

St. John's United Church of Christ

The VOICE

MAY 2014

MESSAGE:

I WANTED TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO THE CONGREGATION REGARDING THE ARRIVAL OF OUR NEW MINISTER. THE BEGINNING OF APRIL, I MET WITH REV FIELDS AND HIS WIFE JODI. THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO BEGIN THEIR TIME HERE WITH ST JOHN'S.

CONSISTORY HAS DECIDED THAT REV FIELDS' FIRST DAY WILL BE MONDAY, JUNE 9TH AND HE WILL CONDUCT HIS FIRST WORSHIP SERVICE AS OUR MINISTER ON SUNDAY JUNE 15TH. REV FIELDS SUGGESTED WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION ON THAT SUNDAY. PENDING CONSISTORY'S APPROVAL AT OUR NEXT MEETING, CHANGING THE COMMUNION SERVICE FROM THE FIRST SUNDAY TO THAT SUNDAY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE WILL OCCUR.

REV FIELDS WILL BE ATTENDING SOME SESSIONS OF THE PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 13-15.

THE FIELDS HAVE MADE TRIPS TO THIS AREA AS THEY HAVE BEEN HOUSE HUNTING. THE LAST I SPOKE TO REV FIELDS, THEY WERE CONSIDERING TWO HOUSES IN THE FREDERICKSBURG AREA.

AT THIS POINT, REV FIELDS IS ANTICIPATING HIS INSTALLATION SERVICE WILL BE HELD LATER THIS SUMMER, PROBABLY AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER.

NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER WILL HAVE A WELCOMING MESSAGE FROM PASTOR FIELDS.

LET US CONTINUE TO ASK FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE AND BLESSING AS WE MOVE THROUGH THIS TRANSITION.

JOE DITZLER, CONSISTORY PRESIDENT

MAY WORSHIP NEWS



SCRIPTURES FOR MAY

Sunday, May 4—Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

I Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, May 11—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

I Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Sunday, May 18—Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

I Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

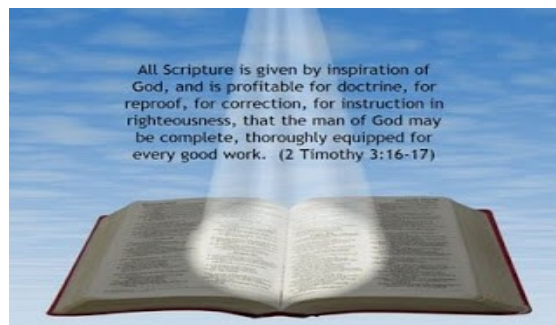
Sunday, May 25—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

I Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21



Consistory News by Joe Ditzler, Consistory President

I want to advise the congregation of some items consistory discussed at our last meeting.

A proposal was presented to consistory from the Building and Grounds Committee regarding some repairs we would like to make to the sanctuary interior. Those repairs include replacing the wallpaper and painting. The proposal presented would replace the wallpaper with a wainscot finish and repainting above that. Dampness in the exterior walls continues to be a concern so the wainscot would be a composite material with a wood finish. Consistory liked the proposal but asked the committee to obtain a second one for comparison. The expected cost of this project may require a congregational vote. We hope to make announcements for that meeting in the near future. Any input regarding this project is appreciated, and any questions should be asked to members of consistory or the building and grounds committee.

There was discussion regarding again moving to a summer schedule this year. The Christian Education Committee requested that the consistory allow a suspension of Sunday School activities for the summer months. That request was voted on and approved. The exact dates affected by that change will be determined at the next Christian Education meeting.

Changing the worship service to an earlier starting time for the summer was also discussed. The discussion led to no motion being made, with no vote being taken on that change.

Consistory agreed that Rev Fields will begin his ministry with St John's on Monday, June 9th, and will conduct his first worship service with us on Sunday, June 15th. Consistory also agreed to pay for Rev Fields' moving expenses.

Calling All 2014 Graduates

We need a list of all our 2014 college and high school graduates. Please contact the church office with the graduate's name, name of their high school or college, and their future plans.

