

The Spirit

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From Pastor Caroline

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you've had a wonderful holiday, welcoming Jesus into our hearts, lives and world. Long after we have taken down the decorations and put away the presents, Christmas continues. As Christian mystic Howard Thurman writes, "I will light candles this Christmas. Candles of joy, despite all the sadness. Candles of hope where despair keeps watch. Candles of courage where fear is ever present. Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days. Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens. Candles of love to inspire all of my living. Candles that will burn all the year long." We continue to light the candles: candles that live in our lives and burn in our hearts, flames that will never be extinguished, just like the light of Christ shines in the dark. "Shine, Jesus, Shine" indeed!

As a reminder of the light, and as a way to guide your year, you are invited to choose a Star word from the bulletin board in the lobby that is filled with possibilities. I'm still in the process of choosing my word; there are a number of good words that begin with "p" among the ones on the Star board. We'll just have to see which word God places on my heart. An article about Star words and how they are designed to help us walk with God in the coming year is included on page 17.

There are so many opportunities ahead of us; the challenge is discerning which ones to say "yes" to and which ones are either a "no" or a "not yet." Council is working to revise our Strategic Plan for 2026-2027 and we need **YOUR** input! If you have an idea or suggestion, especially of something that you are passionate about and want to help implement, please share that with me or a Council member. We seek inspiration and imagination as we work toward implementation, bringing forth God's reign of mercy, peace, love, and justice.

The Congregational Annual Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, February 8, with a light lunch served in Room 116. We will elect Council members, review reports of our work together over the last year, and make plans for the future of St. John's UCC. We plan to adopt our Behavioral Covenant at the Annual Meeting as well.

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 18 of this month's Spirit to learn more about a Behavioral Covenant. Congregational discussion and feedback sessions will be held after worship on Sunday, January 11 and again on Sunday, January 25. Copies of the proposed Covenant are in the Narthex and available by request from the Church Office.

The Monday afternoon book study will start a new selection ("Love's Braided Dance: Hope in a Time of Crisis" by Norman Wirzba) on January 12. The Sunday night Bible study will resume on January 11 at 8, finishing up the last chapters of the book of Acts. Another adult church school class focused on The Upper Room devotional will begin on January 4; to learn more about this opportunity, please read the article on page 19.

May we remain united and uniting, growing in love of God and neighbor, and do our best to love, learn, worship, witness, welcome and serve in 2026.

Peace, Pastor Caroline



MUSIC MINISTRY

A Hymn You Surely Know!

While searching for material to write about this month, I came across the hymn “Fairest Lord Jesus” in the Epiphany section of our own hymnal. This hymn actually has two other names being “The Crusades Hymn” and “Beautiful Savior”

This hymn was originally written in German and was first printed in 1677. The hymn is printed in no less that 619 different hymnals.

Some have thought that this hymn was sung by the Crusaders on their way to the Holy Land. However it was probably written in the 17th Century, in German, “Schonster Herr Jesu”. Some think the Moravians sang this hymn, fleeing persecution and seeking refuge in Selesia, which is now southwestern Poland. If indeed this is so, this is a remarkable hymn because it says nothing about their suffering and everything about their faith! It expresses great love of the beauties of nature, meadows, woodlands, sunshine, moon light, “and all the twinkling starry host.” But Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast!

Gary Crum

Material taken from Wikipedia

and Richard Niell Donovan



***New Member:
Rosemary Elder***



I was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, grew up in Windber, Pennsylvania, and have lived in many places over the years. I'm a college graduate with a degree in biology, which I have never really made use of. Of my several careers over the years, the most enjoyable was being one of several secretaries in a large church in Illinois.

I have been widowed twice, most recently in 2016. I now live alone with my cat, Crumpet, in Fayetteville, and enjoy a rich array of friendships with my neighbors and friends throughout the area. I like to sing, read, work various kinds of puzzles on my iPad and spend time with my cat.

In my lifetime, I have been a Catholic, a Lutheran, a Presbyterian, and now a member of the United Church of Christ! The unifying theme throughout all of these has been my constant search for a closer relationship with God. The Holy Spirit prompts me in the search through Bible studies, prayer, music, and faithful attendance at church.

I look forward to experiencing unique ways of continuing the search here at St. John's as I look for various ways to become "plugged in".

