

St. John's United Church of *The VOICE*

October 2014

Saturday, October 25, 2014

*Celebrating 275 years
as a people of faith!*

4:00 p.m. Service of Thanksgiving
5:00 p.m. Catered dinner; cost is \$15/person, and reservations are required.
6:00 p.m. Special program featuring an overview of our history.



**St. John's United Church of Christ
Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania**

Visit www.stjohnsuccefburg.org for a reservation form.

141 W. Main Street,
Fredericksburg, PA 17026

*Deadline for reservations
for the dinner is Sunday,
October 19, 2014.

Celebration Season

Our time to celebrate our history at St. John's is fast approaching! Be sure to set aside time and make your reservation to be part of it!

On Saturday, October 25th, we are planning a worship service for 4:00 p.m. Our service will blend aspects of our Pennsylvania Dutch and German Reformed history with a theme of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness in the life of our church. The service will be followed by a dinner in our social hall. This event will be a catered one; we chose that option so that none of us has to be involved with food preparation or serving for this special event. The menu will feature roast beef, stuffed chicken breast, and accompanying dishes and salads, served family style. The cost of the dinner will be \$15 a person; however, we do not want the cost to be a factor in anyone not being able to attend. If the cost of the dinner provides a hardship for anyone in the congregation, please contact Pastor Tony or Joe Ditzler to secure help from our Deacon's Fund. Reservations for the dinner must be made by **Sunday, October 19th**.

Following the dinner, we will have a program in the social hall focusing on our history. We have some ideas for bringing the history of our church to life, and we will be asking people to help us with this project. We want to end the evening with a viewing of our oral history project, bringing our story right up to the present day.

The following morning, our worship will look toward St. John's future, as we celebrate the installation of Pastor Tony. This special service will be followed by a cake and punch reception in the social hall.

AS you can see, this will be a memorable time in the life of our church. Save this time on your calendar and plan to be part of our celebration – you won't want to miss it!

OCTOBER WORSHIP NEWS



Sunday, October 5, 2014
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 4: 1-9
Matthew 21: 33-46

Sunday, October 12, 2014
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 32: 1-14
Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4: 1-9
Matthew 22: 1-14

Sunday, October 19, 2014
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 33: 12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
Matthew 22: 15-22

Sunday, October 26, 2014
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 33: 12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 2 1-8
Matthew 22: 34-46

Consistory News by Joe Ditzler, Consistory President

Where have all the aluminum tabs gone? You may have noticed that the jar of aluminum can tabs in the sanctuary has recently been emptied. Those tabs were taken to the Ronald McDonald house in Hershey. They are collected as a fundraiser for that charity. St. John's contributed two large containers of the tabs and the folks at the Ronald McDonald house say thanks. This project has been on-going since 1996 and a total of about 234 tons of aluminum (656,600,000 tabs) have been collected. That equates to over \$198,000.00 being raised. So St John's, keep enjoying those canned beverages and remember to save the tab. Thanks to Karen Light for getting our congregation involved in this worthwhile project. Trivia question: Think you know the benefit of saving aluminum can tabs instead if the cans themselves? Give your answer to Julie Ditzler. First person to answer correctly wins a \$5.00 gift card to McDonalds.

During October we will be participating in the Neighbors in Need collection, a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of Neighbors in Need funds supports the Council for American Indian Ministries. Two-thirds is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Envelopes for this special offering will be available in the pews on Sunday, October 5, and Sunday, October 12. Please support this effort.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the sanctuary renovation project will probably be completed. On behalf of the Consistory, I would like to thank everyone who in any way helped with this project. I think we can all agree that this was a necessary project to maintain the upkeep of our building, and these projects are only possible as long as we have congregation members who are willing to help. Thanks for being willing to lend a hand.

PASTOR TONY'S MESSAGE

Congregational life is a gift from God and can promote spiritual growth and maturity in its participants. Seldom do we realize that our presence speaks volume. Therefore I invite you to consider your "space" and realize you are important "in" and "to" our congregational life.

Encourage One Another
Joel Stephen Williams

In a revival meeting in a village church, many had made professions of faith. Toward the end of the series of meetings, the visiting preacher made a request of everyone present: "Is the person here who most influenced you in becoming a Christian? Maybe it is your mother or your father, your Sunday school teacher, your minister, or your neighbor. I wish that each of you would now rise and go and shake hands with the one who most influenced you to follow Christ."

All over the church auditorium people went to one another and encouraged one another by saying: "Thank you." Many went to parents. Others went to Sunday school teachers. Some went to the preacher. Yet others went to the Sunday school director. The longest line, though, formed in front of a woman in her late 70s. She had never taught

a class or filled any prominent role in the life of that congregation, but for many decades her quiet life of consecration had touched more people than anyone else. In worship, in her home, and in the community, she had led many to Christ.

