

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pastor Tony's Message

May—June, 2019

Become the Resurrection

God is expecting us to become the Resurrection for humanity as well as all creation. As I drive to Texas the Resurrection promises become evident that God has a continual detail proposal for reconciliation of humanity.

Mother Nature adorns herself with all the Easter flowers as far as you can see driving down the highway. In the forest borders magnificent pink rose, pink Asiatic lilies, yellow irises, purple hyacinth, and snapdragons gracefully says hi to onlookers. The colors of lavender decorations of classic styles amazes me. The trees bloom is not quite full however just enough to keep you wandering as you see birds, squirrels, and chipmunks play on each limb. And if you're not careful deer's will dot across the street because of jealousy just to get your attention as your mind drifts into the marvel of God's handiwork. God is still revealing his promises.

The skyline performance of Stratus, Cirrus, and Cumulus clouds hang just low enough to reveal their uniform layers of puff and gray beckoning you to wonder how great thou art. Wait, the rainbows is embracing and dancing with the clouds. The rainbow symphony shares several different arcs of colors, strengths of bands and supernumerary bows that reflects rainbow symphony fill with moisture and friendly reflective lights long enough to hold your attention as it winks welcome to the greatest show below heaven.

While driving signs of graduation and Mother's Day are everywhere. Reminding you again that our children are blessings. They prepared themselves for the next phases of life journey and almost at the edge of becoming new ambassadors throughout the entire world. The institution of learning did all they could do and now our children must launch out. Graduates are making plans to embrace, lead, or participate in society because of what teachers and professors invested in them. Northern Lebanon class motto is "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us." by Ralph Waldo Emerson. Again God is allowing humanity to see we are created in the image (characteristic) of God.

And how can we forget our wonderful mothers. Mother's Day allows us the opportunity to thank all mothers and the roles they played in our lives. Were they all perfect no however because God placed a very special gift (you) inside the womb we are here to celebrate. It is YOU that survived fertilization process and millions didn't make it. And we will begin by thanking God first for mothers than fathers for being participators in God's plans.

And as I reached my destination I heard children speaking in a foreign language. This language required my attention as these children uttered these words to their parents. I am not sure if these children were nurtured or were this their nature. Mainly because they spoke it fluently and without any hesitation or disregard of others. However I heard this speech before however thinking it is a primitive language something within reminded me that God is still setting up a platform and his glory will be fulfilled. And if this speech caught my attention it will catch others. The children said, "Yes, Ma'am." These words are music to my ears. The children stood fully erected and their rosy cheeks and green eyes and the other with hazel eyes responded in harmony. And later I learned they were from Nebraska and just last night they played with brown and black eyed children as they (all four) responded to their parents again Yes Ma'am. Would it be wrong to rent them for a summer? Oops I digress!

God is expecting us to become the Resurrection for humanity as well as all creation. The Resurrection promises become evident that God has a continual detail proposal for reconciliation of humanity. And as I look into the eyes of my grandchildren Tony III (Third) and Peyton (Almond Joy) my heart takes a quantum leap. All the mistakes, undotted I's, and uncrossed T's are corrected in my life. Holding Almond Joy in my arms as she sleeps so peacefully reminds me that God is doing a new thing. It's not often you get to hold an angel. The Fields' Family has another chance to place its imprint into God's plan of restoration. And for this I'm grateful!

Enjoy the Resurrection Promises and become the Resurrection! Don't forget we will begin our new service time at 11 am. Even more we are taking a bold step to become a beacon in our communities of Annville and Fredericksburg as we take our rightful place to lead. However more important we are allowed to reveal on a larger platform for God's glory to be revealed. To God be the Glory!

Our New Partnership

By Julie Ditzler

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our ministry here at St. John's. Beginning May 1st, we will share the support of our minister with the congregation of Christ U.C.C., Annville. Each Sunday Pastor Tony will lead worship services at both churches: the service in Annville at 9:00 a.m.; our service at 11:00 a.m. He will also divide his time during the week between the needs of both congregations, with office hours in each church office on a regular schedule. The times he is available in each location will be determined as he begins his new duties.

