

St. John's United Church of Christ

The VOICE

SEPTEMBER 2013

The Story of Purple Cloth shared by Robin L. Getz...

One day three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large, raging, violent river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea how to do so. The first man prayed to God saying, "Please God, give me the strength to cross this river." Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs, and after almost drowning a couple of times he was able to swim across the river in about two hours. Seeing this, a second man prayed to God saying, "Please God, give me the strength and the tools to cross this river." Poof! God gave him a row-boat and after capsizing the boat a couple of times, he crossed the river in about one hour. The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, "Please God, give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross this river." And poof! God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards and walked across the bridge.

It's Luke, the writer of both the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts, who emphasizes the inclusive and counter-cultural aspects of Jesus' message more than any other. He is an author who celebrates the underdog and the disenfranchised as those who have a great part to play as God's Kingdom builders. In Acts, Luke records the willingness of Paul and other believers to follow the example set by Christ in his ministry. To accept and recognize the powerful potential of all people, even women, which was a radical move.

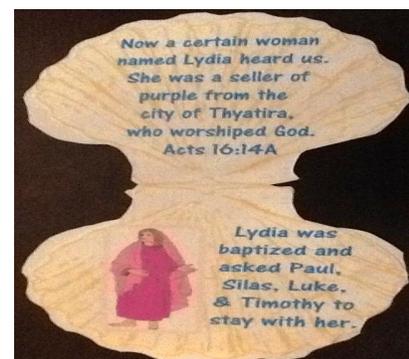
Now, Lydia, the heroine of our story today, was not your average 1st century woman. As a merchant of purple cloth, she was a woman of means and status. The scripture doesn't tell us how she came to be in this particular position, but it is clear that she is financially stable and seemingly independent. However, even with this social pedigree it would have been taboo for a Jewish man like Paul to

engage her, a Gentile woman, in conversation on matters of faith. But kudos to Paul because he did it anyway and God used his openness and Lydia's willing heart to establish the home base for a "new church start" in the city of Philippi.

For the most part, as people of means and privilege ourselves, Lydia's social status gives us a connection to her story. Purple cloth in ancient times was reserved for the royal and the wealthy. Lydia, as a seller of this precious commodity, was rubbing elbows with the social elite on a regular basis. She was the type today who might be on the short list of interior decorators for the rich and famous or have celebrity phone numbers on speed dial in her cell. This was a well-connected, well-established, well-respected lady, but even with all that, it wasn't enough. Instead of brunching with her friends at the local country club on the Sabbath, she was seeking God in a place of prayer, hungry for spiritual connection and meaning. Doesn't this hunger resonate for us too? If not, why are we here in this place of prayer instead of at home lounging over a cup of coffee and the Sunday paper, hitting the golf course with the guys or splashing in the pool with the kids? Like Lydia we too are hungry for more than physical nourishment and mere entertainment. We are hungry for God's presence in our lives and the difference it can make when our hearts are opened to the powerful potential of this transforming love.

Lydia is certainly a good example of how potential can be turned into tangible product as she paid much more than just lip service to her new understanding of faith. Once Lydia's heart was opened to God, she also opened her home, prevailing on Paul and those with him to stay. For those of us who have ever had company for more than three days, we know this is no small un-

dertaking. There's a cute story about a woman who was throwing a dinner party for about a dozen guests and she asked her little girl to say the blessing over the meal. The little girl replied shyly, "But I don't know what to say." The mother replied, "Just say what you've heard Mommy say." So the little girl bowed her head and prayed reverently, "Lord, why on Earth did I invite all these people over for dinner!" It's not easy being the hostess with the mostess, but Lydia jumped right in eager to reallocate her resources, rearrange her routine and reprioritize her reality so that others would have an opportunity to hear the good news. Her experience with Christ through Paul's witness on the Sabbath changed her so dramatically that she could no longer go back to business as usual. Her business was now to be God's business, her heart, God's heart, and her home, God's home. For some of us the transformation of our hearts and claiming of faith might have been just this dramatic. One day we were walking in darkness and the next day light flooded in like a tidal wave turning us upside down and backward from where we were and who we had been. However, for many of us the transformation has been more gradual and less black and white. Whatever our personal experience, the most important thing to remember is that the potential for transformation is there. It's there and it's powerful through the presence of the Holy Spirit. God can do amazing things with very little when people of faith open their hearts and their minds to this possibility.



