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ST. JAMES UCC ■ MAY-JUNE 2017

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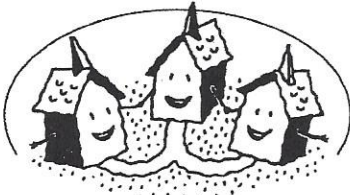
Begins....

Sunday, June 11th
9:30am in the Fellowship

CELEBRATING
ST JAMES UCC
104th



Joint



Worship Service

Sunday, May 7th, 2017
10:45AM

Reflections From the Pastor...

Spring is here although today as I write this, it doesn't feel much like spring weather. I love the springtime – witnessing flowers ready to bust through the fall leaves that cover them, and the buds on the trees representing new birth. I especially know when spring arrives because of the sports my grandchildren are involved in:

My granddaughter, Jordan is in 10th grade and plays on the Perkiomen Valley Softball (Vikings - Senior) Team 2017. She has played softball since around the age of 6. She also plays on a special team Chaos 18U Showcase.

My grandson Bryce, will be heading to 2nd grade in the fall and plays on the Upper Perk Youth Baseball on the Pony Ball team. Bryce has been playing since Spring 2015.

Our spring and summer is always busy going to games as often as we can. It is one of the joys of being a grandparent, loving and supporting our grandchildren in whatever ways we can as they continue to grow from children into unique individuals with dreams and goals of their own. They both are a blessing to Stan and I.

It is probably the season where I am able to get closer to nature than at other times because of warmer weather, sitting out on the patio just listening to the birds singing and nature coming back to life.

I hope as spring continues that you too, my church family and friends are able to enjoy the warmer weather, take time to look at the beautiful flowers and if you are blessed with grandchildren to support them in whatever ways they need and even more important to share your faith with them as well.

As most assuredly it is our responsibility to share our faith with those who come after us. The children you come in contact with may not be your grandchildren, but maybe they are your neighbors, or nieces and nephews. Show them through your actions, what it means to be a Christian and through your words. For we can be assured, they are watching. Have a blessed spring!

Co-workers in Christ,
Pastor Lorraine

May 2017 Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 7th

Joint Worship Service with Hispanic Churches –
Bi-Lingual
9:30AM Sunday School, 10:45AM Worship
Usher Team: A
Scriptures:

Sunday, May 21st

6th Sunday of Easter
9:30AM Sunday School, 10:45AM Worship
Usher Team: C
Scriptures: I Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 14th

5th Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day / Festival of the
Christian Home / Phoebe Home Offering / Birthday
9:30AM Sunday School, 10:45AM Worship
Usher Team: B
Scriptures: I Peter 2:2-10
Acts 7:55-60

Sunday, May 28th

7th Sunday of Easter / Memorial Day Observance
9:30AM Sunday School, 10:45AM Worship
Usher Team: A
Scriptures: Acts 1:6-14
John 17:1-11

Sponsored by:

May -

June – St. James UCC 104th
Anniversary



June 2017 Worship Schedule

Sunday, June 4th

Pentecost / St. James UCC 104th Anniversary /
Birthday Sunday / Fellowship Hour
9:30AM Sunday School, 10:45AM Worship
Usher Team: B
Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23

Sunday, June 18th

2nd Sunday After Pentecost / Father's Day
9:30AM Worship – Fellowship Hall
Usher Team: A
Scriptures: Genesis 18:1-5
Matthew 9:35-10:8

Sunday, June 11th

Trinity Sunday / Holy Communion
Worship at 9:30AM – Fellowship Hall
Usher Team: C
Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 25th

3rd Sunday After Pentecost
9:30AM Worship – Fellowship Hall
Usher Team:
Scriptures:

Deaths

We send our sympathy and prayers to the following families of:

Sandy Sweigart's whose mother, **Doris Olsen**, died March 6, 2017. Services were held in Lancaster, PA.

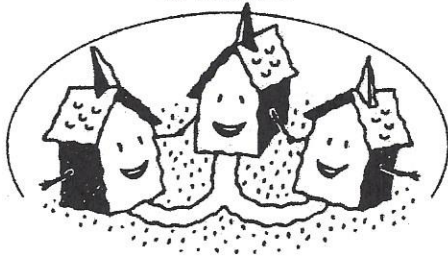
Amy Calnan's step-father, **Stanley Myers** died February 19, 2017 at the age of 93.

