

# ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September –October, 2019

## PASTOR TONY'S MESSAGE

Summer time is coming to an end and another school year is upon us. Vacation is slowly coming to a halt. And we definitely have some exciting events coming up this month. Rally Day is right before us. Two UCC churches forming a cooperative are willing to share Rally Day. What is the purpose for Rally Day and it is not just for children?

Webster's Dictionary defines "rally" as:

- 1) a verb "to draw or call together for a common purpose"
- 2) a noun meaning "a renewal of energy in joint action"

Let us face it during the summer, our many activities and vacations and events continually draw congregation members away from each other - especially on weekends. And by all means, releasing energy is a well-deserved time for family members to enjoy each other. And a time to take in a lot of vitamin D and we had some record high summer days. Yes, summer time is fun time. Unfortunately summer for some was not as rewarding due to sickness, life-changing circumstances and unfortunately for some their love ones had entered eternal rest. The fun times and not so fun times can also be a spiritually draining time. You start the summer with the good intentions of sticking to your Bible-reading schedules. You tried worshipping regularly

however the busyness gets you away. However, the reality is that summer's hectic schedules can easily derail us from those good intentions. Then you look back and wonder wow summer went by too fast. Come the end of summer, we need "a renewal of energy" when it comes to spiritual matters. Therefore, the church prepares for a big rally event. And this year we are rallying with our sister church and this is going to be a joyful occasion. Psalm 133 comes to mind which states, "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! Oh my, the things God can do through us as we revitalize ourselves in worshipping together.

Then a few weeks later are the installation service. Look at what God is doing in the midst of His people. Again we have the opportunity to revitalize ourselves and become a beacon of hope for our community. We need new energies to address food insecurities, lack of shelter, physical and mental health, financial incapacity, immigration, and deteriorating health of our community.

Therefore, let me not forget to mention our meeting with the representative from Central Pa Food Bank. We are already talking about setting up a Little Pantry and we open up conversations for more ways to address food insecurities in our

area. Yes we are active with LCCM and the food banks however we must invite our community into our conversations to see if we are doing enough. Our collaborative conversations will dictate the routes we take to help the kingdom of God break into our community. I am going to leave these words with you from Jim Rohn, "If you go to work on your goals, your goals will go to work on you. If you go to work on your plan, your plan will go to work on you. Whatever good things we build end up building us."

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## THE INSTALLATION OF REV. TONY FIELDS

You are invited to the Worship Service Celebration of the Installation of Rev. Tony Fields, as Pastor of Christ Church UCC.

The Installation will be held Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 3:00PM at 200 South White Oak Street, Annville PA.

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## Rally Day

We will officially welcome our friends at Christ Church on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, when we join together in an outdoor worship service at 11:00 a.m., followed by a covered dish picnic. Both events will take place at Bethel Township Lions' Park. Please be part of this milestone event in the life of our two congregations, and help us host a memorable kickoff event.

## **Consistory News** by Charlene Ziegler, Secretary

Consistory met on July 29, 2019.

The contact with our partner church in Swakopmund, Namibia will be renewed. It has lagged in recent years and it is time to begin to interact with the church. There is no cost, just communion. There may occasionally be a fund raising event in order to provide some funds for them.

The Joint Coordinating Committee will have a covered dish signup sheet for the Rally Day service on September 8, 2019.

Buildings and Grounds announced that the new shed is in place. Hedges were recently trimmed. A new computer was purchased for the church secretary.

The Church Treasurer reminded the Consistory that we should avoid paying PA sales tax when purchasing items for the church. There is a church account for Staples, Oriental Trading Company, Sam's Club, Best Buy, Lowe's and some other vendors. Before making a purchase, speak to Louise Walmer or Donna Eberly-Lehman to confirm the vendor has a St. John's account. Also receipts are always needed to compare with the credit card invoice.

Plans are being made for National Night Out on August 6.

There are enough people to go to Sight and Sound for the performance of "Jesus" on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements for transportation have been made.

The Christian Education Committee reported 30 children were signed up for Vacation Bible School and included some new faces. Next year the theme will be "Knights of the North Castle".

The Fundraising Committee reported that the Chicken Barbeque for October 19<sup>th</sup> is all set. A Soup Sale will also be planned in the near future.

The next Consistory meeting will be held August 26, 2019.