Budget-wise, this gives us some room to breathe as we look at our overall costs for the year. Each congregation will contribute 50% of the various portions of the pastor's salary and benefits package. If you recall last year's budget meeting at the end of November, you will know how welcome this development is for the financial outlook of our congregation. It is truly a blessing.

Let's look at some of the other benefits that might not be so obvious. First of all, we have a new connection to a group of people who are working just as hard to minister to their community as we are here at St. John's. As we get to know them better, and they become friends as well as partners, I'm sure some plans can be made to work together to provide special missions, outreach, educational, and spiritual opportunities for our congregations to share. Our meetings with them so far have been open and cordial; I think we have formed the basis for a wonderful relationship. Let's work to make that happen!

While placing more demand on his time and talents, this is also a great chance for our Pastor Tony to expand his horizons and focus on his ministerial goals as he seeks to serve the needs of both churches. I think it will be an exciting and challenging time for him as he moves into this new endeavor. Let's be sure to keep him in our prayers, and to support him as he takes on these additional responsibilities. Let's also be sure to pitch in and help out however we can to ensure that the regular duties at church be maintained as necessary for things to run smoothly. This new partnership will thrive with strong leadership in each church!

Finally, let's start thinking about the possibilities that exist for us now as we enter this new time in the life of our church. With the oppressive budget burden off our shoulders, what might we be able to do? What can and should be our priorities? Where do we go from here?

These are exciting times, to be sure. The Spirit is at work in our midst – let's make sure our efforts reflect our gratitude and joy in all that we have been given. This is only the beginning!

CALLING ALL 2019 GRADUATES

We need a list of all our 2019 college and high school graduates. Please contact the church office with the graduate's name, name of their high school or college, their future plans & names of "Relatives" in the congregation. The students will be honored at the worship service on May 26th. Deadline for all information is May 19th.

SUB SALE

The Fundraising group will be starting a Sub Sale May 1st. They will be selling tickets beginning May 1st for \$6.50. The ticket will be good for 1 large Italian, Ham, Turkey or Beef Sub from Krall's General Store in the square in Jonestown.

The tickets expire on July 31, 2019. Tickets will be available in the church office during office hours and after church services on Sunday's.

Consistory News by Charlene Ziegler

Consistory met on March 25, 2019.

A Joint Agreement between Christ Church UCC Annville, PA and St. John's UCC Fredericksburg, has been made. Pastor Tony Fields will be serving both churches effective May 1, 2019. The Consistory voted that St. John's service will begin at 11 a.m. after that date.

An Audit of the Books was recently completed by Budget and Finance. Everything was found to be in excellent shape.

Consistory voted to have a skylight placed on the new shed rather than windows for security purposes. Scott Benfer reported that the old shed was sold. The basement will be tested for mold in the near future.

Angela Michael announced the date for preparing the decorations for Vacation Bible School is April 27th at 9 a.m. The theme is "To Mars and Beyond". A Christian Education meeting will also be held that day.

Louise Walmer reported that a Women's Retreat will be held June 1st. The theme is "Bad Girls of the Bible" There will be a charge of \$10 to cover expenses.

The Fundraising Committee announced that tickets for Krall's Subs will be on sale after May 1st. The Golf Tournament has been scheduled for June 22nd at 1 p.m. Sponsors and golfers are needed.

Notification of a golf tournament for Hartman Center was received. The Consistory voted to sponsor a hole at this tournament to thank Dave Bushnell for all of his help in coordinating the agreement for sharing the pastor between Christ Church UCC and St. John's UCC.

The next Consistory meeting will be held April 29, 2019.

