

The Disciple

The Good News of St. John soars like an eagle!

St. John's United Church of Christ
Allentown, Pennsylvania

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SUNDAY, APRIL 7... a VERY important date in the life of St. John's
A trial sermon has been scheduled for our pastoral candidate.
See page 4 for more information.

from the Interim Ministry Team...

Upon the wholehearted recommendation of the Search Committee, the Consistory unanimously voted to move forward with a candidate to become our pastor. The details of the process are laid out elsewhere, but the Interim Ministry Team wants to make clear that, should this candidate receive a call by vote of the congregation, we will cease all pastoral activities once our new pastor arrives.

We very much appreciate all the positive feedback we have received from the congregation about all the things we have attempted in the interim to keep our members interested and invested in our church. But once the new pastor arrives, we must step back. We will not perform any baptisms, weddings, funerals or ongoing pastoral care. We are duty bound by the ethics laid out in the United Church of Christ *Manual on Ministry* not to be tied up in the pastoral life of St. John's when our interim work is finished.

We all need to be clear in our hearts and minds that caring about St. John's means being invested in the success of our new pastor. And, first and foremost, that means for those on the Team to keep healthy, professional boundaries. We all want the transition, whenever it happens, to be as smooth as possible.

Rest assured, however, that in the meantime, the Team will give its all to St. John's. We have laid out a schedule of preaching and pastoral care through the middle of May.

I think I speak for the Team when I say it has been fun serving you.

Rick

Our Worship Life

To keep things interesting, the Team has injected some variety into our worship services. On **Baptism of Christ Sunday, January 13**, the congregation renewed our baptismal vows and received aprons as a reminder of our call to serve in Christ's name. On **February 3**, we revived an ancient service of the church, **Candlemas**, which is held forty days after Jesus' birth, when Jesus was presented in the Temple and Simeon declared that this child would be a light to the Gentiles. Worshippers received a votive candle as a reminder that we bear Christ's light into the world.

Continuing that effort, on **March 3**, the last Sunday of Epiphany, in preparation for Lent, we will share in a service of **Corporate Reconciliation and Healing**. With so many issues tearing our world apart and so many monumental challenges to face, it is tempting for the church to draw inward and try to escape. But the church needs to rise up. And that calls upon us to do the inward work of reflection and the outward work of being engaged. This service represents a step in that direction.

Future activities

March 6 - 7pm - Ash Wednesday

There will be a worship service with imposition of ashes. We begin the forty-day season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation, as we get ready for the joyous holiday of Easter.

March 10 - First Sunday in Lent

Lenten Breakfast at 9:30am and worship at 11am with the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

March 17 - A Celebration of Celtic Spirituality

April 6 - Reception for pastoral candidate (watch for details)

April 7 - Trial sermon by the pastoral candidate

April 14 - Palm Sunday

April 18 - Maundy Thursday at 7pm

April 19 - Good Friday at 7pm

April 21 - Easter – Sacrament of Holy Communion

May 12 - Mothers' Day/Youth Sunday

Would you like to have a Lenten study program for the six weeks of Lent? Is there a book of the Bible you'd like to explore? Want to explore how we can strengthen our church? Let your Interim Ministry Team and Consistory know, so that we can begin planning.

GIFT

(Going Into the Future Together)

Vitality Team

Since our meeting in October we have been challenged to do two things in response to presentations at Reverend Mike Piazza's Vitality Days workshops. First, select a name for our group and second, think of some things we might like to do in response. But more important, I want to emphasize that things have been happening. In worship, we have been challenged to try new things. Here are some of the things we have done:

- Had a photo display of our deceased members on All Saints Sunday
- Displayed a video by the Piano Guys before our Christmas Eve service
- Gave out aprons as reminders that we are servants in Christ on Baptism of Christ Sunday
- Gave out votive candles during our Candlemas service
- Planned a service of Corporate reconciliation and Healing for March 3
- Changed our sung response following Confession
- Established a task force to explore upgrading our audio-visual system

In terms of stewardship:

- Making greater use of social media to promote St. John's
- Investigating the Breeze cloud-based database and the Tithe.ly giving format
- Building worship services around the theme of service and giving time
- Creating an audio-visual presentation highlighting the year's activities at our Annual meeting
- Upgrading our website
- Injecting more discussion about our future in Consistory meetings
- Encouraging volunteer activity through our bulletin inserts and newsletter

Where do we go from here? How do we build on these efforts?

