



# St. John's News

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## Worship in the Park

**Sunday, August 26, 2018**  
**12 Noon - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Nazareth Borough Park**

**Preparing for Worship at Home:** Find a suit of armor or go to a museum and look at one.

**Worship Invitation:** Join us for something different! Today we will worship in the park. We will share a picnic lunch followed by worship. Come join us.

Message: **Ready for Battle?**

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18;  
Ephesians 6:10-20

### 12 Noon — Picnic Lunch

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, salads, drinks.

Cost: \$5.00

Sign-up sheet will be available starting August 5 in the DeRemer Gallery.

### 1:00 - Worship

Dessert and games will follow worship.

Please bring a dessert to share and outdoor games or board games.

***There will be NO 9:30 a.m. worship at St. John's that morning.***

*In case of inclement weather, the event will be held St. John's starting at noon in Fraunfelder Hall.*

## Partner with St. John's & Habitat for Humanity



Volunteers are needed to work on a Faith Build project in Bethlehem on **Saturday, July 21 and Saturday, August 18.**

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and be willing to participate in construction and non-construction activities. Orientation and Safety talks start at 8:00 a.m. and work stops at 2:00 p.m.

Please sign up in the DeRemer Gallery if you are interested in putting your faith into action to help people in Bethlehem. ***You may also choose to serve by making a monetary donation!***



**The Church Office is requesting your email address....**

If you are receiving the newsletter by mail, then this means that we do not have an email address on file for you. If you have an email address, please share it with us by emailing it to the Church Office at [mail@sjucnaz.org](mailto:mail@sjucnaz.org). We are working towards emailing as many newsletters and church correspondences out instead of using the postal system in order to reduce mailing expenses. Thank You!!



**Sunday,  
July 15  
9:30 a.m.**



Gloria Roberts

### Welcome

We welcome our new member who was received into the fellowship of St. John's on Sunday, May 27, 2018.



The Endowment Committee has received contributions to the Fund during the month of May 2018 in memory of **Dorothy Krebs** and **James Karch**.

Should you have any questions regarding the way in which you designate monies to the church through a will or trust, please contact any member of the Endowment Committee: Robert Barnett, Jay Benfield, David Danner, Lou Murante, Steve Kraemer, Matt Sensenig or Pastor Jeff.



Gift cards for Wegman's, Giant, Kohl's, Valley Farms, Redners 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.**



From The Nazareth Area Food Bank ~

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'd like to thank you for the many generous donations collected during the spring months as well as the special offering of \$1,341. We are very grateful for your consideration of those less fortunate in our area.

Sincerely,  
Kay Stracko, Corresponding Secretary

### Summer Lunch Program ~

The **Social Concerns Committee** would like to thank those who volunteered to take part in the Nazareth Ministerium Summer Lunch Program. St. John's UCC staffed the program with 56 people from June 18-22. Over the five day period, the group assembled and distributed a total of 413 lunches.

Thank you again for volunteering for this worthy cause.

## Special Offerings in July and August

Our special offerings give each of us the opportunity to give a double blessing to our congregation as we engage in making and empowering disciples of Jesus Christ. In the months of July and August, our special offering envelopes will support the following:

- July 8 ~ Social Concerns
- July 22 ~ UCC Disaster Relief
- August 5 ~ Property Improvement
- August 26 ~ Loaves & Fishes

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**July 8 and August 12 are Blood Pressure Days.** One of our registered nurses will be in the Miko Chapel following the worship services to check your blood pressure.

## Parish Ministrations

### Marriage (May 26, 2018)

Melinda Gum and Patrick Cunningham

### Baptism (June 10, 2018)

Arthur Caspian Faller, born January 29, 2018  
Parents: Adam and Andrea Faller

### Deaths

Debra Burke, born November 26, 1957

Died June 11, 2018

Pauline M. Flory, born October 19, 1923

Died June 16, 2018

## ATTENDANCE

### Average Attendance

May 8:00 - 96 10:45 - 128  
Wednesday Morning Communion - 9

We extend warm and friendly **Birthday Greetings** to our members who are homebound and having a birthday in July and August.

- July 3 - Martin Leshner
- 11 - Irene Werkheiser
- 15 - Glendora Greenzweig
- 25 - Hilda Hess
- 29 - Kenneth Dech
- 31 - Richard Anderson
- August 10 - Patricia Lutz



Happy Birthday, with our caring thoughts and prayers.

**July 1 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Baptisms**

**Preparing for Worship at Home:** If you have the opportunity today, visit someone who is nearing the end of their life and let them know how much you have appreciated them.

**Worship Invitation:** Baptisms are a sign of God's promise and a symbol of new life. Come celebrate the God who restores our lives rather than taking them away.

Message: **Restored to Life!**

Scripture: Psalm 30; Mark 5:21-43



**July 8 - 9:30 a.m.**

**The Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, the Conference Minister of the Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ will be our guest preacher this morning.**

**July 11 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday Morning Communion Service**

**Worship Invitation:** Come share the Lord's table with us as we celebrate that we are his beloved children!

Message: **Adopted?**

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

**July 15 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Communion**

**Bring Offering Forward**

**Anointing with Oil for Healing**

**Preparing for Worship at Home:** Consider how your life would be different if you were to adopt someone next week.

**Worship Invitation:** Today we celebrate the meal of our Lord and consider what it means to be adopted. Join us.

Message: **Destined for Adoption**

Scripture: Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14

**July 22 and July 29 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Pastor Curt Kemmerer will be our guest preacher both of these Sundays.**



**Summer Crew**

**July 19-22 — Eastern Regional Youth Event** — Nine youth and two adults from St. John's will join with other UCC youth at this event, taking place at California State University in Pittsburgh, PA.

