

# The Spirit

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## ***From Pastor Caroline***

As I write this newsletter article, we are still in the season of Lent, about to enter into Holy Week. Lent has felt longer and more challenging this year—and not just because I gave up chocolate. The Lenten series we did with other churches in the Conococheague Mission Cooperative (CMC) called “Holy Lament: a Journey toward Joy” was very personal for me. There are days when my own grief feels very raw and I cannot help but lament. Thankfully most days I am able to access joy, to dwell in promise and possibility, and to move forward knowing that love gets the last word. We are together in lament and together in joy.

Those first followers of Jesus experienced a breadth of human emotions: grief and sorrow, surprise and wonder, all in the span of a few days. Jesus’ death on the cross on Friday was thought to be the end until Sunday morning, when the women went to the tomb and found that Jesus was not there. Death could not hold him; the tomb could not contain him; Jesus was alive—we do not look for the living among the dead. No matter which Gospel account you read, the message is clear: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter is the “great joke” that God played on the devil. Or, in the words of *Lord of the Dance*, “they buried my body and they thought I’d gone/but I am the dance and I still go on.” We will celebrate “Holy Humor Sunday” on April 7, something we did for the first time in 2023. We will sing and laugh and rejoice that death did not get the last word; love did. Love does.

Easter is also a season: Eastertide. The fifty days following Easter lead us to Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We read how Jesus continued to teach us how to live and how to love.

Throughout this issue of *The Spirit*, you will find opportunities to practice living out the love we have for God and our neighbors. I especially want to highlight the Reentry Simulation on April 16 with Franklin Together and Racial Reconciliation of Franklin County and the opportunities listed for community engagement. Our faith compels us to come alongside those who are marginalized, to hear their stories, and to work together to create a just world for all.

I’m also greatly looking forward to the Afternoon Spring Tea on April 13 and extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who are working to make that a smashing success.

Our Strategic Plan invites us to look toward our future with hope, filled with opportunities to serve God, love our neighbors, and care for our world. We are seeking God’s grace and guidance as we discern the way forward for our church.

I’ll conclude with these words often attributed to John Wesley: “Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.”

*Easter blessings, Pastor Caroline*



# MUSIC MINISTRY

## **THIS SHOULD MAKE YOU SMILE!**

I must tell you about our practice room for handbells. It is far too small for the five octave set of handbells and our five octave set of hand chimes that we have in it. Also plus all the foam pads, music cabinets, table covers etc. We have 7 cases of bells and 4 cases of hand chimes, many of which lay on the floor around the outer part of the room. Several of our cases were on old benches which held them. The remainder lay on the floor. I decided that the bell cases all should be up on benches as they are so much easier to get open and to get the bells out of the cases. (Our ringers are no longer high school age!) So I contacted Mr. Tom Kinton to see if he could help us out. He said yes that he had some old wood from the piano that was on the second floor of our church. He had torn the piano down so he could move it downstairs and then to get rid of it. Now Tom is a saver of any pieces of wood for building purposes. Before I knew it two benches were made, painted and brought back to our bell room and the side panels were from the old piano taken out of the church! Problem solved! Not so fast! Our chime ringers wanted to know when they were getting benches for their chime cases to get them off the floor. So back to the drawing board (Tom) to tell him we need three more cases. His answer was "THREE MORE"! So in a few days, three more cases appeared in the bell room having been made by Tom and his helper Muneath Ham. In case you do not know Muneath, she is from Cambodia and awaiting her Green Card from the government to be able to work in the United States. What a blessing and what wonderful people we have in our congregation. The next time you see either one of these persons, please say "THANK YOU" for their wonderful work they do in our church.

Gary Crum



# St John's Nursery School

Happy April! Our Nursery School students and teachers are SO thankful to be able to go play outside and enjoy this beautiful weather!

