

The Spirit

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Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

From Pastor Caroline

May brings many things: warmer weather, beautiful flowers, and continued opportunities to live out our faith in word and deed. Plus: pollen. Pass the tissues and allergy meds.

We are officially in a new liturgical season: Eastertide. The fifty days after Easter are filled with stories of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances, leading us to Ascension and Pentecost. Like those early followers, we need reminders of Jesus' love, teachings, and practices.

And we need hope. I recently listened to an interview Diana Butler Bass did with Norman Wirzba on his new book "Love's Braided Dance: Hope in a Time of Crisis", which explores the nature of hope as a practice entwined with love and faith. Hope isn't something we have; it is something we do. "Hope," he insists, "is a way of being in which people commit themselves to the healing of our wounded world." I found that to be profound, especially now: hope is an action. How do we cultivate hope? How we embody it?

Since January, I've been participating in an online clergy cohort once a month called "For Such a Time as This" designed to help pastors navigate this moment. I'll be attending the Festival of Homiletics (a preaching conference) in Atlanta May 12-18; this year's theme is "Preaching to Heal the Divide." I keep looking for resources, things to help me to transform the despair I feel into concrete actions I can take, particularly as a pastor.

The roles that a pastor fills are complex: we are to be priest and prophet and sage. I perform rituals; I lead worship; I try to listen carefully and speak truthfully; I offer critique and compassion; and I do my best to be faithful to my call, a call that comes from God.

While I'm looking forward to six weeks of sabbatical to start on June 30, I know there's a lot that can (and will) happen between now and then. Keep calm and carry on; and maybe, get in some good (holy) trouble, too.

Last month, I offered us a few simple breath prayers written by Sarah Bessey for us to pray when we might be overwhelmed or anxious or just plain tired. As she writes, "Breath prayer is an ancient form of prayer and it is easily adaptable. Simply choose one or two lines to meditate on and inhale and then exhale through them. It really is that simple." I offer a few more of her breath prayers, because I need them, and you might, too.

Inhale: In the darkness,

Exhale: illuminate the truth.

Inhale: I welcome my fear,

Exhale: but will not be ruled by it.

Inhale: Compassion and mercy

Exhale: is never the wrong choice.

Inhale: Help me to discern the times,

Exhale: and to move with wisdom and boldness.

Inhale: I release despair,

Exhale: I embrace joy and trust.

Maybe there is one prayer that really speaks to you; maybe you need to write your own.

Blessed Eastertide, my friends. May the stories of Jesus inspire us and our work, especially as we grow in love of God and neighbor. 2

Peace, Pastor Caroline



MUSIC MINISTRY

“The Story behind “Onward, Christian Soldiers”

“Onward Christian Soldiers” was written in 1865 with no intention of ever being published, especially in periodicals later that year, and so it became included in English hymnals around the world. Louis Benson suspects that it caught on in the United States.

It was written in a very simple fashion....Whit Monday is a great day for school festivals in Yorkshire, and one Whit Monday it was arranged that our school should join us forces with that of a neighboring village. I wanted the children to sing when marching from on village to the other, but couldn't think of anything suitable, so it was written in great haste, and I am afraid some of the rhymes are faulty. Certainly nothing had surprised me more than its great popularity.

Though it was never meant for publication, it nevertheless found its way into a periodical later that year, and soon it became included in English hymnals around the world. Louis Benson suspects that it caught on in the United States, at least in part, because it tapped into the “soldier-spirit left in the hearts of young Americans by the four years of the “Civil War” which had just ended. So now you know!

Gary Crum

St. John's Mission in Supporting Others in our Community

Did you know that one in every 4 Franklin County residents cannot afford basic living expenses? Poverty impacts the entire community and requires community solutions. We are fortunate to have a program via South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) that can assist individuals overcome poverty (Circles Program).

The Circles Program builds relationships and skills in its participants that inspire and equip them to overcome poverty, helping individuals move into a long-term strategy and thus help create a more vibrant community.

