

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

139 N. 4th Street  
Emmaus, Pennsylvania

September 25, 2011

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

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

Thought for Meditation: “*Agape love is...profound concern for the well-being of another, without any desire to control the other, to be thanked by that other, or to enjoy the process.*”

- Madeline L’Engle

Prelude: “*Blessed Assurance*”

Varner

*...All May Stand...*

Processional Hymn: “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”

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*...Please Be Seated...*

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Moment

Linda Roosa

*Leader:* Every parent, relative and friend of those deployed in the military realizes the dangers and stress of warfare. We know too, that loneliness, depression and anxiety can be enemies of a different nature.

**People:** **Our men and women in uniform serve honorably. We look for ways to support them, to give them hope, and to let them know that we care.**

*Leader:* Supporting Holy Joe’s Café is one way that we can provide help to our servicemen and women.

**People:** **A chaplain’s friendly greeting, a cup of robust coffee: Cream? Sugar? The stage is set for friendly conversation. “Welcome to Holy Joe’s Café!”**

*Leader:* Through ears trained for listening, the military chaplain leads discussion and spiritual guidance to help the troubled combat soldiers. “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”  
(Matthew 18:20)

**People:** **Refreshment, spiritual guidance, encouragement, and comfort, thank you Lord, for making Holy Joe’s Coffee House Ministry available to our soldiers.**

**Unison:** **“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, great is thy faithfulness. Amen.**

(Lamentations 3:22)

*...All May Stand...*

Call to Worship:

**Pastor:** Dear friends, let us love one another because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God.

**People:** **Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

Act of Confession:

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Pastor:* Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**All:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. 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:* Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**All:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Sung Response: “Gloria Patri”

**Glorify 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 17:1-7 Page 56

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13 Page 954

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32 Page 802

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

Sermon: “Hatred – Love” Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

*...All May Stand...*

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hades;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: “*Help Us Accept Each Other*”

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### *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.**

### *Sharing our Tithes and Offerings*

Offering Invitation

The Offering

The Offertory: “*Organ Interlude*” (8:00)

Senior Choir Anthem: “*Love Lifted Me*” (10:30)

McDonald

*...All May Stand...*

The Offertory Response: “*Doxology*”

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**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

Choral Benediction

Insert

Recessional Hymn: “*The Gift of Love*”

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Silent Moment

Postlude: “*Voluntary*”

Martin

### **Welcome**

Welcome to the house of the Lord! May God’s grace and peace fill you today.

### **Preparation for Worship**

Today we have the privilege to extol our God and King and to “bless your name forever and ever” (Psalm 145:1, NRSV).

### **Stewardship Moment**

Time Out!

“To observe the Sabbath means to call ‘Time Out!’ This day of rest is to re-create that which has been expended during the week. The Sabbath allows us to receive the strength God supplies so we can continue to produce wealth, while keeping wealth in the proper perspective.” [*Partners With God*, Bobby L. Ecklund and Terry Austin]

**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 Hanna, Emily Hartranft  
*Greeters:* Jake and Jo Kleppinger  
*Lay Reader:* Adele Schaffer  
*Ushers:* Mike Ackerman, Amber Koehler, Adele Schaffer, Jim Schaffer  
*Sound System:* Don Keck

**10:30 AM**

*Acolytes:* Emily Drabick, Renee Martin  
*Greeters:* Ben and Carolyn Powell, Les Schoenberger  
*Lay Reader:* Kristine Knappenberger  
*Ushers:* Marty Beers, Adam Beers, Russell Drabick, Wendy Moyer-Drabick  
*Sound System:* Richard Miller  
*Nursery:* Kris Wentz, Shania Koehler  
*Tape Ministry:* Floyd Schmoyer  
*Hospitality:* Doris Trumbauer

### **CHURCH STAFF**

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## ***ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR***

### **Sunday, September 25**

8:00 am      Worship  
9:15 am      Sunday School for All Ages  
10:30 am     Worship

### **Monday, September 26**

7:30 pm      Mission Committee

### **Tuesday, September 27**

9:00 am      Quilts for Kids  
6:30 pm      Girl Scout Troop #6640  
7:00 pm      Pork and Sauerkraut Meeting (Parlor)

### **Wednesday, September 28**

6:30 pm      Boy Scout Troop #25  
6:30 pm      Bell Choir  
7:00 pm      Building and Grounds Committee (Parlor)  
7:45 pm      Senior Choir

### **Thursday, September 29**

6:30 pm      Girl Scout Troop #6123  
6:30 pm      Cadettes  
6:30 pm      All Dens

### **Saturday, October 1**

8:30 am      AA  
8:30 am      Al Anon

### **Sunday, October 2**

#### **World Communion Sunday**

#### **Neighbors in Need Special Offering**

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

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### ***Church Announcements for Sunday, September 25, 2011***

#### **September Mission – “Holy Joe’s Café”**

This Coffee House Ministry for soldiers supports military chaplains in over 120 “Boots-On-The-Ground” locations throughout Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. Holy Joe’s Cafés are designated places where troops can go to relax, escape their duties of war, get a fresh cup of coffee, and talk with a chaplain in a casual setting. Please see the bulletin insert for additional information regarding this project. Please give as generously as you are able. Thank you. The Missions Committee

#### **Youth Fellowship Night**

All youth grades 5th - 12th are invited to come out tonight, Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>, to participate in an evening of Christian fellowship and fun. It will be from 6pm-8pm in the youth lounge. If interested, come on out and see what St. John's Youth Group is all about! Pizza will be provided.

#### **Attention Members of St. John’s**

The Nursery is in desperate need of volunteers to help in the nursery during the 10:30 worship. We have recently lost several helpers who have been involved for many years. If we don’t get the adequate help that we need, we will need to have the nursery available only for parents who wish to watch their own children during the service. Please call Kris Wentz at 610-965-7067 if interested.

#### **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.

#### **Organ and Chancel Flowers**

If you are sponsoring organ or chancel flowers, please call the church office so we can include your dedication in the bulletin announcements.

#### **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.

#### **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.

## **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:

**Charmaine Fegely & Family, Verna Gilbert, Annabelle Gross**

**The Altar Flowers** are sponsored Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Bergey in honor of their wedding anniversary and their daughter Tricia-Lee's birthday.

**The Bulletins** are sponsored by Jim and Adele Schaffer in honor of their 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Church Attendance** – Sunday, September 18, 2011: 8:00 AM – 60 10:30 AM - 131

## **Income Report for Sunday, September 18, 2011:**

Mortgage Account

(BOFFT, Building Blocks, Building Fund) – \$1,681.00

General Fund - \$4,830.74