

The Spirit

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FOR I KNOW

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Plans

I HAVE
FOR

You

declares the Lord, plans for
peace and not for evil, to give
you hope and a future.

JEREMIAH 29:11

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Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

From Pastor Caroline

Thank you so much for the blessing of six weeks of sabbatical this summer! My time from June 30 to August 10 was rejuvenating, restful, and relaxing. I feel that I have indeed been able to refocus and recharge – just in time for the start of the program year!

My sabbatical time was filled with books and podcasts, cuddles with cats, connecting with friends and colleagues, and travel to spend time with family and serve the wider church. I put several thousand miles on my car, driving first to Iowa to see my brother and dear friends and then to Kansas City, MO to serve as a delegate to General Synod. I ate really good BBQ, rode the KC Wheel, and even visited Whiskers Cat Café, all while attending worship services, workshops, plenary (business) sessions, and committee meetings. The work of the church is made possible by those who participate in all of its various settings. I love going to UCC General Synod; in many ways, it is like attending a family reunion, as I get to see people from all the areas I've lived and reconnect with people who knew my parents.

I flew out to Denver, CO and spent time with my Aunt Gretchen, cousins Julie and Andy and their families, and took many hikes in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. It was my first trip to CO since 2012 and it was so good to have time with family when no one was in crisis. It's always good to be with people in times of joy, not just in times of stress and/or sorrow.

Rest and renewal are critical for all of us, especially those of us in the helping professions. I believe that this time will indeed prove fruitful for my ministry with me: contributing to my spiritual growth, preventing burnout, establishing new patterns for work and self-care, and promoting congregational self-sufficiency. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Now, as the calendar turns to September, we are gearing up for more activities, programs, and continued opportunities to live into the themes, goals, and action steps of our Future Together Strategic Plan: spiritual life, energizing participation, community engagement, congregational care, and financial sustainability. Church school classes for all ages begin on Sunday, September 7. Book study on Monday afternoons resumes on Monday, September 8. Bell choir and vocal choir rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 11. Our Habitat for Humanity Book Sale needs donations and volunteers; we'd love this year to be our most successful yet.

We have been evaluating options to redo the curbing around our property in high-usage areas (such as along the sanctuary) and to fix our parking lots. The Council is aware that this is a project that needs attention AND is not going to become less expensive. We will hold a special congregational meeting to vote on this project on Sunday, September 21. See the "Focus on Finance" article on page 5 for more details.

Assata Shakur wrote that "We must love each other. We must protect each other." Her words have been echoing in my prayers, as we seek to stand with the most vulnerable, to be in solidarity with our immigrant friends and neighbors, and to be Jesus' hands and feet in this world. May we indeed do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Peace,

Pastor Caroline



MUSIC MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER IS JUST ABOUT HERE !!!!

This means that two organizations will be beginning practice very soon. First, we need to consider the numbers in our singing choir. Our singers are getting older and some voices are being affected by the aging process. SOOOO, I am making a plea in an effort to get some new younger choir members. If we do not get some younger singers, we will soon be without a choir. This has happened to many churches in our area and sad to say, we may be working toward this end! How sad! I do not want this to happen.

The second group where we need help is our handbell choir.

We have a five octave set of bells but are only able to ring four octaves since we do not have enough ringers. We have two girls from other churches who have ask to ring with our group and they are really needed. Some ability to read music is a big help in playing bells.

The Handbell choir and the Vocal choir both practice one hour each week. Can you spare the time? We do have a lot of fun playing and singing together and I am sure many of you would also enjoy the experience. Please consider this plea for help!

Call me or see me in church if you have any questions.

Many thanks for considering this problem.

Director for both groups, Gary Crum



September First Fruits

First Fruits in September will go to support South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP), which serves residents in Franklin and Adams Counties with a variety of services for marginalized people. Their programs include: Family and Asset Development (Support Circles, Homelessness, Weatherization, @Home in Adams County, Franklin Together Reentry Coalition); Education and Employment Programs (Early Learning Resource Center; MLK Career Aid Project); and Health and Nutrition Program (WIC, The Gleaning Project, Food Pantries). These programs serve so many people in our counties – and SCCAP needs our help to continue to provide these services.

