

St. John's United Church of Christ
An "Open and Affirming" Congregation
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Stoudt, Interim Minister
The Service: 10:00 a.m. March 17, 2019

(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.

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

Prelude

*Passing of Peace

Sharing of Announcements and Joys & Concerns

A Time for Centering

*Call to Worship

One: Let us give thanks to God for all the blessings of the past week!

Many: God's providence is matched by God's generosity!

One: Let us serve God, for the goodness that we have experienced is the goodness that we have to share!

Many: We are not created for ourselves, but for one another!

One: Let us worship God, for God's promises are sure and trustworthy!

Many: Let all the earth sing praises to God, for God's deeds are awesome!

*Hymn #6 "Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good"

*Confession of Sin -

One: The story of Your people, God, is always one of calling them from bondage to freedom. You still fears, You open the liberating waters before them, You bring them safely to the other side.

Many: Forgive us, God, when we forget what You have done for us.

One: Over the generations, You have brought consolation to the anxious, healing to the suffering, and peace to the restless.

Many: Forgive us, God, when we forget what You have done for us.

One: Even now, God, You continue to move in our behalf, ignoring the ill that we are party to, relieving us of our shame and guilt, and encouraging us to embrace higher and nobler ways.

Many: Forgive us, God, when we forget what You have done for us. Forgive us now.

All: Amen.

*The Assurance

One: There is good news to declare! How fortunate a people we are, to have a God on our side who creates us and then stands by us, who sees our worst and forgives us for it, who hears our confessions and offers to us, not judgment, but new life!

Many: God is good! Here we are released from a past which would burden us to a future which will fulfill us!

All: Amen!

Scripture: Exodus 16:1-12

Lay Reader: Colleen Ross

Anthem - "Gaelic Greeting" - McFadden

Children's Chat

Hymn: #208 "God Loved the World"

Sermon: "Daily Bread"

Time for Reflection

*Affirmation of Faith (together) - You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God. You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to You. You have revealed and proved Your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now, You are God. You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be Your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; You overcome death. You are our God. We worship You.

*Pastoral Prayer

*Let us continue to pray in the words that Jesus taught 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.

Offering and Offertory

*Offertory Response No. 780 "The Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self (together): Today we offer the sacrifices of our sense of entitlement and

assumptions of privilege. We place them here and ask You to help us to make room for the gathering love Jesus modeled for us. Accept our gifts of finances, time, and talent, and then, show us how to love, purely and without prejudice, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #21 *"God Reigns o'er All the Earth"*

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction - *"Hebrew Benediction"* - Schmidt

May God bless you and keep you, may God always smile upon you;
may God's light shine forever on your path and give you peace.

*Postlude

THIS MORNING

ST. JOHN'S IS PLEASED TO HAVE YOU JOIN US THIS MORNING! - We hope that you will find this time to be a blessing in many ways. If you are visiting with us, and are seeking a new church family or are interested in knowing more about this congregation, please indicate that to one of the ushers or to the Pastor. Please fill out a visitor's card, in order that we might know more about you. You may drop the card into the offering plate or give it to the Pastor at the door. We hope to see you again!

Available to you, if needed, is a Quiet Room 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 usher.

Chancel Flowers - Are presented by Beth Moser, in honor of Ethel Moser's birthday, today!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Morning (please contact the church office, at 524-7606, with any updates):

At Home- Sid Bowersox , Merdyth Updegraff.

Shut-In/Homebound- Ann Beasom, Peg Brouse (Rm#128, BVLV), Leona Fertig, Seneca Foote, Bill & Lola Fuller, Gary Hackenberg (Riverwoods, E-420), Louise Heistand, Lois Hummel, Evelyn Mabus, Ethel Moser, Shirley Seese,
Mary Stover (Rm.615,Riverwoods), Alda Wagner.

In our Prayers - Christine Sartwell, The Family of Robert Stackhouse, Kayla (Brouse) Zechman.

THE "COFFEE CAFE" IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS! - Continuing every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., in the lobby we will offer a self-serve cart with coffee/tea for adults, drinks for children, and a little snack. Arrive early for worship and take the chill off while visiting with some of your St. John's friends! Thanks to our Hospitality & Growth Committee for this added feature to our Sunday mornings.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR -you are invited to remain after worship, for a time of fellowship! The Fellowship Hour is hosted by Sue & Jim Tomlinson.

CONGRATULATIONS! - To Tim and Becky (Rautzhan) Renno on the Wednesday, March 6th, birth of their son, Ethan Lee, weighing in at 8 pounds 14 ounces. Everyone (including proud grandparents, Rick and Lauren Rautzhan) are doing just fine!

