

# ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June—July, 2021

## PASTOR TONY'S MESSAGE

### You Are My Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine you make me happy when skies are gray you'll never know dear, how much I love you Please don't take my sunshine away.

This song comes to mind as I think about the next two months, especially since the Pandemic of 2020 had us indoors most of last year. This year the sun will be my friend and I will bask in the vitamin D it provides. And as people are receiving the vaccination, I am certain outdoor activities will highlight most people lives this year. For most people, this time of the year is associated with fun as schools break and most offices are not fully active.

Summer brings back lots of outdoor social activities impossible in the freezing cold winter. Most people go back to outdoor picnics, beaches, and parks to relax and unwind themselves under clear skies. For the grill masters and trailblazers, summertime is 'open season,' and many parties are held to take advantage of the sunny weather; with clear skies, the summer hosts a very vivid moon.

The month of May and June brings bright, and longer days, which exposes the beauty of nature, grasses are green, the fragrance of fresh-cut grass, manicuring landscapes, flowers bloom, and many birds and animals return to the melted and blossoming fields. Let us not forget the itching throat and runny eyes of pollen, yuck. And as humanity peels off the layers of dark and warm clothing, the rays of the sun give new hope. We begin to dress with light materials to feel cool under the hot sun; most will be spotted in shorts, sunglasses, summer dresses, sandals, and tank top shirts. More delicious summer fruits such as watermelons, cantaloupes, mangos, pineapples, and strawberries, become ripe during these months, and again, it is because of the beautiful sunshine. Therefore this season presents the opportunity for people to enjoy life and reignite gathering again. However there is another sunshine I want you not to forget. I am grateful for the rays and the vitamin D that the sun provides, and although it is about 93 million miles away, it still beautifully impact our lives. Collaborators do not forget the sunscreen.

More importantly, do not forget the Son WHO shines in our life. The Son/ God who dress himself in the imperfection of humanity. This Son took on the form of a servant. This Son humbles himself and became obedient unto death, even the end of a shameful old rugged cross. More so, this Son's name is above every name, and at his name, every knee should bow, and every tongue should confess. This Son knew the praises of angels and gave it up for humanity. This Son gave up his hometown in glory and became a stranger on the earth. This Son was mocked and ridiculed. This Son became time trapped, death-eligible, and pain-capable because of the hardness of humanity's life. Although he humbled himself and died he rose with all power in his hands and took away the sting of death and ascended into glory. Oops this is a Baptist moment however during these next few months do not forget about the other Son that shines for humanity.

Blessings to all of you.

## Consistory News by Charlene Ziegler

The Apple Dumpling and Avon fundraisers did well. The dumplings earned the church around \$600. The Avon sales almost matched the sales at Christmas with \$400 earned. Thank you to everyone who sold or bought!

Future fundraisers may include a chicken barbeque in October, a breakfast, another dumping sale, Subway subs and possibly the return of the flea market.

Details are being gathered on resuming St. John's contact with our partner church in Namibia. Consistory will meet with Pastor Chris Rankin, who was involved with the original contact, at their next meeting.

The new recommendations from the CDC allows Covid 19 vaccinated persons to no longer wear masks. Whether or not to wear a mask is at the discretion of the individual. Social distancing during worship is still in place. Coffee Fellowship has resumed after church.

The 2021 graduates will be acknowledged during worship on June 6. Teachers will also be acknowledged for their perseverance during the past year and adapting to the circumstances occurring in a classroom. Refreshments will follow the service.

Delegates are needed for The Lebanon Valley Home and Lebanon County Christian Ministries. If you are interested, contact Pastor Tony or a Consistory member.

An organizational meeting is planned for a Saturday in August to regroup and bring back some of the things done in the past. Future plans include beginning Sunday School and Christian Connection after summer.

The next Consistory meeting will be held June 28, 2021.

### Redner's Tapes

Redner's tapes are still being collected! Thank you to Beth Barto for tabulating the tapes. We received a check from Redner's Market for \$446.97. Please remember that your receipts must have the words Save-A-Tape printed on them to be eligible. A Redner's Rewards card must be used at each purchase. Please see someone at the store if you do not have a card and wish to provide receipts to St. John's.