SOME OF PASTOR HERB THOUGHTS

It is September and those of you who have children back in school are celebrating that you now have the house to yourself for most of the day. Those of you who are schoolteachers are celebrating that you have something to do for the most important parts of the day.

As your pastor I am celebrating that we are starting on our fall schedule. Christian Education at 9 AM, followed by worship at 10:30 AM.

*We will all be celebrating together at the worship service on September 8 with a service of **Renewal and Healing!***

My dictionary defines renew as to restore to freshness and vigor. Another definition reads a restoration of what has become faded.

*With those definitions in mind, I believe that we, the disciples of Jesus at St. John's UCC, are in need of **Renewal**. Summer always seems to be a down time for attendance at worship services. The choir is not singing, most people spent time on vacationing, no Christian Education Time, and this summer a new, earlier, worship time.*

Are you willing to restore freshness and vigor and restore what has become faded in your commitment to following the living Jesus by becoming a living member of the worshiping community at St. John's UCC? The choir is back singing, Christian Education Time is back, and the worship time is back to 10:30 AM. It is not about how good the sermon is or how lovely the music is, it is about opening your very being to the presence of the living Jesus, and having your life changed.

*I glanced at the display of crosses and other religious items I have in the computer room here at our house and decided that they need to be shared on our **Renewal** Sunday. They will be on display on Sunday, September 8, both before and after the worship service. Take a look, and see if any of them speak to*

you as they often do to me.

*As part of our **Renewal** we will have a time of **Healing**.*

There will be a time in the service for individuals to come forward for healing by being anointed with oil.

I want to take a moment to share some thoughts on a time of healing. Too often, I believe, we tend to think of healing being only about the healing of a physical illness (something is wrong with some part of our body). Healing certainly is about physical illness, but it about much more.

Listen to the words of Jesus from Matthew 5:23-24. "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother (sister, cousin, neighbor, etc.) has something against you (or you against them), leave your gift here in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother (sister, cousin, neighbor, etc.); then come and offer your gift."

Healing is about forgiving and seeking forgiveness. How much pain we suffer because we expect the other person to come to us rather than starting the process ourselves.

In our healing by being anointed, we will not be seeking a miracle as such, but rather the strength to deal with the physical, mental, or spiritual problem that we are carrying upon our shoulders. That truthful is the miracle. And it will happen if we put our trust in our God. Probably not when or in the way that we expect or desire, but I believe with all my heart, that God will respond.

***Renewal and Healing!** My prayer is that each and every one of you, male or female, young or old, new member or longtime member or nonmember, will feel the call of Jesus to be present at St. John's UCC on September 8 and every Sunday thereafter!*

Musical Offerings – September 2013

September

1 - Special Music

8 - Sr. Choir will sing: "Sanctuary" and "Holy Thy Name"

15 – Hinkelfest

22 – Sr. Choir will sing: "You Raised Me Up"

29 – Handbells

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP NEWS

SCRIPTURES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 1 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 2:4-13
 Psalm 81:1, 10-16
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
 Luke 14:1, 7-14



Sunday, September 8 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 18:1-11
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
 Philemon 1-21
 Luke 14:25-33
 (Renewal & Healing Sunday)

Sunday, September 15 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
 Psalm 14
 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Luke 15:1-10
 (Hinkelfest)

Sunday, September 22 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
 Psalm 79:1-9
 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 Luke 16:1-13
 (Guest Speaker)

Sunday, September 29 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
 1 Timothy 6:6-19
 Luke 16:19-31

Invitation to Members of St. John's Shut-Ins

According to our agreement that we made with Pastor Herb as our part time-interim pastor, we understood that he would not be providing our shut-ins with communion. As a result, the Elders of St. John's will be available to those who are accepting of their service in this capacity, after the elements have been blessed, to share with you the elements of Holy Communion during the week of Labor Day or the first week of October whichever would fit your schedule. Please call the church office to schedule a time for the Elders to come to your home either of these two weeks. We appreciate your understanding with this matter.

To All Ladies of St John's UCC, Fredericksburg:

The Penn Central Conference Women's Retreat is scheduled for November 22-24, 2013. This year's theme is "Chocolate Boutique" - a whole weekend of Chocolate bliss!! It will be a place where women taste and see God's goodness and grace, while relaxing, laughing, and reflecting - and growing in friendship with God and other women of the Conference. Cost for the weekend is \$100, which includes 2 nights lodging in Michaux Lodge (at Hartman Center), 5 meals, and chocolate galore! Space is limited, so sign up today. DEADLINE is November 12th.

