

THE EAGLE

JULY 3 - OUTDOOR WORSHIP - COMMUNION - 10 AM

JULY 3 - COMMUNITY PICNIC - 11 AM, PAVILION

JULY 7 - DINNER BY THE RIVER

JULY 10 - WORSHIP, 10 AM

JULY 10 - MESSY CHURCH - 3:30 - 5:30 PM

JULY 17 - WORSHIP, 10 AM

JULY 24 - WORSHIP, 10 AM

JULY 31 - WORSHIP - 10 AM



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From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam ... I was recently reminded of the incredible diversity of the terrain of the United States of America. As I write this article I am sitting on a deck on a mountain with a gorgeous view of the rolling hills of South Central Kentucky. The terrain is unique and particular to the area. The winding roads and hilly area are exquisitely green and beautiful, with livestock and wild animals peppering the hills with life. The terrain and culture are unique and yet at the same time we could find ourselves in the middle of "every town" USA with interesting and fun residents. We learned that this area has one of the highest number of persons living in poverty, with almost 43% of children affected by that reality.

So, here we are, in this beautiful location, meeting people in many different kinds of circumstances and striving to be a part of the work of Henderson Settlement's important work. Having been here just over 24 hours, I am already appreciating the variety of ways ministry is being shared with the surrounding communities full of rich tradition among people with a great desire to raise those children with hope and purpose.

Henderson Settlement has an amazing philosophy of sharing the love of Christ with the world - and being the hands and feet of Christ in the community. The facility includes a Thrift Store, Monthly Food Distribution, a ministry to accompany Mothers from their pregnancy through their child's preschool years, an after school and summer program for children, a woman's group, a youth group, and a variety of other ministries of love in the area. Most recently, there is a house built for someone in the community with work groups coming in the summer months to complete the construction with the family. The work begins with listening to the needs of the community and working alongside the folks of the communities every stop of the way.

One day into the time here, we are learning about the Volunteers in Mission work of which we are a part. There are groups here from Pennsylvania, Florida and West Virginia this week. Each group is unique, with small groups and large groups working alongside one another. The day might be a bit long and exhausting, but definitely worthwhile and appreciated. We have 3 people representing St. John's this week and we look forward to sharing more details about the week and reflections around the experience. I am sure we will have interesting stories to tell.

While I look forward to sharing stories and details, for right now I hope this information will remind us to give thanks for the beauty and variety of our country and our world.

I also wonder if hearing about Henderson Settlement might encourage us as individuals and a congregation to continue to hear God's call to serve in our unique location with our communities' unique and real needs.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on your behalf in this exciting and rewarding way. Thank you for your support and your prayers.

See you soon!

Pastor Alice



JULY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

07/04 Darryl Dreese
 07/06 Dorothy Bower
 07/07 Robert Brouse
 07/07 Daniel Saltsgiver
 07/08 Carol Laudermilch
 07/12 William Kugler
 07/18 Brian Griffith
 07/18 Caleb Ransdorf
 07/18 Janet Zug
 07/24 Bill Ledgerwood
 07/25 Erin DeSantis
 07/27 Ann Hilliard
 07/28 William Fennell
 07/28 Alain Paradis

07/03 Williams, Linda & Wayne
 07/07 Bingaman, Lisa & Brad
 07/20 Griffith, Rita & Brian
 07/27 Dreese, Donna & Darryl
 07/30 Reitz, Molly & Jeff
 07/30 Brown, Sharon & Clair



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.

Messy Church - Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for the next Messy Church at St. John's. We'll gather on Sunday, July 10, from 3:30pm-5:30pm, for fun activities, a brief worship time and a sit-down meal.

The theme for this summertime Messy Church is a story from Exodus, when God led the Israelites safely through the desert. God never left them, whether it was day or night. Just like the Israelites, God comforts us and helps us find our way.

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!





ADAM SNAYBERGER

High School, a time in our lives we dream of when we are younger and as we get older, a time we dream to go back to. Some say they are the best days of your life and now that I have completed my time in high school, I can say I agree.

