

# The Spirit

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## *From Pastor Caroline*

At a recent boundary training, Rev. Dr. Nora Foust asked the clergy gathered about our prayer practices, the ones that nourish our own spirits and souls. There are days when I cry in my prayers; when I feel like screaming; when all I can do is breathe. Sarah Bessey introduced me to the practice of breath prayers. By praying with my body, as well as with my mind, I am more centered and grounded in the goodness of God, better able to love and lead, and attuned to the Spirit. Our bodies and brains work together; we pray with our hands and our feet, for prayer is internal and external. It is how we are connected to the Source of All Being: to God.

I've often wondered how churches that don't observe Lent understand Easter. I appreciate the time of preparation, intentional focus that points us to the cross and the resurrection. Easter doesn't just happen; after all, Jesus spends a great deal of time telling his disciples about his coming death – and his resurrection. The miracle is that death doesn't get the last word. God does not let evil hold sway or win the day. Jesus lives and dies and lives again. So get ready to break out the Alleluias, to sing and give thanks for what God in Christ has done.

With honesty, hope, inspiration, integrity, and care, we have been focused on the work of imagination. We have dared to dream of a world renewed, to be transformed, and to see what is still possible because of the love and grace of God. This is work that is lifelong, not limited to a season such as Lent, but becoming part of our walk of faith as Christians. We are to be known by our love; may we embrace and embody the teachings of Jesus today.

We continue to seek out sources of hope, to find the light in the darkness. Our Bible study on the book of Esther has encouraged and challenged us. The book study of "Love's Braided Dance" gives examples of how hope shows up in the world, not by shying away from what is hard, but by pointing out what is still good and right and true. These opportunities, along with our three adult church school classes are offered to help us listen and learn in community, because we part of one body and we need each other to survive. We encourage each other and lift each other up, as Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:11. We are a church family. We may not have a steeple, but open the doors and see all the people!

This month, I will celebrate 8 years of ordination. It's easy to remember that date, since April 15 is also tax day. I give thanks for the mentors who walked with me along the way and all those who have ministered alongside me in the years since then. I am especially grateful that Ernie Welch and Don Hendrickson traveled to Grinnell, IA to join me for that special day. I might be writing a check to the IRS this month, yet I can never repay God for all the gifts and blessings that I have received as part of this odd and wondrous calling.

I will be taking some time off after Easter to visit my brother David, who moved to a new setting in the Des Moines, IA area at the end of February. He is thriving in his new home and I look forward to being with him for more than just a few hours.

May we welcome glad Easter, raising our voices in song and praise. And let us ask God for wisdom and courage, and all that we need, for the living of these days.

*Peace, Pastor Caroline*



# MUSIC MINISTRY

## SUMMER SINGERS

I started this group of singers around the summer of 2009 here at St. John's UCC. Our first group was rather small with most of the singers from our own choir. Since that time our group has grown with many people outside our church to around 70 singers before Covid. Last year we had 55 singers from 20 different churches in the Chambersburg area. I am always looking for new singers and people who want to sing and enjoy doing so. If you are interested please see the schedule on the bulletin boards or email me at [ggcrum@gmail.com](mailto:ggcrum@gmail.com). At this point we still need Tenors and Altos but will welcome anyone who wishes to join.

Sincerely, Gary Crum

# First Fruit Offering

## LENTEN OFFERING

This year, we are hoping to exceed past Lenten Offering amounts as we turn our focus to three 'beyond' recipients:

- 1) **Adopt-A-School Project** overseen by CONOPAC. While engaging in communities to educate and utilize their own natural resources around them, CONOPAC also seeks to support the unlimited benefits of enabling the resourcefulness inherent in the education of one's children. In partnering with a community, this support comes via provision of educational supplies to the children which is a financial challenge for rural families in Peru.
- 2) **African Mission Healthcare.** Funds for this year will go to African Mission Healthcare's project to enhance provision of pediatric surgeries. These funds will go toward the training of health personnel and thus increasing the availability of pediatric surgery. African Mission Healthcare, working with 32 partners, has increased the number of countries (11 in total) in which they provide direct patient services, training doctors and other health personnel, and/or transforming hospitals for the future.
- 3) **United Church of Christ Disaster Emergency Fund.** In working with churches, UCC associations, and conferences, and/or often partnering with other organizations, such as H.O.P.E., Church World Service, resources are coordinated. Disaster ministries serves as a central coordinating hub in this effort. Unexpected disasters can result in much chaos and confusion in meeting short term immediate needs, but coordination can additionally assist in resourceful forward looking steps in long term recovery.