See or call (717-866-5390) Sharon Hibshman for a registration form or more information.

Note: Sharon will be registering SOON to make sure she gets a space!!

September Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

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|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Courtney Marinkov | 14 Kaitlin Fegan | 25 Barry Fox Jr. |
| 3 Chester Michael | 14 Chelsea Michael | 27 Emily Rentschler |
| 4 Neal Grimes | 16 Reagan Lynn Walmer | 28 Adam Martin |
| 9 Robin Gingrich | 17 Wyatt Hevel | 30 Julie Ditzler |
| 12 Al Fortna | 17 Megan Nace | |
| 13 Ann Mulholland | 25 Noah Gingrich | |

Happy Anniversary to:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Cynda & John Kless | 20 Cindy & Chester Michael |
| 4 Judy & Larry Fox | 20 Elizabeth Overton & Philip Brewer |
| 6 Steve & Amy Zechman | 27 Louise & Larry Walmer |
| 9 Darlene & Rodney Boltz | 29 Mildred & Al Schriver |
| 12 Pam & Roger Myers | 29 John & Yvette Oskam |
| 13 Joan & Bob Losiewicz | |

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

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You

September Readers

- Sept. 1- Sharon Hibshman
- Sept. 8- Charlene Ziegler
- Sept. 15- Tracy Hevel
- Sept. 22- Paul Smith
- Sept. 29- Donnette Quairoli

September Flowers

- Sept. 1- Brenda & Jack Good
- Sept. 8- Robin & Paul Getz
- Sept. 15- Hinkelfest
- Sept. 22- Arlene Walmer
- Sept. 29- Violet & Ken Leibensperger

August Attendance

- Aug. 4- 64
- Aug. 11- 57
- Aug. 18- 37
- Aug. 25- 70

September Bulletins

- Sept. 1- Brenda & Jack Good
- Sept. 8- OPEN
- Sept. 15- Hinkelfest
- Sept. 22- Arlene Walmer
- Sept. 29- Violet & Ken Leibensperger

September Coffee Hosts

- Reesie Lauer &
Priscilla Rentschler

September Deacon

- Mark Tyrpin

Sponsors Needed:

We are in need of Sponsors for:

- Flowers: Oct. 6 & 13
- Bulletins: Sept. 8 & Oct. 6 & 13.
- Coffee Hosts: The months of October, November & December.

Sign Up sheets are in the Social Hall

CIRCLE TIME!

September Schedule

- September 1: Angie Michael
- September 8: Melissa Seltzer
- September 15: HINKELFEST (no Circle Time!)
- September 22: Julie Ditzler
- September 29: TBD

Consistory News by Robin Getz

Happily you will see that progress continues with our downstairs and we are finally on the home stretch. In line with building improvements, Consistory has agreed to get a few work groups together in the fall (next month or so) to pull the old water damaged tiles and dispose of them so they can be replaced with new tile. Those having the skill to help with either project should let us know. We will also be looking to thoroughly wash the track before the new tile is placed. Again, anyone wishing to help will be welcomed.

The other item that we are closely monitoring is our continued support with the search committee. The church profile has been forwarded and they will be reviewing candidates in an effort to recommend the right fit. Again, members are encouraged to let the committee know their needs as well as they work through this process. Your continued prayer is also appreciated as they undertake difficult contemplation in selecting our future shepherd. We are all excited to work through this process so that Pastor Herb can again enjoy his much deserved retirement. We also acknowledge the outstanding job he continues to do for us during this transition. We know that he can only continue this on a limited time frame and do not want to abuse his faithful leadership. We also want to make sure that he and Sharon can continue as our much appreciated members sooner than later.

As always I want to remind everyone that Consistory is here for you. You are the voice we answer to where our church needs are concerned. Please let us know if you have concerns or if there is something that we are just not quite on the mark with, please let us know. It is important that your voice is heard.

We continue to work hard to keep our church as loved and necessary as it always has been. You are the people who make it what it is. You give it life and offer it breath to sustain our Christian lives. May we always continue to do this work together as one in the body of Christ.

THIS COULD GET TO BE A HABIT!!

With our sixth successful National Night Out celebration under our proverbial belt, we can relax for a while before promoting a bigger and better **seventh** annual celebration in 2014. With Neal Grimes at the helm and dozens of church members and friends helping, the August 6th event attracted about a hundred folks.

