



# The Good News Letter

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### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter is printed around the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. The newsletter must be printed and be available for distribution by the last Sunday of the month.

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### From the Pastor's Desk-

Hi St. John's Friends and Family,

I pray for each of you every day, but especially in these uncertain times. If there is one thing we can learn and celebrate from this COVID-19, it is that CHURCH is not the building and it is not "just" meeting on a Sunday Morning for worship.

This newsletter is a bit different because we do not know yet when we are able to resume our regular church activities, so no activities are advertised.

HOWEVER, I hope that you have been spiritually fed but our virtual worship services and by participating in our BE THE CHURCH CHALLENGE, which will continue through April!

(For more information see CHALLENGE article.)

If God is for us, then who can be against us? Romans 8:31

God walks with us; may you feel that Holy presence!

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### **Prayer Requests**

Ruby Grace      Brandon Hamm  
Clark Hamm      Roger Rupp  
Brenda Stahley      Sandi Minnich  
Kim Warder      Sandy Tomasko  
Joanne Traina  
Melissa/Jason Baer  
and baby on the way

For medical personnel, for those with a loss of income, for those at risk, for those who fear, for those who are isolated...

Pray also for our church and all churches.  
And lastly -Pray for each other!

If you or a loved one needs to be hospitalized, please let the church know. However, please also know that at this time, clergy are not allowed to make hospital visits.



## **ONLINE WORSHIP FACEBOOK LIVE**

**10:30AM Sunday Mornings!**

Unless you are helping with technology, music, reading or leading, we ask that you tune in from home.

(WHEN THIS CHANGES,  
YOU'LL KNOW!)

If you can't catch us LIVE at 10:30am on Facebook, the video will be there for you whenever you are ready... In fact, you do not need to have a Facebook account to see worship. Just search *Facebook St John's UCC Fogelsville* in Google (or whatever web browser you use).

Also, the direct link to the Facebook broadcast of worship will be emailed to everyone after worship ends and posted on our website:  
[Stjohnsuccfogelsville.com](http://Stjohnsuccfogelsville.com).

**Staying strong, faithful and connected, let's all be part of the  
BE THE CHURCH CHALLENGE!!**

# Be the CHURCH Challenge

**March 30- April 3**  
Telephone Tree Time!

**April 4-8**  
Scavenger Hunt



St. John's UCC  
Fogelsville will continue  
its connection to one  
another and our  
community!

**April 9**  
Maundy Thursday

**April 10**  
Watch a Movie together

If God is for us,  
who can be against us?  
Romans 8:31

Details on each will be emailed and posted on Social Media!

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

### **April Birthdays**

- 7- Sandra Minnich
- 8- Carl Breininger
- 8- Sierra Marsteller
- 12- Steven Grim
- 16- Paul Quinn
- 21- Betty Rockel
- 24- Brian Laudenslager
- 27- Donna Mohr
- 30- Tom Sobczak

### **April Anniversaries**

- 30- Ken & Beulah Snyder



## **HOW CAN YOU HELP??**

~Serving one another and the community together!

### BEING THE CHURCH TOGETHER:

Pray, learn, and give.  
Reaching out and Reaching In.

## OPPORTUNITIES to GIVE

Currently seeking  
Chicken noodle soup  
& granola bars.

**Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me.**  
Matthew 25:40



**Parkland Cares is also seeking:**  
shampoo & conditioner, laundry detergent, paper towels & cereal



**APRIL  
JOYFUL  
NOISE  
OFFERING!**  
*American Red  
Cross prevents*

and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Always there in times of need; so that all people affected by disaster across the country and around the world receive care, shelter and hope.

**Since we do not yet know if we will physically worship together in April, you are encouraged to collect at home what you would give at church! This way the Red Cross will not be forgotten in April.**

## **CHURCH OFFERING**

Your continued generous giving is absolutely essential for us to be able to continue being the church, not just today... but every day.

Even though we can not worship together in person right now to pass an offering plate, please remember St. John's each week.

- Use your giving envelopes to mail a check to the church
- Set up an EFT (electronic fund transfer) directly from your bank, or
- Click on GIVE on our website to donate through our new electronic giving source- [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly).

*Tithe.ly is free for us except for a small per transaction fee which you can choose to cover for us when you give!*

**Whichever way you choose to give, why not make your church-giving an automatic and recurring gift?**

This feature is available through [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) or directly through your own bank.

# We are ONLINE:

Like, Comment, and Share!

Check out our website at  
[stjohnsuccfogelsville.com](http://stjohnsuccfogelsville.com)

Like us on Facebook on  
**StJohnsUCCFogelsville**

Follow us on Instagram at  
[st.johnsu.c.c.fogelsv](https://www.instagram.com/st.johnsu.c.c.fogelsv)

Share your St. John's UCC Fogelsville  
experiences on your own social media  
with [#stjohnsuccfogelsville](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsuccfogelsville)



## And Last... but not least: **KEEPING YOU INFORMED** with highlights from

### March 9th Consistory Meeting.

(editor's note: the calendar changed significantly after the meeting on March 9, due to Social Distancing recommendations with Covid-19.)