Financial Report by Robin Getz, Finance Chair

Total Revenue	(1/1/19—3/31/19)	\$ 19,540.85
Total Expenses	(1/1/19— 1/31/19)	\$ (23,844.50)

We will need to collect \$1557.69 weekly to meet budget currently we averaged 15351.23 per week through March 31st. As explained at the last Congregation Meeting we will truly need to consider ways to raise revenue through different Fundraisers to assist with balancing the budget. We had a Soup Sale on February 22nd and our profit was \$1363.50. Also on March 30th we had an All You Can Eat Breakfast on March 30th and our profit was \$348.01. May 1st we will be starting to sell Krall's Sub Coupons for \$6.50.

Tickets will be available at the church office during the week or after services on Sundays.

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 any suggestions. We need your prayers and assistance more than ever!!

The Financial Committee is always diligent with monitoring expenses. I am thankful for the dedication of the members and their continued efforts. Note: We are always looking for members to serve and, if there is any interest, they can contact me.

MAY WORSHIP NEWS



Sunday May 5, 2019
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:1-20
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Sunday, May 12, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 19, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Sunday, May 29, 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

JUNE WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, June 2, 2019
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

Sunday, June 9, 2019
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-35b4-8
John 20: 19-
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, 25-27

Sunday, June 16, 2019
First Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 23, 2019
Second Sunday after Pentecost
I Kings 19:1-15a
Isaiah 65:1-9
Acts 5:27-32
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 9:51-62

Sunday, June 30, 2019
Third Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62



MAY CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

2 Priscilla Rentschler	17 Lisa Jo Rudy
2 Zachary Seltzer	23 Amber Daub
3 Scott Benfer	24 Robin Getz
6 Paul Getz	25 Cory Daub
7 Dylan Walmer	25 Pam Emery
10 Nancy Frantz	29 Rachel Baynard

Happy Anniversary to:

2 Ginny & Terry Knapp	30 Missy & Bob Seltzer
9 Shirley & Al Fortna	30 Chase & Kari Mease
13 Michelle & Brad Walmer	31 Pastor Tony & Jodie Fields
25 Robin & Paul Getz	

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

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

May Readers

May 5 Brenda Good
May 12 Julie Ditzler
May 19 Neal Grimes
May 26 Louise Walmer

May Flowers

May 5 Terry & Ginny Knapp
May 12 Nancy Frantz
May 19 Donna Eberly-Lehman
May 26 Barbara Trainor

April Attendance

April 7 48
April 14 43
April 21 76
April 28

May Bulletins

May 5 Terry & Ginny Knapp
May 12 Nancy Frantz
May 19 Donna Eberly-Lehman
May 26 Barbara Trainor

May Coffee Host

May 5 OPEN
May 12 OPEN
May 19 OPEN
May 26 OPEN

May Deacon
Mark Tyrpin



JUNE CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

1 Holli Brown	10 Taylor Gingrich	19 Clint Fegan
3 Donna Eberly-Lehman	10 Diane Mohn	20 Gina Lutz
3 Hunter Zohn	12 Michelle Walmer	23 Jean Ann Grimes
5 Gail Grimes	14 Anne Rankin	30 Haley Martin
6 Jim Rudy	17 Jeff Walmer	
8 Nick Benfer	17 Grayclin Griffiths	

Happy Anniversary to:

21 Joe & Julie Ditzler
22 Glenn & Margaret Rudy

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Thank you.

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

June Readers

June 2 Pam Emery
June 9 Louise Walmer
June 16 Charlene Ziegler
June 23 Robin Getz
June 30 Music Sunday

June Flowers

June 2 Neal & Jean Grimes
June 9 Scott Benfer
June 16 OPEN
June 23 Joe & Julie Ditzler
June 30 Pastor Tony Fields

June Deacon
Scott Benfer

June Bulletins

June 2 Neal & Jean Ann Grimes
June 9 Scott Benfer
June 16 OPEN
June 23 Joe & Julie Ditzler
June 30 Pastor Tony Fields

June Coffee Host

June 2 Ken & Violet Leibensperger
June 9 Ken & Violet Leibensperger
June 16 Ken & Violet Leibensperger
June 23 Ken & Violet Leibensperger
June 30 Ken & Violet Leibensperger

SPONSORS NEEDED

Flowers: June 16th
Bulletins: June 16th
Sign up sheet is in the
Social Hall



Music and Worship Committee by Louise Walmer

Sr. Choir

The Sr. Choir welcomed Beth Ann back at our rehearsal on Wed., Apr 10. Palm Sunday and Easter anthems were rehearsed.