St. John's supports the program in several ways:

- 1) We are a sponsor of the Race Against Poverty (for the fifth year in a row). This provides an opportunity for us to highlight St. John's visibility in our community.
- 2) Outreach Ministry (and the Community Engagement Committee) has designated **our First Fruits Offering for the month of May to support the Race Against Poverty.**
- 3) St. John's has registered to have a team participate in this event (walking). You can join our team by going to
- 4) St. John's has registered to have a team participate in this race event. You can do so by going to **raceagainstpoverty.org** to register. When prompted, select an already "existing group" -- click on that and join the St. John's UCC team. You can make a donation toward our team goal as well.
- 5) This year the ***Race Against Poverty is Friday, June 6.*** It provides an opportunity for you to walk, to run, as well as for children (ages 11 and under) to join the Raber Run for Kids, making this a multigenerational event in Chambersburg. 100% of the registration fees for the race goes to support the Circles Program. If you choose not to walk or run, you can simply show up and take in the energy of citizens of the Chambersburg wider community coming together for this fun and missional event. And, you can support this program via our First Fruits Offering all month long (May).



Focus on Finance – May 2025

How did St John's UCC do financially in 2024? What does our General Fund financial picture look like to start out in 2025?

INCOME

General Offerings (unrestricted) were \$302k, which was \$7k over budget and \$21k higher than 2023. It was our first increase over the prior year since 2019!

Other positive revenue items included:

-Bequests received of \$109k (primarily from 2 wills); Interest income \$13k (invested cash in CD's earning 4+%); Grant received for \$15k to replace some doors; Net profit of \$10k from various fundraisers, including New Year's Banquet, Organ Recitals, Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner, and Spring / Autumn Teas.

Allocated donations received were \$33k, including First Fruits (\$7k), Organ Fund (\$2k), and Trustee Maintenance (\$21k). This includes \$20k received for the dishwasher project.

Building rent was \$20k as we successfully recruited 2 new tenants after First Start moved out in September 2023. HVAC donations were \$61k, which was \$7k under budget.

EXPENSE

Our biggest expenses are wages/benefits and building costs.

Wages & Benefits \$207k, or 42% of total expenses

Building \$157k, or 32% of total expenses

Other expenses include office (\$51k), Ministry (\$11k), Marketing/Grants (\$12k),

Benevolences (\$15k), Allocated (\$27k), and HVAC loan interest (\$7k).

Bottom Line: Revenues of \$580k exceeded expenses of \$493k by \$87k, thanks primarily to the bequests.

HVAC Loan

Our original loan of \$500k in July 2021 has been reduced to \$155k at 12/31/24. Our interest rate on the CD's exceeds the loan rate so there is no need to pay the loan off early (it matures in 2031).

CASH and INVESTMENTS

The Trust Fund is \$710k at 12/31/24, up \$69k due to positive market conditions.

Cash includes unrestricted (available to pay ongoing expenses) of \$194k and restricted (for specific purposes) of \$186k. Restricted cash includes \$43k for the Church Camp.

SUMMARY

The Church requires a large revenue stream to make ends meet. We had a very good year in 2024 thanks to our generous members and the bequests received, and we are in good shape to start 2025. Thanks to all of you for helping to make 2024 a successful year financially at SJUCC.

-The Finance Task Force (Lisa Fair, Scot Orndorff, Jerry Thomason, and Pastor Caroline)

St. John's Nursery School

It has been an amazing year here at St. John's Nursery School!

The 2024-2025 school year has been filled with many blessings and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such talented staff, dedicated ministry members, and supportive families.

The toddlers have grown so much and have 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 5th-9th, 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 16th 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 Wednesday, May 21st and Thursday, May 22nd 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 a fun, adventurous, and safe summer!

Kari Rock, Director



Church Office Hours:

**Monday - Friday
9:00am - 3:00pm**

**Office will be closed on Monday
May 26 in observance of
Memorial Day**

Office Administrator: Tonya Schwartz
Phone: 717-263-8593



THE CARING CORNER---

On April 14, seven members of the Called to Care Team (Pastor Caroline, Diana Macfarlane, Jolene McGinley, Mary Moyer, Lynda Pound, Eileen Shaffer, and Connie Morrill-Hair) met for an informal lunch discussion at the Bistro in Village Square at Menno Haven.

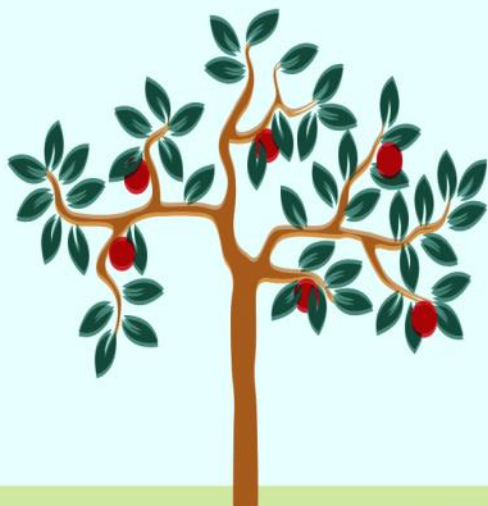
And just as we were about to eat, the fire alarm went off and we had to evacuate. It had nothing to do with our discussions! While waiting outside, we couldn't resist taking this picture—See no evil, hear no evil, and say no evil!

