

June—July, 2018

Pastor Tony's Message

Seeing God in a Beautiful Way.

Recently attending United Church of Christ Homes Inc. Annual Meeting, Rev Dr, Chris Rankins opened up with verse 1 from the hymn For the Beauty Of the Earth, "For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all to thee we raise this our, hymn of grateful praise."

And although it seems like a rainy season, it reminds me of the beauty God reveals to us, especially as Mother Nature adorns herself through the beauty of green vegetation and bountiful bright colors to paint creation. And when we encounter warmth from the sun rays each and every day, we should give thanks. MJ IntelliChristian states that, "Every day, the Sun sends us more energy than all energy producing mechanisms created by humans, combined. This energy is not only good for making us warm. Through the process of photosynthesis, the Sun powers plants to recycle carbon dioxide we breathe out into much needed oxygen we breathe in. Without the Sun, not only would we freeze, but we would not be able to breathe."

Perhaps this is what is wrong with our world today because either we were hurt by the church or forgotten our purpose which The Son has to serve all of humanity. Humanity seems cold toward each other and does not seem to care if one can breathe (metaphorically speaking). In every aspect of life, it seems as though humanity is gasping for air. We stay within and inside the four walls of our buildings and sing praises to God only in our sacred spaces. Honestly, we (The Church) wear our badges of less and need as a badge of honor forgetting God is our source who will provide the resources we need. We are God's beloved and we are to go into the world to be a blessing to others.

However, what if we see the transformation of creation as a template for us, an example of living in the midst of humanity, illuminating God's love for all. And we, God's people, become witnesses by sharing our eagerness and willingness to stand in the gap for all of humanity. Perhaps our weather and climate change is an art of transformation so

trusted us. Imagine our God and His people collaborating for all the restoration of hope. Now that's beautiful. Therefore, this summer as we sip our teas, enjoy our butter pecan ice cream, and go on our Sunday drives, let's evaluate our purpose of living, giving, and worship. Then maybe, like the template Mother Nature reveals to us, we will see its not only humanity that God is trying to reach but also us, his people. Be safe, use sunscreen, stay hydrated, and be beautiful.

Another song comes to mind by Louis Armstrong Lyrics

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world
I see skies of blue and clouds of white
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world
The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands, saying how do you do
They're really saying I love you
I hear babies crying, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than I'll never know
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

The person who removes himself from all hatred and fleshly odor and rises above all low and earth-bound things, having ascended higher than the whole earth in his aforementioned flight, will find the one thing that is worth longing for, and, having come close to beauty, will become beautiful himself. – Gregory of Nyssa

Enjoy your summer and Be Beautiful for the beauty of the earth and humanity!

we can become better stewards for which God en-



Consistory News by Julie Ditzler, President



Let's Swing into

Summer Activities!

While summer can be a time of relaxed schedules and leisurely pursuits, we have some ideas to make it a season of fellowship and mission at St. John's!

As I write this article, we are wrapping up some of our springtime projects - accepting the last of our donations for our Bibles for Troops mission project, and planting geraniums in our freshly-mulched beds outside the church. We have some new projects and events on our horizon that will need our attention in the next several months.

Consistory has voted to sponsor a church camping experience at Hartman Center this summer for Keira and a friend of hers. We will be soliciting *CAMPERSHIPS* during worship services in the month of June to help fund this project. Look for specially-marked envelopes in the pews beginning on June 3rd. We will accept donations in any amount. Help us fund this worthwhile endeavor!

On the fundraising side, we are preparing for our second annual *St. John's Golf Outing* at Pine Meadows on July 21st. We are in the process of recruiting golfers and sponsors to join in making this year's event a successful one for St. John's. Please help by spreading the word, and inviting family, friends, neighbors, and employers to participate. For more information, please speak to Robin Gingrich or Chad Zohn.

