

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March—April, 2022

PASTOR TONY'S MESSAGE

Which is the best?

I have Avon Moisture Therapy lotion on my desk from Avon. It is for dry, itchy skin. On the bottle, it states that it is infused with colloidal oatmeal. This moisturizing lotion instantly soothes and relieves dry skin. Suitable for sensitive skin. Dermatologist- tested. Hypoallergenic. Fragrance -free. Then it says to apply liberally all over the body.

Everyone knows by now that I am in the gym 4-5 times a week. A few people say that I am a symbol for the gym while others jokingly say if you are not here I asked around to see if anything happened. One young lady came in looking for you and my reply was yes because we are family. Right after working out I rush home and take a shower. I apply lotion at the office (both). After lifting heavy-weights, sweating, and showering lotion is needed to reclaim my skin moisture. And not only that but rubbing on the lotion helps my achy bones especially when I don't have a chance to get my massage therapy in.

We are approaching the Lenten season and the great time that gives Christians the boldness to proclaim victory, Easter. The resurrection of Jesus is our victor's claim. Collaborators because he "Got Up" we the church and God's people can get up.

I'm hoping this Lenten season to be to you as this Avon Moisture Therapy is to me. The last two years were challenging. During these challenges, we had to allow ourselves not to be alright. The atmosphere and narrative of trauma were everywhere. Healing is needed. And here we are still experiencing unresolved life experiences. The world we live in seems chaotic. Unfortunately, collaborators are in a neutral place. A place between affliction and depression. That is why you hear me say to be kind, be gentle, and if necessary forgive yourself.

I beseech you that in this Lenten journey don't worry about giving up anything because enough was taken. Rather liberally engage in spiritual care. During this journey liberally read your devotionals, engage in a Bible study, set time to pray, and be intentional to hear from God. Be still and let the calming relief of the Holy Spirit caress you with its finger of love.

I am aware that the negative narrative seems to dry out and caused your faith to seem itchy however there is a balm in Gilead that is better than colloidal oatmeal. I pray that in your Lenten journey your spirit is infused with new hope and new joy. A joy that only God can give. And on that Resurrection Day, you will proclaim that not only did Jesus rise from the grave but he also he is resurrected in my life.

I imagine a church standing erected and singing James Cleveland's song, "God Has Smiled on Me" or "God Is." I write this because I know that praying, studying, believing are suitable for whatever we experience in this life. Therefore apply liberally and remind yourself that God loves you and so does Pastor T.

*Happy
Easter*

Consistory News by Charlene Ziegler, Secretary

Consistory met on February 7 and 28, 2022.

There will be no Annual Celebration as was previously planned. The hope is that one can be organized for next year. The Baked Potato Bar was held and was well attended.

New Consistory member, Joe Ditzler, was installed on February 20.

New officers are:

Joe Ditzler - President

Robin Gingrich - Vice President

Charlene Ziegler agreed to remain Secretary

The services for Lent and Easter were addressed. March 2 is Ash Wednesday held at St. John's UCC. Palm Sunday will be held during St. John's UCC regular service on April 10. Maundy Thursday service is at Christ Church UCC on April 14. Good Friday is at St. John's UCC on April 15. Easter will be celebrated beginning with the Sunrise Service at Cedar Hill Cemetery and during worship on April 17 at St. John's UCC. There will be a Lenten Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. beginning March 9.

Future fund raisers were discussed. The Flea Market will return in April. Also in spring, plans are for an apple dumpling sale and AVON fundraiser. In the fall, a chicken barbeque is scheduled for October 22.

The Elders held a meeting on January 24, with the Pastor regarding the liturgy that had been used recently. Two members of the congregation also attended. During discussion, it was noted that the liturgy contained words that were very difficult to say and understand. The consensus was to keep the liturgy more basic in order to better renew ourselves on a Sunday for the upcoming week.

The next Consistory meeting will be held March 28, 2022. Consistory meetings are open to all members of St. John's and members are more than welcome to attend.

Baked Potato Bar

After a hiatus of 2 years, our Baked Potato Bar was back on Sunday, Feb. 6. Baked potatoes and all the fixins' were served along with cookies and coffee. The free will offering netted us \$275.

Many, many thanks to Dena Eberhart and her helpers who made the potatoes and prepared the "fixins'". And thanks to all who stayed, ate and donated to our cause.