March was quite a busy month for the Nursery School. We started the month by collecting donations for the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter. Thank you so much for all of your donations! Jennifer Vanderau, CVAS Communications Director, visited our classes and shared wonderful stories about her animal friends at the shelter. She extends her thanks as well, for all of the donations! We also thank the youth of St. John's for supporting us in this project. They made collection boxes for the entrances and delivered the donations to the shelter!

We also held a school-wide reading initiative and celebrated our love of reading with an ice cream party! Children read throughout the month of March and recorded the names of the books they read on paper socks, which were collected and displayed in our Nursery School laundry basket.

The Nursery School held its annual Smith's Chicken BBQ Fundraiser on March 23rd. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. It was a great success!! A huge THANK YOU also goes to the Nursery School Ministry and Staff (as well as their families) for helping to prepare the meals. It is definitely a team effort!

We ended the month celebrating Easter with classroom parties, complete with a visit from the Easter Bunny and an Easter egg hunt!

Registration at St. John's Nursery School for the 2024-2025 school year is well on its way! If you are interested in registering your child in one of our preschool programs or know someone who is, please contact the nursery school office at 717-264-8224 or visit [www.sjucc1811.org](http://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 pray that you had a blessed and joyous Easter!

Kari Rock, Director

# ***Member Spotlight!***

## ***Alison Hopper***

I moved to Chambersburg area in April of 2019 with my husband Henry (whom I call "Hop") and settled in a cottage in Menno Haven. We have a daughter in Gaithersburg, and a son and family in Boston area. In addition, four grandchildren scattered on East and West Coasts.

I graduated from The College of Wooster in Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Several years later I returned to college receiving a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Bloomsburg University PA. In addition to being involved in churches, I did social work and teaching in public schools.

My nursing career involved medical and psychiatric nursing.

I am an avid reader, non fiction (interest in foreign affairs) and fiction. Growing flowers and herbs is my favorite hobby; walking is my favorite exercise.

St. John's has been a wonderful way to meet people and deepen and practice my faith.



# Future Together Progress Report

April 2024 continues the progress on our work together into the future. You will note that several of these activities overlap in different areas of our Strategic Plan. We hope this “progress report” helps everyone to see how we are living into our St. John’s UCC Future Together Strategic Plan.

## **SPIRITUAL DEEPENING**

- ◆ Diana Kongkeattikul’s weekly devotional is now posted on our website; a link is located on the home page.
- ◆ Carol Yarema hosted a class on depression
- ◆ Our Lenten devotional put together by Dale Myers has been well-received. Most of the hard copies were taken (some are still available) and it is also online.
- ◆ The prayer chain is regularly advertised, both as an opportunity to share prayer concerns and for those who desire to pray for others. It is coordinated by the office staff.
- ◆ If you missed a copy of the Spirit, links for past editions are now available online.

## **ENERGIZE PARTICIPATION**

- ◆ A Poverty Simulation workshop with SCCAP will be held Saturday, June 1, from 10 am to Noon. We are asking other churches and the community to support. We’ll need 60 participants plus volunteers for this to be a success.
- ◆ A Task Force continues their work reviewing the governance and leadership teams needed for us to succeed in reaching our goals. Our hope is to have a presentation ready for the congregational meeting in June 2024.
- ◆ A retreat/workshop called “Net Engagement” facilitated by Jose Ricardo-Osorio is planned for Saturday, April 20, from 9:30 to 11:30 in Room 116.
- ◆ A car show is in the early stages of planning for later this year.
- ◆ Church grounds clean up was March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Camp clean up is Saturday, April 27.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

