

The Spirit

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From Pastor Caroline

Perhaps my favorite song from the 1996 musical “Rent” is “Seasons of Love.” The lyrics ask us how we measure our years and our lives, reminding us that love is at the center of who we are. We make a difference in the lives of people, in the relationships we cherish and the bridges we build. Measure your life in love.

At our congregational meeting on June 12, we made some important decisions in the life of our church. We voted to convert our existing analog sign on RT 30 with a digital sign, allowing us to share more of who we are and what we do with our neighbors and those passing by. We elected representatives to Consistory to serve as elders and deacons (we still have a few slots to fill. If you are interested in serving as a deacon or trustee, please let Eileen Shaffer or I know ASAP). We heard reports on our finances and an update on the new roofing project scheduled for July (this project was approved in November 2021; the roof in question is over the 2-story wing). And we introduced you via video to Rev. Cameron Trimble and Convergence, our coach and visioning partner. A special email with a link to her video will go out for those who missed it.

The work we as a church will do with Rev. Trimble and Convergence is designed to help us re-engage with clarified vision. This work invites us to offer feedback, generate ideas, connect with community partners, and both discover and clarify who we are and why we’re here. Having a coach and visioning partner to help us ask questions, seek solutions, and encourage us along the way is an important component of our future. We will also continue to plan events and activities that promote fellowship, friendship, and service.

As I talked about last month, the model of “inspiration, ideation, implementation” and the gifts of curiosity and creativity are helpful in leading us forward into the future. We will ask “how might we” questions and dream, vision, and try, without knowing just what will happen next.

Just like the early church, we are encouraged to consider the possibilities and opportunities to love and serve God and our neighbors, being the body of Christ. I’m glad and grateful to be in ministry with you, the members and friends of St. John’s United Church of Christ.

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We are gearing up for Vacation Bible School July 31 to August 4 and looking ahead of fall programming for adults and children alike. Contact Roxanne Davenport to volunteer with VBS or children's church school. We are very excited about our Godly Play class for young children, a hands-on experiential curriculum for faith formation.

Join us for Outdoor Worship on the 4th Sunday of the month: June 26, July 24, and August 28 (10 am). A prerecorded service will be available for those worshipping from home. In the event of rain, we will worship inside (no livestream). Contemporary worship on July 9 and August 13 will also be outside at 5:30 pm; in the event of rain, we will worship in Fellowship Hall.

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

*Peace,
Pastor Caroline*

Church Office



Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 9am-3pm

**The Office will be closed Monday, July 4 in
Observance of Independence Day**

MUSIC VOLUNTARIES POSTLUDE

Postlude - post-lude. An organ voluntary played at the end of a church service; a concluding piece.

Postlude refers to the closing piece of music that is usually played at the end of a church service. The music can be played by any instrument or ensemble, even by a choir or vocalist. However, postludes are usually played on an organ or piano.

We inherited our tradition of both prelude and postlude from the 17th century Dutch tradition when church organs were owned by the city council and organists were hired by them and told what to play during the worship service.

In our worship services, it is customary to sit quietly until the ending of the postlude. This is the time to lift up a musical offering to God but also an important time to think about the theme from the past hours' worship service or to leave with thoughts for the coming week.

Some congregations play no postlude during Advent and Lent because of the serious nature of the season. I usually choose more contemplative, quiet music for these seasons and louder postludes for the rest of the year. Please remember that this is part of our worship service and spend it in quiet contemplation.

Gloria Crum



St. John's Summer Singers will be giving a concert at our church on Sunday afternoon, July 24th at 4 PM. We have an exciting program for all to hear and hope that many of you will be in attendance. Thank you St. John's for making this all possible. Gary Crum

YOUTH MINISTRY

July Calendar of Events

10 Children's Corner during worship

17 VBS work Day

21 VBS volunteer meeting 6:30 PM

24 Children's Corner during worship

VBS work Day

31 First day of VBS

August Calendar of Events

12 or 19 (Weather pending) Pizza and Swim party at Chambersburg Aquatic Center 5-8 PM (service hours applicable)

YOUTH MINISTRY

VBS 2022

July 31 - August 4

Dramatic readers and Crew Leaders are desperately needed.

Jr Helpers (ages 13-18) needed. Service hours given

See Roxanne to help.

July 31 - August 4



Coming next Fall!!

Godly Play

St. John's Church School is looking forward to adding a new program to our Christian Education, geared towards our younger children, beginning at age 3.

“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, storytelling approach. The Godly Play curriculum guides participants through self-discovery, which is fundamental to the Montessori tradition from which Godly Play developed. Check out it's materials in the Nursery room 119.

Helpers for this adventure and other classrooms are needed. Please see Roxanne Davenport if you are interested in helping.

