

## June 18<sup>th</sup> Worship Information

**One in-person worship service @ 9:30am**  
**available later online**

on St. John's Facebook Page, Website or  
YouTube Channel: [youtube.com/stjohnsucclandsdalepa](https://www.youtube.com/stjohnsucclandsdalepa)

### Third Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Worship Theme: Roots and Shoots

Focus Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Music: How Can I Keep from Singing?, Arr. Andy Beck  
Soprano/Alto Summer Choir

#### Worship Assistants

**Hospitality:** Bill Leslie, Team leader; Bob Bertollette, Brian Hutchinson, Margie Jewell, Gale Linderman, Scott Vanderburg

**Elder of the Morning:** Chriss Bodde

**CD Technician:** David Douglass

**Chancel Flower Ministry:** Shelly Longcoy

**Driver:** Gale Linderman

**Umbrella Ministry:** Nancy Roberts

#### Chancel Flowers

In memory of Warren Koenig from wife Judy

In memory of Robert D. Schultz from his daughter, Merle Anne Morcom and Walter Hawkins

In loving memory of Anthony Faga and Theodore J. Ryan, our devoted dads, from their first-borns, Andy and Amy Ryan Faga

In memory of David Evans from Jeane Fritz and family

In memory of William C. Fritz from Robert, Connie, Judy and family

In memory of Charlotte Yocum's June 22 birthday from her family

In memory of Robert M. Jenkinson's June 24<sup>th</sup> birthday from his daughter, Joan Haag Beiter

In honor of their June 24 wedding anniversary and in memory of their granddaughter, Caitlyn Jade Liebel, by Grace and Gerald Linderman, Jr.

#### St. John's Praying Hands Stitchers – Summer 2023

Meeting the first Sunday of Each Month

June – July – August – September

at a new Time 8:15 to 9:15 am

All knitters and crocheters are welcome whether you're just beginning, want to learn or you've been knitting and crocheting for many years. Meet us in the Church Library.

As of May 31, 2023	
Budgeted Monthly Income for May	\$31,620.00
Actual Income for May	\$38,223.18
Total Income Difference	<b>\$6,603.18</b>
Budgeted Monthly Expenses May	\$50,566.13
Actual Expenses for	\$45,843.95
Total Expense Difference	<b>(\$4,722.18)</b>
YTD Budgeted Current Income for May	\$172,361.00
YTD Actual Current Income for May *	\$164,962.29
Total Current Income Difference	<b>(\$7,398.71)</b>
YTD amt. needed to fulfill OCWM pledge	\$22,582.00
YTD Actual Offering for OCWM	\$17,091.25
OCWM Difference	<b>(\$5,490.75)</b>
Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2023	\$7,788.46
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2023	\$865.38
A Look at the Week of May 1, 2023	
Offering For Current Income	\$9,722.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$475.00
A Look at the Week of May 7, 2023	
Offering For Current Income	\$7,547.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,093.00
A Look at the Week of May 14, 2023	
Offering For Current Income	\$6,757.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$705.00
A Look at the Week of May 21, 2023	
Offering For Current Income	\$4,456.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$469.00
A Look at the Week of May 28, 2023	
Offering For Current Income	\$3,272.84
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$282.00

\*Includes \$10,545 reallocated from GEM & Emergency Fund (IMO Rev Sue) at request of Bob Bertollette.

#### Acknowledgements

To St. John's Music Ministry fund in remembrance of the 73<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary of our parents, Lorene and the late Herman Ahrens, on June 18<sup>th</sup>, from their loving family

To the Memorial Fund in memory of Edna McGinley from Derstine Run Residents Association Building 2



#### St. John's Basket Raffle

Please stop by the Fireside Room to view the Raffle Baskets and purchase your tickets. The baskets will be on display Sundays through June 25. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the church picnic on June 25 before the drawing that day.

\* All proceeds will benefit the exterior renovation project \*  
If you have questions, please contact Judy Johnston at 215-896-9381.