It is the power of example of a godly life which may convert a mate when sermons from the preacher will not do any good (1 Pet. 3:1-4). It is the consistent acting out of faith by a parent which can be the most powerful influence on a child. Maybe you do not have the ability to be a great song leader. Maybe you do not feel like you can take on the responsibility of being a teacher (Jas. 3:1). Maybe you will never serve in a prominent role in the church. But none of these are a cause for concern. If you live a faithful, devoted life of service to the Lord, you will have a wholesome influence on all of those around you.

Let us all take advantage of opportunities to encourage those who have been a good influence on us in our lives.

St. John's Fellowship by Ginny Knapp

Future activities highlighted the meeting of St. John's Fellowship. Priscilla Rentschler, President, opened the meeting with an Autumn Prayer.

In October, the group will auction two Longaberger baskets. Our annual Cedar Haven holiday party is scheduled for November. Plans to hold a Christmas dinner were also discussed.

Last minute details were taken to insure a successful Fall Flea Market and Bake Sale. This event will be held Friday, September 19th and Saturday, 20th.

Anniversaries noted were Neal Grimes, birthday, and Larry & Louise Walmer's wedding Anniversary. As you can see we have much work ahead of us. Can't you lend a hand to support our work for the church? Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 PM. Will we see you there?

VIDEO PROJECT

As part of our anniversary celebration, we would like to compile an oral history for generations to come. Using the prompts that have appeared in our church bulletin, we are hoping that many of you will want to share your thoughts on your part in St. John's story. We will be taping during the first part of October so that we have some time to prepare the final product for showing as part of our anniversary program on Saturday evening, October 25th. If you would like to be part of this project, but have not had the opportunity to sign up for a taping time, please contact Julie Ditzler or Angela Michael.

Confirmation Classes

We are beginning our confirmation journey with Jason Eberhart. We are inviting others to participate. Affirming ones faith is important. This is a special time for our congregation as "OUR" confirm begins his journey. We extend an open invitation to all who wish to journey with us.

Pastor Tony

OCTOBER Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

2 Wendy Dorsey
9 Tracy Hevel
13 Colt Dorsey
13 Linda Tyrpin
16 Angela Michael
22 Mark Tyrpin

22 Joyce Myers
23 Lee Flanick
26 Kathryn Myers
26 Richard Rudy
26 Yvette Oskam
27 Savannah Fox

30 Gerald Rudy
31 Julie Brandt
31 Marc Griffiths

Happy Anniversary to:

8 Missy & Cory Daub
12 Robin & Keith Gingrich
17 Rodney & Aleta Babe
18 Butch & Shirley Rudy

22 Herb & Sharon Hibshman
22 Josh & Crystal Stoltz
23 Clint & Kathy Fegan

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

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

October Readers

October 5 Pam Emery
October 12 Neal Grimes
October 18 Julie Ditzler
October 26 Rachael Miller

October Flowers

October 5 Jerry Mohn
October 12 Gary Trautman
October 18 Butch Rudy
October 26 Aleta Babe

September Attendance

Sept. 7- 73
Sept.. 14—Hinkelfest
Sept. 21 55
Sept. 28

October Bulletins

October 5 Jerry Mohn
October 12 OPEN
October 18 Butch Rudy
October 26 OPEN

October Coffee Hosts

October 5 Brenda Good
October 12 Ginny Knapp
October 18 Ginny Knapp
October 26 Ginny Knapp

October Deacon

Pat Ziegler

SPONSORS NEEDED:

Flowers: November 16th

Bulletins:

October 12th, 26th, 30th

Nov. 16th & 30th.

Coffee Sponsors:

Nov. 16th, 23rd & 30th

Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

The sign up sheets are in the Social Hall.



Christian Education Corner by Angie Michael



Calling all bakers!

Christian Education Committee is having a bake sale after worship; if you would like to donate a baked good, please drop it off in the kitchen before church on Sunday, October 19.

TRAINING FOR THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR by Joe Ditzler

Training in the use of the Automated External Defibrillator device will be held next month on Monday, October 13th at 5:00 pm and on Saturday, October 18th at 8:00 am. The training session is four hours long and will be held in the social hall. There is no cost for this training. If you are interested in attending please contact Joe Ditzler. This training is limited to 18 individuals, nine at each session, and will be filled on a first come first served basis. Deadline for signing up is October 3rd.

Operation Christmas Child by Julie Ditzler

It's that time of year again – time to fill our shoeboxes with treats for children all around the world! This year we are going to use a slightly different method to collect our donations. There will be a poster hanging in the social hall listing all the categories for the things we put into our boxes – hygiene items, school supplies, toys, accessories, candy – with suggestions in each category. Inside the category envelope will be a specific item and the number we need for our project; i.e., 5 toothbrushes, that you can take with you and purchase sometime during our donation period. We will no longer have specific Sundays designated for the different kinds of donations. This way you can do your shopping with a more specific list whenever it is convenient for you. Items will be gathered at the church in the large decorated box in the vestibule. All donations must be available at church by Monday, November 10th.