In addition to the many St. John's people who donated food and drinks, manned the grill, supervised the contests, directed traffic, carried tables and chairs outside and then inside, helped set up and clean up, there are others who share in our gratitude. Thanks to Neal, various area businesses contributed gift certificates and products. We acknowledge them and urge your patronage in return: Redner's Markets, Bell & Evans, D. E. Richard Garage & Speedway Mart, Mane Street Junction, JONO Ace Hardware, Gubba's and Francisco's Pizza, Esther's and Farmer's Wife Restaurants. Among the winners were Olivia Blouch, Heidi Avenick, Hunter Zohn, Jason Burt, Beth Ann Griffiths, Wendy Dorsey, Shirley Rudy, Priscilla Rentschler, Jordan Seltzer, and both Herb and Sharon Hibshman. (Ed. Note: Little kids who probably couldn't yet read pulled the winning names out of the box. Thought you should know!)

As usual, there were several highlights in the two-hour event. First, our own Denise Voshell, with the assistance of her husband, set up her "traveling stage" and entertained in her usual crowd-pleasing fashion for the entire time. An unselfish performer, she is always willing to share the spotlight and her sound system with folks from the audience. We're fortunate to have her.

Second, we are always blessed with the appearance of our local fire department who not only fill that dunk tank the day before the event but are with us for the next evening with two of those large engines, engaging young and old with answers to questions and handouts for our safety.

Naturally, the dunk tank provides much fun and laughter. With the air a bit chilly this year and the water even chillier, we appreciate all who took a turn on that slippery slope! Thanks to four of Missy Seltzer's teacher friends who participated: Morgan Luckenbill, Jill Hulse, Jason Burt and Jeff Wild. (May I say they sure didn't have teachers like that when I went to school!)

With the watermelon eating contest, candy scramble and other games for the kiddies, there was certainly something for every age and taste. (Don't forget those hot dogs?!)

It's always comforting to see those folks in uniform, too. Walter Bolles and his group provided driving and parking directions and Scott Benfer and his Boy Scouts were a source of extra manpower. Cub Scouts and their leader were great in participating and helping with the games. We certainly appreciate all their assistance.

Our senior choir, directed by Louise and accompanied by Beth Ann as well as augmented with extra volunteers, provided a fitting finale to the evening's events as they sang "America, the Land I Love"..

One more thing: Get out your date book or planner and draw a red circle around August 5, 2014, and write or print there "National Night Out" because you don't want to miss it!

MUSIC AND WORSHIP NEWS by Louise Walmer

Our Music and Worship Committee met on Mon., Aug. 5. Sharon led our devotion time. She was inspired by the beautiful summer day and focused on farmer's fields. She read the poem, Faith of a Farmer and from II Corinthians 9: 10-15. Then she led us in prayer.

Four members of our committee and Wendy Dorsey attended the Sacred Choral Program at Lititz on Sat., Jul 27. We enjoyed lots of good singing with the other 275 choir directors and choir members in attendance. We've selected our favorite's anthems and will incorporate them into the Musical Offerings of the coming "singing season" for the Sr. Choir.

Our CCLI license needs to be renewed before Sept. 30. We are asking the Consistory to allow us to renew this license so we can continue to make copies of hymns from the hymnal to use for choir and worship. In the past this was not a part of our budget because Pastor Chris paid the license himself.

Pastor Dave Martin was well received when he led our worship on July 28. He has agreed to come back on Oct. 27 and Nov. 24.

We will welcome back Beth Ann to our organ bench beginning Sun., Sep. 1. And the first Sr. Choir rehearsal of the season will be on Wed. Sep. 4 at 7pm.

In place of Rally Day our worship on Sunday Sep 8 will be a Renewal and Healing Service. The choir will sing 2 anthems and the Sunday School Teachers will be installed.

Other worship dates were planned for: Worldwide Communion Sunday is Oct. 6; Harvest Home will be on Oct. 13; All Saints Celebration will be on Nov. 3; Thank Offering Sunday will be on Nov. 17; and the Thanksgiving Eve worship with our sister church, St. Paul's, Hamlin will be at St. John's on Nov. 27.

The annual Christmas Program was discussed. Since we have a small number of youth, we decided to have the Sr. Choir do a Christmas cantata and have our young people do the narration. The cantata, "Bethlehem's Child" written by Victor C Johnson and Lloyd Larson has been selected.

