

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. 4th Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

October 17, 2010

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 and 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“If a person be gracious and courteous to strangers, it shows that that person is a citizen of the world, and that that person’s heart is no island cut off from other lands, but a continent that joins them.”*

-Sir Francis Bacon, Sr.

Prelude: “Air”

Handel

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: “O Worship the King”

#17

...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Call to Worship:

Pastor: We gather to honor our covenant with God. We gather to worship the God who has covenanted with us.

People: **Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth. Our wisdom comes from the One who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Open your eyes to meet God face to face. Open your ears to hear God’s instruction.

People: **God takes us by the hand to lead us on. The Word of God is written in our hearts and lives.**

Pastor: Come to feed on God’s Word. Come to touch the reality of God’s presence.

All: **God is granting us life in all its fullness. We are growing in understanding and faith.**

Act of Confession:

Pastor: God does not tire of our prayers. Rather, God feels neglected when we fail to pray. God does not write us off when we are careless. Instead, God’s care of us summons us into new caring relationships. Bring now to God in prayer all that causes you concern.

People: **We confess, God, that we are not eager to wrestle with you or to take responsibility for sin in our lives. We see ourselves as basically decent, respectable people. Yet we have bent your directions to our own conveniences. We listen only to the Word we want to hear. We participate in the greed that is destroying your good earth, and we allow evil to triumph through our neglect of discipleship. Stir us into awareness that brings change, and support us, we pray, on the difficult path toward greater faithfulness. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie:

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Pastor: Our self-disclosing God proclaims, “I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more. I will be your God and you will be my people. I will put my ways into you; I will write it on your hearts.” Give thanks for the new life God offers.

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.

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The People of God Share the Word of God

A Time to Pass Our Faith Unto Our Children

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 119:97-104 Page 495

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Page 967

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8 Page 853

If you would like to follow the readings, the Bibles are under the hymnal rack.

Sermon: "Ask Boldly. Live Justly" Rev. Curt Sandrock
...All May Stand...

Pastor: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

All: **We believe in God; who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church; to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

-United Church of Canada, 1980

Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #86

...Please Be Seated...

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Prayer Response: "Let Us Break Bread Together" #425

**When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Invitation:

Pastor: We do not lose heart amid all the problems that compete for our attention. We have resources to make a difference in our work of evangelism, teaching and outreach. What we declare here is a symbol of our larger communication of time and talents to the work of ministry.

The Offering

The Offertory: Organ Offertory (8:00)

Senior Choir: "People Need the Lord" (10:30) Nelson
...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

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Commission:

Pastor: Continue in what you have learned. Grow in all you have firmly believed.

People: **God's Word provides our daily instructions. Jesus Christ is our salvation day by day.**

Pastor: Proclaim the message that we are God's people in this place. Turn to God for strength to proclaim and do God's work.

People: **We will persist in our teaching and serving. We seek to be faithful in all circumstances.**

Pastor: Lift up your eyes to know God as your helper. God has made us partners in a covenant of salvation.

People: **God is granting us life in all its fullness. We are growing in understanding and faith.**

All: **Amen and Amen!**

Choral Benediction:

(Tune: "Morning Has Broken")

**New life has bloomed here,
God's love has warmed us;
Now the world calls us
To go and spread love.
God's peace go with you.
May it sustain you.
And bring us together
To praise God again.**

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: "*Community of Christ*" #655

Silent Moment

Postlude: "*Fantasy in C Major*" Bach

Welcome

We welcome everyone present and pray that God's love and joy are stirred up within each of us today.

Preparation for Worship

Search us and know our hearts, Lord. We desire to fully bond with you and to please you in all our undertakings.

Stewardship Moment

Balancing the Spiritual and the Physical

John Wesley's often-quoted advice says, "Make all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can." Wesley, like Jesus, did not deny the importance of caring for self and family. Like Jesus, Wesley kept that in balance by caring for spiritual needs with good giving.

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

Acolytes: Emily Hartranft, Amber Koehler
Greeters: Beverly Binder, Jennifer Hartranft
Lay reader: Ron Hillegass
Ushers: Dolores Fioriglio, Steve Heck, Don Keck, Barry Miller
Sound System: Brian Dillman

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Joscelyn Hengeveld, Harrison Ike
Greeters: Kimberly Ike, Jackie Knappenberger, Floyd Schmoyer
Lay Reader: J. Wesley Bergey
Ushers: Bill Knappenberger, Kyle Heck, Leon Hemperly, Pat Roth
Sound System: John Hill
Nursery: Angie Karol
Tape Ministry: Floyd and Doris Schmoyer
Hospitality: Les and Debbie Schoenberger
Flower Delivery: Rev. Lisa Weida

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 17

- 8:00 am Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages
- 10:30 am Worship

Monday, October 18

- 6:15 pm Cadette Troop #6056

Tuesday, October 19

- 9:00 am Quilts for Kids
- 6:00 pm Daisy Troop #61130
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6640

Wednesday, October 20

- 6:30 pm Journey Through Grief (Parlor)
- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir
- 7:45 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, October 21

- 10:30 am Bible Study (Youth Lounge)
- 6:00 pm Cherub Choir
- 6:30 pm Junior Choir
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6123
- 6:30 pm Cadettes
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - All Dens

Saturday, October 23

- 8:30 am AA
- 8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, October 24

- 8:00 am Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday School for all Ages
- 10:30 am Worship

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Church Announcements for Sunday, October 17, 2010

October Mission – Neighbors in Need

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive throughout the month, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local projects. A bulletin insert is included on one of the 2009 NIN grant recipients. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). NIN helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Please give as generously as you are able. "And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

White Rose

The White Rose placed on the altar this morning is in memory of **Eleanor Haas** who passed away on October 6th. We offer our prayers and support for her family and friends.

Organ Recital

An organ recital featuring Wesley Parrott will be held today at 3:00 pm at New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Road, East Greenville PA. Mr. Wesley Parrott studied organ at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. He has performed on the Wanamaker organ at Macy's and at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia. Reserve this date to hear an outstanding performer and program. For more information contact New Goshenhoppen UCC at 215-679-2041.

WANTED – Non-Perishable Food Items!

Mason Spangler is working to complete his Eagle Project for Boy Scouts by collecting non-perishable food items for Faith Evangelical Free Church of America, a local food pantry in our area. Please help!!! By donating food, you are helping men, women and children in our local community to not go hungry. A little bit can go a long way for people less fortunate or on a fixed income. Thank you for helping! Please place your donations in the white basket in the narthex.

Friendly's Restaurant in Trexlertown

Tuesday, October 19th– 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!

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 – Joseph Sadrovitz, Albert Moyer

Youth Group

The Faithful Followers Youth Group will be having a pretzel sale today following the 10:30 AM service.

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:

John Kissinger, Richard Snyder, Sr., Bonnie Washburn

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Bergey in memory of their parents.

The Bulletins are sponsored by Russell Kerstetter and Paul and Betty DeVries in memory of loved ones.

Church Attendance – October 10: 8:00 AM – 57 10:30 AM - 137

Income Report for Sunday, October 7, 2010:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$959.00

General Fund - \$3,652.15

