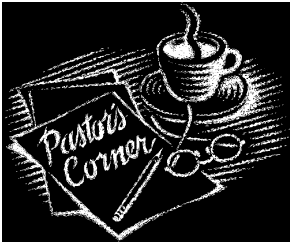




# The Good News Letter

St. John's UCC, Fogelsville, PA

January 2008



## From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the name of Christ!

It is time for another New Year to begin, and that means, it is time to start our new list of resolutions for the coming year. I think for this year, my resolutions may sound very much like my resolutions from last year: time to get in shape, eat healthy, work out, stop eating at all of those fast food restaurants. Your resolutions may be the same as mine, or they may be very different. But no matter what they are, you may be in the same predicament as I am.

Each year I have good intentions of starting my year off right, but then by May or June, all of the resolutions have gone out the window. Most of the time, I cannot even remember exactly what they were in the first place.

This year, instead of making resolutions, I have decided to make myself and my God a promise, and it does have something to do with getting in shape. My promise is to continue to exercise my spiritual strength, and to work diligently toward a renewed relationship with God.

As we enter into a New Year, take a moment to reflect on your relationship with God. Is this relationship a constant struggle, or is this relationship a source of strength? Is it difficult to wake up on Sunday morning, or do you look forward to your time of worship as an opportunity of refreshment and renewal?

believers at St. John's every Sunday morning because we proclaim the good news of God's healing, compassion, forgiveness and grace through Jesus Christ. This is a community built on our relationship with God and the Son. If your relationship feels empty, worn and withered, you are welcome here. If you have not recently joined us for worship, Come. Renew. Refresh. Be Made Whole.

This is a good place to start the New Year.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Joanne

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We gather together as a Christian community of

# Ministry Opportunities

## Acolyte

- January 6 - Nathan Kleinschuster
- January 13 - Holly Klotz
- January 20 - Courtney Moyer
- January 27 - Brandon Krause

## Assisting Ministers

- January 6 - Sue Snyder
- January 13 - Ray Ziegler
- January 20 - Marilyn Roth
- January 27 - Marge Cope

## Flowers

- January 6 - Art & Jane Laudenslager
- January 13 -
- January 20 - Dick & Marilyn Mohr
- January 27 - Gloria Wolford

## Bulletins

- January 6 -
- January 13 -
- January 20 -
- January 27 - Gloria Wolford

## Greeters

- January 6 -
- January 13 -
- January 20 -
- January 27 -

## Coffee Hour

- January 6 -
- January 13 -
- January 20 -
- January 27 - Gloria Wolford

## Ushers

- January 6 - Scott & Larry
- January 13 - Jeff & Marge
- January 20 - Kay & Mark
- January 27 - Marilyn & Warrene

***There are many opportunities available to serve as assisting minister, greeters sponsoring coffee hour, bulletins, or flowers. (To sponsor flowers, the cost is \$30 and \$5 for bulletins). Please consider the stewardship of your time, resources, and talents by serving the congregation in these special ministries. If you would like to serve, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Thank you to all of our faithful servants.***

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*Have an article you would like to submit to the February newsletter? Please place the article in the secretary's folder outside of Pastor Joanne's office or email it to [stjohnsucc1@enter.net](mailto:stjohnsucc1@enter.net)*

*The deadline for the February Newsletter is at noon on January 21<sup>st</sup>.*

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**The next Consistory meeting will January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

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Chrissi Kent, Jane Laudenslager, Isabel Henninger, Marilyn Brown, Marilyn Mohr, Kenneth Reichert, Pearl Heintzelman, Christine Dietrich, Sallie Ebert, Betty Heilman, Dorothea Noll, Arlene Coombe, Betty Wagner, Jake Kupsky,

Doris Mohr, Pauline Wagner, Ray Ziegler, Bill Larison, Adele Yost, Vanessa Stauffer,, Bob Kocher, Lisa Neumoyer, Jean Larison Guy DeAngelis.

## WORSHIP FOR: January 2008

Week of January 6, 2008 - Epiphany of the Lord  
Sunday

Scriptures: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12;  
Matthew 2:1-12

Hymns: #154 Go, Tell It on the Mountain  
#404 We Three Kings (Blue Hymnal)  
#126 Angels from the Realms of Glory

Week of January 13, 2008 - Baptism of the Lord  
Scriptures: Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew  
3:13-17

Hymns: #170 Your Ways Are Not Our Own  
#326 Crashing Waters at Creation  
#308 At the Font We Start Our Journey

Week of January 20, 2008 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the  
Epiphany

Scriptures: Mark 10:17-31

Sermon: Skit, "To Catch a Thief"

Hymns: #495 Called As Partners In Christ's  
Service  
#47 O Christ Jesus, Sent From Heaven  
#573 Lead On, Eternal Sovereign

