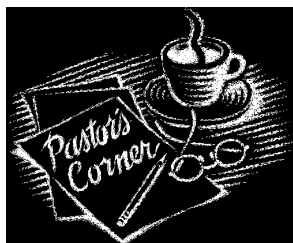




# The Good News Letter

St. John's UCC, Fogelsville, PA

September 2008



## From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the name of Christ!

September is here again! It is the start of a new year with new beginnings. Our children and friends are gearing up for a new school year. It is a time for families and new sports and music programs. And, before we know it, the holidays with all of their festivities will soon be upon us.

September is also a time of new programs at church. It is a great time for renewal; a time for new beginnings. Maybe you feel led to join a Bible Study for the first time, or maybe you and your children haven't attended church in a number of years. September is a great time to let go of your worries and anxieties about a new start. It is an opportunity, perhaps, to jump back into church with two feet. Because it is also nice to know that you are not alone! Others are also beginning again with you.

Sometimes in life, we can become so overwhelmed, it is difficult to think of a new beginning or a fresh start. In the resurrection, Jesus said to the disciples, "Do not fear." Jesus reminds us that through the resurrection, new beginnings are filled with endless possibilities for grace and growth, love and laughter, compassion and caring and community.

Sometimes in life we have good, and not-so-good reasons for not coming to church. But as the church of Jesus Christ, we gather to worship God and find friendship with one another so that our spirits can be renewed, our lives supported by the grace of God, our families and our community can find a place of rest and peace, and we can support one another in mutual care and prayer.

I encourage you to be a part of the new beginnings at St. John's. If you haven't been here in a long time, or if the last time you were here was last week, we have many new, and some familiar activities going on at St. John's that we would love to have you participate in:

✦ Adult Bible Study: Sunday mornings at 9:00

a.m. we have an informal Bible study and discussion group

- ✦ Sunday school: Sunday mornings at 10:15
- ✦ Basket Party: Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- ✦ PNEC Annual Meeting Event: Friday, October 17 at 3:00 p.m. we will welcome Felix Carrion, Still Speaking Coordinator for the UCC. He will lead a workshop and "out of the box" worship.
- ✦ Join the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee to help plan this exciting celebration year of activities
- ✦ Choir: will begin rehearsals in September
- ✦ Or, you can just come as you are to worship, pray, learn, and grow.

God welcomes each of us and all of us into a loving and caring community to worship God, give one another nurture and strength, study and grow, and live as disciples in this world. Come and join us for a year of new beginnings!

Peace,

Pastor Joanne



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Dan Einsla, Sexton

Anna DeAngelis, Parish Coordinator

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# Ministry Opportunities

## **Acolyte**

September 7 - Kaitlyn Behney  
September 14 - Zach Edelman  
September 21 - Brandon Krause  
September 28 - Justin Getz

## **Assisting Ministers**

September 7 - Sue Snyder  
September 14 - Ray Ziegler  
September 21 - Marge Cope  
September 28 - Marilyn Roth

## **Flowers**

September 7 -  
September 14 -  
September 21 - Michael & Donna Mikolajczyk  
September 28 -

## **Bulletins**

September 7 -  
September 14 -  
September 21 - Michael & Donna Mikolajczyk  
September 28 - Kenneth & Beulah Snyder

## **Greeters**

September 7 -  
September 14 -  
September 21 - Michael & Donna Mikolajczyk  
September 28 -

## **Coffee Hour**

September 7 -  
September 14 -  
September 21 - Michael & Donna Mikolajczyk  
September 28 -

## **Ushers**

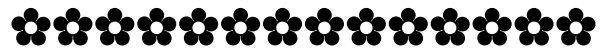
September 7 - Kay & Mark  
September 14 - Warren & Marilyn  
September 21 - Larry & Scott  
September 28 - Marge & Jeff

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 October 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 October Newsletter is at noon on September 22nd .**



**The next Consistory meeting will be Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**



Vanessa Stauffer, Pauline Wagner, Ray Ziegler, Isabel Henninger, Marilyn Mohr, Jane Laudenslager, Marilyn Brown, Kenneth Reichert, Pearl Heintzelman, Christine Dietrich, Sallie Ebert, Arlene Coombe, Betty Wagner, Doris Mohr, Lisa Neumoyer, Bill & Jean Larison, Bill & Lorraine Grim, Jean Mohr, Marilyn Roth, Jeanette Paduch, Perma Eisenhard, Gloria Wolford, Beulah Snyder, Adele Yost.



