

The Spirit

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From Pastor Caroline

The month of May bring warmer weather, beautiful flowers, and opportunities to live into our faith in word and deed. The scriptures assigned for the Sundays in Eastertide are all reminders of the love that God has for us, the love Jesus modeled for us, and how we are to practice that love for our neighbors and our world.

Thank you to those who participated in the Reentry Simulation on April 16 and for those who have expressed interest in attending the Poverty Simulation to be held this fall, date TBD. Experiential learning opportunities allow us to better understand the lived experience of our neighbors and friends. My dad was especially fond of this quote from Maya Angelou: “We did the best we could with what we knew. Now we know better; now we must do better.” As our awareness grows, our words and actions are to reflect this new knowledge. How we live in the world matters; do not underestimate the power you have to positively impact the lives of people around you.

I look at the calendar of events and the ways we are living into our strategic plan and all I can say is “wow.” We are truly embracing our “Future Together” and I am glad and grateful to be in ministry with you. It’s hard to believe that May 1 marks 6 years together.

I’m looking forward to celebrating the birthday of the church at Pentecost, which this year is May 19. We will give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit, celebrating confirmation and communion, and honoring our high school graduates. A church picnic will follow; there is no need to bring anything but yourself.

St. John’s is hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Friday, May 31. More information about how to sign up is available on page 19. As someone who is A negative, I’m going to try and be a “power red” donor this year.

A healing service is being planned for June 2, which will include the blessing of the prayer shawls. Thank you to the Called to Care team for organizing this special service.

Our Spring Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 23, following worship. More information about that meeting will be available soon.

I will be away on vacation May 20 to 30. Rev. Peter Emig will be preaching and leading worship on Sunday, May 26. I will also be away June 7-9 for the shared Annual Meeting of all four Pennsylvania Conferences of the UCC. Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President, will be joining us and preaching during closing worship on Sunday. I was honored to vote for Rev. Dr. Thompson to lead our denomination as GMP last summer at General Synod. Thank you for allowing me the time and space for rest and renewal, as well as participation and leadership in the wider church.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come. May your flame lead ²us forward in faithfulness.
Peace, Pastor Caroline



MUSIC MINISTRY

THE STORY OF THE SONG “CORNERSTONE”

On Sunday, April 14, our bell choir played the accompaniment for our choir to sing the song “Cornerstone” Here is a bit of history behind the song.

It has been said, in somewhat tongue and cheek manner, that there are not new worship songs. Instead, phrases from existing ones get written out, cut up, and throne into the air and slightly rearranged from where they land.

It may be the limitations of the genre that force worship song writers to decline into old hymns and scavenge phrases from the past to introduce some variety and depth. So the story of “Cornerstone” starts back in 1834 when Edward Motes wrote “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

In 2012 Reuben Morgan added his own chorus and melody, but took the entire verses as Mote had written them. With all the storms and struggles we face, with the threats and fear that stack up, there is only one thing in which we can put our trust.

“CORNERSTONE”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Saviors love.
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be bound,
Dressed in His righteousness alone. Faultless to stand before the throne.

Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of All.



St John's Nursery School

Another school year has come and gone! The 2023-2024 School year has been filled with many blessings and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such talented staff and supportive families.

The toddlers have grown so much and mastered so many important developmental skills. They have grown in confidence and are ready to move on to our 3-year-old program next school year. The 3 year olds are an amazingly fun group. They have learned to be productive and confident members of our classroom communities and I am so proud of how much they have learned this year. The 4 year olds are ready for Kindergarten! Through the curriculums of Eureka, Heggerty, and Foundations, our teachers have laid the groundwork for our students to be successful Kindergarten learners. I wish them the best in their next schooling adventure!

We will end our year with many fun activities:

- Teacher Appreciation week, May 6th-10th, is being planned by our Nursery School families. We cannot wait to show our hard-working teachers how much we love and appreciate them!
- Our Family Carnival will be held Friday, May 17th from 10am-1pm here at the church. The carnival is a time to celebrate the children and families who we have had the privilege to get to know this year.
- Graduation ceremonies for our 4/5 year olds will take place on Monday, May 20th and Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to join as we celebrate those children who will be transitioning to Kindergarten in the fall.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Nursery School Ministry, Teachers and Assistants, Nursery School parents and children, Office Staff, Pastor, and SJUCC church members for your support, prayers, and dedication to our Nursery School mission.

