

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

139 N. Fourth Street  
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

April 3, 2011

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

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

Thought for Meditation: *"The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook."*

- William James

Organ Prelude

*...All May Stand...*

Processional Hymn: *"Morning Has Broken"*  
*...Please Be Seated...*

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Welcome and Announcements

*...All May Stand...*

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

*Leader:* Draw near to the light of God's love;  
flock to the One who leads us by still waters.  
**People: The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.  
God is light for all who are stumbling in darkness.**  
*Leader:* Awake, all who are sleeping through God's wonders;  
look around you and observe the light Christ gives.  
**People: We gather in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who is the light of the world and our light.**  
*Leader:* The God revealed in Jesus Christ is our host.  
We are guests of One who feeds and heals us.  
**People: We have come to worship the God of mercy.  
We are here to be fed and enlightened.**

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

Act of Confession:

*Leader:* Let us confess our sins before God and one another.  
**People: O God, our Shepherd, we have wandered far from  
your ways. We have pursued our own ideas as if they  
are superior to your truth. We live with secrets which  
we fear to be known. We are afraid to face evil, to  
confront those we label enemies, to deal with issues of  
life and death. We are sometimes rigid and legalistic.  
We blame others for our own failures. Turn us  
around so we can accept your forgiveness, live more  
positively in the future, and truly rejoice in your good  
news. 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 anoints us with forgiving love and reaches out to us  
with the healing touch of Christ. All who live in faith  
and trust are enabled to see and to serve. Rejoice at the  
wondrous works of God, giving thanks to the One who  
opens our eyes and helps us to see. Live your gratitude  
for opportunities to invite others to worship and  
discipleship.

Sung Response: *"Amazing Grace!"* Verse 4 #546

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright  
shining as the sun, we've no less days to  
sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.  
*...Please Be Seated...***

## *The People of God Share the Word of God*

Loud Offering

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

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 23 Page 56

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14 Page 917

Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-41 Page 864

Sermon: "Becoming Wiser" Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

## *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

## *Sharing our Tithes and Offerings*

Invitation

The Offering

The Offertory Organ Offertory (8:00)

Senior Choir Anthem: "Come to the Table" (10:30) Althouse  
...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

## *We Share the Lord's Supper*

Great Thanksgiving

*Pastor:* God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to God.**

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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.**

...Please Be Seated...

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.**

Words of Institution

Consecration of the Elements

*Pastor:* Consecrate, therefore, by Your Word and Spirit, both us and these gifts of bread and wine, that in receiving them at this table, and in offering here our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and one another, and remain faithful to the tasks He sets before us.

**People: In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to You, eternal God, and give thanks that You have called us to serve You. Amen.**

*Pastor:* Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing we participate in the life Christ gives. Come, for all things are ready.

The Communion

The Blessing

...*All May Stand...*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: We thank You God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all His gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth Your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

Commission:

*Leader:* Go forth into the world as children of light.  
Go in Christ to what is pleasing to God.

**People: As light bearers, we have good news to share; we carry Christ's healing presence wherever we go.**

*Leader:* Have no fear of hostile persons or circumstances.  
God's miracles of love flow in and through you.

**People: We will expose and oppose evil in all its forms; we will challenge the forces of darkness.**

*Leader:* God chooses you for unexpected outpourings of grace;  
God comforts and equips you with light and insight.

**People: In hope and confidence we face down life's enemies; God's protection and care go with us always.**

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* #517

Silent Moment

Postlude: *"Voluntary"* Stanley

### **Preparation for Worship**

Lord, let this Lenten time be an opportunity to surrender completely to you in worship.

### **Welcome**

We welcome everyone to worship today. Let us all love and accept one another, just as Christ unconditionally loves and accepts us.

