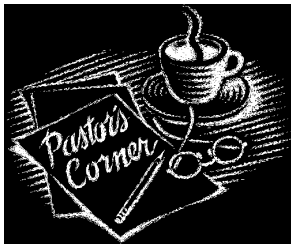




The Good News Letter

St. John's UCC, Fogelsville, PA

July/ August 2008



From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the name of Christ!

This summer at St. John's, we are doing some new and exciting things during worship. We are going to have some non-traditional music to experience new ways of worshiping God, and a new sermon series has been planned. We are doing things a little differently to move "out of the box" and discover some innovative and exciting ways of giving thanks and praise to God. And as we worship, we will be listening and praying to discover how God is revealed to us and comes to us to give us healing and grace.

Throughout the summer, we will be listening to the ancient stories of Genesis. We will hear of the families of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Joseph. All of the sermons have been written to explore ancient family dynamics and the spiritual journeys of faithful people. We will explore some difficult theological questions, and we will wonder about the lives of these faithful people. What do God's promises mean for me in my life? How have I experienced the presence of God in the midst of my own struggles? Throughout the sermon series, I encourage you to read the stories in Genesis for yourself and reflect on your own faith journey. As you listen to the characters explore their lives and faith, I encourage you to ask questions about your own spiritual life and to know God's presence and promises in a meaningful way. I hope the sermon series deepens your relationship with God.

Finally, our children will be participating in "Stump the Pastor." It is a way for the children as well as all of us to explore how God comes to us. God can be revealed to us in many ways, and God is always there. Sometimes, especially in our painful moments and in our struggles, it is difficult to have

faith in God's presence. And still, our scripture and stories remind us that God is always there; they encourage us to have faith even in the midst of despair. This is an important lesson for us to share with our children. To be a person of faith means that our faith can guide us even when all seems lost; it is not something to reject when things aren't going "our way." Through our sharing with the children, we can illuminate many different ways that God is present to encourage us to have faith and be generous in sharing our love and support to one another.

All of these forms of worship intend to reveal God's love and presence. God comes to us in so many ways, and we seek to be faithful to God with our entire lives, not just during the worship hour on Sunday morning. Hopefully, our summer worship will encourage you to reflect on your faith journey, recognize God's presence in your life, and encourage you to share God's love with one another.

Peace,

Pastor Joanne



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Ministry Opportunities

JULY

Assisting Ministers

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

Flowers

July 6 - Donna & Michael Mikolajczyk
July 13 -
July 20 -
July 27 -

Bulletins

July 6 - Peter & Jeanette Paduch
July 13 -
July 20 -
July 27 -

Greeters

July 6 - Donna & Michael Mikolajczyk
July 13 -
July 20 -
July 27 -

Coffee Hour

July 6 - Donna & Michael Mikolajczyk
July 13 -
July 20 -
July 27 -

Ushers

July 6 - Larry & Scott
July 13 - Marge & Jeff
July 20 - Mark & Kay
July 27 - Warrenne & Marilyn

AUGUST

Assisting Ministers

August 3 - Dick Boyer
August 10 - Dave Roth
August 17 - Scott Breininger

August 24 - Janet Grim

August 31 - Bill Grim

Flowers

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August 10 - Jim & Joanne Marchetto
August 17 -
August 24 -
August 31 -

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August 31 - Marge & Jeff

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.

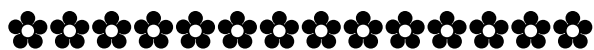
Have an article you would like to submit to the September newsletter? Please place the article in the secretary's folder outside of Pastor Joanne's office or email it to stjohnsucc1@enter.net

The deadline for the September Newsletter is at noon on August 25th



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

August Consistory Meeting will be held on August 11th at 7:00 p.m.



Vanessa Stauffer, Pauline Wagner, Ray Ziegler, Isabel Henninger, Marilyn Mohr, Jane Laudenslager, Marilyn Brown, Kenneth Reichert, Pearl Heintzelman, Christine Dietrich, Dorothea Noll, Sallie Ebert, Betty Heilman, Arlene Coombe, Betty Wagner, Doris Mohr, Bob

Kocher, Lisa Neumoyer, Bill & Jean Larison, Leona Kocher, Bill & Lorraine Grim, Jean Deb Larison, Marilyn Roth, Jeanette Paduch.

