



St. John's News

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Welcome Confirmands

Pictured is our 2018 Confirmation Class along with their mentors. They were received into St. John's membership on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

Front row: Pastor Jeffery Brinks, Nolan Booth, Anna Estrada, Olivia Dorko, Paige Michael, Kayla Bacak, Grace Dawe, Marge Baltz. Back row: Jeff Thorne, Nancy Thorne, Alan Kern, Nicholas Dawe, Michael Miller, Robert Pitsko, Edith Iampietro

reVision Congregational Gathering

We need to talk (and share a meal). On **Wednesday, June 13**, we will gather to share our thoughts and ideas about where God is leading St. John's.

We have completed the first 90 days of reVision in preparation for this celebration. We will begin with a potluck dinner at **5:30 p.m.** and then share our ideas for possible directions for the future.

The second phase of reVision will be to turn these ideas into proposals, which will help us to connect to God and to each other as well as to grow in our faith.

You do not need to have been a part of a reVision small group to take part in this process! Bring a covered dish (plus a drink for yourself) and your ideas of what God has been calling you to do and please share it with our church community.



Begins June 3

**One service only
9:30 a.m.**

**Congregational Meeting
and Worship**

June 24 - 9:30 a.m.

To elect new Consistory Members



The youth of St. John's will be having a **Clothing Drive Collection on Sunday, June 10, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.** Donated items include wearable and usable men's, women's and children's

clothing; shoes, belts and handbags; linens; stuffed animals; hard toys; bikes in good condition. **Please note: shoes need to be bagged separately.** Please bring your donated items to the church parking lot on Prospect Street.



We congratulate the following 2018 college graduates:

Moravian College

Lauren A. Culp, daughter of Rick & Carol Hilborn, received a Masters of Education

Pennsylvania State University - Hazleton

Ariane C. Hilborn, daughter of Rick & Carol Hilborn, received an Associates Degree - Physical Therapist Assistant

From the Parish Nurse

June 10 is Blood Pressure Day. One of our registered nurses will be in the Miko Chapel following the worship services to check your blood pressure.



Dearest friends of St. John's,

How good it was to receive your gracious Easter blessings. Living here at Susquehanna Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Columbia, PA, I've had lots of opportunity for rehabilitation in ways both physical and in spirit. Truth be told, it is plenty challenging and a bit demanding so I ask your presence in prayer. With the support of my sister and brother, Alice and Tom, as well as your support, God's ways will be revealed. Until then, know of my thoughts and prayers for the promise of a New Day.

Allen Hermansader

From the Nazareth Ministerium

Brothers and Sisters:

The Nazareth Ministerium thanks you for the donation of \$2,000 towards the Social Work Program of Nazareth. The program was established in 2017. In fact, the Social Worker made 368 referrals to various agencies during the past calendar year. The top two reasons for contacting the Nazareth Area Social Worker are, Poverty and Health Care (particularly Mental Health). The Nazareth Social Worker averages 9.5 hours per week and receives many phone calls, office visits and she also visits people in their own homes.

The Social Work Committee continues to meet on a quarterly basis. We continue to re-evaluate the Social Worker program and discuss ways in which we can sustain this most needed ministry in our community.

Once again, thank you for your support as we work to serve "the least of those."

Rev. Jeffrey D. Gehris

St. John's Sacred Voices Begin Rehearsals



Now in its 17th year, this unique, ecumenical, non-auditioned community choir rehearses Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. only during June, July and August, with a concluding concert in September. Our singers hail from Nazareth and the five surrounding counties.

This year's September 30 concert, "I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray", will explore prayer masterworks from the 16th century through the present, illuminated by composers such as Farrant, Stone, Mendelssohn, Hogan, Constantine, Dengler and Courtney. Included are a variety of styles: a cappella, accompanied by piano, accompanied by string quintet and percussion. Featured are three beautifully contrasting versions of the Lord's Prayer.

For more information, contact Founder and Director, Susan Frickert, through the church office (610-759-0893).

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

- June 2 - Ruth Frey
- 28 - Ethel George



Happy Birthday, with our caring thoughts and prayers.

~ Mark Your Calendar ~

- ~ July 15 - Summer Communion
- ~ August 26 - Picnic & Worship in the Park



June 3 - 9:30 a.m.

Message:
Provoke One Another
 ...The Rev. Dr. David
 DeRemer, guest preacher
 Scripture: Psalm 16;
 Hebrews 10:19-25

June 10 - 9:30 a.m.

Baptism

Rebecca Stump Graduate Recognition

Preparing for Worship at Home: Take note this week as to what results you get when you are judgmental towards someone. Is it different than when you are gracious to someone?

Worship Invitation: Today we celebrate with Becky Stump who has graduated from Moravian Seminary, with the Fallers, who are celebrating a baptism and we will explore how grace, rather than judgment brings us closer to God.

Message: **Judgment or Grace; Which Draws Us Closer to God?**

Scripture: Genesis 3:8-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

June 17 - 9:30 a.m.