Whether you contribute via First Fruits Offerings, an envelope that you designate for "Lenten Offering," a check you mail to church, or utilizing a Lenten Offering Box in which you place coins, paper bills, or checks, we encourage you to donate generously as we seek to enhance children's education in Peru, pediatric surgery healthcare needs in Africa, or relief funds to assist needs of those challenged by an unexpected disaster. We THANK YOU for this support through this Lenten (and Easter) season.

# Mission Possible HVAC Campaign Status

Let's go back in time to the June 2021 congregational meeting when we announced the fundraising campaign to pay for our new HVAC system. The following is a recap from the minutes of that meeting.

1. The fundraising campaign will run for 5 years with a goal of \$700K (to pay for the cost of the system plus loan fees and interest costs).
2. We will borrow \$500K from F&M Trust with a 10-year term at 3.75% interest (fixed for first 5 years, then variable in July 2026) and use initial campaign receipts to pay the HVAC system costs.
3. We will use campaign receipts to pay down the debt as quickly as possible with the hope to have it fully paid in 5 years.
4. Consistory approved a "silent kickoff" to jump start the campaign. This resulted in combined pledges and cash payments of \$243K, or 35% of the goal.

## What is the current status Mission Possible?

The campaign "goal" was reduced to \$650K as a result of significant early donations that enabled us to pay down the debt by \$260K in 2021, thus reducing the original expected interest cost by \$50K. Due to this early principal paydown, the loan will be paid off in 2029 with normal monthly payments.

Here is a snapshot of the campaign at December 31, 2025:

Campaign Goal	\$650K
Donations received	\$532K
Budgeted donations 2026	\$14K
Shortfall from Goal	\$104K

The budgeted donations are based on known unpaid pledges plus an estimate of donations from the donors that did not make pledges.

Since the interest rate on the loan is expected to increase to over 7% in July 2026, we believe it is fiscally prudent to use existing funds to pay off the remaining debt of approximately \$107K at that time (our outstanding debt is ~\$117K as of 3/15/26).

**We are so close. Won't you help us cross the HVAC finish line?**

**-The Finance Task Force:**

Scot Orndorff, Jerry Thomason, Lisa Fair, and Pastor Caroline



## St. John's Nursery School

Happy April! Our Nursery School students and teachers LOVE the warmer weather and are very thankful to be able to go outside and play!

March was quite a busy month for the Nursery School. We celebrated Pet Month by collecting supplies for the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter. Thank you so much for all of your donations! We also thank the youth of St. John's for supporting us in this project. In addition, our friends at Creatures Great and Small came to visit, bringing a wide variety of bugs, snakes, birds, and animals of all sizes. It was SO much fun!

Next, we held a school-wide reading initiative and celebrated our love of reading with an ice cream party! Children read throughout the month of March and recorded the names of the books they read on paper cars, which were displayed outside of their classrooms.

The Nursery School held its annual Smith's Chicken BBQ Fundraiser on March 28th. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. It was a great success!! A huge THANK YOU also goes to the Nursery School Ministry and Staff for helping to prepare the meals. It was definitely a team effort!

We look forward to celebrating Easter this month. Our amazing Room Parents are planning fun classroom parties, with themed crafts, games, snacks, and an Easter egg hunt. The Easter Bunny will also be hopping in with a special treat for each child!

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is well on its way! If you are interested in registering your child in one of our preschool programs, or know someone who is, please contact the nursery school office at 717-264-8224 or visit [www.sjucc1811.org/nursery-school/](http://www.sjucc1811.org/nursery-school/) for a registration form.