Wishing all of you an enjoyable, relaxing, and safe summer!
Kari Rock, Director

Member Spotlight!

About me, Judy Hodges:

The main drivers in my life are family, education, and science/nature.

Both my husband and I are from Erie, but we met online. Randy is an IT geek -- his field is robotic process automation (RPA), which is not physical robots, but software robots. He has been living and working near D.C., but that will change soon. My only birth child, and adopted by Randy, is Toby, a math teacher at Biglerville High School. Randy has four children, who all live in Erie. They've given us 10 grandchildren. My adopted daughter, Jamie, gave me 3 grandchildren, Alahna and Owen (whom I have adopted) and Autumn, who lives with her father.

My curious and questioning mind came from Dad -- a UCC pastor and then a vocational and rehab counselor for the blind. My love of nature and education from Mom -- a faculty member at a tiny women's college in Erie (the school was so tiny, my mother was the entire Phys Ed department!), where I got my biology degree. I grew up with 3 older siblings; spent my summers swimming in Lake Erie, or at Girl Scout camp, or near Scranton where my parents were raised and owned some property.



I have a master's degree in Science Education. I never wanted to be a teacher, but the universe had other plans. 37 years in the classroom, and I still love teaching! I've taught in rural Erie County, suburban Bucks County, and in Philadelphia. Biology, Earth/space science, environmental science, chemistry, and physics. Now I work from my kitchen (biggest room in my little house in Biglerville) for Founders Education, a nation-wide cyber school. I am certified to teach in 48 states and D.C. I have less direct contact with my students, but I also have fewer discipline issues.

Future Together Progress Report

May 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 devotion is now linked on our home page.
- ◆ The Wired Word class is continuing—all are welcome, Sundays @ 8:45 in Rm 116.
- ◆ Our 2024 Lenten devotional was well received.
- ◆ Vacation Bible School is scheduled July 28th through August 1st.
- ◆ If you missed a copy of the Spirit, links for past editions are now available on our website. Click “The Spirit—Monthly Newsletter” for current and past issues.

ENERGIZE PARTICIPATION

- ◆ A poverty simulation workshop with SCCAP will be scheduled for the Fall. We will be a pilot for the revised program.
- ◆ A task force continues their work reviewing the governance structure and leadership teams needed to succeed in reaching our goals. Our hope is to have a presentation ready for the congregational meeting in June 2024.
- ◆ A retreat called Net Engagement facilitated by Jose Ricardo-Osorio was held for April 20th from 9:30 to 11:30 am. The retreat emphasized the need for communication, collaboration, and commitment as necessary qualities for leaders.
- ◆ A car show is in the early stages of planning for later this year.
- ◆ Camp Spring cleanup on April 27 helped get our camp ready for the 2024 season. Thank you to our Scouts for assisting with this project.
- ◆ We are a bronze sponsor of the Race Against Poverty on Friday June 7th.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- ◆ Our library (located in room 106) now hosts a jigsaw puzzle exchange: take one or trade one and enjoy a relaxing time.
- ◆ Our youth group collected supplies for the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter. Thank you to St. John's UCC and St. John's Nursery School for your donations.
- ◆ The Caring Cooks group is seeking to reorganize with the office help. This group helps to provide meals when someone is recovering from illness or surgery, has a major life transition, etc. By signing up to be on the "caring cooks list," you are indicating your willingness to be contacted when there is a need for meals.
- ◆ May First Fruits are supporting the Race Against Poverty.
- ◆ Our annual church picnic is planned for May 19 after worship. We will celebrate Confirmation and honor our high school graduates.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- ◆ Volunteers are being recruited to help Legal Services book sale coming in June.
- ◆ Our spring tea was very successful and planning has started for the Fall Tea.
- ◆ A Mothers' Day Ball is planned for Friday, May 10.
- ◆ On Friday, May 31 we will host a Red Cross Blood Donation drive. More details about how to sign up are coming soon.
- ◆ A Reentry Simulation was hosted on April 16 from 1 to 4pm. It was well received by both participants and volunteers.
- ◆ The Summer Singers are seeking singers; concerts are scheduled in the summer.
- ◆ St. John's will host the Salvation Army Auxiliary Fabric Fair in May 2024.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- ◆ Interested in using our camp this summer? Rental fees have been updated and are available on the Camp page of our website. A grant has been awarded from Penn Central Conference Outdoor Ministry fund to assist campers and camp upgrades.
- ◆ St. John's has engaged Berkstresser Realty. We have a contract being finalized and another interested in a possible rental opportunity for space in our building.
- ◆ To assist us in applying for grants, St. John's has engaged Ghost Writer LLC and has identified several grants and sponsorships will are seeking.
- ◆ Camp Sticky Bun fundraising was April 20. First Fruits donations in April went to support Sponsor-a-Camper.

