

St. John's United Church of Christ

The VOICE

July-August 2015

PASTOR TONY'S MESSAGE

The summer solstice started June 21 and, although we had a lot of rain we had very hot days, high humidity and in some areas a heat wave, depending on where you live in the country. Summer is a time for beach fun, backyard barbecues and liberating sunshine. However, Mother Nature can also be dangerous if you do not give her proper respect. Checking on each other, dress appropriately and stay hydrated. If you are feeling the heat, please be aware that your family, neighbors, and animals probably are too. Be safe in this weather; look out for each other, especially our children and aged members. I invite you to think of creative ways to stay cool and refreshed. Drink more fluids; eat vegetables and fruits especially this time of year. One way to beat the heat is indulge in refreshing frozen drinks.

A refreshing frozen drink can beat the heat on any summer day. Here are some ideas: a 30-ounce Jamba Juice Strawberries Wild Smoothie has 510 [calories](#) or a Dairy Queen's large Hawaiian Blizzard with pineapple. A Shirley Temple, is a flavorful blend of ginger ale or carbonated lime soda with grenadine and a maraschino cherry as a finishing touch. Or Virgin cocktails, kiddie cocktails, mocktails, and non-alcoholic drinks -- whatever you want to call them, they're tasty alternatives that pack the flavor wallop of a mixed drink without the [alcohol](#). There are websites such as "That's the Spirit" and "Good Housekeeping" which offer large collections of drinks such as strawberry daiquiris, pina coladas and margaritas--all which may be made without alcohol. Or you can go to the library and I am sure they have wi-fi and computers to help you search for cool refreshing drinks. Or, if you are like me, try to mix anything or, if you dare, send in your own frozen drink recipes and let us hold a contest for the best one. Please send pictures of your favorite drinks along with the recipes. Yes, here at St John's.

Or maybe we can have a fruit, jello and salad Sunday. Instead of bringing cake and cookies, we can indulge in eating fruit, vegetables, and frozen drinks. More important, enjoy your summer, be safe, and stay hydrated.

Picnic and Vesper Service –August 30 by Louise Walmer

The Music and Worship Committee and Congregational Life Committee is planning a picnic supper and worship service is planned for Sunday, August 30 at Memorial Lake. Please mark the date on your calendar.

We will gather at the pavilion at 5pm for a picnic supper. Hot Dogs, rolls, beverages, the paper goods and utensils will be provided. Please bring a dish or snack to share. And don't forget a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

The vesper service will begin around 6:30. All are welcome. Invite your friends and family too.

JULY WORSHIP NEWS



Sunday, July 5, 2015
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 12, 2015
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

Sunday, July 19, 2015
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 26, 2015
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3: 14-21
John 6:1-21

AUGUST WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, August 2, 2015
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 9, 2015
Eleven Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 16, 2015
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:56-59
Sunday August 23, 2015

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
I Kings 8:1, 6,10-11, 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

Sunday, August 30, 2015
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2,6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

JULY CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

5 Earl Ziegler
6 Phil Eberhart
7 Steve Stoltz
8 Dalton Kapp
8 Sara Schott
9 Eleanor Yiengst
11 Tyler Marinkov

11 Bob Seltzer
15 Kevin Shilling
19 Beverly Myers
20 Scott Kless
20 Beth Ann Griffiths
21 Joan Losiewicz
21 Denise Voshell

22 Priscilla Dearwechter
23 Rachael Quairola
25 Kellie Davis
26 Karen Kern
28 Pastor Tony Fields
31 Aleta Babe

Happy Anniversary to:

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

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

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

July Readers

July 5- Sharon Hibshman
 July 12- Neal Grimes
 July 21- Keith Gingrich
 July 26- Wendy Dorsey

July Flowers

July 5- Barbara & Joe Miller
 July 12- OPEN
 July 21- Earl & Pat Ziegler
 July 26 - Jodie Fields

June Attendance

June 7- 56
 June 14- 68
 June 21- 56
 June 28- 51

July Bulletins

July 5- Barbara & Joe Miller
 July 12- OPEN
 July 21- Earl & Pat Ziegler
 July 26- Jodie Fields

July Coffee Host

July 5- Joe & Julie Ditzler
 July 12- Joe & Julie Ditzler
 July 21- Joe & Julie Ditzler

July Deacon

Pat Ziegler

SPONSORS NEEDED:

Flower Sponsors:
 July 12
 August 16, 23 & 30
 September 6 & 20

Bulletin Sponsors:
 July 12
 August 16, 23 & 30
 September 6 & 20

Coffee Hosts
 August 2, 16, 23 & 30
 The sign-up sheets are in the



AUGUST CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

1 Brayden Benito
1 Ruth Lutz
2 Ken Leibensperger
3 Craig Mohn
4 Brad Walmer
4 Peggy Wike
6 Jeff Ditzler
6 Morgan Hevel

7 Seth Shaffer
8 Barb Miller
8 Betty Schriver
10 Al Schriver
12 Brett Getz
13 John Oskam
15 Jerry Mohn
15 Darlene Stoltz

20 Louise Walmer
20 Chris Rankin
24 Charles Wike
26 Alex Flanick
27 Dan Wenger
29 Ira Rudy
30 Denise Flanick

Happy Anniversary to:

18 Charlene & Randy Ziegler
24 Denise & Rick Voshell
27 Lisa & Rick Rudy

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Thank you.

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

August Readers

August 2- Robin Getz
August 9- Jodie Fields
August 16- Paul Smith
August 23- Charlene Ziegler
August 30- Youth Sunday

August Flowers

August 2- Nancy Frantz
August 9- Outside Service
August 16- OPEN
August 23- OPEN
August 30- OPEN

August Deacon

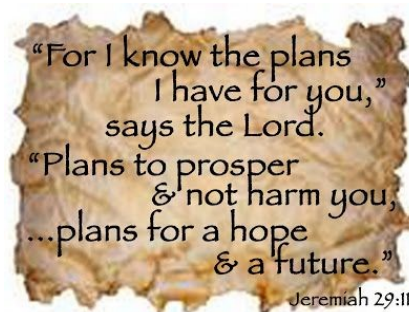
Robert Seltzer

August Bulletins

August 2- Nancy Frantz
August 9- Outside Service
August 16- OPEN
August 23- OPEN
August 30- OPEN

August Coffee Host

August 2- OPEN
August 9- OPEN
August 16- OPEN
August 23- OPEN
August 30- OPEN



Congregation Life Committee Report by Jean Ann Grimes

A past favorite activity of St. John's was re-visited on Saturday, June 20th. The "Birthday Social" was held and as usual, turned out to be a huge success.

Every month of the year except April was represented by a table that was beautifully decorated with a "Theme" for that particular time of the year. After everyone enjoyed fellowship by eating a meal of their choice, "Happy Birthday" was sung to all persons that were present at the event.

The highlight was the "St. John's Got Talent" show that was presented by our talented church members. There was singing, dancing, commercials, and other acts that could not easily be put into a defined category. The winner of the contest turned out to be "Bell & Evan", a "choreographed" chicken dance routine featuring Julie and Joe Ditzler. The judges were Keith Gingrich, Jodie Fields and Louise Walmer.

From the Christian Education Corner by Angie Michael

Tailgate Sunday is returning on Sunday, September 6, to kick off our Christian Connection year, and it's better than ever! Join us at 9 a.m.--all ages welcome--for games, crafts, and fellowship outdoors (weather permitting). This year will feature the debut of St. John's Fowling! What is fowling you ask? Well, you'll have to come out to Tailgate Sunday to find out! We'll go inside at 10:30 a.m. for worship. After worship, we'll have a tailgate picnic outdoors. Please stay tuned for more details. A sign up sheet will be posted at a later date for the picnic.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE By Neal Grimes

Our committee is busy planning this year's National Night Out event which will be held on Tuesday, August 4th from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The event will be held on our church grounds. This year we are getting help from the Victory Lighthouse Church in Lickdale, Fredericksburg Baptist Church and St. Paul's UCC Church in Hamlin.

This is the first year that we have officially invited other church's in the Fredericksburg area to participate with us in hosting this event. If it is successful we probably will be moving to Lions Park next year. We will be posting a sheet listing items that will be needed and again asking for volunteers to help the night of the event. This will be our 8th year and we hope to see more people as we continue to expand our program.

NEW HORIZONS 2015

New Horizons is an opportunity for fellowship for single adults, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee of the Lebanon Association, Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ. For additional information for future programs, please call Betty Holdren (866-2013), Dolores Wolfe (867-1807), Eleanor Hollowell (865-8087), Etta Cuddelford (273-8140), Eleanor Baylor (865-4977), Ann Wagner (867-8087), or Patricia Rentschler (865-1492).

