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MAY 1 - WORSHIP - COMMUNION - 10 am
MAY 1 - EVANGELICAL HOSPICE MEMORIAL - 2 pm
MAY 8 - WORSHIP - MOTHERS' DAY - 10 am
MAY 11 - P.E.O. PORCH SALE - 8 am - 3 pm
MAY 14 - PCC-UCC SMALL CHURCH WORKSHOP - 930 -1
MAY 15 - WORSHIP 10 am
MAY 17 - ELECTION DAY (FELLOWSHIP HALL) 7 am - 8 pm
MAY 21 - BUFFALO VALLEY SINGERS' CONCERT - 7:30 pm
MAY 22 - WORSHIP 10 am
MAY 22 - BUFFALO VALLEY SINGERS' CONCERT - 3 pm
MAY 29 - WORSHIP - 10 am
MAY 30 - MEMORIAL DAY, OFFICES CLOSED



DATED MATERIAL

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I am starting to look at the curriculum for summer camp this year, which is scheduled for August 6th through 12th. Yes, I love camp. Yes, I love outdoor ministries! I am hoping some of our members can experience and enjoy the profound ways in which we find ourselves encountering God during a day or a week at camp.

Our theme for 2022 is "What's in a Name". As I started going through the materials for the first day there was a good bit of conversation about how campers can introduce themselves and get to know one another. It seems to me that this "getting to know you" dynamic is working in other ways right now. The last couple of years with varieties of levels of isolation and disconnect has brought about a need for some to get to know each other all over again. As I think about organizations and clergy groups in which I participate I think about how many people from those groups have been only "faces on a screen" for quite some time. I look forward to seeing them in person, sitting in the same room with them and (dare I say) shaking hands or giving them a hug.

In some way this will be like "meeting them again for the first time" (to adapt a title from Marcus Borg). The camp curriculum reminds us that when "we come together in a new gathering such as the first day of camp, we always begin with introductions, both formally and informally. What's your name? Where are you from? Is this your first time in camp? What do you like? What don't you like? Some may be concerned that what you say for your introduction may condition how others deal with you for the rest of the time you are together. For example, if I accidentally share my funny nickname, other might make fun of me all week. Or I might share something about myself that I might not be able to live up to. For example, if I say I am a good singer, I would have to be a good singer when it comes time for us to sing. What if I lose my voice during camp by shouting too loudly during some games and I'm not able to sing!

The story of the burning bush describes Moses' first meeting with God. Like every first meeting, there were introductions—Moses to God and God to Moses. When Moses introduced himself, he might have said something like this:

My name is Moses, which comes from the Hebrew verb "to pull out or draw out," as in "out of water." I was given this name because when I was a baby, Pharaoh's daughter rescued me from the river Nile. She hired my birth mother to be my nurse and raised me up in Pharaoh's court. One day, I saw some of my people, the Israelites, being abused by the Egyptians and I couldn't stand it. So I did something terrible and got into trouble and I ran away. I ended up in Median, married a pretty girl from a well-to-do family, and had a son whom I named Gershom, which means "a sojourner here." I am living a pretty good life tending sheep these days.

But God already knew all that because God called him by his name. God might have thought: "Why is a guy with name like Moses tending sheep? Is he not living up to his potential?" God had a plan to help the Israelites to escape Egypt that involved crossing the Red Sea to arrive at safety. God needed someone with a name like Moses to pull God's people out of the water. Therefore, Moses had a lot to live up to.

After the basic introduction, God told Moses what God saw, heard, and felt. ... The cries of injustice have reached me. I've seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. So get going, I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

God still had not offered a name. In this new relationship Moses needed more information as he considered accepting this mission. "If I now come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they are going to ask me, 'What's this God's name?' What am I supposed to say to them?"

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Then God said, "I Am Who I Am." Now, what kind of a name is that? It's as if God said to Moses, "If you want to know my name, just wait and see!" In the Hebrew language, there is no present tense of the verb "to be" as it is in English. So this name can also be translated as

- "I will become what I choose to become."
- "I will be what I will be."
- "I create whatever I create."