Wishing you a blessed and joyous Easter!

Kari Rock, Director



Church Office Hours:

**Monday - Friday**

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

Church Office will be **CLOSED**  
on Monday April 6th in observance for Easter.



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# Future Together Progress Report

*Thank you **so much** for your feedback, ideas, and suggestions in response to the Congregational Questionnaire! Council is reviewing what we received in December and will continue to solicit feedback throughout 2026. A revised version of the Future Together Strategic Plan for 2026-2027 was endorsed at our Congregational Annual meeting. Copies are available from the church office and on our website.*

## **SPIRITUAL DEEPENING**

- Pastor Caroline leads a weekly book study on Monday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Our current selection is “Love’s Braided Dance: Hope in a Time of Crisis” by Norman Wirzba. The group reads one chapter a week and enjoys a robust discussion. Each week’s reading assignment is listed in News in the Pews and the e-blast.
- The Sunday Night Bible Study is held at 8 pm via Zoom. We are currently studying the Book of Esther. The link is in the e-blast.
- 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.
- The Upper Room class meets on Sundays at 8:45 am in Conference Room 111.
- A third adult church school class “Sunday Morning Caffeine” began on Sunday, March 8 at 8:45 am in the Parlor Room 104.
- 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.
- Yoga classes are held on Tuesday nights at 5:30 pm in Room 202. \$5/class.
- A new praise group has been hard at work rehearsing. They will be sharing their talents in worship soon. We give thanks for their ministry among us.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

- Sixteen people gathered together for a meal at Neighbors Food Hall on March 10. The event was so well-received that we’ll do this again in May, date TBD.
- We rejoice in our “culture of care” that embraces everyone.
- We are exploring what is involved in “dinner church” and a small group has been invited to help move this idea forward.

## **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.
- The policy manual is being revised to assist us in doing more ministry (not meetings).
- Children and Youth Ministry will host an Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 9:15 am.
- Pastor Caroline will be offering a combined class on Pentecost on May 17 at 8:45 am.
- Our annual “Pentecost Picnic” will be Sunday, May 24.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Events in February included: Shrove Tuesday Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner (93 paid meals served); Ash Wednesday service; NETwork Ministry invited to perform (had to cancel due to weather; we hope to reschedule the step teams soon); NETwork Ministry meal for 60 kids prepared and delivered.
- Events in March included: Youth Art Show in the Lobby; Camp Sticky Bun sale; Craft Night; NETwork Ministry meal for 60 kids prepared and delivered.
- Lenten Projects for this year: Peru Sponsor a School; African Mission Healthcare; UCC Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (funds will be collected until the end of April)
- Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 4, \$8 for adults, children up to age 12 \$2. If you would like to sponsor this event, please let Harold Collier know.
- St. John’s will host a re-entry simulation on Wednesday, April 8, 1-4 pm. Registration is required. See page 20 for more details.
- Dance classes with Frank Hancock will begin on Thursday, April 9 and run for 6 weeks.
- The Blueberry Bliss Spring Tea is Saturday, April 25. Make sure you’re on the VIP list!
- We will host a Mother’s Day Ball on Saturday, May 8, in Fellowship Hall.
- Support our friends at Franklin County Legal Services’ Book Sale on May 8, 9 and 10. The sale will be held at Laird Hall, Wilson College (1015 Philadelphia Avenue).
- Registration is open for St. John’s Camp in 2026. Dates and details are on our website.

## **FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**

- Many thanks to those who have contributed to our Mission Possible HVAC campaign. Help us cross the finish line!
- Council continues to explore options for our building and property to generate revenue.
- We are exploring sponsorship options for the annual Book Sale, helping St. John’s to generate income to offset expenses for this very popular community event.

# LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Located in Parking Lot B.  
1811 Lincoln Way East Chambersburg, Pa



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**Parking Lot B**  
near rear entrance.  
1811 Lincoln Way East  
Chambersburg, Pa

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. 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.

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.).

