

On the Journey ... at St. John's

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From the Pastor's Desk--

Yard Sale

This year we are going to participate in the Coopersburg Community Yard Sale on Saturday July 30th from 8-2 pm. We are going to offer several options in our church parking lot.

#1. Gently used book sale. You may donate your gently used books to the church. Milk crates are set up in the church hallway to receive donations. All monies will go to the church for this option. We will dispose of the items that do not sell.

#2. We are going to have a table for information about the church. I need one other person to be a greeter at this table. We want to get the word out on who we are.

#3. For \$10 you can rent your own table, and tent if you want one is required in our parking lot to sell your own goods. **YOU MUST TAKE HOME ANY ITEMS NOT SOLD!** Friends and family may also rent spots. Crafters are also welcomed to sell their wares!

Please contact the church office at (610) 282-3310 or sjcoopoffice@gmail.com

#4. We will be selling muffins and coffee cake, coffee and water in the morning. We need some more bakers for morning goods.

In the afternoon we will be selling sandwiches and soda and water.

We need help making sandwiches on Friday and donations of soda and water.

#5. There will be a table of goods that all the proceeds go to the church. If you want to donate items you believe will sell, we would appreciate it. HOWEVER, the items have to be logged in, and you have to take home what does not sell.

For this event to be successful, we need your help. Please sign up or talk to Pastor Teresa about where you can donate your time and talents.

Pastor Teresa

AFTERNOON VESPERS

We closed out our 2021-2022 vespers season on May 15 with the warm, rich, enchanting tones of John Carelli filling the sanctuary.

In these times when turmoil, violence and divisiveness are gripping our world, nation, community, and sadly sometimes even our families, we paused to reflect on our root core, the foundation upon which everything else is built. Like with trees, healthy roots that run deep will give us the strong foundation to withstand the elements, the storms, the trials and challenges of life.

Our musical journey explored ways we are “ROOTED IN ... “
Spirit; Healing and Peace; Grace and Trust; Relationship; Hope, Peace, Joy and Love; Healing; and Love.

After losing momentum, coping with shut-downs the last couple of years, again there were some challenges due to the Covid situation. Yet, we are blessed with many gifted musicians and we are deeply grateful to all who have generously supported this ministry through their time, talents and treasure. Many, many hands carried this forward: Pastor Teresa, readers, greeters, set up/clean up volunteers, slide techs, sound/video recording crew, refreshment contributors, financial sponsors. THANK YOU ALL!!!

We pray God’s peace and love have uplifted, comforted and refreshed those longing for healing in their soul.

May you enjoy a safe, healthy, joy-filled summer.

Grace and Peace,
Marlene and John Ruby



CRAFT NIGHT

June 6 from 6-8 in our Fellowship Hall. Bring your craft and supplies and join us for crafting and light conversation. Even if you would like to bring a puzzle and have others work on it with you, you are welcome.

Please contact Pastor Teresa at RevTeresaMartin@outlook.com with any questions. See you then!

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 5th Pentecost.

Holy Communion Will be Celebrated

The Congregation is invited to wear the **COLOR RED** to show your spirit.

June 12th James Chapter Five

June 19th Father's Day. Coffee hour **before** Church



COVID UPDATE

I know no one wants to hear the news the Covid case number in Lehigh Valley are going up. I am being kind of snarky, but it seems everyone suddenly has become an immunologist and knows the right answers. From a biblical perspective I see the church's position is "to protect the least of these meaning our most vulnerable members of the congregation." Therefore, some precautions will be place---

#1. I know it is strange for the Pastor to say this--- but please stay home if you are not feeling well. Please err on the side of caution.

#2. We will continue to use prepackaged communion sets for Pentecost. We will not be passing plates etc.... We will continue to tape services.

#3. I encourage you to social distance in the sanctuary and request others give you space if you are uncomfortable.

#4. We will have windows open and fans on to keep air moving--- bring a sweater if you need to.

#5. Consider wearing a mask. I know how difficult this is in warm weather and with allergies.

#6. We are going to have a Father's day coffee hour. If the numbers continue to rise, we may have to cancel. We will try to make these events separate from worship, so if you are uncomfortable with the situation, feel free to skip the coffee hour.

#7. I hope you have a good relationship with **your medical doctor** who you can trust for guidance on the issue of Covid.

#8. Council will continue to monitor the situation.

#9. Please do not stop praying about the pandemic and our need for a world healing of this virus.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for volunteers to help in 2022. We need someone to be in the church entryway to greet people. We need to train people to be slide tech, sound tech, camera operator and also to train to count collection after service. None of these jobs are really complicated, but your help is vital in helping Saint John's succeed.

