

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July – August, 2019

Pastor Tony's Message

Summertime can be the hottest season there is although Spring season seems to be ending with an abundant of rain. Lately, all this rain has me doubtful of a hot summer full of bright sunshine and the sun giving us all the vitamin D we need to enjoy beautiful bright and warm days. Honestly lately I find myself singing rain, rain go away come again some other day and the other day seems like tomorrow. Summer is starting off as very humid days. And these humid days almost make me feel like I am home in the Carolinas.

However these summer days' stays hydrated especially those on medication or those out working for an employee or doing lawn care hydrate you well. If you do not like water, which you need and are made of, eat leafy vegetables and melons these foods will provide some hydration and electrolytes and yes more than one slice or little piece. And drink a few Gatorades or pedialytes (yes), or vegetable juices.

Enjoy some summer events, such as community festivals, county fairs, art shows, picnics, or just sit out in the evening on your porch or deck and enjoy the evening air. For those who are not afraid of the computer or mobile devices I recommend a few apps for you Audible books, Examen prayer, Happy Color, Ted Talks, and Wordscapes. Examen prayer is done three times a day and they send reminders for you to pause throughout the day. I must say it is my favorite and for only 15 minutes I can be intentional and have an one on one time with God. Audible books are good tool to hear stories especially since I do a lot of driving. And they offer free books (YES) as I drive or just want to listen during my Tony Time. Ted Talks keep you updated on the possibilities potentials and probabilities for humanity and like it says as you open the app they share ideas worth sharing. The others are good for the mind to keep us relaxed and thinking.

And by all means create or try some recipes you always wanted to try or your favorite ones. Summer is the cookout season. This is the time for Mr or Ms, or Mrs Chef to become super cooks or become Grill Masters. Challenge yourselves to be created. Turn off the stoves and keep the house cooler and enjoy the great outdoors. And by all means keep your favorite beverage is your ice chest because grilling is hard and hot work.

In conclusion

Enjoy your summer be safe and by all means enjoy your life. Do not be influence or live in fear of all that you hear and see. Know that life is worth living. Take time to experience God in multiplicity of ways, through dreams, visions, outings, and let these encounters with Jesus in these summertime moments. Enjoy yourselves God's revelations will always move us from where we are to where God wants us to be which is in the life of our communities and homes. Remember a healthy congregation needs to be open to divine-human encounters and our joy of living will be the epistle for our broken society and give a stronger testimony than our words will ever say.

NEW ADDRESSES

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Consistory News by Charlene Ziegler, Secretary

Consistory met on May 28, 2019.

The Joint Coordinating Committee, that is made up of members of Christ Church UCC and St. John's UCC, is planning a Rally Day service on September 8, 2019. St. John's will host this joint congregation get together at Bethel Township (Lion's) Park which will include a worship service and a pot luck meal.

In addition to the new shed, plans are in the works to build a pavilion on the church grounds. The cost to build will be covered by Memorial Funds. Items such as picnic tables and anything needed inside will be funded by Karen Light's sister and brother-in-law (Jeanne and Jerry Boltz) in her memory.

The Christian Education committee reminded the Consistory that July 6, at 9 a.m. is the date scheduled to decorate the church for Vacation Bible School. The theme is "To Mars and Beyond". There will be a new policy in place that each parent will receive.

Music and Worship committee reported that 21 women have signed up for the Women's Retreat on June 1st. The theme is "Bad Girls of the Bible".

The Fundraising Committee is planning a Chicken Barbeque for October 19th. The Fredericksburg Fire Company will let us use their pits at Firemen's Park.

The Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 22nd at 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

The St. John's UCC website has had some updates.

The next Consistory meeting will be held June 24, 2019.

St. John's Fellowship by Ginny Knapp

Our vacation from meetings is growing to a close as we have the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th. We'd love to see more members attend. All monies we raise goes into the church - either the treasury or for needed repairs.

We netted a profit of \$475.00 from our Mother's Day Avon sale. A big thank you to all who sold and bought to make this successful. The Fellowship provided carnations to honor the mothers and fathers of the congregation.

A \$2000.00 check was presented to the church treasury. Priscilla Rentschler, president, announced the floors of the social hall will be buffed after Vacation Bible School.

As you can see, we've been very busy but we need your help. Will you consider joining us August 20th at 7:00PM?

Outdoor Worship

This year our outdoor worship on Sunday, August 11, will be on the church lawn. We will share a covered dish meal after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Painting Party

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend a Painting Party, on Friday, Oct. 4th. This event is being sponsored by the Music and Worship Committee and we hope it will be a fun evening for all who come.

