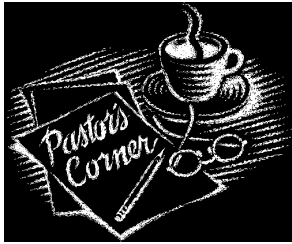




# The Good News Letter

St. John's UCC, Fogelsville, PA

November 2008



## From the Pastor's Desk

*God has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does our GOD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8*

Greetings in the name of Christ!

This month, an election is upon us. I have to warn you, that there is a social studies teacher deep within my heart and soul who wants to encourage you to exercise your right to vote. I am grateful for the many women and men who have walked the journey of life before me. I am ever thankful for their struggles for my freedom. I am proud and honored for their service and sacrifice to have the ability and responsibility to vote.

Now, this is NOT a plug for a party or a candidate. It is NOT an attempt to have another commercial or argument for a political party. My hope as Christians is that we embrace Jesus' call to us to love God and our neighbors. It is through our faith that we remember that Jesus calls us so that we all may be one, serving the Lord and sharing our love with one another and the world. To be faithful disciples, we embody the message of Christ and carry it into the world.

Still, we must recognize the gift that we receive every time we walk into a voting booth. And so I share with you a prayer for election day. May your heart and mind be guided by your conscience and your faith. May God be with you!

### **Be With Us, God of Truth**

Loving God, we come to you as your people,  
those who have heard Jesus' call  
to follow in a life of discipleship.  
We have the desire to do what is right,

but sometimes we lack clarity  
to evaluate the choices before us.

We seek the guidance of your Spirit  
to discern the challenges of our world.

The issues before us are complex, yet our values are simple:

You ask us to be compassionate and just.

Help us to see how the principles  
that guide us in our close relationships  
can apply to the larger context of public service  
and righteous governance.

We seek to be just and merciful

in our families, in our communities, in our nation, and  
in our world.

Guide us, we pray.

We have received much, and much will be asked of  
us.

Be with us, God of truth,  
as we strive to be light in our world,  
makers of justice and peace.



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# Ministry Opportunities

## Acolyte

- November 2 - Holly Klotz
- November 9 - Courtney Moyer
- November 16 - Ralla Roth
- November 23 - William Roth
- November 30 - Bryan Sobczak

## Assisting Ministers

- November 2 - Scott Breininger
- November 9 - Sue Snyder
- November 16 - Ray Ziegler
- November 23 - Marge Cope
- November 30 - Marilyn Roth

## Flowers

- November 2 -
- November 9 - Tracy, John, & Katie Kleinschuster
- November 16 - Michael and Donna Mikolojczvk
- November 23 - Debra Larison
- November 30 -

## Bulletins

- November 2 -
- November 9 -
- November 16 - Michael and Donna Mikolojczvk
- November 23 -
- November 30 -

## Greeters

- November 2 -
- November 9 -
- November 16 - Michael and Donna Mikolojczvk
- November 23 -
- November 30 -

## Coffee Hour

- November 2 -
- November 9 - Tracy, John, & Katie Kleinschuster
- November 16 - Michael and Donna Mikolojczvk
- November 23 -
- November 30 - Donna Breininger, Nancy Moyer, Sue Edelman

## Ushers

- November 2 - Jeff & Marge
- November 9 - Kay & Mark
- November 16 - Marilyn & Warren
- November 23 - Scott & Larry
- November 30 - Jeff & Marge

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 December 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 December** Newsletter is at noon on November 17th.



**The next Consistory meeting will November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**



Vanessa Stauffer, Pauline Wagner, Ray Ziegler, Isabel Henninger, Marilyn Mohr, Jane Laudenslager, Marilyn Brown, Adele Yost, Anna Ziegler, Kenneth Reichert, Pearl Heintzeman, Sallie Ebert, Arlene Coombe, Betty Wagner, Doris Mohr, Lisa Neumoyer, Bill & Jean Larison, Lorraine Grim, Jean Mohr, Marilyn Roth, Jeanette Paduch, Perma Eisenhard, Jeffrey Lambert, Clayton Moyer, Donna Mikolajczyk.