- ◆ The jigsaw puzzle exchange (puzzles available in the library room 106) has been well received. Take one or trade one and enjoy a relaxing time.
- ◆ Our youth group hosted on March 16 with 26 people attending.
- ◆ Lenten services were successfully shared with other churches in our area.
- ◆ A group study of “The Purpose Driven Life” by Rick Warren in being planned.
- ◆ The Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, March 31, will be held at 9:15 am.
- ◆ Our annual church picnic is planned for Pentecost Sunday, May 19, after worship.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- ◆ 75 people attended the Braver Angels workshop “Bridging the Divide” on March 3.
- ◆ Our Afternoon Spring Tea is planned for Saturday, April 13. Space is limited to 128. Make sure to pick up your ticket (s) today!
- ◆ A Mothers’ Day Ball is being planned for Saturday, May 10.
- ◆ St. John’s provided space for the United Way’s Winter Warmth Drive collection to be organized. 3,400 items were donated and distributed along with \$13,310.
- ◆ The screening and discussion of the documentary “13th” led to SJUCC hosting a Reentry Simulation on April 16, 1-4 pm, in partnership with other organizations.
- ◆ The Summer Singers are looking for singers; concerts scheduled in the summer.
- ◆ SJUCC will host the Salvation Army Auxiliary’s Fabric Fair May 1-4, 2024.
- ◆ SJUCC will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, May 31.

## **FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**

- ◆ Camp Ministry has developed a new rental fee structure. We received a grant from Penn Central Conference to assist with camp upgrades and fund scholarships.
- ◆ Camp Sticky Bun fundraising is set for April 20 (making) and April 21 (selling).
- ◆ St. John’s is working with Berkstresser Realty to market our available space. We have two organizations interested in a possible rental opportunity.
- ◆ To assist us in applying for grants, St. John’s has engaged Ghost Writer LLC. They have identified several grants and sponsorships we are seeking funding from.
- ◆ We are talking more opening about giving and funding our mission. A QR code to our online giving platform is now part of our bulletins and publications.

# FAITH AND FINANCES

Many people have the idea that their financial life is separate from their life of faith. But that distinction is not found in scripture. In fact, there is no part of life that is separate from faith. If we look carefully at what Jesus has to say in the gospels, this is especially true of one's handling of finances.

It's amazing how many times Jesus' encounter with someone quickly leads to the importance of the intersection of faith and finances. Two instances of this are Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus in Luke 19 and Jesus' conversation with the rich man in Mark 10. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus says, "Look, half of my possessions Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much" (Luke 19:8). The rich man and Jesus have a conversation that is going very well until Jesus says to him, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, then come, follow me" (Mark 10:21). Sadly, the man cannot part with his possessions. That being the case, he departs from Jesus.

The Bible won't let us imagine a life in which faith and finances live separate lives. Rather, they intersect constantly.

First, our Christian faith must influence how we handle money. The two examples above, Zacchaeus and the rich man, provide perfect examples of how faith in Jesus inevitable leads to living a generous life. God's people are to live and give generously, especially to help those in need. This isn't optional. It is part of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.



Paul writes in 2 Corinthians “And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work” (9:8). We are called to give generously, to give first to God and God’s work in the world, to give regularly, and yes, to be a cheerful giver.

Secondly, the Bible tells us that what we do with our money and possessions impacts our faith. That impact can be positive, or it can be negative.

Luke 12:34 quotes Jesus saying, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”. It does NOT say “where your heart is, there your treasure will be also.” Read that way, the verse means that if I can only get my heart in the right place, my treasure will follow. That may be true, but it’s not what Jesus said. Jesus said that what I do with my treasure will cause my heart to follow along. Where I put my treasure will cause my heart to go there as well. If I put my treasure with Jesus and his work in the world, that will cause my heart to draw closer to Him. Conversely, if I put my treasure in things that have nothing to do with Jesus, my heart will be drawn to those things and away from Him.

Putting faith and finances in perspective is one way, in today’s world, that we can live out our beliefs. It also points to our financial offerings as a spiritual practice. We give as a response to the abundance that God has entrusted to our care.

Just so you won’t think that all these thoughts are mine, most of this material came from the book “Embracing Stewardship” by Charles Lane and Grace Pomroy.