While we recognize many agencies in our community are serving the needs of the marginalized, SCCAP has a very comprehensive organized format in place that has proved to be very successful for many years. St. John's UCC has a long history of supporting SCCAP and we want to ensure that all people and families continue to have access to programs designed to help them to thrive.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

-The Community Engagement Committee

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
concerning fixing our parking lots

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 11 AM

Meeting packets will be available at the Welcome Center
and posted on our website beginning September 7.

Focus on Finance – September 2025

For the past several months, Council has been exploring the much needed repairs of our parking lots and improving our curbing to become more accessible for people with mobility concerns, including the congregation, community members, and tenants. The estimated cost of this combined project is \$200,000 to \$250,000 and requires congregational approval. But before we can move forward, we need to discuss the financial implications and methods to pay for it.

Let’s start with existing cash/investments and our HVAC debt as of July 31.

Unrestricted cash/money market/CD’s	\$245,000
Cash designated for HVAC loan pay down	\$25,000
Estimated HVAC donations through 2026	<u>\$51,000</u>
	\$321,000
HVAC debt service (assumes payment over next 5 years)	
Principal	\$138,000
Interest	<u>\$15,000</u>
	\$153,000

While on the surface it appears we have plenty of funds to pay off the HVAC loan (which matures in July 2031), the reality is we DO NOT suggest using any of our existing unrestricted cash since that is our “cash reserve” necessary to support our annual budget of approximately \$500,000. The hope would be that donations continue to come in for the HVAC campaign over the next few years to get the debt paid off. It also should be noted that our 3.75% fixed rate will expire in July 2026 and move to a variable rate, which will certainly result in a noticeable rate increase. The assumptions above use a rate of 5.5% from July 2026 until the debt is fully paid off in approximately October 2030. It would, of course, be advantageous to pay off the current loan while the interest rate is 3.75%.

As for the new project, it would seem logical to “borrow” the needed funds from our Trust Fund, which holds \$744,000 at July 31. This would result in no interest costs, but we would give up the earnings on these funds. Then we could discuss the options to try and “repay” the Trust Fund from designated donations. We are in the process of applying for a grant to help with the curbing, though we anticipate that this funding would be limited to ~\$10,000.

Council has had extensive discussions about the fact that (1) the issues with the parking lot are going to continue to worsen and (2) fixing the parking lot will not get less expensive.

A special congregational meeting to vote on (1)⁵ approving this project and (2) funding the project internally by borrowing from our Trust Fund will be held on **Sunday, September 21.**



St. John's Nursery School

St. John's Nursery School has just began its 54th year of providing quality early childhood education to children in our community!

We have been blessed to welcome 125 children and their families this school year. We have 18 toddlers, 47 three year olds, and 60 four and five year olds excited to learn and have fun!

We welcome back our teachers: Lisa Etter, Angie Leedy, Katlyn Heverley, Charon Barclay, and Shanna Bell, along with our assistants: Chazalynn Hackney, Vanessa Florea, Megan Ritter, Nicole Arnett, and Amy Rosenberry. Joining us this year is teacher Elizabeth Clark and assistant Adrienne Grossberg, who will be running our 2-year-old classes. We are all looking forward to a fantastic school year!

Thank you in advance for your support of our Nursery School and a special thanks to the Nursery School Ministry for their outpouring of support, encouragement, and direction in planning this new school year.

Blessings,

Kari Rock, Director



Church Office Hours:

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

**Office will be closed on Monday,
September 1 in observance of
Labor Day.**

Office Administrator: Tonya Schwartz

Phone: 717-263-8593

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

- The weekly book study led by Pastor Caroline resumes on Monday, September 8. This study meets in the Conference Room at 1:30 pm. We will read **"A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story"** by Diana Butler Bass.
- Bible Study on Sunday evenings at 8 pm via Zoom continues with a study of Acts of the Apostles. The link is included in the weekly e-blast.
- The Wired Word adult church school class met during the summer and continues to meet on Sundays at 8:45 in Room 116 this fall. Email Harold Collier to join the mailing list to receive the material in advance. Church school classes for all ages resume on Sunday, September 7. Teachers and substitutes are needed, especially for our youth classes.
- Diana Kongkeattikul writes a weekly devotional posted on our website. An opt-in email list is available if you'd like to receive her reflection directly in your inbox. Contact the church office to join.
- The Spiritual Life Standing Committee is being organized. Dale Myers, Diana Kongkeattikul, and Lloyd Beers are leading this team. Deacons are being recruited and a list of substitute deacons is being compiled.

