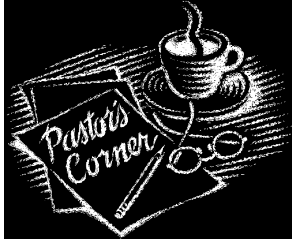




The Good News Letter

St. John's UCC, Fogelsville, PA

April 2008



From the Pastor's Desk

St John's UCC Mission Statement

The mission of St. John's United Church of Christ is to share with our community the Gospel of God's love by the stewardship of our lives in outreach, fellowship, education, caring, and worship.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

As we celebrate this Easter season, we constantly remind ourselves of the power of God's love and hope through the resurrection. When we proclaim that Christ is risen, we testify to our faith: God has transformed the world so that we shall overcome the hurt, pain, prejudice, and brokenness that is so evident in our world.

We are Easter people. Through the Holy Spirit, our hearts are filled with the peace and joy of knowing that the powers of this world will have no claim on us. This faith is transformed into action when we embody this hope and share it with others. When we come together as a community in faith, we proclaim this vision for the world, and I am reminded of the power of the mission statement of St. John's.

Our mission is to share with our community the Gospel of God's love. This is a powerful statement because it means that church is not just for Sundays. We proclaim our faith with each moment of our lives. Whether it be listening with a sympathies ear to a co-worker going through a financial crisis, or if it is holding the hands of a friend who is undergoing chemotherapy treatments, or sharing a prayer for a shut-in at

church, or offering a casserole to a family in need, all of these actions demonstrate God's amazing love and grace for each of us.

We live in a struggling world where all of us have to face the problems of economics and hunger, poverty and disease. But we can share God's healing power and amazing love to uplift all people in God's wholeness and peace.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Through God's grace, let us continue to share our whole selves with one another and the world. Let us discern where God is calling us in mission and be empowered by the Spirit to continue in our ministry.

May God bless you and keep you,
Pastor Joanne



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Friday 10:am -2:00pm

Ministry Opportunities

Acolyte

April 6 - Alicia Hivizdak
April 13 - Nathan Kleinschuster
April 20 - Brandon Krause
April 27 - Holly Klotz

Assisting Ministers

April 6 - Sue Snyder
April 13 - Scott Breininger
April 20 - Janet Grim
April 27 - Bill Grim

Flowers

April 6 -
April 13 - Donna & Scott Breininger
April 20 -
April 27 - Kenneth & Beulah Snyder

Bulletins

April 6 - Peter & Janet Paduch
April 13 - Donna & Scott Breininger
April 20 -
April 27 - Kenneth & Beulah Snyder

Greeters

April 6 -
April 13 -
April 20 -
April 27 - Kenneth & Beulah Snyder

Coffee Hour

April 6 -
April 13 - Gloria Wolford & Beulah Snyder
April 20 -
April 27 -

Ushers

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

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.



Have an article you would like to submit to the May newsletter? Please place the article in the secretary's folder outside of Pastor Joanne's office or email it to stjohnsucc1@enter.net

The deadline for the May Newsletter is at noon on April 21st.



The next Consistory meeting will be held on April 14th at 7:00 p.m.



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 & Jean

Larison, Adele & Frank Yost, Vanessa Stauffer, Bob Kocher, Lisa Neumoyer, Bill & Lorraine Grim, Jean Mohr, Guy DeAngelis, Marilyn Roth, The family of Asher Green.

WORSHIP FOR: April 2008

Week of April 6, 2008 - Third Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Luke 24:13-35

Hymns: #471 What a Covenant

#539 Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

#255 Jesus, Sovereign, Savior

Week of April 13, 2008 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47; John 10:1-10

Hymns: #293 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

#396 Where Charity and Love Prevail

#391 In the Midst of New Dimensions

Week of April 20, 2008 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 7:55-60; John 14:1-14

Hymns: #400 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

#595 I'll Fly Away

#436 God of Grace and God of Glory

Week of April 27, 2008 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

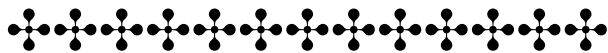
Scriptures: Acts 17:22-31; John 14:15-21

Hymns: #427 God Made From One Blood

#290 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

#12 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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.