Goals:

- Revise our friendship tablets to better capture the information we seek
- Recruit people to be Photographer of the Week to capture what we do for posting on social media
- Acquire new, more user-friendly database
- Capture volunteer hours as important data to share

Vitality Day Workshops – Looking to Our Future

Our church is allowed to send a team of up to ten persons to each of these workshops. We would love to send a full complement.

Saturday, March 23 – 9am to 4:30pm at Jordan UCC

How Do We Promote Our Church in the 21st Century?

Saturday, May 18 – 9am to 4:30pm at Jordan UCC

How Do We Structure Our Church for Effective Meetings?

We will meet monthly with the Reverend Jameson Baxter of New Creation UCC, who will serve as our coach in this process for a year.

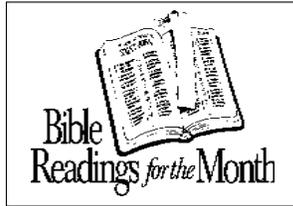
Consistory Work – Getting Ready for Our Future

The **Elders** are busy examining our **Constitution and Bylaws**, not just to update language, but to think about what it means to be a church of Jesus Christ. They will be proposing revisions to the congregation at some point in the future.

The Consistory will look at implementing a “Hit by the Bus” plan. This will allow the church to continue operating in a smooth fashion even if key office staff or laypeople are out of commission. It will aim at making sure there is a central location for accessing any information necessary to deal with our church’s ongoing operation.

An ad-hoc committee of Jim Bronfenbrenner, Alan Cloak and Reverend Rick met with Joe Penzes, an audio-visual specialist, to discuss options and possibilities regarding a new **audio-visual system** for the church. Our present system dates back to the 1980s and has had jerry-rigged additions made since then, which are clearly inadequate for our needs. This committee will bring to the Consistory some options and proposals based on specifications and costs provided by Mr. Penzes.

On February 13, information about a candidate, selected by the Search and Call Team to be our next pastor, was presented to the Consistory. The Consistory approved a motion to move forward with the selection process by choosing *Sunday, April 7*, as the date for this candidate to preach a *trial sermon*. Immediately following the service, ballots will be cast by the St. John's members present that day. According to our by-laws, a minimum of 75% of the votes cast must be “yes” votes in order to call this candidate to St. John's. There will also be a *reception on Saturday, April 6*. This will provide an opportunity to meet the candidate prior to the service on Sunday. Watch for further details about the reception.



February 3

4th Sunday after Epiphany – Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Psalm 71: 1-6; 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13; Luke 4: 21-30

February 10

5th Sunday after Epiphany – Isaiah 6: 1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11

February 17

6th Sunday after Epiphany – Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 6: 17-26

February 24

7th Sunday after Epiphany – Genesis 45: 3-11, 15; Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40;
1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50; Luke 6: 27-38

March 3

Last Sunday after Epiphany – Exodus 34: 29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2; Luke 9: 28-36

March 10

1st Sunday of Lent – Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16; Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

March 17

2nd Sunday of Lent – Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3: 17-4: 1; Luke 13: -35

March 24

3rd Sunday of Lent – Isaiah 55: 1-5; Psalm 63: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

March 31

4th Sunday of Lent – Joshua 5: 9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-31



March 3 - This date is open. Please contact the church office (610-433-0146) if you are interested in sponsoring the flowers for this day.

