

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September—October 2022

PASTOR TONY'S MESSAGE

Welcome back!

I pray that your summer was rewarding and refreshing. Stop what you are doing and put the newsletter down. Now, look up take a deep breath and blow it out a few times and say Lord Thank You. In the words Apostle Paul stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

This summer was truly a blessing. I had the opportunity to four out of six of my grandchildren and they are such enlightenment to my life. And one is starting Kindergarten while the other going to college. Watching my children see the investment of their children flourish does the heart well.

How about you? In what ways have you seen the blessings of God during the summer months? Are you like me fill with joy, excitement, and filled with anticipation to gather again and see the Lord will bless us collectively so that we can bless others, our families, and our community? Oh yes, I was glad when they say let us go into the house of the Lord. So that we can worship and commune together. Did you know that when you look into the eyes of each other that you look at the wonderful works that God created? Therefore, as we return and prepare to worship together know that God did not make a mistake creating you, and no matter your current circumstance God is still with you, with us. I'm excited and expecting a miracle. Consequently, again I say rejoice and give thanks because God, Elohim, Adonai, Jehovah, El- Shaddai, or any of the names of God that suit you raise your arms and head and say Lord I thank you.

Some Events

Penn Central Conference Special Board Zoom Meeting August 31st and regular board meeting October 31st @ 9:30 Colonial Park

First Fruit w/ Pastor T returns September 5, 2022

Worship Service and Communion with Rescue Mission 9/14 and Kindred Place 9/15 (Tentatively)

Rally Day with our sister church on September 9/11

General Synod 2023 "Making All Things New" will be the theme of the 34th biennial General Synod of the United Church of Christ, scheduled for June 30—July 4, 2023, in Indianapolis. Delegates and visitors will meet from June 30 through July 4 at the Indianapolis Convention Center.

Save the date:

September 10, 2022, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Open House to celebrate ACM Marisa Laviola's final month with PCC before moving on to her new position as Conference Minister in the Maine Conference. Refreshments will be served and a presentation will happen at noon. At Colonial Park UCC, Harrisburg. More details coming next week!

Lebanon Association Annual Meeting is October 16, 2022

Consistory News by Charlene Ziegler

Consistory Held their regular meetings June 27 and July 25, 2022.

A crew of volunteers came to the social hall to remove the chalk and bulletin boards in preparation for the Social Hall renovation. The dividers were also removed and disposed of. Two bids to perform the renovation will be received. The congregation will be informed prior to the start date.

Suggestions were taken to get the Congregation involved and have community outreach. A trip to Kauffman's in Bethel and a Food Truck event were mentioned.

It was suggested that on the last Sunday of August, the Congregation will be included in a discussion to take an organized approach to contact shut-ins, update the prayer chain, provide rides if needed, etc.

An ice cream social was held July 17 after worship.

The date of August 14 was set for St. John's Outdoor Service. Canopies will be provided and set up on church grounds. It is a covered dish event.

The Consistory discussed having a fall outreach for children in the area after school starts. Useful school items could be handed out. Cookies and juice could be provided while a Bible Story is read. Pending the outcome, maybe this can be done on a regular basis. It was mentioned that Release Time could look very different when the new Elementary School is built.

It has been a while since the first aid kit was used. The concern about the items inside was noted. Linda Tyrpin revamped the contents and it is back in the cupboard in the kitchen until a more accessible location can be found.

Discussion was held regarding how to handle the service when the Pastor is on vacation. Instead of a supply pastor, perhaps a hymn sing, or a "testimonial service" could be held or someone from our Congregation can give a 5 – 10 minute talk. Some Conference ministers are available and do not charge. Options will be considered.

A suggestion was made from Louise Walmer, Choir Director, that in the future we should consider keeping recorded music on hand in the event a substitute organist is not available. The music would be basic hymns for the Congregation to sing.

A Chicken Barbeque will be held on October 22.

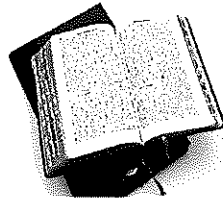
If the renovations are finished, a Fall Flea Market in September will be scheduled. In the event the renovations are not completed, a Spring Flea Market will be planned.

The next Consistory meeting will be held August 29, 2022 at 7 p.m. Consistory meetings are open to all members of St. John's and members are more than welcome to attend.

