

THE EAGLE



AUGUST 6 - 12 - HC SPIRIT CAMP (PASTOR ALICE AWAY)

AUGUST 7 - WORSHIP, COMMUNION - PASTOR SALLY DRIES - 10 AM

AUGUST 14 - WORSHIP AM

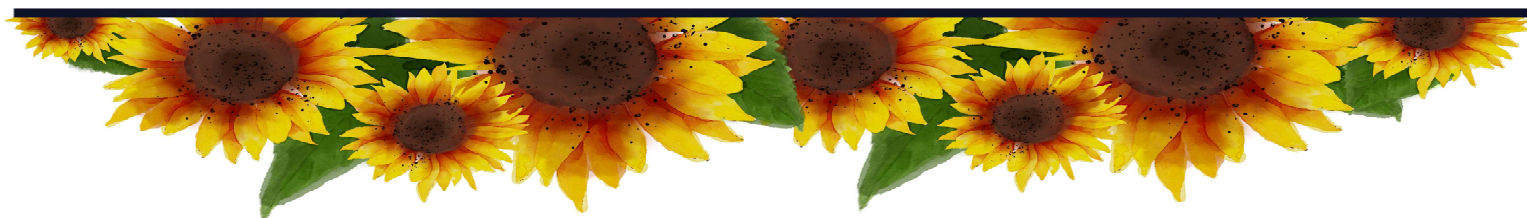
AUGUST 20 - VESPERS SERVICE (PAVILION) - 5 PM

AUGUST 21 - WORSHIP 10 AM

AUGUST 28 - WORSHIP 10 AM

AUGUST 27 - YARD SALE SET-UP (MONDAYS AT 10 AM, PAVILION)

AUGUST 31 - YARD SALE (PAVILION)



August

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I am sharing a blessing from Kate Bowler that touches my heart every time I read it. It reminded me of a friendship in one of my favorite medical shows that has the friends describing each other by saying, "You are my person".

I am blessed to have "persons" in my life - people who notice me, love me, hear my stories and hold all of who I am in gentle kindness. Thanks be to God for these people. I notice that many of these "persons" are people of faith who travel the way with me. I also notice that much of what I see at St. John's UCC in Lewisburg is people being each other's persons - noticing, supporting and loving one another in the fullness of life and faith. ANOTHER thing I see at St. John's UCC is that you don't have to have been around forever in order to be "personed" (is that even a word ... lol) here at St. John's. I am overwhelmed by and grateful for the openness I see among the community of faith here. What a blessing and what a testament to Christ's person!

Thank you! In Christ's love, Pastor Alice

A blessing for being someone's person (here or gone, we love you)

Blessed are the noticers.

The ones who see the story in its fullness.

Blessed are the attend-ers.

The witness-bearers.

The story-holders.

The ones who tiptoe to the edge right alongside us,
knowing that the very act will break their heart in pieces too.

Blessed are those who are amazed by a life lived
in its fragility, its brevity, its beauty.

Blessed are the ones who stand close enough to say: "BEHOLD."

BEHOLD.

This is their love.

This is their dumb hobby.

These are the people they loved through every hilarious failure.

These are their bad habits and favorite songs.

This is the marvel I get to know.

Behold. This is not a problem to be solved. This is a person to be loved.

And how lucky are we?

These people.

These loves.

These precious, precious, precious days.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

This blessing is inspired from a conversation with [Ann Patchett on the Everything Happens podcast](#). By Kate Bowler

AUGUST

Birthdays & Anniversaries

08/01 Addie Miller

08/05 Thomas Ransdorf

08/06 Jean Hartman

08/08 Deborah Blandford

08/09 Donna Dreese

08/11 Chuck Laudermilch

08/15 William Hoban Jr

08/18 Vicki Fennell

08/26 Janet Roberts

08/28 Rev. James Johnson

08/02 Deb & Barry Catherman

08/03 Brenda & Don Adams

08/06 Katharyn Gary Nottis

08/12 Nancy & Jerry Weslosky

08/21 Ann & Joseph Lingenfelter

08/25 Kimberly & Matt Roberts

08/28 Barbara & Bill Kugler



NEW AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEM - CONSIDER DONATING

During the past two years, our virtual church audience has been growing as people tuned in to Facebook or YouTube to view our worship services. Our service is now being viewed regularly by more than 100 people each week on-line.

During the past year, we have been investigating upgrades to our system in order to be able to deliver a higher-quality service for people to view from their homes. Our church Consistory made the decision at its most recent meeting to move ahead with the upgrades which will cost approximately \$80,000.

Consistory has set aside the funds to pay for this project, but we believe that many members will want to contribute to this effort, which will continue to expand our outreach. If you would like to contribute to the upgrade of our audio/video system, you can make a contribution through your church envelope or send a contribution directly to the church office in support of this project.