## **Dutch Lunch**

Pastor Joanne invites you to join her for lunch. Meet her at **The Home Town 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.

## WORSHIP FOR: September, 2008

Week of September 7, 2008 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Communion Sunday

Scriptures: Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon: Being Church

Hymns: #427 God Made From One Blood

#507 Jesus- The Very Thought to Me

#86 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Week of September 14, 2008 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon: Christian Unity

Hymns: #531 God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

#403 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

#397 Thank God for Our Sisters, Brothers

Week of September 21, 2008 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: Worthy of the Gospel

Hymns: #400 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

#185 Blessed Assurance (blue hymnal)

#218 All Hail the Power (blue hymnal)

Week of September 28, 2008 - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

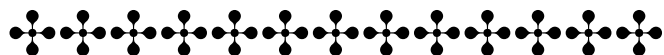
Sermon: Mike McGowan

Hymns: #493 O Jesus, I Have Promised

#454 Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

#593 Lift Every Voice and Sing

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



## Time Change

Please make your calendars for the worship time change.

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

## September

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

4 – Ray Ziegler

7 – Meaghan Lyons

7 -- Stacey Lyons

8 – Adele & Frank Yost

9 – Crystal (DeLong) Birch

10 – Ernest & Dorothy Breininger

11 – Betty Heilman

12 - Alysha Kunkle

14 – Janet & Jeff Grim

14 – Eleanor Laudenslager

14 – Marilyn Mohr

14 – Denise Wolford

16 – Tristyn Rama-Jones

19 – Kay Kleinschuster

19 – Dave Roth

20 – Warrene & Dick Boyer

20 – Marjorie DeRoner

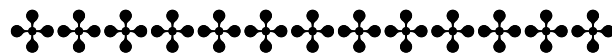
23 – Pearl Heintzelman

24 – Richard Mohr

26 - Ron Snyder

27 - Warrene Boyer

30 - Adele Yost



## 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.

## Seminary Student Intern

Next fall and spring, we will welcome Mike McGowan, a student from Lancaster Theological Seminary as a student pastor 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!



### Living with Loss Grief Support Group

A new six-week Living with Loss Grief Support Group has been scheduled in the Northern LV area. The group is scheduled to meet on Thursday evenings, September 25 to October 30, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Union United Church of Christ in Neffs, PA.

This is a free bereavement resource . We have found that a personal invitation and encouragement to attend the group can be beneficial to person *who are feeling isolated and forgotten in their grief.*

For brochures or other information about this group please contact:

Diakon Family Life Services, c/o Louisa Weber at (610) 682-1337 or by e-mail [weberl@diakon.org](mailto:weberl@diakon.org)



### New Members' Class

We 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.



### 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!

## Our Church Website

If you have internet access, please visit our church website: [www.stjohnsucc1.org](http://www.stjohnsucc1.org). It has pictures from VBS and teen pool party. The website is updated monthly, so please visit again too see pictures from events and receive information about upcoming events at St. John's.

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.



