

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September—October, 2021

PASTOR TONY'S MESSAGE

Restore the Church Life's Purpose

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

What is valuable to us now?

Music is so powerful, and we should keep hymns near our hearts. The sweet melodies from heaven have a way to heal the broken spirits, cure the aging core, and fuel the soul as we stand on the promises of God.

As I share communion with our seniors at Kindred Place, we sang Amazing Grace. Today, verse three resonated with me. The verse goes, "the Lord hath promised good to me. His word my hope secures: He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures."

As we move into the fall season and back unto the liturgical year, I am hoping as we return that we fortify our trust in God. Many are asking when things will change. My answer is when we decide to change. As we continue to sift through the pandemic, our faith must rely on God.

What is valuable to us? One helpful thing is our witness. Let's continue to listen to God's guidance. Perhaps this is why the lectionary text was about the Bread of Life for so long. God wanted us to hear over and over again that his Son and the Holy Spirit will sustain us.

Collaborators remember Jesus said He is the bread of life, which means forgiveness, healing, worship, proclaiming, glorifying, and freedom sustaining us. When we go to the House of Bread to accept God's forgiveness of our sins, we see again how God feeds our souls with something we must have to survive

spiritually. His bread is the only kind that leads to eternal life. The bread of life is not physical bread but the bread of spiritual renewal found in the salvation of the bread of life and cup of blessings.

In closing, as I officiated a committal service at Fort Indiantown Gap, the family played a fantastic song that I hope you will google.

The song is called "You Will Never Walk Alone" by Andre Bochelli.

When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark
At the end of the storm is a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark

Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Though your dreams be tossed and blown
Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone

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Source: Musixmatch

Now let's get ready for Rally Day, World Communion Sunday, and our Annual Lebanon Association Meeting.

Consistory News by Charlene Ziegler

Consistory met with Pastor Chris Rankin, who was involved with the original contact with the church in Swakopmund, Namibia. Through the years, this contact was lost. Consistory voted to renew the contact and exchange information with the church. The information would concern a pastor to pastor connection, our newsletter and perhaps pen pals.

The problem with the internet connection and lack of input/output was corrected. This will allow more flexibility for and during church services.

An organizational meeting was held during an informal service on August 22. The discussion was held to see what the congregation is interested in for St. John's in the future. A list was presented to those in attendance to choose several things that they would like to see come back into the life of St. John's.

A chicken barbeque is scheduled for October 23 and an apple dumpling sale on November 17. Details will be forth coming.

The next Consistory meetings will be held August 30 and September 27, 2021.

JOY Pantry Report By Charlene Ziegler

JOY Pantry announced that they are resuming hours for in-person shopping in July. Families will now have choices rather than being handed a container with food that was available during Covid. There will be some exciting partnerships announced in the next months that will keep JOY Pantry helping our community for many years to come.

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

The most recent donation to the Pantry from St. John's was 43.5 pounds.

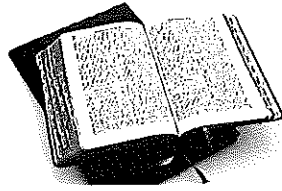
To keep up to date with the Pantry, the website can be found at www.joypantry.org. Current needs are canned Spam, pasta, chili and stew.



Operation Christmas Child 2021

Our annual holiday project is off to a flying start this year, thanks to the efforts of some of our alert St. John's shoppers. Our gathering of items for our boxes and the boxes themselves has begun in earnest for this season. At this point, we could use some more shoeboxes, so check those closets! If you are interested in providing gifts for our boxes, please check the display in the vestibule for the shopping cards listing the items that are needed. Keep in mind any small fun items to be included for the children are welcome, also. Donation envelopes will be added to the church pews shortly to use for monetary donations toward the shipping costs for the boxes, which remain at \$9/box. We will be wrapping and packing our shoeboxes on **Sunday, November 14**, and displaying them in the church on **Sunday, November 21**. Please join in on our efforts to spread some love and holiday cheer to children around the globe. Be a part of one of our happiest jobs of the year!