You will be hearing more details about this event very soon.

Financial Report by Robin Getz, Finance Chair

Total Revenue	(1/1/19—5/31/19)	\$ 33,217.72
Total Expenses	(1/1/19— 5/31/19)	\$ (44,776.63)

We will need to collect \$1557.69 weekly to meet budget currently we averaged \$1478.52 per week through May 31st. As explained at the last Congregation Meeting we will truly need to consider ways to raise revenue through different Fundraisers to assist with balancing the budget. We had a Soup Sale on February 22nd and our profit was \$1363.50. Also on March 30th we had an All You Can Eat Breakfast on March 30th and our profit was \$348.01. The Krall's Sub Coupons are all sold out. We should have made \$300.00. The Golf Outing was held on Saturday, June 22nd. It was a successful event we do not have a net figure at this time.

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 any suggestions. We need your prayers and assistance more than ever!!

The Financial Committee is always diligent with monitoring expenses. 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.

From The Christian Connection Corner by Angie Michael

Some important dates to add to your calendars for the next few months:

Saturday, July 6, 9 AM-- VBS set up at the church; all volunteers who would like to help us set up for VBS are invited to come out and help.

Monday, July 8 - Friday, July 12, 5:45 PM - 8 PM-- To Mars And Beyond VBS

Sunday, September 8, Rally Day-- Outdoor Worship with Christ Church UCC at Lions Park

Sunday, September 15-- NO Christian Connection classes (Hinkelfest)

Sunday, September 22, 9:30 AM-- Christian Connection classes resume for the year



Sight and Sound Trip

We are looking into a trip to see the Sight and Sound Production *Jesus* on Thursday, August 15, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. At the current time we are determining whether there is enough interest for us to obtain group discount tickets. The cost of a discounted ticket for the show is \$56.05. The tickets will be purchased ahead of time, and the cost can be reimbursed to the church at your convenience, or in installments if that is easier for you. Please don't let the cost prohibit you from going, or the transportation to get there; we will make sure that everyone who is going will have a ride with someone. If you have a friend or family member who would like to go along, please invite them. We are also extending an invitation to our friends at Christ Church in Annville. Pastor Tony says this is a show you can't miss – don't be left out!

JULY WORSHIP NEWS



Sunday July 7, 2019

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

Galatians 6:1-16

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 21, 2019

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13

AUGUST WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Hosea 11:1-11

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Colossians 3: 1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalm 50, 1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12: 32-40

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

Hebrews 12: 18-29

Luke 13: 10-17

JULY CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

5 Earl Ziegler
6 Phil Eberhart
7 Steve Stoltz
8 Dalton Kapp
11 Bob Seltzer
19 Beverly Myers

20 Scott Kless
20 Beth Ann Griffiths
21 Denise Voshell
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 7 Robin Getz
July 14 Keith Gingrich
July 21 Neal Grimes
July 28 Beth Barto

July Flowers

July 7 Earl & Pat Ziegler
July 14 OPEN
July 21 OPEN
July 28 Pastor Tony

June Attendance

June 2 61
June 9 33
June 16 38
June 23 30

July Bulletins

July 7 Earl & Pat Ziegler
July 14 OPEN
July 21 OPEN
July 28 Pastor Tony

July Coffee Host

July 7 Joe & Julie Ditzler
July 14 Joe & Julie Ditzler
July 21 Joe & Julie Ditzler
July 28 Joe & Julie Ditzler

July Deacon

Angela Michael



AUGUST CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

2 Ken Leibensperger
3 Trevor Zohn
4 Brad Walmer
4 Peggy Wike
6 Jeff Ditzler
6 Morgan Hevel
7 Seth Shaffer

8 Betty Schriver
10 Al Schriver
12 Brett Getz
15 Jerry Mohn
15 Darlene Stoltz
20 Louise Walmer
20 Chris Rankin

24 Charles Wike
29 Ira Rudy

Happy Anniversary to:

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

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Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

August Readers

Aug. 4 Brenda Good
Aug. 11 Julie Ditzler
Aug. 18 Louise Walmer
Aug. 25 Charlene Ziegler

August Flowers

Aug. 4 Nancy Frantz
Aug. 11 Outside Service
Aug. 18 Charlene Ziegler
Aug. 25 Pastor Tony

August Deacon

Elizabeth Overton

August Bulletins

Aug. 4 Nancy Frantz
Aug. 11 Outside Service
Aug. 18 Charlene Ziegler
Aug. 25 Pastor Tony