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

# St. John's Recycling Area



**Cardboard ONLY**  
**Please break down ALL Cardboard**

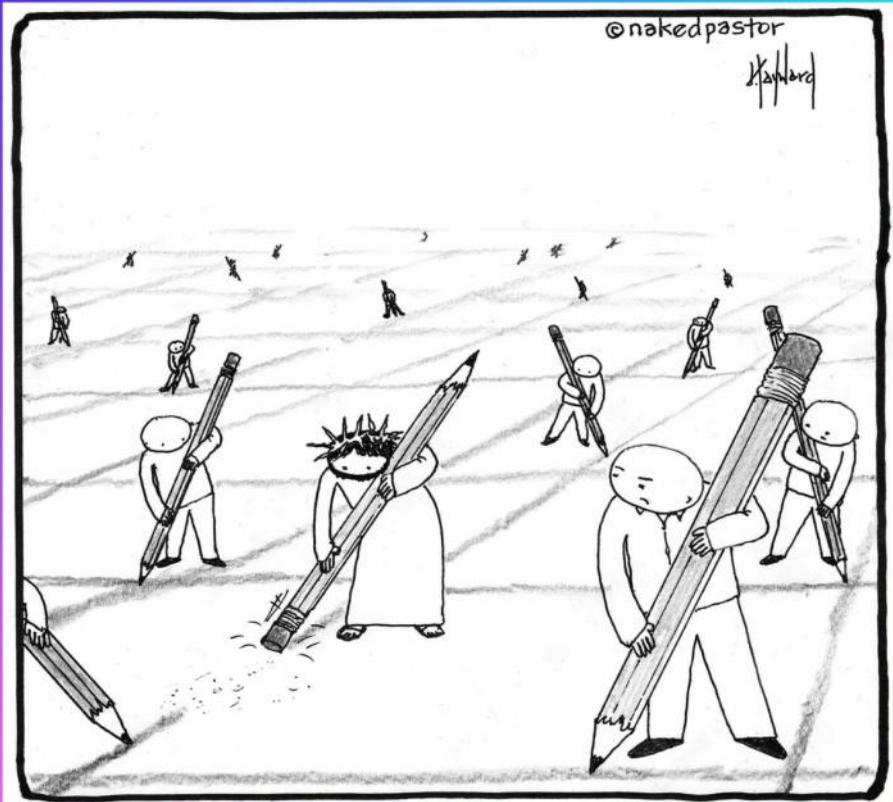
**CLEAN Plastic Bottles ONLY**

**NO Trash/ Waste**



New Church School Class:  
**“Sunday Morning Caffeine”**

*transforming from the  
ordinary to the extraordinary*



Sundays at 8:45 am  
Parlor Room 104

“When Jesus erases the lines we draw”

## Sunday Night Bible Study

Join us on Sunday nights  
at 8 pm on Zoom for Bible Study!  
We are currently studying the Book of Esther.

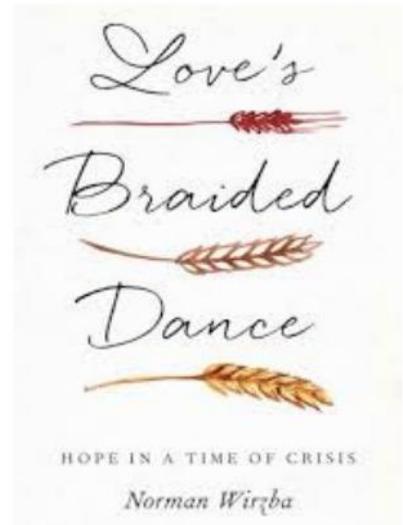
Check out News in the Pews & E-blast  
for each week's reading assignment.

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.

## Monday Afternoon Book Study

Our current selection is "Love's Braided Dance: Hope in a Time of Crisis" by Norman Wirzba. We read one chapter a week and have a robust discussion of the material. Check out News in the Pews for each week's reading assignment. Everyone is welcome!



# Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt (10 am)

April 4, 2026

Fellowship Hall 9 am-11 am

Adults \$8

Children up to 12 yrs. \$2

A portion of the proceeds will go to SCCAP

Use Parking Lot B

St. John's UCC, 1811 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg PA



You're invited to celebrate

# EASTER

at St. John's United Church of Christ

## APRIL 2 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 PM SERVICE OF TENEBRAE  
with HOLY COMMUNION  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

## APRIL 3 - GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 PM UNITED CHURCHES OF  
CHAMBERSBURG AREA (UCCA)  
COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE @  
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 AM EASTER EGG HUNT  
10:00 AM WORSHIP WITH  
HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited you to join us for Holy Week and Easter services at our church. Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through song, prayer, and reflection.

  
St. John's United Church of Christ  
1811 Lincoln Way East  
Chambersburg, PA 17202  
7171-263-8593

# ST. JOHN'S CAMP NEWS

2026 Summer Camps – This summer there will be Camp Kum-Ba-Yah, a day camp, for grades 3,4,& 5 and Camp Noah, also a day camp, for grades K,1,& 2 that will both run June 22-26 at a cost of \$125.

Any registrations paid in full by June 1 will receive a \$25 discount.

Dates, details, and the registration form are on the church website for our 2026 camp season. Please, share this information about our lovely camp with your friends and family. Sign up children, grandchildren and friends to come to camp. Consider renting the camp for casual events and encourage others to rent our beautiful camp. There is nothing more calming and uplifting than spending time outdoors at St. John's Camp!

“Life's Learning” presenters, counselors, and lunch time helpers will be needed to operate the camp program. If you are available June 22-26 to help with camp for a day or more, please contact Mary Lee Yaukey ([mlyaukey@comcast.net](mailto:mlyaukey@comcast.net)) or Renee Byers ([rbyers@comcast.net](mailto:rbyers@comcast.net)).



Combined Church School Class:

# **“What is Pentecost?”**

*more than just the birthday of the church*



Sunday, May 17 8:45-9:45 in Fellowship Hall  
Join us for a continental breakfast and discussion

**“The Spirit on the Move”**



# REENTRY SIMULATION

**April 8, 2026  
1:00pm-4:00pm  
St. John's UCC**

1811 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg, 17202

Learn what life is like for a citizen returning from incarceration in this unique, eye-opening experience.



### *What is a Reentry Simulation?*

- Experiential learning opportunity designed to help participants understand the day-to-day struggles of reentry

### *How does a simulation work?*

- Assume a role and complete tasks at simulated agencies
- Endure "real life" struggles
- Participate in debrief & group discussion

### ***Participants needed!***

Even if you have never attended or volunteered for a simulation before, we can use you. All materials and instructions are provided. Contact [lelliott@sccap.org](mailto:lelliott@sccap.org) to participate.

**PARTICIPATION IS FREE; REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED [www.franklintogether.org](http://www.franklintogether.org)  
Register by April 1, 2026!**



# ST JOHNS SPRING 2026

## Starts Thursday April 9



- **Beginners Class- 6-7 PM**      *(Swing/Foxtrot/Cha Cha/Tango/Line Dances)*
- **Beyond Beginners 7-8 PM**      *(MORE-Swing/Tango/Cha Cha/Foxtrot/Bachata/Line Dances AND Rumba)*
- **At St Johns Church 1811 Lincoln Way E, Chambersburg, PA 17202**
- *Learn how to dance – enjoy it the rest of your life 😊*
- **Dates: Thursdays- April 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14.**
- **6 Lessons for a total of \$35.00 per person. Pay first night cash or check.**
- **\* Partner NOT required**
- **\* To sign up contact Frank Hancock at [fhancock@comcast.net](mailto:fhancock@comcast.net) OR Harold Collier- [hcollier@comcast.net](mailto:hcollier@comcast.net)**
- **or call 717-241-4483 or text 717-448-7839**

### GREAT DANCERS

- **George Washington**                      **John Wayne**                      **Jim Thorpe**                      **George Patton**