New Members: Clyde and Sarah Shiraki

Clyde was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is a retired engineer and Navy veteran. Sarah grew up in small towns in Iowa and is a former teacher and drug abuse researcher. The island boy and country girl met in college in Boston, discovering that both had been raised in the UCC. After initially living in Maryland for 20 years, they spent the last 25 years in Hawaii, first on Kaua'i before retiring to the Big Island.

They currently live at Menno Haven, readjusting to the East Coast and winter weather. Clyde is an avid woodworker and cyclist, and they both enjoy travel, reading, and exploring the rural countryside around their new home.



If you are interested in joining St. John's, please contact Pastor Caroline!



St. John's Nursery School

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season has come and gone, and we at St. John's Nursery School look forward to the new beginnings that 2026 will bring.

December was quite an exciting month. The children were busy little elves making holiday gifts for their families and friends. The classrooms celebrated with a Christmas party with crafts and games, complete with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! A special thank you to Larry and Vonnice Wadel, for taking time out of their busy schedules to help us with our celebrations.

With your help, St. John's Nursery School was able to donate 86 pairs of pajamas to Little Daisy's Closet this year. What a wonderful, giving heart our Nursery School families and church members have!

On behalf of the Nursery School Staff, I would like to send a special Thank You to our Nursery School Ministry members for their continuous support and for the amazing Christmas Breakfast and gift! We are blessed with such a loving and knowledgeable board that supports our mission here at St. John's Nursery School!

Happy New Year to all of our friends, family members, and supporters of St. John's Nursery School. May 2026 bring you peace, love, and memories that make you smile.

Kari Rock, Director



Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00am - 3:00pm

**Church Office will be closed Thursday,
January 1st 2026 in observance of New Years Day
and**

**Monday, January 19th 2026
in observance of
Martin Luther King Day.**

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A New Chapter in First Fruits and Community Engagement

At our meeting in October 2025, the Community Engagement Committee discussed how we can support organizations in our area doing good work in our community/world. In addition to the budgeted benevolences which are given each quarter, we are piloting a “quarterly focus” of seasonal giving through physical donations and/or First Fruits. The “Winter” focus for November/December/January was determined to be for Heifer Project, the Angel Tree (Salvation Army), and the Hoffman Homes holiday gift program. With the majority of these programs having wrapped up in December, we ask that your First Fruits contributions go toward the following initiatives:

- 1) United Way’s Winter Warmth Drive, which runs through January 16 (details on page 9), and collects healthy food and winter gear for families in our community to stay warm and well-fed this winter
- 2) Our new Little Free Pantry (details on page 10) that supports those who are hungry right here in our neighborhood. Our pantry is officially registered on the Little Free Pantry website (littlefreepantry.org), allowing folks in need to find us electronically.

Please designate on your envelope or check how your donation is to be used.

Thank you for your support of these efforts, which are tangible signs of the kin(g)dom of God and the love of neighbor.

-Pastor Caroline for the Community Engagement Committee

WINTER Warmth DRIVE



Helping families in our community stay warm and well-fed this winter



Healthy Food NOW - January 16



- Apples, Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, and Winter Squash
- Whole Grains
- Seasonings & Cooking Oils
- Boxed Meals & Canned Goods
- Flour, Sugar, & Baking Soda

**Donations
Needed**

- Condiments
- Peanut Butter
- Shelf-Stable Milk
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce

Winter Gear NOW - January 16



- Mittens & Gloves
- Winter Hats
- Socks
- First Aid Kits
- Deodorant
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Tissues & Paper Towels
- Toothpaste
- Laundry Detergent
- Soap (*hand, dish, & body*)

**Donations
Needed**

Monetary Gifts also welcome



Donations will go into our Community Impact Fund, which supports programs across Franklin County.

**Give Online
Today**



uwfcpa.org/GiveWarmth

Thank You Sponsors!
Herbruck's Blue Springs
Middletown Valley Bank

Where do I take my donations?

To any of the community collection sites during their business hours. Check out the map!