March 10 - This date is open. Please contact the church office (610-433-0146) if you are interested in sponsoring the flowers for this day.

March 17 - "In memory of parents, Marjorie and Donald Miller" by Joan Moran.

March 24 - "In memory of Mary Kriebel" by the family.

March 31 - This date is open. Please contact the church office (610-433-0146) if you are interested in sponsoring the flowers for this day.

We thank all who have graced our altar with flower tributes.

We get Thank You's...

Here are excerpts of Thank You notes from recipients of St. John's Community Benevolence grants from the fall, 2018 cycle:

*"Everyone at the **Fund to Benefit Children & Youth** thanks you most sincerely for your recent gift of \$5000.00. The children, youth, and families we serve are referred to us as a last resort to fill their needs."*

*"Thank you very much for believing in what we are doing here at **The Neighborhood Center** as we are making a difference in children's and teens' lives." (\$3500.00 grant)*

*"On behalf of the Jubilee Planning Committee and Zion's Consistory, I would like to thank St. John's UCC Benevolence Committee for the grant of \$10,500 for our **Jubilee Breakfast** program for the homeless in Allentown during the 2018-2019 winter sheltering season. We are grateful for your partnership and your financial support."*

and other Thank You's.....

In addition, we received a thank you note from the **Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank** for donating twelve bags and four boxes of food recently.

On behalf of everyone who lives and works at Phoebe, thank you again for your support.

Phoebe Ministries (gift of \$395)

Thanks for your consistent generosity. The support you provide with your prayers and your gifts opens the doors for our students' education, opens their minds to learning, and opens their heart to serving. **Lancaster Theological Seminary** (gift of \$99)

My dear church family,

You are the caring-est congregation ever, and I don't know what I would have done without you! Thank you for your prayers, love and support in the months following my surgery. You were a major part of my healing and recovery. Thank you to those who got groceries for me, took me to doctors' appointments, visited me and sent cards and emails. Thank you to the interim clergy for your visits. Thank you, too, to the group of carolers who came and sang Christmas carols to (with) me. I loved that! That was my Christmas Eve, this year. Thank you for showing me the love of Christ in action. I love you, all!

Wendy Williams

Thank you to everyone at St. John's who helped make my brother Howard's memorial service special by either participating in the service, helping with the reception, or simply being there. Thanks also for your expressions of sympathy and your prayers and support. I'm grateful for everything you've done to make this difficult time easier.

Joan Klopp Roy

To Church

*A poem, written by Becky Bronfenbrenner, to help celebrate the "year in review"
at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 27, 2019*

Some Spirit has sent us to this place
With hope on our faces
We come
Palms open, hearts open, we come
Seeking ourselves.
What dreams drive us toward the God Who surely dwells here?
What faith touches our shoulders and gives us pause?
Perhaps the spell of light through brilliant windows,
The determined look on an acolyte's face, the bloom of a candle flame
The sounds of children running, shrieking, laughing,
Singing, chiming
Telling stories all their own.
We come for food, yes, breathing the smells of onions frying,
Baking apples, peaches, pumpkin pie
Who is ready? !! !!
The trust of hand passing to hand the bread of life
The cup's purple sweetness
Palms open, hearts open
We can pull patience from the marrow of our bones
We mourn the passing of another friend
And sometimes, hand to forehead, we are humbled by forgiveness
Or we just laugh together at the joy of this fellowship
The voice of God is calling out
We are asked: Can you? Will you?
We didn't know we could! But, yes! We say. Yes!
I am here!
I can answer, ask, shop, bake, calculate, baptize, visit, give, collect, confirm, announce, come,
go, drive, sing, record, sweep, scrub, climb, hammer, shovel, paint, type, play, preach, suggest,
dance, reach, joke, arrange, learn, serve, teach, write, encourage, question, direct, encourage
again, pray, and say "Amen."
Palms open, hearts open
We give, we receive, we believe
Awash in the love of Christ
We find ourselves
Here.

