

# 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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## **From the Pastor's keyboard**

Grace and Peace St. John's,

I am thankful that God has walked with us through this pandemic. I am also grateful that no members or staff of the congregation have contracted COVID. The weeks of mandated physical separation have provided a communal practice for slowing the surge of new COVID infections and helped prevent our hospitals from being overburdened.

As we approach and enter the "yellow phase" of Governor Wolf's reopening plan, we will continue to hold worship services virtually. The Consistory agrees that we must take every precaution to ensure the safety of all of those who worship at St. John's. We will continue to follow the recommended federal and state guidelines and we will plan to reopen for in-person worship after we are in the "green phase." Stay tuned for the latest updates on our website. You may also contact the church office for information. Once we have determined a date for reopening the church for in-person worship, we will send a letter with details pertaining to that.

Many of you have continued to financially support St. John's during our physical separation from one another and we thank you for your commitment, generosity and faithfulness in the midst of these uncertain times.

Your support helps us reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and promote loving fellowship with our neighbors. Please continue to support the church as you are able. If you have not done so yet, consider mailing a personal check to the church or donating via our website. You can also give electronically from any mobile device or smartphone using the GivePlus+ app.

Regarding our virtual worship services, the following is a friendly reminder: We need additional volunteers who will read Scripture or participate in other parts of the service (like the Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Announcements, etc.). These individuals will need to be able to record their contribution and email the file to me OR they can work with Allan Kramer-Moyer, who has graciously volunteered to help folk record themselves if they want to submit content. We will follow the recommended guidelines for staying safe while recording content. If you'd like to assist by providing content for the worship service, please contact the church office.

In an effort to refresh our worship experience, beginning in June, we plan to include a segment on inspirational moments recorded by members who share how God is speaking to them and inspiring them in the midst of this peculiar time. We also invite content for segments on how pets have been a source of God's love, comfort and joy during the pandemic. Thanks to Nancy Kramer-Moyer for her *inspiration* around this idea. The videos should be less than 5 minutes. We can only include this content if people volunteer, so if either interest you, please contact the church office. If you need assistance recording your video, Allan Kramer-Moyer is willing to help with these recordings as well. Thanks to Allan Kramer-Moyer for assisting with these recordings.

Also note the following update:

**Starting Sunday, June 14, our virtual worship service and "Fellowship Hour" will move to a new time for summer hours.  
The virtual service will begin at 10 a.m. and  
Fellowship Hour will follow at 11 a.m.**

I am aware that some of you do not use the Internet, so there are three times during the week that you can connect with your friends and family at St. John's by telephone. We are using GoToMeeting as a teleconference platform which enables people to call into any meeting using their own telephones (in addition to using an Internet-enabled device or pc). Each meeting/event has its own particular phone number.

If you'd like to join any of these meetings by phone, please contact the church office and Claudia Ewald, our administrative assistant, will be happy to assist you with this. The three meetings are: Fellowship Hour at 11 a.m. on Sundays beginning June 14; Prayer Call at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays; and Happy Hour at 7p.m. on Thursdays.

Our faith teaches that there are blessings to be found in every moment, even in times of fear. In this time of unknowns and escalating tensions, seek God and listen for direction from God. Keep all people in prayer for finding a common ground in our shared humanity. Pray that we will have the strength and wisdom to rise to the challenges that are ahead and that we may bring honor and glory to the Divine Creator in name of the One who died for us all, Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Emily

### **The Poor People's Campaign**

I was touched by Pastor Emily's sermon on May 24, when she urged us to pray; for ourselves and those closest to us, for fellow believers and for the world, especially those suffering from injustice. I connected her sermon with the Poor People's Campaign, a grassroots movement committed to bring to light the injustice of poverty. On February 16, we heard a representative of the Poor People's Campaign speak in the Adult Forum at St. John's. The question raised at that time is more important now than ever. How can it be that in the richest nation in the world, there are more than 140 million people who are either poor or one \$400 emergency away from being poor?