God might be cautious about not getting pinned down by giving a name too soon at this early introduction, just like we might be concerned about introducing ourselves at the first day of camp." (or as we regather is groups).

Just remember that while regathering and reconnecting with one another we might also "find the burning bush", where we meet God or discover the power of friendship and community. We are also invited to not make any assumption about God or each other's names. We are who we are. We will be who we will be in the coming days.

Most importantly, like Moses at the burning bush, are we willing to commit to being a partner with God? In the partnership, we may be invited to live up to our full potential. We may be inspired to make a plan to change the not-so-good things in our lives and our communities. Are we open to what may come rather than trying to re-create old experiences or pre-condition what will happen? Is it enough to know that God is with us as we move together into the future?

Blessings as we move into God's future for our lives and days. God is with us. We are called by name and we are God's beloved children AND we are Easter People - people who believe that God is moving us forward in joy and in hope.

Alice

(Materials adapted from *"What's in a Name?"* Curriculum series for Outdoor Ministries)



MARCH 2022 REPORT

Current Operating Receipts	\$ 12,179.14
Current Operating Disbursements	\$ - <u>22,946.63</u>
Current Operating Balance	\$ - 10,767.49

MAY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

05/01 Rev. Joseph Lingenfelter

05/02 Jean Ressler

05/03 Susan Baish

05/04 Richard Mabus II

05/09 Yvonne Dean

05/09 Melissa Ransdorf

05/10 Dorothy Griffith

05/17 Alice Savidge

05/18 Ann Lingenfelter

05/19 Lauren Rautzhan

05/20 Park McKissick Jr.

05/22 Duane Snayberger

05/22 Jeanne Letteer

05/24 Rebecca Renno

05/25 Pat Groover

05/26 Mark Satteson

05/27 Penelope Shetler

05/31 Kevin Dock

05/21 Dianna & Roger Spickler



LAY-READERS STILL NEEDED

The Worship Committee is looking for Lay-Readers for the 2022 Church year. We currently have Oct & Dec., 2022 open. Please sign up on the list in the Narthex, or call the Church office to volunteer your time as a Lay-Reader. You can also split a month with someone. Give it some prayerful thought, and sign up!



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, May 26th, 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 September.



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.



In memory of *Elva Johnson*

by Janet & Michael Roberts

by Alice & Palmer Dreese

by The Snayberger Family

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.

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!



THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

Thank you for your leadership in the Lenten Study recently, Dave Smit.

The book we read offered a new perspective on the events of Holy Week, and the opportunities to reflect on the meaning of those past events in our own lives today were quite helpful. We look forward to your next presentation!

Carolyn Watson

on behalf of The Participants in the Study Group.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the wonderful Easter dinners you provided for our low income families. This service you have been providing is a blessing to them, enabling them to enjoy the holiday as a family with a delicious meal. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated by the families receiving the food and by our staff who enjoy delivering it to them.

Happy Spring

Jamie Batman, Foster Care Coordinator

Dear St. John's Quilters,

Thank you so very much for all your prayers for our family and baby Mason James. Happy to say he is home with us now.

I also thank you for the beautiful quilt! I know Mason will love it for many years to come.

With love,

Marissa, Austin & Mason Beyers



Ukraine Emergency Appeal

The Ukrainian people have been on many of our hearts and minds. The Mission and Social Action Committee has selected the Ukraine Emergency Appeal supported by the United Church of Christ as a way for us to participate in helping the people of Ukraine. The UCC Church will be working with agencies who are already established in the affected areas. Shelter, food, and other care to the war refugees will be provided by these humanitarian relief partners. The Committee has designated \$1000.00 from the Project Fund and would like to challenge the congregation to donate an additional \$1000.00 to this cause.