July—No Meeting

August 15—1:00 PM Note the date and time. Picnic at Jonestown Community Park. Covered dish. Bring prizes for BINGO.

September 28– Oct 1—Shore. Dates are not certain.

October 21—Wednesday. Note the date. Bus trip to Ehrhardt's Dinner Theater: Germanfest Festival. \$65 per person. Leaving Jonestown at 7:00 AM.

November 28—9:00 AM Breakfast at Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown. Reservations due by November 21.

December—no meeting. Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with family and friends. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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You're invited! **Family Fun** **Come join us!**
Nights
★ **Fredericksburg, PA** ★

Friday,
Splash Party! **July 17**
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Bethel Township's Lions Pool, 124 Lions Drive,
Fredericksburg, PA 17026

***Jim Rule Tuesday,**
Concert! **July 21**
6:30 p.m.

Please bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on!

***Carnival Tuesday,**
July 28
6:30 p.m.

All programs are free!

All events held on the church lawn unless otherwise noted!

*If it rains, events will be held inside the church.

YOU ARE INVITED TO



ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

FROM 6 TO 8 P. M.

ON THE GROUNDS OF

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
141 WEST MAIN STREET
FREDERICKSBURG, PA

Free hot dogs, cold drinks, snacks

Entertainment by our own Denise Voshell



Plus

Local fire fighters & equipment

A watermelon eating contest



*A dunk tank where you may dunk some
local celebrities*

and much, much more !!

COME AND HELP CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY !!

Financial Report by Robin Getz, Finance Chair

Total Revenue (1/1/15 – 5/31/15) \$ 44,314.54

Total Expenses (1/1/15 – 5/31/15) \$ 46,207.12

We need to collect \$1950.00 weekly to meet budget and currently we are averaging \$1946.06 per week. We are the closest we have been to date at meeting our budget amount and that is all to the faithfulness of each of our members and friends. Thank you to everyone for watching the numbers and doing their best to continue to support the church.

The Financial Committee is always diligent with monitoring expenses. We also renewed our property insurance well within budget. 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.

Music and Worship Committee by Louise Walmer

Reminder to the Music and Worship Committee: We have a meeting scheduled for Monday, July 20 at 7pm. Sharon Hibshman volunteered to lead our devotion time.

And Several committee members will be attending the Choral Reading Workshop sponsored by Loser's Music Store on Sat., July 25.

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Hours 9:00 AM-3:00PM	2 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00PM	3	4
5 10:30 AM Worship (Altar Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday	6	7 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	8 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	9 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00PM 6:00 PM Budget & Finance	10	11
12 10:30am Worship JOY Pantry	13 Vacation Bible School 6:00PM—8:00	14 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM Vacation Bible School 6:00PM-	15 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM Vacation Bible School 6 :00PM-	16 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00PM Vacation Bible School 6:00PM—8:00	17 Vacation Bible School 6:00 PM 7:30 PM Splash Party	18
19 10:30am Worship Lebanon Association Picnic—South Hills - 1:00 PM	20 7:00 PM Music & Worship Meeting	21 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	22 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	23 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	24	25
26 10:30am Worship Deacon's Fund Sunday Dine & Donate Sunday	27 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM 7:00 PM Consistory	28 6:30 PM Carnival/Pizza Party	29 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	30 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	31	

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:30 AM Worship (Pew Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday	3	4 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM National Night	5 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	6 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00PM 7:00PM-8:30 PM Youth Group	7	8
9 Outside Service 11:00am Wor- ship	10	11 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	12 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	13 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM 6:00 PM Budget/ Finance	14	15
16 10:30am Wor- ship	17	18 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM 7:00 PM Fellowship	19 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	20 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	21	22
23 10:30am Wor- ship Dine & Donate Sunday	24	25 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	26 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	27 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM	28	29
30 10:30am Wor- ship (Youth Sunday) Deacon's Fund Sunday 5:30 PM Picnic & 6:30 PM Vesper	31 Office Hours 9:00AM-3:00 PM 7:00 PM Consistory Meeting					

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**Every Sunday
10:30am 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

Consistory

Joe Ditzler, President
Robert Seltzer, Vice President
Missy Daub, Secretary
Walter Bolles, Treasurer

Elders

Walter Bolles
Missy Daub
Joe Ditzler
Robin Gingrich
Neal Grimes
Terry Knapp

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