

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September—October, 2017

Pastor Tony's Message

Whew!

What a hot however rainy summer. Truthfully, the dog days of August must make reference to the hound dog. The hound dog just lay on the porch on hot or rainy days and we definitely had both weathers. And summer is departing. Honestly, I must say that even a southern boy like me those few hot days were unbearable. However, now I am wondering am I getting acclimated to Pennsylvania weather and have thicker blood. As I recall I lived in Pennsylvania longer than any other state therefore oh my! Please say it isn't so.

St John's, we accomplished some remarkable tasks this year. Vacation Bible School and National Night surpass all of our expectations. Isn't God good? For great is thy faithfulness. St John's, you did an awesome job and therefore you should take a bow. Yes, take a bow because we are living epistles in our community and remaining to be a symbolic representation of God. And I thank you.

And going back to school is another big agenda in our community. Therefore I am asking that you keep an open ear, eye, and heart for our teachers, district leaders, faculty, and staff. They are investing in our future leaders, parents, pastors, and teachers of our community. We have a scheduled Prayer Walk for Northern Lebanon School August 26, Tailgate Sunday, Hinklefest, See You At The Pole, "Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus" September 27, Release Time and World Communion.

And this year, during World Communion Sunday, we will be honoring France. St John's, we do this to remind ourselves our sisters and brothers share in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October is the time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church.

Furthermore, in reflecting we all are one body in Christ. And our communities still need us to witness One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism. We must remember not only does the world need us as a conduit of God's amazing grace but also our community. There are needy people right here in our town, such as transients looking for work or those who are homeless. God's grace is needed for all.

Therefore, in all of our outreach efforts I am discovering other ministries are needed in our community. And we will be discussing these efforts later. When I think of St John's, Gideon from the book of Judges comes to mind. Gideon learned that if he trusts God, regardless of the number. The truth is God desires that we be his representation here on earth although like Gideon the task seemed impossible. And honestly, the task may seem challenging. However, as we trust God, it will all make sense because God is accomplishing His purpose through us. Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

P.S. Don't forget to indulge in some butter pecan ice cream.

PASTOR TONY ON VACATION

Pastor Tony will be on vacation September 4, 2017 – September 10, 2017.

If you have any pastoral needs during this time please contact Pastor Dave Jones (717-756-8763) or (717-273-0151). Pastor Jones is the pastor for Lebanon St. Mark's UCC & Lebanon St. John's UCC.

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Consistory News by Julie Ditzler, President

Time

to roll up our sleeves and prepare for another busy season at St. John's! We have a lot to look forward to as summer wanes and fall begins!

As you are reading this article, we will already have helped to prepare for a successful year at the Fredericksburg Elementary School by hosting a **prayer walk** on the property during the morning of August 26, and by treating teachers and staff to some homemade goodies and a letter of support and appreciation from our church family. We hope all our students have a successful and fulfilling year as they return to school. Let's remember to keep them in our prayers.

Our own educational program at St. John's kicks off with our annual **Tailgate** celebration on September 10, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Crafts, games, and fun are the plan for the time before morning worship that day. An **evening picnic and vesper service** are planned for later in the day at Memorial Lake. The community **Hinkelfest** service will take place on Sunday, September 17, and all are encouraged to attend.

Regular **Christian Connection** classes begin again on September 24th. As we begin a new season of learning at St. John's, Pastor Tony and I are excited to tell you about a **new resource** that we would like to offer on a trial basis. We will present this new resource to the Consistory at our meeting on August 28th, and to the congregation during morning worship on Sunday, September 24th. The resource has been described to us as a "**Netflix**" for **Christian materials**, and we think it has a lot of possibilities for use by our congregation as individuals, as families, and within groups. Come and see what it is all about!

Let's use the preponderance of school supplies and bargains throughout the stores to kick off our **Operation Christmas Child** season as well. As you see good prices on crayons, pencils, paper, and related items, please consider picking up a few to add to our boxes in the social hall. We will keep numbers posted to indicate what is still needed from week to week. I know this is a little earlier than usual, but it's a good time to do some bargain shopping! Our gathering season will continue throughout our **shoebox wrapping day on November 12th**, so listen and watch for updates!

St. John's United Church of Christ
Chicken BBQ

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Pick up 10 AM—2 PM

141 West Main Street

Fredericksburg PA

1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato, Roll & Drink

\$8.00

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE SEPTEMBER 18TH

Following Worship Service or at the Church Office when open.