### **NEW ADDRESS:**

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### **Women's Retreat** by Louise Walmer

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Women's Retreat, sponsored by the Music and Worship Committee will be on Saturday June 6, 2020, from 9am-2pm. The theme for the retreat will be "Fruits of the Spirit". There will be activities, good food and of course great fellowship.

More information on this event will be published as we make plans for the day.

### **Chicken Barbecue and Bake Sale**

We will hold a chicken barbecue and bake sale on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. The dinners will include ½ chicken, a baked potato, roll, butter, and applesauce. Cost of the dinner will be \$8.00. The chicken will be prepared at Fireman's Park this year, which will give us the chance to prepare it rain or shine. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Orders may also be called into the church office. Please support our fundraising efforts – contact friends, family, and neighbors who might be interested in purchasing dinners.

## **National Night Out Report** by Neal Grimes

We had a very successful National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, at Bethel Twp./Lions Park. On a beautiful evening approximately 250 persons attended the event which featured free entertainment, food, prizes and games for everyone.

Five area churches participated which included along with St. John's UCC; Hamlin UCC; Family Harvest Mennonite, Fredericksburg Baptist Church and the Lighthouse Baptist church. Fredericksburg Dental also had a table which made Fairy Tooth Boxes with the children.

Games and rides consisted of a large bounce house, two kiddie train rides, a slip and slide and a balloon launch. Our own Bob Seltzer prepared the hot dogs which were donated by Redner's Markets along with 20 cases of water.

A free raffle was held in which over 50 prizes were given out thanks to many generous local businesses and individual persons.

Our State Police were present with two patrol car's and officers who allowed children to set in their cars. Our local fire companies from Fredericksburg and Mt. Zion were there with apparatus that also allowed both children and adults to examine and enjoy. The First Aid Safety Patrol was also present with their truck.

The committee consisted of Scott and Kayla Benfer, Beth Barto Brenda Good, Pastor Tony, Jodie Fields, Walter Bolles, Pastor Daryl Petersheim and Ken Shirk of The Family Harvest Mennonite Church, Pastor Chris Porter of the Fredericksburg Baptist Church and Mary and Lynn Donmoyer of Hamlin UCC.

## **From The Christian Connection Corner** by Angie Michael

St. John's UCC To Mars & Beyond VBS 2019 welcomed 30 children (an increase over last year!) in ages ranging from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade from July 8 through July 12. We made new friends and caught up with some friends who have attended our VBS during previous years; we sang songs, we made crafts, we played games, and much more! And on Friday evening, to close VBS we hosted our students' families for closing assembly, a brief performance of VBS songs, and an ice cream party in the social hall.

## **Painting Party** by Louise Walmer

The Music and Worship Committee invites you to participate in a fun evening Painting Party, on Friday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30. Cost is \$35 per person. Light refreshments will be served.

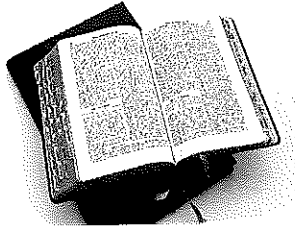
To participate in this fun event, please register on the web site: [zencatcreatives.com](http://zencatcreatives.com). If you don't have access to register online, you can register using the sign-up sheet posted in the church social hall.



## **Operation Christmas Child**

Once again, it's time to plan for the happiest project of the year – the packing of our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Our target is fifty boxes, and our packing party is set for November 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9 a.m. Look for the display in the social room with suggestions to include in your donations, and cards to take shopping for supplies we need. Please consider a donation to cover the cost of shipping our boxes as well; envelopes for this purpose will be in the pews during October and early November. Be part of this fun and rewarding project as we spread some Christmas cheer to children all over the world!