A Message from the “Caring Corner

The June 15 edition of the Upper Room spoke about the many people behind the scenes who contribute to the success of the church in various ways. The article referenced Romans 16: 1—16 where Paul ‘named at least 26 people of diverse backgrounds’* who supported the church’s success.

We think you too can name several or many folks who work behind the scenes to help our church in various ways. Do you know who changes the banners in the sanctuary, who keeps the kitchen in supply, who cuts the grass, who keeps the prayer chain going, and the many other assignments that ‘just happen’?

One such group we want to acknowledge this month is the team of folks who support distribution of the flowers that you so graciously place in the sanctuary and are then available to share with others.

Once Lisa Shew, office assistant, determines the flowers are available, a variety of people step up to convert the large sanctuary bouquet into several smaller bouquets and then work to deliver them to a variety of folks in a variety of locations.

Our thanks to John and Jolene McGinley, Henry and Alison Hopper, Jim and Mary Moyer, Lee Powell, Lynda Barton, Lynda Pound, and Mary Lou and Don Hendrickson for keeping this ‘ministry’ alive and well. They sign up for a Sunday, and then take it from there. Called to Care provides suggested names for recipients, and sometimes the volunteers have their own suggestions.

We are so thankful for this group of people who work behind the scenes to share the blessing of flowers. There is room for more volunteers if you are interested. Just let the office know of your interest and we will add you to the list.

Blessings,
Lisa Frantz and Connie Morrill-Hair

“Behind the Scenes”, by Wayne Greenawalt, The Upper Room, May-June 2022,



JULY 18, 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

July 9, 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

You can find all kinds of ‘recognition days’ anymore. For those of various culinary delights, some of those days are as follow for the month of July – National Sugar Cookie Day July 9; World Chocolate Day July 7; National Chocolate with Almonds Day July 8; National Wine and Cheese and National Fudge Sundae Day July 25, etc. etc. and etc. Although these may seem frivolous, ONA Ministry reminds us of other important dates and remembrances in the month as well. We, of course, recognize July 4th – a celebration of independence for our democracy.

In the month of July, there is a Nelson Mandela International Day on July 18. This day shines a light on the legacy of a man who helped change the 20 th century and helped shaped the 21 st . Mandela spent his life fighting for justice, equality and human rights for all.

In that same spirit, ONA wishes to lift up a couple events that demonstrate support and care for the LGBTQ+ community.

On Saturday, July 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. there will be a Harrisburg Pride event in the Emergency Responder’s Park. Our St. John’s ONA ministry will be helping at the Penn Central Conference ONA Ministry Team booth at this event. We will also be able to have material about St. John’s to hand out. If you wish to join members of our ministry and wish to request a ride to Harrisburg, please contact the church office to speak with Pastor Caroline.

We also wish to give a heads up in this month’s Spirit to an event in the first week of August where the United Church of Christ ONA Coalition will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. In the same year the coalition was formed, the UCC ordained the first gay minister in a major Protestant denomination. You can find more information on this 50th Anniversary ZOOM event by going to the UCC ONA Coalition website. The anniversary events will be held in the evening on August 5, 6, and 7.



Dear St. Johns:

I would like to thank the members and church for all of the birthday cards I received for my 94th birthday and for the lovely Easter lily and the cut flowers. I am glad that I am still considered a part of the church.

Sincerely,

Margaretta L. Kennedy

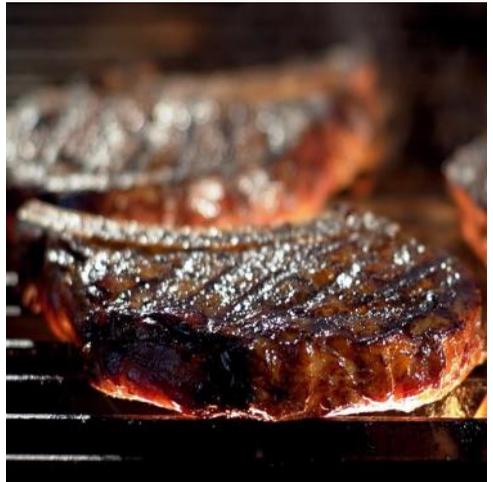
Many thanks to all the members of the St. John's family who sent so many cards and good wishes my way at the time of my recent birthday. They were both touching and somewhat overwhelming. And I hope that we all have a good year. Pastor Steve Hoffman

LADIES LUNCHEON

If one more person would have attended, an even dozen of St. John ladies would have been present to enjoy tasty lunch treats and ice cream at Windy Knoll on June 8.