Father's Day

Anointing with Oil for Healing

Dedication of Mission Trip participants

Preparing for Worship at Home: Plant something this week

Worship Invitation: Join us as we consider how the Reign of God grows among us.

Message: **Seed Planting Required**

Scripture: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15;
 Mark 4:26-34

June 24 - 9:30 a.m.

Congregational Meeting and Worship

Installation of New Officers and Elders

Preparing for Worship at Home: Think back to a difficult time in your life. How did faith play a role?

Worship Invitation: Our worship this week will include a congregational meeting to elect new leaders. Join us as we celebrate those who have given and will give of their time and talents to be our leaders. Contemplate with us how the Reign of God spreads on the earth.

Message: **When the Going Gets Tough, Where are the Faithful?**

Scripture: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Mark 4:35-41;
 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Last Chance...

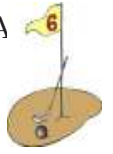
St. John's UCC Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 16, 2018

Place: Whitetail Golf Club, Bath, PA

Time: Register by 8:00 a.m.

Cost: \$90.00 per golfer



Proceeds to benefit the St. John's Community Nurse Program.

Please call the Church Office to register at 610-759-0893.



Sparks

June 3, Noon-1:00 p.m. — It's fun time! Bring a bag lunch! We invite the 2nd and

3rd graders to join us. We'll meet in the parking lot.

Summer Crew

June 3, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting in the Council Room

June 6-9, 6:00 p.m.-? — It's Carnival Time and we serve the burgers, etc.

June 10, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. — Clothing Dive

June 10, 3:30-5:00 p.m. at Neff's Church — Pre-gathering for PNEC youth and chaperones attending the Eastern Regional Youth Event.

June 16, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. — Car Wash at Tractor Supply.

June 17, 9:30 a.m. — Commissioning Service for Mission Trip.

June 24-30 — Houston, here we come! 29 of us, to be exact. It's finally here!

All Youth Groups

June 8-9, 3:00 p.m. Friday to Noon on Saturday — Relay for Life at Nazareth Middle School. We especially like to invite our younger groups to decorate luminaria bags on June 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Please text permission to Marge Baltz, including child's name, event and parent's name. Thank you!

All older youth may come and walk and spend thenight. Please send text permission to Marge Baltz (610-739-4638) with child's name, parent's name, event and permission.

Summer Crew Car Wash

Saturday, June 16

9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tractor Supply, Jandy Blvd., Nazareth

Donations accepted!

Proceeds benefit our Youth Mission Trip.





The Endowment Committee has received contributions to the Fund during the month of April 2018 in memory of **Dorothy Krebs**.

St. John's is appreciative of these memorial gifts. Please speak to your attorney as to how you can save taxes by leaving a bequest to your church.

Parish Ministrations

Baptism (April 29, 2018)

Dominic Alexander Chiavaroli,
born January 26, 2018
Parents: Daniel and Lindsay Chiavaroli

Death

Phyllis J. Schmoyer, born October 12, 1932
Died March 17, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Average Attendance

April 8:00 - 120 10:45 - 150
Easter Sunrise - 15

Help Needed for Summer Lunch Program

The Social Concerns Committee needs your help to make and serve bagged lunches to school age children, Monday through Friday, the week of June 18. Volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Nazareth Moravian Church. To volunteer, please contact Earl Keller at 610.746.0129 or at ekmk@rcn.com.

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.

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: Shirl Young, Dawn Trapp, SuLin Flanagan, Nicolas Muscler
Editor: Peggy Benfield
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Those Who Serve ~ July

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.

July 1 - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Host Nancy Thorne
Acolyte Grace Dawe
Sound Board Walter Fries
Child Care Susan McNamara

Counting Chairs — Bill & Ruth Shirer

July 8 - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Hosts Bill and Joann Dorko
Acolyte Emma Dorko
Sound Board David Weikel
Child Care Beth Sensenig

Counting Chairs — Claire & Aletha Keifer

July 15 - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Host Ruth Shirer
Acolyte Anna Estrada
Sound Board Michael Goch
Child Care Julie Schmittel

Counting Chairs — Al & Sandy Lynn

July 22 - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Hosts Scott & Lisa Hoffman
Acolyte Vanessa Garren
Sound Board Chris Manzo
Child Care Janel Ziegenfus

Counting Chair — Wilhelmina Donnelly

July 29 - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Host Nancy Thorne
Acolyte Katie Madson
Sound Board Emma Dorko
Child Care Julie Schmittel

Counting Chair — Richard Garr

Special Offerings in June

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 month of June, our special offering envelopes will support the following:

June 3 ~ Our Church's Wider Mission
June 17 ~ Summer Lunch Program

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.

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We are especially thankful for:



- ~ reVision Congregational Gathering
- ~ Summer Worship Schedule
- ~ Congregational Meeting
- ~ Clothing Drive
- ~ Summer Crew Car Wash
- ~ Summer Lunch Program

June