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THE CHATTERBOX

ST. JAMES UCC ■ JULY-AUGUST 2014

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Take Note:



*Please
note...*

**SUMMER WORSHIP
In FELLOWSHIP HALL**

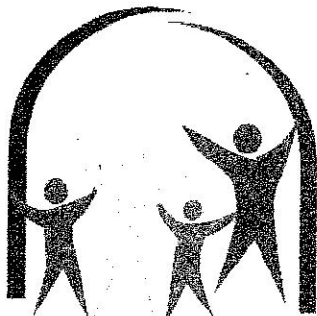
9:30AM

ST. JAMES UCC BOOK CLUB

Next meeting:

Saturday, July 19th – 10AM

ST JAMES UCC **Contemporary Worship Service**



WORSHIP

Saturday, July 26th at 2PM

Saturday, August 23rd at 2PM

Reflections From the Pastor...

Greetings to you in this warm season of summer. As I write this, we are in the middle of June, temperature in the 90's. Fans, air conditioners and central air are running long hours, probably stressing out the power grid.

During this time, I enjoy sitting on the patio in the morning or in the evening, once the sun goes down just listening to nature, looking at the flowers, appreciating God's creation.

It is the time for picnics, pool parties, vacations, and trips, long and short, to play golf, go swimming, bike rides, walks and carnivals. Plus we can't forget Allentown's famous Dorney Park.

The summer is always filled with so many things to do. Enjoy these days with family. Take time to relax, unwind, soak up the sun with sun-screen on, and get recharged.

But, don't forget about St. James U.C.C. We will still be here, offering worship, fellowship time, the business of the church as usual.

I encourage you to pray for St. James once a week on a Wednesday – you choose the time – pray for the Consistory, committee members, the staff, including me as Pastor and your church family. Pray for strength and guidance for us all. Pray that we will be open to hearing God's call for service in the community and in the world.

Remember – A.S.A.P – "Always Say A Prayer"

Pastor Lorraine

JULY 2014 WORSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday, July 6th

4th Sunday after Pentecost / Birthday Sunday /
Fellowship Hour

9:30AM Worship (FH)

Usher Team: A

Scriptures: Micah 6:1-8

Sunday, July 20th

6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM Worship (FH)

Usher Team: C

Scriptures: Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 27th

7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM Worship (FH)

Usher Team: D

Scriptures: Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-30

Sunday, July 13th

5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM Worship (FH)

Usher Team: B

Scriptures:

Saturday, July 26th

2:00PM – Contemporary Service

Scriptures: Luke 7:37-50

FOOD BANK ITEMS

July– boxed cereal / oatmeal (add water kind only) /
breakfast bars

August– pancake mix (add water only kind) /
pancake syrup



AUGUST 2014 WORSHIP CALENDAR

Sunday, August 3rd

9th Sunday after Pentecost / Birthday Sunday
/ Fellowship Hour

9:30AM Worship (FH)

Usher Team: A

Scriptures: Genesis 32:22-31
Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 17th

10th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion

9:30AM Worship (FH)

Usher Team: C

Scriptures: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

Sunday, August 24th

11th Sunday after Pentecost

S Usher Team: D

Scriptures: Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, August 10th

9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM Worship (FH)

Usher Team: B

Scriptures: Matthew 14:22-33

Saturday, August 23rd

2:00PM – Contemporary Service

Sunday, August 31st

12th Sunday after Pentecost / Healing n' Blessing

9:30AM Worship (FH)

Usher Team: A

Scriptures: Exodus 3:1-15
Matthew 16:21-28

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, April 27, 2014, we received and welcomed three new members. They are:

Dorothy Bowie – her hobbies are playing Bingo, cooking and taking rides on her scooter. Her address is:

1519 W. Walnut St., Apt. #802
Allentown, PA 18102
(610) 435-2963

Michael Sweigart – our organist and his wife, **Sandra Sweigart**. Michael enjoys music, reading and watching the Phillies. Their address is:

418 E. Landis St.
Coopersburg, PA 18036
(610) 282-3703

Sunday after the service we enjoyed a cake in their honor. We welcome you and look forward to working with you in ministry.

WELCOME

WEDDING

On Saturday, May 24th, at the Beltzville State Park, Pastor Lorraine officiated at the wedding of her daughter, Jen Sell to Ryan Watts. They have an energetic 4 ½ year old son named Bryce.

We send them our congratulations and best wishes for a happy, and long life together.

IN SYMPATHY

Sunday, May 11, 2014, ***Ann Rothenberger***, wife of Warren Rothenberger died at the age of 79.

