



The Good News Letter

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

September 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

September 8

Combined worship & picnic 10:30 am
with St. John's Lutheran Church at
Breinigsville Park 8935 Breinigsville Rd.

September 9

Consistory Meeting 6:30

September 15

Sunday School **RALLY DAY** 9:30 am
Installation of New Consistory Members
in Worship 10:30 am

September 22

Sunday School classes begin again at
10:15 am

September 28

Youth Group Event: PNEC Sleepout for
Homelessness



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SPECIAL EVENTS

September 1

Communion

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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.

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From the Pastor's Desk-

Summer is almost over and we wonder where all the time went. Did we accomplish our summer To Do's and

adventures or are we looking forward to cooler weather and pumpkin spice?? (Which I don't particularly like BTW... But I love apple pie... In case you were curious!)

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up. Do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”
Isaiah 43:18-19

This fall we will have the start of our Faith Formation classes, an All-Congregational Book Study, a new Youth Group and Confirmation Class, and a women's retreat. Oh and don't forget the Miracle League Halloween Night, Trunk or Treat on Main Street and Harvest Home!

My hope and prayer for the church is vitality! I hope you agree.

Peace,

Pastor Janet

610-657-2189 (text or call)

pastorjanetn@gmail.com



Busy Bees

The Busy Bees are having their **hoagie sale**. Orders are due September 8th with a pick-up date of Wednesday September 18th. 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.



Prayer Requests

Elaine Conner, Catherine Csencitz, Ray Ziegler, Jane Laudenslager, George Rodenbach, Jessica Williamson, Ruby Grace, Brandon Hamm, Clark Hamm, Sharon Newhard.

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

September Birthdays

- 4 – Ray Ziegler
- 13 – Bill Gieringer
- 19 – Kay Kleinschuster
- 26 – Ron Snyder
- 26 – Ken Eisenhard

September Anniversaries

- 14 – Jeff & Janet Grim

September Assistants

Assistant Minister

- Sept 1 – Marilyn Roth
- Sept 8 – Service in the park
- Sept 15 – Janet Grim
- Sept 22 – Steve Conner
- Sept 29 – Frank Garon

Offering Schedule



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.

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies.



Sept 1 –**Mark Laudenslager & Zach Edelman
Sept 8 – None – Park Service
Sept 15 – Marilyn Roth & Tom Sobczak
Sept 22 – Sue Snyder & Larry Moyer
Sept 29 – Tom Sobczak & Mark Laudenslager

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



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.??

CHURCH NEWS

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.

- 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

Faith Formation classes- ALL AGES!

ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9GDvyO6KQ4MKXfi_z7FvtwGo2RPPfbfAZZjRnjbY5d61cdQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1

Sunday School **RALLY DAY**
September 15, 9:30am in the Social Hall!

WHO's invited?? EVERYONE but especially parents/grandparents, children, and youth.

WHAT will we do?? Register for Sunday School, if you haven't registered online already

Eat yummy breakfast snacks and fruit

Play games, Plant a mustard seed...

Matthew 17:20 *If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS for Children

We are excited to celebrate the start of a new Faith Formation year with a new Sunday School curriculum. DIG IN is about allowing children to experience their faith so it grow down deep and they can grow up strong. It emphasizes discovery, encourages relationship building and is fun!

This fall we will have TWO classes.

Pre-School through 1st grade
 AND 2nd through 6th grade

Class begins at 10:15am and ends with all children being brought up into worship for a children's message. The first class will be 9/22/19.



YOUTH GROUP AND CONFIRMATION CLASS

Youth in grades 6th through 12th are able to participate in our YOUTH GROUP REVAMPED!

Depending on the ages we may have one group with Middle and High School but ideally we will have two groups.

Please register with us online or come to RALLY DAY to register in person.

CONFIRMATION Class will begin in October for anyone that has not been confirmed but has completed at least 7th grade. PLEASE REGISTER so that we build the program that is best for you, your schedule and your interests. Confirmation is a time to ask questions and learn about your faith and experience God around you in new ways. *It is NOT a time to memorize bible verses and do homework.....* At the end of Confirmation, you get to decide if you want to become a member of St. John's! Nothing is forced on you.

**YOUTH GROUP EVENT: PNEC SLEEPOUT FOR HOMELESSNESS
September 28-29**

Join us for an incredible night of learning and sharing faith for 7th thru 12th graders and adult leaders from Saturday, September 28th at 6pm until Sunday, September 29th at 10am. We will discover what homelessness is, how we can respond, meet new people, play games worship together and sleep outside! On Sunday, participants will be a part of a special worship service centered around the Sleep Out. The event ends at the conclusion of that service.

The Sleep Out will support Third Street Alliance for Women and Children which

provides a safe and healthy space for women, children and families to live, learn and thrive.

Please text Pastor Janet at 610-657-2189 if you are interested!!

LOVE WINS; All-Congregational Book Study

LOVE WINS is a book by Rob Bell. The book explores the question: *Does it really make sense that God is a loving, kind, compassionate God who wants to know people in a personal way, but if they reject this relationship with Jesus, they will be sent to hell where God will eternally punish them forever?*

How does an ALL-CONGREGATIONAL STUDY work??

