

## The Pastor's Voice

Dear Friends,

We are in the midst of the Easter season, which is a time for us to be witnesses of the Risen Christ! We often forget to be a witness to the ways we receive joy and hope through the Risen Christ. As Christians we are people of a Resurrection faith. We must proclaim the good news that death doesn't have the final word, but that through the Risen Christ life triumphs death!

We read at the end of Matthew's gospel of Jesus' Great Commission to the disciples. Jesus says in Matthew 28:19-20, "**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**" As Easter people, we are called to go out and spread the good news of the Risen Christ and shout our Easter alleluias! We

are living in a time where people need to receive a message of hope that can drive away their despair.

The Church must hear the news of Christ's resurrection. There are many congregations that are dying and essentially in hospice care. The problem is that they aren't open to the new possibilities given by God through the Risen Christ and the Holy Spirit. They are clinging on to what they have left and not moving forward in the ministry and mission that God has given to them. They are not being witnesses to the love and grace of Christ. If you were in worship on Easter morning, you heard the great sound of babies and children fill our sanctuary. This is a sign of the new thing that God is doing in our lives. It is a sign of resurrection! It is a witness to the love given to us through the Risen Christ!

On May 20, we will confirm four young people into the life of this congregation. This is a great joy in

the life of a church. We have nurtured these young people throughout their childhood and the confirmation process. They will affirm the vows taken at their baptism and become full members of our congregation. They bring gifts and skills that we will need as we move forward in responding to the Great Commission. I hope each of you will look to these young people as leaders of the church NOW and not wait for them to be leaders in the future. We need them to share their gifts as well as their ideas NOW so that we can have a vital church in the future.

I leave you with the words of an Easter hymn written by Brian Wren: ***Christ is alive and comes to bring good news to this and every age; till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*** Friends, let us boldly proclaim this good news!

Blessings,  
**Pastor Chris**



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# May Worship News

**May 6 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter):** We will honor Jason Eberhart, who recently completed his God & Family badge requirements with his Boy Scout Troop. Pastor Chris worked with the troop on this program. Jesus reminds us that we are connected to him and his purpose to share God’s love, which the scriptures remind us is a gift.

**May 13 (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter):** In our gospel lesson, Jesus calls his followers his friends and commands them (and us) to love one another. The epistle lesson points to the best of all possible worlds, to obey the commandment to be people of love. These are appropriate words of scripture as we celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home.

**May 17 (Ascension Day):** The Lebanon Association will once again host an Ascension Day service. It will be held at St. John’s UCC, Lebanon at 7:30pm.

**May 20 (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter):** We will celebration the Rite of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Holy Communion as we welcome Noah Gingrich, Rachael Quairol, Zach Seltzer, & Dylan Walmer into membership. Our gospel lesson tells of Jesus praying that his disciples, who have experienced the testimony of God through Jesus, will now take on Jesus’ ministry with Jesus’ God-given mandate. These are important words as we confirm these four young people into the life of our congregation.

**May 27 (Pentecost Sunday):** On this Pentecost Sunday, we are reminded that even in times when it seems difficult and pointless, the power of God’s Spirit is active in our lives. How are we experiencing the power of the Spirit? We will focus on this as we celebrate the birth of the Christian Church. We will celebrate pew communion as well as wear something red in celebration of the Pentecost story.

## Communion Schedule

Our May communion will be held on May 20, which is Confirmation Sunday. We will then have communion on May 27, which is Pentecost Sunday. This will be our June communion because June 3 will be a busy service as we celebrate Church Music Sunday.



## May Scriptures

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| <b>May 6</b><br>Psalm 22:25-31<br>I John 4:7-21<br>John 15:1-8 | <b>May 13</b><br>Acts 10:44-48<br>I John 5:1-6<br>John 15:9-17            |
| <b>May 20</b><br>Ephesians 1:15-23<br>John 17:6-19             | <b>May 27</b><br>Ezekiel 37:1-14<br>Acts 2:1-21<br>John 15:26-27;16:4b-15 |