Graduates will be honored at either the June 15th or 22nd worship service.

Christmas in July

The "**Christmas in July**" event is being planned for **Friday, July 25** at the church. There will be a covered dish supper beginning at 6pm.

The Music and Worship Committee is sponsoring this event and will provide the decorations, paper goods, and beverages for the evening.

The highlight of the evening will be the singing of our Christmas cantata, "Bethlehem's Child". All who sang this cantata with the Sr. Choir are invited to sing again. There will be one rehearsal at 7pm on Wednesday, July 23rd. Ladies, this is your chance to wear your Christmas scarves that "finally" arrived. And the singing men will be asked to wear their red snow flake ties.

If you haven't already marked your calendar for this night of Christmas Joy in the summer, please do it now. And invite your family and friends.

MAY Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

2 Priscilla Rentschler
 2 Zachary Seltzer
 3 Scott Benfer
 6 Paul Getz
 7 Dylan Walmer
 10 Nancy Frantz

12 Curtis Herr
 13 Austin Zechman
 17 Bob Losiewicz
 17 Lisa Jo Rudy
 23 Amber Daub
 24 Robin Getz

25 Cory Daub
 26 Anthony Quairoli
 29 Rachel Baynard
 30 Mike Nace

Happy Anniversary to:

2 Ginny & Terry Knapp
 9 Shirley & Al Fortna
 13 Michelle & Brad Walmer

25 Robin & Paul Getz
 28 Barb & Joe Miller
 30 Melissa & Bob Seltzer

30 Chase & Kari Mease

If your information is incorrect or not included, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

May Readers

May 4— Pam Emery &
 Nancy Frantz
 May 11— Rachael Miller
 May 18— Paul Smith
 May 25— Sharon Hibshman

May Flowers

May 4— Ginny & Terry Knapp
 May 11— Betty Schriver
 May 18— Gerald Rudy
 May 25— Robin & Paul Getz

April Attendance

April 6— 59
 April 13— 52(Palm Sunday)
 April 17- 13 (Maundy Thursday)
 April 20— 20 (Sunrise)
 79 (Easter)
 April 27—

May Bulletins

May 4—Ginny & Terry Knapp
 May 11—Betty Schriver
 May 18—Gerald Rudy
 May 25— Robin & Paul Getz

May Coffee Hosts

May 4—Pam Emery
 May 11— OPEN
 May 18—Ginny Kanpp
 May 25—Ginny Knapp

May Deacon Connie Martin

May Acolytes

May 4— Kayla Benfer
 May 11— Jason Eberhart
 May 18— Zachary Seltzer
 May 25— Noah Gingrich

SPONSORS NEEDED:

We are in need of Sponsors for:

Flowers: July 20th & August 24th & 31st.
 Bulletins: July 6th & 20th & August: 24 & 31
 Coffee Host: May 11th, July 11th & the month of
 August

Christian Education Corner by Angie Michael

I want to thank everyone who organized a station and helped out with the Christian Connection egg hunt and Easter program on Easter morning.

Calling all bakers! This committee is having another bake sale on Sunday, May 18th, prior to church. The sale will be in the social hall. All proceeds will benefit the Christian Education Committee.

This summer Christian Connection will go on hiatus again. There won't be any Christian Connection classes from Sunday, June 15th to Sunday, August 31st. (The last classes will be on Sunday, June 8th, and the classes will resume on Sunday, September 7th.)

We are also planning Tuesday Evening programs for the last three Tuesdays in July. Please stay tuned for further details in later newsletters.