**Collection
Site Map**

Here's the Scoop on the “Little Free Pantry”



In November 2025, Pastor Caroline and Tom Kinton met to discuss ways that we at St. John's UCC can help our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity. In addition to donating items to the United Way's Winter Warmth Drive and participating in the Reverse Advent Calendar challenge, we wanted to explore ways that people who are already coming to St. John's might gain

access to non-perishable food items. Tom built a “Little Free Pantry” and installed it by Parking Lot B, near the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Pastor Caroline has reached out to our Boy Scout Troop, Cub Scout Pack, and Girl Scout Troop for their help in filling this “Little Free Pantry” (or LFP).

We also need **YOUR** help to support and sustain this initiative.

Due to the winter weather, we are seeking donations of dry non-perishable items (such as pasta, rice, cereal, etc.). We are concerned that canned goods will freeze and/or explode. A grocery cart is in the lobby by Fellowship Hall for these physical items. Monetary contributions can be designed “Little Free Pantry” and we'll arrange for volunteers to shop for groceries and toiletries using these monies.

Thank you so much for your care and concern for our neighbors and community.

Winterfest Dance DJ Frank Hancock

Saturday, January 24, 2026

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

St. John's Fellowship Hall

Donations accepted



**St. John's United Church of Christ
1811 Lincoln Way E. Chambersburg PA 17202
Parking Lot B**

ST. JOHN'S UCC SHROVE TUESDAY PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

February 17, 2026

5:30 pm

Dine-in or Carry-out

Includes:
Mashed potatoes
Cooked Carrots
Rolls
Applesauce
Dessert

**\$15 Adults
\$5 kids (6-12)
Free for kids under 6**

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



Future Together Progress Report

In December 2025, we highlighted the progress we made on the 2023-2025 version of the St. John's UCC Future Together Strategic Plan. As we update the Strategic Plan for 2026 and 2027, we celebrate the continued ways we are living into our mission: to grow in love of God and neighbor.

SPIRITUAL DEEPENING

- Pastor Caroline leads a weekly book study on Monday afternoons at 1:30 pm. We selected "Love's Braided Dance: Hope in a Time of Crisis" by Norman Wirzba as our next read. Please consider joining the group on January 12, 2026. Each week's reading assignment is listed in News in the Pews and the e-blast.
- Bible Study on the book of Acts meets via Zoom at 8 pm on Sunday evenings. The group paused their study for the Christmas holidays and will resume with the final few chapters in Acts on Sunday, January 11, 2026. The link is included in the weekly e-blast. We will choose another book to study to begin in February.
- The Wired Word class meets Sundays at 8:45 am in room 116. Email Lloyd Beers to join the mailing list to receive the material in advance.
- A small group has formed to explore additional faith formation opportunities for adults. A new class on The Upper Room will begin on Sunday, January 4, 2026. Please see the article on page **XX** for more details.
- 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.
- 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.
- A new worship music group has formed with both vocalists and instrumentalists. Many thanks to these folks who are sharing their talents.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- The prayer chain is a wonderful way that we can be involved in praying with and for one another. Prayer requests can be emailed or texted to Pastor Caroline. To join the prayer chain, please contact the church office.
- "Life Talks" has been a wonderful addition to our Sunday mornings after worship. We are indeed doing life together! 12
- Our annual Totenfest service of remembrance was held on November 23.

ENERGIZE PARTICIPATION

- The Pickleball court in Fellowship Hall has been well-received. Please contact the church office to reserve the court or consult the calendar for scheduled play times.
- Mike Marotte gave a wonderful presentation on the history of Penn Mar Park on November 13, with ~35 people attending.
- We were blessed to receive new members in October, November, and December. Eight adults now call St. John's UCC their church home.
- The Angel Tree (40 tags) and Hoffman Homes (20 tags) gifts were dedicated in worship on December 7 and November 30 . Many thanks go to Lee Powell and Barbara Petroff for delivering our gifts to Hoffman Homes in Littlestown.
- Cookies for Kids (the Cookie Walk) raised \$915 this year with the help from our friends at Habitat for Humanity. Funds will go to support kids in our community.
- The Reverse Advent Calendar food drive donations were blessed at the Christmas Eve service and delivered to the Fayetteville Food Pantry at St. Paul Lutheran.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- We now have a Little Free Pantry (aka blessing box) located by the entrance to Fellowship Hall. To learn more, please read the article found on page 10.
- The adult church school class provides a meal for NETwork Ministries once a month, typically on the 4th Thursday. They adjusted their schedule to continue this ministry in November and December. The next date will be January 29, 2026.
- The Heifer Project was successful again this year. Youth selected the animals to be purchased with the donations from November First Fruits. We give thanks for their leadership with this program, helping families around the world.
- Chambers BellFest bell choir concert was held on Sunday, December 14, at 7 pm. A new bell group from Messiah UMC in Shippensburg joined St. John's UCC, First Lutheran, and Park Avenue UMC for a wonderful holiday concert.
- Saturday, January will be our first (and hopefully annual) Winterfest Dance.
- Winter Warmth Drive with the United Way continues through January 16. More information can be found on page 9.
- Save the Date for our Shrove Tuesday Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner on February 17.

