



## 2019 Newsletter

### ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

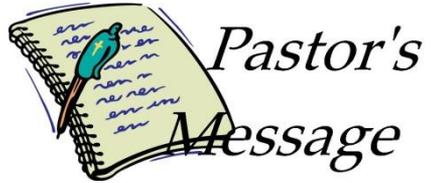
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Church Office Hours: 9:15 AM to 3:15PM Monday & Thursday



As I write this letter, we are in the midst of a seasonal transition, both in our personal lives and in the church. With the Memorial Day now past, most of us have begun to look forward to a change of pace and the many recreational pursuits that the summer season offers. In the Church, we are about to celebrate the Day of Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit, a celebration that we often see as the dramatic climax to the season of Easter. But is it really a climax, an ending, or is it actually a new beginning?



In ancient Greek, Pentecost means “the fiftieth day,” and is the day that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles fifty days after Christ’s resurrection. The color of the day is red, signifying the tongues of fire that rested over each of the Apostles’ heads. In addition to marking the birth of the Christian church, the Pentecost event also helps us to conceptualize God as Trinity. As Christians, we have come to understand God in three ways: God, as the Creator in nature; God, as the Son, manifested in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus; and God, as Spirit, **living and active in the world today**. The Spirit is evidence that the Christian faith does not limit itself to events that happened in the past, but also concerns itself with the present and the future. **The Spirit is God’s creative, animating presence in the church, the body of Christ, God’s people**. It is God’s gift of the Spirit that empowers us with all that we need to carry out the mission and ministry of the church which God has set before us. So, in the words of the hymn:

*“Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,  
Come with Pentecostal power;  
Give the church a stronger vision,  
Help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation,  
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
Still the church is called to mission  
that God’s love shall be made known.”*

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Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

*Pastor Jo*

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## Schedule

- June 2 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - **9:30 AM Worship**  
4 7 PM Choir  
6 6:30 PM NA Meeting  
8 7:30 PM Cinemagic Musical Program  
9 Pentecost Sunday – Holy Communion  
*Improvement Fund Offering Envelopes (Avail.in Narthex)*  
3 PM Cinemagic Musical Program  
11 7 PM Choir  
13 6:30 PM NA Meeting  
16 **FATHER'S DAY - Dads and Grads Service**  
Trinity Sunday  
18 7 PM Choir  
19 7 PM June Council Meeting  
20 6:30 PM NA Meeting  
23 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
24 Church Office **CLOSED**  
25 7 P Choir  
27 Church Office **CLOSED**  
6 – 8 PM Quakertown Food Pantry Volunteers  
6:30 PM NA  
30 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
3 PM Summer Harmony Concert – Tickets \$15.  
(\$5 Children 12 & under)



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## Summer Worship Schedule

### Services begin at **9:30 AM**

(through Labor Day)

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A tradition along with our communion services and this

### **PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION**

service, we ask the consideration of the congregation to mark this celebration with a **special offering benefiting the**



**Improvement Fund** of our church. Offering Envelopes are in the pews or can be secured in the Narthex.

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## ***June has two special musical events:***

1st – There are two performances of **Cinemagic!** - Sat. Evening June 8, at 7:30 PM and an encore presentation Sunday afternoon June 9, at 3 PM. Come out and enjoy the musical talents of the cantata choir. See pg. 11 for details or contact Larry Benner.



2nd - The **Summer Harmony Men's Chorus** will be performing at St. John's on Sunday, June 30 at 3 PM. See pg 12 for details. Tickets are \$15/ea. (Children 12 & under \$5.) Profits from the concert benefit the church general fund. Questions may be directed to Larry Benner.



**Church Office Hours ...** a change for the week of June 24 - 28. **Office will be closed Mon. 6/24 & Thurs. 6/27.** Any information to be included in the 6/30 Bulletin and/or the July newsletter due to the church office by Wed. 6/19. Thank you!!

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**2019 Committees of St. John's** – An updated list of our current church committee members is included for your reference.



Still looking for ..... **Altar Flowers & Bulletins Sponsors for 2019**  
Sign Up sheets on the Narthex Bulletin Board.  
Cost - \$10 Altar Flowers / \$5 Bulletin Sponsors.



