



SEPTEMBER 1 - YARD SALE - 7AM - 2PM

SEPTEMBER 5 - WORSHIP, HOLY COMMUNION - 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 12 - RALLY DAY WORSHIP - RE-CREATION SINGERS, PICNIC - 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 13 - ST. JOHN'S QUILTERS, KNITTERS & KNOTTERS & MORE - 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 19 - WORSHIP - 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 20 - CALL TO CARE TEAM - NOON

SEPTEMBER 23 - WIRED WORD STUDY GROUP - 7PM

SEPTEMBER 26 - WORSHIP - HARVEST HOME

SEPTEMBER 26 - MESSY CHURCH - 3:30 - 5:30 PM



DATED MATERIAL

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We are getting geared up for the program year. Are you ready? There are so many wonderful things happening at St. John's UCC. Lewisburg. As pastor, it is a rich blessing to travel through this season with our congregation!

I ordered a recommended book looking towards planning a creative season of Advent. As I ordered the book, I read quickly and thought the title was "We Aren't Broken". I think that would be a really good title to talk about the life of the church. (Subtitle would be ... We aren't any more broken than the rest of the world ... it's part of the human condition. Then, I thought it would talk about how God will use us in spite of our brokenness). I guess that's a different book. The real title is "We Aren't Broke, Uncovering Hidden Resources for MISSION AND MINISTRY". A different title, but a book with deep meaning.

As I started to read the book's foreword, I decided this could be a good book, despite misunderstanding the title. It begins with:

The good news here is in the title: *We Aren't Broke*. The church is not broke financially. Nor is it broke spiritually or missionally. It is, however, ripe for renewal - in many ways and on many levels.

....

And it is an invitation to individuals and churches (and other institutions) to:

think creatively and practice wisely the kinds of institutional and collaborative efforts that "reimagine mission" and raise and deploy resources we need for the sake of innovation and transformation in our society and culture.

Even though this isn't the book I thought it might be, I am looking forward to digging into the book and exploring with our congregation the abundance that is ours in this new and different season of life and ministry together.

I invite each of us to prayerfully consider how we are calling to be a part of the new things that God is doing among us and through us. At the same time, we rejoice in and are grateful for the amazing stretch of tradition and ministry (almost 200 years) that brings us to where we are today. God is good.

Some of the exciting things that are happening are:

1) Messy Church. What's that?

What's Messy Church?

\* It typically includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar activities; and a sit-down meal together at tables. All elements are for, and should include people of all ages, adults and children.

\* It's fun.

\* It's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age - a congregation that is as valuable and worthy of investment as any of your other congregations.

2) Looking towards best ways to use technology to share God's love with a wider community.

3) A soon to be launched new website.

Those are just a few of things that our congregation's leadership is working on - prayerfully and diligently.

We are blessed!! God is good! Reminder ... God is always up to something!!!

I can't wait to see how God moves in our midst in the days, weeks, and months ahead!

In Christ's love, Alice

# SEPTEMBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

09/03 Nicholas Fisher  
 09/06 Don Adams  
 09/09 Madison Saltsgiver  
 09/10 Todd Hummel  
 09/11 Kora Aulenbach  
 09/13 Jean Maurer  
 09/16 Mildred Satteson  
 09/23 Kelly Snayberger

09/03 Jean & Cliff Ressler  
 09/10 Carol & Chuck Laudermilch  
 09/14 Rebecca & Timothy Renno Jr.  
 09/23 Carol & Charles Fisher  
 09/30 McKissick Jr., Park & Linda  
 09/30 Linda & Park McKissick

### Wired Word ZOOM

**WIRED WORD** - The monthly Wired Word Study, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, will resume on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you online!



### *In memory of Carol Kahn*

By Jackie Sallade & Bob Eberly  
 By Gail & Michael Hunt  
 By Sue & James Baish  
 By Pat Groover

### RALLY DAY 2021

Please join us for worship on **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** for our celebration of Rally Day.

This year, our guest musicians will be **THE RE-CREATION SINGERS**. Please join us in worship and then a covered dish dinner to follow.

Re-Creation began in 1976 went 'full-time' in 1982, picking up the responsibility for the entire national program of therapeutic entertainment to our nation's hospitalized veterans...a therapy that for the past 45 years has been heralded by medical professionals nation-wide as invaluable to the healing process.

