

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

139 N. Fourth Street  
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

February 27, 2011

**Eighth Sunday after Epiphany**

**8:00 & 10:30 AM**

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

Thought for Meditation: *“Life becomes harder for us when we live for others, but it also becomes richer and happier.”*

- Albert Schweitzer

Organ Prelude

*...All May Stand...*

Processional Hymn: *“Here I Am, Lord”*

#452

*...Please Be Seated...*

Welcome and Announcements

*...All May Stand...*

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

*Leader:* This is a new day filled with fresh possibilities.

**People:** **We gather to participate in the new things God is doing.**

*Leader:* Old ways and tired routines are left behind.

**People:** **Our God comes to us in unexpected ways and refreshes all who join the adventure.**

*Leader:* Those who claim sophistication and power may miss the movement of the eternal.

**People:** **All who give up their pretenses will find unusual opportunities.**

*Leader:* Let us together explore the wonders of God.

**People:** **Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew our spirits.**

*Leader:* Amen.

**People:** **Amen**

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

Act of Confession:

*Leader:* Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

**People:** **O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring. You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. You have challenged us to generosity, but many times we would rather keep to ourselves. Enter our lives, God, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, that we may share your love with others. 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:* God says to us: You are my chosen ones. I love you. I'm proud of you. Stand firm in your renewed commitment. Know that I have forgiven you; I call you by name; you are mine. I have entered into covenant with you and I will stand by you in all times and all places. Dare to love fully the life to which I have called you. 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*

Junior Choir Selection  
A Time to Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children (10:30)  
Senior Choir Anthem: “*Open My Eyes, Spirit Divine*” Koerts (10:30)  
The Holy Scripture:  
    Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49:8-16 Page 93  
    Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Page 928  
    Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:38-48 Page 786

Sermon: “Don’t Worry” Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

UCC Statement of Faith Front of Hymnal

Hymn: “*Seek Ye First*” #354

## *The People of God Pray*

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**  
*Leader:* 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 “*Prayer*” (8:00) Smith  
Bell Choir Anthem: “*I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy*” (10:30)  
    ...*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*

Commission  
Benediction  
Threefold Amen  
Recessional Hymn: “*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*” #518  
Silent Moment  
Postlude: “*Fugue*” Selby

## **Preparation for Worship**

Almighty God, as you confronted Isaiah in the temple, clearly speak your words of strength, forgiveness and grace to us.

## **Welcome**

The psalmist wrote: “How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1, NRSV). Let us extend our hands to our fellow worshippers.

## **Stewardship Moment**

Someone asked Helen Keller, “What would be worse than being born blind?” She replied, “To have sight with no vision.” When we give to God’s work, we are saying that we have a vision for what God can do with that money and what God can do with us because we give that money.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### 8:00 AM

*Acolytes:* Olivia DeLong, Emily Drabick  
*Lay Reader:* Jean Deischer  
*Greeters:* George Bayer, Bonnie Keck  
*Ushers:* Glenn Shingler, Russell Drabick, Adele Schaffer, Jim Schaffer  
*Sound System:* Brian Dillman

### 10:30 AM

*Acolytes:* Joscelyn Hengeveld, Shania Koehler  
*Lay Reader:* Linda Gardner  
*Greeters:* Marty Beers, Marilyn Decker, Betty Kemmerer  
*Ushers:* Richard Miller, Darren Labenberg, Drew Labenberg, Rick Snyder  
*Sound System:* John Hill  
*Nursery:* Kimberly Draves, Sue Kibrik  
*Tape Ministry:* Floyd and Doris Schmoyer  
*Hospitality:* Les and Debbie Schoenberger

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## ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 27

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

### Tuesday, March 1

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

### Wednesday, March 2

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25  
6:30 pm Bell Choir  
7:45 pm Senior Choir

### Thursday, March 3

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, March 5

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

### Sunday, March 6

8:00 am Worship Service/Holy Communion  
9:15 am Sunday school for all ages  
10:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion



*"Love does  
no wrong to  
a neighbor; therefore,  
love is the fulfilling  
of the law."* Romans 13:10, NKSV

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### ***Church Announcements for Sunday, February 27, 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 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a walk-in service, no appointments are needed.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> (snow date, really!) of April 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> – 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.

**Recently Hospitalized – Raymond Hengeveld**

## **Monthly Food Collection**

Please remember that next week is the first Sunday in the new month – time to bring in food donations for the monthly food collection for the local food bank located at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church. Items most needed include cereal, peanut butter & jelly, tuna, pasta, rice, canned meats & stews, canned vegetables & fruit, soup, canned milk and spaghetti. Please place your donations on the designated baskets in the narthex.

## **Youth Group**

The Faithful Followers youth group will meet tonight from 6 to 8:00 PM. Come hungry for a spaghetti dinner.

## **Lenten Bible Study**

Pastor Curt will lead a Lenten Bible study called "*Jesus for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*" It's an adult Christian education series designed by Lancaster Theological Seminary. We will meet in the church parlor from 7 to 8:00 PM on March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13. Please bring your Bibles.

**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:

**Elizabeth Christ, Jay and Melinda Snyder & Family, Larry and Dorothy Ortt & Family, Forrest Scholl & Family**

**The Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Roy Woodring in memory of his wife, Madeline.

**The Bulletins** are sponsored by Barry and Ellen Miller in memory of departed loved ones.

**Church Attendance** – Sunday, February 20, 2011: 8:30 – 38 10:30 AM - 191

**Income Report for Sunday, February 20, 2011:**

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$712.00

General Fund - \$4,518.25