The days seem to go by so slow, but the years go by so fast. Although the past four years have gone so fast, I have been involved in many different activities and extracurriculars

throughout my time as a high schooler. From sports, student council, key club, to being a member of National Honors society, and even a little time in the drama club, my days at Mifflinburg were quite busy.

Coming into my freshman year of high school my mindset shifted and I wanted a new start, I started playing all new sports, including tennis and golf. I played both for all four years of high school receiving varsity letters in both all through high school.

My senior year I had the privilege of competing in the district tournament for tennis, to give my final high school sport experience an appropriate conclusion. I was also a part of the student council during my time at Mifflinburg. I held the position of Vice President for two years and was a member for all four.

I have participated in multiple community service events through this group and that has allowed me to gain new connections and relationships with people throughout our area. My participation in the drama club also played a big role in shaping my high school experience. Most of my time was spent behind the scenes being a part of the building and stage crew.

My senior year of high school I attended SUN Area Technical Institute, in the HVAC and Plumbing program. With the skills I gained there, I was able to take that education and turn it into a career.

I left school early on a Co-op opportunity working for Silvertip Inc. I am currently working full time and most of summer following graduation will be spent at Bucknell University as I take on my first project with Silvertip! I hope to continue my HVAC career for many years down the road!

ALEX CATHERMAN

Alex graduated with honors from Pennsylvania College of Technology on May 14, 2022 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Information Technology and User Support. Alex received the M & T Bank Award presented to a graduate of an information technology associate degree program who has demonstrated a high degree of leadership ability and excellence in programming, networking and other information technology curricula, and who has maintained a consistently high level of scholastic achievement and plans to enter the information technology field. Alex continues to work part-time at McDonald's in Mifflinburg while searching for a job in his chosen field.

ASHLEY GRIFFITH

Ashley graduated with her BS in Education & Public Policy. She accomplished her goal of graduating with a 4.0, something she worked very hard at. In her last two years with the Blue Band she was Co-Captain of the Drumline. It was here that Ashley stayed connected to her musical roots and established friendships that she will have for a lifetime! Ashley was also selected for the Presidential Leadership Academy (PLA) in her sophomore year. Through her internship with the PLA Ashley discovered her future path. She will return to Penn State in the fall where she will be a graduate assistant pursuing her Masters of Education in Higher Education Administration and Leadership.

JUSTIN CATHERMAN

Justin graduated from SUN Area Technical Institute on May 25, 2022 with a certificate in Masonry. All students in the Masonry program received the teamwork award from Shaffer Landscapes. Justin graduated from Mifflinburg High School on June 4, 2022. Justin is currently searching for employment.

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

Dear St. John's UCC,

What a magnificent gift! I love quilts and this one is gorgeous! Thank you so much. The colors are my favorites and you put them together perfectly. I love the flannel backing!

Thank you for this lovely quilt.

Rachael Hungerford

Dear Congregation and Pastor Alice,

Thank you for the love and support shown to us upon Rue's passing. Also for the surprise food and meat trays you sent home with us to help sustain us.

Rick, Sarah and Rachel Erdman

Dear Friends at St. John's,

We wish to thank the Congregation and Pastor Alice for your Prayers, phone calls, cards and the beautiful quilt.

Please continue prayers for Cliff and his healing.

We are truly blessed!

Love, your friends,

Cliff and Jean Ressler



MAY 2022 REPORT

Current Operating Receipts	\$ 14,163.49
Current Operating Disbursements	\$ - <u>18,439.34</u>
Current Operating Balance	\$ - 4,275.95

JULY VOLUNTEERS

Lock-up: **DON ADAMS**

Lay-Reader: **SARAH ERDMAN**

Preparation of Communion Elements: **DIANNA SPICKLER**

JULY	Children's Church	OPENER/FLOWER DEL.
3	DURING WORSHIP	CAROL ANN BERRY
10	DURING WORSHIP	
17	DURING WORSHIP	
24	DURING WORSHIP	
31		

JULY	FLOWER SPONSORS	Acolyte
3	SUE & JIM TOMLINSON	Keira Aulenbach
10	MARVIN BORDER	Keira Aulenbach
17	BETH MOSER	Keira Aulenbach
24		Keira Aulenbach
31		