Memorial Service was held February 27, 2017, at Shelly Funeral Home, Plumsteadville, PA, officiated by Pastor Lorraine.

Internment - Mechanicsville Cemetery.

May the faith and belief in the Resurrected Christ bring them comfort and strength.

Joint



Worship Service

Sunday, May 7th, 2017

We are planning a unique service, a joint worship service with us, Iglesia Pent. Bajo el Abrigo Del Altisimo (Pastor Bermudez's congregation – worships in our Fellowship Hall) and Iglesia de Restauracion Unidas en Cristo (Pastor Gomez's congregation – worships in our upstairs).

Worship will begin at 10:45AM and conclude at 12 noon. This will be followed by a shared meal with all of us in the Fellowship Hall with all of our favorite dishes and desserts.

You might ask why – we have been leasing worship space to these churches for four years and consistory felt it was time we meet one another. We are three congregations meeting in one building, worshipping God.

This will be a bi-lingual service – meaning both Spanish and English will be spoken with a translator. Don't let that scare you. This will be a unique service, the first ever here where we will get a feel for how the others worship and give praise to God through the word and music.

Look for a sign-up sheet where you can sign-up and let us know what you will be bringing to share with our Spanish sister and brothers. All of us as Pastors are meeting and working together planning the service so all will know what is happening and feel welcome. We don't want anyone to feel left out or confused.

I know God's presence and the Holy Spirit is present in our worship and so do they. I am proud of our UCC congregation and church! Are you? Then join me on May 7th as we welcome and worship with our sisters and brothers in Christ. Let us practice what Jesus taught us – as we worship with those who are different and become one in our love for God and in our faithfulness.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 14th, 2017 – Mother's Day / Festival of the Christian Home

Join us on this special day as we honor and celebrate Mothers and all Women of God with a special gift.

This will also be when we dedicate our Phoebe Home Offering. An envelope is included in this newsletter for your use plus there will be extra envelopes on the tables in the back of the sanctuary for your use. You may contribute through and including May 21st.

Sunday, May 21st, 2017

The last Sunday for Children's Sunday School. We will resume Children's Sunday School on September 10th. Many thanks to Lynn Heinaman for teaching our children.



Sunday, May 28th, 2017 –
Memorial Day Observance

We will be observing Memorial Day as we list the names of our loved ones and friends who died during their military service. If you would like to have your loved one or friend listed in the bulletin who died during their service time – please call Amy Buchanan, our church secretary and give her the information. You need to call by May 15th. Thank you.

**Pentecost Sunday / 104th Anniversary
of St. James UCC**

On Sunday, June 4th, we will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday. How appropriate that we will also be celebrating St. James UCC, 104th Anniversary.

We will have a special cake after worship in the parlor to celebrate our anniversary. Put this date on your calendar and join us in our celebration!

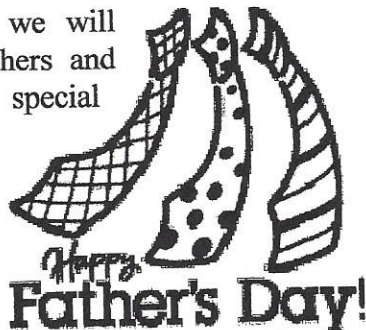
Trinity Sunday / Summer Services to Begin

Sunday, June 11th, we will be celebrating Trinity Sunday with the Sacrament of Holy Communion in our Fellowship Hall as we begin our summer worship time of 9:30AM on this day.

We will resume back to our normal time of 10:45 AM for worship on Sunday, September 10, 2017.

Father's Day

On Sunday, June 18th, we will honor and celebrate Fathers and all Men of God with a special gift. Join us!



Staff Anniversaries

We celebrate with our staff of St. James UCC for their anniversaries:

May 8th - *Tim Finn's* 2nd Anniversary as sexton

May 11th - *Amy Buchanan's* 8th Anniversary as church secretary.

We also celebrate with *Pastor Lorraine* as she celebrates her 19th Anniversary of Ordination on June 13th. Congratulations!

Congratulations to those of our staff as they celebrate their Anniversaries! Thank you for your commitment to St. James UCC.



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for your donation of \$215.00. Because of your caring and sharing, we are able to feed those less fortunate in our community. We are currently serving between 200 and 250 families per week.

Again, thank you for your donation.

Sincerely, AAEFB
Margaret R.