The Poor People's Campaign has been working tirelessly to gather the stories of people suffering from the injustices of poverty. I believe it is important that we hear their stories. We will have the opportunity to do so on Saturday, June 20, 2020. The Poor People's Campaign had planned a march on Washington, D.C. for that day. Since the pandemic prevents us from gathering in person, there will be a mass digital event on June 20, 2020, instead. To hear these testimonies of poor people from all over our nation, on June 20, please visit the Poor People's Campaign website: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org>.

Or if you have any questions, you may call me at 484-529-8369.

-Becca Yoder Stephens, aka, George and Vivian's daughter.

## Announcements

### **Census 2020 is live!**

Please help "share the word" that you are able to complete your census survey securely online at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov) or you can call toll-free 1-844-330-2020, to complete it by phone in English and 1-844-468-2020 in Spanish. ***As of May 28, 2020, Allentown's response rate was 58%***. It is vital for every city to have a complete and accurate count.

### **The Dialogue: Beginning June 29, 2020**

In an effort to deepen our engagement in the work of justice and our faith, the Penn Northeast Conference (PNEC) invited people to be a part of a conference-wide book study. They read and discussed the book, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin Diangelo. This New York Times bestselling book examines the emotions and behaviors which impact the ability, of Caucasian or Euro-American individuals, to talk about issues of race.

Some members within St. John's have reached out to me regarding a desire to 'do something' during this time of overwhelming anger, pain, and grief in our nation. My suggestion was that we begin to have conversations around race.

While I am well aware that not everyone may be interested in engaging in this work, there are some who are interested, and this is an open invitation to anyone who desires to participate. I am calling this “The Dialogue,” largely because this will be an ongoing time of sharing in community.

*The Dialogue* will take place twice every month -- the second and fourth Monday of the month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. In order to frame our time together, and since this may be a difficult topic for many to engage in without a particular structure, we will begin by using the same book, *White Fragility*, that the PNEC used. **Our first session will be Monday, June 29, and we will then continue meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday.**

Claudia will send out a GoToMeeting link to all members a few days before the first meeting. For those participating, please read the first two chapters of the book for our first gathering. Those who wish to participate who do not use the Internet can still participate by calling in during our meetings and reading the book.

For those interested in other ways of ‘doing something’ during this time around racial healing, look out for a separate email with additional opportunities.

In Christ’s Service,

Pastor Emily

## **Updates from the PNEC Office**

### **PNEC Office Staff**

All staff are now working from home and the Conference office is closed. If you need to reach the Conference, please email the staff and they will get back to you as soon as possible. Their email addresses are listed on the homepage of PNEC.org.

### **Dr. Bates’ Installation**

As a result of the pandemic, The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Bates' installation as the Fourth Conference Minister of the Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ has been postponed. The new date is November 7, 2020, at 3pm. The location will still be the United Church of Christ, Greenawalds.

## **A Letter from Our Conference Minister, The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Bates**

*“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”*

(Acts 2: 1-4 -NRSV)

This Sunday we celebrate the birth of the Christian Church, in those days called The Way. As we celebrate the birth of the church We are reminded that we are called to do more than celebrate the church, but to “Be the Church” in this time and place. And what does it mean to be the church? As our UCC banner, “Be the Church” reminds us, we are the church when we “Reject Racism” and “Fight For The Powerless.”

For us, to be the church is to fulfil the two greatest commandments as shared with the followers of Jesus, *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”* This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: *“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”* On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 26: 37-40).

In recent days there have been several instances of racist behaviors in our country – more than a few we are sure, but these are the ones that made the news. The alarming deaths of Ahmad Aubrey in Georgia; Breonna Taylor in Kentucky; and George Floyd in Minneapolis; the actions of Amy Cooper (a white woman) against Christian Cooper (a black man) in Central Park. All these actions are like daggers in our souls. I hope they move us to change practices, beliefs, and actions. It is important that we not simply dismay and pray. It is important that we move into ways of acting to ensure the safety and justice, the care for our siblings on the planet, that we act against the pervasive racial systems which make these actions more commonplace than is ever acceptable.

The Rev. James Gottwald shared, “The three recent killings and the incident in Central Park are good illustrations of how detrimental racism is to all of us, especially black and brown lives.