Becky Bronfenbrenner

St. John's Prayer Chain (2/16/19)

If you are not receiving the Prayer Chain email and would like to be added to the list, please call the church office or email Wendy Williams at windwend1@gmail.com.

If you don't have email, we can send it to you through the U.S. mail.

Just notify the church office. If you have a prayer request or concern, call or text Wendy at 484-225-6708 or email her.



Hello Faithful Pray-ers,

Please pray for Marj, Bonnie and Bill Falla's friend and source of spiritual inspiration, who, at 87 years old, has just been diagnosed with lymphoma. She has decided not to go through treatment and is in hospice. Please, also, pray for Marj's husband during this time. Marj was one of the first ordained clergywomen in the UCC.

Please pray for Barb Silfies' stepson's fiancé, Blaine Butler, and for Barb's cousin, Linda Hahn. Both Blaine and Linda are dealing with brain cancer.

Please pray for two friends of the Knerr's; Patrick Behler and Becky Carver, wife of Reverend James Carver, both of whom are battling cancer.

Please pray for Peter's mother, who is quite ill. Peter was the Moran's foreign exchange student from Sweden.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Howard Klopp, who passed away suddenly on Sunday morning, January 13. His memorial service was held at St. John's on January 17. As our Sunday morning sexton, Howard happily and willingly served in whatever way was needed. He never drew attention to himself, but rather was a quiet, calm presence while being everywhere and doing everything all at the same time. He will be deeply missed. A note – Howard's female parrot named Elvis was taken in by a bird sanctuary. His beloved dog, Farfle, was adopted by a young couple from Pittsburgh, through a Bernese Mountain Dog group.

Also, our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Glenn Stump, who passed away on January 21. His memorial service was held at St. John's on February 10 at 2pm.

Please pray for Reverend Nancy Adams, who took two falls, suffering a broken hand and further complicating her mobility issues. For now, she cannot live on her own, but her family has been wonderful. She is now staying with her brother and sister-in-law in Florida and will return home soon. Once home, her sister and brother-in-law will come from Maine to stay with her for a while.

Please pray for Diane, a friend of Nancy Kramer-Moyer, who is facing a very difficult battle with cancer.

Please pray for strength for Judie Guhl's mother, Julia Kelley, as the doctors continue to monitor her heart valve condition. Julia is 95 years young – and I mean, young!

Please continue to pray for Anna Mae Schul, who has finished physical therapy for her broken shoulder, but, is still experiencing trouble with one of her eyes.

Please pray for healing and strength for Emma Saylor as she faces the recurrence of her cancer.

Please continue to pray for safety and comfort for George Yoder, as he adjusts to living at the Miller Building of Phoebe.

Please pray for healing for Alice Roth as she battles myositis.

Please pray for Chuck Canning who is in hospice at home.

Please pray for Ken Fillman in his battle with cancer.

Please pray for a living kidney donor for Jim Bartynski, and for courage and hope in this difficult time of waiting.

Please pray for me as I face knee replacement surgery on Monday, February 25, and during the rehabilitation process.

Thank you all for your ministry of prayer; for keeping the lines of communication between God and our community of faith open and active. May we journey through 2019 with expectation and hope, with courage and prayer.

Peace to each one of you from each one of us on the Interim Pastoral Team,

Wendy

Adult Forums

- February 24** - Reverend Kramer-Moyer will present a book review of Elaine Pagel's newest book, "Why Religion? A Personal Story". She is professor of religion at Princeton and was raised an atheist. This is a personal memoir of her journey of suffering and faith.
- March 3** - Christina DiPierro, Director of LCC's Daybreak program, will update us on the latest activities going on at this important drop-in program for people living with mental illness, physical disabilities or addiction.
- March 10** - Our intergenerational Lenten Breakfast in Fellowship Hall.
- March 17** - We will view a DVD on Buddhism (in response to the Adult Forum's request to understand more about other world religions).
- March 24** - Reverend Bill Falla will begin a four-part Lenten Bible study with us.

