

The Spirit

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From Pastor Caroline

My parents were both big collectors of vinyl records. For years, they were kept in boxes, stored away. When we moved to Grinnell in 2000, we bought a record player and started playing those LPs. Ironically enough, I discovered multiple duplicates and a few real gems. Classical, Broadway musicals, and folk music were the top genres. I donated most of those records when my dad moved into assisted living and kept the ones that I loved. Every now and then, I'll put a record on and listen to the music that nurtured my parents—and me.

Folk musicians such as Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Odetta, Joan Baez, and The Weavers evoke the artistic potential to name the need for change: to prioritize people over profits, love over hate, peace over war, and generosity over greed. So while these songs aren't new, their power to speak to us has not changed. We just might need to listen to them again.

I'm trying to limit how much social media I consume, the TV I watch, and even the podcasts I listen to—because I want my heart to be open, my mind flexible, and my spirit brave. And if you're feeling overwhelmed (and many of us are these days), don't forget to eat good food, drink enough water, and get enough sleep. Exhaustion won't serve any of us well. Sabbatical surely taught me that!

The Byrd's hit song "Turn, Turn, Turn" from 1965 feels especially appropriate as we enter into October and fully into fall. Everything keeps turning, including the calendar! October is filled with many options for fun, fellowship, learning, service, worship, and welcome.

Every Sunday this month has something special: October 5 is World Communion Sunday and our Chili Cook Off Fundraiser (sign up at the Welcome Center or on a bulletin board). October 12 is an Immunization Clinic for Flu and COVID vaccines (see pg. 17 for details) and the annual Franklin County Pride Festival at Wilson College (12-5 pm). October 19 is CROP Walk (see pg. 14 for details) and October 26 is the last day of our Book Sale (pg. 16). We'll have our annual "No Tricks, Just Treats" event on October 31; candy donations are needed, as we have lots of kids in the neighborhood who stop by. Plus: we have multiple opportunities each week to build community, deepen our spiritual lives, study and pray. If there is something that YOU would love to do, and it aligns with our mission, vision, and values, contact Pastor Caroline or a Council member for support to make it happen!

Pick up a copy of the draft "Holy Manners for our St. John's United Church of Christ Faith Community" and read the article on page 13 to learn more about a Behavioral Covenant. Opportunities to offer feedback will be held this fall; we hope to adopt this covenant at the Fall Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 9, as well as approve the 2026 budget.

Thank you so much for your support to fix our parking lots and curbing. This issue has been deferred for many years; it is now time to remedy that. Please designate "parking lot" on your envelope or check to contribute funds toward this project. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and allows us to welcome people into our space, continuing our commitment to growing in love of God and neighbor.



MUSIC MINISTRY

To God Be the Glory!

“To God Be the Glory” is a phrase that expresses gratitude and praise to God for His greatness and the wonderful things He has done. It emphasizes the belief that all achievements and blessings should be attributed to God, reflecting a spirit of worship and acknowledgment of His power and love.

“To God Be the Glory” is a hymn that many of you know with lyrics by Fanny Crosby and music by Howard Doane, first printed in 1875. It was published in Robert Lowry and Doane’s hymn compilation, “Brightest and Best.”

Billy Graham included it in the songbook for a London Crusade. It was so well-loved that he included it again later that year in the Crusade in Nashville, Tennessee. The audience responded enthusiastically and from that time on, he used it frequently. With this exposure, the hymn quickly became well-known to Christians worldwide and is printed in most modern hymnals.

I neglected to say that it is also one of my favorite hymns! Our choir sang it on September 14th in church and we also used an arrangement of this hymn in our Summer Singers programs this past summer.

Gary Crum



October First Fruits

First Fruits in October go to support Sweet Grace Ministries. Sweet Grace offers resources to families experiencing ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth, life limiting diagnosis, and infant death. They offer help and support in the form of baskets, comfort bags, photography, support groups, remembrance events, mentoring couples, and more.