The Sr. Choir will sing their last anthem of this season on Sunday, May 5. However, even though the choir will not be rehearsing and singing anthems, there will be some musical offerings over the summer.

The Choir's Lower Voices invite the men of the congregation to join them to sing a special anthem on Mother's Day, May 12. The anthem is: "Glory, Hallelujah the Saints Go Marchin' In" by Greg Gilpin. There will be a rehearsal for this song after worship on Sunday, May 5.

The Women of the Choir invite the women of the congregation to join them in singing a special anthem on Father's Day, June 16. The anthem is, "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone", arranged by Joel Raney. The rehearsal for this song will be after worship on Sunday, June 9.

June 30, the next 5th Sunday of the Month, will be another Music Sunday. If anyone from the congregation would like to volunteer to sing or play an instrument that day as a solo or part of a group, please contact Louise or call the church office and leave a message with Donna.

Music and Worship by Louise Walmer

The Music and Worship Committee met on Monday, March 18.

Details for the 2nd Women's Retreat on Saturday, June 1 were discussed. A flyer and registration forms will be created and distributed to our friends and family as well as mailed to local churches. Committee members volunteered to assist with the program, the crafts and the food preparation for the Retreat.

Our committee accepted the responsibility for the continental breakfast after Easter Dawn Worship. Dena volunteered to get the food needed and have it at the church Easter Sunday morning.

Our next meeting will be at 6pm on Wednesday, May 15. Louise will lead devotions.

From the Christian Education Corner by Angie Michael

St. John's UCC Fredericksburg

TO MARS and BEYOND VBS

We're going out of this world this summer!

July 8 - 12, 2019 5:45 pm - 8 pm

Pre-K through 6th Grade

Visit www.stjohnsuccfburg.org/vbs to for a registration form.

St John's 2nd Women's RETREAT
Sponsored by St. John's Music and Worship Committee
June 1, 2019—9am – 3pm

The theme for the Retreat is: Bible Bad Girls, based on several of the women in the book "Bad Girls of the Bible", by Liz Curtis Higgins.

Our Bible study and worship time will be based on Proverbs 14:14, "The faithless will be fully repaid for their ways, and the good rewarded for theirs." Several Bible Bad Girls, will be making an appearance and presentation.

We will have several crafts activities, a little chair yoga, and of course food, fun and fellowship.

Come spend the day with us. Complete a registration form and give it to a committee member. Or call the church office to pre-register.

Our day will begin at 8:30 – 9 with registration and a continental breakfast. Cost is \$10 per person to help defray the cost of the food and craft supplies

Music and Worship Committee members are: Dena Eberhart, Robin Getz, Donna Eberly-Lehman, Kass Myers, Louise Walmer, Charlene Ziegler, and Pastor Tony.

Day-Long Women's Retreat

**BAD GIRLS, BAD GIRLS,
OF THE BIBLE OF THE BIBLE
WHATCHA GONNA DO WHEN GOD COMES FOR YOU?**

**Sat. June 1
9 AM-3PM**

Worship, Bible Study of "Bible Bad Girls," crafts, and more! Continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be served. \$10 registration fee/person.

St. John's UCC, 141 W. Main St.
Fredericksburg, PA 17026
www.stjohnsuccfburg.org

For more information or to register, call 717-865-7222; registration forms will also be accepted by mail or at the door on June 1 from 8:30 – 9 AM.