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund: **What is it and How it Works**

When I came to St. John's in 2018, I was entrusted with a special fund: the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. What is this fund, you may ask? It is a checking account that enables the pastor, on behalf of the congregation, to help those within our church and in our community who need a helping hand with some financial needs.

What kind of needs does the Pastor's Discretionary Fund (PDF) help with?

- Gas and transportation
- Food and nutrition
- Hotel rooms (usually 1-2 nights)
- Medical expenses
- Utilities (water or electric)
- Rent (partial payments)
- Car repairs (partial payments)
- School supplies for kids
- Clothing

Many people in the wider Chambersburg area meet the ALICE criteria: asset limited, income constrained, employed. These are people who work but struggle to survive. ALICE earns above the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), but makes less than what's needed to afford basic essentials. ALICE often earns too much to qualify for government assistance, and there is no room in ALICE's budget for emergency expenses.

Most of the people that the PDF helps fall into this category; people who are doing their best to make it and have an unexpected expense that their budget just won't cover. As a church, we have the ability to help mitigate the struggles people face. I'm honored to be able to help people in a tangible way, financially as well as spiritually. After all, it's hard to convince people that a God they can't see loves them when people in a church they can see don't seem to like them very much.

Your donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund make a real difference in the lives of our friends and neighbors. Whether it is a Walmart gift card that helps someone to buy food or gas, clothing or school supplies, a night or two in a safe hotel room, or a check that covers part of someone's rent or utilities, people's lives are positively affected. We are helping to meet the immediate need, while also trying to advocate for structural change to help the 39% of Pennsylvanians who face financial hardship every day, in every county in PA (2021 data, per the United Way).

Thank you for supporting our friends and neighbors through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Your donations to our church help to change lives.

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

In the month of April we celebrated two very special 100th birthdays and on the same day no less! We asked each of these wonderful ladies what the secret to their longevity was and here were their responses:

“Keep active. I still do my own driving and grocery shopping. But most of all, keep active!”

- Mable Perry



“Don’t drink and don’t smoke.”

-Evelyn Sites

ST. PAULS UCC IS HOSTING A SHOWING OF

1946:

THE MISTRANSLATION THAT SHIFTED CULTURE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL DOCUMENTARY.

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

626 WILLIAMS GROVE ROAD

MECHANICSBURG, PA 17055



The mystery of how theology, history, culture, and politics led to a Biblical mistranslation, the man who tried to stop it, and the impassioned academic crusade of the LGBTQIA+ Christian community driven to discover the truth.

**R.S.V.P. TO STEVE ROUSH THROUGH
HIS EMAIL OF SCROUSH2@GMAIL.COM**



Thank You



Dear St. John's Family,

Thank you so much for all the wonderful help with the St. John's Spring Tea! Over the years many church members have donated dishes and pretty items to create a beautiful venue and we thank you. From planning to implementing a delightful "Tea", numerous church members and friends were busy behind the scenes. We appreciate all who advertised, invited friends and attended the event. Thank you to the set-up team (men & ladies), the prep workers, the kitchen help, the dapper waiters, the busy dishwashers, the clean-up/tear down volunteers, and tablecloth washing ladies! Thanks to Pastor Caroline for her support and assistance. A special thanks goes to Heather and Loretta who expertly and kindly handled the ticket sales and table chart!