All Re-Creation Cast Members are **VOLUNTEERS** who give their year(s) of service in Honor and Tribute!



## “WASHING THE FEET” PROJECT

Angie Donlin has created a program called “Washing the Feet”. This program is designed to provide basic essential needs to patients in need, who come through the Emergency Department. We will be collecting the following items to support this endeavor.

- ◆ Travel-size body wash/bar soap
- ◆ Travel-size tooth paste
- ◆ Hair brush or comb
- ◆ Individually packaged tooth brush
- ◆ Wash cloth
- ◆ Gallon size zip lock “type” sealable plastic bag

There is a location in the Narthex for the collection of these items.

## Messy Church

A new program is starting at St. John’s for families, called Messy Church. It’s a new way of thinking about and “doing church” in a relaxed, joyful, creative way. We will experience God’s love and friendship through playing and creating (and eating!) together.

Messy Church welcomes anyone in the congregation and community to join us. We will gather, do fun interactive activities with biblical themes, celebrate with stories, songs and prayers, and enjoy a meal together.

Messy Church programs can be found throughout the globe, and we’re so excited to host our own at St. John’s. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, September 26th, from 3:30 PM-5:30 PM, for the first of these quarterly events.

From the program creators:

**MESSY CHURCH** is a form of church for all ages together that involves creativity, celebration, and hospitality.

Church, but not as you know it!



## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Building and Grounds is in process of evaluating/recommending projects to improve the use and ‘curb appeal’ of the Church. PLEASE consider making any observations YOU may have regarding issues and concerns regarding the exterior or interior of our facility.

Please contact Jim Tomlinson [jimnsue@ptd.net](mailto:jimnsue@ptd.net) with any comments/suggestions you have. BG will be meeting to discuss these issues.

# Mission Opportunities



## Knitting and Crocheting Mission Project

Tess Groover and her daughter have made us aware of a mission opportunity for the Empty Arms Grief Support Group through the Evangelical Community Hospital. The program provides support to parents who have lost a child.

The first set of items needed are small afghans, tiny hats or booties of gender-neutral colors.

Another item that is needed is an afghan for the mother to provide comfort and make the hospital room appear homier. The blanket for the mother should include a deep purple because that is the color signifying infant loss. If you have the knitting or crocheting talent please consider making one or more of these items.

For more information concerning sizes and colors please contact Brenda Adams.



## LAY-READERS NEEDED

The Worship Committee is looking for Lay-Readers for the 2022 Church year. We currently have January and March filled, but are still in need of readers for the remainder of the months of 2022.

Please 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 SCHEDULE FOR CHANCEL & BELL CHOIRS

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN BOTH

In an effort to make Chancel Choir and Bell Choir accessible to others, we plan to rehearse with each choir (Chancel & Bell) every other Sunday.

We will begin this schedule on **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 am** with the **Bell Choir (no Wednesday rehearsals)** kicking off the music department season. The bell choir **will** also **play** that **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**.

The following Sunday, **September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 am** we will hold **Chancel Choir** rehearsal. The Chancel Choir will make their debut on **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**.

We hope this new rehearsal schedule will enable folks who have a desire to sing or ring, to join in the fun without the need to come out at night, during the week.

Please prayerfully consider joining one (or both) Choirs. If interested see Pastor Alice or Todd. We hope to see some new faces in the loft (s)!







**Children's Church Returns**

The Children's Church program will return on October 3rd during the worship service. Children will remain in the sanctuary through the Children's Moment, and then be invited to Children's Church. We are looking for additional people to be on our rotation of lesson leaders. Please contact, Pastor Alice, Liz DeSantis or Sue Baish if you'd like to volunteer as a leader or assistant.

**Rally Day 2021**

**Sunday, September 12th** will be St. John's Rally Day. Our special guests during worship will be the musical group Re-Creation. So please mark your calendars now, and invite your family and friends to enjoy the program. Join us in the pavilion for a picnic following the worship service. Re-Creation will also join us in fellowship. We are so lucky to have this fabulous group for Rally Day!



I would like to thank the members of St Johns for all the prayers, phone calls and cards I received over the past several months during my eye surgeries. They were greatly appreciated.

Also thanks to the St. Johns Quilters for the beautiful patch work quilt in my favorite color, which Pastor Alice brought to me. It will be very nice on cool days.