Christian Connection

Our Sunday School class will meet regularly again beginning on **Sunday, September 25th**. We're going to move our time ahead a bit to accommodate some other changes we want to make to our Sunday morning schedule, so we will meet at **9:30**. We will plan to meet somewhere in the social hall, out of the way of whatever is happening with the renovation project. Wherever we are, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and growing together in our faith.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP NEWS



Sunday, September 4, 2022
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 18: 1-11
Psalm 139 1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1: 1-21
Luke 14: 25-33

Sunday, September 11, 2022
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
I Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15: 1-10

Sunday, September 18, 2022
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 8: 18:- 9:1
Psalm 79: 1-9
I Timothy 2: 1-7
Luke 16: 1-13

Sunday, September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16
I Timothy 6: 6-19
Luke 16: 1-13

OCTOBER WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, October 2, 2022
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Lamentations 1: 1-6, 3: 19-26
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1: 1-14
Luke 17: 5-10

Sunday, October 9, 2022
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7
Psalm 66 1-12
2 Timothy 2: 8-15
Luke 17: 11-19

Sunday, October 16, 2022
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 31: 27-34
Psalm 119: 97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18: 1-8

Sunday, October 23, 2022
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Joel 2: 23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18: 9-14

Sunday, October 30, 2022
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4
Psalm 119: 137-144
2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12
Luke 19: 1-10

"When I am afraid,
I put my
trust
in **YOU**"

Psalm 56.3

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!

September Readers

4 Julie Ditzler
11 Service at Christ Church
18 Hinkelfest
25 Neal Grimes

September Flowers

4 Neal & Jean Ann Grimes
11 Service at Christ Church
18 Hinkelfest
25 Millie Schriver

August Attendance

Aug. 7 28
Aug. 14 22
Aug. 21 27
Aug. 28

September Bulletins

4 Neal & Jean Grimes
11 Service at Christ Church
18 Hinkelfest
25 Millie Schriver



September Deacon
Elizabeth Overton



OCTOBER CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday

2 Wendy Dorsey

3 Keira Barrett

13 Colt Dorsey

13 Linda Tyrpin

16 Angela Michael

22 Mark Tyrpin

22 Joyce Myers

23 Lee Flanick

26 Kathryn Myers

30 Gerald Rudy

31 Julie Brandt

Happy Anniversary

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 Reader

2 Joe Ditzler

9 Beth Barto

16 Charlene Zielger

2 Julie Ditzler

30 Keith Gingrich

October Flowers

2 OPEN

9 OPEN

16 OPEN

23 OPEN

30 OPEN

October Deacon

Robin Gingrich

October Bulletins

2 OPEN

9 OPEN

16 OPEN

23 OPEN

30 OPEN

SPONSORS NEEDED

Flowers & Bulletins

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 11 & 22

December 12

Signup sheet is in the Social Hall.



JOY Pantry Report by Charlene Ziegler

The most recent donation from St. John's was 46 pounds. A cash donation of \$40 was also given.

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

To keep up to date with the Pantry, the website can be found at www.joypantry.org.

The most recent needs are: canned red beets, canned peas and carrots, applesauce, assorted flavors of squeezable jellies, ketchup, ranch dressing, brownie mix, chocolate cake mix, Hamburger Helper, Manwich, Spam/canned meats, pudding cups, peanut butter, beef, chicken or vegetable broth, BBQ sauce, Knorr Pasta & Rice sides, Rice-A-Roni, Cream of Soups (any kind), granola bars, Ritz or Saltine crackers, pretzels, fruit cups, baking soda, bleach, assorted cleaning products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner, size 4, 5 & 6 diapers.

They would also appreciate reusable tote bags!

Monetary donations are also accepted.

All Saints Sunday 2022

On Sunday Nov 6, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday by remembering members, family members and friends of St. John's who have passed away throughout this past year.

The church office has record of the following people who will be remembered: Regina Engler, Steve Kolar, Wencel Kolar Sr., Scott Gingrich, and Ken Leibensperger.

Please contact the church office if you have a family member that you want to be included in this memorial celebration.



