

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

139 N. 4th Street  
Emmaus, Pennsylvania  
April 24, 2011  
8:00 & 10:30 AM

**EASTER SUNDAY**

***The People of God Gather For Worship***

Thought for Meditation: *“But it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”*

- 2 Timothy 1:10

Prelude: Bell Choir (8:00 & 10:30)

Balcony Brass Ensemble (10:30)

Greeting:

*Pastor:* Christ is Risen!

**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed!**

*Pastor:* Glory and honor, dominion and power be to God for ever and ever.

**People:** **Christ is risen! Alleluia**  
**...All May Stand...**

Processional Hymn: *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”* #216  
**...Please Be Seated...**

Welcome and Announcements

**...All May Stand...**

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

*Leader:* Welcome to God's new day!

**People:** **Everywhere we look we see new life!**

*Leader:* In seeds and buds, in smiles and touch, we discover God's energizing presence.

**People:** **Death can never be the last word.**

*Leader:* God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ is present among us today.

**All:** **Praise God for new life within and among us this day! Amen.**

***The People of God Confess Their Sins***

Act of Confession:

*Leader:* Let us confess our sins.

**All:** **God, we come before you as those who have been baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, and who seek to be raised to new life in Christ. Yet we confess our fear of death. We fear death as life's ending, and its threat hidden in poverty, danger or sickness. We fear death as letting go of old ways, old relationships, old self-understandings. We confess our fear of life. Sometimes we want to build shells to protect ourselves from people who come too close, from change that comes too fast, from possibilities that seem too bewildering. God, help us trust our lives into your keeping, accept the embrace of your loving arms, and receive your forgiveness and your promise of life eternal in Jesus Christ. Raise us to walk in newness of life – whether in the faltering steps of infants, or the sure steps of mature Christians; through Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always. Amen.**

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:

*Leader:* For all who have come believing in Christ as the Way, there is rest from your fruitless labors, forgiveness of your sins, and the guarantee of eternal life. Let us then continue our journey of faith and obedience, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sung Response: “*Gloria Patri*” #35

**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*

Children’s Choirs (10:30)

Cherubs: “*Alive, Alive*”

Jr. Choir: “*Alleluia, He is Risen*”

A Time To Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children

The Holy Scripture:

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 Page 895

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Page 935

Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18 Page 882

Sermon: “**The First**” Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

*...All May Stand...*

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hades;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: “*Thine Is the Glory*” #218

*...Please Be Seated...*

### *The People of God Pray*

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Prayer Vesicle:

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And with you also.**

*Pastor:* Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response: “*Now the Green Blade Rises*” Verse 1 #230

**“Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.”**

### *Sharing our Tithes and Offerings*

Invitation

The Offering

The Offertory

Senior Choir Anthem: “*This is the Day*” (8:00 & 10:30) Althouse

*...All May Stand...*

The Offertory Response: “*Doxology*” #46

**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

### *Order of Holy Communion*

Invitation:

*Leader:* Luke the Evangelist records, that on the evening of the first day of the week, the same day on which our Lord rose from the dead, when he was at table with two of the disciples, he took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, and their eyes were opened, and they knew him. Beloved, this is the joyful feast of the people of God. Come from the east and

the West, and from the North and the South, and gather around the table of the Lord.

**People: Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in the unity of Christ.**

*Leader:* The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: Amen.**

Communion Prayer

Seraphic Hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy  
glory;  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord;  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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, forever.  
Amen.**

*...Please Be Seated...*

Breaking the Bread and Blessing the Cup

Sharing the Elements: (The center ring of communion glasses is filled with grape juice and the outer ring with wine.)

*...All May Stand...*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: Almighty God, we give You thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of Your love and that Your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

## *The People of God Go Forth In Mission*

Commission

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: "*Crown Him with Many Crowns*"

Insert

Postlude: "*Thine is the Glory*"

Handel

### **Welcome and Happy Easter**

This Easter Sunday is indeed the day that the Lord has made. Let us all rejoice together as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. Welcome, worshipers!

### **Communion**

We invite to the Lord's Table "all baptized members of the Christian Church, who look to the Lord Jesus for righteousness and salvation, and who desire to possess His Spirit and walk in His ways." People of any age are welcome to receive communion. When the communion trays are distributed, you will see the cups in the center have white grape juice. The other cups have wine. You may choose whichever one you prefer. It is our custom for members to wait until all have been served, and then the pastor will invite all to commune. Please remember to complete a communion card today.

### **Stewardship Moment**

"A three-year-old girl said to her father on his way to the grocery store; "Daddy, bring me something that will last forever." The giving of money, time and talent brings a sense of meaning, purpose and spiritual relatedness to God that lasts forever." [*The Vital Congregation*, Herb Miller]

**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 at rear of the Sanctuary. *It is not staffed today, but the room is open and available for parents supervising their own children.*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### 8:00 AM

*Acolytes:* Shania Koehler, Renee Martin  
*Lay Reader:* Mary Velez  
*Greeters:* Beverly Binder, Steve Heck  
*Ushers:* Marty Beers, Phil Rhode, Jim Beers, Tom Gable,  
Don Keck, Bill Knappenberger, Jackie  
Knappenberger, Barry Miller  
*Sound System:* Mike Ackerman  
*Hospitality:* George Baver