Our next meeting will be on Mon., Oct. 7 at 7pm. Gary Trautman will lead our devotion time. We concluded by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

SENIOR CHOIR by Louise Walmer

The Sr. Choir got together for a picnic supper at the Walmer's on Sat. Aug 24. There was a cake walk, Guess Who I Am game, and a Name that Tune game. Then we attempted to play our own version of musical chairs. Team winners received "I Love Choir" pencils and some of the losers had to wear "I Love Choir" buttons. South Center Street in Fredericksburg will never be the same.

Choir rehearsals for our 2013-14 Singing Season begins on Wed. Sep 8 at 7pm. This would be a great opportunity to come and join our group. Only requirement is that you have to like to sing!

Christmas Cantata – "Bethlehem's Child"

I know it sure seems like a long time yet till Christmas. But in the church music world one needs to plan ahead and believe it or not there are only 13 weeks until Advent begins. So I need to be thinking about our Christmas music.

There will be a Christmas Cantata this year that will be sung during a morning worship service on a Sunday in Dec (the date has yet to be determined). I would like to invite anyone from the congregation who is interested in singing this cantata to please let me know. We will set aside time during our regular Wed. night rehearsals to work on the cantata music, and most likely we will also have a few special rehearsals to work with the narrators. -Louise Walmer

A Time of Renewal by Julie Ditzler

We on the Christian Education Committee are anxious to share our plans for activating our Christian Education program here at St. John's.

Circle Time will begin at 8:30, and will feature a time of fellowship and devotions. Our classes will begin at 9:00. An activity-based curriculum featuring various Bible themes will be used with our younger children during this time, as well as during Children's Church. A class for our older kids, ages 11 and up, will be formed to address the needs of those preparing for Confirmation, as well as for those who have already completed it, to share in a lectionary-based look at the Bible that will tie to themes of the morning worship service.

In the adult class, we will be using various tools to stimulate study and discussion. We will begin by using a series called "The Holiness of God" by noted theologian R.C. Sproul. After that, we will pick up another volume in a series we have enjoyed in the past by Ray Vander Laan that combines Bible study with history, geography, and cultural themes to help us more fully understand and appreciate the context of the stories we read in the Bible. This volume concentrates on the life and ministry of Jesus. We will follow up on our study with discussion of a popular new devotion series called "Fan or Follower?" that looks more deeply at our roles as disciples of Christ.

We are hopeful that our enthusiasm will be contagious as we kick off these new initiatives on September 1st. If you haven't been in the habit of coming to one of our classes at St. John's, please consider giving one of them a try. Come and grow in faith with us!

St. John's Fellowship News, By Ginny Knapp

Plans for the Fall Flea Market and Bake Sale highlighted the meeting of St. John's Fellowship. The event will be held Friday, September 20th and Saturday, September 21st. Please check your closets and cupboards for any useful items.

Prior to the meeting we held our annual indoor picnic and, as usual, the food was in grand array. Eighteen members were in attendance.

"Happy birthday" was sung to the June, July and August celebrants. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 17th and will start at 6:30 PM so we can set up the social hall for the flea market. We need everybody's help to make this a successful project. Will you give a few hours to help us reach our goal?

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE, By Ginny Knapp

Our latest project was to host the pot-luck dinner following our Outdoor Service, Sunday, August 11th. Old man weather gave us a beautiful day and we enjoyed it immensely. Needless to say, we had enough food for many more people.

Guessing game prizes went to Missy Daub, votive candles, Amber Daub, wallet, Sharon Hibshman, candy jar and Terry Knapp, watermelon weight.

Calling All Shoe Boxes! By Julie Ditzler

We are looking for shoe boxes once again to fill for our Operation Christmas Child project. Rejuvenate your fall shoe styles and bring us your boxes! Check those closets! All boxes can be placed under the table next to the piano in the social room. Our collection of supplies to fill the boxes will begin in October. Let's work together to provide some holiday cheer and spread some love to children around the world.

Calling all Bakers! By Angie Michael

The Christian Education Committee is planning a bake sale for Sunday, September 29, following church. Proceeds will support the Christian Education Committee's work throughout the year, such as youth events. We have decided to take a break from the nut sales and hope to have a couple bake sales as fundraisers for the committee instead. We could really use volunteers to bake and donate their baked goods for the sale. You can drop off your baked goods at the church kitchen anytime before church on Sunday, September 29. If you have any questions, please talk to Angie Michael.