As it was, the eleven included Bobbie Peters (Connie Hair's guest) and Sharon Mater wearing a sporty pink baseball cap. Bev Peters shared news about some absent regular attendees and read some comic short stories from a computer friend,

Our next luncheon will be at Long Horn Steakhouse on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 11:30 am. Good food. Great fellowship!



MENS BREAKFAST

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

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



FIRST FRUITS FOR JULY
MARANATHA FOOD PANTRY

The heart of Maranatha is to share the love of Christ to those who are searching for something in their lives that is more than just the need for food, budgeting, or housing. People need healing. We give a hand up not a hand out.





Join us for Worship!

St. John's
United Church of Christ

Sundays in the Sanctuary
At 10:00 AM (Parking Lot A)

+ Saturday Night Worship Services
2nd Saturday of each month at 5:30PM
in Fellowship Hall or outside. (Parking Lot B)

Live Streams: www.youtube.com/c/StJohnsUCCChambersburgPA



Camp News

Camp Noah and Camp KumBaYah are canceled due to lack of participation.

Also that if anyone has any suggestions to help camp in the future to send me a note or call me at mlyaukey@comcast.net or 717-352-3900.

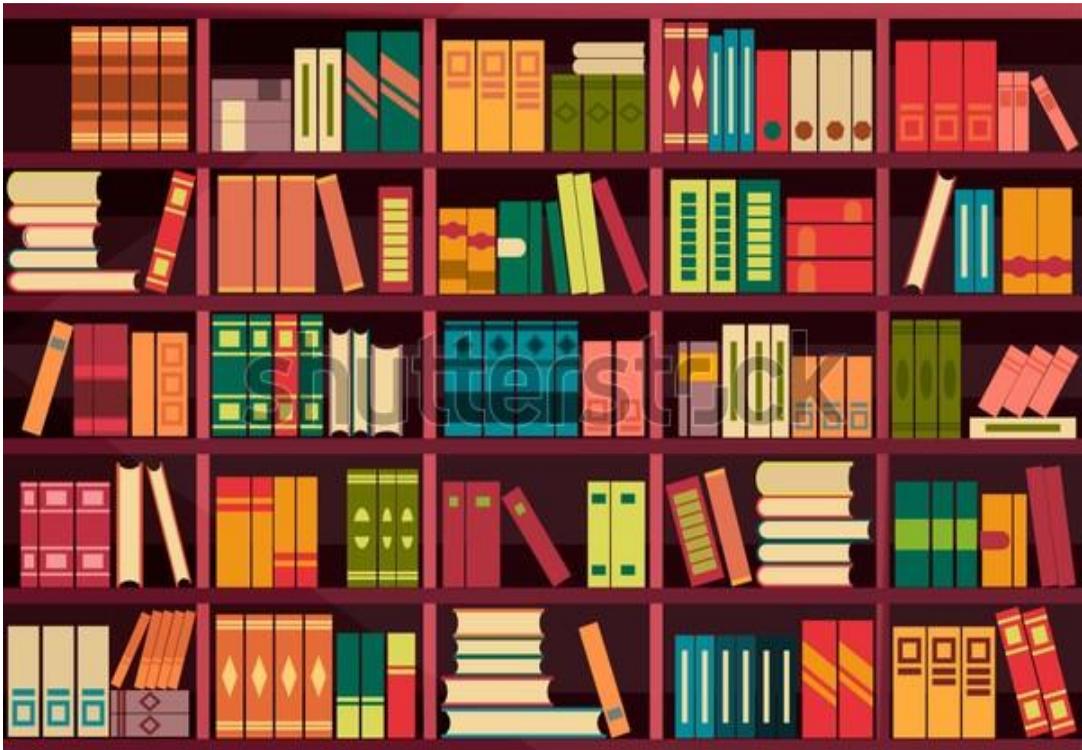
The ministry is working on ideas for revisions for next year!

A meeting for next summer revisions will be held some time before this summer is over.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are looking to weed out the collection of books that are no longer relevant. We will be barcoding all books and moving toward a more digital process in the location of books and their information.

If anyone would like to help in this process, please let MaryLee Yaukey know. Thank you!



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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Joanne Shew 7/3

Marco Dereef 7/5

Kelly Ann Hoover 7/5

Jeffrey Baltozer 7/6

Rodney Byers 7/7

Suzanne Knepper 7/8

Robert Archibald 7/10

Linda Zeger 7/10

Betty Koontz 7/10

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 Skubelek 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

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

Communion Dates:

Sunday, July 3, 10 am, Sanctuary & Livestreamed

Saturday, July 9, 5:30 pm, Church Lawn (rain location Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, August 7, 10 am, Sanctuary & Livestreamed

Saturday, August 13, 5:30 pm, Church Lawn (rain location Fellowship Hall)

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