October is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and aims to raise awareness about the prevalence and impact of pregnancy and infant loss, provide support to grieving families, and promote education and resources. Sweet Grace Ministries holds an annual "Sweet Walk to Remember" to raise awareness, funds, and resources to support their ministry. This year's walk will be held on Saturday, October 4, at Norlo Park. To learn more and to register to participate, please visit www.sweetgraceministries.com/the-walk.

Thank you for your support of this ministry and the families they serve.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

-The Community Engagement Committee



Focus on Finance – October 2025

The church doesn't thank people often enough for their gifts. In my house it is expected that anytime we receive a gift, a thank you note will be written. We do, however disagree over the acceptability of e-mail as a proper way to say thanks.

We want to thank you, the members and friends of this congregation, for your gifts to St. John's United Church of Christ. As active participants in the life of this church our skills, our hearts and our hands are being used for God's ministry. It is here that we have chosen to be part of something larger than ourselves. THANK YOU!

1 Chronicles 29:14 says: "But who am, and what is my people that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you." Here King David recognizes the source of his ability to give. All that he has is first a gift from God.

Not only does God give us life and sustain it, but God also gives us the power to choose our actions and our attitudes. The following outlook on life by Sarah Ban Breathnach is one of my favorites. She Says "both abundance and lack exist simultaneously in our lives, as parallel realities. It is always our conscious choice which secret garden we will tend – when we choose not to focus on what is missing from our lives but are grateful for the abundance that's present – love, health, family, friends, work, the joys of nature and personal pursuits that bring us pleasure – the wasteland of illusion falls away and we experience Heaven on earth."

As we look ahead to our challenges here at St. John's, let's think of our generosity as an expression of faith for all seasons. Let's think of Stewardship as a way of living, not just a matter of giving. We grow in faith as we experience and practice it, and the same can be said for Stewardship and Generosity.

We are the fuel that feeds this community of faith. Our efforts come together for the glory of God. This is not a club or a clan. Our stewardship in this time and place has a greater purpose. Our values, our visions and our mission to serve as God's hands is why we share our skills and give of our time and money.

Let us praise God for this community of faith and this beautiful setting. Let us praise God for our fellowship and our mission. Let us tell stories of our church's past and create new and wonderful stories to tell in the future. And let us remember that Stewardship is not an annual event; it is an expression of faith for all seasons. Stewardship that knows and shows God's mercy in all seasons reaps a harvest of generosity that will not fail come fall or wither during the driest summer. We already have our inspiration; it is our mission and hopes and dreams. Our generosity will make them a reality.

Now to God, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. AMEN.

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



St. John's Nursery School

We are loving this Fall weather and all of the signs of the changing season!

The new school year is in full swing and we are so proud of our students. The children are adjusting well and they are making a lot of new friends. They are learning the rules and routines, and about what it means to be a part of the classroom community.

October is a busy month at the Nursery School. Children will start off the month by having their school pictures taken. Next, they will have a special visit from the Fayetteville Volunteer Fire Department, where they will learn about fire prevention and get to tour a fire truck. They will end the month with classroom parties celebrating Fall with themed crafts, snacks, and games.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who purchased a beautiful mum during our fall fundraiser. It was a great success!!

Happy Fall!

Kari Rock, Director



Church Office Hours:

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

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

- Pastor Caroline is leading a weekly book study on Monday afternoons at 1:30 pm. The current selection is “A People’s History of Christianity” by Diana Butler Bass. The group meets in the Conference Room 111; each week’s reading assignment is listed in News in the Pews and the e-blast.
- Bible Study on the Book of Acts of the Apostles occurs on Sunday evenings at 8 pm via Zoom. The link is included in the weekly e-blast.
- The Wired Word class meets Sundays at 8:45 am in room 116. Email Harold Collier to join the mailing list to receive the material in advance.
- Church school classes for children and youth resumed on September 7. If you are willing to serve as a substitute, please contact Roxanne Davenport. Safe Church Clearances are required for all volunteers working directly with kids.
- 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.
- Henry Hopper leads a Chi Gong/Zazen silent body energy, and soulful meditation class on Mondays at 10 am in the Parlor Room 104. All are welcome to join.