ENERGIZE PARTICIPATION

- Family Fun Day will be on Sunday, September 28, with games, music, and food. Invite your friends and neighbors!
- The pickleball court in Fellowship Hall will be reset after repairs are completed and the floor is waxed. Contact the church office to reserve.
- Summer Singers completed their 2025 season with a concert at St. John's on July 27. Beautiful music was enjoyed by all!⁸
- Blessing of the Animals included 12 dogs and multiple photos of other pets.

ENERGIZE PARTICIPATION

- On July 17 the leadership team for our annual Habitat for Humanity Book Sale started receiving books. About 250 boxes of donations have been collected at this point. Sponsorship forms to promote this effort are available in the church office. Volunteer forms are at the Welcome Center or from Harold Collier.
- The Camp Ministry hosted a “paint and picnic” day at Camp on August 16. Camp Ministry is looking at other improvements to make with funds received from grants.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- Two presentations by PA State Trooper Angela Laviena on scam prevention will be held on Thursday, October 2, at 2:30 pm and 6:30 pm, both in Room 116. A Zoom option will be available; however, we are unable to record this presentation due to state rules.
- The prayer chain is a wonderful way to pray with and for one another. To join the prayer chain or to share a prayer request, please contact the church office. Prayer requests can also be emailed or texted to Pastor Caroline.
- 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 yours taken, please contact the church office.
- “Life Talks” has been a wonderful addition to our Sunday mornings after worship. Grab and snack and coffee and meet in the parlor after worship to gather together for conversation and support.
- Gratitude Sunday was celebrated on August 24 with a pancake breakfast.
- Our Behavioral Covenant (aka “Holy Manners”) will be reviewed after worship on Sunday, September 7. We plan to vote to adopt the Behavior Covenant at the Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 21.
- The Congregational Care Standing Committee is being formed. We are in need of others to join in this work, helping to extend and expand our culture of care.

Future Together Progress Report

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

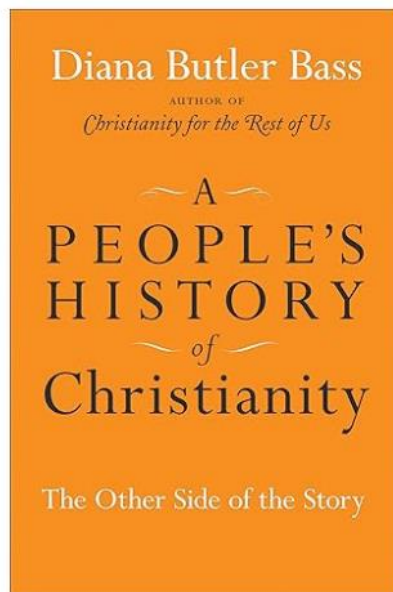
- The Wired Word Church School class has provided snacks for NETwork Ministries every other week during the summer and plans on delivering a meal once a month in the fall. Thank you for donating food and funds to feed kids in our community.
- Sunday, October 5 will be a Chili Cook-Off with proceeds to support a local charity. Sign up to make chili and/or bring your appetite and dollars to vote on good food!
- Fall Dance Lessons will start a six-week session on September 18.
- The very popular Fall Harvest Tea on September 20 has only a few tickets left.
- The annual CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 19. Join Pastor Caroline in supporting this effort to reduce hunger in our community, country, and world.
- Thank you for your generous support of the United Way's Stuff the Bus campaign. All six boxes were filled with donations of school supplies for students in Franklin County.
- The end of summer dance was held August 22.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Council and Finance have been actively exploring the repair of our parking lots and curbing. A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 21 to vote on moving forward with this project.
- Jessica and Friends recently received licensure for their adult day program.
- A community art class continues to meet at St. John's on Monday afternoons. Use of our space by community groups continues to increase. Spread the word!
- In May we welcomed Congregation Centro Misionero Internacional to St. John's. They utilize room 201 on Wednesday evening and Sunday mornings for worship, prayer, and fellowship. This congregation is very happy to be here.
- Ghostwriter, LLC continues to help us apply for grants. We received funding for St. John's Camp and to improve sound quality and hearing accessibility at St. John's (primarily in the Sanctuary). Additional grants are being pursued for other projects.
- Online giving and other giving opportunities are regularly advertised. A QR code is placed in our publications. Finance-related articles are included in every Spirit.