We did resume our lunch and shared our thoughts about the Future Together Strategic Plan theme of Congregational Care! A good laugh, a good lunch, and a good discussion!



INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. JOHN'S UCC?

PLEASE SPEAK WITH OR CONTACT
PASTOR CAROLINE IF INTERESTED



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

A MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY DATE WILL BE
SELECTED FOR SPRING 2025

Future Together Progress Report

We continue 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

- Pastor Caroline is leading a weekly study on Monday afternoons at 1:30 pm. The next book selection is “How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith” by Mariann Edgar Budde. We will begin this new read on April 28.
- Bible Study on the book of Daniel is held on Sunday evenings at 8 pm via Zoom. The link to join is included in the weekly e-blast.
- We joined with Conococheague Mission Cooperative (CMC) partners for shared Lenten services. It is good to be gathered with others for worship and service.
- The Wired Word class meets Sundays at 8:45 am in room 116. Email Harold Collier to join the mailing list to receive material in advance.
- Diana Kongkeattikul writes a weekly devotional for our website. An opt-in email list is available via the office if you’d like to receive her reflection directly in your inbox.

ENERGIZE PARTICIPATION

- St. John’s Council meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month. The focus in March was getting our Missional Standing Committees (Community Engagement, Congregational Care, and Spiritual Life) organized. This work continues.
- The May 3 Spring Tea in Paris was sold out within days. Wow! Contact the church office to join the email list for future teas.
- The Church grounds clean-up was completed on April 12. Spring clean up at St. John’s Camp was held on April 26 with the help of our Scouts.
- A community pancake breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 19th.
- The pickle ball court in Fellowship Hall is ready for use.
- A meeting organize a leadership team for our annual Habitat for Humanity Book Sale will be held on May 7. As this event has grown, it’s good to expand the group.
- Summer Singers will present a concern at St. John’s in July. If you would like to join the group in singing this summer, please contact Gary Crum.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- Information on Caregiver Support Groups that are available in the community are posted on the bulletin boards and were sent out via email.
- The prayer chain is a wonderful way that we can be involved in praying with and for one another. Prayer requests can also be emailed or texted to Pastor Caroline. To join the prayer chain, please contact the church office.
- Thank you for your patience with the process of putting together the new pictorial directory. If you have not yet submitted a photo, or would like to have one taken professionally, please contact the church office.
- “Life Talks” has been a wonderful addition to our Sunday mornings after worship. We are indeed doing life together!
- Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School. Contact Roxanne to sign up.
- People interested in forming the Congregational Care Standing Committee are invited to a meeting on Monday, April 28, at 3 pm.
- The annual Church Pentecost Picnic will be held after worship on June 8.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- The Wired Word Church School Class is exploring other ways that SJUCC can be involved in the wider community. We build community as we serve the community.
- Courtney Robertson will share information about Sweet Grace Ministries on May 18 during the Adult Church School Class in Room 116. All are invited to learn more.
- The girl scouts who meet at St. John’s will be painting the upstairs hallway on May 18 as a service project. We are very thankful for their efforts!
- A Mothers’ Day Ball occurs on May 9. More information is included in the Spirit.
- The Guilford Hills Elementary School 5th Grade Graduation will be held at our church.
- May 30, 31 and June 1 many of our members will be helping support the Franklin County Legal Services Book Sale. Their success is our success, and vice versa!
- We are a sponsor of the 15th annual Race Against Poverty on Friday, June 6. We will have a team of walkers participating. More information will be send out via email.