Her Memorial Service was held, Monday, May 19th at Cedar Hill Memorial Park, Allentown.

We send our sympathy and prayers to the family of Ann Rothenberger. May the Resurrected Christ bring them much comfort.

On Saturday, June 14, 2014, ***Joan Updegrove*** died at the age of 82 in Massachusetts. No services were listed.

We send our sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of Anna and Joan. May the Resurrected Christ bring them comfort and strength.

ANNIVERSARIES OF EMPLOYEES

Congratulations to:

Pastor Lorraine on the 16th Anniversary of Ordination on June 13th.

Michael Sweigart on the 1st Anniversary as our organist on August 11th.

Miles Diehl, Jr. on the 3rd Anniversary as our sexton on August 14th.

Thank you so much for your service in your respective positions and in your service to St. James.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

We are still holding a Contemporary Worship Service the 4th Saturday of every month at 2:00PM. The service is non-traditional, with more singing and less liturgy lasting a half hour to 45 minutes.



For the months of July and August:

July 26th at 2:00PM in the Fellowship Hall
August 23rd at 2:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

Please come to the Walnut Street entrance! Invite your family, friends and neighbors. It is a great opportunity for someone to learn about us and our church.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2014

Summer Communion at 9:30AM
(Altar Communion)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2014

Healing n' Blessing during worship

REDNER'S GROCERY TAPES

Your tapes from Redner's are helping us – we received a total of \$51.92 in April. So, please keep bringing in your Redner's tapes – you may use your Redner's Rewards Card. Place them in the box in the sanctuary or send them to the church marked (Redner's Tapes). Thank you.

ST. JAMES UCC BOOK CLUB



We are currently reading "The Waiting" by Cathy LaGrow with Cindy Colona. It is the story of a woman who grows through much struggle and adversity as a teenager, gets pregnant and gives up her baby. She then spends a lifetime trying to find the daughter she gave up. This is her story.

We will be meeting Saturday, July 19th at 10:00AM for discussion.

PLEASE NOTE

Articles are due for the September / October newsletter on August 10th.

REMINDERS:

Sunday worship during the summer begins at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Come to the Walnut Street entrance. No Sunday School during the summer.

Sunday, September 7, 2014 – Sunday School returns at 9:30AM, worship at 10:45am.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Congratulations to:

Dolly Beck (Adult Sunday School)

Bryce Watts (Pre-Kindergarten Sunday School)

...for winning almost perfect attendance awards. We celebrated with a joint Sunday School class on Sunday, June 1st.

REQUEST for REMOVAL of MEMBERSHIP

Diane and Scott Kravelick asked for a removal of their names from our membership rolls. Joining Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown, PA. It could not be a Letter of Transfer because they do not accept transfers from non-Lutheran churches.

REPORT on FUEL OIL

We still owe \$5,000 on the oil we received this past winter. We hope to be able to have it paid off before the fall and winter weather comes again. Any help you can give is much appreciated.

Also, with the summer upon us, don't forget even if you are away on vacation, we still have bills to pay. If you can't be here in person on Sundays, send in your envelope.

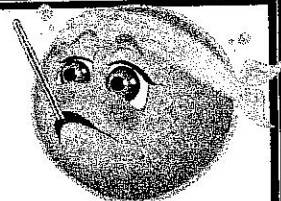
Thank you.

Pastor Lorraine

PRINTER CARTRIDGE Recycling

Remember to bring in your empty ink printer cartridges and place them in the box marked "Printer Cartridges" in the back of the sanctuary. For each cartridge brought in, St. James UCC receives \$2.00 towards a rebate on office expenses at Staples.

If you, or a family member, are admitted to the hospital, remember to give the.....



Church Code – 461

Consistory Update

from the May meeting...



Christian Education

- June 1st last day for Sunday School
- Classes will resume September 7, 2014.

Vision and Growth

- Reported V&G's discussion on "14 Things the Church Needs To Do in 2014".
- V&G still in the process of organizing a Fall Concert/Open House and "Meet & Greet" details – inviting members of the two churches sharing our buildings.
- "Make a Sundae Sunday" still on V&G's agenda as well.

Worship Committee

- Pastor Lorraine on vacation June 30-July 13, 2014. Rev. Hermansader to cover July 6th and JoAnne McGee July 13th.
- July communion changed to August 17th.

Hospitality Committee

- Bob mentioned Hospitality bank balance as of the Consistory meeting - \$2,894.
- Easter candy profit \$1,751, plus sales from the second round of selling candy. Supplies cost approx. \$751.00.
- April Hoagie Sales - \$200.00.
- May Hoagie Sales - \$150.00
- Discussion – is there interest to attend Iron Pigs and/or Steel Hawks games?

