



St. John's United Church of

The VOICE

June 2015

PASTOR'S MESSAGE by Pastor Tony

Summer Time

Summer is a delightful time and so many memories are made during this season. This is a time to unwind, turn on the grill, jump in the pool, go fishing, or just enjoy the beautiful sunshine. Summertime can be fun and rewarding as you prepare to enjoy life and all of the marvelous handiworks of God's creation. During this season take time to journal and reflect each and every day. This summer take time to listen; listen to the birds chirping, the snail as it slithers, children as they play, and more so your own, very own heart beat. Listen as you inhale and exhale and at the faintest sounds that surround you. Listen to hear from God as God is still speaking.

By listening, I mean take time to hear. As a society we have moved from actively listening to waiting to respond listening. This summer, take time listen do not be quick to respond listen to what is going on around you and then meditate. Yes! Sit and let your five senses engage with your surrounding. This summer, allow yourself to enter a new space and enter a challenge of blessed quietness. Recall some old hymns like one of my all time favorites, "In the Garden." I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. Yes I was singing as I typed.

Take a step back toward childhood and this summer listen and journal. Record what you hear, see, smell, drawn pictures, take photos, selfies, snap chat, dubsplash, play online 4 in a row, or keep memorabilia of your summer adventures. Record your favorite things about summer in an inexpensive journal or notebook or try to add video journal entries. This summertime, journaling could be done daily, weekly, or as you wrap up your summer.

Oh, by the way! Do not forget to apply sunscreen or sun tan lotion. Whether we like it or not, sunscreen is a must for all of us. And according to, Heidi Waldorf, M.D., of Waldorf Dermatology & Laser Associates in Nanuet, NY, we need "an SPF of at least 15 daily." For prolonged sun exposure, she recommends "a higher SPF (30 or above) and a water-resistant formulation." She also suggests choosing a sunscreen containing titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, avobenzone or mexoryl as its active ingredient.

The amount of sunscreen you apply is also vital. Waldorf recommends "a shot glass full of sunscreen" "sunscreen people" for the average adult and reapplying "every one to two hours while outdoors." We'll admit that doesn't sound like a fun way to spend your summer, but with these reader-approved products, maybe it won't seem like such a chore. And by all means have fun and smile!

"What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. These are but trifles, to be sure; but scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable."

— [Joseph Addison](#)

JUNE WORSHIP NEWS



Sunday, June 7, 2015
 Second Sunday after Pentecost
 I Samuel 8:4-20
 Psalm 138
 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
 Mark 3:20-35

Sunday, June 14, 2015
 Third Sunday after Pentecost
 I Samuel 15:34-16:13
 Psalm 20
 2 Corinthians 5:6-17
 Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 21, 2015
 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

I Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49
 Psalm 9:9-20
 Job 38:1-11
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
 Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, June 28, 2015
 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
 Psalm 130
 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
 Mark 5:21-43

St. John's United Church of Christ Graduates

At the May 31, 2015 Worship Service the 2015 Graduates were honored

Our Graduates are:

ANDREW EBERHART

Andrew is the son of Philip & Dena Eberhart. He will graduate from Cedar Crest High School this year. Andrew is planning on attending Lebanon Valley College in the fall.

TAYLOR GINGRICH

Taylor is the daughter of Keith & Robin Gingrich. She graduated from The College of Science and Technology at Temple University with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Biology.

TIARA RICE

Tiara is the daughter of Pastor Tony & Jodie Fields. She will graduate from Northern Lebanon High School in 2015. Tiara will be attending Bradley University in Peoria, IL pursuing a degree in Fashion Merchandising Business in the fall.

DYLAN KAPP

Dylan Kapp is the son of Jarrod & Kim Kapp. He graduated from Lebanon Valley College with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting

WADE TRYPIN

Wade, son of Mark & Linda Tyrpin, graduated December, 2014 from Penn College in Williamsport with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Network Design, and an Associates Degree in Internet Technology. He is working for Universal Health Systems at King of Prussia.