-Jerry Thomason for the Financial Task Force (Scot Orndorff, Lisa Fair, Pastor Caroline)



# Spring Tea Afternoon

*"Fit for a Queen"*



***To purchase tickets or a table,  
please call (717) 263-8593***

Tickets are \$25, cash or check  
*Reservation Deadline is April 8*

*April*  
**13**

**01:30 PM**

**St. John's UCC  
Fellowship Hall**

1811 Lincoln Way East  
Chambersburg, PA 17202

Tea includes: a cup of soup, salad,  
tea sandwiches, scones, and sweets  
(and, of course, endless pots of tea!)



# REENTRY SIMULATION



April 16, 2024  
1:00pm-4:00pm  
St. John's United Church of Christ

Learn what life is like for a citizen returning from incarceration in this unique, eye-opening experience.



*What is a Reentry Simulation? How does a simulation work?*

- Experiential learning opportunity
- Assume a role and complete tasks at designed to help participants understand simulated agencies
- the day-to-day struggles of reentry
- Endure "real life" struggles
- Participate in debrief & group discussion

**Volunteers Needed!**

Even if you have never attended or volunteered for a simulation before, we can use you. All materials and instructions are provided. Contact [lelliott@sccap.org](mailto:lelliott@sccap.org) to volunteer.

**PARTICIPATION IS FREE; REGISTER BY APRIL 5th at**  
<https://forms.gle/KwwCqS263rBMaKw1A>



# *Thank You*



Dear friends of St John,  
I thank you all so much for your well wishes  
of cards, phone calls and texts during my  
recovery time from heart surgery. I  
appreciated your healing thoughts and prayers.  
Mary Lou Hendrickson

We write to express our gratitude to the prayer group, Pastor Caroline, and our St. John's family. John continues to make progress at home following open-heart surgery. We both thank you for the prayers, cards, and well wishes. It means so much to know that we are in your thoughts. A special acknowledgement to Mary Lou and Don Hendrickson, who shared this journey with us. We look forward to returning to the Called to Care ministry with renewed understanding and enthusiasm.

God Bless you all  
John and Jolene McGinley

Dear St. John's Family,  
Thank you so much for thinking of me during my recent foot surgery and recovery. Your cards, calls, visits and emails brightened my day. Also thank you for sharing the alter flowers with me. They were beautiful. As always thank you for your love, support, prayers and generosity.  
Love, Lisa Frantz



Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am –3pm  
We will be closed Monday, April 1 for Easter Monday



Loretta Zimmerman - Office Manager  
Heather Nickey - Office Assistant

Church office # (717) 263-8593

# Planning for Community Engagement

As we begin to emerge into Spring, we again have the opportunity to consider an increase in our involvement in many of the activities in our community in future months. Some of those opportunities:

**1) Sounds of Pride on May 18** – A mini music festival fundraiser featuring artists from the region in the hopyard at Gearhouse Brewing Co. from 5-9 pm. Visit: <https://www.pridefranklincounty.org/events>

**2) Franklin County Legal Services Booksale at Fayetteville Elementary School.** Good used books, CDs and DVDs, Games, Puzzles and Sheet Music can be donated at Ashley Furniture, 480 Gateway Ave.; MobileWorks, 2116 Lincoln Way East; LA Cameras, 1019 Wayne Ave. and Sunnyway Foods, 40 Warm Spring Rd. on April 8–24, 2024.

The actual Book Sale will be held on Friday, June 7 (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.), Saturday, June 8 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday, June 9 (Noon to 4 p.m.) at the school at 8 East Main Street in Fayetteville, Pa.

Please note: There is opportunity for you to assist in sorting books, moving books, and assisting at the time of book sale. St. John's had a team of folks who volunteered last year. If interested, please speak with Harold Collier.



