ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November—December, 2017

Pastor Tony's Message

'Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree...' <u>Martin Luther.</u>

Here we are in the spirit of celebrating Martin Luther 500th Anniversary Reformation, the idea that changed the world. Amazingly God allowed a reformer named Martin Luther to be a conduit and have an effect on society in the 16th Century which is still relevant today. This reformer whose opposition to the Roman Catholic Church enabled the diverse ways in which we are able to practice Christianity today. We are the living epistles and have an example of a monk whose Spirit- inspired grasp of God's justification of sinners through faith in the Savior was the cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation.

We are moving from All Saints Sunday through Advent to the Birth of Christ. As we continue to live and passionately declare and demonstrate the love nothing should separate us from the love of God. We have seen an unbelievable amount of natural disasters, disunity, and human injustice in our society. And personally I had 14 family members that died or are presently in critical conditions that averages at least 1 per month. And the church must remain faithful in its call. Honestly, I am remaining faithful to my call. These few months I am reminded that there are no sorrows on earth that God cannot heal and yes, with teary eyes.

Personally, I do not just go to church because this is my occupation. I go because like the Apostle Paul according to Romans 8: 38 & 39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, [39]: Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall** be able to **separate us from the love of God**, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. The church is my shelter from the storm. St John's is a place where I worship with God's people in the midst of tragedy by lifting my praise unto God. The church is more than a place that deals with social injustice, bad habits, addictions, social failures, psychological deficiencies, and broken relationships. We need to steer humanity back to theological issues. We must help people to understand their use of spiritual gifts. Our job is to remind those we come in contact with of the theological principle that "God is with us" and "God is Stillspeaking."

Let us get back to helping those within our community repair their relationship with God. Let our passion help first ourselves then others do their vocation well. In the words of Martin Luther, "Even if I knew that the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree. My hope is built on nothing but Jesus Christ and his righteousness. For me the hymns, we sing are not just familiar words but also lively chords vibrating in the heart of our existence.

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Aleta Babe

Consistory News by Julie Ditzler, President

Giving Thanks

As we turn our calendars ahead and our clocks back this week, may we be reminded that we are entering the season of thanks. I'm sure each of us can think of ways that we are grateful for what has happened to us this year, individually and within our families. I'd like us to pause and acknowledge ways that our church family at St. John's has been blessed, also.

We have had some new ways to reach out to our community, and have received a good response. We have recognized others for their work in our community, and received their gratitude for our recognition of their efforts. We have reached out as volunteers and have helped at the Easter Flower sale and the flea markets for the Fire Company, and at Hinkelfest. We had a great turnout this summer for Vacation Bible School, and for National Night Out.

We have tried some new materials to aid us in our study of God's Word, both at church and in our homes, with the introduction of the services from Right Now Media. We look forward to trying other new ideas as we work out the details for introducing projection facilities in our sanctuary. We have tried out some other ideas, like the Women's Retreat sponsored by the Music and Worship Committee, and the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and we appreciate all the efforts to enhance our worship.

On the practical side, we will exceed our fundraising goal for the year. The can-do spirit of our church family was much in evidence with the projects we undertook to raise funds. We've gotten great support from the community, as well, especially from our neighbors at Bell and Evans. The bequest from Dan Wenger to our church was both inspiring and humbling; it allows us grace and freedom for the future of St. John's.

We realize that there have been sorrows throughout the year for many, but in the midst of that, we are thankful for the words of comfort and relief that we find in Scripture, for the prayers of others in our church family, and for the support we can offer one another. The hope that is ours through our faith and the comfort of kind words and deeds from others is certainly a cause for gratitude.

We have a few ongoing projects that will take us into the holiday season and the end of the year. We will finish up our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 19^h, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will receive Thankoffering envelopes on November 19th, and celebrate Thanksgiving with our friends at Hamlin on Wednesday, November 22nd. We will have a Congregational Meeting after worship on November 19th, during which we will make some plans for next year. Before we know it, Advent will be here, and we will be preparing for the gift for which we are most grateful – the birth of our Savior.