Sincerely, Sue McMurtray, Connie Strunk, Mary Lou Hendrickson & Renee Byers

Dear St. John's Family, I thank you all for the abundance of cards sent by you with so many including words of encouragement. It is hard to put into words what those notes meant to me, especially early in my recovery. Knowing God's grace was expressed thoroughly you helped sustain me by knowing I am not alone. Thank you, thank you.

Fondly, Nina Widmann



Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am –3pm
We will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

MEMORIAL DAY
Remember and honor



Loretta Zimmerman - Office Manager
Heather Nickey - Office Assistant

Church office # (717) 263-8593

Planning for Community Engagement

As we continue to merge into Spring with slowly increasing temperatures, we can begin to engage some energy in supporting events throughout the community. We wish to highlight these for you in this month's issue of the "Spirit", encouraging you to put them on your calendar:

1. On Friday, May 17, the Mental Health Association will host their annual walk – **"Walk the Walk"** – starting at 10:00 a.m. Each year MHAFF holds this local walk campaign to increase awareness of mental illness and to recognize all persons that have been touched by mental illness in our community. Folks from all walks of life take part and include individuals with lived experience, family members, mental health professionals, public officials and supporters of the mental health cause. The walk begins and ends at the Eugene C. Clark Jr. Community Center at 235 S. Third Street with a rally at the Courthouse Plaza around noon. Walkers are provided a complimentary lunch after the rally. Registration must be in by May 3 to be assured receiving a t-shirt and can be done by going to <https://mhaff.org>.

2. **Sounds of Pride** on May 18 – a mini music festival fundraiser featuring artists from the region in the hopyard at Gearhouse Brewing Co. on Grant Street. Further information about performers, ticket prices, etc. can be found at www.pridefranklincounty.org.

3. **Franklin County Legal Services Book sale** at Fayetteville Elementary School. The Book sale will take place 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.

If you wish to volunteer to help out with the book sale, please pick up a **Volunteer Form** available next to book sale announcement on board in the main lobby. Please complete the form and turn it in to the church office **by May 5 to the church office**. These forms will be taken to the individual(s) who set up the scheduling for the sale. You will be confirmed directly by

4. **Rainbow Sale** – Order rainbow gear supporting Pride Month. Orders to be placed by June 7 and picked up on June 13.

5. **Race Against Poverty** will be held on Friday, June 7. This is an opportunity to take steps as a community against the poverty that grips many of our community residents. Poverty impacts the entire community and requires community solutions. One hundred percent (100%) of your registration fee 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. Please note that kids are encouraged to participate as well. Further information can be obtained by going to <https://raceagainstpoverity.org>.

6. Stayed tuned for ways to participate in event (s) for the recognition and celebration of the national holiday, Juneteenth, in the month of June. Details to follow in further communications from the church.

We also wish to highlight that St. John's continues to offer its facilities for community events. In April, we hosted a Re-Entry Simulation, working along with Franklin Together, to enable individuals to learn what life is like for a citizen returning from incarceration into the community. It is also our hope to host a Poverty Simulation in the fall which is another opportunity to learn what barriers and policies interfere with individuals seeking to better their lives when poverty presents myriad blocks along the way. Details will follow later in the summer for this upcoming fall event.

Ministry teams at St. John's encourage you to engage and participate in community activities as a way to further our interactions with others, learn from one another, and continue to serve in carrying out our mission and vision of expanding love and care.

 **FRANKLIN COUNTY
LEGAL SERVICES**

Each Case Matters



First Fruits

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St. John's QR Code
for Giving Online



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

JOIN US!!