Folks begin gathering at 9:30am every Sunday for Adult Forum. After some fellowship... joys and concerns... the program begins at 9:45am. The program ends between 10:30 and 10:45am... in time for worship at 11:00am. Please join us!

Preaching

February 24 - 7 th Sunday Epiphany	Reverend Bill Falla
March 3 – Healing	Reverend Rick Guhl
March 6 - Ash Wednesday	Reverend Allan Kramer-Moyer
March 10 - First Sunday Lent	Reverend Bill Falla
March 17 - Celtic Worship	Reverend Bill Falla
March 24 - 3rd Sunday in Lent	Reverend Allan Kramer-Moyer
March 31 - 4th Sunday in Lent	Janet Newett
April 7 - 5th Sunday in Lent	Trial Sermon
April 14 - Palm Sunday	Reverend Bill Falla
April 18 - Maundy Thursday	Reverend Allan Kramer-Moyer
April 19 - Good Friday	Reverend Bill Falla
April 21 - Easter	Reverend Rick Guhl
April 28 - 2nd Sunday of Easter	Reverend Allan Kramer-Moyer
May 5 - 3rd Sunday of Easter	Reverend Rick Guhl
May 12 - Youth Sunday	Youth
May 19 - 5th Sunday of Easter	TBD
May 26 - 6th Sunday of Easter	TBD

Pastoral Care

February 10 thru March 2	Reverend Rick Guhl
March 3 thru March 16	Reverend Allan Kramer-Moyer
March 17 thru March 30	Reverend Rick Guhl
March 31 thru April 13	Reverend Allan Kramer-Moyer
April 14 thru April 27	Reverend Rick Guhl
April 28 thru May 11	Reverend Allan Kramer-Moyer
May 12 thru May 19	Reverend Rick Guhl

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Family Promise in Need of Volunteers

Family Promise is a local program designed to serve children and families experiencing homelessness. There are currently fourteen host congregations in the Lehigh Valley, including five UCC congregations, that take turns providing overnight lodging, meals and other care services. There are currently four families with a total of fourteen persons being cared for in this program.

While the families sleep in one of the host churches at night, they go off to work, school, etc. during the day. On weekends, they are housed at a location near 14th and Hamilton Streets in Allentown. Here is where volunteers are needed to staff the facility, for a 3-hour shift from 9am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. **If you are interested in volunteering to staff the facility for a three-hour shift on a Saturday or Sunday, please contact Reverend Allan Kramer-Moyer at St. John's or Pastor Wally Frisch at 484-330-6061 or check the website at fplehighvalley.org.**



News from Cedar Crest College

Justine Motta, Class of 2020, is the recipient of the St John's UCC President's Scholarship. She is majoring in criminal justice, and her favorite class is "Child Abuse, Maltreatment, and Neglect" because she is learning about how to address criminal acts toward children. She works at a daycare and this class helps her in her current role. She is also currently working with a corrections officer at Justice Works to start an internship for her senior year.

Some fun facts about Justine: her favorite food is seafood with pasta because it's her family's Italian Christmas tradition—Feast of the Seven Fishes. Her favorite movie is *Beetlejuice* because it's a movie she grew up watching with her family and she loves all Tim Burton movies. Her favorite book is *To Kill a Mockingbird* because it is a very eye-opening and powerful book.

Justine is a native of Nazareth, PA, and visited with us at St John's to thank us in person during our November 25, 2018, worship.