April Anniversaries and Birthdays

1 – Charles Wisler

5—Tesia Campbell

8 – Carl Breininger

8 – Sierra Marsteller

12 – Steven Grim

12 – Jeanette Paduch

13 – Donna & Scott Breininger

13 – Gail Carl

21 – Betty Rockel

26 – Jan Yellets

27 – Donna Mohr

28 – Kathy Williamson

30 – Ken & Beulah Snyder

30 – Tom Sobczak

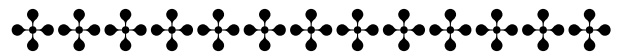


Vacation

The Church Secretary will be out of the office from Saturday, April 26th thru Saturday May 3rd.

She will return on Monday, May 5th.

Pastor Joanne will keep her regularly scheduled office hours. If you need to get into the church, please contact Pastor Joanne. Thank you.



I have been crucified with christ; it is no longer I who live, but christ lives in me.

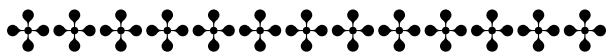
galatians 2:20 NIV

The Good Grief Gang

The Good Grief Gang is a one day workshop designed to promote healing and well-being for children ages 6 through 18 who have been affected by loss. It is a grief workshop intending to focus on children who have experienced the death of a family member or children who have experienced loss through divorce. The journey through grief can be frightening and overwhelming for children. Meanwhile, the divorce rate lies somewhere between 40-50%. The children of these families continue to be affected by divorce, where fragmented families and the stress associated with divorce affects children in many ways. The children of our local community have been affected by death and divorce, and as part of our outreach and healing ministries, our hope is to bring healing to children and families in need.

The Good Grief Gang is a shared ministry between St. John's United Church of Christ and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fogelsville and Lutheran Congregational Services.

We will hold a one day workshop on Saturday, April 12th. If you would like more information, please see Pastor Joanne.



Thank you

Thank you to Jeff Lambert, Jared Campbell, Jim Marchetto, Ken Snyder, Dick Boyer and Scott Breininger for painting the Family Room on Saturday March 1. The room looks great!

Thank you to all who helped participate with the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to Janet Grim and Nancy Moyer for organizing the event for our church as well as all our members and friends of the congregation who donated Easter eggs.

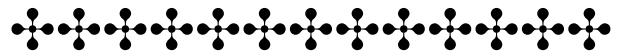


Union United Church of Christ, Neffs will be holding their annual Country Sale on Saturday, May 3rd from 9-2. There will be flowers, garden plants, food, baked goods, quilt raffle, yard sale, music, and some fun activities throughout the day. Come out and join the fun.

Our Church Website

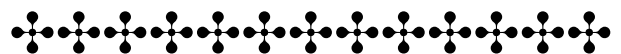
If you have internet access, please visit our church website: www.stjohnsucc1.org

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.



Strengthen the Church

On Sunday, May 11 - Pentecost and Mothers Day! - we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This offering builds the UCC's future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders. And this year, for the first time, it will aid the God is Still Speaking Ministry and its message inclusively. Directed to local Conferences, Local Church Ministries, and the Still speaking Ministry, Strengthen the Church gifts help to create vibrant church communities of extravagant welcome.



VBS Volunteers

Yes, believe it or not, it's that time to start planning for this year's Vacation Bible School. I am asking for volunteers now so the planning process will go smoothly. Hopefully, this will avoid a last minute rush to get supplies and decorations ready and set up.

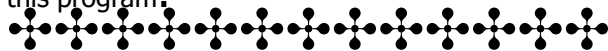
Any adults or youth who are willing to give of their time to minister to our young children, please see Nancy Moyer or Pastor Joanne.

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, show your card at the check-out, save your receipt, and drop your receipt into the basket. It is that easy.

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



KidsPeace is holding its 11th Annual Soccer Tournament on August 23-24. This tournament is a major fund raiser for KidsPeace's Children's Fund. The tournament is open to Recreation Soccer Teams throughout the East Coast and is limited to the first 100 teams that sign-up. In the past, we have had teams from as far away as Connecticut participate in the event.

This year more than ever, we are in need of volunteers to perform such tasks as: parking attendants, field marshals, food services, merchandising (selling t-shirts, hats, etc.), and other positions to make the tournament another success.

If any students require documented volunteer hours, this event would most likely qualify due to our status as a 503(c) children's charity. Any time that can be donated is greatly appreciated by KidsPeace. (We prefer the minimum shift to be 3 hours, but we will try to accommodate everyone who is interested in helping us out.) **Volunteers will get tickets for free food at the event and many positions include a free t-shirt.**

The Special Events coordinator is Jenelle Perich and she can be contacted at: 610-799-8493 or by e-mail at: Jenelle.Perich@kidspeace.org

More information will be made available (soon) on www.kidspeace.org.