MAY VOLUNTEERS

Lock-up: JIM TOMLINSON

Lay-Reader: RON ZUG (May 1, 8, & 29), ANN SMIT (May 15 & 22)

Preparation of Communion Elements: LINDA SARTWELL

MAY	Children's Church	OPENER/FLOWER DEL.
1	DURING WORSHIP	SUE MILLER /MILLIE SATTESON
8	DURING WORSHIP	
15	DURING WORSHIP	
22	DURING WORSHIP	
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MAY	FLOWER SPONSORS	Acolyte
1	ANN & JOE LINGENFELTER	Keira Aulenbach
8	LINDA SARTWELL	Keira Aulenbach
15	CAROL ERDLEY	Keira Aulenbach
22	JEANNE & JOHN LETTEER	Keira Aulenbach
29	TODD HUMMEL	Keira Aulenbach

MAY	WELCOMING TEAM
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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

May - Phoebe Ministries

June - Disaster Relief Fund for Local Emergencies/Council of Churches

July - Heifer Project

August - Donald Heiter Center

YARD SALE - SAVE THE DATE

Spring Cleaning?? Box up all your gently used items that have to go, and keep them for this year's **YARD SALE**, which will be held on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 2022**.

We will not only need your items for the sale, but will **GREATLY** appreciate your time and talents for another profitable sale.



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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 9:00 AM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (CH,RM) 10:00 AM WORSHIP - COMMUNION 2:00 PM Evan. Hospice Memorial Service	2 12:00 PM CALL TO CARE (PAR) 7:00 PM BVS REHEARSAL (FH) 7:00 PM HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE (SANCT.)	3 1:30 PM Buffalo Roadsters Open Jam (FH) 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 60006 (PAV) 7:00 PM Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	4 7:00 AM Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH)	5 9:00 AM TOPS (CR) 10:30 AM Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH) 7:00 PM Building & Grounds (PAR) 7:00 PM Women's Barbershop Chorus (CH,RM)	6 4:00 PM Suzuki Class (SANCT.)	7
8 CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 8:45 AM BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL (SANCT.) 10:00 AM WORSHIP - MOTHER'S DAY	9 10:00 AM ST. JOHN'S QUILTERS, KNITTERS & MORE (CR) 11:30 AM Lewisburg Garden Club (FH) 2:00 PM WORSHIP/MUSIC (LIB) 7:00 PM BVS REHEARSAL (FH) 7:00 PM CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE (ZOOM)	10 1:30 PM Buffalo Roadsters Open Jam (FH) 3:00 PM PEO PORCH SETUP (PAV) 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 60006 (CR) 7:00 PM Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	11 7:00 AM Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH) 8:00 AM PEO PORCH SALE (PAV) 4:30 PM Workroom Rsvd.	12 9:00 AM TOPS (CR) 10:30 AM Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH) 7:00 PM MISSION/SOCIAL ACTION COMM. (ZOOM) 7:00 PM Women's Barbershop Chorus (CH,RM)	13 4:00 PM Suzuki Class (SANCT.)	14 9:00 AM Girl Scouts (PAV) 9:30 AM PCC UCC Small Church Workshop 12:30 PM Suzuki Class Recital (SANCT.) 3:00 PM Fellowship Hall/ Pavilion rsvd. by member
15 CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP 9:00 AM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (CH,RM) 10:00 AM WORSHIP	16 6:00 PM Empty Arms Support Group (CR) 6:00 PM Evan. Child Loss Support group (CR) 7:00 PM BVS REHEARSAL (FH) 7:00 PM FINANCE/PERSONNEL (ZOOM)	17 7:00 AM ELECTION DAY (FH) 12:00 PM I.E.P. Advocacy (LIB/R.R.) 1:30 PM Buffalo Roadsters Open Jam (FH) 5:00 PM Central Assoc. Ministerium (PAV) 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 60006 (CR) 7:00 PM Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	18 7:00 AM Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH)	19 9:00 AM TOPS (CR) 10:30 AM Willowbrook String Band Rehearsal (FH) 7:00 PM CONSISTORY (ZOOM) 7:00 PM Women's Barbershop Chorus (CH,RM)	20	21 7:30 PM BVS CONCERT (FH/SANCT)
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