love Demonstration’ the past couple of years). *This year’s Freedom Day event includes:*

A community services project time (8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.) for which you can sign up to participate;

A children’s book giveaway from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Mike Waters Park on South 2nd Street between McKinley and Catherine Streets ;

and, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., a program recognizing the importance of Juneteenth as a national holiday which will be at the Wilson College Campus. Music and food are included.

All events are free and open to public – bring your own chairs and blankets to the Wilson campus. A shuttle will operate from Mike Waters Park and back.

“NOTES” FROM ONA (Open and Affirming) MINISTRY

You can obtain further information and sign up is requested to help plan for a successful event by going to the following site: www.racialreconciliationfc.org.

On Sunday, June 19th, our St. John’s Worship service will be another way in which we integrate music, message and stated mission to continue our prayerful support and outreach on behalf of marginalized individuals. We continue to uplift and celebrate our Covenant of Welcome and Affirmation.



Franklin County Celebrates



SATURDAY, JUNE 18

8-10 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

10:30- 1:30 CHILDRENS' BOOK GIVEAWAY
MIKE WATERS PARK

11-2 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
WILSON COLLEGE
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS/BLANKETS
TO HANG OUT ON THE LAWN!
SHUTTLE AVAILABLE FROM MIKE WATERS PARK

*All Events FREE &
Open to the Public!*

FREE FOOD



FREE MUSIC



FREE PERFORMANCES



FREE RAFFLE



FREE BOOKS



REGISTRATION & DETAILS: RACIALRECONCILIATIONFC.ORG/JUNETEENTH
HOST SUPPORT: WILSON COLLEGE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT
NO RAIN DATE

**CHOOSE LOVE. NO EXCEPTIONS.
AN ANTI-RACISM MOVEMENT.**



June 5, 2022

Church Picnic

Celebrate Pentecost!
Celebrate St. John's!

We will be outside or in
Fellowship Hall if rainy.

Come and Enjoy!



Thank you so much for honoring me with a beautiful Easter lily following my hip replacement surgery. It's sure lovely. It reminded me of many fond memories of St. John's. Blessings to you all, Sharon Kline.

To Friends who would not sign their names:

On Thursday, May 12, the choir and directors were presented with balloons, cookies and wonderfully kind notes thanking us for the work we do in our church. We are happy that you realize we do this as an act of worship. The cookies were eaten very quickly after rehearsal. They were yummy! Thanks so much.

Gary, Gloria and the Choir.



To My Saint John's Family:

What a surprise I had. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart to all who sent well wishes, sent a card, gifts or attended my retirement party. I will miss each and everyone of you.

Love to All,

Wanda



REGISTER FOR ST. JOHN'S CAMP !

Go to sjucc1811.org/camp

All grades are grade COMPLETED!

Camp Noah (K-2nd Gr.)

July 5-8, 2022

Camp Kum-Ba-Yah (Gr. 3-5)

July 10-15, 2022

Camp Galilee (Gr. 6-9)

July 17-22, 2022

*Registration forms and Camp Descriptions
are on the website above or call the Church Office for more info!!*

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 11 AM

Join us in the Sanctuary or on Zoom via video chat or call-in
Meeting ID 865 5403 1384 & Passcode 745048
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.



Church Office



Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 9am-3pm

**The Office will be closed Monday, June 20 in
Observance of Juneteenth Day**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Mark Reichelderfer	6/03	Kay Hughes	6/26
Cheryl Sollenberger	6/03	The Rev. Forrest Koontz	6/29
Owen Reichelderfer	6/04	Betty Niemond	6/29
Adelaide Dietrich	6/04	Susan Weller	6/29
Dorothy Holz	6/05	Marlee Rae Ridings	6/29
Connie Strunk	6/05	Barbara Soper	6/30
Gary Johnson	6/07		
Constance Reichelderfer	6/09		
Matthew Hoover	6/10		
Stephanie Baltozer	6/14		
John Campbell	6/14		
Carol Yarema	6/16		
Lynda Thomason	6/17		
Jill Miller	6/19		
Thomas Kinton	6/20		
Lynda Pound	6/21		
Kerry Miller	6/21		
J Christian Snavelly	6/23		
Antonio Cuesta	6/24		



LADIES' LUNCHEON

Wonderful Windy Knoll will be the location for our next meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

Come prepared to enjoy good food and fabulous friends.

It's been a long time.



MENS BREAKFAST

We will be meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7 am at Chris's Kitchen (across from Perkins)

We look forward to seeing any and all for June's breakfast.





USED BOOK SALE Update!



Another big thank-you to all who helped with the Book Sale. It was so successful, that St. John's is planning another Book Sale in fall 2023.

Keep reading and save your books/puzzles/games for next year's sale!

Cooking Classes in St. John's Kitchen!

\$25 per class

Mondays at 5:30 PM

Class size is limited and spots are going fast!

June 6 – Spaghetti Carbonara

June 20 - Fish N Chips

More to come!

Sign up on Facebook
(search [Knives 'n Chef](#))

Or call or email
(717) 360-9933
gibsojos28@gmail.com



INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. JOHN'S UCC?

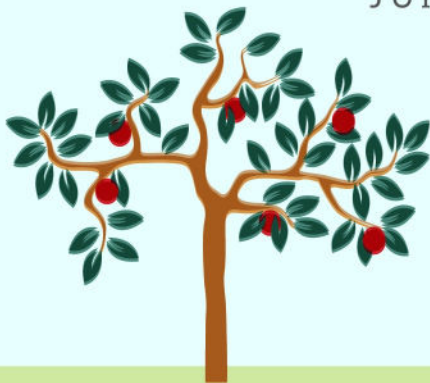
NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED:

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

DECEMBER 11, 2022

MARCH 12, 2023

JUNE 11, 2023



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 SPEAK WITH OR CONTACT
PASTOR CAROLINE IF INTERESTED

Ministry Chairs

2021-2022

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

Camp—*MaryLee Yaukey*

Caring Cooks—*Lisa Frantz*

Children & Youth Ministry—*Roxanne Davenport*

Facilities Ministry—*Peter A'Zary*

Fellowship—*Sue McMurtray*

Finance—*Scot Orndorff*

Invitational Ministry—*Susan Collier*

Library—*MaryLee Yaukey*

Nursery School—*Linda Zeger*

Open and Affirming—*Jim Boyer*

Outreach—*Sarah Myers*

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 2021-2022

Trustees

Peter A'Zary

Thomas Harrison

Tom Kinton, **Head Trustee**

Elders

Peg Bryner

Harold Collier, **Vice President**

Diana Macfarlane

Connie Morrill-Hair, **Secretary**

Gary Patterson

Eileen Shaffer, **President, Head Elder**

Deacons

Mike Blumberg

Julie Dereef

Calvin Frantz

Michael Herbert

Cathy Kinton

Sarah Myers

Pastor

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

**Sunday Worship will be at 10 am
(Offered Online and In-Person*)**

St. John's UCC Communion Dates 2022

June 5, Pentecost Sunday, Sanctuary 10 am

June 11, Outdoor Worship on the Lawn, 5:30 pm

July 3, Sanctuary 10 am

July 9, Outdoor Worship on the Lawn, 5:30 pm

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