

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

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Stoudt, Interim Minister
The Service: 10:00 a.m. June 9, 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 - "Whisper to My Heart" - Martin/Angerman

*Call to Worship

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

Many: The wind of God, the breath of Life.

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

Many: Our Advocate, our Counselor.

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

Many: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

Many: Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

One: Come, Holy Spirit.

Many: May we feel God breathing through our worship.

All: May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.

*Hymn #263 "O Spirit of the Living God"

*Confession of Sin (Together) **We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of Your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty You created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator,**

but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to build Your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*One: Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh,
and we have been made one.*

Many: Forgiven, we are no longer scattered or divided. Forgiven, we are gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth. Thanks be to God!

Scripture: Acts 2:1-8,12-13

Lay Reader: Liz DeSantis

Anthem - "Do Lord" - Ingram

Children's Chat

Hymn #261 "Let Every Christian Pray"

Sermon - "Back to the Beginning"

Time for Reflection

*Affirmation of Faith (together) - **We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called by the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*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): **Spirit of Truth, in Christ you have spoken to us plainly and clearly, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." May these offerings be used in the hope of loving You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and of loving our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

*Hymn #272 *"On Pentecost They Gathered"*

*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 placed in gratefulness and love for all of the friendships and support from everyone at St. John's, by Barbara Woodson.

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

At Home- Sid Bowersox, Janet & Richard Heaton, Alice Savidge, Joanne Stahley, Merdyth Updegraff, Wayne Williams.

Shut-In/Homebound- Ann Beasom, Peg Brouse, Leona Fertig, Bill & Lola Fuller, Gary Hackenberg, Lois Hummel, Evelyn Mabus, Ethel Moser, Shirley Seese, Mary Stover, Alda Wagner.

In our Prayers - Barb Kugler, Christine Sartwell.

CHURCH PICNIC - St. John's will hold its annual picnic immediately following the worship service **TODAY**. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share!

CONGRATULATIONS! - To Erin DeSantis, James Donlin, and Addie Miller, all of whom were received into membership last Sunday through the Rite of Confirmation. We wish them many active and meaningful years as a part of the Body of Christ.

THANKS! - To our Christian Ed and Hospitality & Growth Committees for last Sunday's great Coffee Hour in honor of our three Confirmands.

THANKS! - To all who contributed to the "Back Packs" project carried out in connection with this weekend's Annual Meeting of Penn Central Conference. All donated back packs are destined for Snyder County Children & Youth Services.

MANY THANKS! - From the Stoudts to all who contributed to the meaningfulness and beauty of their stepson's wedding day last Saturday, June 1st. Special thanks to St. John's "lead coordinators" for this event (Carol Berry, Anna Brouse, and Sue Tomlinson), to say nothing of all those great kitchen helpers!

THIS WEEK

Monday, June 10	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	LUNCH BUNCH MEAL PREP. (FH) LUNCH BUNCH DELIVERY (FH) WORSHIP/MUSIC (LIB) Soccer Practice CHRISTIAN ED. (LIB)
Tuesday, June 11	11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	LUNCH BUNCH DELIVERY (FH) Soccer Practice Men's Westbranch Chorus (SANCT)
Wednesday, June 12	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	LUNCH BUNCH MEAL PREP (FH) LUNCH BUNCH DELIVERY (FH) Soccer Practice
Thursday June 13	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	TOPS 1158 (CR) Soccer Practice Esh Rehearsal Dinner (FH) TOPS (CR) REJOICING SPIRITS (PAV) H.O.P. (Heart of Pa, Women's Chorus) (CH.R.) Esh Wedding rehearsal
Friday, June 14	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Esh Wedding Soccer Practice

Saturday June 15	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4-6 p.m.	Girl Scouts (CR) Japanese Drumming (FH) Fellowship Hall Rsrvd. by Member Pastor Meet/Greet (NARTHX)
Sunday, June 16	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR (CH.RM.) COFFEE CAFÉ WORSHIP, FATHER'S DAY, TRIAL SERMON

LUNCH BUNCH HELP NEEDED - Ways to Get Involved

- * Monday 6/10 @ 10:00AM church Fellowship Hall - Lunch Assembly
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 - * Monday 6/10, Tuesday 6/11, Wednesday 6/12 Thursday 6/13 - 11:30 AM pick lunches up from church and deliver to designated program sites by noon
 - * Monetary donations to purchase supplies for the lunches
- Any questions contact Brenda Adams, Lauren Rautzhan or Rick Rautzhan

MEET & GREET - Mark your calendars for next **Saturday, June 15th, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm!** St. John's will hold an afternoon of fellowship and refreshments to formally meet our Pastoral Candidate, the Reverend Alice Rauch.

TRIAL SERMON - next **Sunday, June 16th**, we will have the opportunity to observe our Pastoral Candidate leading the worship service. Immediately following the service, we will take a vote on Reverend Rauch's call as our Settled Pastor.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS
Attendance - June 2, 2019 - 100

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*
 Martha & Bruce Rauch, *Greeters*
 Don Adams, *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.**

AND NOW IT'S DAD'S TURN! - We did our best for Mom over Mother's Day, and now it's dear old Dad who gets all the attention. **Sunday, June 16th**, is Father's Day, and we of St. John's will observe the occasion by giving to all fathers (and all men) at worship that morning a small potted plant. So, do something nice for Dad! Bring him to church with you on the 16th!

YARD SALE RESCHEDULED - St. John's will hold its annual yard sale on **Wednesday, June 19th, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**.. All donations should be delivered to the pavilion by Saturday, June 15th.

DO YOU HAVE A WAY WITH GARDENS? - If you do, then you may be exactly the person that the Building & Grounds Committee is currently seeking. We'll even give you a title--as Coordinator of our "Exterior Beautification Committee," which would be responsible for anything pertaining to our grounds (planting flowers, trimming shrubs, tending to the tanbark, organizing Spring Work Days, etc., etc.). You wouldn't be doing all the work yourself, of course, just seeing what needs attention and organizing interested others to set about doing it. If this sound like it's right up your alley, please call the Church Office (523-0162) or talk to Barry Catherman, Chair of Building & Grounds.

NEW MEMBERS' SUNDAY - St. John's is looking forward to receiving its current group of new members (which so far includes Chuck & Carol Laudermilch, Rev. Kurt & Joanna Nelson, and Emily Weaver), as part of worship on **Sunday, June 30th** (one week later than previously announced). Keep the date in mind and plan to be here to add to their warm welcome!