Redner's is requesting that all tapes are flat not rolled up and all tapes must be dated within three years prior to the date of submission. Please do not use any highlighter marker on receipts.

Thank you to all who have brought your receipts in.

**SPECIAL MUSIC JULY 4** by Louise Walmer

Anyone interested in helping to sing a patriotic anthem on Sunday July 4th come to a rehearsal at 10:30AM Sunday June 27th by the piano in the Fellowship Hall.

**TIME TO TUNE UP YOUR VOICES** by Louise Walmer

The Sr. Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00PM so that we will be ready to sing on World Wide Communion Sunday, October 3rd.

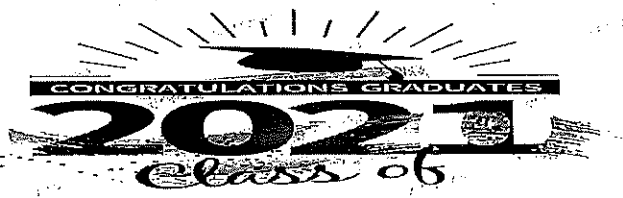


**THANK YOU!**

Consistory wants to thank everyone who sold, purchased or helped to make our first Apple Dumpling Sale a success. We raised \$660.00.

Also a big thank you to everyone that sold and purchased Avon products. That fund raiser made \$403.87.

Thank You to Everyone!



**St. John's United Church of Christ Graduates**

**June 6, 2021**

**We are honoring our 2021 Graduates,**

**The High School Graduate is:**

Hayden Zechman, grandson of Marlene Zechman will be graduating from Red Land High School and going in the Marine Reserves and in the fall will attend Albright College.

**The College Graduate is:**

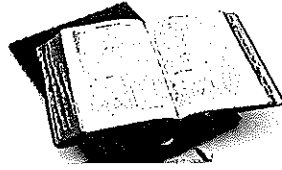
Kayla Benfer, daughter of Scott Benfer graduated from Bloomsburg University with a bachelors degree in Business Education. She is planning on teaching at the High School level as soon as a position becomes available.

**Thank you to St. John's UCC Teachers!**

A big Thank You to teachers, Beth Barto, Amber Daub & Melissa Seltzer will also be acknowledged for their perseverance during the past year and adapting to the circumstances occurring in a classroom.

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## JUNE WORSHIP NEWS



June 6, 2021  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
1 Samuel 8: 4-20  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4: 13– 5:1  
Mark 3: 20-35

June 20, 2021  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49  
Psalm 133  
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13  
Mark 4:34-41

June 13, 2021  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
1 Samuel 15: 34-16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5: 6-17  
Mark 4: 26-34

June 27, 2021  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27  
Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8: 7-15  
Mark 5: 21-43

## JULY WORSHIP NEWS

July 4, 2021  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12: 2-10  
Mark 6: 1-13

July 18, 2021  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
2 Samuel 7: 1-14a  
Psalm 89: 20-37  
Ephesians 2: 11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 11, 2021  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1: 3-14  
Mark 6: 14-29

July 25, 2021  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
2 Samuel 11: 1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6: 1-21

*Grow  
in Christ*

## JUNE CELEBRATION

### Happy Birthday to:

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

### Happy Anniversary to:

21 Julie & Joe Ditzler  
22 Glenn & Margaret Rudy

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

# Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

#### June Readers

June 6 Neal Grimes  
June 13 Charlene Ziegler  
June 20 Louise Walmer  
June 27 Beth Barto

#### June Flowers

June 6 Neal & Jean Grimes  
June 13 OPEN  
June 20 Joe & Julie Ditzler  
June 27 Neal & Jean Grimes

#### May Attendance

May 2 21  
May 9 20  
May 16 19  
May 23 22  
May 30

#### June Bulletins

June 6 Neal & Jean Grimes  
June 13 OPEN  
June 20 Joe & Julie Ditzler  
June 27 Neal & Jean Grimes