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP NEWS



Sunday, September 5, 2021
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2: 1-17
Mark 7: 24-37

Sunday, September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 31: 10-31
Psalm 1
James 3: 13- 4: 3, 7-8a
Mark 9: 30-376

Sunday, September 12, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 1: 20-33
Psalm 19
James 3: 1-12
Mark 8: 27-38

Sunday, September 26, 2021
Eighteen Sunday after Pentecost
Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22
Psalm 124
James 25: 13-20
Mark 9: 38-50

OCTOBER WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, October 3, 2021
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Job: 1: 1, 2: 1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12
Mark 10: 2-16

Sunday October 24, 2021
Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
Job 42: 1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34: 1-22
Hebrews 7: 23-28
Mark 10: 46-52

Sunday, October 10, 2021
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Job 23: 1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22: 1-15
Hebrew 4: 12-16
Mark 10: 17-31

Sunday, October 31, 2021
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
Ruth 1: 1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9: 11-14
Mark 12: 28-34

Sunday, October 17, 2021
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
Job 38: 1-7, 34-41
Hebrews 5: 1-10
Mark 10: 35-45



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

Sept. 5 Neal Grimes
Sept. 12 Joe Ditzler
Sept. 19 Louise Walmer
Sept. 26 Charlene Ziegler

September Flowers

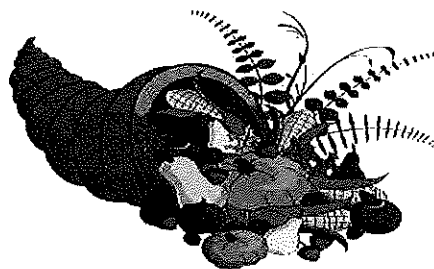
Sept. 5 Neal & Jean Grimes
Sept. 12 OPEN
Sept. 19 Hinkelfest
Sept. 26 Millie Schriver

August Attendance

Aug. 1	24
Aug. 8	27
Aug. 15	27
Aug. 22	25
Aug. 29	26

September Bulletins

Sept. 5 Neal & Jean Grimes
Sept. 12 OPEN
Sept. 19 Hinkelfest
Sept. 26 Millie Schriver



September Deacon
Jerry Mohn



October CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

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 to:

8 Missy & Cory Daub
12 Robin & Keith Gingrich
18 Butch & Shirley Rudy

22 Josh & Crystal Stoltz
23 Clint & Kathy Fegan

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Thank you.

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

October Readers

Oct. 3 Pam Emery
Oct. 10 Julie Ditzler
Oct. 17 Keith Gingrich
Oct. 24 Beth Barto
Oct. 31 Neal Grimes

October Flowers

Oct. 3 OPEN
Oct. 10 OPEN
Oct. 17 OPEN
Oct. 24 OPEN
Oct. 31 OPEN

October Deacon

Beth Barto

October Bulletins

Oct. 3 OPEN
Oct. 10 OPEN
Oct. 17 OPEN
Oct. 24 OPEN
Oct. 31 OPEN



SPONSORS NEEDED

Flowers: Sept. 12,
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
Nov. 14
Dec. 12 & 26
Bulletins: Sept. 12,
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
Nov. 14
Dec. 12 & 26

Sign Up sheets are in
the Social Hall



Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on Aug.30, prior to Consistory meeting, to begin work on the 2022 Budget. A proposed 2022 Budget needs to be presented to the Consistory at their October 2021 meeting to have time to approve a next years' budget for the Annual Congregational Meeting on Nov. 21, 2021

Members of the Finance Committee are: Beth Ann Barto, Neal Grimes, Ginny Knapp, Elizabeth Overton, and Louise Walmer.

Year to Date (Jan-June 2021) Financial Statement

Receipts:	\$28,241.53
Expenses:	-\$45,635.18
Net +/-	(\$17,393.66)

We are running a deficit in our checking account. And have been juggling bill payment in order to comply with due dates and meet payroll. In August, \$6,000.00 was transferred from our savings account to the checking account.

Louise Walmer, Treasurer

Sr. Choir by Louise Walmer

The Sr. Choir will begin regular rehearsals on Wed., Sep 8, at 7PM.

It's time to put this Covid Hiatus behind us and prepare anthems to sing on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. It is hoped that our 1st Sunday back will be October 3.

If you've thought you may like to sing with our group, now would be a great time to join us.

Choir Members: bring your Choir folders along on the 8th and any music that you may still have.

Thanks!

Louise

Music and Worship Committee by Louise Walmer

Committee members: Please plan to attend a reorganization meeting of the Music and Worship Committee at 6pm on Wednesday Sept. 8 at 6pm.

Bring your ideas for creative ways to enhance worship and our music program.

Anyone interested in serving on this committee, do not hesitate to join us at the Sept 8 meeting. Or if you have suggestions or ideas for this committee talk to one of the members.