JUNE CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:

1 Holli Brown
 3 Donna Eberly-Lehman
 4 Greg Yingst
 5 Gail Grimes
 6 Jim Rudy
 8 Nick Benfer
 10 Taylor Gingrich
 10 Diane Mohn

12 Michelle Walmer
 12 Joe Miller
 14 Anne Rankin
 17 Jeff Walmer
 17 Grayclin Griffiths
 18 Karen Davis
 18 Bailey Lynam
 19 Clint Fegan

20 Gina Lutz
 22 Dave Marinkov
 23 Jean Ann Grimes
 23 Arlene Walmer
 26 Harry Swanger
 30 Haley Martin

Happy Anniversary to:

11 Dave & Lori Marinkov 21 Karen & Richard Light
 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 7- Pam Emery
 June 14- Charlene Ziegler
 June 21- Paul Smith
 June 28- Wendy Dorsey

June Flowers

June 7- Scott Benfer
 June 14- OPEN
 June 21- J. Ditzler
 June 28- OPEN

May Attendance

May 3- 68
 May 10- 53
 May 17 - 58
 May 24- 64
 May 31-

June Bulletins

June 7- Priscilla Rentschler
 June 14- OPEN
 June 21 J. Ditzler
 June 28- OPEN

June Coffee Host

June 7- Jean Ann Grimes
 June 14- Jean Ann Grimes
 June 21- Jean Ann Grimes
 June 28- Jean Ann Grimes

June Deacon

Morgan Hevel

SPONSORS NEEDED:

Flower Sponsors:
 July 12
 August 16, 23 & 30
 Bulletin Sponsors:
 July 12
 August 16, 23 & 30
 Coffee Hosts
 August 2, 16, 23 & 30
 The signup sheets are in the Social Hall.



St. John's Fellowship by Ginny Knapp

After clearing \$1,389.00 with our Spring Flea Market and Bake Sale, the Fellowship voted to spend it. The first order was to employ a cleaner to do the windows and screens of the building. Then a motion was made to pay half, \$1500.00, of our budgeted amount to the church treasury.

Other plans include cleaning the kitchen on our June 6th work day. It was reported that 33 geraniums have been bought for decorating the sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday. The Avon project is underway with orders and monies due June 7th.

Members were reminded of the Birthday Social on Saturday, June 20th. As bad weather forced the postponement of this event in February, all previously planned table arrangements will be seated.

Dates were set for the Fall Flea Market and Bake Sale. The sale will be held Friday, September 11th and Saturday, September 12th. There will be no meetings in June and July. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 18th.

Priscilla Rentschler president, conducted the business session. Opening devotions were led by Neal Grimes.

NEW HORIZONS 2015

June 27 – 2:00 PM – Quilt – trunk show by Pauline Charles. Meet at Quentin UCC Church. Eat at Quentin House Restaurant.

Note—Programs are subject to change. If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members whose names and phone numbers are listed at the top.

Dear Friends of JOY Pantry,

JOY Pantry has a fundraising program that runs thru-out the year. Scrip fundraising is the sale of gift cards or shopping cards. Proceeds from the sale of these cards are used to pay the monthly expenses that JOY Pantry incurs.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Rita Christ -865-5666 or itsfaith1@hotmail.com or myself, Kathy Smith at 861-4556 or kathyannsmith@yahoo.com.

May God Bless You and Your Church,
Kathy Smith

Pentecost Geraniums by Louise Walmer

On Wednesday, May 27, a small group of us planted and watered the Pentecost geraniums in the flower beds around the church. Thank you to the planters: Neal Grimes, Pat Ziegler, Julie Ditzler and Larry and Louise Walmer; and to everyone who sponsored the geraniums this year.

Sr. Choir Rehearsal Schedule by Louise Walmer

The last Sr. Choir rehearsal for the 2014-15 "Singing Season" will be on Wed., June 3 at 7pm.

Thank you to all the members of our Sr. Choir for your faithful attendance at our rehearsals and the music leadership you provide at our worship services. We'll look forward to begin the 2015-16 Singing Season in September.

June Choir Anthems by Louise Walmer

June 3

The Sr. Choir will sing, "Back to the Church in the Wildwood", an arrangement of old time hymns by Mary McDonald.

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★ You're invited! ★
★ St. John's UCC ★
**Family Fun
Nights**
★ Come join us! ★
★ Fredericksburg, PA ★

Friday,
Splash Party! *July 17*
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Bethel Township's Lions Pool, 124 Lions Drive,
Fredericksburg, PA 17026

***Jim Rule** *Tuesday,*
Concert! *July 21*
6:30 p.m.

Please bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on!