#### June Coffee Hosts

June 6 OPEN  
June 13 OPEN  
June 20 OPEN  
June 27 OPEN

**June Deacon**  
**Beth Barto**



## JULY CELEBRATION

### Happy Birthday to:

5 Earl Ziegler  
6 Phil Eberhart  
7 Steve Stoltz  
8 Dalton Kapp

11 Bob Seltzer  
19 Beverly Myers  
20 Scott Kless  
20 Beth Ann Griffiths

21 Denise Voshell  
28 Pastor Tony Fields  
31 Aleta Babe

### Happy Anniversary to:

4 Stefanie & Anthony Shutter  
18 Pat & Earl Ziegler  
28 Brad & Becky Griffiths

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#### July Readers

July 4 Keith Gingrich  
July 11 Julie Ditzler  
July 18 Joe Ditzler  
July 25 Neal Grimes

#### July Flowers

July 4 OPEN  
July 11 OPEN  
July 18 OPEN  
July 25 OPEN

#### July Deacon

Robin Gingrich

#### July Bulletins

July 4 OPEN  
July 11 OPEN  
July 18 OPEN  
July 25 OPEN

#### July Coffee Hosts

July 4 OPEN  
July 11 OPEN  
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# JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	2 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	3 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	4	5
6 11:00 AM -Worship Communion Honor the 2021 Graduates Helen Walmer Fund	7	8 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	9 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	10 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	11	12
13 11:00 AM—Worship JOY Pantry	14	15 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	16 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	17 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	18	19
20 11:00 AM—Worship	21	22 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	23 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	24 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	25	26
27 10:30AM—Rehearsal for July 4th Anthem 11:00 AM—Worship Deacon Fund Sunday	28 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM  7:00PM Consistory Meeting	29	30 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM			

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25 11:00 AM—Worship Deacon Fund Sunday	26 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00PM Consistory Meeting	27	28 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	29 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	30	31 1:00PM Galen Frantz Memorial Service



## **JOY Pantry Report** by Charlene Ziegler

There are some changes for JOY Pantry. The Pantry is now working with Caring Cupboard which has been serving Palmyra and Annville. The needs of each area can be filled by sharing the donations.

This will not change the aid provided for the people in the northern part of Lebanon County. Another change was an update of JOY Pantry's website. The website can still be found at [www.joypantry.org](http://www.joypantry.org) and features the schedule of collection and distribution as well donations currently needed.

St. John's pantry donation Sunday is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. A basket in the vestibule is available to place donations.

The April/May donation from St. John's yielded 44 pounds. Remember only non-perishable items can be accepted. Their current wish list is for Spam, canned pasta, canned chili and canned stew.

### **PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE UCC**

**Penn Central Conference United Church of Christ Annual Meeting 2021**

**June 12, 2021**

**via Zoom (registration link below)**

**[www.pccucc.org](http://www.pccucc.org)**

- **Bylaws Updates 2021**
- **Bylaws Updates 2021 With Markup**
- **2022 PCC Budget Board Approved Apr 10, 2021**
- **Conference Staff Report To Annual Meeting 2021**
  - **Register for Annual Meeting 06/12/2021**
  - **Register for Bylaws Q&A 06/01/2021 10AM**
  - **Register for Bylaws Q&A 06/01/2021 6PM**

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**General Synod 2021 working group creating first virtual experience  
for July 11-18  
Rooted In Love**

**The 2021 General Synod of the United Church of Christ, meeting July 11-18,  
will consider 11 resolutions and several bylaw changes. UCC.org**

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**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  
Beth Ann Griffiths, Organist  
Louise Walmer, Choir Director  
Donna Eberly-Lehman Church Secretary

Consistory

Keith Gingrich, President  
Julie Ditzler, Vice President  
Charlene Ziegler, Secretary  
Louise Walmer, Treasurer

Elders

Julie Ditzler  
Keith Gingrich  
Mark Tyrpin  
Charlene Ziegler

Deacons

Beth Barto  
Robin Gingrich  
Jerry Mohn  
Elizabeth Overton