We do have much to look back on and be grateful for, and much to anticipate as we enter this most wonderful of seasons. Do plan to be part of all that we do together as a church family to offer our thanks and rejoice in the holiday season.

NL Band Bazaar - Saturday, November 25th

There will be a St. John's UCC table at the Northern Lebanon Band Parents Bazaar on Saturday, November 25th 9:00AM—3:00PM. Please consider donating homemade crafts, candies, baked goods, or a themed gift basket to sell at our table. All benefits will go to the church.

If you have questions or items to donate, please contact Brenda Good (717-601-9616), Robin Gingrich (717-865-4573) or Louise Walmer (717-865-5103).

NOVEMBER WORSHIP NEWS



Sunday, November 5, 2017 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37 I Thessalonians 2: 9-13 Matthew 23: 1-12

Sunday, November 12, 2017 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78: 1-7 I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13 Sunday, November 19, 2017 Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Pentecost Judges 4: 1-7 Psalm 123 I Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30

Sunday, November 26, 2017 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 20: 1-16

DECEMBER WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, December 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent Isaiah 64: 1-9 Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 I Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 24-37

Sunday, December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 40: 1-11 Psalm 85: 1-2. 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1: 1-8

Sunday, December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 I Thessalonians 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Sunday, December 24, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26 Romans 16: 25-27 Luke 1: 26-38

Monday, December 25, 2017 Christmas Day Isaiah 9: 2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14, 15-20

Sunday, December 31, 2017 First Sunday after Christmas Isaiah 61: 10-62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 22-40

NOVEMBER CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

1 Margaret Rudy

- 2 Mary Gerhart
- **3 Jessica Yingst**
- 4 Pat Rentschler
- 6 Barry Fox
- 9 Jillian Ditzler

- 9 Dylan Kapp 10 Dena Eberhart 12 Delanae Shaffer
- 16 Michigan Daub
- **19 Elizabeth Overton**
- 24 Ashley Carroll

- 27 Walter Bolles 28 Terry Knapp
- 29 Larry Fox
- **30 Violet Leibensperger**

Happy Anniversary to:

8 Darlene & Steve Stoltz 24 Rosanne & Walter Bolles 29 Kadie & Jeff Walmer

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

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

November Readers

Nov. 5– Louise Walmer Nov. 12– Robin Getz Nov. 19– Keith Gingrich Nov. 26- Brenda Good

November Bulletins

- Nov. 5– Vickie Gonzalez
- Nov. 12– Joe & Julie Ditzler
- Nov. 19- Terry & Ginny Knapp
- Nov. 26- Barbara Trainor

November Flowers

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November Coffee Host Nov. 5– Ken & Violet Leibensperger Nov. 12– Ken & Violet Leibensperger Nov. 19- Ken & Violet Leibensperger

Nov. 26- Ken & Violet Leibensperger

October Attendance Oct. 1- 46 Oct. 8- 40 Oct. 15- 40 Oct. 22- 35 Oct. 29- 34

November Deacon Brenda Good



DECEMBER CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

Janell Carroll
Jodie Fields
Mabel Rudy
Amy Zechman
Jarrod Kapp

- 11 Chris Rentschler15 Jonathan Oskam16 Brad Griffiths18 Darlene Boltz25 Shayne Tyrpin
- 25 Larry Walmer
- 27 Kadie Walmer
- **30 Judy Fox**
- 31 Rev. Allen Helwig

Happy Anniversary to:

7 Jean Ann & Neal Grimes

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December Readers

Dec 3- Neal Grimes Dec. 10- Charlene Ziegler Dec. 17- Regina Engler Dec. 24- Julie Ditzler Dec. 31- Youth Sunday

December Flowers

Dec. 3- Neal & Jean Ann Grimes Dec. 10- OPEN Dec. 17- Nancy Frantz Dec. 24- Pastor Tony Fields Dec. 31 OPEN

December Bulletins

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December Coffee Host Dec 3- OPEN

Dec. 10- OPEN Dec. 17- OPEN Dec. 24- OPEN Dec. 31- OPEN

December Deacon Elizabeth Zimmerman

SPONSORS NEEDED Flowers: December 10th & 31st Bulletins: December 10th & 31st Coffee Hosts: Month of December



ST. JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP By Ginny Knapp

Jerry Mohn led opening devotions for the meeting of St. John's Fellowship. He read a poem, "I am a Veteran". Priscilla Rentschler, President, conducted the business session.