Sincerely  
Millie Satteson

Dear Pastor Alice & Christian Friends,  
A sincere thank you from the Mazeppa manna for your donation of school supplies. We serve God by serving others & God provides through folks like you.

Thank you so much!  
In Christian Love,  
Beth Hackenberg

Dear St. John's Quilters,  
What a beautiful gift you have given me! I look forward to wrapping myself in all that Holy Love, comfort and hope that the quilt symbolizes.  
I will cherish this quilt and the hands that made it!  
My heartfelt gratitude,  
Molly (p.s. Green is my favorite color)



**JULY 2021 REPORT**

Current Operating Receipts	\$	25,281.40
Current Operating Disbursements	\$ -	20,568.67
<b>Current Operating Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,712.73</b>

## ***SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS***

Ushers: **CAROL BERRY, STEVE GEMBERLING**

Lock-up: **BARRY CATHERMAN**

Lay-Reader: **JIM TOMLINSON**

Preparation of Communion Elements: **LINDA SARTWELL**

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>Children's Church</b>	<b>OPENER/FLOWER DEL.</b>
5	UNAVAILABLE	ANNA BROUSE
12	UNAVAILABLE	
19	UNAVAILABLE	
26	UNAVAILABLE	

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>FLOWER SPONSORS</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Drivers Route 1*</b>
5	PASTOR ALICE & PALMER DREESE	?	UNAVAILABLE
12	MERDYTH UPDEGRAFF	?	UNAVAILABLE
19	PAT WIGSMOEN	?	UNAVAILABLE
26	LAUREN & RICK RAUTZHAN	?	UNAVAILABLE

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>
5	BETH MOSER
12	CAROL BERRY
19	PAT WIGSMOEN
26	SUE & JIM TOMLINSON



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

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

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**MONTHLY COMMUNION MISSIONS**  
**SEPTEMBER** - Ingathering for Food Pantry  
**OCTOBER** - William Cameron Engine Co.  
**NOVEMBER** - Hoffman Homes & Neighbors In Need  
**DECEMBER** - The Christmas Fund & Bethany White gifts



**YARD SALE - SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.**  
St. John's will be having a Yard Sale on **SEPTEMBER 1**, between **8:00 AM** and **3:00 PM**.



## SEPTEMBER 2021

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	10:00 AM WORSHIP	30 6:00 PM Equity Group (SANCT.) 6:30 PM Boy Scout leader group (PAV)	31 6:00 PM BYS Board meeting (PAV or PAR) 7:00 PM Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	1 7:00 AM Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH) 7:00 AM YARD SALE (PAV)	2 9:00 AM TOPS (CR) 7:00 PM Building & Grounds (PAR)	3	4 12:00 PM Pavilion Rsvd. by member
5	10:00 AM WORSHIP - COMMUNION	6 9:00 AM SANCTUARY PIANO TUNING	7 7:00 PM HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE (CR) 7:00 PM Men's Westbranch Chorus (SANCT./CH.RM)	8 7:00 AM Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH)	9 9:00 AM TOPS (CR) 7:00 PM MISSION/SOCIAL ACTION COMM. (PAR)	10	11 12:00 PM Pavilion Rsvd. by member
12	10:00 AM RALLY DAY WORSHIP - RE-CREATION SINGERS 10:00 AM WORSHIP	13 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 CHRISTIAN ED. COMMITTEE (ZOOM)	14 7:00 PM Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	15 7:00 AM Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH)	16 9:00 AM TOPS (CR) 7:00 PM CONSISTORY (ZOOM)	17	18
19	10:00 AM WORSHIP	20 12:00 PM CALL TO CARE TRAINING (PAR) 6:30 PM Girl Scout Leaders (CR) 7:00 PM BYS REHEARSAL (FH) 7:00 PM FINANCE/PERSONNEL (ZOOM)	21 7:00 PM Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	22 7:00 AM Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH)	23 9:00 AM TOPS (CR) 7:00 PM WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)	24	25 1:00 PM Girl Scouts (PAV)
26	10:00 AM WORSHIP - HARVEST HOME CELEBRATION 1:00 PM Piece Makers Quilters (FH) 3:30 PM MESSY CHURCH (WHOLE BUILDING)	27 7:00 PM BYS REHEARSAL (FH)	28 6:30 PM Committee on Ministry (ZOOM) 7:00 PM Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)	29 7:00 AM Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary (FH) 11:00 AM Yard Sale Pick-up	30 9:00 AM TOPS (CR)	1	2