## Musical Offerings

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|---------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>May 6</b>  | “An Instrument of Peace”       | Sr. Choir                          |
| <b>May 13</b> | Piano and Flute Duet           | Charlene Ziegler and Louise Walmer |
| <b>May 20</b> | “Built on a Rock”              | Sr. Choir                          |
| <b>May 27</b> | “Every time I Feel the Spirit” | St. John’s Singers                 |

### June 3 Music Day

*The Sr. Choir, Hand Bells, and Youth will all present Musical Offerings during the worship service.*

# Happy Birthday to: **May Celebrations**

2 Priscilla Rentschler  
 2 Zachary Seltzer  
 3 Scott Benfer  
 6 Paul Getz  
 7 Dylan Walmer  
 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 Missy & Bob Seltzer  
 30 Chase & Kari Mease

# Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You

### May Lay Readers

6-Steve Zechman  
 13 Gail Grimes  
 20-Herb Hibshman  
 27- Charlene Ziegler



### May Acolytes

6- Dylan Walmer  
 13- Kayla Benfer  
 20 Austin Zechman  
 27 Zachary Seltzer

### May Flowers

6-Terry & Ginny Knapp  
 13—Gerald Rudy  
 20- Barb Trainor  
 27- Joe & Barb Miller

### May Bulletins

6-Terry & Ginny Knapp  
 13—Gerald Rudy  
 20- Barb Trainor  
 27- Joe & Barb Miller

### March/April Attendance

March 25- 62  
 April 1-83  
 April 5 -34 Maundy Thurs.  
 April 8-30 Sunrise Service  
 April 8 - 105  
 April 15- 62  
 April 22-81

### May Deacon

Missy Daub

### May Coffee Host

Earl & Pat Ziegler

**Sign-Up Sheets:** Please remember to look for the sign-up sheets for flowers, bulletins and coffee host. We are in need of coffee hosts for the month of December as well as flower sponsors for July 29 & September 2 and bulletin sponsors for July 1 & 29; August 5 & 12; September 2 & 30; October 7 & 14; November 11; December 2, 16, 23 and 30<sup>th</sup> !!

## Consistory News, By Robin Getz

I would like to thank all who made our Lenten season so memorable. The Wednesday evening worship services, the creation of the worship space, all of the musical offerings, the Easter Egg hunt and Jelly Bean les-  
 son. The continental breakfast following a beautiful (and weather cooperative) Easter dawn service. It is the wonderful people of our church who always make each celebration moments of joy.

### A Change In The Church Office

It is with sadness that the Consistory received and accepted the resignation of our church secretary, Michelle Rhoads, in order for her to seek full-time employment at a law firm in Lebanon. Michelle has been our church secretary since June 1, 2005. Her last day with us was April 26. She will continue to assist us in this interim time. We are also grateful for several volunteers who will assist the pastor in the interim. The Consistory will be appointing a search team for a new secretary. If you have any questions about the search, please speak to the pastor or a member of the Consistory. We will recognize Michelle at some point in the summer, so stay tuned for information in the bulletin and future issues of the Voice. We are grateful for Michelle's service to our church and wish her Gods blessings in her future endeavors.

### Budget & Stewardship Committee

Our weekly budget offering are projected to be **\$2,250**. In the month of March we averaged **\$1,907.63**.

#### March 2012 Figures

Offerings (4 weeks)

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$7,704.00
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$178.50
<b>Other Income</b>	\$164.58
<b><u>Fundraising</u></b>	<b><u>\$376.41</u></b>

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8,423.49</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>(\$13,078.52)</u></b>
<b>March Loss</b>	<b>(\$4,655.03)</b>

#### Year to Date

<b>Envelopes</b>	\$29,507.29
<b>Loose Plate</b>	\$444.50
<b>Other Income</b>	\$288.83
<b>Insurance Claim</b>	\$4,528.65
<b>Fundraising</b>	\$540.91*
*YTD Amount decreased due to an expense in January.	

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$35,310.18</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>(\$27,000.64)</u></b>
<b>Y.T.D. Surplus</b>	<b>\$8,309.54</b>

## Sr. Choir

As the Sr. Choir's "singing" season begins to come to a close there will be less rehearsals on Wed. nights.

In May there will be Sr. Choir rehearsal at 7PM on the dates listed below:

- Wed., May 2
- Wed., May 16
- Wed., May 23
- Wed., May 30

## Music and Worship Committee

There will be a meeting of the Music and Worship Committee on Mon., May 7 at 7PM.