It was noted the Flea Market netted the treasury \$1472.00. The group voted to give the church treasury another \$1000.00.

Plans to hold our annual Holiday Party at Cedar Haven were tabled due to the possible strike by the employees. Our Christmas Dinner will be held at Heisey's Restaurant Monday, December 11th. Time and cost is 6:00 PM and \$15.00 per person.

Avon books are being distributed for the Christmas season. Thankoffering envelopes will be in the pews November 5th.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00PM. Please plan to attend!

Right Now Media Resources By Julie Ditzler

St. John's has entered into an agreement with Right Now Media Resources to provide materials to our members and friends for individual and group study and enrichment. Access to these materials is through your home email address. Hundreds of materials are available for your use at home, and for us to use together at church. The adult Christian Connection class is currently using a study of the book of James authored by Francis Chan, a pastor from northern California. Many other kinds of studies and programs are available to anyone who is interested in using them. This is NOT limited to just members of our church; if you have a friend or family member who would like to register, all they need to do is provide their email address to our church office, or fill in a registration card from the church pews. We have contracted this service for a trial to see if there is sufficient interest to make it an ongoing outreach for St. John's. To get a better idea of the goals of this program, here are some thoughts from the company president, Brian Mosley:

RightNow Media is challenging the church to be bold. Our team is committed to serving the church so that millions of people can be unleashed on mission for Christ. These three things summarize what we are passionate about:

1. We will no longer compartmentalize our lives into the sacred and the secular. We will no longer see 2 hours on Sunday morning as sacred and all other aspects of life as secular. It's all sacred to God. Work. School. Board rooms. Family. Neighborhood picnics. Monday matters just as much as Sunday. As believers, it's important to see that your entire life is on mission for God.

2 We will no longer "outsource" our faith to the Church. We will love and serve the church. But each one of us as Christians has to champion and take responsibility for our faith as it relates to our family, our work, at school and our faith among the nations. Personally as a parent of four kids, I am not going to outsource their spiritual development to the 90 minutes they spend weekly in the church building. 3 We will be intentional about training, studying Scripture, and preparing ourselves to be effective followers of Christ; to be good Samaritans; to be good stewards; to be light in a world that is overwhelmed by poverty, distraught with war, and trapped by consumerism. We will trade in the pursuit of the American Dream for a world that needs Christ.

If you want to check out the site before registering, please visit <u>www.rightnowmedia.org</u> for more information. If you want to take advantage of all the site has to offer, submit your email address and we will get you signed up. There is no cost to you individually; the church pays a monthly fee for the service, no matter how many people are registered on our site. So let's get the word out, and make this service an outreach of our church's ministry!

Music and Worship Committee by Louise Walmer

The Music and Worship Committee met on Monday, September 18th. Louise had opening devotions.

This committee has been very busy this fall and will be through the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas seasons.

Plans are well underway for our Women's Retreat on November 4th. Charlene is doing a great job putting together the Women in the Bible skit. In addition to opening and closing devotions in the sanctuary, there will be stations for the ladies to choose what they want to do from a craft project, a community project, sewing circle class, & health and relaxing area. We will have a continental breakfast and a lunch. It was decided not to charge for the Retreat but we will have a basket for donations towards the cost of the lunch.

World Wide Communion was celebrated on October 1st. Communion was by intinction and the choir "gathered" the congregation into a circle as we served the elements to each other.

Robin Getz and Jason Eberhart participated in echo scripture reading with Pastor Tony during worship in October 8th.