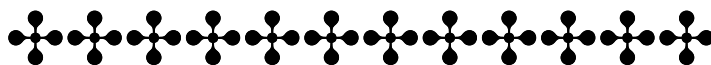


New Members' Class

I will be offering new members classes in September on the following dates: Thursday, September 25th and Monday, September 29th. The class will begin at 7:00 p.m. You would only need to attend ONE of the classes. If you are interested in joining the church, or if you have questions about joining the church, please see Pastor Joanne for more information.

July Anniversaries and Birthdays

- 4 – Nancy Reichert
- 5 – Lorraine & Bill Grim
- 5 – Andrea & Kevin Scott
- 6 – Wanda Fehnel
- 8 – John & Jan Yellets
- 10 – Tyler Krause
- 18 – Jim Marchetto
- 18 – Roy Lehr
- 18 – Roger Lehr
- 19 – Jean Mohr
- 20 – Roseann Laudenslager
- 21 – Jaron Getz
- 23 – Nicholas Edelman
- 25 – Linda Eroh
- 25 – Mark Laudenslager
- 27 – Janet Grim



August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 – Cassandra Sobczak
- 2 -- Bryan Sobczak
- 5 – Sally Ebert
- 9 – Marjorie & Nevin Cope
- 9 – Dawson Hamershock
- 10 – Peter Paduch
- 10 - Joanne & Jim Marchetto
- 15 – Sandi Einsla
- 17 – Lisa Kriebel
- 20 – Cindy Eckert
- 20 – Jason Moyer
- 20 – Nancy Moyer
- 21 – Tina & Mark Laudenslager
- 23 – Arthur Laudenslager
- 23 – Nancy & Larry Moyer
- 25 – Frank Yost
- 26 – Richard Ruth
- 27 – Domanic Landan Miller
- 28 – Dorothy Breininger
- 31 – Grace Wotring

WORSHIP FOR: July 2008

Week of July 6, 2008 - 8th Sunday after
Pentecost/Communion Sunday

Scriptures: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon: Rebekah's Story I: A Love Story

Hymns #459 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing
#361 Your Love, O God, Has Called Us
Here
#6 Sing Praise to God, Our Highest
Good

Week of July 13, 2008 - 9th Sunday after
Pentecost/Vacation Bible School Dedication
Service

Scriptures: Genesis 25:19-34; Romans 8:1-11;
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon: Rebekah's Story II: A Story of Faith

Hymns: #319 Wonderful Words of Life
#465 Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy
Way
77 Lord, Dismiss Us With Your
Blessing

Week of July 20, 2008 - 10th Sunday after
Pentecost/Vacation Bible School Celebration
Service

Scriptures: Galatians 6:6; 2 Kings 4:42-44; Mark
4:30-32; John 15:1-5, 7-17; Mark 11:1-10

Sermon: Stories and Themes from Vacation Bible
School

Hymns: "Share Every Good Thing"
"If We Can Give"
"Be Happy in Your Faith"
"We Will Praise You"
"Rainforest Adventure"

Week of July 27, 2008 - 11th Sunday after
Pentecost

Scriptures: Genesis 29:15-28; Romans 8:26-39;
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon: Zilpah's Story: A Story of a Servant Girl

Hymns: # 22 Sing Praise to God, Who Has
Shaped
57 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life
#611 O Day of God, Draw Near

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circumstance dictate*

WORSHIP FOR: August 2008

Week of August 3, 2008 - 12th Sunday after
Pentecost/Communion Sunday

Scriptures: Genesis 32:22-31; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew
14:13-21

Sermon: The Story of Jacob's Hip: A Joint's Tale

Hymn #551 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
#505 Sweet Hour of Prayer
#451 Be Now My Vision

Week of August 10, 2008 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Romans 10:5-15;
Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon: Joseph's Story: The Story of a Dreamer

Hymns : # 26 We Worship You, O God
#444 We'll Understand It Better By and By
#522 I Love To Tell the Story

Week of August 17, 2008 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures: Genesis 45:1-15; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon: Benjamin's Story: A Brother's Tale

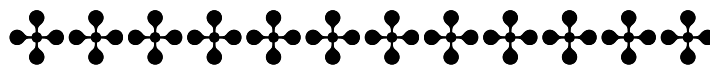
Hymns: #388 Help Us Accept Each Other
#396 Where Charity and Love Prevail
#393 Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

Week of August 24, 2008 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew
16:13-20

Sermon: Shiprah and Puah's Story: The Story of the
Midwives

Hymns # 18 Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer
#448 Take My Life, God, Let It Be
8 Praise to the Living God

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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,
breakbread together, and get to know one another.