Preparations for our Vacation Bible School, *Rolling River Rampage*, are well underway. Teachers and helpers are in place, dates are set (July 9-13), and materials are being gathered. Please help by keeping our efforts in your prayers, by recruiting children in your family and/or neighborhood to attend, and by volunteering your time and talents. This is a project that requires all of us!

In addition to these activities, we have some fun *fellowship* events in mind for the lazy, hazy days of summer. Watch your bulletins for updates as our ideas for summer fun roll out!

Funeral Questionnaire by Louise Walmer

Several years ago, during Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin's tenure here at St. John's, some of our members completed a funeral questionnaire. The questionnaire provided direction for the pastor as to the Member's wishes and preferences about their funeral service. These questionnaires were stored in the Pastor's office.

These files are missing. Several people have looked everywhere, several times, unsuccessfully.

Therefore, the Music and Worship Committee has decided that we need to start over. A new questionnaire will be made available to members who want to specify their desires for their funeral arrangements.

This time, upon completion, the information will be entered into a file on the office computer and saved there.

JUNE WORSHIP NEWS



Sunday, June 17, 2018
Fourth Sunday after

Sunday, June 3, 2018
Second Sunday after Pentecost
I Samuel 3: 1-20
Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23-3:6

Sunday, June 10, 2018
Third Sunday after Pentecost
I Samuel 8:4-20
Psalms 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Pentecost
I Samuel 15:34—16:13
Psalms 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Mark 4: 26-34
Sunday, June 24, 2018
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
I Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49
Psalms 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13
Mark 4: 35-41

JULY WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, July 1, 2018
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27
Psalms 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5: 21-43

Sunday, July 8, 2018
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalms 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 15, 2018
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalms 24
Ephesians 1: 3-14
Mark 6:14-29

Sunday July 22, 2018
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a
Psalms 89:20-37
Ephesians 2: 11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 29, 2018
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalms 14
2 Kings 4:42-44
John 6:1-21

JUNE CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

1 Holli Brown	10 Taylor Gingrich	18 Bailey Lynam
3 Donna Eberly-Lehman	10 Diane Mohn	19 Clint Fegan
3 Hunter Zohn	12 Michelle Walmer	20 Gina Lutz
4 Greg Yingst	14 Anne Rankin	22 Dave Marinkov
5 Gail Grimes	17 Jeff Walmer	23 Jean Ann Grimes
6 Jim Rudy	17 Grayclin Griffiths	26 Harry Swanger
8 Nick Benfer	18 Karen Davis	30 Haley Martin

Happy Anniversary to:

11 Dave & Lori Marinkov
21 Julie & Joe Ditzler
22 Glenn & Margaret Rudy

If your information is incorrect or not included, please contact the church office. Thank You.

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

June Readers

June 3 Pam Emery
June 10 Louise Walmer
June 17 Charlene Ziegler
June 24 Regina Engler

June Flowers

June 3 Neal & Jean Ann Grimes
June 10 Scott Benfer
June 17 Joe & Julie Ditzler
June 24 Beth Barto

May Attendance

May 6 40
May 13 36
May 20 45
May 27

June Bulletins

June 3 Neal & Jean Ann Grimes
June 10 Scott Benfer
June 17 Joe & Julie Ditzler
June 24 Beth Barto

June Coffee Host

June 3 Earl & Pat Ziegler
June 10 Earl & Pat Ziegler
June 17 Earl & Pat Ziegler
June 24 Earl & Pat Ziegler

June Deacon

Elizabeth Overton



JULY CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

5 Earl Ziegler
6 Phil Eberhart
7 Steve Stoltz
8 Dalton Kapp
8 Sara Schott
9 Eleanor Yiengst
11 Tyler Marinkov

11 Bob Seltzer
15 Kevin Shilling
19 Beverly Myers
20 Scott Kless
20 Beth Ann Griffiths
21 Joan Losiewicz
21 Denise Voshell

23 Rachael Quairoli
25 Kellie Davis
26 Karen Kern
28 Pastor Tony Fields
31 Aleta Babe

Happy Anniversary to:

4 Stefanie & Anthony Shutter
18 Pat & Earl Ziegler
28 Brad & Becky Griffiths

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Thank you.