ENERGIZE PARTICIPATION

- Our annual Family Fun Day will be Sunday, September 28, with a variety of free activities and lunch offered. Rain or shine, we’ll have a good time!
- The pickleball court in Fellowship Hall ⁸ will be available again this fall, after a hiatus to allow the floor to be repaired. Contact the Church Office to reserve.

ENERGIZE PARTICIPATION

- Donations for our Habitat for Humanity Book Sale are rolling in. We have received over 10,000 donated items (books, games, puzzles, DVDs, CDs) with many more expected. Sorting days are Mondays at the book room at Mobile Works on RT 30. Volunteer forms are available at the Welcome Center or contact Harold Collier.
- The last day for book sale collections is October 11. Sale dates are October 24, 25, and 26.
- Join us for No Tricks, Just Treats on October 31! Candy and other donations are needed. Please drop off candy donations in the church office.

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. See page 19 for more details.
- 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.
- This year's Flu and COVID immunizations will be available on Sunday, October 12. Chambers' Apothecary will hold a vaccination clinic after worship. Note: walk-ins are welcome for flu shots; COVID shots require a reservation.
- Grab a snack and/or coffee and meet in the parlor after worship for "Life Talks," gathering together for conversation and support.
- An introduction to our proposed Behavioral Covenant (aka "Holy Manners") was offered after worship on Sunday, September 7. Copies for review are available in the Narthex or by request from the church office. An article detailing more about this document and what it is intended for is included on page 13.
- Called to Care members met for a social and conversation on September 10. The various CTC ministries were lifted up and ideas were shared about how this ministry will fit into the new Congregational Care Committee structure. We are expanding the vision and culture of care in our church.
- We are making progress on finishing our new pictorial directory. If you have a photo to submit or contact information to update, please contact the church office.

Future Together Progress Report

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

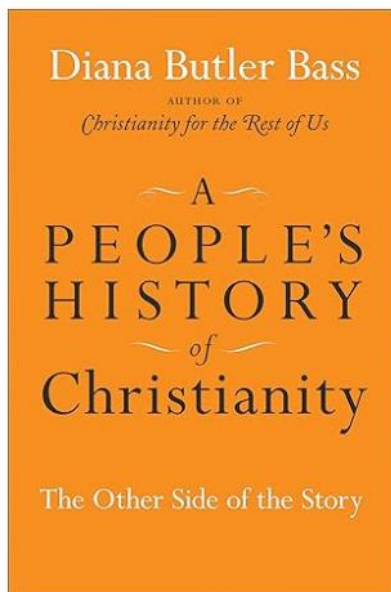
- The Wired Word Church School class provided snacks for NETwork Ministries kids every other week during the summer and will be delivering a meal once a month this fall on the 4th Thursday of the month. The first date is September 25. We will cook the food in the church kitchen and deliver it to the NETWork. 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 SCCAP. Sign up to make chili, rice, cornbread, and/or dessert. Bring your appetite and dollars to vote on good food! Sign ups are at the Welcome Center and in the lobby.
- Fall Dance Lessons started a six-week session on September 18.
- The Fall Harvest Tea was again very popular and sold out. What a wonderful event!
- 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.
- Pride Festival is Sunday, October 12, Noon to 5 pm at Wilson College. St. John's is a sponsor and will be well-represented.
- Community Engagement is looking at First Fruits and Budgeted Benevolences for 2026 and how our financial support can best help many organizations doing good work in our community.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Council and Finance have been actively exploring the repair of our parking lots and curbing. A Special Congregational Meeting was held Sunday, September 21 to vote on moving forward with this project.
- Jessica and Friends recently received licensure for their adult day program. They are looking to welcome clients into their program this fall.
- Use of our space by community groups continues to increase. Spread the word!
- Ghostwriter, LLC continues to help us apply for grants. We continue to look for grant funding that is a good fit for particular 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.



