

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. Fourth Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

February 20, 2011

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“Happiness does not depend on outward things, but on the way we see them.”*

- Leo Tolstoy

Prelude: *“My God and I”*

arr. Martin

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

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...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Come apart for awhile from popular viewpoints;
come looking for a better way to live.

People: **Teach us your ways, Sovereign God;
turn our hearts toward your decrees.**

Pastor: As God is holy, we are called to be a holy people,
not aloof, but involved in problem-solving help.

People: **Give us understanding, Holy God,
that we may observe your law in wholeness.**

Pastor: Come to the light of God’s love,
that you may deal mercifully with yourselves.

People: **Confirm in us your promises, Gracious God,
for we seek to be trustworthy stewards.**

The People of God Confess Their Sins

Act of Confession:

Pastor: God would teach us all we need to live in peace, to love others, to walk the right paths. Let us confess how foolish we are not to listen to such wisdom, as we pray together, saying,

People: **A friend hurts us, we hurt back; someone hits us, we strike back; a family member ridicules us, we gossip about him or her. That’s how we have been taught to deal with those around us.**

But now, God of mercy, you call us to a different life: the life of forgiving, not revenge; the life of peace, not anger; the life of love, not hate. As you forgive us of all we have done, may we walk in your new ways of living, as we follow Jesus, our Savoir, our Teacher.

Silent Confession

Kyrie:

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Pastor: It begins with God and ends with God – that love which can create, renew, restore. God loves you and forgives you – now and forever. As we listen to God’s songs of mercy, we are cradled in grace – now and forever.
Amen.

Sung Response: “Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

...Please Be Seated...

The People of God Share the Word of God

Installation of St. John's Seminarian

Introduction

Pastor: I therefore, a prisoner of the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

People: **There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above and through all and in all.**

Pastor: But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

People: **And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.**

Pastor: For the equipment of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for building up the Body of Christ.

People: **Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature growth, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.**

A charge to Kayli Freeman.

A charge to St. John's.

Prayer of Installation

A Time to Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children (10:30)

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Page 93

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Page 928

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:38-48 Page 786

Sermon: "Not A Door Mat" Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

Order of Baptism: *Alyssa Ann Ahner and Harley Dee Ahner*

Invitation and Welcome: Lighting the Baptismal Candle

Pastor: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

All: **There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Pastor: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.

All: **This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ.**

Questions of the Candidates

Pastor: Michael and Hope, do you desire to have your children baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: **We do.**

Pastor: Will you encourage these children to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

Parents: **We will, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Will you teach these children that they may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Parents and Sponsors: **We will, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ, as best you are able?

Parents and Sponsors: **We do, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with these children in the Christian faith, to help these children to be faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that they may affirm their baptism?

Parents and Sponsors: **We do, with the help of God.**

Congregational Assent:

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the ones about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

Prayer of Baptism:

Pastor: Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Act of Baptism:

Pastor Michael and Hope, by what names will your children be called?

Parents: Alyssa Ann Ahner and Harley Dee Ahner

Pastor: Alyssa Ann Ahner, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Harley Dee Ahner, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for the Baptized:

Benediction:

Pastor: Go in the peace of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation

The Offering

The Offertory Organ Offertory (8:00)

Senior Choir Anthem: "In This Very Room" (10:30)

Harris

...All May Stand...

The Offertory Response: "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication and Commitment

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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Silent Moment

Postlude: "Prelude and Fugue"

Handel

Preparation for Worship

Make us fully aware of your loving presence and of your truths for our daily lives, dear Lord.

Welcome

We pray that your needs may be met as you worship God with us today. Let us greet one another joyfully.

Stewardship Moment

To Give or Not to Give...

Giving money to God does not mean that God will insulate us from all of life's troubles. But not giving money to God guarantees that we are not likely to escape the small box of self-concern and connect with God's life-changing Spirit.

Baptism

Congratulations to our newest members being baptized this morning:

Alyssa Ann Ahner, born December 24, 2009 and **Harley Dee Ahner**, born October 22, 2007, daughters of Michael and Hope (Seifert) Ahner.

Children's Bulletins are available for age groups 3 to 6 and 7 to 12.

Large-print Bulletins are available for anyone who requests one.

Church Time Nursery is across the hall from the Family Room.

Please ask our ushers to assist you with any of these needs

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 AM

<i>Acolytes:</i>	Joshua Dillman, Emily Hartranft
<i>Lay Reader:</i>	Linda Roosa
<i>Greeters:</i>	Dolores Fioriglio, Jennifer Hartranft
<i>Ushers:</i>	Jim Beers, Brian Dillman, Jr., Stephen Graeffe, Barry Miller
<i>Sound System:</i>	Mike Ackerman

10:30 AM

<i>Acolytes:</i>	Harrison Ike, Brian Lance
<i>Lay Reader:</i>	James Gardner
<i>Greeters:</i>	John Hill, Kimberly Ike, Anna Jane Kelley
<i>Ushers:</i>	Marty Beers, Adam Beers, Jim Gardner, Linda Gardner
<i>Sound System:</i>	Richard Miller
<i>Nursery:</i>	Allissa Delhagen, Heather Gross
<i>Tape Ministry:</i>	Don Keck
<i>Hospitality:</i>	Doris Trumbauer

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, February 20

Annual Congregational Meeting

8:00 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship Service

Monday, February 21

President's Holiday Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 22

Newsletter Deadline

9:00 am Quilts For Kids
6:00 pm Daisy Troop #61130

Wednesday, February 23

10:00 am 10-2 Club
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:45 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, February 24

Daffodil Deadline

10:15 am Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Junior Choir
6:30 pm All Dens
6:30 pm Jr. GS Troop #6123

Saturday, February 26

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon
5:30 pm Boy Scout Blue & Gold Banquet