THIS WEEK

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| Monday, March 18 | 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | BVS Rehearsal (FH) STEWARDSHIP/PERSONNEL (LIB) |
| Tuesday, March 19 | 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | PCCUCC Clergy (PAR) ST. JOHN'S QUILTERS (CR) PCCUCC Clergy (LIB) Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH) |
| Wednesday, March 20 | 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | BELL CHOIR (SANCT.) MEISTER ECKHART STUDY (CR) |
| Thursday March 21 | 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | TOPS 1158 (CR) B.I.L.L. Music Appreciation Class (FH) TOPS (CR) CONSISTORY Heart of PA Women's Chorus (CH.RM) |
| Friday, March 22 | | |
| Saturday March 23 | 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Heart of PA Women's Chorus (CH.RM) Japanese Drumming (CR) |
| Sunday, March 24 | 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | CHANCEL CHOIR (CH.RM.) SUNDAY SCHOOL COFFEE CAFÉ WORSHIP CONFIRMATION CLASS |

WEEKLY SOUP/SCRIPTURE - The Lewisburg Council of Churches, soup and scripture Lenten luncheon series, began on Ash Wednesday and continues through the Lenten season on Wednesdays, at Christ

Lutheran Church, on Third St. in Lewisburg. Lunch starts at noon, followed by a message presented by a local Minister. The third week's message will be provided by Rev. Kurt Nelson, Chaplain, Bucknell Univ. The lunch is hosted by First Baptist Church.

WE ARE INVITED - To the Installation Celebration of the Rev. Kurt D. Nelson as the incoming Director of Religious & Spiritual Life and Protestant Chaplain at Bucknell University. The event will take place next Sunday, March 24th, in Rooke Chapel, beginning at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will follow. (On a more personal note: Kurt and wife, Joanna, are transferring their membership to St. John's!)

CARDS FOR HENRY - Henry Aulenbach is a 7 year old boy, who has just undergone brain surgery for a tumor. Henry is progressing well, and will require further radiation treatment and chemo. Henry loves getting mail. Please consider sending Henry a get well card, to brighten his spirits! Henry Aulenbach, 7 Purple Martin Drive, Hackettstown NJ 07840.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS
Attendance - March 10, 2019 - 73

St. John's United Church of Christ

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It is a privilege to serve you today . . .

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Stoudt, *Interim Pastor*
Rev. James E. Johnson, *Pastor Emeritus*
Todd R. Hummel, *Dir. of Music/Organist*
Rita Griffith, *Choral & Bell Choir Director*

Linda Sartwell/Sue Baish, *Sound Technician*
Todd Hummel, *Administrative Assistant*
Tess & Fred Groover, *Greeters*
Linda Williams, *Children's Church*
Daniel DeSantis, *Acolyte*
Barry Catherman, *Video Technician*

FUTURE

Need a ride to church services or events at St. John's UCC? Arrangements will be made for we want everyone to be able to attend and participate in events held at the church. **Contact Ron Zug at 523-3987.**

FLOWER CHART - Is available for 2019. It is located on the bulletin board, across from the office. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday! The cost is still \$42.00 for both vases.

WE NEED YOU! - The Hospitality and Growth committee needs more wonderful faces to add to the Welcoming Greeters team. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this joyful service for your St. John's church family. Let our warmth, acceptance, and love surround all that enter here. Your time commitment is minimal, but the rewards are great. Speak with a member of the committee: Beth Moser, Linda Williams, Brenda Adams, Molly Reitz, or Jim and Sue Tomlinson for more information.

Take Your Lenten Journey with the Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education Class!

On March 24th, the class will begin a four-part Lenten study, "The Three Temptations of Jesus." We will explore the meaning of Lent and then see how the various facets of Lent are reflected in Jesus' wilderness confrontation with Satan. If you are considering attending these classes, please remember: There is no cost for any class materials. You don't need to make a commitment to participate every Sunday. Just come when you can. All our welcome!

THE NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS FIELD TRIP - is scheduled for next **Sunday, March 24th**, to the local **Muslim mosque**, in Sunbury. We will have the opportunity to be oriented to the faith by a member of the community there, see the worship area itself, and ask whatever questions we may have. You need not be a class member to "tag along" on this trip. If interested, talk to Pastor Bob at your earliest convenience, that transportation may be coordinated.

Your Help is Needed for the Easter Egg Hunt -Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is going to be held on **Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m.** Donations of wrapped candy that can fit into a plastic egg are needed. Please drop the candy off in the work room, next to the office. All donations are greatly appreciated.