***Carnival** *Tuesday,*
July 28
6:30 p.m.

All programs are free!

All events held on the church lawn unless otherwise noted!

*If it rains, events will be held inside the church.

Youth Group by Morgan Hevel

Crazy Cool Kidz

We are the youth group of St. John's UCC! We will start meeting every first Thursday of the month at the Church starting at 7pm and going to 8:30pm! Enjoy fun activities, food, talks about fundraisers (like lock-ins, famine, car washes, and more!) ALSO talk about our Project Mission! We will also discuss super fun trips like going to beaches, HersheyPark, SkyZone, and other outrageous events! So come on out! First meeting will be Thursday June 4th 7-8:30pm! Talk to Morgan Hevel or Kayla Benfer for any questions!

Summer Musical Offerings Needed: by Charlene Ziegler

While the choirs are on their summer hiatus, we are looking for talented people to share their gifts, whether it be singing or playing an instrument. If you cannot participate, do you know anyone who would like to share with St. John's UCC? The schedule starts June 14th. Dates available are June 28; July 12, 26; August 16, 23; September 6; 13. Contact Charlene Ziegler at 865-5965 to get on the schedule.

We Need Your Help, St. John's!!!!

Vacation Bible School will be July 13-17 6pm-8pm, but in order for this to happen, we need the following:

Worship Leaders
 Music Leaders
 Team Leaders
 Game Leaders
 Kitchen Leaders



Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he would not depart from it.

If you are able to help or know someone who would like to attend, please give Jodie Fields a call 673-4287 or call the Church 865-7222.

Financial Report by Robin Getz, Finance Chair

Total Revenue	(1/1/15 – 4/30/15)	\$ 31,674.54
Total Expenses	(1/1/15 – 4/30/15)	\$ 34,759.15

We need to collect \$1950.00 weekly to meet budget and currently we are averaging \$1810.37 per week. Thank you to everyone for watching the numbers and doing their best to continue to support the church. The Financial Committee is currently monitoring expenses and negotiating our property insurance renewals. 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.

Patriotic Anthem on July 5

Louise will co-ordinate the singing of a patriotic anthem by "the St. John's Singers" on Sunday, July 5th.

The St. John's Singers group includes the Sr. Choir and members from the congregation who like to sing occasionally. Please consider singing in this group. There will be 1 rehearsal at 7PM on Wed., July 1.

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 PM Consistory Meeting	2 Office Hours 9:00 AM -3:00 PM	3 Office Hours 9:00 AM -3:00 PM NO BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM Last Choir Practice for the summer	4 Office Hours 9:00 AM -3:00 PM 7:00-8:30 PM Youth Group Meeting	5	6 8:00 AM Clean Up Day at the church (inside/outside)
7 10:30 AM Worship (Altar Communion) Helen Walmer Fund Sunday	8	9 Office Hours 9:00 AM -3:00 PM	10 Office Hours 9:00 AM -3:00 PM NO BIBLE STUDY NO CHOIR PRACTICE	11 Office Hours 9:00 AM -3:00 PM 6:00 PM Budget/Finance Meeting	12 Pastor Tony at Penn Central Conference	13 Pastor Tony at Penn Central Conference
14 10:30am Worship (Baptism) JOY Pantry	15	16 Office Hours 9:00 AM -3:00 PM DEADLINE FOR JULY- AUGUST VOICE MATERIAL	17 Office Hours 9:00 AM -3:00 PM NO BIBLE STUDY NO CHOIR PRACTICE	18 Office Hours 9:00 AM -3:00 PM	19	20 6:00 PM Birthday Social
21 10:30am Worship 	22	23 Office Hours 9:00 AM -3:00 PM	24 Office Hours 9:00 AM -3:00 PM NO BIBLE STUDY NO CHOIR PRACTICE	25 Office Hours 9:00 AM -3:00 PM	26	27
28 10:30am Worship Deacon's Fund Sunday Dine & Donate Sunday	29 Office Hours 9:00 AM -3:00 PM 7:00 PM Consistory Meeting	30				

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**Every Sunday
10:30am 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

Joe Ditzler, President
Robert Seltzer, Vice President
Missy Daub, Secretary
Walter Bolles, Treasurer

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Walter Bolles
Missy Daub
Joe Ditzler
Robin Gingrich
Neal Grimes
Terry Knapp

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