**3) Rainbow Sale – May 9 to June 7** – Order rainbow gear ahead of and during Pride Month while supporting Pride Franklin County. Pick up will be June 13. Visit: <https://www.pridefranklincounty.org/events>

**4) Race Against Poverty – Friday, June 7**—The Race Against Poverty is an opportunity to take steps as a community against the poverty that grips many of our own and stifles our full potential. Poverty impacts the entire community and requires community solutions. One in every 4 families in Franklin County cannot afford basic living expenses. One hundred percent (100%) of your registration fee for the Race goes to fund Franklin County Services and Support Circles, a local initiative helping families overcome poverty.

St. John's is a sponsor again this year for the Race. We encourage you to consider participation by running and/or walking. There is also a Run for Kids as part of this event. Further information can be obtained by going to <https://raceagainstpoverity.org>.

St. John's continues its commitment to reaching beyond our walls to partner, participate and prayerfully engage in supporting varying needs to enhance building a beloved community.



# First Fruits

The First Fruits for April 2024 is in support of Sponsor a Camper.

Please help sponsor a camper so that all children in our community are able to enjoy to love of God and the outdoors at our Treasure in the Woods- St John's Camp.

We hope that all children, regardless of their financial status can experience faith and fun at the camp.



St. John's QR Code  
for Giving Online

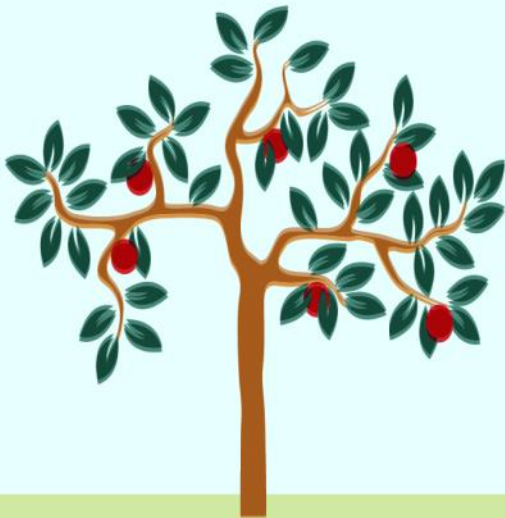


St. John's United Church of Christ, 1811 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg PA



# INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. JOHN'S UCC?

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED:  
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024



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



## Camp News

April First Fruits will be for Sponsor A Camper. Last year we sponsored 6 campers and hope to do the same this year. Thank you for your support!

Sticky Bun Sale will be in April. *Orders* and *payment* will be taken for cinnamon sticky buns for **\$12/dozen** and **\$7/half dozen** before and after church on Sundays, April 7 and 14. Then pick up your “ready to bake” sticky buns on Sunday morning, **April 21**. Freshly baked sticky buns will also be on sale, after church, on **April 21** for **\$2 each**.

Email Mary Lee Yaukey if you want to join the fun of making the delicious buns on Saturday morning, **April 20**.



Camp Clean Up is Saturday, **April 27**– Help is needed to get the camp cleaned and ready for the summer camping season. The Boy Scouts will be helping to clean the grounds and taking on the big task of leaf removal. Help is needed to clean cabins, the dining hall, kitchen, etc.

Please, join us at camp Saturday morning!

*Kindness is  
in your blood*



**American Red Cross Blood Drive  
Help Save a Life**

**Friday, May 31, 2024  
11:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall**

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



**St. John's Camp Clean-up will be held  
on Saturday, April 27, 2024**

# THE CARING CORNER

## **Caring Cooks for Support during Recovery— What are we doing?**

It's time to update our list of volunteers that are willing to help provide a meal during a recovery period, like after surgery, birth of baby, etc. In the past we called this team the Caring Cooks and we still like that name. We are just going to modify how it works.

Our office staff is interested in helping coordinate this effort by taking your requests for help and notifying a team of volunteers to pitch in. No meetings, just a promise to support when you can!

So first we have to update our volunteer list. If you were previously part of Caring Cooks or are new to the concept and want to help, we need to hear from you. Simply call (717-263-8593) or email (assistant@sjucc1811.org) the office and let them know you are interested.