Harvest Home and the second annual Baked Potato Bar will be on October 22nd. Baked Potatoes and their fixins will be available after church to eat in or take out. A donation basket will be available and monies collected will off set the cost of music for the choir.

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, November 5th. We will make our own flower bud vases.

Thank Offering Sunday has been scheduled for November 19th. Envelopes will be placed in the pews beginning November 5th.

The first Sunday of Advent is fast approaching. The Advent and Christmas season is not always a joyful time for everyone. With that in mind, the Music and Worship Committee is planning to have a "Blue Christmas" worship service on Saturday, December 23rd at 4pm. We would like to invite the churches of the community to participate. For this worship service, the choir will present a musical program using, "The Longest Night" by Joseph Martin, a winter service of hope and healing that includes song, scripture, narration, candle lighting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 7pm. Charlene will lead our opening devotions. We closed our meeting praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Sr. Choir by Louise Walmer

The Sr. Choir is back from our summer break. We began rehearsals on September 8th. We had some issues in the beginning of October which prevented us from getting anthems prepared. We are looking forward to getting back to singing anthems on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. And hopefully have the Hand Bells and others to provide musical offerings on the Sundays the Choir does not sing.

Anthems for November are:

Nov. 5 - "The Journey", arranged by Joseph Martin Nov. 19 – "Walk Humbly with Your God", words and music by Joel Raney

All Saints Celebration by Louise Walmer

St. John's will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 5th, 2017. During the morning worship we will memorialize the members, friends and family who have passed away since All Saints Day of 2016. As a bell is tolled, family and/or a friend will light a candle and will be presented a single flower bud vase for each deceased person.

The following is the list of persons to be remembered: Rodney Babe, Arlene Brandt, Samuel Daub, Pearl S. Emery, Mary Ann Kahl, Jeffrey Kolar, Tim Rentschler, Roy Rudy, Jean Romaine Shade, Brenda Sites, Zander Voshell, Douglas Weikel, Robert Wetzel, Jr. and 12 members of Pastor Tony and Jodie's family (Shetosha Adams, Coleen Benjamin, Sheila Marie Brown, Shayee Vincent Dickerson, Anthony V. Discuillo, Joyce & Willie Green, Carmen Jones, Pastor Shannon McMullen Queshantea Ashontea Wilson & Terry Witherspoon.).

Financial Report by Robin Getz, Finance Chair

Total Revenue Total Expenses (1/1/17-9/30/17)\$76,159.92(1/1/17-9/30/17)\$79,356.75

We need to collect \$1750.00 weekly to meet budget and currently we are averaging \$1,752.12 per week through September 30th. The Consistory has taken over the fundraising projects and has a number of fundraisers schedule throughout the year. So far this year the 3 fundraisers (2Soup Sale & Pancake Breakfast) netted 2067.81 & we have received \$185.00 to date from our Dine & Donate at Esther's Restaurant. In June the Golf Outing netted \$2079.00. They had a Chicken BBQ on October 28th and to date netted \$2206.72 however there are still a few outstanding bills & will have a booth at the Northern Lebanon Band Parents Bazaar on November 25th.

I want to thank the Consistory for working so hard at the fundraisers. We are over half way to our budgeted figure to the current date.

We must continue to look to outside sources to close the budget gap. We ask our members to pray very hard on this matter and to speak with members of the budget and finance committee or members of Consistory if you have any ideas you would like to share or suggestions. We need your prayers and assistance more than ever!!

Annual Fall Avon Sale

The Fellowship Group is selling Avon products. The Holiday books are here and if you are interested, you may place your order with Pat Ziegler, Charlene Ziegler, Louise Walmer, Kathryn Myers, Angie Michael, Robin Gingrich or Priscilla Rentschler. **Deadline to order** is November 12th. Any questions, contact Priscilla Rentschler.

Lebanon Valley Home's Holiday Bazaar

The Lebanon Valley Home's annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 18th, 2017 from 9 am to 1 pm in the Chapel.

We will be selling cookies by the pound & are requesting your assistance. We would greatly appreciate members contributing homemade cookies for the sale.