Honor a special day or remember a loved one!! Thank You!!

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## Just a reminder...

### Keep collecting Redner's Receipts!!



Our WOW group collects cash register tapes from Redner's Warehouse Markets. Redner's will donate 1% of the receipts submitted to the church.

You can register for a Shopper's Card at the courtesy counter, tell them it is for St. John's UCC. All tapes are appreciated. Please remember to save yours when you grocery shop. A box in the Narthex is where to place your tapes. Thank you. You may also check with Redner's for details.

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## Council Notes.....:



Church Council  
NOTES

- *Council has decided to institute the following security measures during worship services effective June 1, 2019:*

**- Main Front doors of the church will be the only open doors while services are in progress.**

- - The **lower front doors of the Church** (by the parking lot – church street side) will be locked after the first ten minutes of the service. They will remain locked for the remainder of the service. After the first ten minutes, you need to enter through the front doors.
- The **elevator** will be locked after the first ten minutes (i.e, at 10:25 AM) for the duration of the service.
- The **doors on the Main Street side** of the church will be locked on a Sunday morning.
- Contact Scott Yerger (267-718-9563) if you will require access during the service.
- Questions may be directed to any member of Church Council or Pastor Jo.

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**Update from May 2019 Council Meeting**

**Committee Reports:**

- Property/Cemetery Committee – Scott Yerger and Chris Horton went up into the steeple to look into fixing some of the lights that are out. Supplies need to be purchased to complete some of this work.
- The Church has received a generous donation of mulch. Please contact Scott Yerger if you would be able to help with the labor of landscaping.
- Worship Committee – A meeting will be set in the near future.

**Other Business:**

- Summer Harmony will be performing at our Church on June 30th at 3 pm. Tickets are \$15 (\$5 children 12 & under). They can be purchased from Larry Benner or by contacting the church office.
- An current list of church committees and their respective members is available in the narthex of the church. It is also included with this newsletter. There are no phone numbers included in the newsletter.
- Clearances for those church members working with children will need to be updated (Sunday school, youth events, junior choir).
- More detailed minutes will be available upon request after the minutes have been approved at the next meeting.
- Next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, June 19 @ 7 pm.

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**Prayer Concerns**

|                 |                 |               |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Shelly Ackerman | Larry Benner    | Joey Leiter   |
| Mary Musselman  | Terry Musselman | Jacob Pearson |
| Louise Plagman  | George Schaffer | Jade Scholl   |
|                 | Ken Van Acker   |               |

*If you would like someone added or removed from the prayer list, contact the church office (215-538-0875) or inform Pastor Jo.*

*Thank you.*

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## Remember our Shut-in with your prayers and cards



Charles Mundy  
304 East Montgomery Avenue  
North Wales, PA 19454-2950

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**PRAYER CHAIN** -- Prayer is looking to God for His answers and leaving our cares in His Hands. Allow our Prayer Chain to pray for your needs today. Call Marcella Kulp (215-536-5625) with your prayer concerns.

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Join us as we honor our  
**Dads and Grads on Sunday,  
June 16th at 9:30AM!**



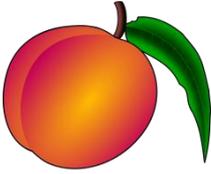
**Congratulations** goes to the following members of our extended church family:

**Eston R. Racey** is graduating from Liberty University with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. Eston is the grandson of Marge and George Schaffer.

**Katelyn Quinn** is graduating from Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She is the great granddaughter of Barbara Fehnel.



– Council is looking for input from members concerning the annual **Peach Festival**. There are many manageable tasks and details that go into making the festival a success. Meetings are generally minimal, (usually 2). This has been a big event for our church in the past. Volunteers, planning and organization are crucial. Please contact Jade Scholl or any member of council if you are able to assist.



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Our Congregation has a Stewardship Tree. It is located on the Bulletin Board by the Church Street entrance doors. Please take a few minutes to look it over and add a leaf depicting service to our community which you have encountered or provided! Blank Leaves to be completed are in the Narthex below the bulletin board. Thanks to Dan Muck for coordinating. See him with questions.



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## FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY....

– Ken and Babs Van Acker have generously offered to collect and redeem with the state of NY the 5¢/can or bottle rebate which NY offers when they travel north this summer. So remember to save your aluminum cans, recyclable water bottles and look for a recycling container in the social hall to place your donations!

