



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Welcome Back to In-person Worship
Also on Facebook
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021, 10:00 a.m.***

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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OPEN & AFFIRMING CELEBRATION

Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m. June 13, 2021

(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

Sharing of Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Moment for Meditation

*Call to Worship:

Those who are thirsty, come to the fount that will not dry up.

We bring our thirst here to be quenched.

Those who are weary, Spirit is a ready refuge.

We bring our weariness that we might find rest.

Those who feel lost, come to the One who knows the way.

Lead us by the hand, by our hearts, and by hope.

*Hymn #73 "Enter, Rejoice and Come In"

*Opening Prayer: **Together we defy the darkness by being the Light. We make violence tremble by being peacemakers. When chaos and trauma cause distress, we counter by reaching for love and remembering joy. This day, when people are going hungry, give us bread to share. This day, when people are angry and hurtful, give us forgiveness to offer. When there is so much temptation to be selfish and careless, this day give us the strength to be kind and intentional. Remind us that we are all born holy and deserve love and tenderness. In the many names of Love, may it be so.**

*Affirming the Peace Among Us

The peace of Christ is with you!

And also with you!

You are invited to turn to the people around you and wave as a sign of graceful greetings this day.

Words for All - Especially Children

Scripture: Mark 4:26-34

Anthem **"Make this Church a Welcome Place"** Joel Raney

Message **"Flip Side"**

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.

Sharing our Joys and Celebrations

Dedicating New Banners

Dedication of Gifts and Offerings: We are all one human family. In Your love you created us. Through Your grace you reach out to us. You are great enough to hold us all in Your arms at the same time. Help us to open our hearts to the world that you love. Teach us to weave our lives together. We yield to Spirit, offering what we have to the greater good. In this way, each day, we begin again in love. Amen.

*Hymn #391

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

*Benediction

Postlude

For your information, the worship services are being recorded and live streamed on social media. If you would prefer NOT to be on camera, please tell one of the greeters/ushers know, and will find a seat for you that is not on camera.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Morning

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

Ongoing Needs- Betty Hackenberg, Janet & Richard Heaton, Christine Sartwell, Joanne & Bill Stahley, Leanne Trout (Dee Ledgerwood's Mother), Linda Williams, Wayne Williams.

Shut-In/Homebound- Ann Beasom, Richard Berry, Peg Brouse, Bill & Lola Fuller, Jane Hayes, Evelyn Mabus, Ken Moore, Ethel Moser, Loretta Roberson, Mary Stover, Amelia Troutman.

Immediate Concerns -Oliver Auman, Marv Border, Scott Bower, Joyce, Maryjane H., Carol Hahn, Peg Swinehart.

THIS WEEK

Monday, June 14	10:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	WEBSITE DESIGN TEAM WORSHIP/MUSIC (CR) CHRISTIAN ED. (CR)
Tuesday, June 15	3-6:30 pm 7-9:30 pm	UCC Clergy (PAV) Men's Westbranch Chorus (FH)
Wednesday, June 16	6:30 p.m.	CALLED TO CARE TRAINING (PAR)
Thursday June 17	9-10:30 am 7:00 pm 7-9:15 pm	TOPS (CR) CONSISTORY (ZOOM) H.O.P. Women's Chorus (CH.RM)
Friday, June 18		
Saturday June 19	11 am 12 pm	Velma Ruhl Memorial Service (Mifflinburg St. John's) PAVILION RSVD. BY MEMBER
Sunday, June 20	9:00 am 10:00 a.m.	BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL (SANCT.) WORSH - FATHER'S DAY

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

June 6, 2021

Chancel Flowers - \$42.00; Current Expenses - \$1,775.00; Disaster Relief Fund - \$411.00;
Giant Gift Cards - \$250.00; Improvements/Maintenance - \$250.00; LEAF Fund - \$20.00;
Loose Offering - \$10.00; OCWM - \$35.00; Strengthen the Church - \$100.00;
Weis Gift Cards - \$250.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$3,143.00.00 THANK YOU!

CHANCEL FLOWERS - MANY DATES REMAIN OPEN! SIGN UP TODAY to sponsor a vase or two of flowers for worship.

Open and Affirming - is a public covenant that people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions are welcome in the full life and ministry of the congregation. Through its covenant, the congregation promises to live out that welcome in meaningful ways in response to Christ's teaching of radical hospitality. Many congregations expand their welcome to persons of every race, ethnicity, age, economic circumstances, ability, gender, etc.

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP HOUR - we will have a ZOOM Fellowship Hour TODAY, at 11:30 a.m. You should have received the link for the ZOOM call.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - There will be a Memorial Service for Velma Ruhl (Dianna Spickler & Tom Ruhl's mother), held on Saturday, June 19th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., at St. John's UCC Mifflinburg. Please keep the Spickler and Ruhl families in your prayers during this difficult time.

DEVITT HOUSE - We will hold a "special offering" which is dedicated to **Strengthen the Church**.

CHANCEL FLOWERS - There are MANY dates available on the Chancel Flower Chart. Please consider stopping by the chart and sign up to sponsor a single vase (\$21.00) or both vases (\$42.00).

SAVE THE DATE - On Sunday, July 4th, at 10:00 a.m., we will be holding worship outdoors in the pavilion, followed by a "Neighborhood & Friends" Picnic, at 11:30 - 1:30. Invite your friends and neighbors for lots of food and fun! More details coming. (food/beverages provided)

OUTDOOR MINISTRIES - **DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR CAMP!** Hartman Center Spirit Week, **When:** Saturday, August 8 - Saturday, August 14 **Where:** Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg, PA. Brochures are available in the Narthex.

Also available, summer camp brochures for camps Kirchenwald & Nawakwa. Penn Central has partnered with the Lutheran Camping Corporation, with a variety of camping options available from mid-June, through August. Scholarship support is available through our congregation, and through Penn Central Conference. Questions? Please talk with Pastor Alice.