



SUNDAY, JUNE 4th, 10:00 a.m. - CONFIRMATION/COMMUNION

SUNDAY, JUNE 11th, 10:00 a.m. - WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. - CONGREGATION DINNER/FORUM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - CHURCH YARD SALE

SUNDAY, JUNE 18th, 10:00 a.m. - WORSHIP/FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 25th, 10:00 a.m. - WORSHIP

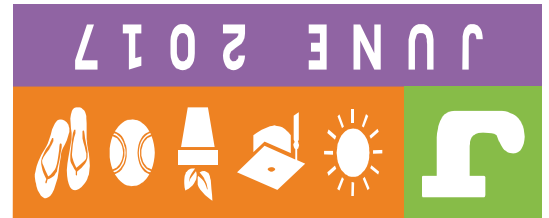
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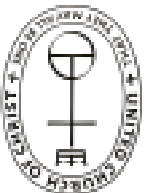
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We will honor the occasion of Pentecost on Sunday, June 4th. While Pentecost hardly rivals Christmas or Easter in the imagination of most people, it is still a very important benchmark within the faith, amounting essentially to the Church's birthday.

According to the New Testament's account, it is on Pentecost that the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples, authorizing and empowering them for their ministries in the world.

On the basis of the gifts of the Spirit, these apostles launch into the world, sharing the Good News, fruitfully performing their ministries, and drawing many others to the community of Christ:

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS: The response on the part of that first generation of believers was one of marked enthusiasm. Contrary to the religious freedoms and opportunities that we enjoy, the earliest believers placed themselves in great jeopardy in order to worship God and learn of Christ. Given the dramatic differences in our historical situations, it is hard for us to imagine the sacrifices those people endured for the sake of what we now largely take for granted.

What gave life and energy to their convictions was their first-hand encounter with the Good News. It wasn't something intellectual that motivated them, but something experiential, still the key to our own enthusiasm. Where in our own lives have we, do we, experience something of God so engaging, so exciting, that we positively must share it?

PERFORMING THEIR MINISTRIES: I have long felt that, for all the obvious gains, there have been certain fundamental losses related to the emergence of an "ordained clergy." The greatest of these losses has been the sense that, since the pastor is trained professionally and ordained to the work, then the pastor is the minister, the one and only person with the right to minister.

Let us remind ourselves that there is no ordained standing in Jesus' day or in that of the post-Pentecost Church. There are only "laypersons," each of whom shoulders part of the total needs of the community. The earliest understanding of these people of Christ is simply this: There is no such thing as a Christian without a ministry. Where in St. John' Church is each of us performing his or hers?

DRAWING OTHERS TO THE BODY: I've read the Gospels and the Book of Acts carefully, and I am unable to find anyplace where there is mention of the organization of a "Church Growth Committee." I'm not knocking what such a committee could provide for a congregation. I am, however, suggesting that, just as the work of the ministry is properly not assigned to the pastor, the work of growing a Church is not mechanically to be accorded to any small committee within the larger organization.

According to the New Testament, new members are added to the Body regularly, not because of Jesus' wonderful youth program, not because of the stunning architecture of Jesus' Church, not because Jesus is bussing everyone to his doors, but because those who already believe in him are excited and committed about bringing others to him--which essentially brings us full circle to the Good News again. The only thing necessary for any congregation, for this congregation, to grow is for each member to bring new souls into the fellowship. It's as simple as that. In personal terms, who brought you to St. John's originally? And who, in turn, is here because of you?

I wonder where any of us would be if those earliest believers in the risen Christ had said "No, thank you" to the Holy Spirit. And, if we do so--by failing to share the Good News, by declining to accept our individual ministries, by excusing ourselves from inviting others into our community--I wonder where, say, in five or ten years, that will leave us?

Cordially,

Bob--





CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 4th, Pentecost, will be highlighted by the Rite of Confirmation, with two young men from St. John's Church being received into membership as part of the morning's worship.

These two are Justin Isiah Catherman and Adam Louis Snayberger, both of whom are in the 7th Grade at Mifflinburg Middle School.

In addition to the special liturgy that morning, both Justin and Adam will address the congregation in terms of their learnings over the past five months of study and travel.

Plan now to support them, as they anticipate taking this big step as adult members, by being present that morning as part of the worshipping congregation!



NOW IT'S FATHERS' TURN!

Last month it was Mother's Day; this month, our fathers get the spotlight!

Father's Day this year will fall on Sunday, June 18th.

As was the case for our mothers and women, we will honor the occasion at St. John's by offering to all Dads, and to all men, at worship small potted plants at the conclusion of the morning.

If, back in May, you did something nice for the women in your life, in June treat the special men in your life, by bringing them to worship with you on the 18th!



A "CONGREGATIONAL FORUM"

It is being proposed that, before we get too caught up in family vacations and other summer plans, we gather as a congregation to consider where we are at to date in our transition to the next settled pastor.

Pastor Bob has suggested a get-together on Sunday, June 11th, the morning worship to be followed by one of our unbeatable potluck lunches and then an opportunity for some checking-in and conversation. Consistory will provide the meat dishes and beverages; other participants are asked to bring a vegetable dish or dessert. Place settings will be provided.

The nature of the brief program on this occasion is still being determined, but it will be worth your while to be a part of it.

For the moment, then, please reserve the date and plan to join us!