### Thank You Corner

- ✚ A great big "Thank you" to everyone who donated items and their time to make Vacation Bible a huge success.
- ✚ "Thank you" to Marge Cope, Henry and Betty Rockel, Jerry Roth, Kenneth and Beulah Snyder, and Gladys Rupp for donating their time to assemble the newsletter.
- ✚ Gladys Rupp would like to extend a great big "Thank You" for their cards, prayers, visit, and telephone calls during her recent illness. It was greatly appreciated. Also a "Special Thank You" to Pastor Joanne for her visits and kind words.
- ✚ Thanks to Pastor Joanne, all the prayers, cards, and calls during my recent surgery. Beulah Snyder
- ✚ Thank you to Adele Yost, Minnie Breininger, Scott Breininger & Marjorie Cope for contributions for the school kits. There are 24 school kits to be sent to Church World Service for distribution.



### 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.

# 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.

Friday, October 17, 2008, St. John's is hosting the Friday event for the Penn Northeast Annual Conference Meeting. **On Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, we will be preparing the pot pie for the Penn Northeast Annual Conference Meeting dinner that will be served on Friday. Donations of chickens, chicken broth, potatoes, apples/applesauce, cabbage, and baked goods are needed for the meal. We need your help with serving, clean-up, and host/hostesses for the evening. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn or Janet at 610-398-2180. **Thank you!**

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



## 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.



## 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 Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.

# Neighbors in Need

## Another World is Possible

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 5<sup>th</sup>, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, new updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and work with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska.

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Please give generously. And remember, contributions to Neighbor in Need can be made on-line at any time at: [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin).



## Journey Through Grief

A "Journey Through Grief" Seminar will be held at the Moravian Church in Emmaus beginning Wednesday, October 15, from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. This is a six-week guided support group for adults who have lost and loved one and are struggling in their grief journey. Sylvia Havlish (Inside Out Counseling & Seminars) will provide the leadership. Those who are familiar with Silvia's work know the experience she brings to leading grief support groups.

**Our continued thanks to the Bachman, Kulik & Reinsmith Funeral Homes and the Horace W. Schantz Funeral Home for funding this ministry. Also, our thanks to the pastors and members of Emmaus Moravian Church for their hospitality in hosting this ministry this fall.**

**For more information contact Rev. Kerry Smart, Coordinator of Congregational Services at 610-770-9205 or e-mail at [kerry@lutherancongregationalservices.org](mailto:kerry@lutherancongregationalservices.org).**

# 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St John's

1834-2009

**St John's has organized a committee to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> 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!**

The committee will have a meeting at 7:00 on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars for our **Basket Party on Monday, October 6, 2008** at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Theme basket donations valued at \$20 or greater are needed. Proceeds from this event will benefit the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration here at St. John's. We are also in need of baked goods for the night of the event as well as donations of baskets, desserts, soda, turkeys, 1 pound empty coffee cans, and door prizes. Please see Janet Grim or Marilyn Roth for more information. Seating is limited to 100. Buy your tickets now.

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. The cost is \$40.00 per ticket. Tickets on sale now. Tickets are limited. Please contact Minnie Breininger.

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Busy Bees

Busy Bees will have their first hoagie sale of the fall season. They are the same delicious hoagies but we have had to put the price at \$4 this year. We are all aware that the price of food has increased so we hope no one feels this is out of line for the product. The delivery date is September 17<sup>th</sup> with the orders due September 7<sup>th</sup>. If you miss the deadline that Sunday you can call Marilyn Roth at 610 395-3083. We hope you will support us in this project. If you are interested in helping pack orders on the 17<sup>th</sup>, please let Marilyn know. The other dates this fall will be October 15<sup>th</sup> & November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Busy Bees donated \$770 to the church for having the pew cushions made for the pews under the balcony. Thank you for helping to support our projects so we are able to contribute to this.



## Consistory update for August

**St Paul's UCC in Trexlertown sent a thank you to the church for the donation of the offering from the church service that was held for the Bible school performance. This was a combined service with St John's Lutheran. The money was from the cash donations for the Community Emergency Fund. Thank you for the generous support of this ministry.**

**Several more handicap parking spaces will be added this fall.**

**More information about the In-Care Student will come shortly.**

**Richard Boyer is looking for someone to serve on the Budget committee. This committee will meet in September to have the budget ready for the October Congregational Meeting.**