Sunday Worship Volunteers, Thank You!

July Readers

July 1 Robin Getz
July 8 Kevin Gingrich
July 15 Brenda Good
July 22 Louise Walmer
July 29 Neal Grimes

July Flowers

July 1 Joe & Julie Ditzler
July 8 Robin Getz
July 15 Earl & Pat Ziegler
July 22 Pastor Tony Fields
July 29 Pastor Tony Fields

July Deacon
Jerry Mohn

July Bulletins

July 1 Joe & Julie Ditzler
July 8 Robin Getz
July 15 Earl & Pat Ziegler
July 22 Pastor Tony Fields
July 29 Pastor Tony Fields

July Coffee Host

July 1 Joe & Julie Ditzler
July 8 Joe & Julie Ditzler
July 15 Joe & Julie Ditzler
July 22 Joe & Julie Ditzler
July 29 Joe & Julie Ditzler

SPONSORS NEEDED

Flowers: September 2nd
October 14th & 28th
December 16th & 30th
Bulletins: September 2nd
October 14th & 28th
December 16th & 30th
Coffee Hosts: Months
September & December



Music and Worship Committee by Louise Walmer

Sr. Choir by Louise Walmer

The Music and Worship Committee met on Monday, April 23rd. Louise led opening devotions.

We decided that for 2018, we will have Hymn Sing Sundays on the 5th Sunday of the Month. We missed April; however, there are 3 more months this year that have 5 Sundays. They are July, September, and December. We will be asking the congregation for their favorite hymns, the week before and have a hymn sing using the hymns that were selected.

The men will be asked to sing on Mother's Day and the women will be asked to provide special music on Father's Day.

Our 2018 Graduates will be honored during morning worship on May 20th.

Since the Vesper Picnic and Worship at Memorial Lake Park has been poorly attended the last 2 years, we decided to have a "Picnic on the Church Lawn" after morning worship. It was suggested to coordinate this with the Christian Ed Committee and have it on Tailgate Sunday.

Summer is approaching and with it the choir will be taking a break. Special Music is always welcome and Charlene Ziegler has agreed to coordinate the summer special music schedule. Contact Charlene if you are willing to provide music or know someone who will.

We will ask the choir to do a concert of their favorite anthems in the fall and have our annual baked potato bar after the concert. The Sr. Choir will decide on the date for this activity.

Speakers and worship leaders will be needed for Pastor Tony's vacation Sundays, June 3rd and July 15.

We discussed the missing personal, funeral arrangements and the need to start over with this process. This time when the questionnaire is turned into the office. The information will be entered and saved in a file on the office computer.

There will be no Women's Retreat this year. Hopefully, we can do this again in 2019.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 17th. Charlene will lead devotions.

Senior Choir by Louise Walmer

The Sr. Choir has 2 more anthems planned before we take our annual summer hiatus. We will sing

St. John's Fellowship by Ginny Knapp

St. John's Fellowship had a very successful Flea Market and Bake Sale. More than \$1200.00 was added to the treasury. Sincere thanks to all who helped by donating, working, and buying.

Geraniums will adorn the sanctuary for Pentecost, May 20th. On Tuesday, May 22 at 10:00 AM they will be planted around the church building.

The Redner's tape project netted our treasury by \$451.73. They ask that we fold the tapes rather than roll them as we've been doing.

Pink carnations were distributed for Mother's Day, May 13th. Red carnations will be here for Father's Day, June 17th.

"Jesus Loves Me" on Sun., June 10, and a patriotic anthem titled, "This Is America", on July 1.

The choir is planning an afternoon of "Autumn Songs and Spuds" for Saturday, Oct 20. Beginning at 4:00pm, the choir will present a concert of our favorite anthems. Following the concert, we'll have our annual "Potato Bar". We'll have baked potatoes and all their fixin's, plus dessert. Make a note on your calendars now so you don't miss this event.