The murders must be condemned but also the deadly atmosphere of racism that leads to the loss of life and jeopardizes our souls to eternal peril. The cost of racism is the loss of our soul in the sense that we lose touch with our humanity.”

We have worked to clarify the love of neighbor in this time of pandemic as social distancing, acting for the safety of others, wearing masks, and worshipping and offering pastoral care virtually. But love of neighbor is more than that. Love of neighbor is seeking out justice, speaking truth to power, and acting for the welfare of all people. This includes those people who look like us, and those who don't; people who think like us, and those who don't; those who share our faith beliefs, and those who don't.

In the past few weeks, the conference has hosted a book study using the book “White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism” by Robin DiAngelo. Through this book study we have been made aware of the attitudes which maintain the status quo of white supremacy (not to be confused with white nationalism) which is the integrated systems which maintain the structures, policies, and practices supporting white privilege. Through this study, we moved into an awareness that the double and triple standards in which we move and walk and have our being impact people of color – black and brown people – in ways most of us who are white cannot imagine. It is our hope that “we move and walk and have our being” (Acts 17:28) solely in God. But it is not so.

Today during this season of Pentecost please take action. Please reach out and support agencies and organizations which support open examination of our systems of discrimination and privilege. We are the church. It has never been more important for us to be the church. I pray our actions of being the church will continue to change the world.

As Margaret Mead reminds us, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” May we change the world for the better?

-Blessings, Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates and the Conference Board

## **Becoming a Racial Justice Conference**

The rage being expressed in Minneapolis and in other states and cities across the nation is totally understandable. The idea that a jogger can be shot because he is black; that a black woman can be shot in her home; that a black man's neck can be crushed and he can be suffocated by police while others look on; or that a white woman, breaking the law, can call the police on a black man who is simply asking her to comply with the law – these instances are enough to engender rage.

Our General Minister and President, the Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, stated, "An entire community is now bearing the burden of a nation feeling chaos reigns. The ravages against black and brown bodies continue unabated, and the anger is spilling into the streets." The time has come to call these deaths, and the others occurring in our midst that are not front-page news, what they are – modern day lynching. Last fall when I toured the National Memorial for Peace and Justice I learned that more than 4400 men, women and children had been lynched in the United States since the end of the civil war. As a white Christian man, I was appalled and saddened. My African American siblings were less appalled – this is a history and a reality they live with every day.

Please lift up your prayers and then move your hand and feet, your voice and heart into the places where you can change the systemic racism in this country. Join me in focusing on making the Penn Northeast Conference a Racial Justice Conference. Let us explore how, together, we can be the change needed in the world. If you are interested in pursuing this work, please let me know.

In Christ's love,

Bonnie

## A Vigil for Peace and Justice

Dear Siblings in Christ,

On Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 2 pm, the Penn Northeast Conference will be holding A Vigil for Peace and Justice. Each of our congregations, utilizing good social distancing and protection guidelines, will be gathering outside their church buildings or in public spaces to hold lighted candles, offer prayers for peace, and stand in solidarity with our siblings of color who have been subjected to systems of white supremacy and racism for far too long.

We, the pastors and leaders of the Penn Northeast Conference, are inviting you and your congregations to do the same. Our mobilization of nearly 5,000 congregations makes a huge impact on the spiritual health of our nation and speaks to our willingness to act in faithfulness.

It is not lost on us that June 14 is “Flag Day” in the United States. Perhaps this movement of the hearts and voices of American Christians can renew our appreciation for the freedoms proclaimed in our revolution and our becoming a nation. We hope you will join us in this endeavor, this action for peace and for justice. Please be in touch with the national setting and with us in Penn Northeast to let us know if you are participating.

