

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. 4th Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

October 9, 2011

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 and 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: “*Man sees your actions, but God sees your motives.*”

- Thomas a Kempis

Prelude: Organ Prelude

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: “*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*” #18
...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Morning has broken, let us give thanks for the gift of life and for the presence of the Holy One among us. Let us worship God together!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Act of Confession:

Pastor: We are called to examine our faithfulness to God’s covenant with us. God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sin to almighty God.

All: **Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you.**

We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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: God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.

All: **We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

A Time to Pass Our Faith Onto Our Children

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14 Page 69

Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9 Page 955

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14 Page 803

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

Sermon: "Injury – Pardon" Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger
...All May Stand...

UCC Statement of Faith Front of Hymnal
Hymn: "Heal Me, Hands of Jesus" #504
...Please Be Seated...

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Prayers of the People

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.**

Prayer Response: "In the Name of the Lord" #28

**There is strength in the name of the Lord, there is pow'r in the
name of the Lord; there is hope in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Invitation

The Offering

The Offertory: Organ Offertory (8:00)

Senior Choir Anthem: "Simply Trusting" (10:30) Pethel
...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
...All May Stand...

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Commission

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" #518

Silent Moment

Postlude: "Verset" Stanley

Welcome

Welcome to the Lord's house. May your soul be restored; may your cup overflow; may you experience God's goodness and mercy (Psalm 23).

Preparation for Worship

Lord, be with those who proclaim your Word to us today and with all who make this worship possible.

Stewardship Moment

Someone said that God looks not for the quantity of the gift but the quality of the giver. We gain an additional benefit when we put money into God's offering plate each week. We exercise spiritual muscles that help us "let go" of something that Jesus tells us again and again can reduce the quality of our lives.

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: Emily Hartranft, Keneth Heck
Greeters: Curt Fehr, Jennifer Hartranft
Lay Reader: Curt Fehr
Ushers: Dolores Fioriglio, Matthew Beck, Kyle Heck, Steve Heck
Sound System: Mike Ackerman

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Joscelyn Hengeveld, Renee Martin
Greeters: David Hengeveld, Bill Knappenberger, Les Schoenberger
Lay Reader: Linda Hengeveld
Ushers: Russell Drabick, Wendy Moyer-Drabick, Pat Roth, Rachel Wentz
Sound System: John Hill
Nursery: Kris Wentz, Shania Koehler
Tape Ministry: Harold Huber
Flower Delivery: Marty Beers
Hospitality: Aaron and Lisa Weida

CHURCH STAFF

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 9

Pet Blessing/Visitation
8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am Worship

Tuesday, October 11

9:00 am Quilts for Kids
6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #6640
7:00 pm Consistory
7:30 pm Brain Tumor Support Group

Wednesday, October 12

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

Thursday, October 13

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

Saturday, October 15

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon

Sunday, October 16

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



*Join us for Friendly's Family Fun Night
Tuesday, October 25, 2011
4:30 to 6:30 pm
Friendly's in Trexlertown*

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Church Announcements for World Communion Sunday, October 9, 2011

October Mission – Neighbors in Need (NIN)

NIN is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. To learn more about NIN, we will have a Mission Moment by Geoffrey Brace, the assistant moderator of Penn Northeast Conference on Sunday, October 23, 2011. Please give as you are able. Thank you. The Mission Committee.

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!

Basket Bingo

Our Fall Basket Bingo is coming soon! The date is Sunday, October 30th. Doors open at 1 pm and bingo starts at 2 pm. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets will be sold after the 8:00 and 10:30 am services or in the church office during regular business hours. Tickets are \$20 for 20 games and specials will be available for purchase. We are looking for people to sponsor baskets, donate items for the Chinese auction, donate door prizes, volunteer to help the day of the bingo and donate baked goods. If you are interested in any of these, please call Wendy Moyer-Drabick at 610-754-1988.

New Member's Class

We will be having a new member's class on Wednesday evening, October 26th at 6:00 pm. In the class we will discuss St. John's mission, ministry, programs, and history. We will learn about how to get involved in the church. If you are interested, please call the church office or speak to Pastor Paul. New members will be welcomed into the family of St. John's at the 10:30 worship service on November 6th.

“Journeys Through Grief”

St. John's is once again hosting “Journeys Through Grief”, a six week seminar for those who are grieving. The seminar provides a safe place to learn about the stages of grief and explore the feelings you may have associated with the loss of a loved one in your life. The group meets Wednesdays, October 19 – November 30 [no session on November 23] from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the church parlor. Registration is required. Contact Pastor Kerry W. Smart at 610-770-9205 or www.lutherancongregationalservices.org

Blood Pressure Screening

Today, October 9th, 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 after both services.

Calling All Bakers!

The dessert committee for the pork and sauerkraut dinner needs bakers for this event. We are in need of cakes and pies. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please call one of us to sign up: Jean Deischer at 610-791-2699, Carolyn Powell at 610-391-1385 or Doris Trumbauer at 610-967-2349.

If You Invite Them, They Will Come...

It's a simple concept that works! How often does a friend tell you that he or she has been waiting for an invitation to your home? In your mind, this person may not need an invitation. You have been to your friend's home often enough. But the person feels the need for an invitation to yours.

Your friends may know what church you attend, and may have heard exciting things about what our church is doing, but they still need you to extend an invitation. Research suggests that three out of four people attend a church for the first time because they were invited. However, less than two percent of church members will ever invite someone to church. That means there is an abundance of people simply waiting for an invitation...from you!

Churches grow when members extend personal invitations to others. The United Church of Christ has 1.1 million members. If only 10 percent brings a friend to church November 6th, 110,000 additional persons will visit a UCC congregation that day—and some will find a church home that day!

Pastor Paul on Facebook

You can follow Pastor Paul on Facebook at Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger. This is his professional Facebook page. You will get updates on his writings, information on leadership, and personal and spiritual transformation. If you are on Twitter, you can follow him at Knappleadership. He plans to have a blog up soon for information on leadership and personal and spiritual transformation.

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.

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:

Robert Burdette, Michelle Powell, Richard Snyder, Madeline Hillegass

The Organ Flowers are sponsored by Raymond and Margaret Mentzer in honor of their 17th wedding anniversary.

Church Attendance – Sunday, October 2, 2011: 8:00 AM – 77 10:30 AM - 105

Income Report for Sunday, October 2, 2011:

Mortgage Account

(BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,324.00

General Fund - \$4,555.01

Loud Offering - \$234.23