Join fellow sojourners in faith for a group discussion of “A People’s History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story” by Diana Butler Bass. We meet on Mondays at 1:30 pm in Conference Room 111. Our first session will be September 8.

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




Sunday Night Bible Study

Join us on Sunday nights
at 8 pm on Zoom for Bible Study
Bible Study on the book of Acts!

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).

The link to join is included in the e-blast
and News in the Pews.


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An Update from Jessica & Friends Community:

The Lord is so good! The dream and process of venturing into Franklin County, Chambersburg area began in 2023. After much anticipation and dedication, our Pathway Services, Chambersburg was provided license on July 18, 2025. We have a beautiful facility for programming located at 1811 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania in the back of St. John's United Church of Christ. Pathway Chambersburg is part of Jessica and Friends Community, a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization which also offers Home & Community Services in the Chambersburg area for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Services in Franklin County will provide caring support for individuals with intellectual disabilities within a faith-based environment as well as opportunities in lifelong learning, vocational training and employment opportunities. Programming prepares developmentally disabled adults 18 years of age and older to live and function in various settings by promoting independence in daily living, social integration, and responsible decision –making. It further promotes the development of each individual's uniqueness and individuality to enable them to become productive, contributing members of the community. From on-the job-training to supported volunteerism and employment, the staff will seek to identify interests, build skills, and assist individuals on their own "path to potential" to achieve their life goals.

Thank you so much for your continued support and encouragement!

-Beth Freeman, Director of Programs

Jessica & Friends utilizes Suite 121 for their Day Program and Room 203 for their offices.

Copies of "Jessica's Story –But God" by Peter and Paulette Teague, founders of Jessica & Friends, are available in the church office if you'd like to learn more about this wonderful program.



Help is Needed to Maintain our Labyrinth!

St. John's UCC is blessed to have an outdoor prayer labyrinth, located off the north end of the Sanctuary. A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. The labyrinth represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world. Labyrinths have long been used as meditation and prayer tools. St. John's labyrinth was installed in 2013 and we celebrated its ten year anniversary in 2023. Now, we **need your help** in order to preserve its beauty and functionality. Donations of time and/or treasure will maintain the labyrinth as a space for dedicated meditation, prayer, and/or spiritual growth. Contact Pastor Caroline if you can assist or with any questions.



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Chambersburg, PA 17201

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Invite your friends!



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Friday Oct 24 2-8
Saturday Oct 25 9-5
Sunday Oct 26 Noon-4

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We welcome new and used books on all subjects, including paperbacks. We also welcome artwork, DVDs, audiobooks (on CDs), puzzles, and board games. We respectfully decline textbooks, encyclopedias, musty books, music, and cassette & VHS tapes.

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED
SEPT 2 - OCT 11**

**DROP OFF
LOCATIONS**

1. Patriot Federal Credit Union lobby locations in Franklin County
2. St. John's Church, Chambersburg, Monday-Friday 9-3
3. Habitat ReStore donation center, Wednesday-Saturday, normal hours
4. Bulk donations call 717-263-8593 or email assistant@sjucc1811.org
5. Colony House Furniture

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Sunday, September 28

Music
Games
Food



11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Chili Cook-off Lunch

October 5

11:30 after Worship

Menu: Chili, Cornbread, Rice

Vote (\$) for your favorite chili recipe.
Donations & Vote money support those
in need of food in our community.

*Come and enjoy
the food & fellowship!*



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



Thank You



Dear St. John's Family,

I am so grateful for the outpouring of love extended to Jeff, me, and our family during the difficult and painful lung transplant procedure at Temple Hospital and Jeff's eventual passing after his agonizing fight to pull through. God had other plans and he is now at peace. Thank you also to those who were able to attend his service and reception (and to those who joined us in spirit).