No Dutch Lunch on July 9th.

We Need Your Help!!

In October, St. John's is hosting the Friday event for the Penn Northeast Annual Conference Meeting. We will welcome our friends from congregations all across the Conference who will join us for an exciting evening of programs.

We need your help! As we wish to extend hospitality and share the warmth of St. John's with others, we need your help in preparing and sharing a meal for those who will be attending the meeting. A committee organized by Marilyn Roth and Janet Grim have been busy planning a PA Dutch meal including pot pie and the trimmings to be served buffet style. We need your help with serving, clean-up, and host/hostesses for the evening. If you are willing and able to help, please see either Janet or Marilyn. Thank you!

The Penn Northeast Conference Annual Meeting event will be held at St. John's on Friday, October 17, 2008.



Seminary Student Intern

Next fall and spring, we will welcome Mike McGowan, a student from Lancaster Theological Seminary as a student intern here at St. John's. Mike will be with us for the twelve weeks of each academic semester to help him in his ministerial studies. He will be preaching, doing visitations, helping with Christian education, and other activities. This is an exciting time for all of us, so please welcome Mike and his family!



Communion Class

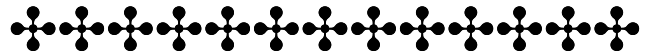
In September, Pastor Joanne will be holding a communion class for the children of the church. It is a short class designed to explain communion, why we share communion, who Jesus shared communion with, and what we believe about communion. It is also an opportunity for the children to ask their questions about communion.

The Communion class will be held Monday, September 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Our Church Website

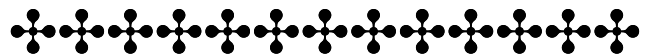
If you have internet access, please visit our church website: www.stjohnsucc1.org Jim Marchetto has started up and maintains the site. He is also looking for additional people to assist with this project. If you have pictures, information, articles, or are interested in learning more about developing websites, please see Jim.

Our church newsletter can now be found on the church website. If you would like to receive an e-mail update to download an e-copy of the newsletter, please send an e-mail to the church.



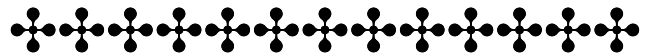
Confirmation Class

We will begin a new Confirmation class in the fall. If you know someone who is beginning grade 6 and older in the fall, then they can join our Confirmation class. The Confirmation program involves attending two lock-in retreats, two day retreats, and field trips. It also requires participating in church as an acolyte and church attendance. If you would like to join the Confirmation class, please see Pastor Joanne for more information. We will have an organizational meeting in September. More information will follow!



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.



Youth Group

In September, we will reorganize our youth group. Youth group will be for all people who are in 6th grade and older. We will hold our first meeting on Sunday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. for all youth who are interested. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We will be decorating the church for VBS on July 9th & 10th from 9:00-12:00.

Following VBS, we will have a joint celebration service with St. John's Lutheran Church on July 20th at St. John's UCC.

On Sunday, July 13th, we will have a dedication service for all teachers and volunteers.

This year's VBS is scheduled for July 14th to 18th from 9am to 12 noon. The theme for this year is **Rainforest Adventure**: A Tree Top Bible Blast! Every tree in the forest will sing joyful songs to the Lord. 1 Chronicles 16:33.

Each day will be packed with activities designed to help children experience the importance of Stewardship. They will learn that it is fun and faithful to share the good news of Jesus' love with everyone.

Please return registration forms as quickly as possible for planning purposes. We will be handing out music CD's again so you can learn the songs before VBS.

We are looking for adult and youth volunteers. We need activity site leaders and helpers, as well as group leaders. Anyone interested, please see Nancy Moyer or call her at 610-395-9214,

Explore the Canopy!

