



The Good News Letter

St. John's U.C.C., 1027 Church St., Fogelsville, PA18051

August 2019

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

September through May

10:15 Sunday School

10:30 Service followed by coffee hour

Sunday

June through Labor Day

10:30 Service followed by coffee hour

Monday

1:00-4:00 Pastor Janet's office hours

Tuesday

10:00-1:00 Pastor Janet's office hours

Wednesday

3:45-7:30 Piano lessons

6:00-7:15 yoga

June through August

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

August 4

Communion

August 11

Pet Blessing Sunday at 10:30 am

August 12

Consistory Meeting 6:30

August 25

Outdoor Worship Service & Church

Picnic 10:30 am at Mark & Marlene

Ritters house

8638 Mohr Ln, Fogelsville



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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



From the Pastor's Desk-

Dear Friends in Christ,

The last two months have gone by so fast, at least on my end. Before we know it, the cooler fall weather will be before us and the fall will bring with it many things. For now, let us breathe in the last month of Summer and see what it has in store for us.

Now that my chaplaincy internship at St. Luke's Hospital is completed (which culminated with a graduation on July 25), I will be able to have increased office hours. I also will make it a point to

call and visit those members and friends that I haven't met yet. Besides Monday afternoons from 1-4, you can also visit me at the church on Tuesdays from 10-1.

In my daily reading, I came across a short poem that I would like to share with you. It is called I'd Write For You A Rainbow by Ann Weems.

I'd write for you a rainbow
And splash it with all the colors of God
And hang it in the window of your being
So that each new God's morning
Your eyes would open first

To Hope and Promise.

If I could, I'd wipe away your tears
And hold you close forever in shalom.
But God never promised
I could write a rainbow,
Never promised I could suffer *for* you,
Only promised I could love you.
That I do.

To me, that is one of the privileges of being your pastor. That I get to walk with you in this life, if you let me. Through your joys and celebrations, your hard times and fears, and your doubts and confusions, your church is

here for you. Your pastor is here for you.

Are you wondering what's next??

A TV for worship so you can actually SEE what is meant to enhance your experience!

Women's Retreat in the fall

All-Congregational Study and Sermon series (fall)

Mission Trip (Sept 21-28)

Youth Group Revamped

Sunday School and Faith Formation classes (start 9/15)

Harvest Home Worship and Celebration

My Installation as your Pastor (10/6)

There is much to be excited about here at St. John's! I hope you feel the Spirit as much as I do.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Janet

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Busy Bees

The Busy Bees will be taking a much deserved break over the summer.



VBS WAS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

Our week of Vacation Bible School, with the theme of *To Mars and Beyond*, was July 8-12. We also had a special VBS worship service on July 14. What a pleasure it was to coordinate this amazing week with St. John's Lutheran across the street. Thank you so much to the many people from both congregations that made our VBS program soar! The VBS children, youth and staff explored how we can go beyond with faith, boldness, kindness, thankfulness and hope. There were 30 children who played, prayed, sang and explored at VBS 2019. God is Good!

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.

- 17 – Franklin Horvath
- 19 – Michele Gieringer
- 20 – Cindy Eckert
- 20 – Jason Moyer
- 20 – Nancy Moyer
- 25 – Mallory Cope
- 28 – Dorothy Breininger
- 31 – Nora Garon



Prayer Requests

Rev. Irvin Moore, Elaine Conner, Catherine Csencitz, Marjorie Deroner, Ray Ziegler, Jane Laudenslager, George Rodenbach, Jessica Williamson, Ruby Grace, Brandon Hamm, Clark Hamm, Jerry Miller.

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!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

August Birthdays

- 1 – Sandy Sobczak
- 2 – Bryan Sobczak
- 3 – Avery Cope
- 10 – Pete Paduch Jr.
- 11 – Sydney Cope

August Anniversaries

- 6 –William & Michele Gieringer
- 9 – Nevin & Marjorie Cope
- 18 – Jason & Amanda Moyer
- 21 – Mark & Tina Laudenslager
- 23 – Larry & Nancy Moyer

August Assistants

Assistant Minister

- Aug 4 – Marilyn Roth
- Aug 11 – Steve Conner
- Aug 18 – Frank Garon
- Aug 25 – Sue Snyder

Offering Schedule

- Aug 4 –**Jeff Grim & Frank Garon
- Aug 11 – Marilyn Roth & Tom Sobczak
- Aug 18 – Sue Snyder & Larry Moyer
- Aug 25 – Jeff Grim & Mark Laudenslager

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





PASTOR CHATS

Pastor Janet would love to get to know you better.

AUGUST Office Hours: Mondays 1-4pm and Tuesdays 10-1.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for you to make an appointment with her. This avoids the awkward situation of having multiple people arrive at the same time

If Mondays or Tuesdays are not a good day for you, don't hesitate to contact her to schedule a more convenient time.