From the Christian Education Corner by Angie Michael:
Important Dates You Should Know:

Sunday, June 17, following church: VBS volunteer meeting

Saturday, July 7, 9 am: VBS set up and decorating at the church

Monday, July 9 - Friday, July 13, 5:45 pm - 8 pm: Rolling River Rampage VBS at the church

Financial Report by Robin Getz, Finance Chair

Total Revenue	(1/1/18– 4/30/18)	\$ 32,215.83
Total Expenses	(1/1/18– 4/30/18)	\$ 40,306.46

We need to collect \$1788.46 weekly to meet budget and currently we are averaging \$1760.11 per week through April 30th. We truly need to consider ways to raise revenue through different fundraisers to assist with balancing the budget. The Consistory has taken over the fundraising projects and has a number of fundraisers schedule throughout the year. The first one was held on February 23rd which was the Soup & Bake Sale and it netted over \$1300. On April 14th, an All You Can Eat Breakfast was held and we netted \$203.17. The Golf Outing is scheduled for July 21st.

We must look to outside sources to close the budget gap. We ask our members to pray very hard on this matter and to speak with members of the budget and finance committee or members of Consistory if you have any ideas you would like to share or any suggestions. We need your prayers and assistance more than ever!!

The Financial Committee is always diligent with monitoring expenses. I am thankful for the dedication of the members and their continued efforts. Note: We are always looking for members to serve and, if there is any interest, they can contact me.

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Tony will be on vacation the week of June 3 and the week of July 15. Neal Grimes will bring the message on June 3, and the on July 15, we'll have a Professor of the New Testament from the Lancaster Seminary, Greg Carey. Lay Leaders will assist both Neal and the Carey during the worship service.

Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help count the offering monies on a Sunday morning. If you are interested and would like to help, please contact Louise Walmer, Treasurer, or Robin Getz, Finance Committee Chair. Thank you.

Summer Special Music

If you or someone you know are willing to provide special music at one of our worship services this summer, talk to Charlene Ziegler. Her home phone number is 717-865-5965.

Thank You

We thank all who sponsored Pentecost Geraniums. Members of the Fellowship planted them on Tuesday, May 22nd, in the church flower beds. We will be able to admire these special flowers all summer.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT UPDATE by Neal Grimes

The first meeting this year will be held on Wednesday, May 30th. Plans were discussed for this year's event which will be held on Tuesday, August 7th in Lions Park. Members of this committee are Neal Grimes, Scott Benfer, Mary Donmoyer, Pastor Glenn Compton, Pastor Tony Fields, Brenda Good and Terry Knapp. Any interested members of St. John's are urged to attend meetings to help plan the night's agenda.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

We are fastly approaching midyear of the budget and the Budget Committee soon will start working on the 2019 Budget. If your planning any new programs that you are looking to begin in 2019 or have a wish list of new items you would like for the new year make a list in priority order and submit it to either Louise Walmer, Treasurer or myself.

If anyone in the congregation would like to speak to either Louise or myself about anything that you feel needs to be considered in this year's church budget please do so.

Thank you for your consideration and concerns in this matter. - Robin Getz, Finance Chairman
Robin Getz, Finance Chairman

ST. JOHN'S UCC, FREDERICKSBURG 2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

THIS EVENT IS TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR MISSION WORK IN THE COMMUNITY SUCH AS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL,
SUMMER CARNIVALS, AND NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

PLACE: PINE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE

WHEN: SATURDAY July 21, 2018

TIME: 8:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START, PLEASE ARRIVE BEFORE 7:30 TO REGISTER

PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE

\$65 PER PLAYER INCLUDES: GOLF, CART, BEVERAGES AND HOT DOG/ BURGERS FOLLOWING
THE TOURNAMENT

**WE WILL SELL: 50/50 TICKETS, MULLIGANS, AND CLOSEST TO THE PIN/LONG DRIVE
CONTESTS**

CONTACT/CAPTAIN - _____ PHONE- _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