Speak with Ken and/or Babs for details. We thank them for their willingness to facilitate this project!!



booklets for June - August have arrived. Look for them in the Narthex for your use.

# There's a new ministry in the works at St. John's: "Hands of God Crafting Ministry!"

Do you like to make Things? Would you like to learn?  
Our God is creative, and so are you!



We have discovered that there is a need  
for knitted hats for cancer patients at St. Luke's Hospital,  
as well as lap blankets and booties for Phoebe.

If you already do traditional knitting or crocheting,  
know how to use a knitting loom, or would like to learn,  
**THIS MINISTRY IS FOR YOU!**

To learn more about what is being planned  
and how YOU can be involved  
in bringing comfort to our neighbors in St. Luke's and Phoebe,  
contact Babs Van Acker at [267-373-9379](tel:267-373-9379).

EVERYONE is welcome – the more, the merrier!

## June Birthdays...

|    |                |    |                |
|----|----------------|----|----------------|
| 1  | Dan Muck       | 13 | Jolene Kramer  |
| 5  | Hannah Yerger  | 13 | Brady Thompson |
| 10 | Dustin Freed   | 21 | Brody Carney   |
|    | Courtney Muck  | 22 | Karl Jancsics  |
|    | Nathaniel Muck | 25 | Ted Heimbach   |

*Is your birthday missing from the list, please  
call the church office at 215-538-0875 or  
email at [stjucrichtown@verizon.net](mailto:stjucrichtown@verizon.net). We will  
be glad to add it to the birthday list.*



## Scheduled to Serve in June

### Lectors

|      |    |                |
|------|----|----------------|
| June | 2  | Carol Horton   |
|      | 9  | Jade Scholl    |
|      | 16 | Marge Schaffer |
|      | 23 | Courtney Muck  |
|      | 30 | Sue Benner     |



## Greeters & Ushers

- June 2 Barbara Fehnel, Mary Musselman  
8 Judy Guise, Jeanette Shurow  
(7:30 PM Sat. Evening Cinemagic! Concert)  
9 Dan and Courtney Muck (9:30 Worship Service)  
Don & DottiAnne Edmonds (3 PM Sun. Cinemagic!)  
16 Eleanor Fly, Jade Scholl  
23 Kay Ginder, Cindy Yerger  
30 Mary Hardcastle, Norma Schmell (9:30 AM Service)  
Chris Horton, Joe Horton (3 PM Summer Harmony)

## Offering Processing

- June 2 Bev Kuhn, Carole Freed  
9 Scott Yerger, *Volunteer Needed*  
16 Eleanor Fly, Bev Kuhn  
23 Dan Muck, *Volunteer Needed*  
30 Bev Kuhn, Eleanor Fly

## Communion Servers

- June 9 Carole Freed, Eleanor Fly

## Communion Arrangements

- June 9 Marge Schaffer, Carol Horton

## Altar Guild Schedule—Carol Horton, Eleanor Fly

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**Just wondering..... Have you considered remembering**  
St. John's U.C.C. in your will? – Thank you if you have made such a choice!!

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*“Quiet on the set! Quiet on the set! “Lights...camera...action!”*

# *Cinemagic!*

*The Music of the Silverscreen*

*This musical revue by Mac Huff  
is a look back at some of the  
most memorable themes and  
melodies in the history of  
American film.*

PRESENTED BY

THE CANTATA CHOIR

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

LARRY C. BENNER

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019 ~ 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019 ~ 3:00 PM

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ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
CHURCH & MAIN STREETS  
P. O. BOX 356  
RICHLANDTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

COME AND SUPPORT THE CHOIR IN THIS MUSICAL ENDEAVOR.



**The Premier Men's Chorus of the Lehigh Valley**

**Under the Direction of Vincent Trovato**

**In Concert**

**Sunday, June 30, 2019**

**3:00 PM**

**St. John's United Church of Christ  
Route 212 & Main Street  
Richlandtown, PA 18955**

**Call the church office for tickets - 215-538-0875**

**\$15.00**

**COME AND SUPPORT THIS FUND RAISER FOR ST. JOHN'S**