Future Together Progress Report

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Council met with Mark Story of Habitat for Humanity at their December 17 to more formally explore using part of our property to develop Habitat houses. Additional information will be shared with the congregation as this possible collaboration develops. Stay tuned!
- Our HVAC loan rate will reset in July 2026. Contributions toward Mission Possible, our HVAC campaign, are greatly appreciated as we work to pay off this debt.
- The parking lot project has gone well up to this point. The trees and islands have been eliminated in parking lot A, the electrical work complete, and initial repaving of those areas finished. The major work will resume after Memorial Day.
- Jessica and Friends continues to grow and expand, providing services for adults in the community with autism and intellectual disability. They are renting increased space in our building and renewed their lease for 2026.
- Our building continues to be used for community art classes, both on Mondays and branching out into Saturdays as well. We give thanks for their partnership and ways that we can support creative endeavors.
- We received a \$10,000 grant from the Penn Central Conference's Innovation Grant with the help of Ghostwriter, LLC. We have switched to a project-based model to work with them, rather than a monthly retainer, in 2026. Grants have become more competitive over the last year and we want to be good stewards of the resources that the congregation has entrusted to us.
- Many thanks to everyone who uses online giving, EFTs, and other ways to support St. John's financially. We have a QR code to our online giving website on the back of every bulletin and as part of the Spirit. We also try to include a finance-related article each month in the newsletter.

SNOW! Is Sunday Worship cancelled?



- Check your email for a special E-Blast.
- Call the church office. Select Option 1 to hear a message.

See News-in-the-Pews

Church Activity Cancellations for Monday-Friday



- If CASD classes are cancelled all day, all church activities are also cancelled.
- If school is delayed, only morning church activities are cancelled.
- An early dismissal from school means all evening activities are cancelled.



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

Sunday Night Bible Study

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

We'll start studying a new book of the Bible in February 2026

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.

Star Words: Words to Guide Your Year

Epiphany is the day in the liturgical calendar when we celebrate the magi's arrival to Jesus. The magi, a noble group of people, studied stars and knew when a new one appeared. The star guided them to the place of Jesus' birth, where they recognized and honored Jesus as king.

As part of our shared life together, we want to offer YOU the opportunity to select a "star word." You can spend time reading through the words on the bulletin board in the main lobby and choose one for your year, or select one at random. Your word might instantly make sense to you or be a bit of a mystery. We encourage you to keep it in a place where you will see it daily (such as a bathroom mirror, bedside table, or car).

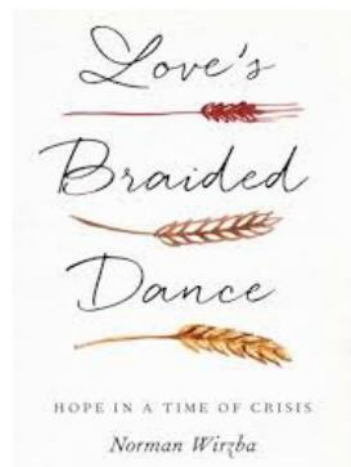
As you feel led, please choose a word to guide your year in 2026 and write that word on a star. As the star once guided the magi, so may these words guide our hearts and steps. Let each word shine with your light, becoming intention and prayer for the year ahead.

-Pastor Caroline

(adapted from "*The Will to Dream*" by *Illustrated Ministry*)

Monday Afternoon Book Study

Our next read will be "Love's Braided Dance: Hope in a Time of Crisis" by Norman Wirzba. Discussion of this book will begin on Monday, January 12, 2026. Check out News in the Pews for each week's reading assignment. Everyone is welcome!



