

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. Fourth Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

May 1, 2011
Anniversary Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Organ Prelude (8:00)

St. John's Brass Quintet (10:30)

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* #25

...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship:

Leader: We come again to celebrate resurrection.
God gives us new birth into a living hope.

People: **Death has no power over us.**
Christ goes before us in the new life God offers.

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ!
Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

People: **Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.**
God shows us the path of life.

Leader: Again, Jesus says to us: Peace be with you.
Come to receive life in Christ's name.

People: **We rejoice in God's amazing good news.**
In God's presence, we find fullness of joy.

The People of God Confess Their Sins

Act of Confession:

Leader: How quickly we forget that we are an Easter people, raised up out of the ways of death into fullness of life. The power of death leaves us shaken and afraid, but God in Christ calls us out of our fear to experience a presence that embraces us with eternal hope. We confess now all that keeps us from accepting the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand. Forgive us for chasing after gods of our own making. We are so busy with them that we forget to open ourselves to your larger reality. We reduce the circles of connection and caring that Jesus demonstrated. Goodness is crucified by our narrow prejudices, and our doubts plunge us into despair. Be to us a refuge, granting us courage to face the questions that haunt us until they lead to deeper understanding. 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 never abandons us, no matter how far we stray. We have a goodly heritage which is ours to claim. God shows us the path of life and offers us fullness of Joy. Let our hearts be glad and our tongues rejoice. The Living Christ is in our midst. We are granted new birth into a living hope.

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.

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The People of God Share the Word of God

Sunday School Classes K-5	“This is The Day”	(10:30)
Jr. Choir	“I Never Touched a Rainbow” Artman	(10:30)
A Time to Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children		(10:30)
The Holy Scripture:		
Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 16:1-8		Page 430
Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:4-8		Page 955
Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31		Page 883

Sermon: “An Ideal Of Decency” Rev. John Snyder-Samuelson

Reception of Members: Affirmation of Baptism
Invitation and Welcome
Sentences

Questions of the Candidates:

Leader: Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do.

Leader: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Candidates: I do.

Leader: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Candidates: I do.

Leader: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ’s disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ’s presence and furthering Christ’s mission in all the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Affirmation of Faith:

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Leader: Do you believe in God?

Candidates: I believe in God.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Candidates: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Address

Questions About Participation:

Leader: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God’s people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Welcome and Reception:

Leader: Let us, the members of St. John’s United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and to be witnesses of our risen Savior.

...All May Stand...

Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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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: *"All Things Work Together For Good"*
(10:30)

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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

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: *"Jesus Shall Reign"* (8:00) #95
(10:30) Insert

Silent Moment

Postlude: *"Fugue"* (8:00)
St. John's Brass Quintet (10:30)

Preparation for Worship

Risen Lord Jesus, though we haven't seen you face to face or touched your wounds as Thomas did, help us trust in you. Even amid our doubts, help us relax in your peace.

Welcome

We see the risen Christ when we look into one another's eyes. We touch his wounds when we share one another's burdens. Together, let us worship our Lord!

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.

St. John's Newest Members

Please welcome into our church family Michael Ahner, Marilyn Egner, Jeff & Kathy Jones, Donald & Cynthia Kaufman, Thomas & Sharon Kulikauskas, Deborah Schaffer, Mary Velez, and Kathy Lauer-Williams

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, Amber Koehler
Lay Reader: Barry Barto
Greeters: Jo and Jake Kleppinger
Ushers: Dolores Fioriglio, Matthew Beck, Kevin Krause,
Jonathan Keck
Sound System: Don Keck

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Emily Hartranft, Joscelyn Hengeveld
Lay Reader: Lauren Stenroos
Greeters: Marilyn Decker, Jennifer Hartranft, Anna Jane Kelley
Ushers: Marty Beers, Adam Beers, Kyle Heck, Bill
Knappenberger, Jackie Knappenberger, Darren
Labenberg, Drew Labenberg, Richard Miller
Sound System: John Hill
Tape Ministry: Floyd Schmoyer
Flower Delivery: Marty Beers
Hospitality: Aaron and Lisa Weida

CHURCH STAFF

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 1

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

Monday, May 2

7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 3

9:00 am
6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 4

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

Thursday, May 5

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

Saturday, May 7

8:30 am
8:30 am

Sunday, May 8

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

Anniversary Sunday

Worship Service
Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Board of Christian Education

Quilts For Kids
Daisy Troop #61130

Cemetery Association
Executive Committee
Boy Scout Troop #25
Journeys Through Grief (Parlor)

Cherub Choir
Junior Choir
Cadettes #6678
Jr. GS Troop #6123
Cub Scouts – All Dens

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Al Anon

Mother's Day

Worship Service/Holy Communion
Sunday school for all ages
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Church Announcements for Sunday, May 1, 2011

May Mission - Strengthen the Church

During the month of May, we will be receiving this special mission offering for the United Church of Christ. It grows the UCC by funding new church starts and invigorating existing congregations by nurturing lay and pastoral leaderships and builds youth and young adult ministries. All gifts are directed to activities and programs of your local conference as well as the UCC's national ministries.