The main subject on our Agenda that evening will be the planning of Laity Sunday scheduled for Sun., June 10. Sharon Hibshman will lead our devotions.



## Fundraising Committee is hard at work

The Fundraising Committee will be hosting the following events in the upcoming months, The Mother's Day Bazaar on **May 5th 9am to 2pm** and A Friendly's Night in June (date to be determined). Hope to see everyone at these events and as always, thank you all for your continued support.

Watch the bulletin for the date of our next meeting. Anyone interested in joining the Fundraising Committee is welcome to attend this meeting.





On March 11, we welcomed Scott Benfer and his children, Kayla & Nick, to St. John's. Here is some information about Scott:

I love spending time with my two wonderful children, Kayla & Nick. I work for Rado Enterprises as a mechanical contractor. My hobbies include woodworking, bowling, and building things. I'm also an assistant scout master for

the Boy Scout Troop 447 in Fredericksburg. My favorite food is cheese steaks.

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *Scott is known to many of you since he grew up in Fredericksburg. Scott, Kayla, and Nick started coming last year after Kayla participated in our 30 Hour Famine. She was invited by Amber Daub to attend the famine. Nick realized that his friend, Zach Seltzer, also goes to St. John's. Kayla & Nick are already involved as acolytes and Scott has helped out at numerous church events. We are delighted that they have chosen St. John's as their new spiritual home.*

## Congregational Life

**News, By Ginny Knapp**

*It was a breath-taking scenario with the Easter Dawn Service at Cedar Hill Cemetery. After the service we met at the church for coffee, fruit and sweets.*

*May 19th is the date we scheduled our return to the Birthday Social. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for the months of the year. You will be responsible for the food and table decorations. Wendy Dorsey and Julie Ditzler are working on the program. It should be a winner!*

## Church Website Unveiled

The Consistory is pleased to announce that St. John's now has a website. We are grateful to Angela Michael for spending countless hours in organizing the information for the website. She will continue to update this website with new information as well as pictures of events (we will not include the photos of those who have asked us not to use their pictures). The web address is:

[www.stjohnsuccfburg.org](http://www.stjohnsuccfburg.org).

Again, thanks to Angela Michael for all of her hard work!

## Honoring Our Graduates

We will be honoring our graduates during the worship service on June 3. All graduates should provide the following information to the church office or the pastor: school where you are graduating from and any future plans. All information should be submitted by May 20.

## Mother's Day Breakfast

The men of our church will hold the annual Mother's Day breakfast on May 13 at 9:00am. There will be a special program provided by some members of the choir and there is a possibility of a special act! You won't want to miss this!

## St. John's Fellowship News, By Ginny Knapp

Plans for the Spring Flea Market and Bake sale highlighted the meeting of St. John's Fellowship. Set up is scheduled for Wednesday April 25; sorting and pricing Thursday April 26 and the sale will be Friday April 27 from 8am to 6pm and Saturday April 28 from 8am to 11am. Come and see if that treasurer is on the table for you!

Gail Grimes, president, conducted the business session. Regina Engler led opening devotions. The

treasurer, Robin Gingrich, reported \$386 was received in the Thank-offering boxes. It was decided to give \$250. to both the Lebanon Rescue Mission and the Jonestown Food Pantry.

Many thanks to all who participated in the recent Avon Sale. The group netted a profit of \$450. Top sales persons were Connie Martin, Pat Ziegler and Robin Gingrich. We would also like to thank Charlene Ziegler, Cindy & Angela Mi-

chael, Pat Rentschler, Regina Engler and Peggy Mohn. It was decided to adorn the sanctuary with red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, May 27. The flowers will cost \$4.25 and will be planted around the church yard. An order form is located on page 9.

The ladies will have two tables at the Spring Bazaar in the Fellowship hall May 8. As you can see we have a full agenda. Will you come and help us?

## From the Christian Education Corner by Angie Michael

We had a great Easter egg hunt and jelly bean program during Christian Connection on Easter Sunday thanks to the hard work of Julie Ditzler and Noah Gingrich. Thank you and 'job well done' to the youth and their mentors who planned and led the April 22 worship service; we all know a lot of work goes into that service. Big thank you also to Donnette Quairoli who organized and chaperoned the youth to their April lunch and movie event on the same day.

