

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

The Service: 10:00 a.m.

August 30, 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

Prelude

Announcements

*Call to Worship

Loving Christ, you are our gentle Shepherd.

We are your people; we long to know your will and to live in your way.

Keep us safe and secure in your compassionate hands.

Lead us, gentle Shepherd, lead us into new paths of love and service.

As you lead and guide us, touch our hearts and minds in this worship time,

So that our spirits may be refreshed and our lives filled with joy and praise.

*Opening Hymn

"Renew Your Church"

#311

*Opening Prayer - *Living God, you draw us from the waters that offer both life and death, nourishment and destruction, peace and power. We gather as your people to remember your timely and tangible works. We call upon your many names as we have known you to be Redeemer, Counselor, Shepherd, and Friend. We worship you for who you are, and we draw near to become who you have crafted us to be. Amen.*

Passing of the Peace: Peace be with you. And Also with you.

Words for All, Especially Children

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-3, 9-21

Message

"From Gathering to Mission"

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.

Celebrations and Joys

*Singing Our Gratitude as We Dedicate our Offerings #376 Stanza #1

**God, we thank you for our people, roots dug deep within the soil,
Hardy spirits, rich in loving, strong for struggle, bold for toil.
Faithful Rock of generations, you whom parents' parents praised:
Here is hope as we remember may our song to you be raised.**

*Dedication of Gifts and Offerings: Holy One, we present these offerings to you in hope and love. May they be a gift in our community and the world. May they spread hope and love. And, may they witness to your abundant and generous creation. Amen.

*Hymn *"They Asked "Who's My Neighbor?"* #541

*Benediction

Postlude

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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

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

Immediate Concerns -Pat B., Serita Barry, Rev. Patty Dodds, Isaiah English, Deb Hackenberg, Craig Hoffman, Janet Kling, Steve M., Pam Mabus, Dennis Meckley, Ben Moyer, Craig O'Neil, Todd O'Neil, Dusti Ramey, Ann Smit, The Family of Victor Snyder, Renee St. Clair, The Family of Walter Swineford, Rick Wherley, Samantha Wyvill, Brett Yarger.

CHANCEL FLOWERS - given in memory of loved ones, by Ann and Rev. Joe Lingenfelter.

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.

THIS WEEK

Monday, August 31	1 pm - 4 pm 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm	Community Harvest (KTCHN) Daisy Scouts (CR)
Tuesday, September 1	9 am 10 am 10:30 - Noon 7 pm - 9:30 pm	TUESDAY TRUDGERS (FH) YARD SALE SET-UP (FH/PAV) Willowbrook Strings (FH) Men's Westbranch Chorus (CH.RM)
Wednesday, September 2	8 am - 3 pm 9 am	YARD SALE GARDEN HARVEST (GARDEN)
Thursday, September 3	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 (FH)
Friday, September 4		
Saturday September 5		
Sunday, September 6	10 am	WORSHIP, COMMUNION, CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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 -August's mission offering is dedicated to the **Union County Food Bank**.

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 or Sue Kindya. The next food distribution will be **September 19th**, 10 am - Noon. **Our next cooking session will be Monday, August 31st, 1-4 pm.**

FALL RETREAT - Please mark your calendars for our Fall Transformation & Prayer retreat to be held on September 11 - 13th at Central Oak Heights. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. Please register by September 1st.

YARD SALE 2026 - The annual yard sale will be **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND**. Items for this year's yard sale can be brought into the chapel parlor area or under the pavilion to be sorted through August. We already have a lot of donations, so this will be a very big year!!

Help will be needed Mon. (8/31), Tues. (9/1) at 10 am to set up. Then help is really needed on Wed. (9/2). If you can help in any way or even part of the time, please contact; Linda Sartwell, Dee Ledgerwood, or Penny Cooper.

Join Our Music Ministry: Bell & Chancel Choir. Are you looking for a wonderful way to share your musical gifts? We are warmly inviting anyone interested in making music to join our vocal choir and bell choir. No prior musical experience is required—just a willing heart and a desire to make a joyful noise! Whether you read music fluently or are just starting your musical journey, we have a place for you. Chancel Choir rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 20th, Bell choir begins on September 27th.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

August 23, 2026

Building Use - \$400.00; Chancel Flowers - \$50.00;
Current Expenses - \$1,660.00; Davy's Cards - \$25.00; Food Pantry - \$110.00;
Loose Offering - \$46.00; OCWM - \$485.00;
St. John's Quilters - \$100.00; Weis Cards - \$75.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$ 2,951.00 THANK YOU!!!

St. John's United Church of Christ

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

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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*

Sylas Wilde, *Kitchen Manager*

Todd Hummel, *Administrative Assistant*

Sue & Jim Tomlinson, *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.