

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

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Note from the Pastor-

This note considers a lot of important information so please take time to read it—
--We continue to worship Sundays in the sanctuary and to record the service.
Recordings posted run a week behind the sanctuary theme. We will be posting a special Thanksgiving message that is a recording only.

November 1st is All Saints Day. We are going to have a special service. Please send names of those to be remembered to Pastor Teresa if you are not attending in person.

November 8th will be our Veterans Day Service. We will have a service in the sanctuary at 10 am and gather at the tree in front of the firehouse at 11:15 for the Witting Tree Service. In the event of rain, we will bless the dogtags in the sanctuary and hang the tags at another time.

November 15th we will celebrate New Members reception into the church during our service.

We will be having Vespers at 5 pm. We will not be having fellowship time due to Covid restrictions.

November 22 will be our Thanksgiving service. Lou Franco will be our guest musician. We will have a congregational meeting after service.

November 29th will be the First Sunday of Advent!

A couple of notes about the Congregational Meeting. We will be mailing out materials for the meeting. To be honest we are using last year's budget as the guide. None of us can predict what the next six months will look like as we continue to live within the Pandemic. We also will be giving out a financial summary of where the church stands. A ballot for open seats on Council will also be included. We will include a paper ballot so you have a chance to participate in the vote if you are not in the sanctuary the day of the meeting. Those in the sanctuary will also be voting by paper ballot. Please note, due to Covid restrictions the votes presented will represent a quorum.

We will be scheduling three Christmas Events the week of Christmas. We are doing so to allow everyone to safely participate. We will be asking that you make reservations. We are making plans to allow for safe celebrations including using battery operated candles this year.

I am also requesting that you consider making a donation to church advertising budget over the next two months. We would like to advertise our "safe" events and recordings. Please consider making a donation and marking it "Advertising." We want to continue serving the community during these trying times.

Finally, I want to address the upcoming elections. Once again, many sources are playing on people's fears about the candidates and who will win. I encourage everyone to take a deep breath and take your fears and actions and reactions to God first and foremost. I invite you consider the blessings we have as citizens of this country. One of the most precious is the right to vote on candidates and speak freely. We also have a faith responsibility to treat everyone as a beloved member of Christ's family. I challenge you to put things in proper context before you speak, text, post on social media, and act. The days leading up to the election and the days after, our focus should be on the healing of our communities and God's will.

I pray in these unusual times you still have the attitude of Thanksgiving in your hearts and minds as we move forward.

Be Well,
Pastor Teresa



WITTING TREE CEREMONY

Sunday November 8, 2020 at 11:30 am
Coopersburg Main Street
Evergreen Tree in Front of the Fire House

Taps and a brief, meaningful service of witness. We will be hanging 154 sets of dogtags in a public remembrance of the twenty-two veterans who take their lives each day/154 a week.

We hope to raise awareness of the ongoing impact of war on veterans and the wounds of body and soul that they can bear.

ALL are welcome to join us at The Witting Tree in this reverent public remembrance! Bring your presence and commitment to awareness. This is tremendously important, especially this year!



**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR WEBSITE
(STJOHNSCOOPERSBURG.ORG) OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
(ST JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, COOPERSBURG)
HAS UP-TO-THE-MINUTE CHURCH INFORMATION**

NOVEMBER MILESTONES TO CELEBRATE

Happy Birthday

- 12 Lenore Bamberger
- 13 Brian Fegley
- 29 John Ruby

Happy Anniversary

- 3 Bryan & Maureen Urmy
- 8 Donald & Diane Kuhns

Please help keep this listing up-to-date by contacting the office with additions and/or corrections! Thank you!



HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROTOCOLS

1. We ask that you wear a mask.
2. Refrain from physical contact.
3. Take it with you. Please take your bulletin and bottled water home and dispose.
4. The kitchen at the church is closed.
5. Wash your hands for 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer.
6. There will be no singing.
7. Please respect the signs up blocking pews to ensure social distancing. You should remain six feet apart from other families.
8. If you have any type of illness, including allergy attacks, we ask that you stay home. The greeters will be screening people to ensure the safety and confidence of all who attend worship. We will still be recording.
9. If an outbreak occurs in the state or community, we may reverse the decision to worship together.
10. Offerings are to be dropped in the plate in the church entranceway.
11. These protocols will be in place for as long as necessary.