Vacation Bible School Supplies

Sign-up sheets for these items will be placed on the bulletin board in the narthex, and there will be boxes beneath the bulletin board for collection. Thank you for your generous support of Vacation Bible School!

For the science/Art Area

1 box sandwich bags with ties
4 rolls paper towels
20 plastic bowls-salad size
1 bottle vinegar
40 empty clean margarine containers
1 bag dried kidney beans
pack of 50 balloons (different sizes and colors)
1 box Rice Crispies
1 pack food coloring
1 box raisins
1 box baking soda
3 boxes rice
175 coffee filters
colorful foam shapes from a craft store
empty coffee cans with lids.

Preschool Class

Markers
Crayons
Masking Tape
Scotch Tape

Glue
3/4" (2cm) Black Pom Poms
3/8" (1cm) Black Pom Poms
Multiple colors Tissue Paper
Twine
Plastic Table Covering
Q-Tips (cotton swabs)
Different colors of Green Construction Paper
Blindfolds
Paper Towels (1 roll)
Heart Stickers (3 packs)
A variety of seeds
Magnifying glasses
Brightly colored feathers
Bean Bags
Small Red Paper Plates (20)
Wiggle eyes
Ribbon (different colors)
Construction Paper: Green, Brown, Tan, Red
Cardstock Paper

Storytelling Site

Butterfly stickers (50)
Paper cups
Brown Paper Lunch Bags
Crutches
Walker
Party Favors (20)
Seed packets for a variety of large and small seeds (5 packets)
Watering can
Gardening apron, gloves, and hat
Potted flowers and ferns (3)
Jar of mustard seeds
Avocado seeds
Footballs (8)
Cheerleading Pom Poms (8)

Snacks

1 bag chocolate Twizzlers
4 boxes Quaker granola bars-chocolate chip
6 bags 10.5 oz Sun Chips-Original
4 boxes-11 ounce-Goldfish crackers
2 boxes-12.5 ounce-Goldfish pretzels
1 box Corn Chex
2 bags-14 ounce-Starburst jelly beans
10 boxes-10 count-Sunkist fruit shaped snacks
2 cans-#10-fruit cocktail
1 can-29 ounce-fruit cocktail
Donation for Auntie Anne pretzel stix
2 bags-7.5 ounce-bugles
1 box-15 ounce-Fruit Loops
1 bag-11 ounce-little ones pretzels
2 cans Deddi Whip cool whip
250 paper plates-6 ounce
2 large containers Powdered Drink Mix
360 + count Napkins
60 bowls
1 container wet wipes

The Power of Prayer

When a catscan showed a spot on Lorraine's kidney and spine which after further tests were cancer free, thanks for your Power of Prayer.

When my foot became infected and I had to have a procedure and a operation, which is now completely healed, thanks for your Power of Prayer.

And now I have a bladder problem which will sooner or later lead to surgery, I know that I can depend on your Power of Prayer. During these trying times, your cards, phone calls and visits to the hospital and prayers meant so much to Lorraine and I. They brought to us a light of hope and healing.

The support from our family, friends, Pastor Joanne, Church's prayer group and Congregation has been outstanding. Many thanks for the Power of Prayer.

Remember when life hurts, God hears. Give to Him your worries. Take to Him your fears.

Lord, help us remember that nothing is going to happen to us today that You and St John's U.C.C. together can't handle.

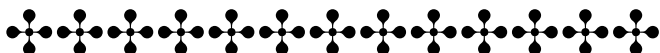
Love.

Bill and Lorraine Grim



Lay Eucharist Minister Training

Lutheran Congregational Services offers training for folks who would like to participate in pastoral care visits and offering communion to shut-ins. It is a thorough training offered to both Lutheran and UCC lay people who would like to become more active in visitation and sharing communion. The program is being offered on Saturday, September 13 from 9:00-5:00 p.m. at New Jerusalem Church in Bethlehem. If you are interested in this ministry, please see Pastor Joanne for more information. Thank you for your service!



Time Change

Please make your calendars for the worship time change:

During July & August, we will worship at 9:30 a.m.

On September 7th, we will begin worship at 10:30 a.m.