This year the monies will be used towards the Piano/Organ Maintenance.

JOY Pantry Report by Charlene Ziegler

The donation from St. John's was 59.5 pounds and was collected since December.

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

To keep up to date with the Pantry, the website can be found at www.joypantry.org.

The most recent needs are: canned & instant potatoes, fruit cocktail, stuffing mix, mixed vegetables, canned carrots, canned red beets, pudding cups, dish detergent, laundry detergent, tissues, ketchup & mustard, Spam/canned hams, tuna, juices: Apple, Cranberry, Grape (or other assorted), BBQ sauce, Ranch (or assorted salad) dressing, cream of soups (Potato, Mushroom, Chicken, etc.), Ramen (Chicken, Beef, Shrimp, Veggie, etc.), boxed shelf-stable milk, salt & pepper shakers, ladies sanitary products, shampoo & conditioner. Monetary donations are also accepted.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Service – St. John’s UCC 7:00PM

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Bible Study 6:00PM – St. John’s Social Hall

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Bible Study 6:00PM – St. John’s Social Hall

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Bible Study 6:00PM – St. John’s Social Hall

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Bible Study 6:00PM – St. John’s Social Hall

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Bible Study 6:00PM – St. John’s Social Hall

Palm Sunday – April 10, 2022

Worship – St. John’s UCC 11:00AM

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Bible Study 6:00PM – St. John’s Social Hall

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022

Service – St. John’s UCC 7:00PM

Good Friday Friday, April 15, 2022

Service – St. John’s UCC 7:00PM

Easter – April 17, 2022

Sunrise Service – Cedar Hill Cemetery -6:15AM

Worship – St. John’s UCC 11:00AM

Order Your Easter Flowers

St. John’s UCC once more is providing the opportunity for you to order Easter Flowers to beautify our sanctuary in celebration of Easter.

Please indicate how many plants you want to provide and give this order sheet and the money to Robin Gingrich or Louise Walmer no later than Sunday, *March 15th*. You may also mail in your order form no later than **March 13th**. You can order White Lilies, Tulips, and Hyacinths. However the florist cannot guarantee that the colors will be available for the Tulips & Hyacinths if not they will fill our order with the color they received. The Lilies (3-4 Blooms) are \$7.00 each and the Tulips (5-6 Blooms) and Hyacinths are \$6.00 (3 Blooms) each.

How Many?

Tulips:

Red _____

Yellow _____

Pink _____

Hyacinths:

Pink _____

Blue _____

Lilies:

Total Plants _____

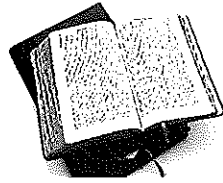
Total Cost \$ _____

Name: _____

In Memory/Honor of _____

Order forms and checks payable to: St. John’s United Church of Christ PO Box 87, Fredericksburg, PA

MARCH WORSHIP NEWS



Wednesday, March 2, 2022
Ash Wednesday
Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51: 1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

Sunday, March 6, 2022
First Sunday In Lent
Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
Romans 10: 8b-13
Luke 4: 1-13

Sunday, March 13, 2022
Second Sunday In Lent
Genesis 15: 1-2, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3: 17-4:1
Luke 13: 31-35

Sunday, March 20, 2022
Third Sunday In Lent
Isaiah 55: 1-9
Psalm 63: 1-8
I Corinthians 10: 1-13
Luke 13: 1-9

Sunday, March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday In Lent
Joshua 5: 9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
Luke 5: 1-3, 11b-32



APRIL WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday In Lent
Isaiah 43: 16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12: 1-8

Sunday, April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm 31: 9-16
Philippians 2: 5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

Thursday, April 14, 2022
Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12: 1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
I Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13: 1-7, 31b-35

Friday, April 15, 2022
Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10: 16-25
John 18:1-19:42

Sunday, April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118 1-2, 14-24
I Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20: 1-18

Sunday, April 24, 2022
Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

MARCH CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday

1 Anna Marie Lauer	8 Randy Ziegler	24 Steve Shaffer
6 Missy Daub	16 Paul Smith	26 Jeremy Stoltz
6 Rev. Thomas Jackman	16 Marlene Zechman	30 Melissa Seltzer
6 Glenn Rudy	20 Mildred Schriver	
6 Brenda Good	21 Kathy Fegan	
6 Tiara Rice	21 Ginny Knapp	

Happy Anniversary to:

