



The Good News Letter



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FOGELSVILLE
Small Church, Big Heart

St. John's U.C.C., 1027 Church St., Fogelsville, PA 18051

April 2019

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

September through May

9:00 Bible Study

10:15 Sunday School

10:30 Service followed by coffee hour

Sunday

June through Labor Day

10:30 Service followed by coffee hour

Wednesday

3:45-7:30 Piano lessons

6:00-7:15 yoga

7:30-8:30 choir

September through May

Thursday

12:00 Dutch Lunch at Starlite Diner

6-8 Lions Club on 1st and 3rd week

Friday

6-9:30 NA Group

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 6

Mike Grim Floral Demonstration

April 7

Communion

Hoagie orders due

April 8

Consistory Meeting 6:30

April 13

Easter Egg Hunt

April 17

Hoagie order pickup

April 18

Maundy Thursday at 7:30

April 20

Easter Egg Hunt alternate date

April 21

Easter Breakfast at 9:00



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Opportunities Available

We all have talents that are given to us by God. Those talents vary. Some are able to speak in public; others feel more comfortable sharing in small groups. Some are good at organizing; others are good at carrying out directions. As shown at coffee hours, some are really good at baking. (Some are really good at eating, too.) Some feel comfortable visiting with our older—or infirm—members. There are many different ways that our talents can be used by God for the benefit of our members, our congregation and the community.

If you are comfortable speaking in public (or if you want to give it a try even though it seems scary) talk to Pastor Irv or contact the church office about being an assistant minister. If you enjoy talking to people one-on-one, consider being a greeter on a Sunday or going along with a few of our members who visit our sick and shut-ins. Good at cooking or baking? We can always use help with coffee hour and with the occasional fellowship meals we offer or providing food when we host a bereaved family after a funeral service.

If your time is limited and you want to contribute financially you can sponsor bulletins and altar flowers or make a contribution toward coffee hour. The cost for flowers is \$35 per Sunday and bulletins for \$5 per Sunday.

Thank you for sharing your talent in God's service.
Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter is printed on the 20th of each month. The newsletter must be printed and be available for distribution by the last Sunday of the month.



We have scheduled an outing to an **Iron Pigs** game for Sunday, May 12th at 1:35pm. There are 40 tickets available in the Red Robin Tiki Terrace. A buffet menu is planned. The tickets are \$37 each. If you are interested in going to the game, please sign up on the sheet hanging in the narthex. Deadline for sign ups and for payment is April 7.



On Saturday, April 6th at 2pm St. Johns and Michael Grim will sponsor a **flower demonstration and basket social** to help offset expenses for our Capital Campaign project. We need monetary donations, basket items, filled baskets,

baked goods/snacks items and **VOLUNTEERS**. There are many theme basket ideas available. Please help make this project a success.



From the Pastor's Desk

Due to Pastor Irv's medical emergency & being hospitalized there is no Pastor's Corner this month. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Peace be with you,
Tina

Busy Bees

Busy Bees is having a hoagie sale in April. Orders are due April 7th with a pick-up date of April 17th. You will have your choice of either Italian or Ham with or without onion. Price of a hoagie is \$5.00. To place an order, see Marilyn Roth, Marge Cope, or Beulah Snyder. Marilyn can be reached at 610-395-3083, Marge at 610-395-0002, or Beulah at 610-285-6608.

Busy Bees are having an Easter candy sale. Candy will be available from Annette's Candy Kitchen. For more information and to place your order please see Beulah Snyder or contact her at 610-285-6608.

Easter Season

The Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13th with a rain date of April 20th at The Falcon Pavilion on Route 100. We will need baskets for raffle, colored eggs, and help setting up the areas. Anyone interested in volunteering for this community event, please see Nancy Moyer.

Palm Sunday is April 14, and Maundy Thursday communion service will take place in the sanctuary on April 18 at 7:30. Easter Sunday is April 21 and we will be holding communion service at 10:30.

We will have our annual **Easter morning breakfast** on Sunday, April 21st starting at 9:00am. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. Please see Larry Moyer if you wish to make a donation or wish to volunteer to help with breakfast.

Holy Humor Sunday is on hold for now.

Capital Improvement Campaign

St. John's UCC has a Capital Improvement Campaign, for some much needed repairs. If you would like to donate to this fund, please make checks payable to St. John's UCC and put "Capital Improvement" on the memo line. Our parking lot is schedule for improvement in the spring.