The holidays approach, and with them comes our opportunity to pack and send our shoe boxes to Operation Christmas Child. Boxes to collect supplies will be available in the social hall beginning on Sunday, September 4th. We'll begin with gathering school supplies – small tablets, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, erasers, and scissors. We will also look for personal care items such as soap, washcloths, combs, toothbrushes, and tissue packs. Don't forget to keep an eye out for bargains on other things like socks, brushes, sunglasses, flashlights, headbands, hats, and gloves. Please supply what you can as we begin our project. Updates on items still needed will be announced as the weeks pass. We could also use some shoe boxes to reach our goal of fifty. We will plan to pack our shoe boxes on Sunday, November 13th, so that will be our deadline for gathering materials and monetary donations. Be part of the fun as we spread holiday joy and great news to children all around the world!

Women's Retreat Postponed by Louise Walmer

The Music and Worship Committee has decided to postpone the Women's Retreat that was scheduled for Oct. 15.

It is too hard to predict if the fellowship hall renovations will be underway or finished by that date so we thought it was best to reschedule this event. A new date will be selected soon.

Sr. Choir by Louise Walmer

As September approaches its time to think about Sr. Choir rehearsals. We will do our best to prepare and sing an anthem the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month beginning on World Wide Communion Sunday, Oct. 2.

September Choir Rehearsals are: Wednesdays, Sep 21 and Sep 28 at 7pm

October Choir Rehearsal are: Wednesday, Oct 12 and Oct 26 at 7pm

If you think you'd like to sing with us, please come on the 21st at 7pm.



Music and Worship by Louise Walmer

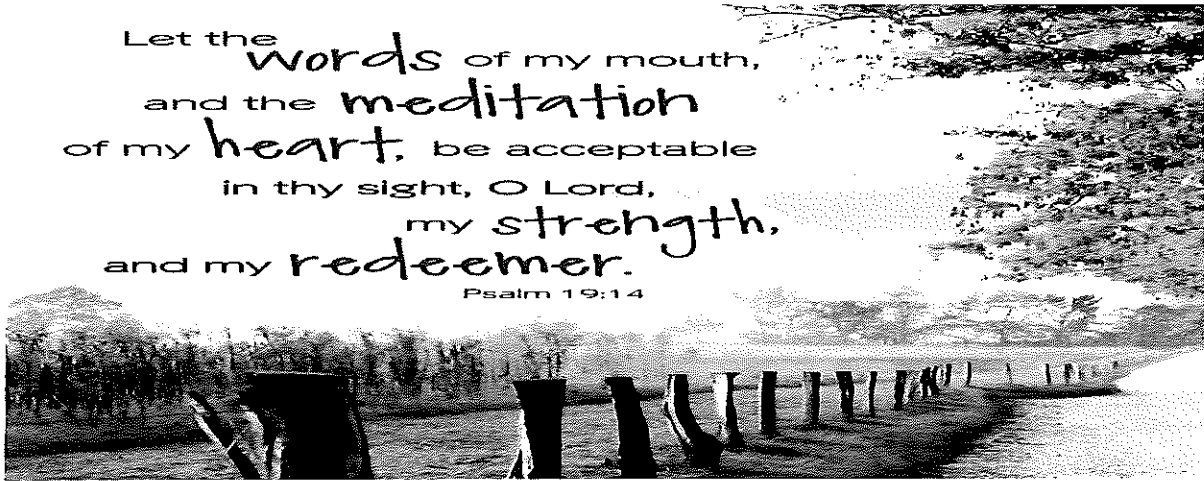
The Music and Worship Committee will meet on Wed., Sep 21 at 6pm prior to choir rehearsal. We need to regroup and discuss the Women's Retreat plans. And begin thinking about All Saint's Sunday and the Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Seasons.

CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, October 22



Pickup between 12 noon and 3:00 at the church
Dinner includes: 1/2 chicken, potato, roll and butter.

To Make Reservations call the church office or contact any Consistory Member.



Let the words of my mouth,
and the meditation
of my heart, be acceptable
in thy sight, O Lord,
my strength,
and my redeemer.
Psalm 19:14

SEPTEMBER 2022

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4 11:00 Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday	5 	6 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	7 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	8 Office Hours 10:00AM-3:00PM	9	10
11 Rally Day 10:00 Worship at Christ Church with Picnic to follow JOY Pantry Sunday	12	13 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	14 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	15 Office Closed Secretary Vacation Day	16	17
18 10:30 AM Hinkelifest Combined Worship Service at Fireman's Park	19	20 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	21 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM 6:00PM Music & Worship Committee 7:00PM Choir Practice	22 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM 	23	24
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ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Consistory

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