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EVENING VESPERS – SAVE THE DATES

EVENING VESPERS return at long last!

Sunday, November 15th at 5 pm is the beginning of the season with the theme, “**Magic of Peace**”.

We’re thrilled to welcome back vocalist, **Carol Broughton** who will be joined by her husband, pianist, **Patrick Poladian**. Patrick has been participating in jazz vespers in New York City for many years. With the two of them together, this will be an evening to remember!



And isn’t now a perfect time to invite into, practice and be grateful for more peace in our lives. The over-arching theme for this year’s vespers centers around The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. “**Lord make me an instrument of Your peace...**”

Social distancing and masks will be required, as we are doing for in-person worship services. Sorry, we will not have a social reception time following vespers...yet. We’re striving to keep everyone safe while endeavoring to continue our ministry of music—real, live, human music.

Upcoming Vespers dates -

December 20 - KATO, Patty & Craig Kastelnik

January 17 - John Carelli

February 21 - Fraser/Thomas

March 21 - Lou Franco

April 18 - Maggie Spike

May 16 - Mike Holliday



NEW ADDRESS

Harry Hanville
Fellowship Manor Nursing Care Center
Room 111B
3000 Fellowship Drive
Whitehall, PA 18052



IN LOVING MEMORY

Beatrice M. Dull

(August 08, 1928 - September 27, 2020)

Beatrice M. Dull, 92, of Coopersburg died Sunday, September 27, 2020 at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill. She is the wife of Carey N. Dull. Beatrice was born in Fountain Hill on August 8, 1928 to the late Otto and Mary (Ambrose) Beck. Beatrice worked at Liberty Bell School, Coopersburg in the cafeteria for 20 years until retiring in 1991. Beatrice known as Bea was a lifelong member of St. John U.C.C. in Coopersburg. She loved to Quilt, she was in Bowling Leagues and played cards with the neighborhood women.

SURVIVORS

In addition of her loving husband of 67 years; children: Rick (Patti) Dull of Macungie, Robin (Rich) Wambold of Quakertown; sisters: Dorothy Zavec of Bethlehem, Bernadine Zovko of Florida; grandchildren: Chad (Michael) Dull, Jessica (Josh) DeLong, Kristyn (Greg) Stauffer, Kyle Wambold, Lynn Wambold; 6 great-grandchildren. Predeceased in death by sisters: Catherine Deutsch and Helen Findon.

Psalm 147:3

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.



NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE WAMBOLD FAMILY

We want to thank everyone for the cards, and prayers during this difficult time.

We will miss her so much.

Thanks, Robin and family

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Cross Hartman and I am a senior at Southern Lehigh High school looking to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout through Troop 191 located in Lehigh county. The project I plan to pursue entails the reorganization of materials and construction of movable shelving units on the second floor of St. John's UCC. I am an active member at St Andrews Lutheran Church in Allentown and have served as an acolyte and lay reader for many years, holding my relationship with God dear. When searching for potential projects the prospect of supporting a local church was something I took a liking to immediately. I am eager to lead my fellow scouts on this project.



I believe the leadership qualities I have learned in scouts will benefit me later on as I plan to pursue a higher education in the stem field. Some things you May find interesting about me are that I can solve a Rubik's cube in under 20 seconds, I stepped out of my comfort zone by joining the swim team junior year when having no prior experience, and I have a close bond with my pet German Shepherd.

Thank you,
Cross Hartman



BETTY LOU'S PANTRY

Betty Lou's Pantry, the local food pantry serving the Southern Lehigh area, is very low on certain items due to the cancellation of the annual post office food drive as well as multiple small collections that are done by local businesses, sports teams, schools and more.



At this time, the pantry is most in need of the following items:

- Hearty Soups with Meat
- Boxed Pasta (not spaghetti)
- Canned Pasta in Sauce (Chef Boy-R-Dee Ravioli type items)
- Meat Helpers (Chicken, Meat and Tuna helpers)



REMEMBER your family and special occasions with flowers!
Please sign up on the flower chart.

WANTED!

We are looking for two individuals to make a year commitment to Council. I want to thank Martha and Eric for serving! This year's council has been doing a wonderful job navigating through the Pandemic and holding the church together!

During the Covid periods we have been doing meetings on line to protect everyone's safety. Please consider helping us out!



Any questions please speak with Pastor Teresa.

Blessings
Pastor Teresa



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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.

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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.**

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