Wired Word Study Group

The monthly (4th Thursday of the Month) Zoom meeting for the Wired Word Study Group will be held on **Thursday, August 25th, at 7pm via ZOOM**

If you'd like to participate, please call the Church Office, 570-523-0162.

The Wired Word Group meeting will be on hiatus until August.



200TH ANNIVERSARY of ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dear Members and Friends of St. John's UCC,

The history of our congregation is rich and fruitful, with stories of many faithful generations of followers of Christ that have made an impact on our communities and our world. In 2024 we will have the privilege and joy of celebrating our 200th anniversary. We are hoping to start planning soon for our celebration year.

The first step will be to create a 200th anniversary planning team to start shaping plans for 2024. We have a couple of people who have indicated their interest in serving on this team. If you would like to be a part of this exciting team, please let Pastor Alice or Don Adams know. We hope to start meeting soon.



Rally Day with KJ!

Mark your calendars for **St. John's Rally Day, Sunday, September 11th**, featuring our special musical guest KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner! KJ will share songs during the worship service with her signature warmth and insight. Invite your family and friends, and stay for a potluck picnic in the pavilion following the service. We will hold a freewill offering for the performance.

Messy Church - Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for the next Messy Church at St. John's. We'll gather on **Sunday, October 9, from 3:30pm-5:30pm**, for fun activities, a brief worship time and a sit-down meal.

Messy Church is a church for people at all stages of their faith journey. People of all ages and family configurations are welcome. Parents and caregivers should plan to stay and enjoy Messy Church with their family. We hope you can come!





Our July Gratitude Baskets for the Watsontown Nursing and Rehab Center were greeted with much enthusiasm. Our Center Contact was working the floor and wanted to be sure that the entire St. John's U.C.C. congregation know how very, very much their entire facility appreciate our monthly baskets and expressions of Thanks for their work. Four staff members came right over immediately to check it out and make some selections, also voicing their thanks and joy for receiving the treats. We always send a special little note and "something" for our resident, St. John member, Evelyn Mabus. This visit was special because she was awake and chatting. She loved the smaller sized quilt and expressed how much she loves and misses coming to St. John's. She misses everyone, but was able to name Ruth Richard and Todd specifically, which she thought was pretty fantastic for her 100 year old memory, we do too!

In August, we are hoping to do something special, "On the Cool Side", details will be coming in the next couple weeks. Your Mission and Social Action Committee

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

Dear Members of St. John's UCC Quilters,

My wife Carol and I are residents at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village. On June 3 of this year I broke my ankle and after surgery, I was admitted to the Rehab section in the Nursing Center. During Pastor Marian's initial visit with me she offered me one of the blankets "made with love" by members of your group.

I want to thank you for your hard work, kindness and generosity in providing this gift. I also want you to know that even though I am now back home, continuing my recuperation, I also continue to use the blanket: it is just the right size and weight to keep me comfortable. The squares of beige and brown provide an eye-pleasing pattern, and the brown flannel backing is the essence of "cozy". Each time I use it and glimpse the label, I thank God for you and ask God to bless you and your unique ministry!

In Jesus' name,
Chuck Weinrich



JUNE 2022 REPORT

Current Operating Receipts	\$ 23,807.70
Current Operating Disbursements	\$ - 9,176.45
Current Operating Balance	\$ -14,640.25

ST. JOHN'S QUILTERS, KNITTERS, KNOTTERS AND MORE

Do you enjoy sewing, knitting or crocheting? If so, please consider joining St. John's Quilters, Knitters, Knotters and More. We meet monthly and then work on projects at home. Maybe you would like to make prayer shawls for adolescent girls in detention at Danville or to knit blankets for new babies and their mothers at Evangelical Hospital. Perhaps you would like to piece together a quilt or sew one for a child being placed in foster care, someone battling cancer or an elder adjusting to a nursing home environment. Our quilts are given to a variety of individuals with multiple needs. Since January 1, 2022, we have already distributed 117 quilts! If you really don't sew much, perhaps you would like to knot quilts that have been made. If you don't know how to do something, we're happy to teach you. We have a variety of colorful material and backing stored at St. John's for use on these projects. Whatever your skill level, everyone is welcome -- older or younger, female or male. Our next meeting will be held **Monday, August 8 at 9-11AM in the Community Room. Please consider joining us! The need is great, and we can reach so many more people when we work together.**



AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

Lock-up:

Lay-Reader: COLLEEN ROSS

Preparation of Communion Elements: CAROL BERRY

AUGUST	Children's Church	OPENER/FLOWER DEL.
7	DURING WORSHIP	LINDA SARTWELL
14	DURING WORSHIP	
21	DURING WORSHIP	
28	DURING WORSHIP	

AUGUST	FLOWER SPONSORS	Acolyte
7	SUE & JIM TOMLINSON	Keira Aulenbach
14	NANCY & GERRY WESLOSKY	Keira Aulenbach
21	KAY & GARY NOTTIS	Keira Aulenbach
28		Keira Aulenbach

AUGUST	WELCOMING TEAM
7	SUE & JIM TOMLINSON
14	
21	DOTTIE WILIKINS
28	



Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Indoors or online
via Facebook or YouTube

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here!