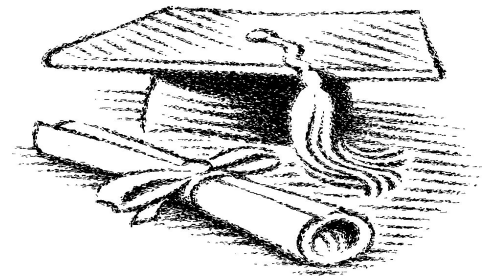
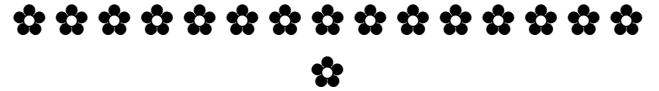
April Birthdays

- 7 – Sandra Minnich
- 8 – Carl Breininger
- 8 – Sierra Marstellar

- 12 – Steven Grim
- 21 – Betty Rockel
- 27 – Donna Mohr
- 30 – Tom Sobczak

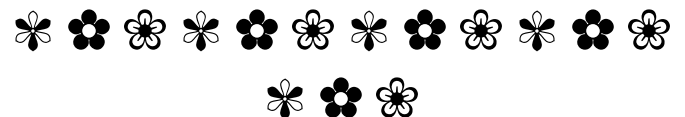
April Anniversaries

- 30 – Ken & Beulah Snyder



Graduation

As we have done in past years, we would like to salute all the graduates of the church family members. Please submit their name, where they are graduating from and if possible the date, accomplishments, and future plans. We would like to include them in the June newsletter. Thank you!



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Capital Campaign.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time and talent for the betterment of the church.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the food bank.

Busy Bee would like to thank everyone who helped with their fundraisers.

Anna and Guy would like to thank everyone for their love and support over the years. We will miss all of you.



Prayer Requests

Pastor Irvin Moore, Elaine Conner, Catherine Csencitz, Marjorie Deroner, Ray Ziegler, Jane Laudenslager, Ruby Grace, George Rodenbach, Jessica Williamson.

If you or a loved one needs to be hospitalized, please inform the hospital staff that St John's UCC church code is 467. We also ask that you or a family member please notify the church office of your hospitalization when you enter and when you leave—call 610-398-7015. Thanks!



Joyful Noise Offering 2019

April – American Cancer Society
American Cancer Society has worked relentlessly to save lives and create a world with less cancer. They help people stay well, get well, find cures, and fight back against cancer.

Dutch Lunch

Please join us for lunch at the **Starlite Diner** on Thursday afternoons at 12:00 p.m. It will be Dutch Style where everyone will treat him or herself for a lunch out. We will have informal discussions of faith and life, time to

share, support, break bread together, and get to know one another.

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Attention anyone willing to lend a hand. There are two lists posted in the narthex. As you may or may not know, we are filling the job of sexton with monthly volunteers. This became effective in November and we wish to thank the families who gave of their time and talents during the holiday season. We are in need of volunteers, it can be a family affair, who are willing to stop by and clean up. We are in need of volunteers for May through December. There is a punch list of weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly chores. Also, there are some repairs needed here and there. If we all chip in, we can get the jobs done. If your schedule allows, these tasks are a perfect way for you to serve your church, in turn, serving your community. Please consider making a renewed commitment to your church family in the new year. Thank you.



April Assistants

Assistant Minister

- April 7 – Dean Mohr
- April 14 – Marilyn Roth
- April 18 – Sue Snyder
- April 21 – Steve Conner
- April 28 – Frank Garon

Offering Schedule

- April 7 –**Frank Garon
Sue Snyder
- April 14 – Suzanne Reigel

Jeff Grim
April 18 – Tom Sobczak
Marilyn Roth
April 21 – Frank Garon
Mark Laudenslager
April 28 – Jeff Grim
Suzanne Reigel

****Responsible for supplying bread
and set-up communion.**



Consistory Notes March 11, 2019

1) Pastor's Report-

Getting slowly better every day.

2) Correspondence –

Thank you letters were received from Bethany Home for our Christmas gifts. Thank you letters came from Joyful Noise offering, Heifer International, American Red Cross, Boys and Girls Club and Zions Liberty Bell Church for their homeless food bank. Penn Northeast Conference also sent a letter thanking us for our donations.