“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. **Pick up a copy of the draft “Holy Manners” or request one from the church office and plan to attend a congregational discussion and feedback session on Sunday, January 11, 2026 and/or Sunday, January 25, 2026, in Room 116 after worship. We hope to adopt this covenant at the Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 8. Questions can be directed to Lloyd Beers or Pastor Caroline.***

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.

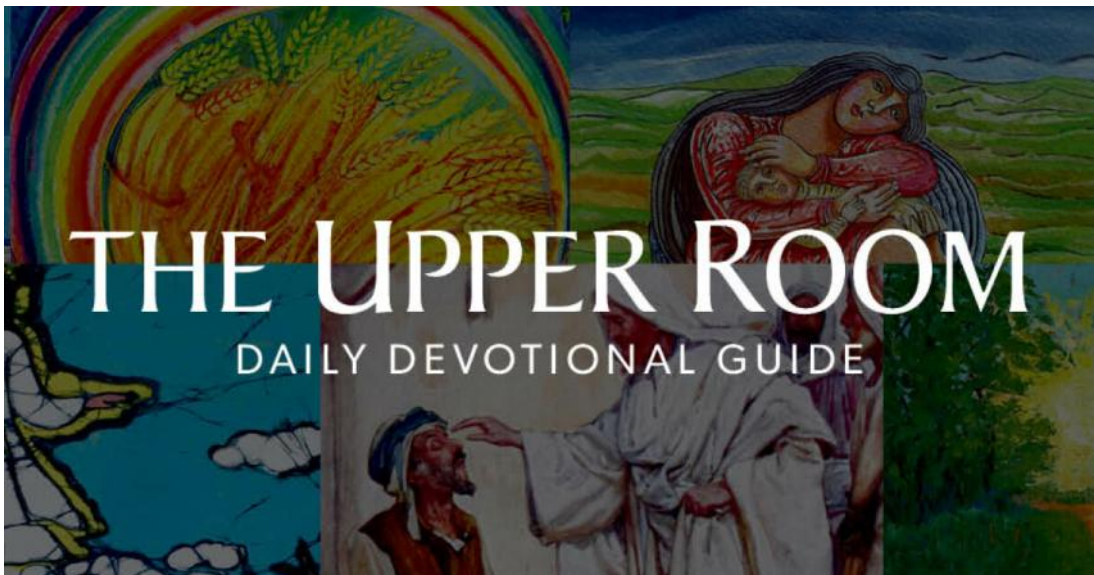
ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL: NEW CLASS BEGINNING IN JANUARY

St. John's UCC *The Upper Room* - A Sunday School Restart

Beginning January 4, 2026, The *Upper Room* Sunday School class will begin meeting in Conference Room 111 at 8:45 am.

For the first meeting, participants will pre-read the seven Bible passages and the authors' comments, found in the *Upper Room* booklets, for December 29, 30, 31, and January 1, 2, 3, and 4. These booklets are on the table inside the main entrance of the Church.

Conversation will include the Bible verse, the authors' messages, the *Thought for the Day*, the prayer focuses, and your personal thoughts of the content.



Camp Ministry Report

We have been working to freshen up our facility. We received a \$5000 grant from the UCC Outdoor Ministry. \$2200 of the grant was used for maintenance and improvements. Mike Blumberg painted the dining hall and kitchen floors. Tom Kinton and Ken Dilling patched cabin walls along with Dick Rebok. They also replaced and patched screen doors and windows. Renee Byers and Diana Kongkeattikul painted shower floors. Our water heater in the kitchen was replaced last spring.

We created a new camp rental plan and form. It is available online. Thanks to the congregation for our sponsor a camper funds. We were able to support more campers than usual using those funds and a few additional from our grand monies. Our bus transportation was paid for by the grant. That is usually our biggest expense for the camp season.

Currently we are working on programming for the next season. We have also applied for and received a new grant for 2025. This will bring us another dishwasher to replace that which the rodents killed last spring.

We plan for another sticky bun sale March 30th!

Church Directory Update As we work to finalize our new photo directory, we need your updated contact information. If your address, phone number or email address has changed, please share this with the church office. If you have not yet submitted a photo or would like to have your picture taken, please contact the church office. Thank you!

JANUARY 19, 2026 | 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!