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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP NEWS



Sunday, September 3, 2017
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 3: 1-15
Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16: 21-28

Sunday, September 10, 2017
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 12: 1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13: 8-14
Matthew 18: 15-20

Sunday, September 17, 2017
Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost
Exodus 14: 19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14: 1-12
Matthew 18: 21-35

Sunday, September 24, 2017
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 16: 2-15
Philippians 1: 21-30
Matthew 20: 1-16

OCTOBER WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, October 1, 2017
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25: 1-9
Philippians 2: 1-13
Matthew 21: 23-32

Sunday, October 8, 2017
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3: 4b—14
Matthew 21: 33-46

Sunday, October 15, 2017
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4: 1-9
Matthew 22: 15-22

Sunday, October 22, 2017
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
I Thessalonians 1: 1-10
Matthew 22: 15-22

Sunday, October 29, 2017
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17
I Thessalonians 2: 1-8
Matthew 22: 34-46



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

2 Courtney Marinkov
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
17 Wyatt Hevel
17 Megan Nace
25 Noah Gingrich

25 Barry Fox Jr.
27 Emily Rentschler
28 Adam Martin
30 Julie Ditzler

Happy Anniversary to:

1 Cynda & John Kless
4 Judy & Larry Fox
6 Steve & Amy Zechman
9 Darlene & Rodney Boltz

12 Pam & Roger Myers
13 Joan & Bob Losiewicz
20 Cindy & Chester Michael
20 Elizabeth Overton &
Philip Brewer

27 Louise & Larry Walmer
29 Mildred & Al Schriver
29 John & Yvette Oskam

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

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

September Readers

Sept. 3- Neal Grimes
Sept. 10- Brenda Good
Sept. 17- Hinkelfest
Sept. 24- Julie Ditzler

September Flowers

Sept. 3- Pastor Tony
Sept. 10- Larry & Louise Walmer
Sept. 17- Hinkelfest
Sept. 24 Millie Schriver

August Attendance

August 6- 37
August 13- Outdoor Service
August 20- 45
August 27- 44

September Bulletins

Sept. 3- Pastor Tony
Sept. 10- Larry & Louise Walmer
Sept. 17- Hinkelfest
Sept. 24- Millie Schriver

September Coffee Host

Sept. 3- Pat & Earl Ziegler
Sept. 10- Pat & Earl Ziegler
Sept. 17- Pat & Earl Ziegler
Sept. 24 Pat & Earl Ziegler

September Deacon

Julie Ditzler



OCTOBER CELEBRATION

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

Happy Anniversary to:

8 Melissa & 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

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Thank you.

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

October Readers

Oct. 1- Charlene Ziegler
Oct. 8- Paul Smith
Oct. 15- Pam Emery
Oct. 22- Regina Engler
Oct. 29- Youth Sunday

October Flowers

Oct. 1- OPEN
Oct. 8- OPEN
Oct. 15- OPEN
Oct. 22- Pastor Tony
Oct. 29- OPEN

October Deacon

Elizabeth Zimmerman

October Bulletins

Oct. 1- OPEN
Oct. 8- OPEN
Oct. 15- OPEN
Oct. 22- Pastor Tony
Oct. 29- OPEN

October Coffee Host

Oct. 1- Jerry Mohn
Oct. 8- Jerry Mohn
Oct. 15- Jerry Mohn
Oct. 22- Jerry Mohn
Oct. 29- Jerry Mohn

SPONSORS NEEDED

Flowers: October 1,8,15, 22
December 10 & 31

Bulletins: September
October 1,8,15, 29
December 10 & 31

Coffee Hosts: Month of
December

Sign Up sheets are in
the Social Hall
bulletin board



ST. JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP BY Ginny Knapp

Dates were set for the Fall Flea Market and Bake Sale. Sorting day will be Thursday, September 21st. Sale Days will be Friday, September 22nd from 8:00AM to 5:00PM and Saturday, September 23rd from 8:00AM to 11:00AM. Now is a good time to go through your cupboards, closets, and dressers for gently used articles. Someone needs that item you are no longer using.

Members discussed having the social hall's floor cleaned and buffed this Fall. It was noted the group received \$463.46 in the recent Redner's tape project. Please continue to support this money making project.

It was announced we will be having an Avon sale for the Christmas season.

Can you come and give some time to help with the Flea Market? We need everyone's help! Time sheets are on the bulletin board in the social hall. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19th at which time we will be setting up for the weekend's project. Will we see you there?

All Saints Celebration

St. John's will celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 5th, 2017. During the morning worship we will recognize the members, friends and family who have passed away since All Saints Day of 2016.

If there is someone whose memory you want recognized during our 2017 All Saints Celebration, please contact the Church Office at 717-865-7222. Thank you.

NL Band Bazaar - Saturday, Nov. 25

As we did last year, there will be a St. John's UCC table at the Northern Lebanon Band Parents Bazaar on Saturday, November 25th.