Then when a need arises during a recovery period call the church office and work with them to schedule your need,

The office will notify the volunteers, and the meals can be scheduled!  
**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THIS WORK!**

### **Don't Forget—St John's Cares about you**

**Need a prayer**—the office can take your prayer request and send it to the prayer chain.

**Need a meal**—the office can contact Caring Cooks and arrange support for you.

**Need a visit or know of someone who does**—The office can contact Pastor Caroline and/or the Called to Care team and arrange the visit.

**Want to add flowers to the Sanctuary**—the office can make sure your name is added to the flower chart and work with you on your order.

We have a wonderful team in our church office that are ready and available to help facilitate your needs.

# Celebrating Birthdays at St. John's UCC



Have you wondered about the birthday card showers? Well, here is the latest scoop!

Each month the office staff review our records for birthdays to be included in the following month's Spirit. During that review, if they observe a milestone birthday, they take note and about a week before the big day send an email to all of us inviting us to send birthday cards and good wishes to our fellow St. John's friends.

What is a milestone birthday you ask? For the past few years that has been set at 90, 95, and 100. We are now updating this practice to include 85, 90, 95, and all subsequent birthdays.

In addition, any time a friend or family member think a birthday card shower (or really any kind of thoughtful card shower) would be appropriate for their loved one, they can reach out to the office staff and request the same. It's a wonderful way to let people know that they are being thought about with Christian Love!

APRIL 15, 2024 | 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  
**The Trojan Diner & Sports Bar!**  
1121 Lincoln Way E  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Bring your questions,  
Invite your friends!



Note: We will not have a Saturday Night Worship in April due to scheduling conflicts. See you on May 11, 2024!

*Join us for*

# **Saturday Night Worship**

*This service is designed to provide a relaxed, informal, intimate atmosphere for worship and fellowship.*

*This family-friendly worship service includes communion and activities for children.*



**May 11, 2024**

**5:00 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

St. John's UCC

1811 LWE Chambersburg, PA 17202



A great deal of “thanks” needs to be given to Chris Long, Diana Macfarlane and Dixie Weller for having lunch at the Italian Village on the scheduled Wednesday, March 13 so that the Ladies Luncheon would continue on schedule. For the first time in many years they were the only three members able to attend—and attend they did— so we’ve never had a cancellation.

Wednesday, April 10, we plan to meet at the Trojan Diner at 11:30 with more of our group in attendance. Plan now to join us.

## MENS BREAKFAST



We will be meeting Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 7am at Chris’s Kitchen (across from Perkins)

We look forward to seeing any and all for April’s Breakfast



# April BIRTHDAYS

04/03 Jayla Marie Wheeler

04/04 Mabel Perry

04/04 Evelyn sites

04/06 Diana Kongkeattikul

04/08 Sharon Myers

04/09 Beverly Peters

04/10 Diane Bigler

04/11 Doris Miller

04/11 Bryce Brown

04/13 David Frantz

04/15 Katie Boyer

04/20 Nancy Gaal

04/20 Sven Burkard

04/23 Elijah Herbert

04/26 Harold Collier

04/29 Matthew Tucker

04/30 Ruth Bard

04/30 Heather Rensch





## Youth Calendar of Events

April

6 Delivery of Supplies to Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter 1pm

7 Church School 8:45

Confirmation class after worship

14 Church School 8:45

Children's Corner

21 Church School 8:45

28 Church School 8:45

Children's Corner



Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter

The Youth will be once again helping the Nursery School in their collection of items for the CVAS by delivering them to the shelter on April 6th. We will meet at the church to load then proceed to the shelter. Of course, we will visit with the animals if permitted!!!

Contact Roxanne if you can<sup>26</sup> attend for permission form.



## Save the Date

VBS

July 28- August 1, 2024

See Roxanne to  
help!!!!