MONTHLY COMMUNION MISSIONS

August - Donald Heiter Center

September - Ingathering for the Food Pantry

SPECIAL OFFERING IN SEPTEMBER - Harvest Home

October - William Cameron Engine Company

YARD SALE - SAVE THE DATE

Hope you all have been packing up your goodies for the yard sale on **August 31st**. If you have smaller items - clothing, books, puzzles, etc - please put them in the church nursery. If you have larger items - furniture, tools, outdoor equipment, etc - please put it in the garage or under the pavilion. We will start sorting on Mondays at 10am on Aug 1st. Any questions call Linda Sartwell 570-966-1101.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

St. John's Trunk-or-Treat will be held on **Sunday, October 30th, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM** in the East parking lot. Bring your car, decorate your trunk, and hand out candy to the children.

This activity provides a safe place for the community children to celebrate Halloween. Admission is free, and we'll be collecting canned goods again this year for the local food pantry.

We need everyone's help and participation to make this a fun and safe event. Please put it on your calendar. It will be more fun with lots of cars and friendly faces!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 10:00am WORSHIP	1 12:00pm CALL TO CARE (PAR) 2:00pm WORSHIP/MUSIC (LIB) 6:00pm SOCCER 7:00pm HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE (SANCT.)	2 10:30am Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH) 6:00pm SOCCER 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 60006 (PAV) 7:00pm Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	3 6:00pm SOCCER	4 9:00am PEO (FH/PAR) 9:00am TOPS (CR) 9:00am WW (FH) 1:30pm Trailside Troubadours (FH) 7:00pm Building & Grounds (PAR) 7:00pm Women's Barbershop Chorus (CHLRM)	5	6
7 CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 10:00am WORSHIP - COMMUNION	8 9:00am Kinder Music (Pav/FH) 9:00am ST. JOHN'S QUILTERS, KNITTERS & MORE (CR) 7:00pm CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE (ZOOM)	9 9:00am Kinder Music (Pav/FH) 10:30am Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 60006 (PAV) 7:00pm Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	10 9:00am Kinder Music (Pav/FH)	11 9:00am Kinder Music (Pav/FH) 9:00am TOPS (CR) 9:00am WW (FH) 1:30pm Trailside Troubadours (FH) 6:00pm REJOICING SPIRITS (SANCT.) 7:00pm MISSIONS/SOCIAL ACTION COMM. (LIB) 7:00pm Women's Barbershop Chorus (CHLRM)	12 9:00am Kinder Music (Pav/FH)	13
14 CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 10:00am WORSHIP	15 6:00pm Evan. Child Loss Support group (CR) 7:00pm FINANCE/PERSONNEL (ZOOM)	16 10:30am Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 60006 (PAV) 7:00pm Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	17	18 9:00am TOPS (CR) 9:00am WW (FH) 1:30pm Trailside Troubadours (FH) 5:00pm SUSQUEHANNA CHILDREN'S CHOIR auditions 7:00pm CONSISTORY (ZOOM) 7:00pm Women's Barbershop Chorus (CHLRM)	19	20 5:00pm VESPER SERVICE (PAV)
21 CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 10:00am WORSHIP	22	23 10:30am Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH) 4:00pm Soccer Shots 6:30pm Committee on Ministry (ZOOM) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 60006 (PAV) 7:00pm Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	24	25 9:00am TOPS (CR) 9:00am WW (FH) 1:30pm Trailside Troubadours (FH) 7:00pm WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM) 7:00pm Women's Barbershop Chorus (CHLRM)	26	27
28 CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 10:00am WORSHIP 1:00pm Piece Makers Quilters (FH)	29 5:00pm SUSQUEHANNA CHILDREN'S CHOIR	30 10:30am Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH) 4:00pm Soccer Shots 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 60006 (PAV) 7:00pm Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	31 8:00am ST. JOHN'S YARD SALE (PAV)	1 9:00am TOPS (CR) 9:00am WW (FH) 1:30pm Trailside Troubadours (FH) 7:00pm Building & Grounds (PAR) 7:00pm Women's Barbershop Chorus (CHLRM)	2	3