Property Committee

- AJ reported water collecting in different locations on roof – possible future problem
- AJ – repairing lights in sanctuary and suggested changing to dim CFL bulbs. Consistory suggested that the bulbs be changed to dim CFL bulbs, as the present bulbs need replacement.
- AJ – outside lights fixed.
- AJ - caulking leaking areas on roof.
- First step leading to Fellowship Hall (Walnut St.) needs to be repaired. Property committee plans to address the problem ASAP.

Consistory wants you to know . .

A special note of thanks - to everyone helping to move St. James U.C.C. forward as we celebrate the 101st Anniversary of St. James United Church of Christ on June 1, 2014.
We couldn't do it without you!

from the June meeting...

Christian Education

- Sunday School classes, adult and children's, will resume in September 2014.

Vision and Growth

- V&G is still working on the details for a Concert/Open House, promotional bookmark, and "Make a Sundae Sunday".
- Vision & Growth added 88.1 public radio to our list of PR contacts.

Worship Committee - next mtg Aug. 6th @ 10AM

Hospitality Committee

- Hospitality bank balance as of the June Consistory meeting - \$5,547.35. Of which, Hospitality will give \$5000 toward church fuel bill, keeping the remaining balance for future hospitality-related expenses.
- Easter candy sales \$2,063 + \$1,751, supplies approx. \$751.00.
- Hoagie Sales – starting again in September.

Property Committee

- A.J. Buckmiller sealed church window leaks
- A.J. has also been working on the first step leading to Fellowship Hall – Walnut St.
- The broken window along FH (with one of the air conditioners) has been repaired.

Consistory

wants you to know ...

- Human Resource Committee is working on a possible contract with Head Start for the school year 2014-15 to lease a room.
- **Thank You to the Hospitality Committee for \$5,000 toward our fuel bill balance.** As of the June Consistory meeting, we still owe approximately \$5,000 to Weaver Oil, Co. on our 2013-14 fuel bill.
- Also, a **thank you** for the contributions received to date from our fundraising letter requesting help to pay our fuel bill. *Please note that you can still help us pay off the last \$5,000 we owe for fuel – contributions are always welcome!*

MANY THANKS

Dear Pastor Lorraine and Members of St. James,

A special note of thanks to Pastor Lorraine who helped me cope with visits and prayers, during my stay in the hospital from May 12th to June 3rd.

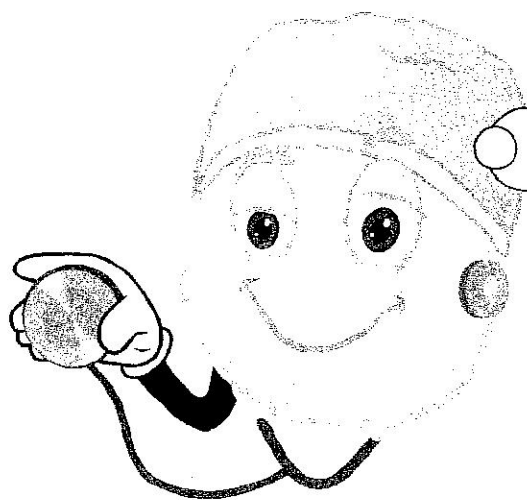
Also to everyone at St. James with their prayers and who sent cards during this time.

To A.J. with his special phone message to cheer me up.

Thank you all again with God's blessings,

Robert C. Becker

Many thanks to Pam Deppe, Ardel Rader and Karen (from Learning Tree) for the colorful flowers in front of St. James.



REMEMBER: CHURCH CODE 461

**IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER
ARE ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL,
PLEASE GIVE THE CHURCH CODE
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT
(610-432-7677). HOSPITALS ARE
CONTACTED MONDAY THRU
FRIDAY FOR A LISTING OF
ADMITTED MEMBERS.**



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p><i>Happy Anniversary</i></p> <p>12 Janet & Thomas Fabian 14 Faye & Karl Trobetsky 22 Joan & John Nyemscek 23 Lynn & Stephen Heinaman 29 Anna & Donald Laudenslager</p>		1 RC - 6:30-8am	2 RC - 6:30-8am	3 RC - 6:30-8am	4 RC - 6:30-8am	5		
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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Nicole Bartik | 22 Joseph Trudniak |
| 3 Kelly Cicon | 25 Richard Miller |
| 4 Zavier Washington | 27 Kayla Cicon |
| 9 Robert Becker Jr. | 28 Sean Bolza |
| 9 Mary Parker | 29 Laura O'Brien |
| 11 Emily Trudniak | 29 Doni Becker |
| 11 Robert Nyemscek | 30 Jonathan Moniz |
| 11 Frederick Charles II | |
| 15 Nasya Washington | |