# NETwork Ministries

## 28th Annual Fundraising Banquet

### Thursday, April 16th, 2026

AT WORLD HARVEST OUTREACH IN CHAMBERSBURG, PA

5-6 PM - Artwork, Appetizers, Music (optional)

6:00 PM - Dinner & Program



Keynote Speaker:

**Tommy Nixon**

CEO, Urban Youth Workers Institute



Reservations: \$30  
RSVP by Monday, April 6th



#### TO RESERVE SEATS

1. Contact your table host from previous years
2. RSVP at [network-ministries.org/banquet](http://network-ministries.org/banquet)
3. Leave NETwork a voicemail at 717-264-4640

#### TO HELP

1. Host a table of 8 people
2. Sponsor a program booklet ad
3. Contact our office for volunteer opportunities

Want more info? [network-ministries.org/banquet](http://network-ministries.org/banquet) or [networkchambersburg@gmail.com](mailto:networkchambersburg@gmail.com)

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having all that you need, you may share abundantly in every good work." - II Corinthians 9:8

# Feel Good Yoga

at St. John's with Sue Collier

Tuesdays, 5:30 PM

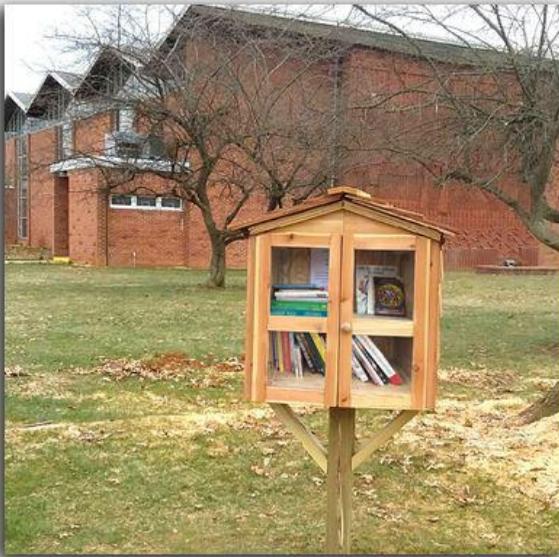
Room 202

\$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.



Find me at St. John's UCC!  
(North Guildford area)

## Little Free Library

TAKE A BOOK • SHARE A BOOK



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TAKE A BOOK • SHARE A BOOK

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

**SAVE THE DATE!**

# **PENTECOST PICNIC!**



**HOT DOGS, CHIPS, DRINKS AND DESSERT**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

APRIL 20, 2026 | 6:30 PM

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# BIBLE & A BEER

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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!



# Blueberry Bliss Tea



Saturday  
April **25**

**1:30 PM**

***To purchase tickets or a table,  
please call (717) 263-8593***

Tickets are \$35, cash or check  
VIP Tickets available starting March 18, 2026



**St. John's UCC  
Fellowship Hall  
Parking Lot B  
1811 Lincoln Way East  
Chambersburg, PA 17202**

Tea includes: salad, soup, scones,  
savories, sweets, and pots of tea

RUN OR WALK TO FIGHT POVERTY!

Sweet 16

16TH ANNUAL

# RACE AGAINST POVERTY

DOWNTOWN CHAMBERSBURG 3-7:30 PM

ALL AGES | CASH PRIZES | TROPHIES | DOOR PRIZES



NEW DAY!

SATURDAY  
JUNE 6, 2026



- 3-7:30PM Food vendors, music, info booths, & more!
- 3PM Same Day Registration / Packet Pickup opens
  - 3:45PM Raber Runs Reg & Pickup closes
  - 4:30PM 5K Walk/Run Reg & Pickup closes
- 4PM Raber Kids 1 Mile begins
- 4:30PM Raber Kids Dash begins
- 5PM 5K Runners begin
- 5PM 5K Walkers begin behind the Runners
- 6:30PM Door Prizes & Runners Award Ceremony



## GO THE EXTRA MILE FUNDRAISE FOR A CAUSE

Create and share your personal and/or team fundraising page to raise money and EARN PRIZES! 100% of the proceeds benefit Support Circles, a local initiative that empowers families to write their own future story and overcome poverty.



