

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

139 N. 4th Street  
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

January 29, 2012

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**8:00 and 10:30 AM**

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

Thought for Meditation: "*Blessed are the peacemakers.*"  
- Matthew 5:9

Prelude:  
*...All May Stand...*

Processional Hymn: "*The God of Abraham Praise*" #24  
*...Please Be Seated...*

Welcome and Announcements  
*...All May Stand...*

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:  
Pastor: (based on Psalm 111) In the presence of God and in the company of one another, let us wholeheartedly offer praise and thanksgiving for God's greatness and glory and power.  
People: **We gather here to express our wonder and delight that God should care so graciously for us.**

Act of Confession:  
Pastor: The Apostle Paul tells us that what is most essential in our conduct as Christians is not knowledge, but love. And that what we know is less important than our being known by God. So, we confess the times when we have used knowledge in ways which put people down rather than build them up.

People: **God, source of knowledge, forgive us.**  
Pastor: When we see people being exploited because of lack of knowledge, and do nothing;  
People: **God, source of all goodness, forgive us.**  
Pastor: When we have idolized knowledge at the expense of loving and caring for others;  
People: **God, source of all love, forgive us.**  
Pastor: When we have ridiculed others for having a weak and feeble faith because they appear to lack wisdom;  
People: **God, source of all wisdom, forgive us.**

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: Hear and believe these words of grace: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him (John 3:17). And so I declare to you: In Jesus Christ we are loved, we are forgiven!  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

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: *“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”* (10:30)

A Time to Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Page 153

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Page 930

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28 Page 812

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

Sermon: “Not Even Jesus” Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

Hymn: *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”* #677

## ***The People of God Pray***

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Prayers of the People

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.**

Silent Prayer

## ***Sharing our Tithes and Offerings***

Invitation

The Offertory: (8:00)

Senior Choir Anthem: *“Here I Am to Worship”* (10:30) Hughes  
*...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

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: *“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”* #95

Silent Moment

Postlude:

### **Welcome**

Welcome to worship. It’s a privilege to “give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation” (Psalm 111:1, NRSV).

### **Preparation for Worship**

Sometimes we come to worship carrying heavy burdens and unclean spirits. Jesus, assure us that you are stronger than our worries and sins so we may worship you in peace.

**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:* Alexis Dries, Renee Martin  
*Greeters:* Dolores Fioriglio, Steve Heck  
*Lay Reader:* Ron Hillegass  
*Ushers:* Don Keck, Matthew Beck, Curt Fehr, Jonathan Keck  
*Sound System:* Mike Ackerman

### 10:30 AM

*Acolytes:* Harrison Ike, Rhys Williams  
*Greeters:* John Hill, Anna Jane Kelley, Les Schoenberger  
*Lay Reader:* Harold Huber  
*Ushers:* Bill Knappenberger, Jackie Knappenberger,  
Abigail Lyons, Scott Stenroos  
*Sound System:* Darren Labenberg  
*Nursery:* Gena DeLong, Kris Wentz  
*Tape Ministry:* Nancy Wieder  
*Flower Delivery:* Frank and Betty Famisch

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## ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 29

8:00 am Worship  
8:50 am Children's Choir  
9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages  
10:30 am Worship

### Monday, January 30

7:30 pm Bible Study

### Tuesday, January 31

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

### Wednesday, February 1

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

### Thursday, February 2

10:15 am Women's Bible Study  
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6123  
6:30 pm Cadettes  
6:30 pm All Dens

### Saturday, February 4

8:30 am AA  
8:30 am Al Anon

### Sunday, February 5

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion  
8:50 am Children's Choir  
9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages  
10:30 am Worship/Holy Communion

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### ***Church Announcements for Sunday, January 29, 2012***

#### **January Mission: Lehigh County Conference of Churches Linkage Street Ministry Program**

During the month of January, we will be collecting the following items needed by Ben Stephens, Linkage Coordinator, as he strives to move the homeless towards self-sufficiency: men's warm hats, gloves and socks, deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please give as you are able. A box is in the narthex for your donations. *"When we share what we have, we are the Church."*

#### **L&R Cemetery Update**

The October snowstorm damaged 16 trees on the L&R Cemetery causing Superintendent Bob and Pastor Fred to remove two trees and 55 truck loads of debris. A few more trees may be in jeopardy.

#### **Gently Used Handbag Sale & Mother's Day Tea**

The Mission Committee is planning a gently used handbag sale and tea in conjunction with Mother's Day 2012. All proceeds will go to the Garden Committee for their use in purchasing perennials/shrubs/trees for the church gardens. Details will be forthcoming. Please save your clean gently used purses and tote bags for the 2012 Mother's Day Celebration!

#### **Church Flowers**

Please call the church office if you are sponsoring organ or chancel table flowers so your dedication can be included in the bulletin. You must also call George's Greenhouse to place your order for those flowers at 610-965-4215. For altar flowers, please fill out a card located beneath the sign up poster and submit it to the church office. **Please remember there are no longer ANY standing flower orders from year-to-year. It is your responsibility to sign up and get the information to the church office promptly.**

#### **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.

#### **New Church Office Hours**

Please note the office hours have changed to 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

## **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 sauce. Place your donations in the designated baskets in the narthex.

## **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 – Margaret Guerrero**

## **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:

### **Barbara Kohler, Glenna Wolford, Violet Cope**

**The Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Barry and Donna Barto in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**The Organ Flowers** are sponsored by Ron and Gerry Mosemann in memory of their parents.

**The Bulletins** are sponsored by Barry and Donna Barto in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Church Attendance** – January 22, 2012: **8:00 AM** - 44    **10:30 AM** – 121

## **Income Report for Sunday, January 22, 2012:**

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,030.00

General Fund - \$2,730.51