Monday Meditation



Join us for Chi Gong/Zazen silent body energy,
and soulful meditation

Mondays, 10 am in the Parlor
Room 104

Contact Henry Hopper
with any questions

“Holy Manners for Our St. John’s United Church of Christ Faith Community”

First introduced to SJUCC during a workshop on Healthy Congregations, the idea of a Behavioral Covenant has been part of our Future Together Strategic Plan since Fall 2023. Under the stewardship of Lloyd Beers and Connie Morrill-Hair, a draft of “Holy Manners for Our St. John’s United Church of Christ Faith Community” (a Behavioral Covenant) has been developed. This summer, members of the Wired Word class helped to shape this document—and now it comes to the congregation. Copies of the drafted document are available in the Narthex and by request from the church office.

What is a behavioral covenant?

A behavioral covenant is a written compact between an organization and its members that serves as a formal, binding agreement regarding personal, interpersonal and organizational conduct. In other settings, similar agreements take the form of policy documents. Examples include; Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, Workplace Behavior or Community Guidelines, Principles of Integrity, just to name a few. In organizational settings, these published behavioral expectations presume civil and professional behavior on the part of individuals and the organization.

What is a behavioral covenant designed to do?

The St. John’s UCC behavioral covenant entitled “Holy Manners for Our St. John’s United Church of Christ Faith Community” is designed to promote a positive, caring environment by offering a framework for civil behavior and holy manners in all personal and group interactions. The covenant also serves as a reminder of our responsibilities where instances of disagreement arise. In a time in which divisions are increasing, we at St. John’s UCC seek to come together in unity (not uniformity) as a church community, and walk and work with one another in love.

How it will a behavioral covenant encourage us to be our best selves?

As a document grounded in scripture, “Holy Manners” calls us to reflect the teachings of Jesus and his disciples, and to commit to the greatest commandments. By agreeing to the ten items contained in the covenant, we, as a congregation, are called to love one another, unite as a family, welcome everyone, practice and promote truth, respect, and understanding in communication, and be personally responsible in avoiding conflict. Finally, we are called to act with peace and love for the wellbeing of the congregation. “Holy Manners for Our St. John’s United Church of Christ Faith Community” is a solemn covenant that acknowledges our belief in God, our bond in Christ, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and strength of our family united in faith.

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.



CROP Walk: October 19 CROP, the "Christian Rural Overseas Program" of Church World Service was established in 1947 in response to massive starvation in post-WWII Europe. The mission was simple: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and heal the sick. Soon afterward, Church World Service Friendship ships filled with grain from Midwestern farmers were crossing the Atlantic Ocean to those in need. The challenge today is even greater, so please help! Checks can be made possible to CWS/CROP; this year's CROP Walk will be **Sunday, October 19**, meeting at First United Methodist Church, 225 S. Second Street, with registration starting at 1:30 pm and the walk beginning at 2 pm. We hope to have good representation from St. John's UCC! Contact Pastor Caroline with any questions.



OCTOBER 20, 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!



**20
25**

USED BOOK SALE

HELD AT

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
1811 LWE, CHAMBERSBURG, PA**

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

BENEFITING



**CASH
AND
CHECKS
ONLY**

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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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

October 12

11:30 AM - 12:00PM

Vaccines offered:
COVID (must schedule)
INFLUENZA (walk-ins
welcome)

Call 717-263-0747
For inquiries & concerns

Mark your calendar:

October 12th, 11:30AM-12PM



How do I register for the

Vaccination Clinic?

STEP 1 Visit

<https://chambersclinical.as.me/StJohns> to
schedule your vaccination type & time OR
scan the QR code below.

STEP 2 Go to the assigned vaccination
site at the church at your scheduled
time.

STEP 3 That's it! You're all set and
protected for the upcoming season.





