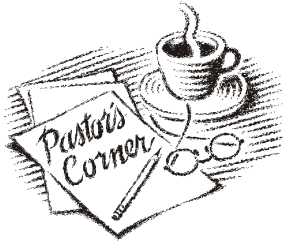




# The Good News Letter

St. John's UCC, Fogelsville, PA

October 2008



## From the Pastor's Desk Greetings in the name of Christ!

Lately, I have been reflecting on an important and fundamental question: church membership... why join?

As I have been thinking about this question, more questions come to mind. For example, why not join another organization that does good things? Or, why can't I just practice what I preach when I'm at home? Why do I have to go to church on Sunday mornings?

These are questions I hear throughout the week, from people who come to church and those who don't. I hear many different reasons why people decide not to come to church. Some folks don't want to share their faith; they want to keep it private. Others are seeking a spirituality that allows for freedom to explore other paths toward God. While for others, it may be as simple as believing in God but not wanting to wake up early on Sunday morning.

While the answers to these questions can be broad and wide, we do have to ask ourselves... why? Why believe? Why belong?

For some of us, we may belong to the church because we have always belonged to the church. For others, we belong because we moved to the neighborhood and wanted a comfortable and welcoming faith community. Some of us belong because of a life changing experience. While others are still seeking to understand God and their faith.

I invite you to reflect on your reasons for coming to church. I encourage you to think about your spiritual journey with Christ. When is it that you decided to belong to our church? What have you learned and experienced that encourages you to belong to our faith community and live as a disciple of Christ?

In the early centuries after Jesus Christ, people would gather together in house churches after

coming to faith in Jesus Christ. These first Christians put their lives and their livelihood at risk for something they believed in. When they joined the church, they weren't joining for coffee hour or programs. They joined because of the Gospel: the good news that death had been defeated. They joined the church because they believed that the love of God and compassion for one another could defeat the powers of oppression and destruction in this world. They joined the church because they believed in Jesus Christ. For that they risked everything.

As we move forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the way we organize our churches is changing, but one thing remains the same: we join the church because of our belief in the gospel. We join the church because we believe that being in mission and ministry is important. We join the church to share the love of God and the hope Christ brings. We join the church as a place to grow in our spirituality, to engage in critical thinking about our faith, to share and support one another, and to be in mission, serving the needs of our community.

May we all live this gospel message with each day of our lives, serving God and one another.

Peace,  
Pastor Joanne



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Anna DeAngelis, Parish Coordinator

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# Ministry Opportunities

Website: [www.stjohnsucc1.org](http://www.stjohnsucc1.org)

## Acolyte

October 5 - Tyler Krause  
October 12 - Alicia Hivizdak  
October 19 - Nathan Kleinschuster  
October 26 - Holly Klotz

## Assisting Ministers

October 5 - Dick Boyer  
October 12 - Dave Roth  
October 19 - Scott Breininger  
October 26 - Janet Grim

## Flowers

October 5 - George Rodenbach  
October 12 -  
October 19 - Donna & Scott Breininger  
October 26 -

## Bulletins

October 5 -  
October 12 -  
October 19 - Donna & Scott Breininger  
October 26 -

## Greeters

October 5 -  
October 12 -  
October 19 -  
October 26 -

## Coffee Hour

October 5 -  
October 12 -  
October 19 -  
October 26 -

## Ushers

October 5 - Scott & Larry  
October 12 - Marge & Jeff  
October 19 - Kay & Mark  
October 26 - 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.



Have an article you would like to submit to the November 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 November Newsletter is at noon on October 20<sup>th</sup>.



The next Consistory meeting will October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



Vanessa Stauffer, Pauline Wagner, Ray Ziegler, Isabel Henninger, Marilyn Mohr, Jane Laudenslager, Marilyn Brown, Adele Yost, Anna Ziegler, 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, Clayton Moyer, Donna Mikolajczyk.



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. We will have informal discussions of faith and life, time to share, support, break bread together, and get to know one another.



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
Psalm 23:1

## WORSHIP FOR: October 2008

*Purposes Only - subject to change as  
circumstance dictate*

Week of October 5, 2008 - 21st Sunday after  
Pentecost/World Wide Communion  
Sunday/Neighbors in Need Special Sunday  
Scriptures: Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-  
46

Sermon: Pastor Joanne  
Hymns: #42 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
#314 Community of Christ  
#332 As We Gather at Your Table

Week of October 12, 2008 - 22nd Sunday after  
Pentecost

Scriptures: Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14  
Sermon: Pastor Joanne  
Hymns: #23 There's a Wideness in God's  
Mercy  
#172 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult  
#55 Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

Week of October 19, 2008 - 23rd Sunday after  
Pentecost

Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew  
22:15-22  
Sermon: Pastor Mike  
Hymns: #1 Immortal, Invisible, God Only  
Wise  
#59 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling  
#565 God, Whose Giving Knows No  
Ending

Week of October 26, 2008 - 24th Sunday after  
Pentecost/Congregational Meeting

Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew  
22:34-46  
Sermon: Pastor Joanne  
Hymns: #49 Ask Me What Great Thing I Know  
#456 More Love to You, O Christ  
#81 God Be With You

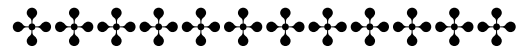
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## October

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 – Alayna Koch  
3 – Mark Getz  
6 – Betty Snyder  
14 – Tina Laudenslager  
14 – Jessica Williamson  
15 – David McDermott  
20 – Wanda & Bruce Fehnel  
20 – Alex Kriebel  
23 – Riley Koch  
23 – Justin Getz  
25 – Jane Laudenslager  
27 – Roger H. Rupp  
29 – James Yost  
29 – Ryan & Jessica Huth  
30 – Noel Peters



## 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.



## Daffodil Days

Daffodil Days are March 16-22, 2009. 5th edition of the Boyd's Bear Carrie N. Hope will be available for sale with a bunch of daffodils for \$25.

