

This Week at St. John's. . . .

March 15, 2020

WELCOME ALL GUESTS!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope that you find this day spiritually uplifting and helpful to your journey of faith. Please fill out our information pad at the center of each pew so that we can thank you for being our guest today. You are cordially invited to visit our website (www.sjucnaz.org) for more information about St. John's. Please consider "liking" us on Facebook.

Childcare is available in the Christian Ed wing during the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services for children up to first grade. Please ask one of our greeters for directions. Following worship, we hope that you will join us for a time of hospitality and fellowship in the DeRemer Gallery, which is adjacent to the Sanctuary.



As of TODAY, (it may change tomorrow) we will continue to hold, educational, choir/musical and fellowship activities. Certain events may be cancelled, so please check if you are wondering about a specific event. We certainly understand if you have personal concerns about your safety which lead you and/or your family to refrain from participating for the time being. As a reminder please greet each other with joy and be respectful of personal space which includes not shaking hands.

Wednesdays in Lent –

Food & Spiritual Growth

Wednesdays, March 18, 25 & April 1

Dinner from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. in Fraunfelder Hall

Program Options from 6:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Option 1: A gathering aimed at teenagers & young adults to take them on a spiritual journey to become the people God is dreaming them to be.

Option 2: An interactive intergenerational group that will view the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter through stories, art, games, music and food.

Option 3: A discussion utilizing a DVD, titled "How Happiness Happens." This group will explore how everyone might find "lasting joy."



Quoit & Bean Bag Tournament

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Sunday, March 15

- 9:00 Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 Christian Formation/HeBrews Café
- 10:00 Women's Ministry Team
- 10:00 Maranatha Singers
- 10:00 New Members Class
- 11:00 Classic Worship
- 6:00 StarSong
- 7:00 Xplosion/Seekers

Monday, March 16

- 7:00 St. John's Ringers
- 8:30 4-Given

Tuesday, March 17

- 6:00 Security Task Force
- 7:30 Small Group (Cortez)

Wednesday, March 18

- 6:00 Supper
- 6:45 Lenten Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Thursday, March 19

- 4:30 Jr. Choir
- 7:00 Church & Ministry
- 7:00 Women's Association

Saturday, March 21

- 9:00 St. John'smen
- 11:30 Loaves & Fishes

Sunday, March 22

- 9:00 Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 Christian Formation/HeBrews Café
- 10:00 Confirmation
- 10:00 Maranatha Singers
- 11:00 Classic Worship
- 6:00 StarSong
- 7:00 Seekers



New Members Class - Are you interested in learning more about joining St. John's? Join us **TODAY 10:00 a.m.** in the Wotring Parlor (lower level). Get a brief history of St. John's, learn about the United Church of Christ and give us a chance to know you better.

GREETERS AND LAY READERS – Please consider helping out with these two great ministries by signing up in the DeRemer Gallery.



Easter Flowers

Deadline to order is TOMORROW!

Hardy Azaleas - \$15

Lilies - \$12 Tulips - \$12

Order forms are available in the DeRemer Gallery. Complete form, attach payment and return to the Church Office. Please make check payable to "St. John's U.C.C." All ordered plants will be placed in the sanctuary for Easter Services on April 12. Please remember to indicate if you will pick up your plant or if you want it to go to one of our homebound members (lilies only).

Easter Food Baskets



The **Social Concerns Easter Egg Tree** is set up in the DeRemer Gallery. Each egg on the tree contains a short shopping list of items needed for our Easter Food Baskets. If you are interested, take an egg or two and return the items to our shopping cart. There are many different lists so that you can find one to fit your budget. Rather not shop, you can purchase a Giant gift card at the gift card table in the DeRemer Gallery. **Items are due by April 5.** Thank you!



WHY EASTER MATTERS

A 4-Part DVD/Discussion

Leader: Lou Murante

10:00 a.m. in the Council Room



Give+Text is our secure texting program. Give once, or as often as you wish. Simply text the amount you wish to donate (a minimum of \$3) to our designated St. John's giving number, 610-854-9113.

Pictorial Directories Are Here

Please note: You are only entitled to a directory if you had your picture taken here at the church by Lifetouch this past November. All directories will be individually labeled and can be picked up in the Miko Chapel.



Gift cards for Wegmans, Giant, Kohl's, Valley Farms and Weis can be purchased in the DeRemer Gallery on Sunday mornings or in the Church Office during the week. **The church earns 5% from each gift card sold.**



Sunday, March 22

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

A Lenten Series: Busy –

**Reconnecting with an Unhurried God
Message: "Living Light"**

Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing

No one, at the end of their life, would say, "I should have spent more time at the office." And yet many of us live with the tyranny of measuring-up that keeps us weighed down. Lightening the load of expectations and "shoulds" is one way to lighten up as well as to literally lighten the clutter that crowds out our serenity. How do we create space to flourish in the ways God intends?

Sponsors...

This morning's flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in honor of **Bernice Kocher's 90th Birthday today** by daughter, Peggy and Jay Benfield and family; in memory of **Carl Strye, Sr.** by wife, Gerry.



St. John's UCC Nursery School is looking to hire an Assistant Teacher with a 2-year degree in ECE or extensive experience working with children in a preschool setting. The Assistant Teacher would help support the 3-day program that runs Monday-Wednesday-Friday for the 2020-2021 school year. If you, or anyone you know is interested, please email a cover letter and resume to nancyamadara@gmail.com or mail materials to: St. John's UCC, Attn: Nancy Madara, 183 S. Broad St., Nazareth, PA 18064



Please note that on our website, www.sjucnaz.org, you can find... quickly view the websites for the **United Church of Christ** and the **Penn Northeast Conference** by clicking on the highlighted words, **"Learn More"** underneath each title on the bottom of our website page.

St. John's will be collecting men's underwear, all sizes, for the PNEC Spring Annual Meeting. All new packages will be collected through Sunday, April 19th, in the DeRemer Gallery. Please speak with Pastor Jeff for more details.

Community News: Lehigh Valley Hospital, Cedar Crest will be hosting an **Amputee Awareness Day** program in the Kassych Family Pavillion on **Saturday, March 21st**, from 9:00 a.m until 2:00 p.m.



CHILDCARE VOUNTEERS to help with the children in our nursery during our 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. Volunteer clearances are required. Please call the church office to volunteer at 610-759-0893.

SUBSTITUTE CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS - Please contact Nancy Madara at nancyamadara@gmail.com or (610) 509-4029 if you are interested in filling in as needed for our 3 year old through 5th grade Church School Classes. Volunteer clearances are required.

COMMUNION CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS are needed to help clean up after communion worship services. Please contact John Muscler 610- 746-2557 for more information.

LOAVES & FISHES is in dire need of Board Members!!! Please consider giving of your time and talents to this meaningful organization by speaking with Pastor Jeff.