Future Together Progress Report

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- A community art class is renting space at St. John's on Mondays (room 116). They are very pleased with the room and rental arrangements.
- Word about our spaces being available for community use continues to grow, including the demonstration of an art technique later this summer (July). Adding rental information to our website is planned for later this spring.
- Ghostwriter, LLC continues to help us apply for grants.
- A team of volunteers has been assembled to obtain quotes for building projects, including new windows, additional exterior doors, the parking lots, and an elevator. We hope that by having these quotes in-hand, we will be able to move forward more quickly with grant applications and particular projects with donated funds.
- We are actively seeking ways to use the new equipment (dishwasher, griddle) that expands our kitchen usage. Thank you to those who donated to "Operation Dishwasher" and to Invitational Ministry for funding these projects.
- Online giving and other giving opportunities are regularly advertised. A QR code to is placed in our publications. Finance-related articles are included in every Spirit.

Sunday Night Bible Study

Join Pastor Caroline on Sunday nights
at 8 pm on Zoom for
Bible Study on the book of Daniel!

Check out News in the Pews & E-blast
for each week's reading assignment.

We encourage looking at a variety of translations;
Pastor Caroline is using the Common English Bible (CEB).

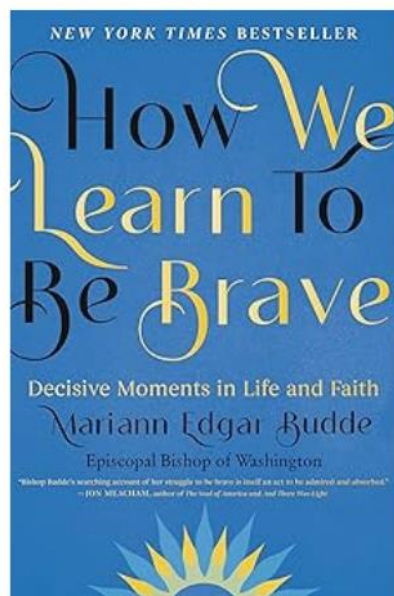
Zoom Information:

Meeting ID 836 0593 5961

Passcode 277938

Join Pastor Caroline for a group
discussion of "How We Learn To Be
Brave: Decisive Moments in Life
and Faith" by Mariann Edgar Budde.
We meet on Mondays at 1:30 pm in
Conference Room 111.

Check out News in the Pews for
each week's reading assignment.
Everyone is welcome.



Formation of Missional Standing Committees

As we live into our new structure, we seek to highlight the Missional Standing Committees with their purpose and focus, as well as how the Committee is being formed from existing groups and teams.

Community Engagement: The Community Engagement Committee is responsible for building relationships and maintaining engagement with our community, overseeing outreach to our local and global communities, and partnering with other churches and organizations as we remain faithful to our mission to grow in love of God and neighbor.

The Community Engagement Standing Committee met on March 10 and April 14 to coordinate many of the events already in progress and planned for 2025. Members of Invitational, ONA, and Outreach ministries came together to start defining our efforts in our new structure. At our second meeting on April 14, MaryLee Yaukey joined the group as a representative from Camp, a ministry that definitely engages the community.

Our discussion of upcoming events included the Race Against Poverty (RAP) in May, which provides us with visibility in the community, financial support of a great program, and the opportunity to participate together as a team (walking).

Community Engagement members took a look at the strategic plan goals and action items and were pleasantly surprised to see how much we are already doing organically. Wow!