Week of January 27, 2008 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the  
Epiphany

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18;  
Matthew 4:12-23

Hymns: #172 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult  
#503 O Savior, Let Me Walk With You  
#173 You Have Come Down to the  
Lakeshore

*For Planning Purposes Only - subject to change as  
circumstance dictate*



### *Dutch Lunch*

Pastor Joanne invites you to join her for lunch. Meet her  
at the Starlite Diner on Wednesday afternoons at 12:00  
p.m. It will be Dutch Style where everyone will treat him  
or herself for a lunch out. We will have informal  
discussions of faith and life, time to share, support, break  
bread together, and get to know one another

## Wednesday Evening Lenten Services

2008 Lenten Schedule:

- February 6 Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's UCC
- February 13 St. John's UCC, Fogelsville; Rev. Laura Stonebach preaching
- February 20 St. John's Lutheran, Fogelsville; Rev. Harry Keppley preaching
- February 27 St. Paul's UCC, Trexlertown; Rev. Joanne Marchetto preaching
- March 5 St. Paul's Lutheran, Trexlertown; Rev. MaryAnn Hamm preaching
- March 12 Lenten Cantata hosted by St. John's Lutheran church

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### January

### Anniversaries and Birthdays

- 1 – Linda Yost
- 4 - -Jane & Arthur Laudenslager
- 6 – Marlene Hutchinson
- 6 – Kenneth Reichert
- 7 – Beulah Snyder
- 14 – Robert Burns
- 18 – Nevin Cope
- 20 – Sue Snyder
- 23 – Marilyn & Dick Mohr
- 26 – Gloria Wolford
- 29 – James Breininger



### **We are updating our records.**

We would like to share our celebrations of birthdays  
and anniversaries. Please share these important dates  
with us on the calendar in the narthex. There is also a  
copy there of what we currently have. Thank you!



# Consistory Notes

Four programmable thermostats are to be installed to replace existing ones to try to regulate the heat better and to reduce

1. the amount of oil being used.

Plans by Donna Breininger were presented for the updating & refurbishing of the family room which were accepted.

2008 Consistory officers-

Scott Breininger – President

Warrene Boyer – Vice President

Marjorie Cope – Secretary

Richard Boyer – Treasurer

Larry Moyer is joining the Consistory to replace Ray Ziegler.

Congregational Meeting scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> following the church service.

Pews for a donation are available to anyone interested. Contact Jeff Grim or Scott Breininger.

Christmas decorations and moving of the pews will be done January 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

The new copies of the Upper Room. Alive Now, and Devozine for January/February are available on the back window sills. Please take one.



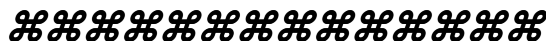
## New Members Class

A new members class will be forming in January. Classes will take place Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, and Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. The classes will take place at 7:00P.M. each evening. You would only need to attend ONE of the classes. If you are interested in joining the church, or have questions about joining the church, please see Pastor Joanne for more information.



# Confirmation!

Our Confirmation program is underway. We have seven youth enrolled in our Confirmation program. The Confirmation retreat schedule is as follows: We will have 2 day retreats on November 17 & February 23, and we will have two overnight lock-in retreats on January 25-26 & March 20-21. This year, we will also have a field trip to Lancaster Seminary & Bethany Children's Home on February 9<sup>th</sup>.



## Choir Rehearsal

Our choir has a new meeting date and time. Choir rehearsals will begin at 9:00 A.M. Please come out and join the choir! New voices are always welcome!



## Redner's Receipts

It's easy to participate in the Redner's Save-a-Tape Program. This program is designed to donate 1% of all you spend and donate the money to our church.

To participate, go to any Redner's market, apply for a card for St. John's UCC, show your card at the check-out, save your receipt, and drop your receipt into the basket located in the Big Sunday school room on top of the piano. It is that easy.

Please see Jerry Roth if you have any questions about this program.



## Jazz Concert

Our next Jazz Concert will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> and our final concert for the season will be on March 8<sup>th</sup>. They will include jazz vocalist Nancy Reed and back by popular demand, Trumpeter Warren Vache and Guitarist Vinnie Carrao. Tickets are available at the door. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. For more information call 610-737-0530.



# Thank You Corner

Busy Bees want to thank all who participated in selling and/or buying Christmas candy and sticky buns. Your support made them the two largest sales to date. Your help will benefit a project at the church.

To the people who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season – Scott Breininger, Pastor Joanne & Jim Marchetto, Ken Snyder, Janet & Jeff Grim, Carl, Jessica & Josh Williamson, Tracey Kleinschuster, Hollie Klotz, & Marge Cope.

Christmas items for the young people at Bethany Home were donated by Sue Snyder, Adele Yost, Minnie Breininger, Kay Kleinschuster, Sue Edelman, Marilyn Roth, Warren Boyer & Marge Cope. Sue Snyder was the coordinator for the project.

