

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. Fourth Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

March 27, 2011

Third Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.”*

- John Wesley

Organ Prelude

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“This Is My Father’s World”*
...Please Be Seated...

#59

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before God, our Maker!

**People: God is creating the whole universe.
God rules the infinity of time and space.**

Leader: Come to sing your thanksgiving to God;
make a joyful noise with songs of praise.

**People: God has supplied us with food and water;
God feeds us and quenches our thirst.**

Leader: Come to express your faith and hope;
then listen for the still, small voice of God.

**People: God who is Spirit seeks us day by day;
God calls us to worship in spirit and truth.**

The People of God Confess Their Sins

Act of Confession:

Leader: What is it that cuts us off from God and separates us from our sisters and brothers? How do we, in our narrow preoccupations, turn away from the life of love God offers? Why do we err in our hearts and ignore the revelation of God’s higher purposes that surround us? God is ready to listen to our confession.

People: O God, when we sense who you are, we know our own sin. In our murmuring and fault-finding, we have forgotten your mercy. With hardened hearts, we have ignored your needy children. We have chosen to live in desert places rather than asking for a drink of living water. We have hoarded your blessings and forgotten they are for us to share. Our wealth has impoverished us, and our certainties have made us brittle. We are perishing! Please save us from ourselves, we pray through Christ. 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: It is God who disturbs our complacency, pricks our false certainties, and turns our complaints to constructive action. Even now, God is at work in our lives, turning us from self-destruction, prompting our desire for deeper knowledge, and leading us to more satisfying involvements. In Christ, we have been reconciled to this God who loves us and is ever ready to help us endure, grow in character, and live by hope. Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Sung Response: “*Amazing Grace!*” Verse 3 #546
**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I
have already come; ‘tis grace hath brought me
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
...Please Be Seated...**

The People of God Share the Word of God

Sunday School K-3 “*Praise Him*”
A Time to Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children (10:30)
The Holy Scripture:
Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 Page 56
Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:1-11 Page 917
Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-42 Page 864

Sermon: “*Massah and Meribah*” Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger
...*All May Stand...*

UCC Statement of Faith Front of Hymnal

Hymn: “*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*” #709
...*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 Offertory (8:00)
Senior Choir Anthem: “*Give Me Jesus*” (10:30) Sterling
...*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: God, who creates and renews the universe,
has met us here and goes with us into each new day.
People: **Christ, who spoke to the woman at the well,
offers us the same living water she received.**
Leader: God, who sends us into the world as water carriers,
equips us with abilities to share good news.
People: **When Christ comes to people in desert places,
complaints are stilled and hard hearts are melted.**
Leader: God, who sent Jesus into the world for our sakes,
sends us out to be as Christ to our neighbors.
People: **Where God sends, we will go, rejoicing,
for Christ dwells in us as listeners and care-givers.**

Benediction
Threefold Amen
Recessional Hymn: “*We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God*” #64
Silent Moment
Postlude: “*Fugue*” Bach

Preparation for Worship

Help us put aside all worldly cares, dear Lord, as we come to worship you now.

Welcome

The doors of this house of God are open to one and all. Today we praise God as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Stewardship Moment

“Servant-Ship”

Entering the Kingdom means establishing and maintaining a positive relationship with the King. How can we do that? Worship, prayer, service, and money are four of the primary ways. Without these four commitments, how could we come into the Kingdom and let the Kingdom come into us? Why do so many people want to call Jesus “Savior: without calling him “Lord?” Because they know that Lordship means ‘servant-ship.’ Christ does not give his chosen people rest in religious rocking chairs. He gives them a chance to do something really worthwhile with their life, their time, and their money. That takes commitment.

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: Amber Koehler, Shania Koehler
Lay Reader: Tom Capehart
Greeters: Dolores Fioriglio, Adele Schaffer
Ushers: Tom Gable, Don Keck, Jonathan Keck, Phil Rhode
Sound System: Jim Schaffer

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Emily Drabick, Emily Hartranft
Lay Reader: Marilyn Decker
Greeters: Marilyn Decker, Jennifer Hartranft, Betty Kemmerer
Ushers: Marty Beers, Adam Beers, Kyle Heck, John Hill
Sound System: Russ Drabick
Nursery: Kimberly Draves, Jen Hartranft
Tape Ministry: Nancy Wieder
Hospitality: Carl and Nancy Wieder

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, March 27

Third Sunday in Lent

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

Monday, March 28

- 6:30 pm Jr. Girl Scout Troop #6197

Tuesday, March 29

- 9:00 am Quilts For Kids
- 4:30 pm Friendly's Fun Night
- 6:00 pm Daisy Troop #61130

Wednesday, March 30

- 6:30 pm Confirmation Class
- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #25
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir
- 7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study (Parlor)
- 7:45 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, March 31

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

Saturday, April 2

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

Sunday, April 3

Spring Basket Bingo

- 8:00 am Worship Service/Holy Communion
- 9:15 am Sunday school for all ages
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Church Announcements for Sunday, March 27, 2011

March Mission – One Great Hour of Sharing

2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

The initial support sent to the United Church of Christ in Japan comes from One Great Hour of Sharing. Also, anyone in the congregation who desires to give directly in support of the Japan earthquake/tsunami response, please mark donations for the “Pacific Earthquake & Tsunami.” You will receive more information from the Mission Committee here at St. John’s. 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 80 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!

Easter Lilies

The Easter Lily sale continues until Sunday, April 10th. 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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. If you are interested in baking, please contact Adele Schaffer at 610-395-9272.

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 23, 30 and April 6, 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, 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.

Youth Group

The Faithful Followers Youth Group will meet tonight from 6 to 8:00 PM.

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!"

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. Please place your donations on the designated baskets in the narthex.

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.

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 – Gerald Heck, Albert Moyer, Raymond Hengeveld, Maxine Bowers

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:

Pauline Kummery, Margaret Hackman, John Carl & Family, Rev. Jeffrey Mensendiek & Family

The Organ Flowers are presented by the children in loving memory of parents, Ella and Ray Druckenmiller and Ann Druckenmiller, niece and daughter.

The Bulletins are sponsored by Mary Lou Hilbert in memory of parents, Fred and Beatrice Guth.

Church Attendance – Sunday, March 20, 2011: 8:30 – 66 10:30 AM - 103

Income Report for Sunday, March 20, 2011:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,301.00
General Fund - \$4,200.71