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP NEWS



Sunday September 1, 2019  
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost  
Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Psalm 81:1:1, 10-16  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14: 1, 7014

Sunday, September 8, 2019  
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Philemon 1:1-24  
Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 15, 2019  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
Psalm 14  
I Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 22, 2019  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
Psalm 79: 1-9  
I Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 29, 2019  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
I Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16: 19-31

## OCTOBER WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, October 6, 2019  
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Lamentations 1:1-6 & 3:19-26  
Psalm 137  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 13, 2019  
Eighteenth After Pentecost Sunday  
Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7  
Psalm 66: 1-12  
2 Timothy  
Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 20, 2019  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Psalm 119: 97-104  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 27, 2019  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Joel 2:23-32  
Psalm 65  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

## SEPTEMBER CELEBRATION

### Happy Birthday to:

3 Chester Michael  
4 Neal Grimes  
9 Robin Gingrich  
12 Al Fortna  
13 Ann Mulholland  
14 Kaitlin Fegan  
14 Chelsea Michael

16 Reagan Lynn Walmer  
25 Noah Gingrich  
27 Emily Rentschler  
28 Adam Martin  
30 Julie Ditzler

### Happy Anniversary to:

1 Cynda & John Kless  
20 Cindy & Chester Michael  
20 Elizabeth Overton & Philip Brewer  
27 Louise & Larry Walmer  
29 Mildred & Al Schriver

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

## Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

### Sept. Readers

Sept. 1 Dena Eberhart  
Sept. 8 Julie Ditzler  
Sept. 15 Keith Gingrich  
Sept. 22 Brenda Good  
Sept. 29 Music Sunday

### Sept. Flowers

Sept. 1 Jerry Mohn  
Sept. 8 Rally Day  
Sept. 15 Hinkelfest  
Sept. 22 Al & Millie  
Schriver  
Sept. 29 Larry & Louise  
Walmer

### August Attendance

Aug. 4 41  
Aug. 11 24  
Aug. 18 24  
Aug. 25 28

### Sept. Bulletins

Sept. 1 Jerry Mohn  
Sept. 8 Rally Day  
Sept. 15 Hinkelfest  
Sept. 22 Al & Millie  
Schriver  
Sept. 29 Larry & Louise  
Walmer

### Sept. Coffee Host

Sept. 1 OPEN  
Sept. 8 Rally Day  
Sept. 15 Hinkelfest  
Sept. 22 OPEN  
Sept. 29 OPEN

September Deacon  
Jerry Mohn



## OCTOBER CELEBRATION

### Happy Birthday to:

2 Wendy Dorsey	22 Mark Tyrpin	26 Richard Rudy
13 Colt Dorsey	22 Joyce Myers	30 Gerald Rudy
13 Linda Tyrpin	23 Lee Flanick	31 Julie Brandt
16 Angela Michael	26 Kathryn Myers	31 Marc Griffiths

### Happy Anniversary to:

8 Missy & Cory Daub  
12 Robin & Keith Gingrich  
18 Butch & Shirley Rudy  
22 Josh & Crystal Stoltz  
23 Clint & Kathy Fegan

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## Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

### October Readers

Oct. 6 Neal Grimes  
Oct. 13 Pam Emery  
Oct. 20 Beth Barto  
Oct. 27 Charlene Ziegler

### October Flowers

Oct. 6 Pastor Tony Fields  
Oct. 13 Betty Schriver  
Oct. 20 Pastor Tony Fields  
Oct. 27 OPEN

### October Deacon

Mark Tyrpin

### October Bulletins

Oct. 6 Pastor Tony Fields  
Oct. 13 Betty Schriver  
Oct. 20 Pastor Tony Fields  
Oct. 27 OPEN

### October Coffee Host

Oct. 6 Terry & Ginny Knapp  
Oct. 13 Terry & Ginny Knapp  
Oct. 20 Terry & Ginny Knapp  
Oct. 27 Terry & Ginny Knapp

### SPONSORS NEEDED

Flowers & Bulletins:

October: 27th

November: 11th

December 15th

Coffee Host: Sept. 22nd &  
Sept. 29th

Month of November

Month of December

Sign up sheet is in the  
Social Hall



## **Music and Worship Committee** by Louise Walmer **Sr. Choir**

This active committee met on Monday, Aug 12. Dena Eberhart led our devotion time. We have lots of things planned for the next few months.

We noted that we all need to thank Rita Geesaman for filling in as guest organist during Beth Ann's recent shoulder surgery.

Louise and Kevin Biddle have met and are planning to have joint choir singing at Pastor Tony's Installation Service at Annville on Sept. 22, as well as a Christmas Cantata this year. Kevin and Louise will continue to look for ways to combine the voices of the choirs.

We need to encourage our members and friends to register on-line or on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the Painting Party on Fri., Oct. 4.