“Thank you” to Kathy Williamson, Dave Roth, and Lauren Sobczak for all their hard work and dedication to make the Christmas Pageant and Worship a joy filled event.

*If you have a “thank you” you would like to share, please drop a note in the Newsletter folder outside the church office. “Thank-you’s” may be personalized anonymous!*



## Snow Report

In the case of inclement weather, the snow is falling inch by inch. You are wondering, will we meet for church today? Please turn to channel WFMZ or, you can log onto [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com) for cancellation information. If snow is predicted for a

Sunday morning, we will be contacted by a member of the Consistory to tell you we will not be having church that day.

Please keep in mind that just because church is canceled, it doesn't mean that the church's bills are canceled for that week. **Please consider turning your offering in the following week** so St. John's can continue to provide for all of God's people. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## Cedarbrook Nursing Homes

We are enlisting the help of church members to volunteer. The Abider Program is in hopes that no one will die alone.

The Abiders are very special people and not everyone is comfortable with this type of commitment; we do have other needs for volunteers. People who have some extra time to spend talking with residents or assisting with bingo and other activities are always in demand. There is also a need for people who are physically able to push residents in wheelchairs to in-house appointments. For those who want to give back to their community, Cedarbrook can provide various opportunities in which an individual can offer their gifts and talents and feel immeasurably rewarded. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Joanne at the church office.



## Pew Update

The old pews located on the balcony will be removed and if anyone is interested in obtaining one or more please contact Jeff Grim or Scott Breininger.

Donations accepted which will be used to provide seat cushions for the short pews we will move downstairs to allow for wheelchairs. Pews will be available at approximately noon on January 12, 2008.

- 1 - 64" pew
- 3 - 110" pews
- 6 - 124" pews
- 1 - 128" pew



## Our Church Website

If you have internet access, please visit our church website: [www.stjohnsucc1.org](http://www.stjohnsucc1.org)

Jim Marchetto has started up and maintains the site. He is also looking for additional people to assist with this project. If you have pictures, information, articles, or are interested in learning more about developing websites, please see Jim. One of the biggest limitations to a website is the time put into making it look great and adding content, so the more folks willing to help, the more St. John's will have to share with the world. This

is also a great way to get our youth (and hopefully new youth) involved in the church.



By the time you read this article, Lorraine and I will be on our way to Florida. One thing that will be missing in our wardrobe will belong underwear. Do you know why? First of all we don't need it in Florida and secondly we don't own any. Maybe we have become hardier, or perhaps winters are milder than they used to be, but it is certain that not many people wear long underwear these days. This garment has become another casualty of progress. Few men and women who had to wear long johns in their youth have fond memories about them. There was a time when well-insulated underwear was essential for survival, that is providing you were able to survive the underwear itself. In the old days, winter underwear was made of wool because it was warmer than any other material. I am told that people put on a fresh pair every Saturday night, just after their weekly baths. Both events took place in the vicinity of the kitchen stove because it was the only area in the house which was warm. Oh, how wool underwear itched and chafed. Some of this was due to the thorns and nettles in the fleece which had not been removed before the wool was made into cloth. Gradually the underwear became almost bearable. The problem was that just about the time you got the suit pretty well broken in, it was Saturday night again and the cycle began all over again. The traditional "red flannels" were not always red. There were shades of gray, light blue, dark blue. Union suits were a one-piece garment. The lower half of the two-piece outfit was referred to as "drawers". Union suits were equipped with a handy button down trap-door in the rear. This was convenient for the men, but less

handy for the women who wore more clothing over their long johns, which added to the hazards of a visit to the outhouse. In the old days, women dressed more warmly than men. Over their long johns went a corset, a flannel petticoat plus several layers of cotton petticoats, topped off with a tent-like dress which covered a woman from chin to toe. Men put one or two heavy wool flannel shirts over their long underwear along with woolen pants. With all this outer garments the men and women wore, I wonder how they could have so many children. It must have been time consuming, just dressing and undressing. I know if it would take my wife and I that long to undress, we probably would forget what our intentions were. Relief was slow in coming, central heating systems began to take the place of the drafty old homes and balky stoves of the past. Heated automobiles took the place of open buggies and touring cars. Soon the long underwear disappeared. However, many of the men who work outdoors still rely on the long johns to keep their bodies warm. As for the women with their fashions now-a-days, there is little cloth between them and the frigid blasts. Let's face the facts. The passing of the long johns has been a mixed blessing. I don't think the human race became hardier, nor the climate getting warmer. Then what happens to the modern men and women in the wintertime? Simple. They freeze. What do you do when you freeze? You head south and partially freeze. Good Lord willing, we will see you in April.

Bill and Lorraine