3) Old Business - Issues

Follow up with Folk Paving for driveway paving schedule. Jeff will give them a call to see if we are on their schedule yet.

b) Need members to sign up for Cleaning schedule (thank you to those who have volunteered)

4) New Business Report

a) New member Committee – Larry suggested that it would be nice to follow up with visitors to our church either with a visit or a telephone call. It would also

be nice to have something to give them something with our name on it. Sue will talk with the visitation group to see if we can take this on.

b) Spring Cleaning -Time and Date – Tabled for now. The church is currently in pretty good shape. We will address this again in the fall.

c) Food Bank in our area? How can we help? Jeff spoke about a local couple who have taken on opening a food bank to benefit Parkland School students who probably don't get fed much on the week-ends. They are opening a food bank in a building near the Kernsville School. Jeff will see if he can get them to come to our church to talk about the food bank.

5) Outreach Events

a) Movie Night and Spaghetti dinner were a BIG SUCCESS! What's next? We had \$150 in donations. Marlene has placed that in miscellaneous income until we decide what we would like to do with that money.

b) Michael Grim Floral Event April 6, 2019 - Planning and Basket collection are in the works. Members please ask for baskets or donations in your travels! LETS ALL PITCH IN AND HELP! If you could donate two baskets or articles for two baskets, it would be much appreciated.

c) Easter Egg Hunt April 13th with Lutherans 9:00 a.m. registration. 10:00 a.m. start at the Route 100 Park again. (Chairperson needed for our church to work with the Lutherans.)

d) Easter Breakfast April 21, 2019. Welcome ALL! - Menu Planning - Men on a Mission Group. Larry is working up a menu.

e) Holy Humor Sunday April 28, 2019 - Irv's Retirement – On hold for now.

f) Iron Pigs Game May 12, 2019 Coca Cola Park, Game Time 1:35 p.m. See Nancy Moyer for tickets.

g) Memorial Day Service – Planning – Ray Huber and Marilyn Roth will work on this with the Lutheran Church.

9) Christian Education - Great Job!!!
Sandy is Back !!

10) Search Committee - New Supply Pastors – Sue has lined up supply pastors through April 7. Discussion was held regarding the two people that supplied the last two Sundays. It was decided that we should call the conference minister, Bonnie Bates and have her come and talk to the Search Committee and Consistory. We should ask her questions about the search process, licensed ministers and their plan for small churches like ours. Sue will try to schedule her for Monday the 18th at 6:30 p.m.

11) Media Tech

a) Great Job Lauren on the Movie Night!!

12) Property Issues

a) New Sign will help to make us visible to road traffic. Update: Jeff has a meeting scheduled for March 12 at 1:00

p.m. with a sign company. Lighting was also discussed. If we do get a sign, we should have the wiring done at the same time to be able to illuminate the front of our church and our stained glass windows.

b) Paint staircase area and bathrooms downstairs by kitchen: Larry has one quote and asked for a second, but has not had a response. The quote is \$2,000 for repairing and painting the ceiling and walls in the back stairwell and down the steps. The quote for painting the back hallway and two bathrooms is \$750. We would like to have this work done before the April 6 flower show and basket social. Several Consistory members were willing to donate toward the project. Motion by Jeff Grim, seconded by Sue Snyder to accept the bid that Larry procured and get the work done asap. Motion carried.

c) A "Fix it List" is posted on the bulletin board.

14) Treasurer's Report – Marlene presented a 3-page written report which is attached to the Secretary's minutes.

a) Monthly report - Total checking account balance at the end of February was \$11,061.88. The negative balance in the building fund is down to \$14.03. Income from the raised cakes sale was \$464 and was placed in miscellaneous income for the present.

Total weekly offering for February was \$4,026.00. Two large expenses for the

month were for fuel oil at a cost of \$1,841.26 and the annual sewer fee of \$347.78.

b) Capital Fund – Balance is \$10,821.99.

c) Memorial Fund – Balance is \$26,800.24.

d) Endowment Report – Tom – Balance is \$108,225.00.

Christian Humor to brighten your day

The hand of God

Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother following Sunday worship. It finally stopped raining as they rounded the corner, where to their surprise and delight appeared a vivid double rainbow in the sky.

“Doesn’t it look like an artist painted this rainbow?” his mother exclaimed. “I bet God painted this just for you!”

“Yes.” Replied Philip, “God did it, and he did it left handed.”

Confused, his mother asked him, “What makes you say God did this with his left Hand?”

“Well,” said Philip, “we learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God’s right hand.”