It was decided to celebrate Harvest Home on Oct. 13, and the Bible Bad Girls will give their presentation during the morning worship on Oct. 20. Pastor Tony asked the "girls" if they would also give their presentation at the 9am Christ Church service. They agreed if Christ Church wants to hear the presentation.

**All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on Nov. 3.** If you have had a family member or friend that passed away since our 2018 All Saints Sunday, and you want their memory recognized during this celebration, please notify the Church Office, 717-865-7222.

The annual Baked Potato Bar will be after church on Sunday, Jan 26. The monies donated will go toward our choir music.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Women's Retreat is being planned for Sat., June 6, 2020. Our theme will be "Fruits of the Spirit". Expect fruit salad to be served!!!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Charlene will lead our devotion time.

### **Senior Choir** by Louise Walmer

Summer break is officially over for the Sr. Choir. Weekly rehearsals began at 7pm on Wednesday, Aug. 28.

If you ever thought about becoming a part of the choir ..... NOW would be a great time to join the choir.

The Choir will participate in a joint choir at Hinklefest on Sept. 15, and will sing with the choir of Christ Church, Annville, at Pastor Tony's Installation Service there on Sept. 22.

Louise and Kevin Biddle, choir director at Christ Church, are looking at ways to combine the musical talents of both churches. Music has been selected to do a cantata together this Christmas season.

### **Outdoor Worship** by Louise Walmer

About 25 attended our outdoor worship on the lawn at St. John's on Sunday, Aug. 11. It was a beautiful morning to sit in the shade and worship the Lord.

We enjoyed a "picnic" covered dish lunch in the church fellowship hall after worship.

### **Bible Bad Girls Appearance** by Louise Walmer

If you missed seeing the Bible Bad Girls at our June Women's Retreat, they will be making an appearance and giving their presentation during the morning worship service on Oct 22 at both Christ Church and St. John's

# SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 11:00 AM Worship (Communion)  Helen Walmer Fund	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	<b>4</b> Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  NO Choir Practice	<b>5</b> Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Rally Day 11:00 AM Worship Followed by Covered Dish at Lions Park JOY Pantry	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	<b>11</b> Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  7:00PM Choir Practice	<b>12</b> Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Hinkelfest
<b>15</b> Hinkelfest 11:00AM Community Worship at Fireman's Park	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  6:30PM Setting up for the Flea Market.	<b>18</b> Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  7:00PM Choir Practice	<b>19</b> Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  8:00AM-5:00PM Sorting for Flea Market	<b>20</b> Flea Market & Bake Sale 8:00AM-5:00PM	<b>21</b> Flea Market & Bake Sale 8:00 AM-11:00PM
<b>22</b> 9:30 AM Christian Connection 11:00 AM Worship 3:00PM Pastor Tony's Installation at Christ Church in Annville Dine & Donate Sunday	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  6:00PM Budget & Finance Meeting	<b>25</b> Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  7:00PM Choir Practice	<b>26</b> Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	<b>27</b> 4:00PM—8:00PM Larry & Louise Walmer's 50th Anniversary Party	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 AM Christian Connection 11:00 AM Worship  Deacon Fund Sunday	<b>30</b> Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  7:00PM Consistory Meeting					



# OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	2 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  7:00PM Choir Practice	3 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	4 6:30PM Paint Party	5
6 9:30AM Christian Connection 11:00 AM Worship (Communion)  Helen Walmer Fund Sunday	7	8 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	9 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  7:00PM Choir Practice	10 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	11	12
13 Harvest Home Sunday 9:30AM Christian Connection 11:00 AM Worship	14	15 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	16 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  6:00PM Music & Worship Committee Meeting 7:00PM Choir Practice	17 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	18	19
20 9:30AM Christian Connection 11:00 AM Worship (Bible Bad Girls)	21	22 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	23 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  7:00PM Choir Practice	24 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	25	26
27 11:00 AM Worship 9:30AM Christian Connection Deacon Fund Sunday Dine & Donate Sunday	28 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  7:00PM Consistory Meeting	29	30 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  7:00PM Choir Practice	31 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM		Mark Your Calendars Soup Sale November 8th More information to follow

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**Beginning Sept. 22, 2019**  
**Christian Connection—**  
**9:30AM**  
**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  
Scott Benfer, Vice President  
Charlene Ziegler, Secretary  
Louise Walmer, Treasurer

Elders

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