

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. Fourth Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

April 10, 2011

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: “*A well spent day brings happy sleep.*”
- Leonardo DaVinci

Organ Prelude

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: “*Creator God, Creating Still*” #62
...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Leader: Return, people of God, for rest and renewal;
come to the source of life, for new breath.

People: **God has heard our voices and listened to us.
God’s mercy saves and preserves us.**

Leader: Celebrate this time of worship and remembrance.
Rejoice in the Spirit of God which dwells in you.

People: **When the snares of death bring distress and anguish,
God keeps our feet from stumbling.**

Leader: Give thanks to God, who is gracious and righteous;
walk before God in the land of the living.

People: **We bring our doubts and fears, our work and
worries, to this time of reflection and refreshment.**

The People of God Confess Their Sins

Act of Confession:

Leader: The hand of God has brought us together in this place, in this moment in time. God invites us to look at ourselves and at our church. How consistently have we opened ourselves to our Creator? How faithfully have we loved God and neighbor? Confess with me the unfruitful wasteland of your own experience of faith.

People: **We confess, O God, that we have not been as open as you intend to the winds of the Spirit. There are times when we merely exist, as if the tomb had already closed us in. We have hoarded your bounty without thankfulness or generosity. We have set our minds on things of the flesh and ignored your intentions for us. O God, forgive our foolish ways. Breathe into us once more the breath of life, that we may walk before you in the land of the living. 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: O dry bones, hear the word of God: I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live. If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, you will know life in all its abundance. Dare to believe that you are forgiven. In Christ, your sin has died, but you have been raised to new life. Praise God!

Sung Response: “*Amazing Grace!*” Verse 1 #546

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
now am found; was blind but now I see.**

...Please Be Seated...

The People of God Share the Word of God

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

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Page 704

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:6-11 Page 919

Gospel Lesson: John 11:1-45 Page 873

Sermon: "Where Have You Laid Him?"

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: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #254

...*Please Be Seated...*

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 Organ Meditation (8:00)

Senior Choir Anthem: "*The Old Rugged Cross*" (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:

Leader: By the hand of God, we are sent into the world;
go out to testify to God's transforming Spirit.

People: **Our bones were dried up and our hope was lost;
but God reconnected us when we felt cut off.**

Leader: God has delivered and dealt bountifully with us;
God's Spirit is within us, empowering our lives.

People: **God has heard our voices and our supplication;
our Creator has been merciful to preserve and save.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life;
whoever trusts and follows Christ shall truly live.

People: **As Christ has set us free from our bondage;
we go out to unbind those living in death.**

Benediction
Threefold Amen
Recessional Hymn: *“Lead On, O King Eternal”* #632
Silent Moment
Postlude: *“March in D”* Selby

Preparation for Worship

Dear God, on this final Sunday in Lent, help us open ourselves to your Holy Spirit’s power and peace.

Welcome

Welcome to worship, as we glorify our Creator and thank him for his perfect goodness.

Stewardship Moment

Advice from Rudyard Kipling

In his commencement address at McGill University in Montreal, Rudyard Kipling gave the students some advice concerning life values. His thesis was that people whose scale of values is based solely on material wealth will have difficulty all their lives. “Do not pay too much attention to fame, power and money,” Kipling said. “Some day you will meet a person who cares for none of these things and then you will know how poor you really are.” Our giving to the church does far more than pay the electricity bill. It helps us keep our perspective on what matters in life.

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: Joshua Dillman, Brian Lance
Lay Reader: Ron Hillegass
Greeters: Beverly Binder, Joyce Brey
Ushers: Dolores Fioriglio, Brian Dillman, Jr., Adele Schaffer, Jim Schaffer
Sound System: Don Keck

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Shania Koehler, Renee Martin
Lay Reader: Ron Heffelfinger
Greeters: Jean Bednar, Anna Jane Kelley, Gloria Steager
Ushers: Russell Drabick, Wendy Drabick, Rick Snyder, Scott Stenroos
Sound System: Richard Miller
Tape Ministry: Floyd Schmoyer
Hospitality: Mary Ann Held

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 10

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Monday, April 11

6:30 pm Jr. Girl Scout Troop #6197
7:00 pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday, April 12

9:00 am Quilts For Kids
6:00 pm Daisy Troop #61130
7:00 pm Consistory
7:30 pm Brain Tumor Support Group

Wednesday, April 13

6:30 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25
7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study (Parlor)

Thursday, April 14

6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Junior Choir
6:30 pm All Dens
6:30 pm Jr. GS Troop #6123

Saturday, April 16

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, April 17

Palm Sunday

Donkey Walk

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 10, 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!