FOOD BANK



ITEMS

May– boxed cereal / oatmeal (water-kind only) / breakfast bars

June– noodles and sauce mix / canned beans / canned fruit

St. James UCC Book Club

We are reading "A Man Called OVE" written by Fredrik Backman. We will be meeting Saturday, May 20th, at 10AM for discussion. Read the book and join us – YOU ARE WELCOME!

HAVE A GOOD DAY

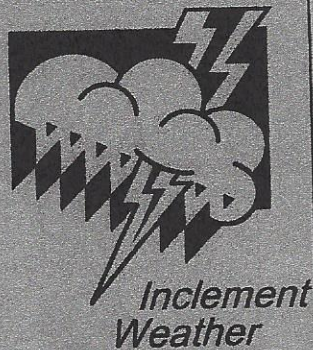
You can sponsor the "Have A Good Day" insert for \$12.00 per month. Please call the church office and speak with Amy to sign up, or sign up on the sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

The "Have a Good Day" insert for the month of May is sponsored by...

The "Have a Good Day" insert for the month of June is sponsored by Mike & Marie Sincavage.

When Sunday School and Worship are cancelled due to inclement weather:

Please call the church office at (610) 432-7677 if you are in doubt. A message will be put on or listen to channel 69 for closings. Thank You!



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.

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

Church Code – 461



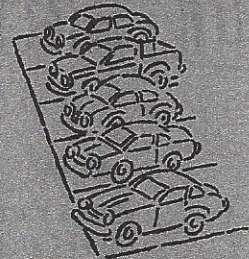
You can also call the church office with information. Slips with the church code on them are located in the back of the sanctuary.

Newsletter articles for the July/August issue are due June 11, 2017! Thank You!

Information or changes to be placed in the *weekly bulletin* must be received by 9:00AM Tuesday morning to be included in that weeks bulletin.

NO PARKING

– at the Hotel Traylor without a permit!



Please continue to help us by bringing in your Redner's Tapes.

Thank You!



REDNER'S
TAPES

Thank you for purchasing hoagies in March and April!

NEXT
Hoagie
SALE

Tuesday, May 16th, 2017





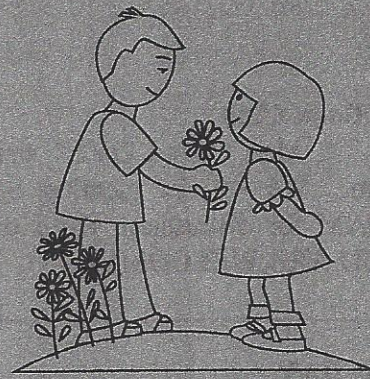
MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS

MAY

- 3 James Farny
- 7 Ethel Lawless
- 8 Scott Cicon Jr.
- 8 Dianne Van Horn
- 13 Amber Diehl
- 14 Michael Bernhard
- 14 Kim Winzer
- 18 Thomas Calnan III
- 22 Thomas Kunkel
- 23 Gavin Fisher
- 24 Alex Schwartz
- 27 Barbara Peters
- 28 Autumn Roberts
- 30 Amarea Sasarak

JUNE

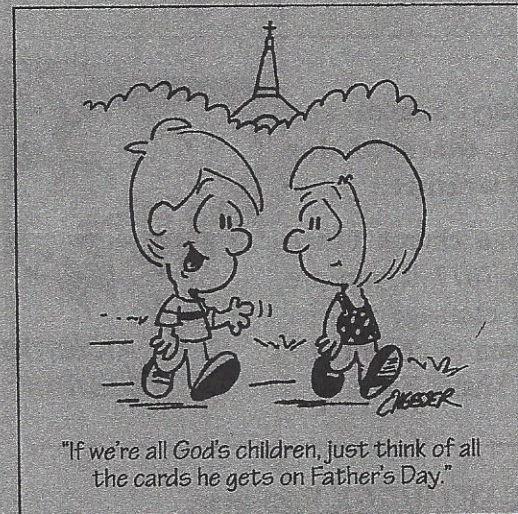
- 1 Lori McFarland
- 3 Robert Bernhard Sr.
- 4 Dolores Beck
- 4 Karen Sodl
- 6 Marie Sincavage
- 8 Denise Wilt
- 11 Amanda Kinney
- 17 Alene Brey
- 19 Zachary Trobetsky
- 21 Troy Reynard
- 25 Carl Deppe
- 27 Kenneth Happel
- 28 John McLoughlin
- 29 Brenda Hartzell
- 30 Phyllis Diehl