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!

Welcome Back John Snyder-Samuelsan!

A 1991 graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, the Rev. John R. Snyder-Samuelsan was the Associate Pastor at St. John's UCC from 1997-2003. Since 2004, John has been working with foster children at Pinebrook Family Services in Allentown. John's wife, Kris, is the Associate Pastor at Union UCC, Neffs. Their daughter, Hannah, will graduate from Parkland High School in June and enroll at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY in September. The Snyder-Samuelsans live in Schnecksville.

Penn Northeast Conference Work Camp, Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi

On September 10, 2011, thirty-four people representing eight UCC churches will travel to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS to participate in a work camp that will continue the work of rebuilding homes and hearts after the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. Edgar and Linda Roosa will be representing St. John's Church. The group is responsible for all costs, including: transportation to and from Biloxi, food while there, gas and vans used for transportation to and from the work areas. To help off-set the costs, three fundraisers have been organized: an electronic recycling event, June 4, a benefit fundraiser during the month of July at McDonald's in Hellertown and in May the sale of Wixon shoo-fly pies. If you have any questions, please contact Ed or Linda Roosa at 610-966-1459 or leroosa@ptd.net.

Daffodil Sunday

Thank you to those who participated to make our Daffodil Mission for March "Stamping out Cancer" successful! Through your generosity, we contributed \$540.00 to the American Cancer Society. Hope you enjoyed the daffodils!

Shoe-fly Pies Benefit PNEC Biloxi Workcamp

The pies are from Wixon Bakery. The cost is \$4.00 for an 8" wet-bottom shoo-fly pie. Orders will be taken in the church narthex on the following Sundays: April 17 & 24, May 1, 8, 15 & 22. Delivery is June 5 in the church narthex.

A Note from the Garden Committee

Have you noticed how beautiful God's church looks? This is due to the hard working Boy Scouts that got together and completed the mulching in one night! Boy Scouts – we thank you so much! Let's keep them in our prayers.

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.

Girl Scout Troop #6123

On behalf of the congregation at St. John's UCC, we would like to thank the Girl Scout Troop #6123 for polishing the pews and vacuuming the cushions during their meeting time on April 14th. The girls expressed a desire to "give back to the church" and we greatly appreciate the fantastic job they did. Thank you girls!

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.

Relay for Life - May 13-14, 2011

CALLING ALL BAKERS!! The Macungie Relay for Life is quickly approaching. To raise money for the fight against cancer, Team Hope, St. John's UCC Emmaus, is having a bake sale. We are calling on all the great bakers of St. John's to bake their favorite recipe for pies, cakes, cookies, or anything else you want to share. The items for the bake sale can be brought to church on Friday, May 13th up until 2:00 PM or you can bring them to Macungie Park on Saturday, May 14th. We will also be making hot dogs and having various other items for sale. In addition to baking, we need your help in other ways. Register to walk, this is a 24 hour event and we should have someone on the track at all times, volunteer to help set up and take down our campsite, volunteer to make hot dogs, or sell baked goods. We hope that you will consider joining us to CELEBRATE, REMEMBER and FIGHT BACK! For more information, please contact Carl Wieder at 610-965-5295 or Teri Demmy at 610-967-6035 or Teridemmm@aol.com

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.

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 – June Bokeko, Esther Baum

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:

Forrest Scholl & Family, Pauline Haring & Family, Madeline Hillegass, Tracy Dell

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by St. John’s Consistory in honor of St. John’s 91st anniversary of the present sanctuary and the 90th year of its dedication.

The Organ Flowers are sponsored by daughters Claudine Pennella and Jean Nazigian in memory of mother, Marian Gallagher.

The Bulletins are sponsored by Mary Rarich in memory of her husband, Glenn.

Church Attendance – Sunday, April 24, 2011: 8:30 – 145 10:30 AM - 324

Income Report for Sunday, April 24, 2011:

Mortgage Account (BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,360.00
General Fund - \$10,713.54