- 1) Pastor's Report -
  - a. Feedback is always welcome
  - b. Open communication is important.
  - c. If there is an issue related to church, please let me know. I have to know what is going on in order to minister to you properly and for us, as a team, to be healthy.
  - d. I am going to a free workshop on Creative Community Communication on April 30.
  - e. OUTREACH/Marketing Team- Name Tag Sundays will continue. Small Dining Groups are coming.
  - f. Candi Krause will be our adult delegate to the PNEC Spring meeting. Mark Krause will go as a visitor and second chaperone for the youth attending. Grace Quinn

was elected as our youth delegate. Two other youth will attend.

### CHURCH/EVENT SCHEDULE:

- April 5 - Palm Sunday
  - 9- Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion at 6:30 p.m.
  - 12 - Easter breakfast- Men's Group to Plan
  - 12 - Easter Worship 10:30 a.m. with Communion
  - 14 - Confirmation Class at Church 6:30-8:00 p.m.
  - 20 - Healing the Earth (free) Seminar in Bethlehem -SWITCHING TO EVENING & CONFIRMATION CLASS IS COMING ALONG.
  - 24-25 - PNEC Spring Conference Meeting at the Chateau at Camelback
  - May 3 - Communion (pew)
  - 5 - Confirmation Class
  - 10 - Mother's Day
  - 15-17 - PNEC Annual Youth Retreat
  - 17 - Last day of Sunday School
  - 19 - Confirmation Class
  - 24 - Pop Up Choir/Memorial Sunday
  - 25 - Memorial Day Service in Cemetery 10:00 a.m.
  - 31 - Pentecost - Possibly Confirmation Sunday
  - June 7 - Baseball Sunday- Wear your Favorite Team's gear to church Communion (pew) Iron Pigs Game @ 1:35 p.m.
  - JULY 6-10 - VBS -we are hosting; classes run 9:00 a.m. - Noon
- 2) Correspondence - A letter was received from Love Ran Red for our Joyful Noise offering in the amount of \$105.38.

- 3) Old Business - Issues -
  - a. Church Windows sync up office PC and laptop for Marlene – It was decided to go cloud based so that Marlene, Tina and Pastor Janet’s computers will all be in sync with each other. That way, when corrections to databases are made on one computer they will be made on all three.
  - b. Faith and Film Series - Enjoyed a wonderful movie with a faith message. Let’s support this!

- 4) New Business Report -
  - a. Pastoral Relations meeting, set a date. Frank Garon, Marilyn Roth, and Larry Moyer volunteered to serve on this committee. A couple of parishioners not on Consistory will also be asked to serve. Setting a meeting date is on hold for now.

- 5) Treasurer’s Report -
  - a. Monthly report - Marlene presented a 2-page written report. A correction was made regarding the move of \$15,000 from the Memorial Fund from the Windows accounting system to the Endowment Fund because it showed deceptive numbers. Motion by Zach Edelman, seconded by Frank Garon: Let the record show that \$15,000 was moved from the Memorial Fund (the Moritz Will specified money not to be spent except for interest earned) and put into the George Putnam Balanced Fund by itself. Motion carried unanimously.

The Busy Bees will pay for the outlets and circuits installed in the large gathering room. The rest of electrical

costs and the remainder of the bill for the new sign will come out of the Building Fund. For the month of February, the total General Fund receipts were \$6,532.88. Total income was \$9,728.07.

- b. Capital Fund - \$11,115.76
- c. Memorial Fund – \$10,839.64

6) Christian Education – THANK YOU to those who have been teaching Sunday School!! If you would like to volunteer please see Pastor Janet.

- 7) Media and Internet Tech Committee - Mark, Pastor Janet and Anthony Newett
  - a. Getting monitors/ TV for downstairs, live feed and message board benefits. A written proposal was presented for the closed circuit video and streaming project with proposals and estimates from ESG, Inc. and Newett Studios (attached to the original Secretary’s minutes). Discussion was held. Total cost for the ESG, Inc. proposal was \$6,341.50. Total cost for the Newett Studios proposal (which is a broader proposal) was \$2,443.34.

Motion by Marilyn Roth, seconded by Sue Snyder that we accept the Newett Studios proposal for the closed circuit video and streaming project to be paid for with monies in the Rev. Irvin Moore Memorial Fund (as per his daughters’ wishes) and the remainder from the Building Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8) Property Issues -
  - a. Interior painting touch up (walk around) Thank you to Mike Doyle for doing paint touch ups.

- b. Heating system Repair needed - E.F. Laudenslager made the repair \$700.00.
- c. Electrical outlets and new circuits added to Social Hall . Busy Bees offered to pay for this. Thank you!!

Thank you to those who serve on the Prayer Chain. If anyone would like to serve on the Prayer Chain, please see Beulah Snyder.

Jeff Grim told the group that a meeting has been set for next Monday at 6:30 p.m. for a meeting with Officer Rohrbach about church safety and security.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH  
AS WE LEARN AND GROW,  
SPREADING GOD'S WORD &  
HELPING OTHERS IN NEED  
ALONG THE WAY!  
MAY GOD BLESS OUR CHURCH  
FAMILY!



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
**FOGELSVILLE**  
*Small Church, Big Heart*