27 Jeremy & Alyssa Stoltz
29 Barb & Thomas Trainor

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

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

March Readers

6 Joe Ditzler
13 Louise Walmer
20 Charlene Ziegler
27 Keith Gingrich

March Flowers

6 Donna Eberly-Lehma
13 OPEN
20 OPEN
27 OPEN

February Attendance

6	26
13	24
20	25
27	29

March Bulletins

6 Donna Eberly-Lehman
13 OPEN
20 OPEN
27 OPEN

Happy Spring



March Deacon
Beth Barto

Come
Worship
with us

APRIL CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday

6 Rev. Drew Morris
6 Jordan Seltzer
7 Pat Ziegler
8 Cathy Rentschler
9 Keith Gingrich

10 McKenna Zohn
11 Ken Mohn
12 Andrew Fegan
13 Josh Stoltz
18 Wade Tyrpin

18 Zachary Baynard
20 Becky Martin
20 Leah Stoltz
20 Kayla Benfer

Happy Anniversary to:

9 Peggy & Charles Wike
14 Linda & Mark Tyrpin
18 Betty & Vernon Schriver

21 Kim & Jarrod Kapp
27 Linda & Mike Nace

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Thank you.

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

April Readers

3 Julie Ditzler
10 Beth Barto
17 Neal Grimes
24 Louise Walmer

April Flowers

3 OPEN
10 OPEN
17 Larry & Louise Walmer
24 Millie Schriver

April Deacon

Joe Ditzler

April Bulletins

3 OPEN
10 OPEN
17 Larry & Louise Walmer
24 Millie Schriver



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Music and Worship Committee by Louise Walmer

The Music and Worship Committee met recently. Among the agenda items discussed was the time and place of our Lenten worship services, Lenten Bible Study, and our Easter weekend worship place and times.

The Committee also agreed to postpone the Women's Retreat – Fruit of the Spirit until Oct. 15, 2022.

FINANCIAL REPORT by Louise Walmer, Treasurer
Financial Report 12/28/21 – 2/7/22

	Checking Account:	
	Balance	\$ 1,290.79
	Income	\$ 9,582.05
Transfer from Super Savings		<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>
	Balance	\$ 18,582.05
	Expenses	<u>\$ 10,898.08</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 8,974.77
Other Assets Include:		
Super Savings		\$ 21,662.29
Memorial Funds		\$ 11,429.44
CD's		\$ 66,635.37

The Return of St. John's UCC Flea Market and Bake Sale by Charlene Ziegler

While you are cleaning for spring, please consider donations for the Flea Market. This will be the first one since the Covid lockdown and we are hoping to make it a success!

Drop off and sorting day is Thursday, April 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If needed, arrangements can be made for Wednesday evening drop off by calling the church office.


On Friday, April 22, shopping hours are 8:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. Lunch will be available for purchase and a bake sale will be held.

The hours for Saturday, April 23, are 8:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. The bake sale will also be offered "while the goodies last".

Volunteers are needed!! Please consider at least a couple of hours on any of the days. Baked goods are needed also. If you can help, contact Charlene Ziegler for scheduling.



MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	2 Ash Wednesday Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service—	3 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	4 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	5
6 9:45 Christian Connection 11:00 Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday	7	8 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	9 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM 6:00PM Lenten Bible Study 6:30PM Bell Practice 7:00PM Choir Practice	10 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	11	12 
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:45 Christian Connection 11:00 Worship JOY Pantry Sunday	14	15 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	16 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM 6:00PM Lenten Bible Study	17 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	18	19
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APRIL 2022

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17 Easter 6:21 AM Sunrise Service 9:45 Christian Connection 11:00 Worship (Communion)	18	19 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	20 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	21 Office Hours 10:00 AM—3:00PM	22	23
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Rev. Tony Fields, Sr. Pastor
Beth Ann Griffiths, Organist
Louise Walmer, Choir Director
Donna Eberly-Lehman Church Secretary

Christian Connection—
9:45AM
11:00 AM Morning Worship

Consistory

Joe Ditzler, President
Robin Gingrich, Vice President
Charlene Ziegler, Secretary
Louise Walmer, Treasurer

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.

Elders

Julie Ditzler
Keith Gingrich
Mark Tyrpin
Charlene Ziegler

Deacons

Beth Barto
Robin Gingrich
Joe Ditzler
Elizabeth Overton