Ladies **LUNCHEON**

We had a wonderful Christmas gathering in the Chinaberry Room at Northgate (Menno Haven) on December 10. Beverly Peters shared her collection of Santa's and several were given to the ladies in attendance. After many years of organizing the ladies' luncheon, Bev has passed the baton to others to lead in 2026. Thank you, Beverly, for your faithfulness, kindness, and good humor!

The group will continue to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our January gathering will be Wednesday, January 14, 11:30 am at Hoss's Steak & Sea House (20 Falling Spring Road, Chambersburg, 17202). No need to RSVP; just come and enjoy!

MENS BREAKFAST

We will be meeting **Thursday, January 8th at 7 am** at Texas Lunch.
(108 LWW, Chambersburg, PA).

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



January Birthdays

01/01 David Dietrich
01/01 Michael Hair
01/01 Sue McMurtray
01/02 Liam Dietrich
01/02 Carol Marotte
01/04 Charles (Chip) Miller
01/04 Madeleine Miller
01/07 Ruth Ann Cuesta
01/10 Thomas Harrison
01/11 Deborah Olson
01/14 Alan Young



01/15 Erik Strunk
01/18 Linda Barton
01/19 Alex Strunk
01/20 Lisa Frantz
01/24 Calvin Frantz
01/25 Hannah Jean Myers
01/25 Abbie Reichelderfer
01/27 Paulette Wohl
01/28 Brooke Reichelderfer
01/28 Barb Wissinger
01/29 Douglas Stepler
01/30 Robert Schollaert



Youth News



January Dates

4 Church School 8:45

11 Church School 8:45

18 Church School 8:45

25 Church School 8:45

Thank you to those who contributed to the Heifer International Mission Project run by the Youth in November. A grand total of \$1,245.00. We are role models for our young showing how God's love can be shared. Thank you also to all of you who contributed to the Reverse Advent Calendar Project. At the time of writing I do not have a count. Youth will deliver those boxes on Dec. 27th .



Fa La La La La

Families from St. John's spread Christmas Cheer again this year through song as they traveled around to our shut-in church family members at Luther Ridge, Menno Haven Apts. and cottages, and Providence Place. 17 people joyfully sang and then 21 enjoyed a fellowship at a Potluck.



Any youth interested in going to a showing of this after the holiday?
I will be looking into showing times and dates if there is interest.
Contact Roxanne.

Committee & Ministry Chairs 2026

Camp—*MaryLee Yaukey*

Children & Youth Ministry—*Roxanne Davenport*

Community Engagement—*Harold Collier*

Congregational Care—*Eileen Shaffer*

Facilities Ministry—*Tom Harrison*

Fellowship—*Sue McMurtray*

Finance—*Scot Orndorff*

Library—*MaryLee Yaukey*

Music Ministry—*Gary Crum*

Nursery School—*Linda Zeger*

Personnel—*Lisa Fair*

Prayer Shawl Ministry — *N. Erin Hartman*

Safe Church Compliance—Safe Church Compliance Steward, *Sarah Herbert*

Safe Church Response—Safe Church Compliance Steward, *Sarah Herbert*

Safety and Security—*Tom Kinton*

Spiritual Life—*Lloyd Beers*

Technology and Media Ministry— *Calvin Frantz*

Want to serve
on a Ministry or Standing
Committee?

These groups would
welcome you and
your talents!

Speak to these leaders or
Pastor Caroline today to
learn more and join them!

2026 COUNCIL

Moderator Team

Tom Harrison, **Past Moderator**

Harold Collier, **Moderator**

Diana Kongkeattikul, **Moderator Elect**

At Large Members

Jill Miller

Dale Myers

Eileen Shaffer, **Secretary**

Harold Wissinger

Additional Non-Council Positions

Scot Orndorff, **Treasurer**

Jerry Thomason, **Assistant Treasurer**

Dick Rebok, **Authorized Check Signatory**

Susan Collier, **Head Deacon**

Dwight Sollenberger, **Head Elder**

Sarah Herbert, **Safe Church Compliance Steward**

Pastor

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

We will elect new members to Council positions at the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 8, 2026. The nominating committee is hard at work to finalize nominees for these (and other) positions.

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

Communion Dates:

Epiphany Sunday, January 4 10 am (Sanctuary & Live-streamed)
Sunday, February 1, 10 am (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)



“To grow in love of God and neighbor”



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