JULY	WELCOMING TEAM
3	SUE & JIM TOMLINSON
10	CAROLYN WATSON / DOTTIE WILKINS
17	DOT & ART BOWER
24	CAROL ANN BERRY
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Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Indoors or online
via Facebook or YouTube

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

MONTHLY COMMUNION MISSIONS

July - Heifer Project

August - Donald Heiter Center

September - Ingathering for the Food Pantry

SPECIAL OFFERING IN SEPTEMBER - Harvest Home

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, but not until after the July 3 worship service. We will start sorting on Mondays at 10am on Aug 1st. Any questions call Linda Sartwell 570-966-1101.



Church Garden 2022

We are planning our vegetable garden mission for 2022.

In 2021 produce from our six raised-beds was donated to The Union County Food Hub, which is our local site for the Union-Snyder Hunger Coalition.

During the growing season, help is needed for planting, soil preparation, weeding and harvesting. If you would like to volunteer to help with the garden this year, please contact Don Adams at dcadams@ptd.net.



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
26	CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 10:00am WORSHIP 1:00pm Girl Scout Troop 60026 (PAV) 1:30pm Piece Makers Quilter's (PAV/FH)	27	OFFICES CLOSED - FOURTH OF JULY	28	10:30am Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH) 6:30pm Committee on Ministry (ZOOM) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 60006 (PAV) 7:00pm Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	29	7:00am Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH)	30	9:00am TOPS (CR) 1:30pm Trailside Troubadours (FH) 7:00pm Women's Barbershop Chorus (CH, RM)	1	OFFICES CLOSED	2	
3	CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 10:00am OUTDOOR WORSHIP/COMMUNION (PAV)	4	OFFICES CLOSED - FOURTH OF JULY	5	10:30am Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 60006 (PAV) 7:00pm Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	6	7:00am Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH)	7	9:00am TOPS (CR) 1:30pm Trailside Troubadours (FH) 7:00pm Building & Grounds (PAR) 7:00pm Women's Barbershop Chorus (CH, RM)	8		9	
10	CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 10:00am WORSHIP 3:30pm MESSY CHURCH (WHOLE BUILDING)	11	9:00am Kinder Music (Pav) 9:00am ST. JOHN'S QUILTERS, KNITTERS & MORE (CR) 2:00pm WORSHIP/MUSIC (LIB) 6:00pm SOCCER 7:00pm CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE (ZOOM)	12	9:00am Kinder Music (Pav) 10:30am Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH) 6:00pm SOCCER 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 60006 (PAV) 7:00pm Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	13	7:00am Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH) 9:00am Kinder Music (Pav) 6:00pm SOCCER	14	9:00am Kinder Music (Pav) 9:00am TOPS (CR) 1:30pm Trailside Troubadours (FH) 6:00pm REJOICING SPIRITS (SANCT.) 7:00pm MISSION/SOCIAL ACTION COMM. (LIB) 7:00pm Women's Barbershop Chorus (CH, RM)	15	9:00am Kinder Music (Pav)	16	
17	CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 10:00am WORSHIP	18	6:00pm Evan. Child Loss Support group (CR) 6:00pm SOCCER 7:00pm FINANCE/PERSONNEL (ZOOM)	19	10:30am Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH) 6:00pm SOCCER 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 60006 (PAV) 7:00pm Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	20	7:00am Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH) 6:00pm SOCCER	21	9:00am TOPS (CR) 1:30pm Trailside Troubadours (FH) 7:00pm CONSISTORY (ZOOM) 7:00pm Women's Barbershop Chorus (CH, RM)	22		23	
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31	CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 10:00am WORSHIP	1	12:00pm CALL TO CARE (PAR) 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	7:00am Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH) 6:00pm SOCCER	4	9:00am PEO (FH/ PAR) 9:00am TOPS (CR) 1:30pm Trailside Troubadours (FH) 7:00pm Building & Grounds (PAR) 7:00pm Women's Barbershop Chorus (CH, RM)	5		6	