## WORSHIP FOR: November, 2008

Week of November 2, 2008 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion Sunday/All Saints Sunday

Scriptures: Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: Pastor Joanne

Hymns:#305 You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim

#299 For All the Saints

#382 Come, We Who Love God's Name

Week of November 9, 2008 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon: Pastor Joanne

Hymns:#422 Come, O Thankful People, Come

#312 We Love Your Realm, O God

#565 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Week of November 16, 2008 - 27th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon: Pastor Mike

Hymns:#491 Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

#25 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

#436 God of Grace and God of Glory

Week of November 23, 2008 - Reign of Christ Sunday

Scriptures: Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: Pastor Joanne

Hymns:#275 Come Now Almighty God

#7 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

#301 Crown With Your Richest Crowns

Wednesday, November Thanksgiving Eve Service

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

Sermon: Pastor Joanne

Service: St. John's Lutheran Church

Week of November 30, 2008 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: Pastor Joanne

Hymns:#122 Come Now O Long Expected Jesus

#101 Comfort, Comfort O My People

#104 We Hail You God's Anointed

For Planning Purposes Only - subject to change as circumstance dictate



## November Anniversaries and Birthdays

1 – Isabel Henninger

2 – Lauren Sobczak

9 – Lou Edelman

9 – Nathan Kleinschuster

10 – Jennifer and John Marsteller

19 – Andrea Scott

21 – Nicole Moyer

21 – Holly Klotz

26 – Lorraine Grim

26 – Bill Larison

27 – Herman Dietrich

29 – Herman Rupp

29 – Anna Ziegler



## 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.



## Confirmation Retreat

There will be a confirmation retreat

on November 1st from 9:00-4:00.

## 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.



## Busy Bees

Lehigh Valley Entertainment books are available for \$20. Books for outside this area can also be ordered. If you would like one please contact Marilyn Roth. Thank you for helping to support our project.

The sticky bun sale is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th. The prices are : \$4.50 for the plain & \$5 for the nut, raisin or coconut topping ones. The due date for the orders is December 4th.

There is a hoagie sale in progress for delivery on the 19th of November with the orders due by Sunday, November 9th. This will be the last one until Spring. Any late orders can be called in to Marilyn Roth at 610 395-3083.

Christmas candy will be for sale at \$10 a pound & \$11 a pound for the nut & sugar free. Orders will be due the 23rd of November with delivery the very beginning of December. Beulah Snyder will take orders or she can be reached at 610 285-6608.



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.

## Consistory Notes from the October meeting

The 2009 budget was approved by the consistory for presentation during the worship service on October 26th.

Jeff Grim reported that the anniversary committee will try to have a meeting before the holidays.

Clean up is scheduled for November 1st from 9-12. Any one free to help that day is welcome. It is not just a consistory event.

There are several items stored at the church no longer needed that will be available for sale to anyone in the congregation or possibly put on e-bay or Craigslist. Contact Scott Breining.



## Food Drive

This is a hard time for so many people who have lost jobs or are in dire straits & are in grave need for food to feed their families. We are asking everyone to help put food in the food pantry especially at this holiday time that is coming up. Maybe you could contribute an item each Sunday or a bag full once or twice. We know that some of our own members may need help, too. If each of us helps in this drive we can make a difference. Pattie Mihalik who writes the column "Warmest Regards" in the Parkland Press said "that we are all faced with our own financial problems. But if you can afford to eat, you can afford to help others do the same thing. But when all donations are added together, a few families won't go hungry". Let's see if

we can make a difference for those who are hurting at this time & have trouble feeding their families. Boxes will be placed in the foyer for your donations.



## Office hours

The week of the 16<sup>th</sup> the hours will be Monday 10-1, Wednesday 10-2 and Friday 10-1  
The week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> the hours will be Monday and Wednesday 10-1, Tuesday 10-2.

## St. John's 175th Anniversary 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!

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 Breiningner.

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!



## 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.



## Thanksgiving Eve Services

There will be a combined service of St John's UCC and Lutheran Churches at 7:00 at St John's Lutheran Church.



## Alzheimer's Foundation of America

National Memory Screening Day will be held on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm at the Phoebe Retirement Community, 1940 Turner Street, Allentown. The screening takes 5-10 minutes and consists of questions and/ or tasks to assess memory and other cognitive functions. Call 610-794-6555 for more information or to reserve your place. [www.phoebe.org](http://www.phoebe.org)

## *Thank you Corner*

Gloria Wolford wants to convey A great big "thank you" to everyone who sent cards, and the phone calls while she was recovering from her broken foot. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Marilyn Roth, Janet Grim, Minnie Breiningner, Roseann Laudenslager, Warren Boyer, Sue Edelman, Gladys Rupp, Gloria Wolford, Lorraine Grim, Kay Kleinschuster and all of the congregation who worked hard to support our basket party! We thank you for all of the donations of baked goods and baskets. We couldn't have had such a success without you! Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the desserts after the funeral of Leona Kocher on the 10th of October, for the help with the luncheon after the funeral of Christine Dietrich on October, 20th & the many people who helped in the preparation of food for the pot pie, pickled cabbage & applesauce as well as

the baked goods & desserts & other jobs that were performed for the dinner served to the Penn Northeast Conference members who attended the meeting held at the church on Friday night, October 17th. We ask for help & it is freely given & we all thank you for that.



### **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.



### **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).