

A Celebration of Vacation Bible School



*St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
August 7, 2022*

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Please stand in body or in spirit

UNISON WELCOME

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Flames of the Spirit: Resources for Worship

The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.

We come celebrating the new life that is ours as God's faithful people.

Let your joy ring through the universe, and let your vision see to the depths of every soul.

We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God's light wherever we go.

Praise God for this day!

***OPENING SONG**

"Knights of North Castle"

INTRODUCTION

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Ephesians 6:10

PRAISE SONG

"Hot Hot Burnin' Up"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

from Daniel 3

SESSION 1 SHARING

Armor Up with Truth

PRAISE SONG

"Be Strong in the Lord"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

from 1 Samuel 17

SESSION 2 SHARING

Armor Up with Justice

SCRIPTURE LESSON

from Luke 2

SESSION 3 SHARING

Armor Up with Peace

RECREATION DEMONSTRATION

SCRIPTURE VERSE

from Matthew 14

SESSION 4 SHARING

Armor Up with Faith

MISSION MOMENT

John Bryner

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

Henry Hopper, clarinet

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*
**Almighty God, we dedicate ourselves to serve you, for you alone are our God.
Receive, O God, the gifts we offer, and with these gifts accept the offering of our
lives; through Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAISE SONG *"Earthquake"*

SCRIPTURE LESSON from Acts 16

SESSION 5 SHARING Armor Up with Salvation

MEDITATION Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION Roxanne Davenport

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

HOLY COMMUNION

*We celebrate communion this day by intinction, coming forward
to receive the bread and cup. Pre-packaged elements are also available.*

MISSION TESTIMONIAL Ben Raber, Network Ministries

***SENDING FORTH** *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*
**Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power. Put on the whole armor of
God so that you may be able to stand firm as you boldly proclaim the gospel of
peace in word and deed.**

*All are welcome at Christ's table. To let the church office know that you communed today,
please sign the black attendance pad found in each row.*

Nursery care is available for children newborn to three years old
Ask any usher for directions to the nursery room.

Birthdays this week: 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 Hoyer 8/12; Joel Munday 8/13

Worship Participants:	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Deacon in Charge	Calvin Frantz
Lector	Peg Bryner
Hospitality Team	VBS Kids
Media Coordinator	Calvin Frantz
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The Flowers are given in loving memory of Maurice Marotte, Jr from loving wife Peggy and Family

St. John's Vision

We are called to love, to learn, to worship and to witness in Christ
as a congregation that welcomes everyone,
and seeks service that will advance God's realm on earth.

Worship Resources:

Flames of the Spirit: Resources for Worship
Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

NEWS IN THE PEWS AUGUST 7, 2022

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, pastor@sjucc1811.org (641) 260-1868 (cell)

Gloria & Gary Crum, Tim Long, Music Directors

Roxanne Davenport, Director of Children & Youth

Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritis

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, August 8

5:30 pm Cooking Class – Kitchen

7:00 pm ONA Meeting – Room 116

Tuesday, August 9

5:30 pm Yoga Class – Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Amistad PT Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 10

11:30 am Ladies Luncheon Menno Haven Grill

6:30 pm Nursery School Ministry Meeting – Room 116

Thursday, August 11

2:00 pm Book Discussion - Blessed Are the Crazy - Parlor

6:00 pm QPR Suicide Prevention Class – Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 12

4:00 pm Youth Pizza and Swim Party – Aquatic Center

Saturday, August 13

5:30 pm Outdoor Worship – Church Lawn

Sunday, August 14

9:00 am – Godly Play Orientation

10:00 am Worship – Sanctuary

First Fruits for August will go to support the NETwork Ministries, a local Christ-centered organization for youth. They are hosting Jazz in the Garden on Friday, August 12, from 6-8:30 PM. Featuring live jazz music, fresh appetizers, artwork, and opportunities for fellowship and to give. This event will be held at NETwork's Community Garden, in between Redwood/Buchanan/South Street in Chambersburg. New this year, kids will be performing and vendors will serve food. All donations benefit NETwork and their mission: to love and equip youth! Please RSVP by August 8 by contacting NETwork at networkchambersburg@gmail.com or 717-264-4640.