**August 5 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Preparing for Worship at Home:** Think about these issues: Gun Control, Legalization of Marijuana, Immigration, Medicare Reform and Nationalized Health Care. Now think about how many people in your circle of friends agree or disagree with you in regards to these issues.

**Worship Invitation:** Is unity truly possible? Let's talk about it.

Message: **Is Unity Possible in a Diverse World?**

Scripture: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Ephesians 4:1-16

**August 12 - 9:30 a.m.**

**Bring Offering Forward**

**Anointing with Oil for Healing**

**Preparing for Worship at Home:** What do you do when all seems lost?

**Worship Invitation:** When all seems lost, where do we find life?

Message: **Food for the Journey**

Scripture: I Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; John 6:35, 41-51

**August 19 - 9:30 a.m.**

**The Rev. Emmajane Finney will be our guest preacher today.**

**August 26 - 12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m.**

**Worship in the Park (see page 1)**

*~ Mark Your Calendar ~*

~ September 9 - Fall Worship Schedule Resumes



**Monday - Thursday**

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Friday — 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Closed July 4

**Save the Date**

Join us on **Saturday, November 3, 2018**, for a **Women's Day of Faith, Fellowship, and Fun.** More details and sign-ups will be available in September.



## Those Who Serve ~ August

*Greeters are needed for all services. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at 610-759-0893 or sign up in the DeRemer Gallery.*

### August 5 - 9:30 a.m.

Head Usher Richard Garr  
Acolyte Luke Madson  
Sound Board Mark Walter  
Child Care Kacy Miller

Counting Chair — Charles Spohn

### August 12 - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Hosts Bill & Joanne Dorko  
Acolyte Cecelia Rought  
Sound Board Pat Stracko  
Child Care Susan McNamara

Counting Chairs — Lou & Sue Murante

### August 19 - 9:30 a.m.

Head Ushers Les & Ruth Anderson  
Acolyte Addison Schmittel  
Sound Board Steve Kraemer  
Child Care Beth Sensenig

Counting Chairs — Keith & Janet Schlamp

### August 26 - Worship in the Park

Worship Host Ruth Shirer

Counting Chair — Les Anderson



## German Partnership 2019

Looking ahead to late July and early August, 2019, our German friends from Melsungen will be here. Please start thinking now about being a host family!

## Harvest Table

Folks are invited to bring in surplus garden vegetables and fruits for the Harvest Table which is located in the DeRemer Gallery. Donations for the fruits and vegetables will be used to help fight hunger.



*Ministers:* All Members of the Church  
*Senior Pastor:* The Rev. Jeffery A. Brinks  
*Parish Nurse:* BrendaLee Howell, RN  
*Youth Ministry Coordinator:* Marjorie Baltz  
*Director of Music:* Susan L. Frickert  
*Handbell Director:* L. Rick Hilborn  
*Director of Nursery School:* Jane Radio  
*Child Care:* Tammy Bacak  
*Nursery Coordinator:* Stephanie McLaughlin  
*Office Manager:* Corinne Remaly  
*Office Secretary:* Kristina Caka  
*Financial Secretary:* Pamela Wallaesa  
*Building Manager:* Anthony Regec  
*Sextons:* Shirly Young, Dawn Trapp, SuLin Flanagan, Nicolas Muscler  
*Editor:* Peggy Benfield  
*Photographer:* Peggy Benfield

## Those Who Serve ~ September

### September 2 - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Hosts Scott & Lisa Hoffman  
Acolyte Daynika Ziegenfus  
Sound Board Walter Fries  
Child Care Lauren Madson

Counting Chair - Peggy Benfield

### September 9 - Fall Schedule Begins

**8:00** Head Usher Carl Solt  
Sound Board David Weikel  
**10:45** Worship Host Nancy Thorne  
Acolyte Grace Dawe  
Sound Board John Muscler  
Child Care Janel Ziegenfus

Counting Chair - Marie Ashenfalder

### September 16

**8:00** Head Usher Richard Kraemer  
Soundboard Michael Goch  
**10:45** Worship Hosts Bill & Joanne Dorko  
Acolyte Emma Dorko  
Sound Board Chris Manzo  
Child Care Julie Schmittel

Counting Chair - Mitch Peters

### September 23

**8:00** Head Usher Debbie Claycomb  
Sound Board Pat Stracko  
**10:45** Worship Host Ruth Shirer  
Acolyte Anna Estrada  
Sound Board Emma Dorko  
Child Care Kacy Miller

Counting Chair - David Blackstone

### September 30

**8:00** Head Usher Richard Garr  
Sound Board Steve Kraemer  
**10:45** Worship Hosts Scott & Lisa Hoffman  
Acolyte Vanessa Garren  
Sound Board Mark Walter  
Child Care Susan McNamara

Counting Chair - John Waha

## Reminder...

Even when you are on vacation, the church will gladly dedicate your offering. Please feel free to send your white offering envelopes to the church when you are out of town.

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

The deadline for submitting newsletter articles is the 15th of each month. Articles may be submitted to the Church Office, the church's email or the editor's email, [pjbring126@yahoo.com](mailto:pjbring126@yahoo.com).