Easter Lilies

Today is the last Sunday for the Easter Lily sale. A representative will be at the Hospitality Desk in the narthex before and after each service each Sunday morning. An Easter Lily plant or a Memorial Fund listing costs \$10.00. The last day to place an order for flowers or a memorial listing is 11:00 AM on Monday, April 11, 2011. Order forms are found at the Hospitality Desk.

Easter Egg Hunt

We are in need of plastic eggs and wrapped candy (no gum, chocolate or peanut products, please). Please drop off your donations in the white basket in the narthex. Children will go to their Sunday school classroom at the regular time at 9:15. Each class will proceed to the 4th Street side of the grassy area of the church of 9:20 AM for their class to hunt for eggs. When finished, they will return to their classroom until the end of Sunday school. Pre-school to 5th grade will hunt for eggs, the Jr. & Sr. High classes will hide the eggs. No baskets are needed for the egg hunt since the children will decorate a bag in their Sunday school classroom in the next few weeks.

Golf Tournament

St. John's Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, May 25th 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.

Spaghetti Dinner

Christian Education and Youth Ministries presents an all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, May 14th 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.

Blood Pressure Screening

Today, April 10, representatives of the Health Ministry Task Force at St. John's will be doing blood pressure screening. You are invited to stop by the Health Room following the 8:00 AM service or before and after the 10:30 AM service to have your blood pressure checked.

Important Cemetery Update

Because of the late day of Easter, April 24th, the Cemetery Association has moved cemetery clean-up and Veteran's Day flag placing to Saturday, May 21, 2011. By this date, all Easter flowers and bulbs that you wish to salvage must be removed or we will remove them for you. If Memorial Day flowers are already on the cemetery, we will try our best to keep them there. If some are accidentally removed, we will keep them at the shed if you would like to replace them. We are sorry if this happens, but we have over 60 volunteers helping us, and many will be youth from both St. John's UCC and Lutheran churches.

Raise the Roof

On May 1st, 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 1st.

Donkey

Our donkey returns for the Palm Sunday Donkey Procession. The procession starts at 9:20 AM. All Sunday school children proceed to their classrooms at the regular time of 9:15. Classes will walk together, parents and family are welcome to join the procession, and will return to their classrooms after the walk. Pictures can be taken after the procession. All are welcome to walk. Support our donkey, drop your donation in the "Donkey Meter" in the narthex to help defray the cost of the donkey.

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.

Kiwanis Club of Emmaus

The Kiwanis Club of Emmaus is holding its annual Walter C. Stoudt Memorial Prayer Breakfast on Good Friday, April 22, 2011 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 5th and Chestnut Streets in Emmaus. The breakfast will begin at 7:30 AM. The speaker will be Rev. Joy Wyler from Unity of Lehigh Valley in Emmaus. Donation will be \$5.00. Tickets are available from Renee Wetherhold, 610-967-3770 or at Business Services Unlimited, 705 Chestnut Street in Emmaus, 610-967-3939, or from any Emmaus Kiwanis Club member.

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.

Youth Group

The Faithful Followers Youth Group will be meeting tonight from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Come hungry for pizza!

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 – Wayne Schlegel, Nancy Samalot

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:

Ruth Richards, Agnes Hendricks, Linda Hengeveld & Family

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by the Woodring, Keim, Trumbauer, & DeEsch Families in memory of parents.

The Bulletins are sponsored by Madge Roth in honor of her daughter, Connie Stroup's birthday.

Church Attendance – Sunday, April 3, 2011: 8:30 – 65 10:30 AM - 158

Income Report for Sunday, April 3, 2011:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,564.00

General Fund - \$6,470.00

Loud Offering - \$302.92