

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May-June, 2022

PASTOR TONY'S MESSAGE

In May and June, we have graduations, Older Americans Month, enrichment opportunities, and annual Spring music festivals, and honestly, May and June are one of the busiest months.

We think we know what will happen and how things will turn out. We head into our lives following our dreams and plans hoping for no interruptions. The fresh and beautiful air revitalizes us because we have done so much during the autumn and winter; therefore, let the sunshine in. So many things have changed in our lives, and now, without any regard this year, I want to breathe again. I do not want to talk about six feet anything, mask anything, isolation anything, high priced anything, wars or rumors of wars, political smoke screening; for a few months, I want to be me, for or whatever that means.

Let these few months be my discovery. Let me take time and enjoy this new me, broken me, hurting me, uncertain me, crying out loud, silly me, laughing me, robust me, just let me be me. A lot has happened through this pandemic, and I need to retreat to find myself. These are the cries of people trying to make sense of what happened these last few years. Perhaps in all this, it is God's holy interruption to reclaim the church and us.

These years it is a reminder of why we gather. Perhaps our time together is more precious than we give credit. The pandemic did not surprise God, and even in our uncertainty and tribal mentality, God was with us. As we head into this "new self," following our dreams and being interrupted by the blinding light of God's grace, I hope we gain a new perspective and a new vision of what it means to be the church. We cannot let despair and sadness overwhelm us and think that hope will ever fail us.

In the closing of the spring months and the sunrays blend into our lives, may we be inspired to hope again and enjoy the sunlight because it is essential for human health and well-being. Therefore as we open ourselves to the path that God sets before us and walk deeper in faith, and be the loving witness of God's glory.

Who Am I?

Who am I, you ask? I am a lion who comes off as a lamb. I am an ocean with waves big enough to drown. I am a roller coaster of emotions. I am a hater of ignorant people, liars, and people who use others for a gain. I am a lost soul, a naive child. I am one who has seen enough That would make most people's skin crawl. I am me, not you. I am who I am. Judging me is only a negative reflection on you. So who am I, you ask? I am me...just me.

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Consistory News by Charlene Ziegler, Secretary

Consistory met at a special meeting March 27, and at the regular meeting March 28, 2022.

The special meeting was regarding an offer from Jeanne and Gerald Boltz to provide funds for a project at the church that would be in honor of Karen Light, a former member who passed away in 2018. The project is renovating the Social Hall. An estimate was received to get a ball park figure to present to the Boltzes. Mr. and Mrs. Boltz generously offered to provide the funds to cover the estimate.

During the regular meeting the Consistory discussed the details and voted to proceed with the project pending the clarification of some concerns. An Ad Hoc committee of three – five members will be formed and is open to anyone in the Congregation who is interested.

The Flea Market dates are Thursday, April 21st (which is the day to drop off items), Friday, April 22nd from 8 a.m. till 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 23rd from 8 a.m. till 11 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to sort, sell and bake.

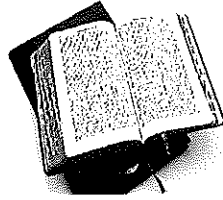
Saturday April 30th, is scheduled for a “Yard Work Day” at the church. It will begin at 9 a.m. A load of bark mulch has been donated and will be spread around the church. Anything else that is needed to clean up after winter will be done that day. All are invited to help.

The next Consistory meeting will be held April 25, 2022 at 7 p.m. Consistory meetings are open to all members of St. John’s and members are more than welcome to attend.

SOCIAL HALL UPDATE:

At a recent meeting, the Consistory voted to proceed with a plan to renovate the church social hall. The project will be funded by a generous donation from the family of Karen Light. A committee has been formed to oversee the work to be done. The committee is comprised of Mark Tyrpin, Scott Benfer, Larry Walmer, Dena Eberhart, Julie Ditzler, and will be chaired by Robin Gingrich. The use of this money to upgrade our fellowship area seems especially appropriate in remembering Karen as a warm and generous member of our church family. We are grateful for the opportunity to make these improvements to our social hall. We thank Jeanne and Gerry Boltz for helping us to make this goal possible.

MAY WORSHIP NEWS



Sunday, May 1, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 9: 1-20
Psalm 30
Revelation 5: 11-14
John 21: 1-9

Sunday, May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9: 36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7: 9-17
John 10: 22-30

Sunday, May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11: 1-18
Psalm 148
Revelations 21: 1-6
John 13: 31-35

Sunday, May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-5
John 14:23-29

Sunday, May 29, 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 16: 16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

JUNE WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8: 14-17
John 14: 8-17, 25-27

Sunday, June 12, 2022
Trinity Sunday
First Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5: 1-5
John 16: 12-15

Sunday, June 19, 2022
Second Sunday after Pentecost
I Kings 19:1-7
Psalm 22: 19-28
Isaiah 65:1-9
Galatians 3: 23-29
Luke 8: 26-39

Sunday, June 26, 2022
Third Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
Luke 9: 51-62

THE RETURN OF ST. JOHN'S FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE

After the 2020 shutdown and attempting to get back to normal in 2021, it was time to get St. John's Flea Market and Bake Sale scheduled. The Flea Market was held on April 22nd and 23rd. A nice selection of clothes and household items were donated.

On Friday, lunch was available for purchase. Hot dogs, barbeque and chicken noodle soup were on the menu.

Homemade baked goods were sold. Among the delights were different types of pies, cookies, whoopee pies and cakes. Included with the Bake Sale were Sycamore Spring Apple Dumplings.