**PUZZLE  
LENDING  
LIBRARY!**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO  
BORROW A PUZZLE  
AND/OR DONATE  
PUZZLES!**

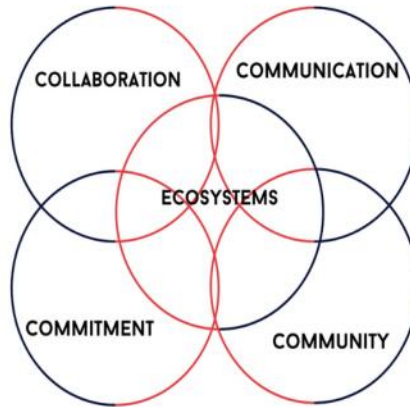
**PUZZLES ARE AVAILABLE  
IN THE BACK OF OUR  
LIBRARY**

# Join us for this Workshop Opportunity!



*Presenter: Dr. José Ricardo, Shippensburg University*

## NET ENGAGING



*Where: St. John's UCC, Room 116  
When: April 20th, 2024 from 9:30am-11:30am*



# The Narthex and How to Use It

During the last Worship Ministry meeting, there was some discussion about the purpose of the Narthex. The narthex is designed to be a quiet entrance to the Sanctuary where worshipers can receive a bulletin, look at the wall hangings, and see other memories from St. John's past and present. This also provides the opportunity to observe the artistic depiction of the seven days of creation pictured in a stained glass screen. Brochures describing the various elements of our sanctuary are also available to help us learn more about its design, the art work, and the ways it helps us to connect with the Divine.

The Narthex is the area where people get ready to worship and take their seats in the pews. When the church was constructed, the idea was to enter the church via the walkway under the canopy to enter the front doors into the lobby. The lobby was designed to be the place for conversation and fellowship. The narthex is a place of preparation for worship. Today many people enter the sanctuary via the handicapped entrance, which is closer to the parking lot and safer for many people to use. We encourage using the lobby or the parlor (located behind the sanctuary) as ideal places to visit and connect with others before and after the service. This allows the narthex to be less crowded and helps facilitate quiet meditation for those who sit in the sanctuary preparing for worship.

We would welcome your help as a greeter/usher to hand out bulletins and other information about St. John's, especially to those who are joining us for worship as visitors. Anyone who would like to assist and serve as an usher for the 20 minutes or so before worship should contact Don Hendrickson (his contact information is in the directory).

Thank you for your consideration!

-Worship Ministry Team

# Ministry Chairs

## 2023-2024

**Called to Care**—*Connie Morrill-Hair*

**Camp**—*MaryLee Yaukey*

**Caring Cooks**—*Lisa Frantz*

**Children & Youth Ministry**—*Roxanne Davenport*

**Facilities Ministry**—*Tom Harrison*

**Fellowship**—*Sue McMurtray*

**Finance**—*Scot Orndorff*

**Invitational Ministry**—*Susan Collier*

**Library**—*MaryLee Yaukey*

**Nursery School**—*Renee Byers*

**Open and Affirming**—*N. Aaron Hartman/Mark and Emily Hoyer*

**Outreach**—*TBD*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** — *N. Aaron Hartman*

**Public Relations**— *TBD*

**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* 30

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 2023-2024

## Trustees

TBD

Thomas Harrison—**Vice President & Head Trustee**

Larry Wadel

## Elders

Harold Collier, **President**

N. Aaron Hartman

Jill Miller

Gary Patterson

Dwight Sollenberger, **Head Elder**

Carol Yarema

## Deacons

Allen Frantz

Mike Blumberg

Cathy Kinton, **Head Deacon**

Sarah Myers, **Secretary**

Chris Willman-Bunge

TBD

## Pastor

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

# **Sunday Worship will be at 10 am (Offered In-Person and on YouTube)**

Upcoming Communion Dates:

Sunday, April 7, 10 am, Sanctuary & Livestreamed

Saturday, May 11, 5 pm, Fellowship Hall

Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 10 am, Sanctuary & Livestreamed



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