

St. John's United Church of Christ
An "Open and Affirming" Congregation
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - CHOIR SUNDAY
Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m. May 31, 2026

(Let us be silent and prayerful as we prepare ourselves for worship.)

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Remembering that God calls us through Christ to be ministers with each other, St. John's United Church of Christ, as inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit, seeks: To be inclusive and accessible to all people; To provide loving service to all of God's people through mission and ministry; To strive for righteousness, justice, and peace.

In 2026 We Are Dreaming God's Dream Together

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Prelude *"Psalm 19"* Marcello - arr. Smith

*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 100)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before the divine presence with joyful songs!

Recognize that the Divine is God; the Creator made us, and we belong to God.

We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's courts with thanksgiving and praise.

Give thanks to God, and bless God's holy name.

*Opening Hymn *"When in Our Music God is Glorified"* #561

*Opening Prayer: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the universal language of music, which speaks to our souls when words are not enough. On this special day, we praise you for the gift of melody, harmony, and song that allows us to express our deepest joys and our quietest sorrows. We lift up our choir, musicians, and worship leaders. Anoint every voice and instrument. May their faithfulness and talent draw our community closer to You and create a sacred space where all may feel your healing presence. Open our ears to hear Your voice, open our lips to proclaim Your praise, and open our hearts to the message of your love. May the songs we offer today be a pleasing and joyful noise in your sight. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace: *The Peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!*

Words for All and Music Especially for Children *"This Little Light of Mine"*

Choir Anthems:

"Manger Songs"
"The Lenten Path"
"Shine Jesus Shine"

Scripture Reading Psalm 150:1-6

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sinned and sinned against us): Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Bell Choir Anthems *"I Sing the Might Power of God"*
 "Morning Has Broken"

Celebrations and Joys

Special Music *"Our God Is Great" arr. Wilson*

*Singing Our Gratitude as We Dedicate our Offerings (tune: Canonberry)

**Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought;
Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned;
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Thy hand. Amen.**

*Dedication of Gifts and Offerings: **Generous God, may these gifts we bring be used to bless, to build, and to beautify through generous and faithful care. Amen.**

*Hymn *"O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* #42

*Benediction:

Postlude

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

(Please contact the church office, at 570-523-0162, with any updates)

Ongoing Needs- Anna Brouse, Peg Brouse, Dorothy Griffith, Bill Fuller, Bill Geyer, Brock Hare, Jean Hartman, Kristian K., Ethel Moser, Christine Sartwell, Alice Savidge, Leslie Shearer, Victor Snyder, Dianna Spickler, Emily Weaver, Linda Williams, Rev. Sharon Von Blohn.

Immediate Concerns - Laurie Anderson, Rev. Patty Dodds, Hunter English (Sharon Von Blohn's grandson), Peg Heitman, Riley Hoey, Craig Hoffman, Steve M., Pam Mabus, Ben Moyer, Craig O'Neil, Todd O'Neil, Bruce Rauch, Colleen Ross, Ann Smit, Renee St. Clair, Rick Wherley, Samantha Wyvill, Brett Yarger.

CHANCEL FLOWERS -

TODAY

St. John's is pleased you have joined with us today. We hope that you have found this time to be a blessing. **Please sign** the attendance book located in the Narthex (and kindly include your mailing address/telephone number and/or email) or fill out a Welcome Card (located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex) and introduce yourself to the people who are worshipping around you. If you are looking for a new church family and are interested in knowing more about St. John's, please indicate that following worship to the Pastor or one of the greeters. Offering plates are located at the rear of the Sanctuary.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR - Please join us in the Narthex immediately following the worship service for a time of fellowship and snacks! Today's fellowship hour is sponsored by Carol & Chuck Laudermilch.

THIS WEEK

Monday, June 1	12 pm - 1 pm 1 pm - 4 pm 5 pm - 8 pm	Lewisburg Garden Club Board (PAR) Community Harvest (KTCHN) D.A.R. (PAV)
Tuesday, June 2	10:30 - Noon 7 pm - 9:30 pm	Willowbrook Strings (NARTHX) Men's Westbranch Chorus (CH.RM)
Wednesday, June 3		
Thursday, June 4	8:30 am- 10:30am 9 am - 10:30 am 1:30 pm - 3 pm 7 pm 7 pm	WW (FH) TOPS (CR) Trailside Troubadours (FH) BUILDINGS/GROUNDS (GP) Women's Barbershop Chorus (SANCT)
Friday, June 5	5 pm - 8 pm	Kairos Prison Ministry (FH)
Saturday June 6	8 am - 2 pm	Kairos Prison Ministry (FH)
Sunday, June 7	10 am 12 pm - 5 pm	WORSHIP, CHILDREN'S CHURCH Pavilion Rsrvd.

FUTURE

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH - Rides to Church services are now available for folks. If you're in need of a ride to one of our services, please call the Church office (570) 523-0162 by at least the Friday prior to needing a ride.

MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING - May's mission offering is dedicated to **Getting Ahead in the Valley**.

CHANCEL FLOWER CHART - The Chancel Flower Chart is located in the Narthex. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday or two for flowers.

COMMUNITY HARVEST MEAL -. If you have any questions or are interested please contact me through messages or email. 570-492-4487 - Riley. Hoeyriley32@gmail.com The next food distribution will be **June 20th**, 10 am - Noon.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

May 24, 2026

Building Use - \$613.00; Current Expenses - \$905.00;
Davy's Cards -\$125.00; Getting Ahead in the Valley - \$105.00;
Giant Cards - \$50.00; Loose Offering - \$20.00; OCWM - \$125.00;
Weis Cards - \$75.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$ 2,018.00 THANK YOU!!!

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Worship 10:00 a.m. Office: Mon.- Fri. 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Website: www.stjohnslewisburg.org Email: stjohnsucc@ptd.net

It is a privilege to serve you today . . .

Rev. Alice Rauch, *Pastor*

Rev. Gary Nottis, *Pastoral Care Assoc.*

Todd R. Hummel, *Dir. Of Music / Organist*

Todd R. Hummel, *Bell Choir Director*

Todd Hummel, *Administrative Assistant*

Staci & Shannon Prutzman, *Greeters*

Keira Aulenbach, Kora Aulenbach, *Acolytes*

Sue Baish, Barry Catherman, Alicia Graybill,
Lisa Graybill, Linda Sartwell, Dave Smit,
Tech Team

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Available to you, if needed, are Quiet Rooms for adults and children, where the service can be seen and heard. Also available are phonic-ear hearing units, large print bulletins, and large-print Bibles. Ask any greeter or A/V team member.