If you would like to have your container returned, make sure your name is on the container & they may be picked up in the office the week after the Bazaar. Cookie drop off is Friday, November 17th. Indicate the name of the cookies on the containers.

White Elephant sale, Books, Handmade Crafts, and Homemade Jellies/Jams Breads/Pies will be for sale. Other foods available for purchase: hot dogs, sauerkraut, soup, coffee & soda. Please come shop, browse, eat & enjoy. We truly appreciate your support! Any questions, contact Amy Tillinger, Director of Activities 717- 867-4467.



St. John's Holiday Schedule

Share in the joy and wonder of the holiday season with the activities we have planned at St. John's: Shoebox Sunday – Sunday, November 19, 9:00 a.m.

The packing and wrapping of our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes is a sure bet to get you in the holiday spirit! It's the happiest job of the year! Come for food, fun, music, and mirth as we prepare our boxes to share with children all over the world.

Thankoffering Sunday – Sunday, November 19, 10:30 a.m.

We express our thanks with a special offering on this day to begin the week of Thanksgiving. Our shoeboxes are blessed during this service, and prepared to be delivered for processing.

Thanksgiving Eve Service – Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m. at Hamlin

This is an especially meaningful way to start the Thanksgiving holiday, by joining with our friends at St. Paul's in a time of grateful meditation on the eve of the holiday.

Advent – Sundays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, 10:30 a.m.

We light the candles on our advent wreath to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior.

Blue Christmas Service - Saturday, December 23, 4:00 p.m.

The Lebanon Valley Home & Kindred Place at Annville

UCC Homes does all we can to bring festive joy to as many residents as possible. UCC Homes takes pride in the care and service we provide to those in need. We honestly couldn't do it without your help. We invite you to share with those who are less fortunate by spreading the Christmas spirit through your compassion and generosity

In order to provide each resident with a meaningful gift this coming Christmas, we are asking our sponsoring congregations, church groups and individuals to consider donating a monetary donation or gift cards/certificates to be used toward purchasing desired gifts for residents of the communities of UCC Homes, making Christmas a little more special.

For Lebanon Valley Home, we are requesting gift cards for the following stores: Giant Food Stores, Boscov's, Wal Mart, CVS, Rite Aid, & VISA/MC cards. Please deliver Christmas gift cards **by December 5, 2017** to the receptionist desk Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM & 3:00 PM to Amy Tillinger's attention or to a nurse's station if delivering after hours. It would be helpful if the name and address of the sponsoring church be included with the gift card donation.

For Kindred Place at Annville: Donations or gift cards to the following stores: Giant Food Stores, Weis Markets, Dunkin Donuts, Wal Mart, Target, CVS, Rite Aid and Sheetz. Please deliver to Beth Coatsworth <u>by December 3, 2017</u> to the office at Kindred Place Monday through Friday from 8:30AM—4:30PM.

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The Staff of St. John's wishes you and your family a Blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year.

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Hours 9:00 AM-Office Hours 9:00 AM-3:00PM 3:00PM	2	3	4 Women's Retreat 8:30 AM 4:00PM
5 All Saints Day 9AM Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Helen Walmer Fund Sunday	6	7 Office Hours 9:00 AM-3:00PM	8 Office Hours 9:00 AM-3:00PM 7:00PM Choir Practice	9 Office Hours 9:00 AM-3:00PM	10	11
12 9AM Christian Connection 10:30 Worship JOY Pantry	13	14 Office Hours 9:00 AM-3:00PM	15 Office Hours 9:00 AM-3:00PM 7:00PM Choir Practice	16 Office Hours 9:00 AM-3:00PM	17	18
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26 9:00 Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Deacon's Fund Sunday Dine & Donate Sunday	27 Office Hours 9:00 AM-3:00PM 7:00PM Consistory Meeting	28	29 Office Hours 9:00 AM-3:00PM 7:00PM Choir Practice	30 Office Hours 9:00 AM-3:00PM		

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9:00 Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Deacon's Fund Sunday



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9:00AM Christian Connection 10:30 AM 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.