TITLE SPONSOR



Support Circles is a program of South Central Community Action Programs.

REGISTER



RACEAGAINSTPOVERTY.ORG

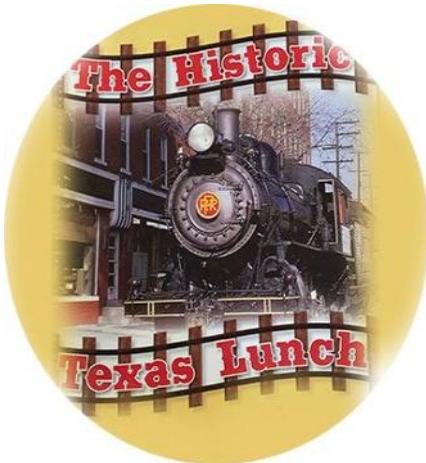
# Ladies Luncheon

The group will continue to meet on the  
2nd Wednesday of each month.

Our next gathering will be Wednesday, April 8th  
at 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, April 2nd**  
**at 7 am** at Texas Lunch.  
(108 LWW, Chambersburg, PA).

We look forward to seeing any and all for  
our next breakfast.

# APRIL



## Birthdays

- 04/01 Rosemary Elder
- 04/03 Jayla Marie Wheeler
- 04/04 Mabel Perry
- 04/06 Diana Kongkeattikul
- 04/08 Sharon Mayer
- 04/09 Beverly Peters
- 04/10 Diane Bigler
- 04/11 Doris Miller
- 04/13 David Frantz
- 04/15 Katie Boyer
- 04/20 Nancy Gaal
- 04/23 Elijah Herbert
- 04/26 Harold Collier
- 04/30 Ruth Bard
- 04/30 Heather Rensch





## *Youth News*

### Youth Calendar of Events

#### *April*

5 NO Church School

Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15

11 CVAS Delivery 10:30 and Cluggy's for Laser Tag 1:00

12 Church School 8:45

19 Church School 8:45

26 Church School 8:45

Children and Youth have coffee hour

Children's Corner is offered weekly during Worship

## *VBS Dates for 2026*

Mark your calendars for July 19th - 23rd

Work Days are scheduled for June 28 and July 12

We are going to the Snowball Mountain Challenge Games!

See Roxanne to help!

# *Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter*

The Youth will be once again helping the Nursery School in their collection of items for the CVAS by creating wonderful animal displays and signs for the collection sites in the church.

We will embark on a delivery of these items on April 11th, meeting at the church at 10:30 am.



## *Laser Tag*

By popular request we are scheduling laser tag fun at Cluggy's! On April 11th , we will meet at the church at 1:00 or Cluggy's at 1:15, if you prefer. Cost is \$15 for unlimited time,

but we will have to wait as other groups that day may be there since Saturdays are busy. We'll plan to return to the church by 4:30.

Service hours are applicable. There is no age requirement.

Any other arcade games, bounce house or crawl tunnels are on your own for cost. See Roxanne for more information.

## *R Y E Regional Youth Event*

I am sorry to say that the Mid Atlantic Regional Youth Event that was scheduled for this July has been postponed due to lack of time to properly organize and procure volunteers. Having been on the planning of one of these, I know it took more than two years to bring to fruition, so although it is disappointing, it is understood. We will continue to watch for information about the next one scheduled as we had some teens interested. This will also give us time to talk about fundraising for the next event.

# 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*

**Pastoral Relations**—*Tom (Mt. Union Rd) Harrison*

**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

Harold Collier, **Past Moderator**

Diana Kongkeattikul, **Moderator**

Harold Wissinger, **Moderator Elect**

## At Large Members

Lloyd Beers Jr.

Tom Harrison

Eileen Shaffer, **Secretary**

Connie Strunk

## 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

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

**Communion Dates:**

Maundy Thursday, April 3, 7:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Easter Sunday, April 5, 10:00 am (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)  
Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 10:00 am, (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)



*“To grow in love of God and neighbor”*



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