It was so lovely to share memories, relax, and refresh.

Lovingly,
Ann Aldrich

Dear St. John's Family,

We want to take this opportunity to thank the congregation for all the kindness and support offered to us after our recent house fire. We can't help but reflect on a statement in a recent sermon by Rev. Dr. Bernice King, "We ask for provision and God provides overflow." That couldn't be more true of the thoughts and prayers we have experienced from you, the congregation. Again, thanks for everything!

Sincerely,
Greg and Cindy St. Clair

Join us for a Presentation on Personal Safety & Scams with PA State Trooper Angela Laviena

PA State Trooper Angela Laviena will be presenting on "Personal Safety & Scams" on **Thursday, October 2 at 2:30 pm and 6:30 pm**. Scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated and knowing how to recognize them is an important part of personal safety. We want YOU to have the knowledge to avoid these scams.

Sessions will be offered live in Room 116 and via Zoom. Please note: we are not able to record the presentations, due to state rules.

Zoom Information:

2:30 pm Session

Meeting ID #864 1844 6092

Passcode 899735

6:30 pm Session

Meeting ID #867 5386 9330

Passcode 183889

Biography from Trooper Laviena:

My name is Angela Laviena. I was raised in Schuylkill County PA in a family of six siblings. I attended Elizabethtown College and received my Bachelors degree in Psychology before moving to Hershey, PA to obtain my goals of becoming a Trooper. I was accepted into the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in the fall of 2017 and I arrived at the PSP Academy on January 7, 2018. I successfully graduated as a Trooper on July 13, 2018. After graduation, I was stationed at the Chambersburg Barracks. I worked as a Patrol Trooper at the Chambersburg Barracks from July of 2018 until October of 2021 when I was transferred to Harrisburg after receiving a specialty spot as the Community Service Officer for Troop H. Troop H coverage area includes Perry, Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin, and Adams County. In my free time, I enjoy dancing, drawing, hiking, and just spending time with my husband, our daughter, and our dog Kylo.

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Tuesdays, 5:30 PM

Room 202

\$5.00

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



St John's Church Ballroom Dancing Starts Thursday September 18

"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)
- **Starts Thursday Sept 18: Remaining Thurs Sept 25: Oct 2, 9, 16, 30**
- **Contact:** Frank Hancock at fhancock@comcast.net (717-241-4483) or Harold Collier hcollier@comcast.net to sign up.
- **Location:** St. John's United Church of Christ-1811 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, PA 17202.

St. John's Camp was a busy place on Saturday, August 16 with 14 people cleaning, painting, organizing, and enjoying a meal together. Thank you to all who came and thank you to St. John's for supporting our outdoor ministry!



St. John's 2025



St. John's beautiful camp was a wonderful place to be this summer hosting three camps. The camp season started June 20-22 with **Weekend Adventure**, for grades 6,7,& 8+, then day camps - **Camp Kum-Ba-Yah**, for grades 3, 4, & 5, and **Camp Noah**, for grades K-2, with a total of 36 campers registered. The campers were delightful and, even with very *hot* weather and a little rain, the camp experience was exciting and active. The church sponsored 10 campers this summer. There were over 20 people who had an active role helping throughout the week including counselors, youth helpers, presenters, and kitchen helpers. There were **many** behind the scenes workers who helped to maintain and ready the camp!

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THANK YOU to all who support St. John's Camp!

Ladies LUNCHEON

Wednesday, August 11, was the first time the ladies of St. John's have eaten at Perkins on Lincoln Way East. We had the private area to the right as you enter so conversation was very easily accomplished. Ten ladies were in attendance.

Pastor Caroline was able to be with us so she offered our grace. The menu included breakfast, lunch or dinner choices.

Beverly Peters presented a program based on three books from the Providence Place library. One was a biography of George Leader, Founder of the facility, and two were books of poetry by him.

Wednesday, September 10, the group will try **AGAIN** to eat on the outside deck of the Norland Pub. You will be notified by phone if this is possible. We appreciate your patients.