**ALL CHURCH
PICNIC!**



HOT DOGS, CHIPS, DRINKS AND DESSERT

**SUNDAY, MAY 19
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**LOCATION: OUTSIDE BY THE KITCHEN;
FELLOWSHIP HALL IF INCLEMENT WEATHER**

****DONATIONS ACCEPTED****



New this year, St. John's Camp is offering a **Weekend Adventure** for youth who have completed 6th, 7th, & 8th grade **June 21-23** at a cost of **\$50**. Campers will arrive on Friday 4:00-6:00 and depart after lunch on Sunday. Campers will take a scavenger hunt hike around the lake at Cowan's Gap Lake, have a kayaking lesson with time on the water, and play sand volleyball. The youth will enjoy crafting projects, campfires, food, songs, stories, starlight gazing, and looking at the constellations. Enjoy God's special creation, participate in God Talks and walk the labyrinth. While at camp make new friends, learn about nature, explore the beautiful outdoors, go swimming and participate in the outdoor fun in the beautiful mountains.

This year **Camp Kum Ba Yah** is a day camp for youth who have completed **3rd, 4th, & 5th** grade **June 24-28** at a cost of **\$125**. For an additional **\$10**, campers may take advantage of an optional sleepover on Wednesday night with parental permission granted by checking the 'overnight option' on the registration form. Bus transportation is provided each day from St. John's U.C.C., or Sunnyway Foods on LWW or Milky Way Restaurant in Fort Loudon. Caring for the environment and learning about native PA wildlife will be our focus. Campers will find the wonder in nature and spend their days outdoors taking walks, swimming, crafting, singing, and making new friends! There's no better place than summer camp to do this!

Camp Noah is an exciting day camp for youth who have completed kindergarten, **1st, & 2nd** grade **June 24-28** at a cost of **\$125**. Bus transportation is provided each day from St. John's U.C.C. or Sunnyway Foods (LWW) or Milky Way Restaurant in Fort Loudon. Spend the week enjoying St. John's Camp's beautiful mountain setting near Cowan's Gap State park. Insects will be our focus as we learn about nature, do arts and crafts, explore the outdoors, go swimming and participate in all that St. John's camp has to offer.

Register for Camp 2024!

Go to the Camp page on the church website for the registration form.



DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Blood Drive
St. John's United Church of Christ

Family Center
1811 Lincoln Way E
Chambersburg

Friday, May 31
11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StJohnChambersburg to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Build the blood supply: Come give 5/20 to 6/9 for an exclusive Tetris and Red Cross shirt, ltd. qty.

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THE CARING CORNER



Then Jesus said: “Come to Me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

(Matthew 11:28 (NLT))

Save the date: **Sunday June 2, 2024**

All Are Welcome to our Sunday Morning **Healing Service** where you can quietly share your concerns with two others and receive a personal prayer. You can also confidentially submit your prayer request which will be collected that morning for a special prayer of healing. Won't you join us and bring someone who could use some support during a challenging time.

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.



COMING SOON—A FRIENDLY CALL FROM VOLUNTEERS AT ST. JOHN'S!

YOU, our congregation, are important to us and it's time for us to connect and communicate!

We want to check in and find out how you are doing. We also want to verify that you want to continue to be included as an active member or friend of St. John's. Won't you help us keep our records current and answer our call? We look forward to chatting with you!

Please note, we will be using the telephone number found in our current directory. If that is incorrect, please notify the church office by May 8.

-Elders of St. John's UCC

MAY 20, 2024 | 6:30 PM

BIBLE & A BEER

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!



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

Outside on the Lawn

St. John's UCC
1811 LWE Chambersburg, PA 17202



Ladies LUNCHEON

Our attendance “zoomed” to eleven when St. John’s ladies met for lunch at the Trojan Diner on Wednesday, April 10, at 11:30.

Bev Peters was surprised by “Happy Birthday” balloons, a card from each attendee, and cupcakes for everyone for dessert. (THANK YOU ALL SOOOOOOOOOO MUCH!) She shared a story about an unusual birthday from the magazine Good Old Days.

Wednesday, May 8, the group will have lunch at Menno Haven’s Northgate building in the Club Room at 11:30. Each lady should prepare to tell about HER MOM and perhaps share a photo.