**May 6** is the next meeting of this committee--please mark your calendar because it is a different Sunday than usual due to the busy month ahead. On **May 20** we will confirm Zachary Seltzer, Dylan Walmer, Noah Gingrich and Rachael Quairoli into the church.

Looking ahead to the summer months we're busy gearing up for the return of intergenerational Christian Connection while the regular classes take a hiatus until Rally Day. The intergenerational Sundays will kick off on **June 24** with an ark build in the parking lot led by Joe Ditzler and his posse. July and August, we will alternate between a Heifer program, led by Dena Eberhart, and a banner making workshop, led by Robin Getz, Sharon Hib-

shman, and Karen Light. I encourage everyone, even if you don't normally come out for Christian Connection (the program formerly known as Sunday School), to join us for these fun and exciting activities. Everyone is welcome to come out and bring a friend along!

We are also busy planning the July Tuesday Evening programming while the Congregational Life committee is busy with organizing the refreshments for these events. We will kick off with a splash party at the Lions Pool on **July 17**. **July 24** there will be a puppet show on the lawn, a make-a-puppet craft, and an ice cream party; and **July 31** the carnival will come again to St. John's parking lot. Please watch this space in future newsletters for more details concerning these events. And look out for pamphlets that will soon be available with all the details for these events.

In other news, there are two new sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the social hall. You will find one for the summer Circle Time; please sign up either yourself or with a partner to provide both the refreshments and the devotions for Circle Time for a Sunday during July or August. There is also a sign up sheet for

summer Children's Worship leaders in July and August. Since the children's Christian Connection workshops are taking a hiatus during the summer months, we won't be using those lessons for Children's Worship. Instead look for games, art supplies and bible story workbooks on the shelves on the long cabinet along the back wall of the social hall.

These items will be used for Children's Worship, and I encourage anyone who signs up for Children's Worship during the summer to take a look and see what's available to use for their activities.

As always we're busy here at Christian Education, and we always welcome new people to help out with the various programs we run whether it's for one Sunday or a few. If you're interested in helping out in any way with any of these programs I've mentioned, please see me, Angie, or drop a note in the Sunday School Superintendent's mailbox in the church secretary's office. We look forward to seeing you at Circle Time, Christian Connection, and/or at a July Tuesday Evening program!

### *May Children's Christian Connection Workshops*

Children will learn the story of Lydia's conversion to Christianity. Scripture: Acts 16: 11-16

**May 6:** Art--Children will make welcome signs to remind them of Lydia's hospitality.  
Teacher: Robin Getz

**May 13:** Happy Mother's Day! No Circle Time! or Christian Connection. Join us for the Mother's Day Breakfast!

**May 20 (Confirmation):** Games--Children will play a game and meet Lydia. Teacher: Dena Eberhart (No Children's Worship today due to Confirmation.)

**May 27:** Drama & Puppets--children will make tiny puppets to use to act out the story of Lydia. Teacher: TBA

# News From the Wider Church

## Hartman Center Brochures

We received the 2012 summer camp brochures for Hartman Center. They can be found on the large table outside of the sanctuary. Pastor Chris will be leading the CSI Camp (grades 6-8) from **June 24<sup>th</sup> June 30<sup>th</sup>**. There are camps for children, youth and adults (yes even for the people over 70!). Speak to the pastor if you are interested or in need of financial assistance!!

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR UCC HOME AUXILIARY

It is the 50<sup>th</sup> year of The UCC Homes Auxiliary membership drive. Let us try to make this the best one yet. The cost of an annual membership is \$4.00 and the sustaining membership is \$35 per individual. The sustaining membership is a special way to support our communities with their unbudgeted items for their residents. If you would like to participate in the membership drive please see Peggy Mohn by **May 20<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you to all who have supported the Auxiliary membership drive.

## May We Have Your Attention Please...

**United Church of Christ Homes** is pleased to inform your congregation that our 2011 Helping Hands Dinner & Auction raised **\$25,860 for the Benevolent Endowment Trust Fund.**

Thanks to your support of UCC Homes, residents of UCC Homes who are unable to pay for the cost of their care and who do not have access to governmental assistance programs will be able to receive financial aid for years and years to come.