Letter of Thanks from the JOY Pantry

Thank you for supporting the JOY Pantry with your generous donation of 102 pounds of food.

The goal of the JOY Pantry is to treat our clients with dignity and respect by allowing them to choose a variety of healthy foods. Your donation allows this selection.

We opened our doors in September 2011 providing 9 households with food. We have been averaging 115 households every month. Your continued support is vital for this growing ministry.

The volunteers at the JOY Pantry thank you for your support of our community pantry. The smiles on our client's faces as they leave the pantry with bags full of food remind us of the importance of this ministry.

Together we can make a difference!

FROM THE CHRISTIAN ED. CORNER by Angela Michael

We welcome you back to Circle Time! Bright and early at 8:30 a.m. and to Christian Connection at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 1. On September 8th, though we will not have a traditional 'Rally Day' as in the past, we still plan to install and recognize our teachers for the upcoming year during the church service that day: Robin Getz, Melissa Seltzer, Melissa Daub, Donnette Quairoli, Dena Eberhart, Julie Ditzler and Angie Michael. Please plan to attend to participate in the service and to show your support for all the hard work our teachers do year round.

Over the summer we hosted a splash party, a pup-

pet show/craft/ice cream party, and a carnival/pizza party. While the former two events were rather disappointingly poorly attended, there were about 30 people in attendance at the latter event at which the great t-shirt escape was a big hit among the youngsters (and very entertaining for the older folks to watch).

I'll be scheduling folks to host Circle Time! And to teach the rotation workshops. Even if you've never before helped with either of these programs, consider getting involved with one or both of these programs as we begin anew this fall.

BUDGET & STEWARDSHIP By Neal Grimes

The Budget Committee will have met since this newsletter has gone out to all of our members. We have begun to work on the budget for 2014. Without a full time or part time Pastor, it is a challenging task to project our expenses for 2014. The report listed below is for the first seven months of 2013. Please keep in mind that we are not paying a Pastor's package during this period of time. All of the other costs are current as well as the income received for 2013.

THE REPORT FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 2013 IS LISTED BELOW:

<u>JAN. THRU JULY</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
Weekly Offerings (30 Weeks)	\$ 62,658.94
Defray Cost of Envelopes	197.00
Bulletins	210.00
Joint Men's & Women's Fellowship	2,500.00
Fundraising	1,858.14
Special Services	315.00
Social Hall Rentals/Misc .	227.65
Interest	9.81
TOTAL INCOME FOR JAN. THUR JULY	\$ 67,976.54
EXPENSES	\$ 47,155.17
NET INCOME (JAN. THRU JULY)	\$ 20,821.37

Our budget for weekly offerings \$2300. To-date we are averaging \$2088.63.

I HAVE SHOWN YOU IN EVERY WAY, BY LABORING LIKE THIS, THAT YOU MUST SUPPORT THE WEAK. AND REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS, THAT HE SAID, "IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE".
ACTS 20:35 NKIV

YOUTH FUN NIGHT at the church Sunday, September 22, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. All youth are invited to come out to the church for fun night of pizza and games--bring a friend along to enjoy the fun, too! Sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the social hall. Please see Dena Eberhart with any questions.

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:30am Circle Time 9am Christian Connection 10:30am Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Memorial Fund Sunday</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church Office Hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Church Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Bible Study - Noon Choir Practice- 7:00 PM Mission Committee Meeting—7PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Church Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30am Circle Time 9am Christian Connection 10:30am Worship of Renewal & Healing JOY Pantry</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church Office Hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Church Office Hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Bible Study at Noon Choir Practice 7:00 PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Church Office Hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Hinkelfest Community Services At Fireman's Park 10:30 AM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Church Office Hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Church Office Hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM NO Bible Study Choir Practice 7:00 PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Church Office Hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Flea Market 8:00 AM—6:00 PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Flea Market 8:00 AM—11:00 AM</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30am Circle Time 9am Christian Connection 10:30am Worship Christian Ed Meeting following Worship Dine & Donate Sunday Youth Fun Night 5-7pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Church Office Hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Church Office Hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Bible Study at Noon Choir Practice 7:00 PM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Church Office Hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:30am Circle Time 9am Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Deacon Sunday Christian Ed Bake Sale following worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Church Office Hours 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Consistory Meeting 7:00 PM</p>					

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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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Mrs. Louise Walmer, Choir Director
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