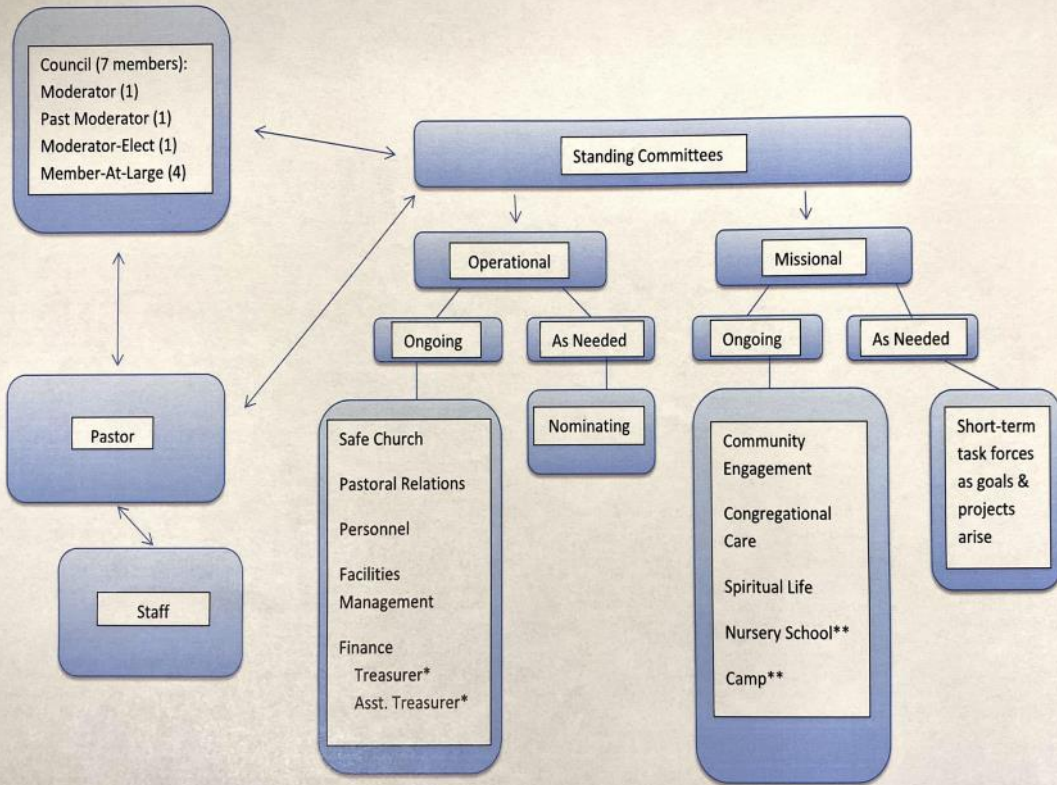
Congregational Care: The Congregational Care Committee works to nurture and promote a loving and caring culture to ensure a healthy and supportive congregation and live into our vision as a Christian church.

This missional standing committee had an initial organizational meeting on April 28 at 3 pm to build the team that will form this committee. Please, if you have an interest in helping our efforts in this area, contact Pastor Caroline or a Council member.

Spiritual Life: The Spiritual Life Committee, with the help of the Worship Support Team, is responsible for worship, education, spiritual formation, and communion. The Spiritual Life Committee ensures our congregation establishes and lives a covenantal relationship with one another while nurturing a welcoming culture for visitors and members of the community.

This missional standing committee will have an organizational meeting on **Wednesday, May 21, 4 pm** to build the team that will form this committee. Please, if you have an interest in helping our efforts in this area, contact Pastor Caroline or a Council member.

Appendix A: Working Relationship Between Council, Committees, and Pastor



*One of these attend with financial report to Council meetings, although not a Council member

** Have responsibility for administration or oversight of their missional program

We are working hard to establish our missional standing committees, as named in our Bylaws: **Community Engagement**, **Congregational Care**, and **Spiritual Life**. You can learn more about the progress we are making on page 14 and see how all of this fits together in our new structure above.

There is a place for everyone in the life of our church!

MAY 19, 2025 | 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 10 , 2025

5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

St. John's UCC

1811 LWE

Chambersburg, PA 17202





Thank You



A great big thank you from Mabel Perry for the many birthday cards and beautiful flowers she received from St. John's folks to help her celebrate her 101st birthday! Did you know Mabel continues to live independently and says it has everything to do with staying active!
How does she do it? Mabel says she gets lots of exercise cleaning her own home!
Congratulations Mabel on another milestone birthday!

The Ladies Lunch Bunch also celebrated two birthdays in April!

Sharon Mayer is looking good and continuing to do well after her recent treatments. We won't say how old she is—but she is amazing! **Happy Birthday Sharon!**



And Beverly Peters celebrated her 95th birthday on the day of the luncheon! Beverly continues to organize the Ladies Lunch, find fun icebreakers for us to share, and brings special cards for the group to sign for other St. John's folks. **Happy Birthday Beverly!**





My birthday was significant in so many ways, and my church was definitely a part of the celebration. It began when Greg and Cindy St. Clair visited me and brought alter flowers on Sunday. During the ladies luncheon I received cards, a balloon and a yellow rose-my favorite. Then in my mailbox more cards arrived. St. John's is still a very big part of my life. Thanks so much to everyone.

I am blessed. ~ Beverly Peters

Dear St. John's family,

Thank you for the many cards I received for my 90th birthday. I especially appreciate the notes that were on them. We are blessed to have such kind friends.

Fondly,

Nina Widmann

To my St. John's family,

Thank you for my many and varied expressions of caring extended to me for my birthday and surgical event! They brought a smile to my face and warmth to my heart.

Love to all - Lee Powell

Thank you so much for allowing us to use the church as our collection space for the Winter Warmth Drive. St. John's makes an ideal point for us to meet the community for this. I also enjoy seeing the regular activity through your doors—kids and volunteers!