Please RSVP to Bev Peters to indicate if you will be joining the group.



MENS BREAKFAST

We will be meeting **Thursday, September 4 at 7 am** at Texas Lunch (108 LWW, Chambersburg, PA).

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

September BIRTHDAYS

09/03 Michele Wadel

09/04 Melissa Reichelderfer

09/04 Margaret Schollaert

09/06 Evan Blumberg

09/07 Michael Herbert

09/07 James Moyer

09/09 Connie Morrill-Hair

09/10 Helen Bernecker

09/11 Kara Alt

09/11 Lisa Hess

09/11 Harold Wissinger

09/12 Alexandra Dennis

09/13 Ferree Le Fevre

09/13 Diana Macfarlane

09/14 Lisa Singleton

09/14 Aiden James Van Why

09/15 Larry Stenger

09/18 Catherine Kinton

09/18 Swann Kongkeattikul

09/20 Virginia (Ginni) Parker

09/22 Hannah Herbert

09/22 Kyra Sollenberger

09/22 Matthew Strunk

09/22 Jim Wood

09/22 Tracey Wright

09/27 Stephen Wright

09/29 Jack Mull

09/29 Dr. James Strite Jr.





Youth Calendar of Events



September

7 First day of Church School 8:45

14 Church School 8:45

21 Church School 8:45

28 Church School 8:45

Family Fun Day 11:30-1:30

Church School Returns

Church School resumes beginning September 7th at 8:45.

Again, three classes will be offered:

Godly Play for ages 3-K in rm. 119

Spark! for Grades 1-5 in rm. 115

Contemporary Issues Discussion Class for Grades 6-12 in rm. 206

Although Church Membership is not required for any Youth function,
current permissions and medical forms are.

Regular helpers, Substitute Teachers and helpers are needed. Please see Roxanne.

Ways to have Fun in Worship.....

Make sure you get your Children's bulletin each week from a greeter when you enter the Sanctuary! It will be filled with fun activities based on the scriptures for that week. Should help as a boredom buster until the Children's message. The message is for all of us so there is no age specific. There are also activity bags in the back of the sanctuary. The larger bags are for younger friends and the smaller bags for older friends. Again, see a greeter for help if needed.

The Nook in the Narthex is for our active toddlers and the gated space in the Parlor for our babies and their parents.

Children's Corner continues **weekly**. Adults with clearances who are willing to help with this on any Sunday of the month from time to time, please contact Roxanne. Help to supervise babies or toddlers for parents who need a quiet time to worship, is always appreciated and is on a request basis. Again, see Roxanne to be put on the list for greeters to come get if a request is made.

Family Fun Day

..is just that.. a time for families to have a little fun together after worship! Games, food, crafts, music, bouncing and furry friends are awaiting you! 11:30-1:30 on September 28th. Volunteers to help at our various stations are needed!

CPR/AED Recertification

The Children and Youth Ministry Team has scheduled CPR/AED certification class for those who need it or ANYONE who would like to become certified. The date is October 6th at 6-9 PM in rm 116. Please contact Roxanne ASAP if interested. Space is limited.

VBS Wrap Up

Another successful Vacation Bible School concluded at the end of July. 46 students registered, with an average of 41 in attendance each night. A huge addition was 15 Junior helpers (teens) who worked under the supervision of our 56 adult volunteers. Our Mission project was raising awareness and money for the SCCAP Fayetteville Food Pantry. \$644.93 was collected to send to help feed our neighbors in need! Wow!!! I am so thankful to all who make this huge ministry happen!!!



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. Erin Hartman/Mark and Emily Hoger*

Outreach—*TBD*

Prayer Shawl Ministry — *N. Erin 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

Moderator Team

Tom Harrison, **Past Moderator**

Harold Collier, **Moderator**

Diana Kongkeattikul, **Moderator Elect**

At Large Members

Jill Miller

Dale Myers

Vacant

Eileen Shaffer, **Secretary**

Additional Non-Council Positions

Scot Orndorff, **Treasurer**

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, September 7, 10 am, Sanctuary & Livestreamed

World Communion Sunday 5, October , 10 am, Sanctuary & Livestreamed



“To grow in love of God and neighbor”

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