### 10:30 AM

*Acolytes:* Alexis Hanna, Harrison Ike  
*Lay Reader:* Greg Herbine  
*Greeters:* Linda Gardner, Kimberly Ike, Les Schoenberger  
*Ushers:* Scott Stenroos, Jim Gardner, Larry Delhagen, Dave  
Davis, Christine Hanna, Leon Hemperly, Greg  
Herbine, Jonathan Keck, Sarae Quinn, John Zayaitz  
*Flower Delivery:* Marty Beers  
*Sound System:* Richard Miller  
*Tape Ministry:* Harold Huber  
*Hospitality:* Les and Deb Schoenberger

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## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITY AT ST. JOHN'S

**Sunday, April 24 Easter Sunday**  
8:00 am Worship Service / Holy Communion  
9:15 am Easter Egg Hunt  
10:00 am Cradle Roll Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30 am Worship Service / Holy Communion  
**Monday, April 25**  
**Easter Monday – Church Office Closed**  
**Tuesday, April 26**  
9:00 am Quilts for Kids  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
10:00 am 10-2 Club  
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25  
6:30 pm Confirmation Class  
6:30 pm Bell Choir  
7:45 pm Senior Choir  
**Thursday, April 28**  
6:30 pm Cadette #678  
6:30 pm Jr. Girl Scout #6123  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts Dens  
**Saturday, April 30**  
8:30 am AA  
8:30 am Al Anon  
**Sunday, May 1 Anniversary Sunday**  
8:00 am Worship Service  
9:15 am Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am Worship Service



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### ***Church Announcements for Sunday, April 24, 2011***

#### **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!

#### **Penn Northeast Conference Work Camp, Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi**

On September 10, 2011, thirty-four people representing eight UCC churches will travel to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS to participate in a work camp that will continue the work of rebuilding homes and hearts after the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. Edgar and Linda Roosa will be representing St. John's Church. The group is responsible for all costs, including: transportation to and from Biloxi, food while there, gas and vans used for transportation to and from the work areas. To help off-set the costs, three fundraisers have been organized: an electronic recycling event, June 4, a benefit fundraiser during the month of July at McDonald's in Hellertown and in May the sale of Wixon shoo-fly pies. If you have any questions, please contact Ed or Linda Roosa at 610-966-1459 or [leroosa@ptd.net](mailto:leroosa@ptd.net).

#### **Shoe-fly Pies Benefit PNEC Biloxi Workcamp**

The pies are from Wixon Bakery. The cost is \$4.00 for an 8" wet-bottom shoo-fly pie. Orders will be taken in the church narthex on the following Sundays: April 17 & 24, May 1, 8, 15 & 22. Delivery is June 5 in the church narthex.

#### **Golf Tournament**

St. John's Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at Shepherd Hills Golf Club. \$70.00 per player includes gold, cart, lunch, drinks, prizes, and fellowship. Sponsor a hole for a minimum donation of \$40.00. For more information, contact Carl Wieder at 610-965-5295 or Jack Marsh at 610-965-5189.

#### **Raise the Roof**

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Anniversary Sunday, we will be inviting back to our pulpit Reverend John Snyder-Samuels. Pastor John was the Associate Pastor here from 1998 to 2003. As we did last year, collecting \$15,000 for the Building Fund, we will be trying to collect \$10,000 for a new roof! Please give generously to this campaign, and please worship with us on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Spaghetti Dinner**

Christian Education and Youth Ministries presents an all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7:00 PM. The menu includes spaghetti with Italian style sauce, meatballs or white clam sauce, Italian salad, garlic and cheese toasted rolls, dessert and beverages. Adults are \$10.00, children 4-12 are \$5.00, children under three eat free. Tickets will be sold before and after each service and in the church office until the event.

## **Relay for Life - May 13-14, 2011**

CALLING ALL BAKERS!! The Macungie Relay for Life is quickly approaching. To raise money for the fight against cancer, Team Hope, St. John's UCC Emmaus, is having a bake sale. We are calling on all the great bakers of St. John's to bake their favorite recipe for pies, cakes, cookies, or anything else you want to share. The items for the bake sale can be brought to church on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> up until 2:00 PM or you can bring them to Macungie Park on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. We will also be making hot dogs and having various other items for sale. In addition to baking, we need your help in other ways. Register to walk, this is a 24 hour event and we should have someone on the track at all times, volunteer to help set up and take down our campsite, volunteer to make hot dogs, or sell baked goods. We hope that you will consider joining us to CELEBRATE, REMEMBER and FIGHT BACK! For more information, please contact Carl Wieder at 610-965-5295 or Teri Demmy at 610-967-6035 or [Teridemmm@aol.com](mailto:Teridemmm@aol.com)

## **New Members Class and Reception of New Members**

On Tuesday, April 26, at 6:00 PM in the church parlor, we will be holding a new members class for anyone interested in joining St. John's. We will be welcoming new members into our community of faith on Sunday, May 1 at our 10:30 AM worship service. If you are interested in being part of this class, please see Pastor Paul or call the church office.

## **Carnival**

On Saturday, June 25, there will be a special carnival at Jordan UCC to benefit the soup kitchen. Crafters and artisans interested in renting a table to sell items, please call Sue at 610-435-5054.

## **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.

### **Recently Hospitalized – Tracy Dell**

## **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:

**Flossie Walls, George Scholl and Family, Dorothy Kershner**

**The Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Mary George and Family in memory of Annie George.

**Church Attendance** – Sunday, April 17, 2011: 8:30 – 75 10:30 AM - 180

## **Income Report for Sunday, April 17, 2011:**

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,097.00  
General Fund - \$5,391.07