MENS BREAKFAST



We will be meeting Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 7am at Chris’s Kitchen (across from Perkins)

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/01 Erika Burkard

05/05 Margaretta Kennedy

05/05 Sabrina Sollenberger

05/06 Trinity Burns

05/07 Mary Lou Hendrickson

05/07 Pamela Reichelderfer

05/07 Keiran Dereef

05/09 Doreen Horn

05/11 Larry Wadel

05/11 Christina (Myers) Eslinger

05/14 Neilan Rensch Jr.

05/14 Lori Leister

05/14 Heather Myers

05/15 Naomi Mull

05/16 Jeffrey Young

05/16 James Boyer

05/16 Colton Wadel

05/17 Joe Wohl

05/18 Zoe Dereef

05/20 Rafael Cuesta

05/20 Jared Reichelderfer

05/23 Vera Reber

05/ 23 James Patterson II

05/24 Reed Zeger

05/25 The Rev. Stephen Hoffman

05/25 Brenna Rosenberry

05/26 Luke Herbert

05/29 Jerry Miller

05/29 Nathaniel Widmann

05/29 Sutton Collier

05/30 W Richard Rebok

05/30 Hayden Johnson

05/30 Noah Wright

05/31 Dale Myers

05/31 Melinda Orndorff

05/31 Amanda Gillan



Happy
BIRTHDAY



Youth Calendar of Events

May

6 Church School 8:45

12 Church School 8:45

Children's corner

Confirmation Final Project after worship

19 LAST Church School 8:45

26 **NO** Children's Corner



Save the Date

VBS

July 28- August 1, 2024

See Roxanne to
help!!!!

Crew leaders are needed

Work Days are July 14 and 21! Mark Your Calendars!!!!

**PUZZLE
LENDING
LIBRARY!**

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

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

AN EVENING OF BALLROOM DANCE

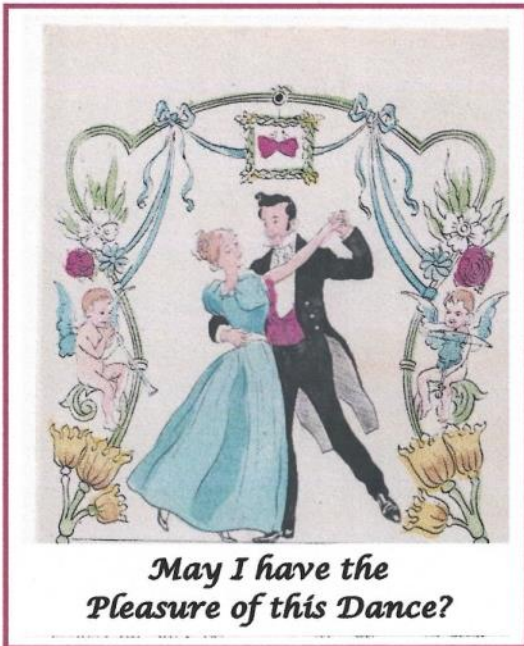
CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY

Presented by

Discover Dance Works

Uniting the Community through Dance, Music, Theatre, Art, Culture

"Dance should not be reserved for certain kinds of people. Everyone is a dancer." Charlotte Faillard.



Friday, May 10th 2024

*All your favorite
ballroom dances*

6pm - 9pm

*Swing, Tango, Cha Cha,
Waltz, Foxtrot, Rumba,
Salsa, Line Dances.*

In association with

Danza Antiqua

*St John's UCC, 1181 Lincoln Way
East, Chambersburg, PA.*

*Tickets are \$10.00 per person and represent a donation to help
us provide further dance opportunities in our community.*

Pay at the door

For more information call/txt 717-414-1166

Or email: DiscoverDanceWorks1@gmail.com

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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*

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 Hoger*

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*

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

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Pastor

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

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

Communion Dates:

Saturday, May 11, 5 pm Outside on the Lawn

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

Sunday, June 2, 10 am, Sanctuary & Livestreamed

Sunday, July 7, 10 am, Sanctuary & Livestreamed



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