A profit of \$1161.52 was netted with the breakdown as follows:

Merchandise	\$474.27
Baked Goods	268.75
Lunch	148.50
Apple Dumplings	270.00

There were many people involved with the success of the Flea Market and Bake Sale. Some had helped before but there were "first timers" as well. A BIG thank you to everyone who did anything to help with the Flea Market and Bake Sale.

2022 Pentecost Geranium Sale

It's the flower season and we have geraniums for sale. Once again you can choose to purchase your flowers in honor or in memory of someone. These flowers will then be planted around the church property. All the names will be listed in the June 5th bulletin. Please give orders and cash/check (payable to St. John's UCC) to Louise Walmer or Robin Gingrich. Orders are due no later than **Sunday, May 22nd**.

Orders can also be mailed to St. John's UCC, PO Box 87, Fredericksburg, PA 17026. Mail orders must be received no later than **Wednesday, May 18th**. St. John's would like to thank you for your order in advance.

of flowers ordered _____ Total price (\$5.00 each) \$ _____

(Your Name) _____

Given in Memory of _____

Given in Honor of _____

Given to the Glory of God _____ (place X here)

As we have done in the past, we will be planting the geraniums in the church flower beds.

MAY CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday

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

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

May Readers

May 1 Charlene Ziegler
May 8 Joe Ditzler
May 15 Julie Ditzler
May 22 Keith Gingrich
May 29 Neal Grimes

MayFlowers

May 1 Terry & Ginny Knapp
May 8 Violet Leibensperger
May 15 OPEN
May 22 Neal & Jean Grimes
May 29 Joe & Julie Ditzler

April Attendance

April 3 25
April 10 30
April 17 25
April 23 86 (Good Friday)
April 24 25

May Bulletins

May 1 Terry & Ginny Knapp
May 8 Violet Leibensperger
May 15 OPEN
May 22 Neal & Jean Grimes
May 29 Joe & Julie Ditzler

May Deacon
Elizabeth Overton



JUNE CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday

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

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Thank you.

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

June Readers

June 5 Louise Walmer
June 12 Beth Barto
June 19 Joe Ditzler
June 26 Keith Gingrich

June Flowers

June 5 Open
June 12 Open
June 19 Neil & Jean Ann Grimes
June 26 Joe & Julie Ditzler

June Deacon

Robin Gingrich

June Bulletins

June 5 Open
June 12 Open
June 19 Neil & Jean Ann Grimes
June 26 Joe & Julie Ditzler



PASTOR TONY VACATION

Pastor Tony will be on vacation May 8th – May 14th. If you need any pastoral services contact Pastor Dwight Horn from Campbelltown UCC at 717 644-4492.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE by Louise Walmer

Let's Paint!

We've had several requests to host another paint party, so we will. The Music and Worship Committee is sponsoring a "Paint Party" in the Fellowship Hall on Sat. June 25, 1pm-4pm.

This will be our 2nd painting event with Zen Cat Creatives. Cost will be \$40 per person. Snacks and beverages will be served.

Join the fun! Bring a friend! We need to have at least 15 participants. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office to reserve your spot for this fun event.

Women's Retreat

Ladies, mark your calendars, for the 2022 Women's Retreat it will be on Sat., Oct 15. The theme of the retreat will be "Fruits of the Spirit".

This will be our 3rd Women's Retreat and just as in the past there will be a little worship, a little Bible study, craft time, lots of good food, lots of laughter and good fellowship.

Set the day aside and plan to participate.

Calling All 2022 Graduates

We need a list of all our 2022 college and high school graduates. Please contact the church office with the graduate's name, name of their high school or college, and their future plans.

GOOD THINGS

I once heard an old man say,
Shaping vases out of clay
Into subtle forms sublime

“ Listen, son, good things take time. ”


All my life I've thought of this
When a task was lacking bliss,
When the work seemed awfully tough
And I thought I'd had enough.

So I'd give a little more
To what sometimes seemed a chore;
And, you know, without a doubt,

Good things always came about.

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MAY 2022

PSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 Christian Connection 11:00 Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday	2	3 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	4 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00PM Bell Practice	5 Office Hours CLOSED	6	7
8 Mother's Day 9:45 Christian Connection 11:00 Worship JOY Pantry Sunday Pastor Tony Vacation	9 Pastor Tony Vacation	10 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM Pastor Tony Vacation	11 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM Pastor Tony Vacation	12 Office Hours CLOSED Pastor Tony Vacation	13 Pastor Tony Vacation	14 Pastor Tony Vacation
15 9:45 Christian Connection 11:00 Worship	16	17 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	18 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	19 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	20	21
22 11:00 Worship	23	24 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	25 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	26 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	27	28
29 11:00 Worship Deacon Fund Sunday	30 Memorial Day	31 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00 PM Consistory				

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 11:00 Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund	6	7 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	8 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	9 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	10 Penn Central Conference	11 Penn Central Conference
12 11:00 Worship JOY Pantry Sunday	13	14 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	15 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	16 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	17	18
19 11:00 Worship	20	21 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	22 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	23 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	24	25 Paint Party 1-4PM \$40 per person
11:00 Worship Deacon Fund Sunday	27 Office Hours 10:00 AM— 3:00PM 7:00PM Consistory	28	29 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	30 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM		

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Church Staff

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

**Christian Connection—
9:45AM
11:00 AM Morning Worship**

Consistory

Joe Ditzler, President
Robin Gingrich, Vice President
Charlene Ziegler, Secretary
Louise Walmer, Treasurer

Elders

Julie Ditzler
Keith Gingrich
Mark Tyrpin
Charlene Ziegler

Deacons

Beth Barto
Robin Gingrich
Joe Ditzler
Elizabeth Overton

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.