In Christ’s love,

Penn Northeast Conference

Signed by:

Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, Conference Minister

Rev. David DeRemer

Rev. Don Brown

Rev. Dr. Kris Snyder-Samuelson

Rev. Bill Falla

Rev. Bill Seaman

Rev. David Mohr

Rev. Todd Fennell

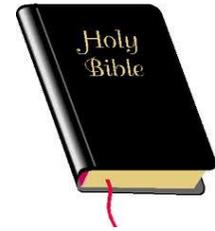
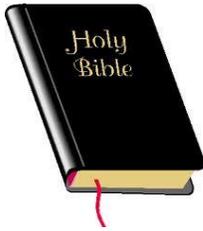
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Rev. Lynn Shoemaker  
Rev. Dr. Jane Hess  
Rev. James Gottwald  
Rev. Bob Gutekunst  
Rev. Rich Teitsworth



## Lectionary Readings for June 2020

### June 7 – Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

### June 14 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18: 1-15, (21: 1-17); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Exodus 19:2-8a;  
Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

### June 21 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21: 8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10,  
(11-15), 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

### June 28 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18;  
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:10-42

as of 5/31/2020	May			
	Current	Benevolence	Property	Totals
<b>2020</b>				
<b>Members' Giving:</b>	\$32,198	\$10,486	\$630	\$43,314
<b>Endowment Used:</b>	\$34,766	\$0	\$41,931	\$76,697
<b>2019</b>				
<b>Members' Giving:</b>	\$30,756	\$10,654	\$300	\$41,710
<b>Endowment Used:</b>	\$4,457	\$0	\$36,965	\$41,422

## **Congratulations 2020 Graduates'**

Abby Garrigan graduated with honors from Temple University in Philadelphia with a B.A. in Musical Theatre on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Since, like other 2020 graduations, it was a virtual event, the University plans to hold an in-person graduation ceremony in the safer future. Abby was scheduled to perform in two productions at Allentown's Pines Dinner Theatre this summer, but those shows have been cancelled. She is currently job searching and virtually leading dance fitness classes. She looks forward to the days when theaters are up and running again!

Kelly Garrigan graduated on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, from the Thomas Jefferson University College of Nursing with a BSN. She has completed a one year accelerated post graduate nursing program. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, she was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the nursing honor society. Both ceremonies were virtual events. Kelly has accepted a fellowship working in the Emergency Department at St. Luke's Hospital Allentown Campus starting in July.

Sophia Steinberg graduated from Harcum College \*with Honors\* in December 2018. Receiving her Associates Degree in Veterinary Nursing and passing PA certification, she is now a CVT working full time at Quakertown Veterinary Clinic. While in High School Sophia worked at Flint Hill Farm in Coopersburg then started part time at QVC while going to college. She enjoys working with large and small animals giving treatments and assisting with surgeries. Sophia has settled in Quakertown with Zach Hafner who also enjoys having several pets at home.

# Congratulations 2020 Graduates'

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

Charles Gillenwater  
Louis E. Dieruff H.S.  
Allentown, PA

Cyrah Morris  
William Allen H.S.  
Allentown, PA

## ADDITIONAL COLLEGE GRADS

Nadine Ewald  
B.A. Psychology  
Moravian College

Addie Mease  
Bachelor of Music in Music Education  
*summa cum laude*  
St. Olaf College, MN

Go With God!

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord..."*  
Jeremiah 29:11

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## **The ability to make electronic donations to St. John's is now here!**



Electronic donations can now be made to St. John's through the Church website or the mobile phone app "GivePlus Church".

This is an easy way to make a donation using your credit or debit card. eDonations are recorded just like envelope offerings and will be reported on your giving statement every quarter. The church pays a credit card fee of 2.75% on each transaction.

Go to our website – [stjohnsuccallentown.org](http://stjohnsuccallentown.org) - and make a donation by selecting the donation button in the upper right corner of the home page. You will be asked to select a church; we are **St Johns UCC Allentown**, exactly as written here; no punctuation and include spaces. Create an account if you want your donation recorded in our church record; if not, you can donate as a guest. You can donate to the current or benevolence funds or any of the designated offering organizations, just like you do now.

You can do the same thing from your iPhone or android phone by downloading the free GivePlus Church app from the Apple or Google store.



So, why use eDonations? It's easy; it's fast; it's another way to give. If you like it, that's great. If not, that's okay too.