Donald Murray

October 4, 1923 - May 16, 2017

Rick Pauling

May 18, 2017

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: **RICK MABUS, BRENDA ADAMS, DON ADAMS**

Lock-up Person: **RON ZUG**

Lay-Reader: **COLLEEN ROSS**

Preparation of Communion Elements: **CAROL BERRY & MARY GEYER**

JUNE	Children's Church	OPENER/FLOWER DEL.
4	PAUL BOZELLA	BRENDA & DON ADAMS
11	DON ADAMS	
18	LIZ DeSANTIS	
25	LINDA WILLIAMS	

JUNE	FLOWER SPONSORS	Acolyte	Drivers Route 1*
4	KAY & GARY NOTTIS	ERIN DeSANTIS	ADAMS
11	BARBARA WOODSON	JAMES DONLIN	BAISH
18	PEG BROUSE	BRYANNA HARRIS	SEAMAN
25	WAYNE WILLIAMS	MARIA BOZELLA	ADAMS

JUNE	GREETERS
4	MARTHA/BRUCE RAUCH
11	DOT/ART BOWER
18	TESS/FRED GROOVER
25	LINDA WILLIAMS/DANA HAILE

If you need a ride to church, please contact Ron Zug (570-523-3987) who schedules the drivers.



Recently Discharged from the Hospital -

At Home- Sid Bowersox, Ruth Brouse, Carol Erdley, Charlotte Hufnagle, Rick & Donna Pauling, June Seaman, Mary Stover.

Shut-In/Homebound- Ann Beasom, Carrie Brouse, Marilyn Correll, Leona Fertig, Pearl Fisher, Bill & Lola Fuller, Louise Heistand, Lois Hummel, Evelyn Mabus, Ethel Moser, ,Dotey Noyce, Robert Ritter, Shirley Seese, Alda Wagner.

In our Prayers - The Family of Don Murray, Marlin Rautzhan, Christine Sartwell, Shiela Seaman.

THE "SEED MONEY" PROJECT IS CONCLUDED

The novel stewardship project that has been involving the Confirmation Class members has now been brought to an official close.

This project began with a study of the so-called Parable of the Talents, where a rich man, before going away on a long journey, first entrusts to his servants his property, requiring them to be productive with it until his return.

The "good and faithful" servants are good stewards of it, doubling what has been entrusted to them; the "wicked and slothful" servant simply buries it in the ground. The object of the parable--be the former, not the latter, with respect to what one has been given.

Taking a cue from the parable, each of our two confirmands was given \$20, along with the challenge to multiply it over a period of several weeks.

The project was concluded on May 18th, a total of \$205 being presented to the Consistory at its May meeting. That represents an increase on the original \$40 entrusted to them of 413%! Very well done!

Responding to the challenge, Justin Catherman focused his efforts on preparing several different styles of rice krispy treats (yummy!), while Adam Snayberger was busy selling an assortment of re-potted plants (lovely!).

Thanks to all from the congregation who supported them in their efforts!

A TOILETRIES DRIVE! -- As part of the Annual Meeting of Penn Central Conference, a collection of toiletry items is being conducted (i.e., toilet paper, bars of soap, body lotion, deodorant, shavers, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste & toothbrushes--no hotel samples, please). All items collected will be directed to local food pantries and refugee centers. Bring your items to the Church Office, and we'll see that they make it to the Meeting on time!



ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETING

The 55th Annual Meeting of Penn Central Conference will take place over June 9th through 11th, at Susquehanna University.

This year's theme is "We Are Connected," around which will be organized the weekend's business, workshops, and worship. The Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith, Penn Central Conference Minister and President, will serve as preacher for the closing Communion service on Sunday afternoon.



LUNCH BUNCH - St. John's and other area churches are once again partnering with Bucknell University in the Lunch Bunch Program. This program provides healthy bag lunches to Lewisburg Area School age children throughout the summer. The Mission Committee is asking for your support in two ways. First, to help assemble the lunches on the mornings of **June 12th and June 14th from 9:30-11:30 AM** in the church social hall and second, to help with a small cash donation to purchase the lunch supplies. You can mark your offering envelopes with "Lunch Bunch" or drop off your donation at the church office. To help in the assembly of the lunches please contact Rick or Lauren Rautzhan, Brenda Adams or Sue Gemberling.



WORSHIP HOURS
Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

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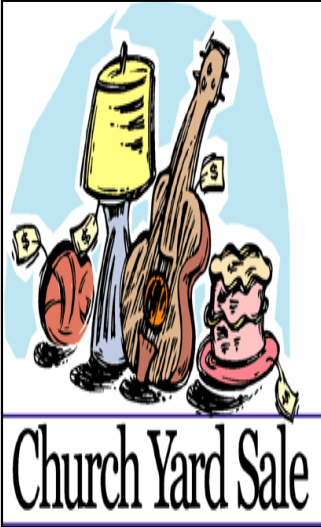
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No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here!

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The Communion offering for **June** is dedicated to **Disaster Relief Fund for Local Emergencies**.
The Communion offering for **July** is dedicated to **Heifer Project**
Thanks for your continued support of St. John's missions!



YARD SALE - JUNE 14th, 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
St. John's will be having a Yard Sale on **JUNE 14, 2017**, between **8:00 AM** and **3:00 PM**. We are accepting clothing, jewelry, books, dishes, etc. and ask that you put your donations on the picnic tables in the Pavilion. The Pavilion will be checked daily for drop-offs. **ALL DONATED ITEMS SHOULD BE AT THE PAVILION NO LATER THAN JUNE 9TH**. Anyone interested in helping with the sale please contact Carol the Church office. We are looking forward to having fun and helping St. John's financially at the same time.
In Christ,
Dee Spickler



THE LATEST HARTMAN CENTER PROJECT -- Interested in helping Hartman Center to buy a new washer and dryer for the new building at Hartman Center? Penn Central Conference is asking congregations to collect wrapped quarters to that end. You can bring your quarters to the Church Office and we'll see that they are taken to Conference's Annual Meeting, which begins on Friday, June 9th.