- We all read the same book at the same time! (It's not a difficult read!)
- YES- this means YOU!
- The study will run from October 6-November 3. During this time, the worship will be crafted around the book as well. Read 2 chapters a week if possible to keep up.
- We will post questions, thoughts, and encouragement on Facebook.
- Besides reading the book with us, we encourage you to come for the book discussion on Sunday

mornings October 6-November 3.
We will gather at church at 9am
for discussion!

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S RETREAT-

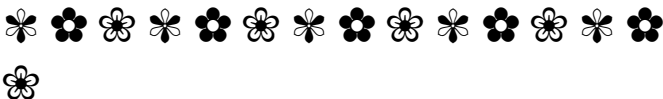
November 22-23, 2019 at St. Francis
Center for Renewal in Bethlehem. The
retreat will run from 6:30pm friday to
4:30pm on Saturday; breakfast and
lunch on Saturday are included in the
fee. The cost is \$78.50. *Sign up by
November 1st!*

Aren't you WORTH 24 hours??



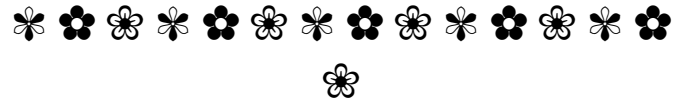
Joint Outdoor worship service with St.
John's Lutheran is scheduled for
Sunday September 8th at 10:30 am at
Breinigsville Park

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.



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that allows part of your payment for
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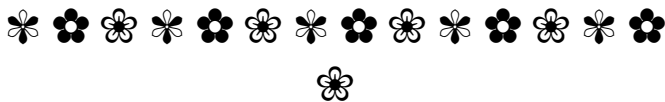
Opportunities Available

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.

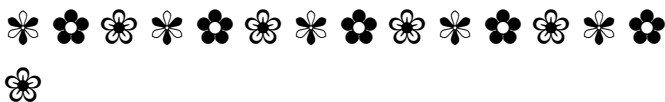
Thank you for sharing your talent in God's service.

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



Joyful Noise Offering 2019

September –The Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley was created to serve a growing population of children with special needs. Through the efforts of a dedicated board and a caring community, children with disabilities will be able to participate in a baseball league of their own.



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 August 12, 2019

1) Pastor's Report -

a) Mission trip is cancelled. Pastor Newett is looking into forming a youth group possibly with Lowhill and St. John's Lutheran churches. Rally Day was briefly discussed and will be on September 15. Pastor Newett's installation will be held on October 6 at 3:00 p.m. followed by a reception or dinner. She is also working on doing a congregational study and a women's retreat.

b) Reverend Moore's Service - Larry thanked the pastor for the service for Reverend Moore. He also wished to thank everyone who helped put the service and the luncheon following the service together.

2) Old Business – Issues -

a) Sewage pipe and roof drain pipe repairs made by L&M Plumbing to be paid by Folk Paving. The pipes were left broken under the blacktop when the driveway was repaired.

b) Dumbo Movie Night and Miracle League Carnival Events - THANK YOU to all that helped make these events a Great Success!!!

c) Wi-Fi to be installed this week in the upstairs church area to stream from the internet. This is to be used during church service to assist Pastor Janet with the sermons and music.

3) New Business Report -

a) New Member Committee focus – Larry would like to see a committee formed to follow up with visitors and those who might be interested in becoming members.

b) Donations needed for the large screen TV to be used to integrate visual lesson and music in church services. Estimated Cost \$2500.00.

4) Outreach & Coming Events -

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

b) October 6, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. – Pastor's installation Service - Lets all come out to welcome her!!

c) **October 20 - Congregational Meeting Schedule - Please note date change ahead one week.**

d) October 23, 2019 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Miracle League Halloween Night. Please come out for the kids!

5) Christian Education -

a) Teacher meeting, please help and be a part of this wonderful group in teaching our children about Jesus and having a lot of fun!! Date – Tuesday, August 13 at 7:15 p.m.

6) Media and Internet Tech -

a) ADVERTISE OUR EVENTS on Face book! MARKETING, Great Job Lauren! We have 26 new likes on our Facebook page.

7) Property Issues -

a) Jeff reported that they will be starting on our sign in the next couple of weeks. LED to follow. Both may be finished about the same time.

Discussion was held on sign color.

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

c) Parking lot cracks (future plans). Mark Laudenslager has plans to do line painting and seal the cracks.

8) Treasurer's Report - Ending July 31, 2019

a) Monthly report - The checking account balance was \$13,871.23.

General Fund balance was \$10,850.73, with \$3,020.50 in the Building Fund. \$3,600 was recently transferred from Memorial Savings into the Building Fund as a down payment on the sign. Weekly offering totaled \$4,600.00.

Miscellaneous income received was \$766.50 from the Busy Bees for the pastor's computer, \$93 from movie night donations and \$154 Iron Pigs tickets. The Joyful Noise offering totaled \$101.96. .

b) Capital Fund – Balance is \$10,844.65. Discussion was held on placing some of this money into a CE.

c) Memorial Fund – Balance is \$23,267.35.

d) Endowment Report – Tom reported a balance as of today of \$112,592.00.



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