## General Synod 33 to be a virtual experience

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June 04, 2020

Written by **Connie Larkman**



For the first time ever, the United Church of Christ General Synod will gather virtually in 2021. The biennial gathering is moving entirely online next year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The United Church of Christ Board made this historic decision this week after considering a number of factors.

“Factoring heavily into our discernment is the likelihood that COVID-19 will be an ongoing presence in our country, requiring our continued vigilance to assure the safety of our neighbors,” [wrote](#) the UCC Board leadership team in a [June 3 letter to the church](#). It was signed by Yvette Wynn, chair; the Rev. Cameron Barr, vice-chair; the Rev. Penny Lowes, General Synod moderator; and Robert Sandman, assistant moderator. “We anticipate that an in-person General Synod would require social distancing and other protocols to minimize the risk of coronavirus transmission. Planning for General Synod in Kansas City next year has already been strained by uncertainties about travel and lodging. We also understand that financial constraints and health precautions will prevent some of our Conferences from fielding delegations to General Synod. We were reluctant to proceed with plans for a meeting in-person that would risk not achieving a quorum.”

The UCCB voted unanimously June 2 to go virtual with General Synod after “a long season of prayerful discernment.”

The Rev. John Dorhauer, general minister and president, said that discernment incorporated months of fact-finding. "We had to get hard data and facts from convention centers, hotels, organizations that were already doing virtual events. We had to interview our own staff around events planning, digital strategies, legal risks, possible conversion of revenue generation from what we know in the live world to what we will experience in the digital world. We had to interview key stakeholders, including Conference Ministers. We had to evaluate conflicting data from the federal government and the CDC and WHO. We have been looking at these options for months -- knowing all the while we had to make a first decision before July when the penalty for canceling went up considerably."

In a special meeting via Zoom, the board and the UCC national officers weighed all those options before agreeing that the health and safety of members of the church family made it difficult to gather in-person in 2021. As did leaders of both host Conferences.

"As advocates for the health and well-being of all, the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference and the Missouri Mid-South Conference support this decision to move to a virtual General Synod in 2021," said Missouri Mid-South Conference Minister, the Rev. Ginny Brown Daniel. "Like all our local churches, who changed how they worshiped for the health of all during this pandemic, we celebrate the denomination following the powerful lead of our churches."

"In this week of Pentecost, we remember the power of the Holy Spirit to 'create and renew the church of Jesus Christ' and to 'bind in covenant people of faith of all ages, tongues, and races,'" UCCB leaders wrote. "In the United Church of Christ, we testify to the Holy Spirit's power to animate and bless the church even when we are unable to gather in person. We have experienced God's faithfulness in this way since the earliest days of the COVID-19 pandemic."

"We have been watching the church adjust overnight to living in a virtual world," said Dorhauer, noting that the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Unitarian Universalist Association had only weeks to prepare to go to a virtual national gathering this summer. This decision gives the National Setting staff a year to get ready.

"One of the consistent reactions was if we do this -- we don't just do Synod in a virtual environment. We learn all we can about how to succeed in a digital environment and adjust the Synod experience to that," Dorhauer said. "We will be doing exactly what every single one of our local churches is doing: making THAT adjustment."

He added that there are whole new opportunities to be discovered that can add to what General Synod can offer. "The possibilities here are enormous, and there is already a buzz of excitement about that."

"This Synod opens the church to something new," said the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, associate general minister. "We will be able to celebrate the unity of the church and connect with each other across the miles. While there will be lament as we will not be able to be together in person, we will be able to live into the joy of being gathered as church. This decision comes in the wake of Pentecost, a time when the mystery of the Holy Spirit was made manifest and those present were filled with the Spirit. They went out and lived into a new reality and changed the world."

While church leaders were very clear in pointing out that a digital General Synod in 2021 doesn't indicate a permanent change in format, it does open the virtual doors wide for even greater participation.

"With each passing Synod we have gotten better at live-streaming and have drawn larger audiences. That was sort of a training ground for this," Dorhauer said.

"We fully expect that our audience for this will grow. Some of that will be that online viewers won't feel like an addendum -- they will be experiencing Synod the same way all the delegates and staff will be."