St. John's Fellowship by Ginny Knapp

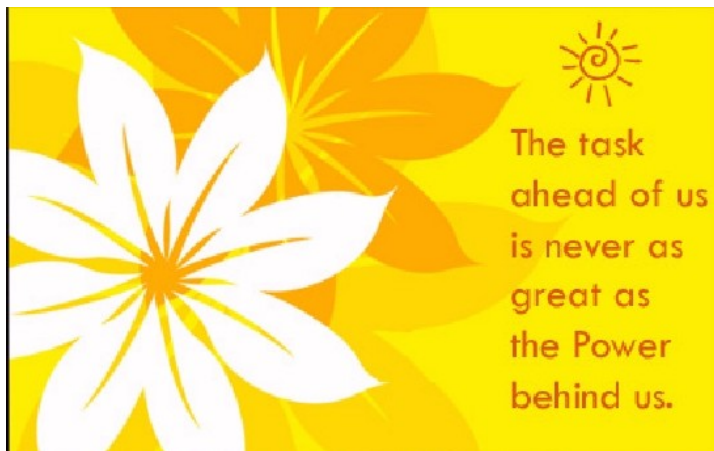
Last minute preparations for the Spring Flea Market and Bake Sale were made at the meeting of St. John's Fellowship. Priscilla Rentschler, President, conducted the business session. Opening devotions were led by Jerry Mohn.

The Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held Friday, April 25th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, April 26th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Sign-up sheets were distributed for those not already assigned to jobs.

A joint Mother's Day—Father's Day celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17th at 6:00 PM. The affair will be held at Farmer's Wife Restaurant. We will order from the menu.

Members voted to again place geraniums in the sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday. These flowers will then be used to adorn the church grounds. Watch the Sunday bulletins for order forms.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00PM. We have lots of room for many more hands and ideas. This is our church. Won't you help make it grow.



MUSIC AND WORSHIP NEWS by Louise Walmer

Musical Offerings for May and June 2014

May 4 –	Sr. Choir singing,	“Just As I Am, I Come”
May 11-	Pam Emery	
May 18 –	Sr. Choir singing,	“Built On A Rock”
May 25 –	Denise Voshell	
June 1 –	Sr. Choir singing,	“Fly Away Medley”
June 8 –	To be announced	
June 15-	Sr. Choir singing,	“Give Him Glory”

Music and Worship Committee

The Music and Worship Committee met on Monday, April 7th. Sharon Hibshman led opening devotions from the UCC Daily Devotion on Feb. 18, based on John 20:19b-21. She also read the story “The Dot”.

A final plan for our Maundy Thursday worship was discussed. Kass will order the palms for Palm Sunday. Charlene checked the internet to be sure of the time the sun rises on April 20th so that we could set the time of our Easter Sunrise Service. We sincerely thank Pat and Earl Ziegler for preparing and serving the continental breakfast at the church after the Sunrise Service.

Beth Ann asked to have off on April 27th and June 29th. JB Yorty will be our substitute organist those Sundays.

Pastor Herb’s last Sunday as our worship leader will be May 4th. We sincerely thank him for providing such meaningful worship experiences this past year. Pastor Tony will begin his pastoral leadership on June 9th. Pastor Dave Martin has agreed to lead worship on May 11th and May 25th. We still need to find someone for May 18th, June 1st and June 8th. Louise will contact Rev. Linda Lauman to ask her if she would be willing to lead worship for us on one or more of these Sundays.

The 2014 Graduates will be honored at the June 15th or 22nd worship service. We will need to ask Pastor Tony when he would like this to happen.

The Christmas in July event was also discussed. This event will be a covered dish supper beginning at 6pm on Friday, July 25th. Our committee will provide the decorations, paper goods, utensils, and beverages.

Our next meeting will be June 23rd at 7PM. Gary volunteered to lead our devotion time.

Letter Received from Johnstown Outreach Pantry

To: St. John's United Church of Christ,

This past year the JOY Pantry provided food assistance to an average of 130 households each month. That number includes 90 children and 45 senior citizens. Your support means everything to those individuals served by your donations.

Thank you for your generous donation of \$172.00 as well as your collection of 122 and 54 pounds of food for the JOY Pantry.

Because of your caring generosity, JOY can continue to provide food assistance to the hungry in the northern part of Lebanon County.