There will also be envelopes in the pews designated for monetary donations to support our boxes. The donation for each box is set at \$7.00. You can sponsor a box with cash, or by a check made out to St. John's with "OCC" on the memo line.

Our packing party will take place the morning of November 16th during Christian Connection time. As always, there will be music, food, and fun as we prepare our boxes for shipment. Mark your calendars – come and join us! The boxes will be blessed during morning worship on November 23rd, and will be taken to the processing center in Ono after church.

Plan now to be part of this ministry, where simple gifts change lives!



Music and Worship Committee

Reminder: The Music and Worship Committee will meet on Mon., Oct. 13 at 7pm.

Final plans for Laity Sunday will be discussed. We will also be making plans for our annual "Treats on the Parking Lot" event held on Leb. County Trick or Treat Night. Louise will lead our devotion time.

October Musical Offerings

The Anthems for October are:

Oct. 5 - World Wide Communion Sunday

Sr. Choir will sing, "Come Taste the Goodness of the Lord". The words and music are by Joseph M. Martin.

Oct. 12 - to be announced

Oct. 19 - Laity Sunday

Sr. Choir will sing, "His Grace Will Lead Us Through". The words and music are by Mary McDonald

Oct. 25 - 275th Anniversary Service

Sr. Choir will sing, "Lord Teach Your Church". Joseph M. Martin wrote the words and music of this anthem in commemoration of the 275th Anniversary of the Middle Spring Presbyterian Church in Shippensburg, PA.

Lebanon Association of the UCC Choral Festival by Louise Walmer

Approximately 70 singers from the 6 UCC churches in the Lebanon Association will present a **Choral Festival at 4pm on Sun., Oct. 19, at Quentin UCC**. This is the 5th Choir Festival sponsored by the Lebanon Association and our church has always participated in this event. This year's event will feature a harp soloist, and piano and organ duets. There will be light refreshments served after the concert.

To the Singers:

There will be 2 rehearsals at Quentin UCC, from 10AM to Noon on Saturday, Oct. 4 and Saturday, Oct. 18. Please plan to attend at least 1 of these rehearsals.

Singers are asked to wear dark slacks or trousers and white shirts. The men may wear any color tie. And the ladies may wear scarves or jewelry to complement the black and white theme. It is requested that the singers wear NO COLOGNE or AFTERSHAVE, as there are people singing that have allergies.

Breads of the World – Worldwide Communion Sunday by Louise Walmer **October 5, 2014**

When celebrating Worldwide Communion 2014, we will be using breads from different countries throughout the world.

Recipes have been provided and a number of ladies have agreed to bake the breads. Our goal was to have 10 loaves from 10 countries and we have 14! The countries are: Ethiopia, Arabia, Eastern Orthodox, India, Germany, Israel, Mexico, China, Norway, Chili, Ireland, Caribbean, Morocco, Africa. It is not too late to participate. There are 5 more recipes. If you are interested in making a loaf contact Robin Getz.

We are still looking for pictures and/or mementos from these and different countries to share during and after the worship service to illustrate life in these different countries.

If you have traveled to any of these countries, please contact Pastor Tony, Louise Walmer or the church office if you have photos, mementos, or stories about your experience in a foreign country to share.

Laity Sunday – October 19, 2014

by Louise Walmer

Laity Sunday will be celebrated on Oct. 19. The theme this year is, "Living Messages". Please consider

All Saints Sunday – Nov. 2, 2014

by Louise Walmer

The memory of members of St. John's, as well as the memory of family and friends of our congregation will be remembered during the morning worship on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014.

This year during the worship service the life of: Liz Coffey (grandniece of Regina Engler), Verna Rentschler, and Colleen Tice (sister-in-law of Becky Griffins) will be remembered.

If you have a family member or friend who passed away since our last All Saints Remembrance Service on Nov. 3, 2013, and you would like us to remember them during this service, please notify our church secretary at 865-7222 before Oct. 26. Thank you.

Sr. Choir and St. John's Singers

by Louise Walmer

If you want to participate in the Lebanon Assoc. Choir Festival, please come to the special rehearsals beginning at 6:30pm on Wed., Oct. 1, Wed., Oct. 8, and Wed. Oct. 15. Only the music for the Choir Festival will be practiced at these rehearsals. Regular choir practice will follow at approximately 7:15pm.

Ladies! For your information! Mark your calendars now!!