Blessings during this season of renewal!

-Amy Hicks and United Way of Franklin County



Thank You

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits - Psalm 68:19

Thank you for supporting the Franklin County Jail Ministry! Your gift enables us to share the gospel with the inmates. Lives are changed and God is glorified. What a great investment!!



Dear St. John's United Church of Christ,

On behalf of the Diaper Depot of Central Presbyterian Church, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$418.00. These funds will provide diapers for many children in the Chambersburg area. The Diaper Depot helped over 577 families just in the months of January- March 2025. That is over 28,850 diapers that were given out to the community.

With the generosity of businesses, individual supporters, and faith organizations like yours, the Diaper Depot can continue to help many families in need. We are honored to have your partnership in serving this community.

May you be blessed as you have blessed others.
Thanks again for your support!

Alexis Helman
Church Administrator Central Presbyterian Church

AN EVENING OF BALLROOM DANCE

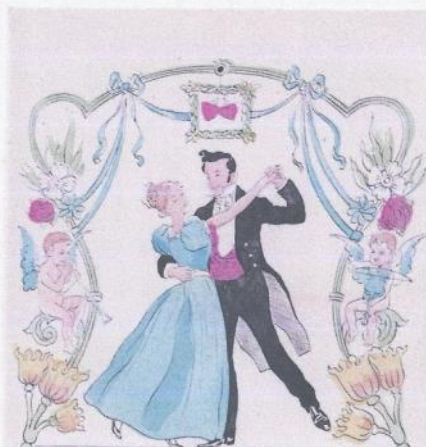
CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY

Presented by

Discover DanceWorks (501c3)

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.



*May I have the
Pleasure of this Dance?*

Friday, May 9th 2025

*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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St. John's Camp News



The Camp Ministry members are very excited about the 2025 camp season!

The ministry team has been busy planning for this summer's camps –

Weekend Adventure for grades 6-8+ is **June 20-22 - \$50**

Camp Kum Ba Yah for grades 3-5 is **June 23-27 - \$125**
(with Wednesday overnight option at an additional cost of \$10)

Camp Noah for grades K-2 is **June 23-27- \$125**

Note: Camp Noah and Kum Ba Yah will basically be run as two separate camps.

(\$25 Discount for Kum Ba Yah & Noah if paid in full by June 1.)

The camp brochure and the registration form
are available on the Church's website.

sjucc1811.org/camp/

"Life's Learning" presenters, counselors, and lunch time helpers will be needed to operate the camp program. If you are available June 23-27 to help with camp for a day or more, please contact Mary Lee Yaukey (mlyaukey@comcast.net) or Renee Byers (rbyers@comcast.net).



Campers and staff are needed.

Come and join us at camp!

St John's Church Ballroom Dancing Starts Thursday March 20

"Learn to Dance and use it forever"



- **Beginners Class 6:00-7:00.** (Swing, Tango, Cha Cha, Foxtrot.)
- **Second Timers Class 7:00-8:00** (Swing Triple Step, Bachata, Waltz, Rumba, Enhanced Cha Cha, Two Step)
- **Dates:** Thursdays March 20, Mar. 27, Ap. 3, Friday Ap. 11, Thursdays April 24, and May 1.
- **Contact:** Frank Hancock at fhancock@comcast.net (717-241-4483) or Harold Collier hcollier@comcast.net to sign up.

St. John's United Church of Christ—1811 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17202.
Use Parking Lot B for Fellowship Hall

Feel Good Yoga

at St. John's with Sue Collier
Tuesdays, 5:30 PM
Room 202
\$5.00

Come and enjoy the
benefits of Feel Good Yoga



St. John's United Church of Christ, 1811 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg. Use Parking Lot B.

Ladies **LUNCHEON**

Fiesta Maya was the site of the luncheon for twelve St. John's ladies on Wednesday, April 9, at 11:30 am. Sue McLaughlin was a new attendee. Eileen Shaffer offered the grace. A card was prepared for Nina Widmann.

Beverly Peters was celebrating her 95th birthday (that day), so she received a balloon, a yellow rose, a card from each lady and a special ice cream treat from the restaurant.

The group played a "Road Trip Detective Game" using a photo of a suitcase packed with numerous items to find—one or more. Each lady received a Lenten gift—a wallet card with a poem entitled "The Cross in my Pocket."