January	January				Avg. Worship Attendance for January
	Current	Benevolence	Property	Totals	
2019					49 on Sundays
Member's Giving:	\$8,505	\$25,755	\$40	\$34,300	Jan. 20 only 26 due to ice
Endowment Used:	\$4,457	\$0	\$7,762	\$12,219	
2018					53 on Sundays
Member's Giving:	\$2,852	\$25,135	\$80	\$28,067	
Endowment Used:	\$3,368	\$0	\$5,028	\$8,396	

AMIGOS DE GUATEMALA—Our 2019 Lenten Offering

We will again collect our Lenten offering for Amigos de Guatemala. Amigos will be visiting us on March 24 to present in children's Chapel and Adult Forum, and to do a Mission Moment during worship. Here is a message from Amigos:

The vision of the Amigos is to go to Monte Margarita once a year to conduct a medical clinic. They will invite other UCC conferences and congregations of other denominations to go other times during the year. Groups will be able to stay in the dorms so they won't have to travel 45 minutes to get to Monte Margarita or sleep in the coffee drying area as the team did. During these visits, not only will medical exams be conducted, but also sessions will be held to educate the villagers about women's medical issues, HIV, nutrition, and very important, the need for clean potable water.

The building is 90% complete. Now things need to be added such as a refrigerator, beds, generator, etc.

Please join the Amigos for a celebration dinner on April 6, 2019, at 5pm at Jordan UCC. Tickets are \$18 a person or \$130 for 8 people. Reservations are required. Catering by Don Juan Mex Grill. Please see Bonnie Falla for a reservation form or obtain a form from PNEC, This Week in PNEC. Reservations are due by March 25, 2019.

“Our heartfelt thanks to all who have made this possible. God is still speaking....”

You can use the **enclosed Lenten offering envelope** or a blue pew envelope that you can designate as your **Lenten Offering**.

OGHS – March 17

“Now to God be the glory, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.” Ephesians 3:20

Every year for over 70 years, churches of many denominations have received the OGHS offering on one Sunday during Lent. This offering tends to the needs of those who suffer, just as Jesus tended to their needs. Whether they suffer from natural disasters, poverty, or are fleeing from war, we are there with them in their time of need through OGHS. We provide well pumps for clean water, seeds and training for sustainable agriculture, food, medical kits, school supplies, temporary shelters, and safe housing projects. Whether the suffering is on the other side of the world or in the United States, OGHS funds are working to relieve that suffering. Watch for OGHS stories in bulletin inserts over the next few weeks on Sundays. **Enclosed is the OGHS envelope** to use when the offering is received on **March 17** or you can use a blue pew envelope. Please help to continue this valuable ministry.

Central Elementary School

On January 23, Reverend Rick took three bins of donated items to Central Elementary School for students there. Included in those donations were:

- 5 coats
- 14 pairs of hats and gloves
- 23 boxes of tissues
- 9 hand sanitizers
- 34 chap sticks
- 50 prizes/incentive awards to be used to encourage regular attendance
- Total value of these items is estimated to be \$490

Volunteer Opportunities at Central

- **Math Night** Thursday, February 21, 4 - 6pm
- **Read Across America** Friday, March 1, 9am - 3pm
- **Samaritan's Feet** Monday, March 11, 8:30am - 2 pm
(every student at Central will be given a new pair of shoes and new socks)

- **Pre-K Learning Club** March 18 - April 15 (Mondays)
- **Spring Book Blast** Thursday, March 21, 4 - 6pm
- **Mentor Training** March 26 and 27, 5:30 - 8pm

(The mentor training is for those interested in giving a student an intense one-on-one experience with an adult.)

- **Block Party** Friday, June 7, 3:30 - 6pm
You need not volunteer for the whole time for the longer events.

Thank You to all who donated items or their time!

Sunday, March 10 - First Sunday in Lent
Breakfast for all ages beginning at 9:30am
A program to follow, which will end around 10:30am
Then, the worship service begins at 11am



Please Give to the Curtis Fund

This fund has been helping members of our St. John's family for decades. It assists members in need when they have financial emergencies. It is supported by contributions from us, the members of St. John's, and has been an extremely important source of emergency funds for years. Place your donations in the beautiful handmade church in the Narthex on Sundays. You may also send a check to the church made out to St. John's UCC with "Curtis Fund" on the memo line. We need to grow this fund so we can continue to help our family members!