Please consider donating homemade crafts, candies, baked goods, or a themed gift basket to sell at our table. All benefits will go to the church.

If you have questions or items to donate, please contact Brenda Good (717-601-9616), Robin Gingrich (717-865-4573) or Louise Walmer (717-865-5103).

Christian Connection by Julie Ditzler

Our Christian Connection classes will meet again on Sunday, September 24, at 9:00 a.m. We have an adult class who meets upstairs, and a class for children that meets downstairs in the first classroom.

We are excited to have access this year to a group of resources from Right Now Media, which will allow us to use a variety of materials in our classes here at church, as well as by our members and friends at home. A presentation of these resources will be part of our morning worship service on the 24th as well. Come and see what the excitement is all about!

September-October, 2017

Music and Worship Committee by Louise Walmer

The Music and Worship Committee met on Monday, August 7. The meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer.

The main topic on our agenda was the Women's Retreat planned for Sat., November 4, from 9AM to 3PM. We hope that the women of St. John's, their friends and family will plan to attend. There will be crafts, a sewing circle, a community project, as well as spiritual time. There are retreat brochures available on the table in the Narthex.

World Wide Communion Sunday is October 1. The committee would like to celebrate communion in a community circle using English cottage bread. Plans were made to do "echo" scripture on October 8th. Jason Eberhart, Robin Getz, and Pastor Tony will read the scripture that day.

The Choral Reading Event in Lititz was attended by several committee members and list of their favorite anthems were given to Louise to consolidate.

The second annual Baked Potato Bar will be on October 22, after church to benefit the music program.

The committee is planning to have a "blue Christmas" worship service on Sat., Dec. 23 at 4pm. We would like to invite the churches of the community to participate. For this worship service, we would use "The Longest Night" by Joseph Martin, a winter service of hope and healing that includes song, scripture, narration, candle lighting.

Pastor Tony announced that there will be a prayer walk for the Northern Lebanon School District on Sat., August 26. And prayer at the "See You at the Pole" at 7AM on September 27th. Pastor Tony will be on vacation the week of September 4 – 10.

Robin Getz closed our meeting with devotions, using scripture from Psalm 68 and prayer. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18 at 7pm. Louise will lead devotions.

Sr. Choir by Louise Walmer

Calling all Choir Members! Summer break is coming to a close rather quickly. Our first Sr. Choir rehearsal will be at 7pm on Wednesday, September 13th.

Several members of the Music and Worship Committee attended the annual Choral Reading Event in Lititz and have chosen some really, really nice anthems for us to sing this season.

New singers are welcome.



Baked Potato Bar by Louise Walmer

Mark your calendar, the Music and Worship Committee will be sponsoring a Baked Potato Bar after church on Sunday October 22.

For a donation, you can have a baked potato with your choice of fixins' to eat in or take out. All proceeds will benefit the church music program.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
St. John's United Church of Christ
Women's Retreat
November 4, 2017
8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

**Registration, gathering and continental breakfast begins
 at 8:30AM**

What is Planned:

Devotions

Crafts

A stitch in time, learning time

Wellness

Community Projects

Take Home Projects

Hymn Sing

Sharing a light Meal

Sharing our Christian Journey

Sharing the Peace and Love of God.

Financial Report by Robin Getz, Finance Chair

Total Revenue (1/1/17-7/31/17) \$61,104.95

Total Expenses (1/1/17-7/31/17) \$62,210.17

We need to collect \$1750.00 weekly to meet budget and currently we are averaging \$1,786.66 per week through July 31st. When the budget was presented at the congregational meeting held in November 2016, it was mentioned that we would have to do fundraisers to balance the budget. We truly need to consider ways to raise revenue through different fundraisers to assist with balancing the budget. The Consistory has taken over the fundraising projects and has a number of fundraisers schedule throughout the year. So far this year the 2 fundraisers (Soup Sale & Pancake Breakfast) netted \$1580.61 & we have received \$126.00 to date from our Dine & Donate at Esther's Restaurant. In June the Golf Outing netted \$2079.00. They have scheduled a Chicken BBQ for October 28th & will have a booth at the Northern Lebanon Band Parents Bazaar on November 25th.

I want to thank the Consistory for working so hard at the fundraisers. We are over half way to our budgeted figure to the current date.

We must continue to look to outside sources to close the budget gap. We ask our members to pray very hard on this matter and to speak with members of the budget and finance committee or members of Consistory if you have any ideas you would like to share or suggestions. We need

ANNUAL FALL AVON SALE

The Fellowship Group will be selling Avon products in October. Watch the bulletins for more information. Any questions contact Priscilla Rentschler.