Longhorn Steakhouse will be the location for the group on **Wednesday, May 14, at 11:30 am.**
You are always welcome—meet someone new, enjoy the fun.

MENS BREAKFAST

We will be meeting **Thursday, May 1 at 7am** at Texas Lunch (108 LWW, Chambersburg, PA).

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



May BIRTHDAYS

05/01 Daryl Nutter

05/05 Margaretta Kennedy

05/05 Sabrina Sollenberger

05/06 Trinity Burns

05/07 Keiran Dereef

05/07 Pamela Reichelderfer

05/09 Doreen Horn

05/11 Christina Eslinger

05/11 Larry Wadel

05/14 Lori Leister

05/14 Heather Myers

05/14 Neilan Rensch Jr.

05/15 Naomi Mull

05/16 James Boyer

05/16 Colton Wadel

05/16 Jeffrey Young

05/17 Joe Wohl

05/18 Zoe Dereef

05/20 Jared Reichelderfer

05/23 James Patterson II

05/23 Vera Reber

05/24 Reed Zeger

05/25 The Rev. Stephen Hoffman

05/25 Brenna Rosenberry

05/26 Luke Herbert

05/29 Sutton Collier

05/29 Jerry Miller

05/29 Nathaniel Widmann

05/30 Hayden Johnson

05/30 W. Richard Rebok

5/30 Noah Wright

05/31 Dale Myers

05/31 Melinda Orndorff

05/31 Amanda Stepler





*Please keep these youth,
away at college, in your
thoughts and prayers.*

*You can request their school
mailing address from their
parents to send them some
“snail mail” and let them
know they are not forgotten.*

*We are cheering them on,
especially as finals approach.*

*Our current college student
members include: Luke Herbert,
McKenna Mooshian, Alexis
Reichelderfer, and Colton Wadel.*

SAVE THE DATE

**On Sunday, May 18, during the wired word
church school class at 8:45 am in room 116,
Courtney Robertson will share information
about Sweet Grace Ministries, a local
non-profit. All are invited to attend to learn
more.**

Making Suncatchers

April 14

Hosts: Chani, Susan & Tena



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

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



May Youth News

Youth Calendar of Events

May 4 Church School 8:45

11 Church School 8:45

18 **Last** Church School of this school year 8:45

Children's Corner will continue to be offered through the summer months during the Worship hour.

Please see Roxanne if you can help!



VBS

Help is needed!!!

Crew leaders

Snack leaders

Tech support

July 20 - July 24, 2025

Jr. Helpers Welcome 12-18 yrs.

Work dates June 29 and July 13th after Worship



Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter

The Youth once again helped the Nursery School with their collection of items for the CVAS by delivering them to the shelter on April 12th. Four youth enjoyed spending time in the cat room, and no cats came home with us, much to their disappointment!

Meeting a sweet dog named
Lavender was also a highlight and she still is available for anyone
interested!!!!

A pizza lunch at Caretti's ended our great day! Service hours were earned by those youth who attended. Thanks to the adults that accompanied us!

Service Hours



Whenever the youth have a fun activity scheduled you will see the comment that service hours may be applied. For our newer families an explanation is offered, as many of your students may have already earned some that you are not aware of.

Youth have a fundraiser account which students can draw from. An hour of service is awarded \$5 to be used on these scheduled activities. Service is earned by helping with things like VBS workdays, helping with camp, dinners like Pork and Sauerkraut, mission projects like Heifer International, Grooming kits for CWS and CVAS donations set up. Often these are done during Children's Corner. A spreadsheet of service hours is kept and may be viewed at any time.

Thank you to all who helped teach our youth about giving and sharing our wealth.

-Roxanne Davenport

Ministry Chairs

2024-2025

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—*Linda Zeger*

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.

2025 COUNCIL

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Tom Harrison, **Past Moderator**

Harold Collier, **Moderator**

Diana Kongkeattikul, **Moderator Elect**

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Heidi Ramos

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Jerry Thomason, **Assistant Treasurer**

Dick Rebok, **Authorized Check Signatory**

Sarah Myers, **Head Deacon**

Dwight Sollenberger, **Head Elder**

Sarah Herbert, **Safe Church Compliance Steward**

Pastor

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

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

Communion Dates:

Sunday, May 4, 10 am, Sanctuary & Livestreamed

Saturday, May 10, 5 pm, Fellowship Hall

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 10 am, Sanctuary & Livestreamed



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