

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. Fourth Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

March 13, 2011

First Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“Wishing will never be a substitute for prayer.”*

- Ed Cole

Organ 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:

Leader: The Creator has planted earth's garden for us;
God bids us to come and care for it.

People: **In our worship and in our work,
we join with all creation to celebrate God's gifts.**

Leader: Every morning we rise in God's steadfast love;
every evening that love sustains and protects us.

People: **In times of triumph or of temptation
the grace and mercy of God is offered to us.**

Leader: God spreads before us a spiritual banquet
and offers us life in all its intended wholeness.

People: **We are here to receive once more from God's hand,
so we can be responsible caregivers each day.**

The People of God Confess Their Sins

Act of Confession:

Leader: The temptation to sin is all around us – in beguiling whispers, in blatant invitations, in fantasies of power, in avoidance of involvement. All that contributes to our broken world and broken relationships keeps us from the fulfillment God intends. We are not all we could be; we are not yet what we will be when we confess our trespasses and experience God's grace.

People: **Out of the depths, we cry out for your forgiveness, God of all hope. If you kept account of all our iniquities, who could stand? We have strayed from your ways and deserve your condemnation. We have fallen prey to temptation and have made decisions that hurt ourselves and others. We hide from your judgment and cover ourselves in shame. (Be gone from us, Satan.) We want to live by God's law. O Loving God, hear us, forgive us, draw us back to yourself. 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: In Jesus Christ there is poured out on us, in abundance, the free gift of God's grace. We are forgiven and set free from our addictions, our pretensions, our idolatry. We are released from self-centeredness, from playing to the crowds, from our preoccupation with things. Here is good news: In steadfast love, God redeems us. Live as those who have experienced God's glory and sensed God's healing in their lives. Amen.

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: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Page 2
Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:12-19 Page 917
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11 Page 785

Sermon: “The Temptation” Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger
...*All May Stand...*

Nicene Affirmation of Faith #358
...*Please Be Seated...*

Hymn: “*If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*” #565

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 Offertory (8:00)

Senior Choir Anthem (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: We have been fed by God’s Word;
let us share the Bread of Life with the world.
People: **We are grateful for nourishment received
and eager to show others where to find food.**

Leader: We have known the watchful care of God;
let us care for one another and the world.

People: **We have found delight in God’s love for us
and want to extend that love to all.**

Leader: We have been privileged to worship our God;
let us serve in ways that invite others to worship.

People: **We have been ministered to by word and deed,
and go out to live as ministers, by God’s grace.**

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: “*How Firm a Foundation*”

Silent Moment

Postlude

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Preparation for Worship

As we progress in our journey through Lent, dear Savior, help us remember that we don't live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you (Matthew 4:4).

Welcome

Proverbs 18:24 (NRSV) says that "a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin." We appreciate your presence today and encourage you to welcome one another now.

Stewardship Moment

Research Says, "Givers Also Get"

"While most people probably subscribe to the general theory that charity is 'good for the soul,' almost all would be hard-pressed to say why. Many would also be surprised to learn that philanthropic acts are also good for the mind and body. Research is beginning to confirm these claims. These emerging findings can transform the way people live and feel about themselves...philanthropic involvement is measurably wholesome for mind, body and soul." [Give to Live, Douglas M. Lawson] Of course, that research is not new information. The Bible has been telling us for two thousand years that giving is more blessed than receiving.

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

<i>Acolytes:</i>	Emily Hartranft, Brian Lance
<i>Lector:</i>	Rev. Lisa Weida
<i>Greeters:</i>	Beverly Binder, Jennifer Hartranft
<i>Ushers:</i>	Dolores Fioriglio, Adele Schaffer, Jim Schaffer, Bonnie Walsh
<i>Sound System:</i>	Mike Ackerman

10:30 AM

<i>Acolytes:</i>	Olivia DeLong, Emily Drabick
<i>Lay Reader:</i>	Kristine Knappenberger
<i>Greeters:</i>	Anna Jane Kelley, Floyd Schmoyer, Les Schoenberger
<i>Ushers:</i>	Tom Capehart, Darren Labenberg, Drew Labenberg, Rick Snyder
<i>Sound System:</i>	Russ Drabick
<i>Nursery:</i>	Heather Gross, Angie Karol
<i>Tape Ministry:</i>	Harold Huber
<i>Flower Delivery:</i>	Jake and Jo Kleppinger
<i>Hospitality:</i>	Fred and Sandra Bartholomew

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 13

First Sunday in Lent
Girl Scout Sunday
Daylight Saving Time Begins

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

Monday, March 14

6:30 pm Jr. Girl Scout Troop #6197

Tuesday, March 15

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

Wednesday, March 16

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

Thursday, March 17

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 19

Blood Drive at St. John's

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, March 20

Daffodil Day

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, March 13, 2011

March Mission – One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), is one of the four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. The offering provides hope to people in more than eighty countries. The UCC works with international partners, and together we provide support for health, education, refugee, agricultural and emergency relief initiatives.

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!

Allentown Disaster – Banking for the Future

Last month's gas explosion that our neighbors on 13th Street in Allentown experienced has left many of us asking, "What can we do?" The Mission Committee would like to give St. John's members who feel so-moved an opportunity to give to this local emergency. On this Sunday, March 6th, and Ash Wednesday, March 9th and throughout the week, monetary donations will be accepted. Please use the mission envelope in the pew box or your own church envelope and designate "Banking for the Future." All monies will be sent to the Keystone, Nazareth Bank & Trust (KNBT) and they will forward ALL of the donations to the organizations that are handling the gifts for the survivors. The deadline has been extended to the end of the month. Thank you.

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.

Raise the Roof

On May 1st, Anniversary Sunday, we will be inviting back to our pulpit Reverend John Snyder-Samuelson. 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.

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 15th. 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 3rd (snow date, really!) of April 10th. 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 Pressure Screening

Today, March 13, 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.

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 19th 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 29th – 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.

Lenten Bible Study

Pastor Curt will lead a Lenten Bible study called "*Jesus for the 21st 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.

Youth Group

The Faithful Followers youth group will meet tonight from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

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, Pauline Kummery

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:

Harold and Eleanor DeRemer, Mary George and Family, Nancy Ritter, Kay Schellhammer

The Bulletins are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mutchler in memory of loved ones.

The Organ Flowers are sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeVries and Family in loving memory of Barbara DeVries Althouse.

The Bulletins are sponsored by Pauline Haring in memory of her husband, Kenneth.

Church Attendance – Sunday, March 6, 2011: 8:30 – 98 10:30 AM - 121

Income Report for Sunday, March 6, 2011:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,694.00

General Fund - \$5,592.00

Loud Offering - \$290.35