AND Pastor Janet will also be attending Dutch Lunch on Thursdays at the Starlite Diner at 12 noon.

Rev. Irvin Moore is back at Fellowship Manor

Parkland C.A.R.E.S. Food Pantry -

Please remember to bring donations for the food pantry. All non-perishable foods will be accepted. They would like to be able to put together 250 snack packs to help feed children on the week-ends. In putting together these snack packs, our church could help by

collecting crackers, canned or bagged tuna and canned chicken.

We are collecting **school supplies** for student backpacks. We have several back packs in storage here at the church that were bought last fall when on sale. We would like to start collecting supplies now to fill the packs in the fall. Things to bring - #2 pencils, erasers, spiral notebooks, 1-inch 3-ring binders, notebook paper, zippered pencil cases, etc. A labeled collection box has been placed in the large room where we have coffee hour.

Pet Blessing Sunday! **August 11, 2019 10:30am**

All your critters and fur babies are welcome

Worship and Blessing will be in the church parking lot, weather permitting



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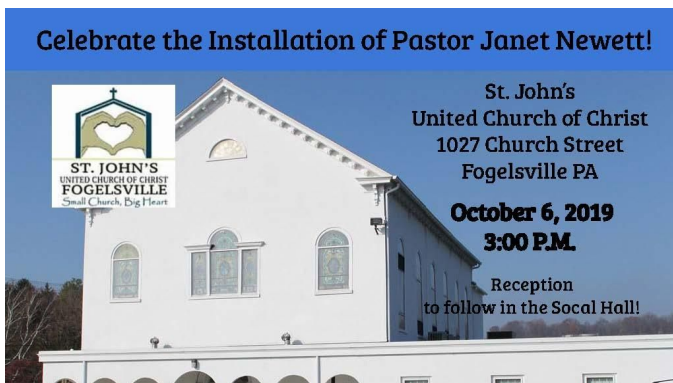
Back in June when we dreamed and visioned with some of the younger members of our faith family, there was excitement about bringing our pets to church... So in response to that *we will have a Pet Blessing Sunday on August 11* at our normal worship time of 10:30am. The whole worship service will be in our parking lot that day, weather permitting. If you can safely bring your fur baby, they are more than welcome to come to church with you that morning!! If you would prefer bring

a picture of your animal(s) to share instead! (CATS, especially, do not travel well!)

If you have a canopy you are willing to set up for the morning to provide some shade, please let Pastor Janet know. THANK YOU!



We will be having our **outdoor service** on Sunday August 25th at 10:30 am at Mark & Marlene Ritter's house followed by a potluck picnic.



PASTOR JANET'S INSTALLATION AS OUR NEW PASTOR: October 6, 2019 at 3pm

This is a wonderful time of celebration and our congregation is hosting this

special worship service! *So, mark your calendars now.* Penn Northeast Conference representatives will be there, as well as, many other pastors, friends and family of Pastor Janet as she is officially affirmed and installed as our pastor.

Let's show Pastor Janet how grateful we are to have her to minister with us!

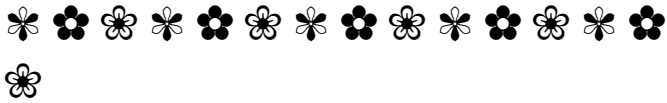
HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED in the Installation Worship service??

- Sing in a special choir organized for this special occasion
- Organizing the meal to celebrate the Installation with all our church's friends and family
- Assist with the meal by cooking, setting up, cleaning etc.??
- Be a Greeter or an Usher
- Prepare the Elements for Communion
- MOST IMPORTANTLY- BE THERE!!! *Come to the service which is at 3pm on 10/6/19.* This is a VERY important celebration for our church and your presence in the pews is essential.

There will be a sign-up sheet for various tasks associated with 10/6

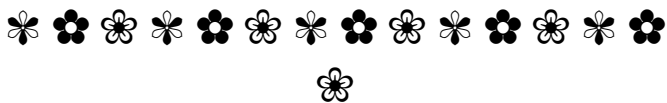
Joint Outdoor worship service with St. John's Lutheran is scheduled for Sunday September 8th at 10:30 am at Breinigsville Park

The **Cemetery Committee** is looking to rejuvenate the old headstones in the **German Cemetery** and are in need of funding. If you would like to make a donation please mark it as German Cemetery or see Dean Mohr, Jeff Grim or Larry Moyer.



Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is a version of Amazon that allows part of your payment for most items to go to a charitable organization of your choice. Go to smile.amazon.com and choose St Johns Ucc Fogelsville as your charity, or visit our website and click on the link on the homepage. Then, start shopping! Thank you for your contribution!



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Opportunities Available

If you are comfortable speaking in public please consider 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. 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 \$40 per Sunday and bulletins for \$5 per Sunday.