REGISTRATION / RESERVATION FORM

St. John's UCC Women's Retreat
"Bible Bad Girls" on June 1 2019
Cost is \$10.00

NAME _____
ADDRESS; _____
PHONE# _____

Please return this form and your \$10.00 payment to St. John's UCC, PO Box 87, Fredericksburg, PA 17026.

Or register on line at stjohnsucc@comcast.net or by contacting the Church Office at 717-875-7222

St. John's UCC
Golf Tournament
@Pine Meadows Golf Complex

June 22

**PRIZES
TICKETS
FOOD**

\$65/player includes golf, cart, beverages, and hot dog/burger following tournament!
 Don't play? Sponsor a hole!

Go to www.stjohnsuccfburg.org for a registration/sponsorship form!

Arrive before 12:30 PM for registration! Shotgun start at 1 PM.
50/50 tickets and other contests will be sold!

Proceeds benefit St. John's UCC Fredericksburg and its ministries!

CONTACT/CAPTAIN _____ PHONE _____

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Deadline June 12, 2019

We will sell: 50/50 tickets, mulligan's and closest to the pin/long drive contests.

Golf not your sport but would like to contribute. For \$25 you can be a hole sponsor. Want to have the best hole available? We have BRONZE STAR for \$100, SILVER STAR for \$250, and GOLD STAR for \$500 (includes a group of 4 to golf). You can also support your favorite golfer with a shout out for \$15.

Includes a name or business on a sign that will be displayed around the putting green before the tournament and at the pavilion while we eat following the tournament.

NAME/BUSINESS _____

SPONSOR AMOUNT _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

Golf and sponsor checks payable to St. John's UCC. Checks, as well as golf & sponsor info mail to: PO Box 87, Fredericksburg, PA 17026. Any Questions call Chad Zohn at 717-821-3535 or Robin Gingrich 717-507-2041.

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Sub Sale Starts Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	2 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	3	4
5 9:30 AM Christian Connection 11:00 AM Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund	6 7:00PM Joint Committee Meeting at St. John's	7 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	8 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	9 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	10	11
12 9:30 AM Christian Connection (Last Sunday until Fall) 11:00 AM Worship	13	14 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	15 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 6:00PM Music & Worship Meeting	16 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	17 Pastor Tony Vacation	18 Pastor Tony Vacation
19 Pastor Tony Vacation 11:00 AM Worship	20 Pastor Tony Vacation	21 Pastor Tony Vacation Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	22 Pastor Tony Vacation Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	23 Pastor Tony Vacation Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	24 Pastor Tony Vacation	25 Pastor Tony Vacation
26 11:00 AM Worship (Honor the Graduates) Deacon Fund Sunday Dine & Donate Sunday	27 Memorial Day	28 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00PM Consistory Meeting	29 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00PM Choir Practice	30 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	31	

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Women's Retreat 9am-3pm
2 11:00 AM Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund	3	4 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	5 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	6 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	7 Penn Central Conference	8 Penn Central Conference
9 11:00 AM Worship	10	11 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	12 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	13 Secretary Vacation Day	14	15
16 11:00 AM Worship	17	18 Secretary Vacation Day	19 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	20 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	21 Pastor Tony at General Synod	22 Pastor Tony at General Synod Golf Outing 1:00PM Pine Meadows
23 Pastor Tony at General Synod 11:00 AM Worship Deacon Fund Sun- day	24 Pastor Tony at General Synod Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00PM Consistory	25 Pastor Tony at General Synod	26 Pastor Tony Vacation Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	27 Pastor Tony Vacation Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	28 Pastor Tony Vacation	29
30 11:00 AM Worship Dine & Donate Sunday						

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**9:30AM Christian
Connection until May 19th
11:00 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.

Church Staff

Rev. Tony Fields, Sr. Pastor
Mrs. Beth Ann Griffiths, Organist
Mrs. Louise Walmer, Choir Director
Ms. Donna Eberly-Lehman Church Secretary

Consistory

Keith Gingrich, President
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Elders

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