MAY & JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

- 13 Michael & Sandra Sweigart
- 17 Amy & Thomas Calnan III
- 21 Lori & Patrick McFarland
- 28 Jean & Harold Smith



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MAY 2017

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	1 UTS - Bible Study	2 9:30 - Worship Cmt UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	3 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	4 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	5 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	6 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm
7 9:30 SS 10:45 Worship Joint Worship Service - 10:45 Bi- Lingual UTS 5:00-9:30pm	8 Tim Finn's 2 nd Anniversary UTS - Bible Study	9 6:00PM Consistory UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	10 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	11 Amy Buchanan's 8 th Anniversary UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	12 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	13 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm
14 9:30 SS 10:45 Worship Mothers Day / Festival of the Christian Home Phoebe Home Offering UTS 5:00-9:30pm	15 UTS - Bible Study	16 10:30 V&G Meeting UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	17 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	18 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	19 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	20 10:00 - Book Club UTS - 6:30-9:30pm
21 9:30 SS 10:45 Worship Last Day for Sunday School UTS 5:00-9:30pm	22 UTS - Bible Study	23 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	24 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	25 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	26 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	27 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm
28 10:45 Worship Memorial Day Observation UTS 5:00-9:30pm	29 UTS - Bible Study	30 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm	31 UTS - 6:30-9:30pm			

June

SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

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FINANCIALS AND ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>S.S.</u>				<u>WORSHIP</u>	<u>PLATE OFFERING</u>	<u>OCWM</u>	<u>BOILER HEAT</u>
	<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Teacher</u>					
	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>				
2/5	1	N/A	1	N/A	33	\$672.55		\$80.00
2/12	-	N/A	-	N/A	24	\$486.00		\$15.00
2/19	-	N/A	-	N/A	34	\$607.00		
2/26	1	N/A	1	N/A	30	\$368.00		

Average worship attendance for February 2016 – 24
 Monthly Income - \$6,773.00

February 2017 - 30
 Monthly Expense - \$14,199.45

FINANCIALS AND ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>S.S.</u>				<u>WORSHIP</u>	<u>PLATE OFFERING</u>	<u>OCWM</u>	<u>BOILER HEAT</u>
	<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Teacher</u>					
	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>				
3/1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17			
3/5		N/A		N/A	26	\$339.00	\$45.00	\$26.00
3/12		N/A		N/A	26	\$499.00		\$25.00
3/19	-	N/A	-	N/A	0			
3/26	-	N/A	-	N/A	31	\$411.25		\$30.00

Average worship attendance for March 2016 - 28
 Monthly Income - \$5,244.70

March 2017 - 25
 Monthly Expense - \$6,326.15

PAM'S TRIVIA CORNER

Through God's Spirit In Us, We Are In Control Of The Activities This Month

The habit of daily prayer is well worth cultivating. It aligns our thinking with the things of Spirit, it sets our sails in the right direction so that we meet the activities of the day in a relaxed, calm, peaceful manner.

May Rowland has written, "It is well to establish the habit of prayer by meditating at the same time each day. This helps bring order into the prayer practice. If we leave this important period of the day until everything else is accomplished we are apt to neglect it."

When we take time at the beginning of our day to have a divine appointment with God, we establish a positive approach to life. We are confident and relaxed because we know that through God's Spirit in us, we are in control of our thoughts and feelings, we are in control of the activities of this month.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS – ALL SHOOK UP

Rearrange the "all shook up" letters below to spell some of the Kings, then decide whether they ruled in Israel or Judah.

- 1.) MHOBOARE
- 2.) SABAAH
- 3.) SHPHTHJEOAA
- 4.) HJEHAAZO
- 5.) AAAMIZH

- 1.) King Rehoboam of Judah
- 2.) King Baasha of Israel
- 3.) King Jehoshaphat of Judah
- 4.) King Jehoahaz of Israel
- 5.) King Amaziah of Judah

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The word "may" is written in a large, lowercase, serif font. It is surrounded by several stylized daisy flowers of various sizes, some with long stems and leaves, and others as simple flower heads.

may

The word "june" is written in a large, lowercase, serif font. It is surrounded by a stylized sun with rays, two butterflies, and decorative swirls.

june