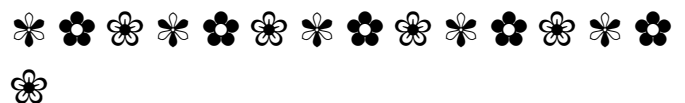
Thank you for sharing your talent in God's service.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Joyful Noise Offering 2019

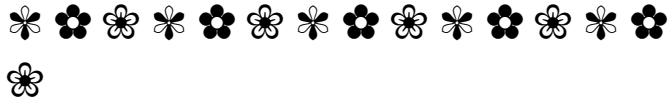
August –The Salvation Army is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. It's mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.



Dutch Lunch

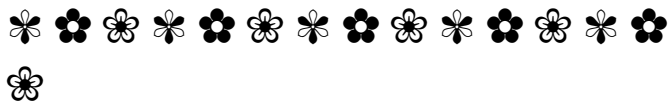
Please join us for lunch at the **Starlite Diner** on Thursday afternoons at 12:00 p.m. It will be Dutch Style where everyone will treat him or herself for a lunch out. We will have informal discussions of faith and life, time to

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



Helping Hands Needed

Attention anyone willing to lend a hand. There are two lists posted in the narthex. We are in need of volunteers. 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.



Consistory Notes July 8, 2019

1) Pastor's Report-

Updates from the Conference gathering – Pastor Janet talked about the General Synod meeting and some of the events in which she took part. Discussion was held about the protest that was posted on PNEC Facebook. Some members of our congregation are upset about the United Church of Christ getting involved in politics. Pastor Janet did not get involved in any of the protests. Dr. Bonnie Bates, Conference Minister, did

take part in the protests. Consistory members were insistent that we do not want to get involved in politics with regard to our church and our faith. Pastor Janet will let Dr. Bates know of our concerns. If any congregation member has concerns or questions, we ask that you talk with a Consistory member and we will address any issues that may arise.

We also discussed the problem of seeing what is on the video screen at the front of the church. Most people cannot read with words because of the lighting. Discussion was held on getting a large flat screen TV and stand for the sanctuary. That would correct the sight problems. This is being looked into.

2) Correspondence –

a) A thank you letter was received from Habitat for Humanity Lehigh Valley for our Joyful donation in the amount of \$77.93.

3) Old Business - Issues

a) Need members to sign up for Cleaning schedule (thank you to those who have volunteered).
b) We are collecting school supplies for local students. Soon we will receive a list of needed supplies from the Fogelsville School. We have 13 backpacks that were bought on sale last fall that we can fill with supplies. I collection

bin will be placed in the large Sunday school room.

4) New Business Report

a) New member Committee focus - Follow up with visitors, Magnets and Coffee Mugs ready!!!

b) Larry has asked Zach Edelman to become a Consistory member. He feels that Zach will give us a young perspective that is needed as we move forward. By Motion of Sue Snyder, seconded by Tom Sobczak, Consistory voted to confirm Zach Edelman as a Consistory member and have his name presented at the next Congregational meeting for approval.

5) Outreach Events

a) Movie Night again Saturday July 20 at 6:30 p.m. We will be watching the "New Dumbo Movie" outdoors - grill food, hot dogs on the menu with circus snacks!

b) Church Service 10:30 am August 25, 2019 at "The Ritter's Home". Marlene will post a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

c) Fall Picnic Sunday September 8, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Breinigsville Park with St. John's Lutheran Church.

d) Miracle League Carnival – By Motion of Sue Snyder, seconded by Marilyn Roth, Consistory approved spending up to \$300 for handouts for the Miracle League Carnival.

6) Christian Education - Great Job!!!

a) We could use more volunteers to be a teacher. Please see any Consistory Member to volunteer! This is an URGENT NEED for S.S. teachers for our church!!! Our young people are the future!! THANK YOU SANDY FOR YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATION!!!

7) Property Issues

a) New Sign will help to make us visible to road traffic. Jeff has filled out the application for a permit with the township, and we had to pay the \$75 application fee. He should hear back sometime this week about the approval. If it is approved, he will call the sign company and get it underway.

b) A "Fix it List" is posted on the bulletin Board. Take a look and see if there are any jobs that you can do.

c) Jeff will call Kuhnsman and have them check the roof before winter.

8) Treasurer's Report for the month of June -

a) Monthly report - Weekly offering for the month totaled \$5,660.00. Total income was \$7,385.36. Expenses for the month totaled \$6,217.58. The checking account balance was \$11,510.65.

b) Capital Fund – Balance is \$10,839.76.

c) Memorial Fund – Balance is \$26,853.00.

d) Endowment Report – Tom – Balance is \$114,909.00.

Thank you to the Busy Bees for paying for a lap top computer for the pastor's use and the set-up fees. The total was \$766.50.



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