### **Stewardship Moment**

"The Joy of Obedient Worship"

You and I exist to worship. The more we realize that, the more we approach the experience of pure joy. Tithing and giving has less to do with money than with freedom. Tithing is not about percentages. Tithing and giving are about being part of what is holy, eternal, and the truly "good life." I could never go back to where I was before I began tithing and retain the joy I have found in obedience and giving. I like being free. I give to be free. I give to stay free. Through tithing, I receive more than I give – the joy of obedient worship in giving. [Scott Robertson, Lubbock, Texas]

### **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 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.

**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:* Olivia DeLong, Joshua Dillman  
*Lay Reader:* Adele Schaffer  
*Greeters:* Jake and Jo Kleppinger  
*Ushers:* Mike Ackerman, Jackie Knappenberger, Bill Knappenberger, Marty Beers, Don Keck, Barry Miller  
*Sound System:* Brian Dillman

### 10:30 AM

*Acolytes:* Alexis Hanna, Harrison Ike  
*Lay Reader:* Teri Demmy  
*Greeters:* Linda Gardner, Kimberly Ike, Les Schoenberger  
*Ushers:* Tom Capehart, John Zayaitz, Larry Delhagen, Jim Gardner, Christine Hanna, Leon Hemperly, Greg Herbine, Sarae Quinn  
*Sound System:* John Hill  
*Tape Ministry:* Harold Huber  
*Flower Delivery:* Marty Beers  
*Hospitality:* Donna Wert

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## ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 3

8:00 am  
9:15 am  
10:30 am

### Monday, April 4

6:30 pm  
7:00 pm

### Tuesday, April 5

9:00 am  
6:00 pm  
7:00 pm

### Wednesday, April 6

8:30 am  
5:30 pm  
6:30 pm  
6:30 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:45 pm

### Thursday, April 7

6:00 pm  
6:30 pm  
6:30 pm  
6:30 pm

### Saturday, April 9

8:30 am  
8:30 am

### Sunday, April 10

8:00 am  
9:15 am  
10:30 am

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

Worship Service/Holy Communion  
Sunday School for all ages  
Worship Service/Holy Communion

Jr. Girl Scout Troop #6197  
Board of Christian Education

Quilts For Kids  
Daisy Troop #61130  
Stewardship Committee

Cemetery Association  
Executive Committee  
Boy Scout Troop #25  
Bell Choir  
Lenten Bible Study (Parlor)  
Senior Choir

Cherub Choir  
Junior Choir  
All Dens  
Jr. GS Troop #6123

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Al Anon

Worship Service  
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### ***Church Announcements for Sunday, April 3, 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!

#### **PNC's Amigos de Guatemala**

The Amigos de Guatemala Medical Team thanks everyone who donated medical supplies, school supplies and eye glasses for the PNEC April 30-May 7<sup>th</sup> trip. They have collected all that they can send; however, cash donations are still greatly appreciated. Make your check payable to PNC.

#### **Loud Offering**

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE**...Deposit your loose change (bills are welcome, too) in the cans during the **Loud Offering Collection**. Just by saving a little each and every day, we can make a BIG difference. If you have spare change on other Sundays, the cans will be in the narthex.

#### **Easter Lilies**

The Easter Lily sale continues until Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. 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. If you want to avoid lines at the Hospitality Desk, complete the form in this morning's bulletin and place it along with your payment in any of the envelopes in the pews and put it in the offering plate. Write on the outside of the envelope "Easter Lily/Memorial Fund" form enclosed. You can also send or deliver your order to the Church Office.

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

### **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.

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

Next Sunday, 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.

### **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>.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 April 6 and 13. Please bring your Bibles.

### **Kiwanis Club of Emmaus**

The Kiwanis Club of Emmaus is holding its annual Walter C. Stoult Memorial Prayer Breakfast on Good Friday, April 22, 2011 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **White Rose**

The White Rose placed on the altar this morning is in memory of **Raymond Hengeveld** who passed away on March 30. We offer our prayers and support for his family and friends.

### **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.

### **Drivers Needed**

Drivers are needed to help transport our members who do not drive to appointments. Appointments are mostly local and require only time and caring. Please consider making this a personal caring ministry. Someday you may need a lift somewhere, too! "Give a lift and get a lift!"

### **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 – Ruth Richards**

### **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:

**Maxine Bowers, Fay Eck, Gerald Heck, Linda Reisinger & Family**

**The Altar Flowers** are sponsored by George Baver in memory of Drs. George A. and Faith F. Baver, M.D.

**The Organ Flowers** are sponsored by Raymond L. Silnik, Raymond P. Silnik and daughter Stacy, and Mr. and Mrs. Kent Schock in memory of departed loved ones.

**The Bulletins** are sponsored by Jake and Jo Kleppinger in honor of our 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Church Attendance** – Sunday, March 27, 2011: 8:30 – 64 10:30 AM - 154

### **Income Report for Sunday, March 27, 2011:**

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,116.50  
General Fund - \$4,409.51