Volunteer Form

Your Name _____

I am volunteering for (Circle each one you are interested in)

Greeter, Slide Tech, Sound Tech, Camera, Collection Counter

Please put slip in collection plate or in the church office.



ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is now available through the app tithe.ly. Go to St. John's website, click on **give**, and then follow the cues. Credit or debit cards are accepted on our secure site. An email receipt of your giving will be sent to you.



GREETINGS!

During Covid we had to learn new technology. We have at least 18 people each week who consistently watch worship online! Technology is now becoming a necessity for successful churches. We need some help. Noah Bamberger will be leaving us for college in a couple of months. This leaves a large hole in our Technology Team. The positions to fill are: Slide projector. I create the slides and give you a script. You just have to advance the slides.

Sound Technology. This is basically listening to the service and making sure the levels are correct. We need camera operators. And finally, we need people to edit the services and download them. We use an existing program, so this takes some time but is not that difficult. We need people to learn all these skills. If you are interested in helping, please let me know. We would like to have you start shadowing the field of your choice so you learn by example.

NEW CREATIVITY CORNER HONORS SUSAN KRANZLEY

The Hellertown Area Library has dedicated a new area that will provide members and guests with supplies and space to create artwork and crafts. The Susan K. Kranzley Creativity Corner, on the library's lower level, is stocked with supplies that people of all ages can use for independent projects at no charge. The Creativity Corner also will be used for ongoing children's classes and activities under the direction of Andrea Milliren, the Youth Services Librarian. Mrs. Kranzley, a lifelong member of St. John's and Hellertown resident since 1976, died on Feb. 16 at the age of 72. She was an artist and art teacher. Her last assignment was at St. Theresa School in Hellertown, from which she retired in 2005. Since then, she continued to share her expertise with private lessons in her home and other locations. Her husband, Glenn Kranzley, and daughters Emily Kranzley Killar and Molly Kranzley Driscoll, wanted to honor her legacy of art instruction and chose to fund the Creativity Center. Ongoing support from the Kranzleys will continue in the years ahead.

Glenn said, "I realized that all over Hellertown, there are people who recall and benefited from her teaching. As a memorial, there is no better institution to be host to the Creativity Corner than the Hellertown Area Library."



July/August newsletter will be combined and coming out in August



IN THE NEWS *(Morning Call)*

COLLEGE STUDENT DISPLAYED DETERMINATION

I thought that was a wonderful article about Bria Stapleton, 22, who is graduating from Albright College ("Lehigh Valley college graduate finished her thesis in a hotel after a house fire," The Morning Call, May 14). I hope it gives incentive to other students instead of fooling their lives away.

I didn't go to college but I graduated from high school in 1945. My heart and power goes out to you. Keep up the good work.

Charmaine Fegley

PRAYER FOR THOSE EFFECTED BY ADDICTION

NOTE: This prayer is assumed to be one of the petitions used in a service of worship during the prayers of the people. Therefore it includes no salutation or doxology. These should be added if used alone.

Regard in tender compassion those among us who are suffering from the disease of addiction and the physical, mental, and spiritual alienation created by it.

Graciously come near to them. Lead them not into this temptation. Deliver them from the evil that imprisons them.

Be mindful of Your mercy, Lord, and your power to make all things new.

Remember not the sins of the past. Turn to these your children and be gracious, for they are lonely and afflicted. Relieve them from the troubles of their hearts and bring them out of distress.

For goodness sake, for the sake of Christ our Lord, help us all to abide with them in hope sustained by your patient and never ending love.



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(ST JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, COOPERSBURG)
HAS UP-TO-THE-MINUTE CHURCH INFORMATION**

JUNE MILESTONES TO CELEBRATE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 10 Jeff Musgnung
- 11 Chris Bamberger
- 16 David Davis
- 21 Betty Bamberger
- 23 Grace Hamm
- 25 Glenn Kranzley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 7 Dr. Norman & Janie Davis
- 12 George & Nancy Knotts
- 14 William & Denise Knittle
- 18 Ralph & Gwen Pritsch
- 26 Marc & Chris Bamberger

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

OUR MISSION:

To know and share the love of God through worship,
fellowship and outreach to the community.

A stylized, handwritten-style logo for the month of June. The word "june." is written in a cursive font, with a large, decorative flourish on the letter 'j' that loops back under the 'e'. The period at the end is also stylized.