Sunday, February 27

8:00 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship Service
1:00 pm Pack 71 Blue & Gold Banquet



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Church Announcements for Sunday, February 20, 2011

February Mission – Jenn’s House

For the month of February, our mission will be Jenn’s House. Jenn’s House is a Hospital Hospitality House with 2 locations, in Allentown and Fountain Hill. Jenn’s House was started and is run by our church members Richard & Pat Dillman in honor of their daughter who tragically passed away after an accident. We will help Jenn’s House this month by fulfilling needs they have on their Wish List. Look for the display board with envelopes. Each envelope will have an item that is on the Wish List. These wishes will be in all price ranges. Just remove the item from the envelope you wish to purchase and then return it to the church with the item by the end of February. Or you may write a check (to St. John’s but clearly marked for Jenn’s House) with the dollar value of the item and return it to the church. Let’s show our support this month for this wonderful memorial.

Sign the Pew Register

To encourage fellowship at St. John’s, please sign the pew register found at the center aisle of your pew. Pass the register on for others to sign it. As it is passed back, read the register and learn the names of those worshipping with you this morning!

Relay for Life - May 13-14, 2011

May 2011 will mark the Relay for Life of Macungie’s 10 year anniversary. Relay was started in 2001 by Judy Hoch in honor of her son, Colby. **Relay for Life of Macungie 2011, 10 Years and \$1 Million Dollars!!!!!!** To commemorate hitting this milestone donation benchmark of \$1 million dollars, the relay committee is attempting to collect 1 million pennies. St. John’s will again be participating in the Relay for Life and we are asking for your penny donations. If you can spare a few pennies, please place them in the purple containers found all around the church. Also, please consider joining our team. The weekend of the event is a fun time and you will be part of the fight to cure all cancers. Stay tuned for meetings to discuss fund raising, team name and decorating our campsite. I hope you will join us. If you want more information about Relay, please contact Carl Wieder or Teri Demmy.

Chicken Pot Pie Dinner

Emmaus Masonic Lodge #792 is hosting an all you care to eat chicken pot pie dinner April 9, 2011 in Fellowship Hall of St. John’s UCC. Tickets are available from Frank Flamisch, Carl Frantz or Fred Bartholomew. Adult tickets are \$8.00, children under 12 \$5.00 and those under 3 years of age eat free. The menu includes chicken pot pie, buttered string beans, pepper cabbage, dessert, and beverages.

Cemetery Update

All Christmas decorations that you would like to salvage must be removed by March 1, 2011 or they will be discarded.

AARP Tax-Aide

Free tax help is available at the Emmaus Moravian Church every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM through April 15th. This is a walk-in service, no appointments are needed.

Snow Removal

We are looking for a few volunteers to be on a rotating list to help out with shoveling snow. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Paul or call the church office.

B-I-N-G-O!!!

It's that time of year again! Time for our Spring Basket Bingo! It will be held on Sunday, April 3rd (snow date, really!) of April 10th. Doors open at 1 PM and bingo starts at 2 PM. Tickets are \$20 for 20 games, with special games available for purchase at the door. Food will be available for purchase in the kitchen. We are in need of basket sponsors, donations for our Chinese auction, bakers, committee helpers, and bingo players. Tickets are available for purchase after the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services or by calling the church office at 610-965-9158 to reserve tickets.

Members of St. John's

Thank you for making St. John's 1st Annual Basket Raffle/Social a success. We could have not pulled it off with the fantastic work of the committee, bakers, bidders, basket donation and kitchen help. It was truly a fun night and I look forward to a bigger and better one next year!

Blood Drive

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."
-Kahlil Gibran

St. John's is hosting a Miller-Keystone Blood Drive on Saturday, March 19th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Being the major blood supplier to all area hospitals, Miller-Keystone is always in need of replenishing its supply. Be a blood donor – all it costs is a little love. Please call Colleen in the church office to schedule an appointment.

Friendly's Restaurant in Trexlertown

Tuesday, March 29th – 4:30 to 7:30 PM - St. John's is sponsoring a "**Family Fun Night**" to benefit BOFFT. Mark your calendar, tell your friends and relatives to meet you at Friendly's and help support our Building Fund. Gather up your family, friends and neighbors and come to Friendly's for supper, dessert, etc. **10% of all sales** during that time will go to St. John's Building Fund. (Also includes take-out!) Friendly's will be open to the public; there's no need to mention St. John's.

Confidentiality

It is important that we honor the rights to privacy of medical information for our St. John's members. If someone in the congregation shares a prayer concern, a medical issue, or hospitalization information with you, **please ask their permission** before sharing that information with the pastors, Undershepherd Ministry, Prayer Tree or church office, or for announcement in worship. If you are hospitalized or are sharing any prayer concerns, the pastors will ask your permission before disclosing information to anyone beyond the pastoral staff.

Church Hospital Code Number is 466!

The pastors visit our hospitalized members. If you, or a member of your family enters the hospital, please ask the hospital to place the patient's name on church code #466, St. John's UCC, Emmaus or call the church office to inform us at 610-965-9158.

Greeting Cards

The Undershepherd Ministries give us the opportunity to sign greeting cards for folks on our Home Visitation List, for members of the congregation who need a lift, or just to say “hello”. All cards are in the Narthex. Please take a minute to sign the cards and send these folks our Christian greetings. Today we are signing cards for:

Betty Burian, Robert Schoch, Norman Yons, Diane Yudt

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Bergey in honor of Abby’s birthday.

The Organ Flowers are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bortz in memory of departed loved ones.

Church Attendance – Sunday, February 13, 2011: 8:30 – 95 10:30 AM - 114

Income Report for Sunday, February 13, 2011:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,832.00

General Fund - \$5,298.47