AUGUST

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Happy Anniversary

14 Barbara & Richard Snyder
 30 Virginia & William Miers
 30 Jacquelyn & Kim Winzer

Please let us know your birthdays and anniversaries. We'd love to add you to the calendar. Call the church office (610) 432-7677 or e-mail to secretarystjamesucc@verizon.net

1 RC - 6:30-8am

 RC 7:30-9:30pm
 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm

2

3 9:30 Worship FH RC - 3-5:00pm UTS 5:00-9:30pm	4 UTS - Bible Study	5 RC - 6:30-8am UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	6 RC - 6:30-8am 10:00 Worship Cmt Heritage Ptrl 6-8pm RC 7:30-9:30pm	7 RC - 6:30-8am UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	8 RC - 6:30-8am RC 7:30-9:30pm UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	9
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31
9:30 Worship FH

Healing n' Blessing

RC - 3-5:00pm
UTS 5:00-9:30pm

1	Robert Schanerberger	10	Nathan Deppe	20	Noelle Roberts
1	Ronald Kutt	13	Tori Danner	21	Thomas Calnan IV
4	Gerald Lawless	14	Kay Sherbick	26	Willima Miers
4	Heather Sincavage	16	Liam Seminara	27	Jannel Perez
4	Travis Danner	16	Mary Diehl	28	Robert Wilt
7	Susan Lorenz	18	Inge Smith	29	James Bartik Jr.
8	Virginia Miers	19	Kathy Becker	30	Jason Kutt
9	Mary Kisthart	19	Airyonna Fugee		
9	Jevon Nyemscek	20	Emily Heinaman		



FINANCIALS AND ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 2014

<u>DATE</u>	<u>S.S.</u>		<u>Teacher</u>		<u>WORSHIP</u>	<u>PLATE OFFERING</u>	<u>OCWM</u>	<u>BOILER HEAT</u>
	<u>Attendance</u>							
	Child	Adult	Child	Adult				
4/6	1	5	1	1	33	1169.00		70.00
4/13	2	6	2	1	40	962.14		50.00
4/17	-	-	-	-	27	101.00		5.00
4/20	2	7	2	1	64	1079.00		55.00
4/26	-	-	-	-	4	13.00		
4/27	3	7	2	1	22	541.00		7.00

Average worship attendance for April 2013 – 33

April 2014 - 32

Monthly Income - \$7,876.16

Monthly Expense

\$8,874.01

FINANCIALS AND ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 2014

<u>DATE</u>	<u>S.S.</u>		<u>Teacher</u>		<u>WORSHIP</u>	<u>PLATE OFFERING</u>	<u>OCWM</u>	<u>BOILER HEAT</u>
	<u>Attendance</u>							
	Child	Adult	Child	Adult				
5/4	2	7	2	1	26	504.50		320.50
5/11	3	7	2	1	38	554.00		10.00
5/17	-	-	-	-	2			
5/18	1	4	-	1	35	585.20	1.00	
5/25	3	8	1	1	42	655.00	10.00	

Average worship attendance for May 2013 - 30

May 2014 - 29

Monthly Income - \$5,504.90

Monthly Expense

\$8,395.62

PAM'S TRIVIA CORNER

“GOD IS A SPIRIT (SPIRITUAL BEING) AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH (REALITY)” John 4:24

What does it mean to worship in SPIRIT? Should we interpret this verse to mean it is unnecessary to worship in the presence of others? Does this verse mean that we do not need church membership to worship completely? In a sense, a child of God may worship anywhere. Worship is an attitude of the heart, not a place. But, just as we must depend on others, in a sense, for physical food, we must also depend on others for a well-rounded spiritual diet. There are times when we can worship in solitude, perhaps surrounded by nature's beauty. But we will miss much of the blessing of communion with God if we never share this blessing with fellow CHRISTIANS.

TRIVIA CORNER – TRIVIA QUESTIONS

Pharoah The Raven Antioch Enoch Melchizedek

- 1.) Who was the first priest mentioned in scripture? _____
- 2.) Who wore the first ring? _____
- 3.) What was the first city called? _____
- 4.) What was the first animal out of the ark? _____
- 5.) Where the disciples first called Christians? _____

1.)	Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18)
2.)	Pharoah (Genesis 41:42)
3.)	Enoch, Named after Cain's son (Genesis 4:17)
4.)	The Raven (Genesis 8:7)
5.)	Antioch (Acts 11:26)

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