Women's Retreat at Hartman Center is scheduled for Friday, November 14th beginning at 7PM-Sunday, November 16th (ends with lunch)

MORE THAN A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR:

Healing and Praying with Mary Poppins

Come play and pray together as we let the wonder & wisdom prompted in Mary Poppins shape our time together.

While it won't be all parasols and parrots, Poppins will help us to pray our possibilities, perspective, priorities, promises, power and passion.

Leader will be Cindy Garis from Oasis Ministries.

Cost \$125 includes 2 nights lodging in Michaux Lodge; 5 meals and all program costs.

CROP WALK

Sunday, October 19, 2014 – 1:30 pm – CROP Walk

Interested in helping end hunger? We need **both** Sponsors and Walkers for this year's annual CROP Walk.

Please see Pam Emery for more information, or go to www.crophungerwalk.org to make a donation online (click on Donate, put in 17042 as the zip code, and under the Greater Lebanon CROP Walk, you can make a donation to our St Johns UCC Fredericksburg team. Remember, 25% of all money raised will be evenly split between LCCM and the JOY Pantry in Jonestown.

WANTED BELL RINGERS:

Wanted: Ringers for St. John's bells! If you would like to be part of this year's bell ringing team (no, you don't have to be a ding a ling!), please speak to Julie Ditzler

NEW ADDRESS

Amber Daub

**219 CC University Place
Kutztown PA 19530**

BUDGET & STEWARDSHIP By Neal Grimes

AUGUST	INCOME	Y.T.D.
WEEKLY OFFERINGS (4WEEKS)	\$ 8,776.00	\$ 65,318.00
DEFRAY COST OF ENVELOPES	0	283.00
BULLETINS	60.00	260.00
JOINT MEN'S & WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	0	2,600.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0	275.00
FUNDRAISING	35.00	1,427.17
SPECIAL SERVICES	0	179.00
SOCIAL HALL RENTALS/MISC	15.00	331.00
INTEREST	2.59	19.65
TOTAL INCOME FOR MAY	\$ 8,888.59	\$ 70,692.82
EXPENSES	\$ 6,140.51	\$ 59,277.88
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ 2,748.08	\$ 11,414.94

Our budget for weekly offerings is \$2,300. For August we averaged \$1,755.20.

Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.

LUKE 6:30 NKJV

SERVICE OF INSALLATION of the Rev. Tony Fields, Sr.

Sunday, October 26, 2014, 10:30 A.M.

Guest Minister: Rev. Persida Rivera-Mendez, M. Div.

Ordained Minister/Local and National Settings/Diversity Ministries

The Rev. Persida Rivera-Mendez is a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, MA. She is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ with experience in the local church and National UCC settings of the UCC. She has worked with ecumenical partners in church development, congregational vitality, justice advocacy, and congregational assessment, living out the UCC commitment to Inter-cultural and Multi-ethnic Church (I'M Church). She has worked closely with Ethnic minority congregations in church development. She assists the Hispanic/Latino constituency of the denomination with resourcing, coordinating gatherings and workshops. She works with all settings of the UCC in developing strategies for ministry with and for diverse communities specifically the Hispanic/Latino community. She is a member of Mount Zion Congregational Church UCC, Cleveland, OH where she now resides.

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM Bible Study12:00 pm Bell Practice—6PM Special Choir Practice—6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:15 PM	2 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM	3	4
5 9AM Christian Connection 10:30am Worship (World Wide Communion) Helen Walmer Fund NIN Collection	6	7 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM	8 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM Bible Study12:00 pm Bell Practice—6PM Special Choir Practice—6:30 PM 7:15 pm Choir Practice	9 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM R & K Sub Sale - 4:00 PM	10	11
12 9AM Christian Connection 10:30am Worship JOY Pantry Sunday 1:00 PM Fall Festival at Ziegler Farm NIN Collection	13 7:00 PM Music & Worship Meeting	14 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM	15 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM Bible Study12:00 pm Bell Practice—6PM Special Choir Practice—6:30 PM 7:15 pm Choir Practice	16 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM	17	18
19 Laity Sun- day 9AM Christian Connection 10:30am Worship Christian Educa- tion Bake Sale & Meeting Crop Walk 1:30 pm	20 VOICE DEADLINE	21 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM 7:00PM Fellowship Meeting	22 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM Bible Study12:00 pm Bell Practice—6PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	23 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM	24	25 275th Anniversary 4:00PM Service followed by Dinner
26 No Christian Connection 10:30am Pastor Tony's Installa- tion Deacon Fund Sunday Dine Donate	27 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM 7:00 PM Consistory	28	29 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM Bible Study12:00 pm 7:00 PM Choir Practice	30 Office Hours 9:00Am-3:00 PM	31	Trick or Treat on parking lot

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Every Sunday
9:00am Christian Connection
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
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