Thank You



Dear St. John's Family,

Thank you so much for all the wonderful help with the *St. John's Harvest 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 charming 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 Tonya who expertly and kindly handled the ticket sales and table chart! Sincerely, Sue, Connie S. & Renee

Please, save the date
for St. John's
"Blueberry Bliss Tea"
April 25, 2026



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.

SCAMS
TARGET YOU
PROTECT YOURSELF

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.



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.

CARING CORNER (soon to be part of CONGREGATIONAL CARE)

Work is underway to redefine Called to Care and to expand the scope of how we will care for our congregation. All the components of Called to Care will be included in the new definition of Congregational Care PLUS expanded outreach beyond homebound and our friends who are of concern.

Members of Called to Care enjoyed a time of Fellowship on September 10 and shared in the discussion of components of Called to Care. We like the acronym CARE as a possible future reference:

C—Cards

A—Altar Flowers

R—Reach Out (calls)

E—Engagement—visitation and opportunities for in-person activities/events.

Members who were able to attend included: Connie Evans, Diana Macfarlane, Jolene McGinley, Mary Moyer, Lynda Pound, Lee Powell, Eileen Shaffer, Nina Widmann, Pastor Caroline, and Connie Morrill-Hair. Also attending was Jill Miller, council member representing Congregational Care. Carol Marotte was unable to attend however has expressed interest in continuing her support of Called to Care and its future.

Look for additional updates as work continues to define Congregational Care.

Blessings,

Connie Morrill-Hair

Ladies **LUNCHEON**

Thirteen ladies **FINALLY** were able to have lunch on the deck at the Norland Pub on Wednesday, September 10. Carol Foltz joined the group once more before her move. She was presented with a pictorial book about Chambersburg by Mike Marotte. A card was prepared for Nina Widmann. Pastor Caroline sang a lovely grace before we ate.

The topic of discussion was old movies. Some old favorites were mentioned and then descriptions of some perhaps forgotten were read as reminders.

Wednesday, October 8 we will meet at the Olive Garden at 11:30am.

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



MENS BREAKFAST

We will be meeting **Thursday, October 2 at 7 am** at Texas Lunch
(108 LWW, Chambersburg, PA).

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

October BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Lynne McGough

10/02 Dariawn Barbour

10/02 Susan Collier

10/05 Katrina Dietrich

10/07 Ken Dilling

10/08 Camden Wadel

10/10 Judy Cook

10/10 Sandy Lewis

10/11 Logan Parson

10/12 Scot Orndorff

10/14 H. Mark Bard

10/14 Peggy Bryner

10/14 Wayne Scubelek

10/16 Barbara Aveni

10/16 Mike Hoffeditz

10/16 Tena Keeney

10/16 Rev. Bob Macfarlane

10/18 Sarah Myers

10/20 Jonathan Miller

10/25 Roxanne Davenport

10/26 Lisa Fair

10/27 Nancy Rebok

10/30 David Collier





Youth Calendar of Events



October

- 5 Church School 8:45 am
- 6 CPR recertification 6 pm
- 12 Church School 8:45 am
- 19 Church School 8:45 am
- 26 Church School 8:45 am
- 31 Treats no Tricks 6-8 pm

Church School

Church School begins at 8:45 am. Three youth classes are 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. Please turn these in ASAP to Roxanne.

Ways to have Fun in Worship.....

There are activity bags in the back of the sanctuary. The larger bags are for younger friends and the smaller bags for older friends. 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.

CPR/AED Recertification

The Children and Youth Ministry Team has scheduled CPR/AED recertification class for those who need it. The date is October 6th from 6-9 PM in Rm 116. Please contact Roxanne ASAP if interested. Space is limited.

No Tricks, Just Treats

We will be handing out candy again this year for Halloween on
October 31st.

Please send bags of wrapped candy to the office.

Help to set up at 4 pm is much needed.

Help to hand out candy is needed as well and Youth who help will earn service time. You don't HAVE TO dress up, but it is a lot of fun!

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**

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The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

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

Communion Dates:

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

All Saints Sunday, November 2, 10 am, Sanctuary & Livestreamed



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