"With the intention of a virtual Synod, we will be able to provide workshops, keynote speakers and other options for involving the wider church," Thompson said. "Imagine, if you will, an invitation across the church to participate in these virtual opportunities for leadership development, spiritual growth, fellowship and networking in a space that is nurturing and reflecting the full diversity of the UCC and the church."

But the most exciting part of a virtual General Synod is the opportunity for community worship experiences that can include more of the members and friends of the UCC.

"Our worship team is going to have a year to plan this -- and they are going to be brilliant at creating authentic worship experiences in this digital space," Dorhauer said. "And that will mean people all over the world can join us -- mission partners from around the globe for whom a typical invitation to Synod costs thousands of dollars and weeks of time. They, too, will be able to be a part of this!"

As Thompson said, "What will it mean for us to throw wide the doors of the church virtually welcoming all to the table? Imagine the UCC gathered well beyond the approximately 3,000 in worship and 5,000 live-streaming, to worship and pray, to learn and fellowship, gathered to be the Church together."



St. John's UCC  
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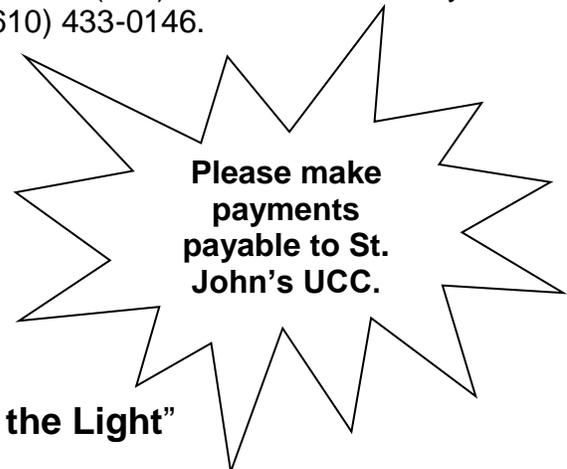
St. John's Bags

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# June 2020

 <p><b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</b></p> <p>2 Ralph Todd 3 Leigh Ana Gumlock Silfies 10 Sarah Schuler 15 Richard Schmoyer 19 Jared Saylor 21 Russel S. Bleiler Jr. 24 Alice A. Roth 24 Sarah Shaw 30 Mark G. Strouse</p> <p>Peace Vigil - 2pm</p>  <p><b>Father's DAY</b></p>	 <p><b>Celebrating</b> <i>An Anniversary This Month</i></p>		<p>10 – Karen &amp; Michael Dopera 23 – Preston &amp; Joanna McLaughlin</p>					
		1	2 7pm Elders GoToMeeting	3 8am Prayer Call via GoToMeeting	4 7pm Happy Hour via GoToMeeting	5	6	
	7 11am Virtual Worship 12 noon GoToMeeting Fellowship	8 10am Worship Team GoToMeeting	9 7pm Consistory GoToMeeting	10 8am Prayer Call Via GoToMeeting	11 7pm Happy Hour via GoToMeeting	12	13	
	14 10am Virtual Worship 11am GoToMeeting Fellowship	15	16	17 8am Prayer Call Via GoToMeeting	18 7pm Happy Hour via GoToMeeting	19	20	
	21 10am Virtual Worship 11am GoToMeeting Fellowship	22	23	24 8am Prayer Call Via GoToMeeting	25 7pm Happy Hour via GoToMeeting	26	27	
28 10am Virtual Worship 11am GoToMeeting Fellowship	29 6:30 pm The Dialogue	30						
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**Vacation  
Bible  
School  
"To-Go"**

St. John's is offering a **FREE** Vacation Bible School **"To-Go Bag"** filled with 5 days of Bible activities, crafts **AND** food items for children ages 3-12. Please call or email by June 19 to reserve your child's bag at 610-433-0146 or [stjohnsucc2@verizon.net](mailto:stjohnsucc2@verizon.net).

**Pick up date: Saturday, July 11, 2020**

**Time: 10:00 - 12:00 pm**

**We will contact you on July 10 to remind you of the pickup time.**

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