## June 25<sup>th</sup> Worship Information

**One in-person worship service @ 9:30am**  
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### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Worship Theme: Roots and Shoots

Focus Scripture: Genesis 21:8-21

Music: How Firm a Foundation, Arr. Anne Krentz Organ  
Summer Handbell Choir

#### Worship Assistants

**Hospitality:** Mark Methlie, Team leader; Jen Gilbert, Sarah Hogan, Patti Thomas, Bonnie & Walt Weber

**Elder of the Morning:** Susan Fitzpatrick

**CD Technician:** David Douglass

**Chancel Flower Ministry:** Judy & Alan Johnston

**Driver:** Jo-Ann Sine

**Umbrella Ministry:** Sumiko Booraem

#### Chancel Flowers

In memory of Thomas Timko's June 28 birthday from his wife, Vada, and family, Tobi & Tim

In memory of Eric Kirk from his mother, Barbara Kirk



**St. John's recently received a letter from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul reporting their use of St. John's \$2,500 grant for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2023. As of June 5, our grant has helped 5 families for a total of \$1,635.75. We helped a man with back rent so he can get a fresh start; helped pay a portion of rent for a young, working college student with no family; helped an older woman with a car payment; helped a single mother with her rent while she cares for her ill father; and helped pay a portion of rent for a man who started a new job and should be able to pay his expenses in the future.**

**St. John's remains confident in SVDP's ability to make sound decisions and use our grant wisely.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Upcoming Congregation Visioning Session and engagement opportunity:

Wednesday Visioning Session  
June 28th - 6:30 pm, Library.

This is an opportunity for folks who haven't attended a previous Sunday session to attend a session on a weekday.

If you are not able to attend an in-person session, please contact any of the Visioning Team members, or send an email to [exec@st-johns-ucc.org](mailto:exec@st-johns-ucc.org) and we will work with you to gather your input. We will dedicate time at our upcoming Congregational meeting (June 25<sup>th</sup> following the 9:30 service) for this topic as well.

Roots and Shoots!

During this summer season we will be focusing on the great narrative of our *spiritual ancestors* found in the first book of the Bible, the book of Genesis (chapters 12-45). There are various ways to think about the structure of the book of Genesis, but one very compelling way is to think about it as the story of God “calling” into being the “world” (chapters 1-11) and then God calling a special people (chapters 12-50) “Israel.”\* These two momentous events, the calling of the world into being, and the calling of a people into being means that both the world and this special people were created and called for a purpose, a vocation. As the book of Genesis begins, we learn that creation has a divine purpose. There is also a divine purpose for God’s people as we come to understand that Abraham and his offspring are to become blessings to the world. **Our community of faith now stands in that long line of servants who seek to love and serve the world that God so loves.** Abraham (meaning “father of a multitude”) is our spiritual ancestor, but he is also the spiritual ancestor of our Jewish and Islamic brothers, sisters, and siblings. And so, Abraham is a source of unity among Jews, Christians, and Muslims.

\*This helpful analysis and emphasis on the idea of “call” comes from Biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June	18	<b>Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>One Worship Service at 9:30am</b> Graduate Recognition, Father's Day Fellowship
June	19	Juneteenth
June	20	AA
June	21	VBS - Garden of Health at 6pm
June	23	Chess
June	25	<b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>One Worship Service at 9:30am</b> Congregational Meeting Picnic at Plains Mennonite Park Raffle basket drawing
June	27	AA
June	28	Visioning Session @ 6:30pm in the Library
June	30	Chess
July	2	<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>One Worship Service at 9:30am</b> Praying Hands Stitchers Fellowship



Growing in Faith ~ VBS 2023

Last summer, we reimagined VBS to stand for Volunteer. **Believe. Serve.** ~ an intergenerational opportunity to put our faith into action!

Once again, we will offer 3 opportunities throughout the summer to be volunteer gardeners at Garden of Health! VBS is for **ALL ages**, but children and their families are especially welcome for a time of learning, gardening, and growing our faith!

Opportunities to get your hands dirty:

- Wednesday evening **June 21, 6-8pm**
- Sunday afternoon **July 9, 12-2pm**
- Thursday evening **July 27, 6-8pm**

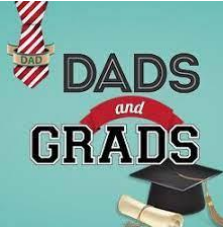
\*Meet at the garden—500 Fairgrounds Road, Hatfield, PA 19440

Looking ahead: Did you know that 2023 is St. John’s 100th year of VBS? Join us for a special Fellowship time on August 6th to celebrate **100 years of growing in faith!**  
More information to come!

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**The Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at Plains Mennonite Park, following the congregational meeting. Feel free to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. We will be serving BBQ pulled pork and a vegetarian option.**