Music and Worship Committee members are: Julie Ditzler, Dena Eberhart, Donna Eberly-Lehman, Pastor Tony, Louise Walmer, and Charlene Ziegler.

THANK YOU!

I WANT TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH WHO HELPED MAKE THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GALEN A SUCCESS.

EVERYONE WAS SO HELPFUL AND THINGS WENT SO SMOOTHLY.

I APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT FROM ALL WHO ATTENDED.

THANK YOU

NANCY FRANTZ

Christian Connection Classes

As we move into the fall months, we are set to begin our Christian education classes again. The classes will meet in the social hall on Sunday mornings, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Due to Rally Day and Hinkelfest activities, the start date for the classes will be **Sunday, September 26**.

The class for the adults will begin with a wrap-up of the study of Peter that was left unfinished from pre-pandemic days. That will lead us into a study of the book of Romans, a letter written by Paul to the group of believers in Rome. This study helps us understand a part of the Bible that has been considered “one of the richest theological works ever penned”. The core idea of Romans is that we are *saved by grace*, through faith. The study, written and presented by Max Lucado, reveals what the apostle's words meant to his original readers and how they apply to us today. Come and be encouraged as we consider together some of the most familiar and comforting words of the New Testament.

Our class for young people will feature lessons and activities from a curriculum titled **Be Bold!** Each lesson focuses on a Bible study that encourages young people to make connections and gain insight into topics of interest to them. The class is geared toward students in the pre-teen, middle school age group. Please invite any young person you know who might benefit from this kind of experience.

We look forward to the time we share in growing our faith and learning together. Please feel free to join us on Sunday mornings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Pastor Tony will be having Bible Studies during Advent. They will be held December 1, 8, 15 & 22. The times have not been determined yet but as soon as they are confirmed they will be announced.

The Bible Study will be “The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem” by Adam Hamilton.

Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heartfelt as you walk along this road. Any questions, contact Pastor Tony.


Boscov's Shopping Pass

St. John's UCC will be participating in the Friends helping Friends shopping promotion at Boscov's. The Shopping Pass is good all day, Wednesday October 20th and you will receive 25% discount. Cost of the pass is \$5.00. All of the money goes to the Annville Auxiliary for the UCC Home. If you would like to purchase a pass or help sell passes please see Donna Eberly-Lehman or Louise Walmer. Passes will also be available in the church office during church office hours. Deadline to purchase the Shopping Passes will be October 3rd.

ALL SAINTS DAY

We will memorialize our church members, church family members, and friends who have passed away since our last All Saints Service on November 7, 2021. Below is the list of names gathered by the Music and Worship Committee for this year's service. Please review the list and, if we missed someone, call the church secretary by Oct. 31st. to add the name to our list: L. Warren Emery, Galen Frantz, Daryl Hart, Arlene Henderson, Lenward McMiclén, Joseph Rodriguez, and Gary Trautman.

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM	2 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM	3	4
5 11:00 Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday	6  LABOR DAY	7 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM	8 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM 6:00PM Music & Worship Com- mittee 7:00 PM Choir Practice	9 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM	10	11
12 11:00 Worship JOY Pantry Sunday	13	14 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM	15 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	16 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM	17	18
19 11:00 Worship	20	21 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM	22 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM NO Choir Practice	23 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM	24	25
26 9:45 Christian Connection 11:00 Worship Deacon Fund Sunday	27 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM 7:00PM Consistory Meeting	28	29 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	30 Office Hours 9:00 AM— 3:00PM		

OCTOBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mark Your Calendars Apple Dumpling Sale November 17, 2021					1	2
3 9:45 Christian Connection 11:00 Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday NIN Collection	4	5 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	6 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	7 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	8	9
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24 9:45 Christian Connection 11:00 Worship	25 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00PM Consistory Meeting	26	27 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	28 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	29	30
31 9:45 Christian Connection 11:00 Worship Deacon Fund						

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CHRISTIAN CONNECTION 9:45AM
Beginning September 26, 2021

WORSHIP 11:00AM

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 Secretary

Consistory

Keith Gingrich, President
Julie Ditzler, Vice President
Charlene Ziegler, Secretary
Louise Walmer, Treasurer

Elders

Julie Ditzler
Keith Gingrich
Mark Tyrpin
Charlene Ziegler

Deacons

Beth Barto
Robin Gingrich
Jerry Mohn
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