Rally Day

We will kick off the new Sunday school year with Rally Day on September 7th at 10:15 a.m. Please join us to celebrate the beginning of the new year!

Household Hints

Newspaper Weeds Away

Start putting newspapers around your plants, work the nutrients into the soil. Wet newspapers and place in layers around the plants overlapping as you go. Cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic but they will not get through wet newspapers.

Broken glass

Use a wet cotton ball or Q-tip to pick up the small shards of glass you can't see easily.

No More Mosquitoes

Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

Squirrel Away

To keep squirrels from eating your plants sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hear the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

Flexible vacuum

To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

Reduce Static Cling

Pin a small safety pin the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Place pin in seam and –ta da!–static is gone.

Measuring Cups

Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

Foggy Windshield

Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

Reopen Envelopes

If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. It unseals easily.

Goodbye Fruit Flies

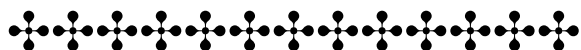
To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass fill it 1/2" with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid, mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

Get Rid of Ants

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it "home," can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

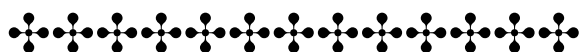
Choir Rehearsal

Our choir has a new meeting date and time. Beginning Sunday, September 7th, choir rehearsals will begin at 9:00 A.M. Please come out and join the choir! New voices are always welcome!



Fund raiser

Ziegels Church Mission Team is having a golf outing in loving memory of Doug Hanna. Shotgun start is 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 23rd. The event will be held at the Southmoore Golf Course, Bath, Pa. Cost is \$70 per golfer and prizes will be presented. For more information, call Terry Oplinger at 610-462-5324 or e-mail djm@ziegelschurch.org.



Bethany Children's Home

Bethany Children's Home will be celebrating their 145th Anniversary on Friday, August 15th from 11:00a.m. to 9:30p.m. There will be entertainment, arts and crafts, games, food, fireworks, and much more. The event will be held rain or shine. Please come and help the home celebrate this joyous occasion.



KidsPeace

KidsPeace is holding its 11th Annual Soccer Tournament on August 23-24. This tournament is a major fund raiser for Kids Peace. This year more then 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 interested in helping with this event, please call Kelly at ext 8349 or kelly.fritzingier@kidspeace.org.



Phoebe Home Peach Lawn Fete

The annual Peach Festival will be held on August 13th. They will be accepting baked good on August 12th and on August 13th until 1:00p.m. Please deliver the delights to the 3rd floor Activity kitchen at 1925 Turner Street in Allentown.

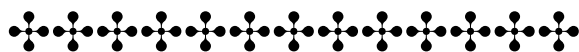
175th Anniversary of St John's 1834-2009

St John's has organized a committee to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Church. The committee is planning a year of celebration events for 2009-2010 ending with a big banquet celebration. The committee is organizing fundraisers to help us with our cost. Please come out and join us for these events!

St John's will be sponsoring a **Basket Social** in the fall. The committee will be soliciting for baskets from the congregants as well as the community. Start planning your theme baskets and collecting items now. More later. Any questions, call or see Janet or Marilyn.

The committee is planning a **dinner theater** event here at St. John's UCC. The show will be "**American Idol: Clay's Revenge.**" The event is planned for March 21, 2009. More information is soon to come! There will be limited tickets, so mark your calendars.

The committee is considering a **church directory** for next year. This is a complex project, and we are looking to learn about the church's support of this project. Do we want to have a new church directory? And, is this a project you would be willing to support by having your picture taken to be a part of the directory? Please let your opinion be known to one of the members of the committee, so we can decide if we should move forward with this project. Thank you!



Local Golf Tournament for Charity

The John Quinn Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit Dream Come True will be held on Saturday, September 27th at Indian Creek Golf Club in Emmaus. 7AM is breakfast, registration, and Warm-up. 8AM is shotgun start-4 person scramble. Tournament is \$100 per golfer. For more information call Michelle at 610-762-3418.



Thank you

Thank you to all who have worked hard to prepare the church picnic. The event was enjoy by all who attended. Thank you to everyone that helps with the assembly of the newsletter. Your assistance and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Tom Sobczak for beautifying the front of the church. His gardening is greatly appreciated.