The Board of Directors along with the Special Events Committee of UCC Homes and Honorary Chairperson Valerie Pritchett from ABC27 encourage your congregation to mark your calendars for our **17th Helping Hands Dinner & Auction to be held on MAY 5, 2012** at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East and support our event in one or more of the following ways:

- Gather items relating to a specific theme and make a gift basket to be auctioned at the 2012 event
- Serve on the Special Events Committee (contact Victoria at (717) 303-1502 if you're interested)
- Attend the May 5, 2012 Helping Hands Dinner & Auction to be held at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East and meet **Valerie Pritchett from ABC27**

*Thanks again for your interest and support of UCC Homes!*

*For further information on the 2012 Helping Hand Dinner & Auction or to inquire about making a contribution, please contact the Development Office at (717) 303-1502.*

## YOU CAN BE THERE IN SPIRIT!!

Most of us have never attended the annual meeting of Penn Central Conference and probably never will. This year, however, you can make your presence felt in a simple way. During the June 8-10 meeting, there will be a Used Book Sale to help raise funds for the resource center. Our pastor and some of our members have often had the advantage of using that facility in the work they do here. What they need for the sale are books, DVDs and church school curriculum they can sell. Here's where you come in. As you do your

*Spring Cleaning*, in addition to donations for our Spring Flea Market, perhaps you would have a few of the above items you could donate. If so, bring them along to church **between May 1 and June 1**. There'll be a box clearly marked for this purpose in our hallway. Here are the topics in which they are interested: Christian Education and Curriculum; Theology Biblical Commentaries; Congregational Life; Inspirational Books; UCC History & Polity Spirituality Books; Personal Growth; Biographies; Classics & Classic Novels (not paper backs, however) Ready? Set? GO!!

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**HAM & TURKEY DINNER**

Saturday May 5, 2012  
4PM-7PM





**Penn Central Conference Picnic Day!**  
**Knoebels Park in Elysburg**  
**Saturday, June 30, 2012**

*Join us as we continue our year-long 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration . . .*

**It's an old-fashioned church picnic for our whole conference!**  
Bring your picnic lunch and look for the reserved Penn Central Conference Pavilion ("U"). The pavilion will be open for us to eat lunch between 11:00am and 2:00pm.

The park hours for the day are 11:00am to 9:00pm.

**FREE ADMISSION, PARKING & ENTERTAINMENT**  
Those who want to purchase tickets for rides may do so on their own.

**\*Renew friendships with other UCC members**

**\*Ride some thrilling rides \*Enjoy the pool**

**Make it a fun day for your entire church family and car pool!**

**Just let us know how many from your congregation are coming. Contact the conference office at 717-652-1560 or**

**[pccucc@pccucc.org](mailto:pccucc@pccucc.org)**

I wish to thank all the members of St. John's UCC who sent birthday cards to my mother, Genevieve Louder, for her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 18, 2012. I especially appreciate all the prayers and condolences we received after her passing on March 19, 2012. My mother lived a nice long life and although she didn't have a lot she generously shared with those less fortunate.

*Dear St. John's Family,*

*We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards sent to us following Jean Ann's pacemaker surgery. We appreciate your love & support.*

*Neal & Jean Ann Grimes*  
(Neal & Jean Ann will return home from Florida in early May)

Again, thank you very much.  
Rose Bolles

## Words of Sympathy

We pray for the following members who recently lost loved ones:

Kayla & Nick Benfer as they mourn the loss of their grandfather, Ron Gordon.

Walter & Roseanne Bolles as they mourn the loss of Rose's mother, Genevieve Louder.

Paul Smith as he mourns the loss of his brother, Herman Smith.

We also hold the Miele family as they mourn the loss of the of Pete, who was a former member of St. John's.

**"For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

Dear Members of St. John's,

It is with a heavy heart that I will be saying good-bye to you. My family and I have come to a time in our life that I have no other choice than to go back to work at a full-time capacity. I want to thank everyone for the 7 wonderful years I had at St. John's. You are a wonderful group of people to work for. I will never forget all the love and compassion I have received from you. I wish the best for St. John's in all that you do.