Recipe Corner

Double Chocolate Crumble

½ cup Oleo
¾ cup sugar
2 eggs
¾ cup flour
2 Tablespoons Cocoa
¼ teaspoon Baking Powder

Mix together and spread into 9x13 buttered pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Sprinkle 2 cups mini-marshmallows over top and bake 3 minutes til puffy and slightly brown. Cool. Mix together 6 ounces chocolate chips, 1 cup peanut butter, and 1 ½ cups Rice Krispies. Spread over top. Cool then cut.

Volunteers needed

The Phoebe Home Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is looking for volunteers who want to help make a difference. We are located in Allentown near the fairgrounds and we have over 450 residents in both the nursing home and the assisted living apartments. We have so many wonderful opportunities at Phoebe, from helping to take care of our domestic and tropical birds, assisting a resident on a weekly shopping trip to the South Mall, or to help call a bingo game. If you are looking for something a little more rigorous, we always need additional help with transporting our residents to in-hose therapy, clinics, and doctor's appointments. The benefits include exercise, a free meal, and if you're not careful, a warm and fuzzy feeling you get from helping others. So if you are interested in leading a helping hand, we would be glad to have you. Please contact Joan Wickel, Volunteer Coordinator, at 610-794-5362 or at jwickel@phoebe.or.



Phoebe Ministries will be holding a spring luncheon called "**Celebrating the Days of Our Lives**". This special event will take place on April 10th in the Phoebe Terrace Dining Room located at 1940 Turner Street. The event will host Glenn Kranzley, Opinion Pages Editor and Vice President of the Morning Call. Lunch is at 11:45 a.m. and the cost is \$12.00 per person. Plan to join friends and family and enjoy a delicious gourmet food.

To register or for more information, contact Phoebe Ministries Institutional Advancement Office at 610-794-5132. Space is limited so make your reservations early.



Journeys Through Grief

On Wednesday's from April 9th through May 14th from 7:00PM to 8:30 PM, St John's UCC at 139 N 4th St., Emmaus, Pa. Will be hosting a Journeys Through Grief Seminar. There is no fee to participants thanks to the generosity of Bachman, Kulik, & Reinsmith Funeral Homes, P.C. of Emmaus and the Horace W. Schantz Funeral Home, Inc. of Emmaus. To register, you can call 610-770-9205 or e-mail kerry@lutherancongregationalservices.org. You can also contact the Lutheran Congregational Services at 1423 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, PA 18109.

Busy Bees

Thank you to all who participated in our first hoagie sale for Spring. Thanks to Kenneth Snyder & Ernest Breininger who drove to pick up the hoagies, to the "pepper packer" Betty Rockel & all the ones who fill the orders – Kay Kleinschuster, Beulah Snyder, Gloria Wolford, Betty Snyder, Vicki Greim, Henry Rockel, Art Laudenslager, & Jerry Roth & those who bought & sold hoagies.

The next sale will be on April 19 with orders due on April 9. Please see that Beulah Snyder receives the orders or call Marilyn or Jerry Roth at 610 395-3083.



I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone.

What if we carried it around it in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several time a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go hmhhh where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. Makes you stop and think "where are my priorities? "

And no dropped calls!

" Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

Church World Service Emergency Clean-up Buckets

After an active early winter (Southern tornadoes, mid west floods) we have only 48 CWS Emergency Clean-up Buckets on hand at our New Windsor warehouse.

What makes this even more dire is timing: after record snowfalls across the upper Midwest and northeast, March thawing will likely cause flooding soon. We ask you spread the word of this need throughout your denominational and other contacts.

More information may be found online at <http://www.churchworldservices.org/kits/clean-up-kits.html>.

To assemble an Emergency Clean-up Bucket you will need:

- One 5 gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Five scouring pads
- Seven sponges (assorted sizes)
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen cleaning towels reusable
- One 50-78 oz. Box dry laundry detergent
- One 12 oz. Bottled liquid concentrated household cleaner
- One 25 oz. Bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap
- Fifty clothes pins
- Close line (2 - 50 ft. or 1 - 100 ft.)
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs latex gloves
- One pair work gloves
- Twenty-four bag roll of heavy duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)
- One 6-14 oz. Bottle of insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol)

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Be sure to send only new, unopened materials. Put all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape. Place each Bucket in a separate box.

Clean-up Bucket value : \$50

Processing/Shipping Cost: \$3 per Bucket