Picnic and Vesper Worship by Louise Walmer

Please plan to come to Memorial Lake State Park and enjoy good food, fellowship, and vesper worship **on Sunday, Sept. 10.** We will begin gathering at 4pm, have our “doggie” roast around 5pm, and vesper worship at 6pm.

Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share. Paper goods, the hot dogs, rolls, and condiments will be provided. Christian Ed and Music and Worship committees are co-sponsoring this family event.

EVANGELISM REPORT

The 10th Annual National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 1st at Bethel Township/Lions Park. It turned out to be very successful as an estimated 200-250 persons attended the event. St. John's volunteers showed up in large numbers to help set up the day before and help work on Tuesday of the event. I cannot begin to individually name all of the volunteers for fear that I might forget someone. We had several members who wished to remain anonymous that donated money to offset several of the large expenses that were incurred.

A new game this year was a slip and slide that Nick Benfer staffed the entire evening. A bounce game entertained the young people along with a variety of children's games. One of the highlights of the evening was the watermelon eating contest. The Fredericksburg and Camp Strause Fire Companies each had two trucks at the event. The entertainment was started by the Northern Lebanon Alumni Band and followed by a very talented group of musicians and singers called the Lighthouse Revival.

Last but not least is a grateful thank you from the committee to the Bethel Township/Lions Supervisors who graciously gave us the use of their lovely park free of charge.

Neal Grimes & Scott Benfer

The Lebanon Valley Home & Kindred Place at Annville

UCC Homes does all we can to bring festive joy to as many residents as possible. UCC Homes takes pride in the care and service we provide to those in need. We honestly couldn't do it without your help. We invite you to share with those who are less fortunate by spreading the Christmas spirit through your compassion and generosity.

In order to provide each resident with a meaningful gift this coming Christmas, we are asking our sponsoring congregations, church groups and individuals to consider donating a monetary donation or gift cards/certificates to be used toward purchasing desired gifts for residents of the communities of UCC Homes, making Christmas a little more special.

For Lebanon Valley Home, we are requesting gift cards for the following stores: Giant Food Stores, Boscov's, Wal Mart, CVS, Rite Aid, & VISA/MC cards. Please deliver Christmas gift cards **by December 5, 2017** to the receptionist desk Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM & 3:00 PM to Amy Tillinger's attention or to a nurse's station if delivering after hours. It would be helpful if the name and address of the sponsoring church be included with the gift card donation.

For Kindred Place at Annville: Donations or gift cards to the following stores: Giant Food Stores, Weis Markets, Dunkin Donuts, Wal Mart, Target, CVS, Rite Aid and Sheetz. Please deliver to Beth Coatsworth **by December 3, 2017** to the office at Kindred Place Monday through Friday from 8:30AM—4:30PM.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:30 Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday	4 Pastor Tony Vacation	5 Office Hours 9:00AM—3:00PM Pastor Tony Vacation	6 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM Pastor Tony Vacation	7 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM Pastor Tony Vacation	8 Pastor Tony Vacation	9 Pastor Tony Vacation
10 Pastor Tony Vacation Tail Gate Sunday 9AM Christian Connection 10:30 Worship JOY Pantry 5:00PM Picnic & 6:00PM Vesper Service at Memorial Lake	11	12 Office Hours 9:00 AM-3:00PM	13 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	14 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	15	16
17 Community Worship by the Fredericksburg Ministerium at the Hinkelfest Fireman's Park - 10:30 AM	18 7:00 PM Music & Worship Committee Meeting	19 Office Hours 9:00 AM-3:00PM 6:30 PM Fellowship Meeting	20 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	21 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 8:00AM—5:00PM Set Up Flea Market Also Drop Off Day for items.	22 8:00AM—5:00PM Flea Market & Bake Sale	23 8:00AM—11:00AM Flea Market & Bake Sale
24 9AM Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Deacon Fund Sunday Dine& Donate Sunday Christian Ed Meeting following Worship	25 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00 PM Consistory	26	27 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00AM See You At the Pole—NLHS 7:00 PM Choir Practice	28 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	29	30

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9AM Christian Connection 10:30 Worship (World Wide Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday Neighbors in Need Collection	2	3 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	4 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	5 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	6	7
8 9AM Christian Connection 10:30 Worship JOY Pantry Neighbors in Need Collection	9	10 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	11 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	12 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	13	14
15 9AM Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Christian Ed Meeting following Worship	16	17 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM VOICE Deadline For Nov– Dec.	18 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	19 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	20	21
22 9AM Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Dine & Donate Sunday Potato Bar following Worship	23	24 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	25 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	26 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	27	28 Chicken BBQ 10:00 AM–2:00PM
29 9AM Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Deacon's Fund Sunday	30 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00 PM Consistory	31				

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**9:00AM Christian
Connection
10:30 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.

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