August Coffee Host

Aug. 4 OPEN
Aug. 11 Outside Service
Aug. 18 OPEN
Aug. 25 OPEN

SPONSORS NEEDED

Flowers & Bulletins:
7/14/19, 7/21/19, 9/8/19,
10/27/19, 11/10/19,
12/15/19 & 12/29/19

Coffee Hosts:
8/4/19, 8/18/19 & 8/25/19
9/1/19, 9/8/19, 9/22/19, &
9/29/19

Sign up sheet is in the
Social Hall



Music and Worship Committee by Louise Walmer

Sr. Choir

The Senior Choir is on their summer hiatus. If anyone is willing to provide special music on a Sunday in July or August, please contact Louise Walmer at 717-865-5103 or Charlene Ziegler at 717-865-5965.

On June 30th we celebrated another Music Sunday, with the children playing rhythm instruments and a Piano, Flute, Trumpet Trio. Many thanks to our participants and the parents and grandparents who made the participation possible. Our next Music Sunday will be on Sept. 29th.

Women's Retreat by Louise Walmer

Our 2nd Women's Retreat on Sat., June 1 was attended by 24 women and Pastor Tony. During the morning worship program, several "Bible Bad Girls", visited and told their stories, followed by discussion and conclusions about these Girls. In the afternoon, we had crafts, a puzzle to work on, rocks to paint, coloring books, some knitting, and spent some time doing "chair yoga". The Retreat concluded with communion and prayer.

Based on the feedback from the surveys, everyone enjoyed the day and would like us to have another retreat.

Many thanks to the Pastor Tony for his leadership. And special thanks to Walt Bolles, who made and stained wood plaques, then added the tiny nails into a pattern for the ladies to weave thread or yarn to make a cross.

To the members of the Music and Worship Committee who; attended multiple meetings, prepared Bad Girl Presentations, put this program together, worked in the kitchen, purchased and prepared food and crafts, your efforts were successful and greatly appreciated.

Rally Day

We will officially welcome our friends at Christ Church to Fredericksburg on Sunday, September 8th, when we join together in an outdoor worship service at 11:00 a.m., followed by a covered dish picnic. Both events will take place at Bethel Township Lions' Park. Please be part of this milestone event in the life of our two congregations, and help us host a memorable kickoff event. Listen and watch for ways that you can be part of the festivities that day.

NATIONAL NGHT OUT REPORT by Neal Grimes, Chairperson

Our first meeting was held on Wednesday, June 19th, at St. Johns UCC.

We discussed what initial steps must be taken to start this year's event. Letters will be mailed to all local businesses as well as the Fire Companies, State Police, and Churches.

This year's event will take place on Tuesday, August 6th, 5:30—8:00PM at Bethel Twp./Lions Park.

Our church, along with Hamlin UCC, The Harvest Mennonite Church and the Fredericksburg Baptist Church will be sponsoring the event this year. We have invited our Sister Church, Annville UCC to join us.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27th at 6:30PM at St. John's UCC.

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	3 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	4 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	5	6 9:00AM Set Up For VBS
7 11:00 AM Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund	8 Vacation Bible School 5:45— 8PM	9 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM Vacation Bible School 5:45— 8PM	10 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM Vacation Bible School 5:45— 8PM	11 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM Vacation Bible School 5:45— 8PM	12 Vacation Bible School 5:45— 8PM	13
14 11:00 AM Worship JOY Pantry	15	16 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	17 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	18 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	19	20
21 11:00 AM Worship	22	23 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	24 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	25 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	26	27
28 11:00 AM Worship Deacon Fund Sunday Dine & Donate Sunday	29 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00PM Consistory Meeting	30	31 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM			

August 2019

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				1 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	2	3
4 11:00 AM Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday	5	6 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 5:30—8:00 PM National Night Out.	7 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	8 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	9	10
11 11:00 AM Outside Service @ the Church JOY Pantry Sunday	12	13 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	14 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	15 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	16	17
18 11:00 AM Worship	19	20 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00PM Fellowship Meet- ing	21 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	22 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	23	24
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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
Mrs. Beth Ann Griffiths, Organist
Mrs. Louise Walmer, Choir Director
Ms. Donna Eberly-Lehman Church Secretary

Consistory

Keith Gingrich, President
Scott Benfer, Vice President
Charlene Ziegler, Secretary
Louise Walmer, Treasurer

Elders

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Angela Michael
Elizabeth Overton
Mark Tyrpin