Sincerely Yours,  
Michelle R. Rhoads & Family

## Thank You

-to **Julie Ditzler & Noah Gingrich** for planning our Easter program during Christian Connection.

-to **Ginny Knapp** for preparing our continental breakfast after the Easter Sunrise Service.

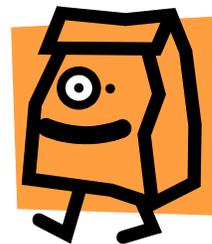
## New Bible Study Series

We are completing our current study on faith and suffering. In May, we will begin a study by Dr. Raymond Gozzi, Jr., associate professor at Ithaca College. The title of our study is Living in Times of Crisis. We invite all members to join us every Wednesday from noon-1pm for lunch, prayer, & study!

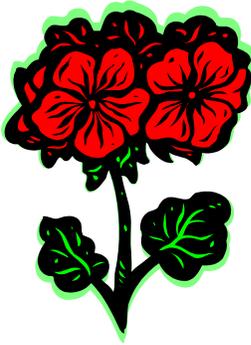
## Lunch with the Pastor

With the smell of spring we are coming to the close of our next lunch with the Pastor. If you have never joined us, then let's explain the routine. We gather from noon-1pm to share some food and fellowship. All you need to do is bring a sandwich (some folks bring a salad instead!) and the pastor will provide other food.

Our next dates are **May 1 and June 12**. Hope you can join us for a great time of fun, food, & fellowship!



2012 Pentecost Geranium Sale



It's the flower season and we have geraniums for sale. Once again you can choose to purchase your flowers in honor or in memory of someone. All the names will be listed in the May 27th bulletin. Please give orders and cash/check (payable to St. John's UCC Women's Fellowship) to Gail Grimes or Robin Gingrich. Orders are due no later than Sunday, May 13th. Orders can also be mailed to St. John's UCC PO Box 87, Fredericksburg, PA 17026. Mail orders must be received no later than **May 10th**. The Women's Fellowship would like to thank you for your order in advance.

# of flowers ordered\_\_\_\_ Total price (\$4.25 each) \$\_\_\_\_\_

(Your Name)\_\_\_\_\_

Given in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given in Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given to the Glory of God\_\_\_\_\_ (place X here)

*As we have done in the past, we will be planting the geraniums in the church flower beds*

# May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Noon-1:00pm Lunch W/Pastor 7pm Fire Police	<b>2</b> Noon-1pm Prayer & Bible 7:00pm Choir & AA Mtg.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:00am to 3:00pm Mother's Day Bazaar
<b>6</b> 8:30am Circle Time 9am CC 10:30am Worship CE Meeting following worship	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Con- gregational Life 7:00pm Music & Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Noon-1pm Prayer & Bible 6:00pm Missions 7:00pm Choir & AA Mtg.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9am Mother's Day Breakfast 10:30am Worship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Voice Deadline	<b>16</b> Noon-1pm Prayer & Bible 7:00pm Choir & AA Mtg.	<b>17</b> Ascension Day Service @St. John's UCC Lebanon 7:30pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:00pm Birthday Social
<b>20</b> 8:30am Circle Time 9am CC 10:30am Worship-Confirmation & Communion	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00pm St. John's Fellow- ship	<b>23</b> Noon-1pm Prayer & Bible 7:00pm AA Mtg.	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Budget Mtg.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8:30am Circle Time 9am CC 10:30am Worship-Pentecost Communion	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Evange- lism Meeting 7:00pm Consis- tory meeting	<b>30</b> Noon-1pm Prayer & Bible 7:00pm AA Mtg.	<b>31</b>		

## Schedule of Events

- 1st Lunch w/Pastor
- 5th Mother's Day Bazaar
- 6th Mother's Day Breakfast
- 7th Congregational Life, Mission
- 17th Ascension Day Service
- 19th Birthday Social
- 20th Confirmation
- 22nd St. John's Fellowship
- 24th Budget Meeting
- 29th Evangelism; Consistory Meeting
- Every Sunday 8:30am Circle Time, 9am Christian Connection, 10:30am Worship
- Every Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study; Sr. Choir; AA Meeting

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**Every Sunday**  
**8:30am Circle Time**  
**9:00am 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

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