* DEADLINE July 16, 2018

**Golf not your sport but would like to contribute...For \$25 you can be a hole sponsor. Want
to have the best hole available? We have BRONZE STAR for \$100, SILVER STAR for \$250, and
GOLD STAR for \$500(includes a group of 4 to golf). You can also support your favorite golfer
with a shout out for \$15.**

*INCLUDES A NAME OR BUSINESS ON A SIGN THAT WILL BE DISPLAYED AROUND THE PUTTING GREEN
BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT AND AT THE PAVILLON WHILE WE EAT FOLLOWING THE TOURNAMENT.

NAME/BUSINESS _____

SPONSOR AMOUNT _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

*GOLF AND SPONSOR CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOHN'S UCC. CHECKS, AS WELL AS GOLF & SPONSOR INFO MAILED TO:
PO BOX 87, FREDERICKSBURG, PA 17026. ANY QUESTIONS CALL CHAD ZOHN AT 717-821-3537 OR ROBIN GINGRICH
717-507-2041.



Find adventure this summer!
July 9 – 13, 2018 5:45 pm – 8 pm
Pre-K through 4th Grade



VBS Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Age Information

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Friends of your child at this church _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other: _____

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____


Dismissal Information:

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 NO Christian Connection 10:30 Worship (No Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday Pastor Tony Vacation	4 Pastor Tony Vacation	5 No Office Hours Secretary Vacation Day Pastor Tony Vacation	6 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00PM Choir Practice Pastor Tony Vacation	7 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM Pastor Tony Vacation	8 Pastor Tony Vacation	9
10 NO Christian Connection 10:30 Worship (Communion) JOY Pantry Sunday	11	12 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	13 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	14 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	15	16
17 NO Christian Connection 10:30 Worship VBS Volunteer Meeting following Worship	18	19 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	20 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	21 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	22	23
24 NO Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Deacon Fund Sunday Dine & Donate Sunday	25 7:00 PM Consistory Meeting	26 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	27 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	28 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	29	30

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NO Christian Connection 10:30 Worship (Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday	2	3 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	4 Happy 4th of July	5 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	6	7 9:00am VBS Work Session. Setting up for VBS and decorating.
8 NO Christian Connection 10:30 Worship JOY Pantry Sunday	9 Vacation Bible School 5:45PM—8:00PM	10 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM Vacation Bible School 5:45PM—8:00PM	11 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM Vacation Bible School 5:45PM—8:00PM	12 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM Vacation Bible School 5:45PM—8:00PM	13 Vacation Bible School 5:45PM—8:00PM	14
15 NO Christian Connection 10:30 Worship	16	17 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	18 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	19 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	20	21 Annual Golf Tournament Pine Meadows Golf Course 7:30AM.Registration 8:00AM Shotgun Start
22 NO Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Dine & Donate Sunday	23	24 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	25 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	26 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM	27	28
29 NO Christian Connection 10:30 Worship Deacon Fund Sun- day	30 Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00PM 7:00PM Consistory Meeting	31		 God Bless America		

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141 W. Main Street P.O. Box 87
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10:30 AM
Morning
Worship

St. John's United Church of Christ is: A church of faith, heeding to God's call, through worship, evangelism, discipleship and fellowship. We are building on our church's history, while looking to our future. Our church is filled with messengers, who share the gift of God's love, with the community and beyond. We strive to be a church that reaches out to all with compassion, a vision of God's everlasting peace, and a witness of spiritual hope to our present and future generations. For all this and so much more, we pray in God's name.

Church Staff

Rev. Tony Fields, Sr. Pastor
Mrs. Beth Ann Griffiths, Organist
Mrs. Louise Walmer, Choir Director

Consistory

Julie Ditzler, President
Scott Benfer, Vice President
Charlene Ziegler, Secretary
Louise Walmer, Treasurer

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