They are looking for pre sale coordinators. If you can help, call Rosemarie at 610-921-2329 ext 3109.

## 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 in the church foyer. It is that easy. Please see Jerry Roth if you have any questions about this program.



## 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 Hockak 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).



## Help a Neighbor in Need

Drive a cancer patient to treatment. Volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery Program. Use your own vehicle or one of the Society's vehicle. More and more cancer patients need a ride!

For more information, please contact Karen Schiavone at 610-921-2329 or [karen.schiavone@cancer.org](mailto:karen.schiavone@cancer.org).

## Busy Bees

Busy Bees had their first hoagie sale of the fall season. Please remember that the next one will be October 15 with the deadline for orders on October 5. 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. They are also selling Lehigh Valley Entertainment books for \$20. Books for outside this area can also be ordered. If you would like one please contact Marilyn Roth.

The yearly bill for the exterminating service for the church has been paid by the Busy Bees. The bill was for \$410.40. The exterminator comes four times a year to treat the church inside & outside.

Thank you for helping to support our projects.

Marjorie Cope



## 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@lutherancongregational-services.org.

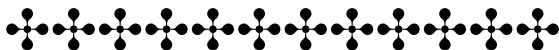
## St. John's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1834-2009

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!

Mark your calendars for our **Basket Party on Monday, October 6, 2008** at 7PM in the Social Hall. Theme baskets 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. 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!



### Ryan's Tree

Ryan's Tree is a bereavement support group for children sponsored by St. Luke's Hospice and VNA at St. John's Lutheran Church beginning Oct. 30th -

December 11th (no session on Thanksgiving) from 6:30 - 8:00 with pizza provided for dinner. To register your child for Ryan's Tree call 610-954-2835. If you would like to volunteer to help, call Pastor MaryAnn at 610 395-5535. There will be a training session on October 14th at 7:00 at St. John's Lutheran Church.

### PNEC Annual Meeting Event

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 with the meal, please see either Janet or Marilyn. Thank you!



### Consistory Update for September

The outside painting of the church will be tabled until next year. There are problems inside the building that need to be addressed first.

The piano project has been put on hold because of the other issues that need to be addressed from a money standpoint. If anyone interested in purchasing a new one for the sanctuary as a memorial gift should contact Scott Breininger.

Church cleanup day is set for November 1. This time is open to anyone interested in helping clean up/ fix up the





church & grounds. This is not just a Consistory project. There are large & small items that can be done to make our church look nicer.

The 2009 budget will be in the hands of the Consistory at the October 13 meeting to be approved & sent on to the congregation at the semi-annual meeting on October 26.

Lauren Sobczak will be approached to serve as the youth delegate at the Conference meeting to be held October 17 & 18 at St John's on the 17th & also at New Tripoli on the 18th.

Marjorie Cope

## Youth Group News

Youth Group will meet the second and fourth Sundays of every month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We will have time for fellowship, games, field trips, and mission service projects. Please come and join us for youth group and bring a friend! Everyone in grade 6 and older are welcome to participate.



## Craft Show

A country Craft Show will be held at Union UCC Neffs on Saturday, October 18, 2008 from 9am to 3pm. There will be crafters, Artisan, demonstrators, Santa's Attic, food, bake sale, farm stand, raffle tickets/drawing. There are various prizes to be won with one grand prize winner. Come out and join the fun.



## Phoebe Home

### Employment Opportunities

An activity coordinator is needed. This is a part-time opportunity which requires 6-8 hours a week. You will help in planning and implementing diversified activity programs for the senior residents. They are seeking someone with creativity along with strong organizational and interpersonal relations skills. The wages are excellent

and it is a professional working environment. For consideration, please call or apply to Gwen McCurdy, Human Resources, 610-794-5200, [gmcurdy@phoebe.org](mailto:gmcurdy@phoebe.org).

Housekeepers and laundry workers are needed for per diem positions. They will work around your other commitments. The hourly rate is \$8.50 per hour. Please apply in person to: Human Resources Department, Haas Administration Building, 1925 Turner Street, Allentown, 610-794-5200.

## Greetings

Greetings to all the members of St. John's U.C.C. of Fogelsville.

My name is Michael McGowan and I will be serving this wonderful church of God as a student pastor for the next 6 months. During this time I hope to get to know a little about each member of this congregation, such as where you are in your faith journey with Christ our savior, some of the struggles you deal with in your lives, or anything else you would feel comfortable

sharing. And since I am on the subject of sharing I would like to share some things about myself.

As I stated above, I am a student and I attend Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster Pa. I am married and have been sharing my life with the same woman for nearly twenty three years now. Her name is Diane and she has a joyful, outgoing personality and spirit. We have two children, Nadean who is our eldest, who recently graduated from Moore College of Art and Design and is presently searching for work in her field of study. She can be a bit reserved but also can be quite the spirited personality once you get to know her. Our son Martin whose personality and spirit was much like his mother's, died suddenly at the age of fifteen, which was nearly four years ago, from complications of the flu. He had a love of baseball that he learned from his father and wanted to continue playing into his college days.

I have always enjoyed sports, mostly baseball and football but I also enjoy going on an invigorating bicycle ride, although since my seminary career began, I have not been able to do this as much as I would like. I also enjoy woodworking and gain satisfaction from fixing things around the house.

I hope this gives you an impression of who I am and I look forward to serving God and this congregation in the coming months. I would love for you, if you are able, to come and say Hi.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mike



*for we are labourers  
together with god.*

*1 corinthians 3:9*