In search of.....

.....folks willing to host the "fellowship time" after a Sunday service. You do not need to purchase the refreshments. Speak with Trudi Egan if you have any questions about hosting or if you are willing to help.

.....folks willing to sponsor the worship bulletin or altar flowers. Honor someone or remember loved ones with a bulletin or flowers. The bulletin cost is \$15 and the flowers cost \$35. Your sponsorship will help defray their annual expense to the church! Please see Bruce DeLong or Jeff Rissell or call the church office if you would like to be a sponsor .

St. John's year-round ministries and their needs

Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank

Especially needed items right now are **boxed cereal, pasta, canned green beans and canned corn**. Other items accepted include: tuna fish, jelly, macaroni and cheese, canned baked beans, canned fruit, peanut butter, Jell-o, pudding and any kind of canned or dried beans (baked, white, kidney, garbanzo, etc.).

Monetary donations are also welcome.

Your monetary donations enable the food bank to purchase food from the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Pathways

Toiletries and personal care items like shampoo, conditioners, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, disposable razors, etc. are needed. Sample sizes and the types you find in hotels and motels are fine.

Bike Works

Bike Works needs rubbing alcohol, black markers, disposable plastic gloves, toilet paper, paper towels and dish detergent and rags for greasy bike parts and hands. If you have anything you can tear into rags, they always need rags for greasy bike parts and hands. Thank you.

Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley

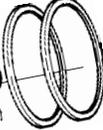
Turning Point is a safe place where victims of abuse and their children can find refuge. They provide services to nearly 4,000 people a year through programs and services, such as a 24-hour helpline, Safe House, counseling, court advocacy, support groups, prevention education, medical advocacy and more. St. John's is collecting new wash cloths, towels, twin bed sets and gift cards for CVS, Rite Aid, Walmart, Kmart and Giant.

Labels and Box Tops for Education

Don't forget to bring in those labels and box tops for education to be given directly to Central Elementary School to help them raise needed funds. You may bring in any and all types of "education" labels you see on products such as General Mills, Kleenex, Ziplock products and Pepperidge Farm. Collection boxes for the education labels can be found in the Great Hall, in the hallway by the door to the back parking lot and in the church office. Put your donations in one of the boxes the next time you are at the church. If you would like to help at the Food Bank, talk to Nancy Kramer-Moyer.

March 2019



Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

No one that we know.
 Did we miss someone?
 Please let us know.

- 2 Jennifer Legar
- 3 Julian Pyle
- 4 Nancy Spaar
- 5 Felicia Knerr
- 6 Barbara Silfies
- 7 Cole Heffelfinger
- 11 Priscilla Bowersox
- 12 Mason Legar
- 18 Everett Heffelfinger
- 18 Avery Heffelfinger
- 20 Kelly Garrigan
- 21 Emma Saylor
Paul Quinn, Sr.
- 22 Shekira Pyle
- 23 Gretchen Kent
- 25 Keith Nash
- 25 Jacob Pyle
- 27 Maverick Rissell
- 30 Caryn
Bronfenbrenner
- 30 Alexis Gillenwater

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3 11am Worship Corporate Reconciliation And Healing 12noon Fellowship	4	5 7pm Elders	6 7pm Ash Wednesday service	7	8	9 Daylight Savings begins at 2am tomorrow. Turn your clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed tonight.
10 Daylight SavingsTime 9:30am Lenten Breakfast 11am Worship 12noon Fellowship	11	12 7pm Consistory	13 7pm Choir	14	15	16
17  11am Celtic Worship 12noon Fellowship	18	19	20 7pm Choir	21	22	23
24 11am Worship 12noon Fellowship	25	26	27 7pm Choir	28		

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