Thankfully,

JOY
The Jonestown Outreach Pantry

Dear Friends,

I want to extend my appreciation for your financial and prayerful support of me during my doctoral studies. I am delighted to inform you that I have passed and will graduate on May 17. The title of my dissertation is *Revitalizing the Church for a New Day: Identity, Purpose, and Theology*. The majority of the research was done during my sabbatical in 2010. I thank St. John's for that wonderful opportunity!

The month of May will be a busy time with graduation and then the wedding on May 24. Anne, Zach, and Rachel join me in thanking you for your love and kindness.

We are excited for St. John's as you begin your ministry with Rev. Tony Fields. We all know that Tony will be a great pastor and leader for St. John's. We also know that he will be the best dressed pastor in the history of St. John's!

Blessings to each of you in this Easter season!
Chris Rankin

BUDGET & STEWARDSHIP By Phil Eberhart

Our budget for weekly offerings \$2,300. For March we averaged 2300.50

MARCH	INCOME	Y.T.D.
WEEKLY OFFERINGS (4WEEKS)	\$ 9,202.00	\$ 24,277.00
DEFRAY COST OF ENVELOPES	-0-	273.00
BULLETINS	40.00	70.00
JOINT MEN'S & WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	-0-	-0-
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	-0-	-0-
FUNDRAISING	1,985.32	2,103.32
SPECIAL SERVICES	-0-	-0-
SOCIAL HALL RENTALS/MISC	15.00	85.00
INTEREST	2.45	6.75
TOTAL INCOME FOR MARCH	\$ 11,244.77	\$ 26,815.07
EXPENSES	\$ 7,946.10	\$ 20,794.31
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ 3,398.67	\$ 6,020.76

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.
Proverbs 3:9

NEW HORIZONS

New Horizons is an opportunity for fellowship for single adults, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee of the Lebanon Association, Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ. For additional information for future programs, please call Betty Holdren (866-2013), Dolores Wolfe (867-1807), Eleanor Hollowell (895-8087), Barbara Beard (497-0208), Eleanor Baylor (865-4977) or Ann Wagner (867-2675).

May 31— 2:00 PM—Miniature Golf—Games and dinner at “Kaufman's BB Que “, Bethel

June 28— “Pride of the Susquehanna”. Meet at Christ Church, Annville at 1:30 PM to carpool

July No Meeting

August 16. Picnic “Pot Luck” at Jonestown Community Park. Games and Fellowship and bring a prize for bingo.

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	2 Little Learners 9 AM—11 PM	3
4 Devotions at 9 AM Followed by Christian Connection 10:30am Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund	5	6 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	7 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	8 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	9 Little Learners 9 AM—11 PM	10
11 Mother's Day Devotions at 9 AM Followed by Christian Connection 10:30am Worship JOY Pantry Sunday	12	13 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	14 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	15 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	16	17
18 Devotions at 9 AM Followed by Christian Connection 10:30am Worship Christian Ed Bake Sale following Worship	19 VOICE Deadline	20 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM 7:00 PM Fellowship Meeting	21 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	22 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	23	24
25 Devotions at 9 AM Followed by Christian Connection 10:30am Worship Deacon Fund Sunday Dine & Donate Sunday	26 Memorial Day 	27 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM 7:00 PM Consistory Meeting	28 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	29 Ascension Day Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM	30	31 REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED  ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

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**Every Sunday
Devotions at 9:00am Followed by
Christian Connection
10:30am Morning Worship**

St. John's United Church of Christ is: A church of faith, heeding to God's call, through worship, evangelism, discipleship and fellowship. We are building on our church's history, while looking to our future. Our church is filled with messengers, who share the gift of God's love, with the community and beyond. We strive to be a church that reaches out to all with compassion, a vision of God's everlasting peace, and a witness of spiritual hope to our present and future generations. For all this and so much more, we pray in God's name.

Church Staff

Mrs. Beth Ann Griffiths, Organist
Mrs. Louise Walmer, Choir Director
Mrs. Donna Eberly-Lehman Church Secretary

Consistory

Joe Ditzler, President
Angela Michael, Vice President
Missy Daub, Secretary
Walter Bolles, Treasurer

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Missy Daub
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Terry Knapp

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