

July 2nd Worship Information

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

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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Worship Theme: Roots and Shoots
Focus Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14
Music: "Here I Am, Lord" arranged by Joel Raney
Andrew Paulson, piano

Worship Assistants

Hospitality: Grace & Mark Bruen, Team leaders; Mary Billy, Anne Haines, Gerry Linderman, Rickie Lee Sands
Elder of the Morning: Susan Fitzpatrick
CD Technician: Robin MacMullen
Chancel Flower Ministry: Gayle & Bob George
Driver: Scott Vanderburg
Umbrella Ministry: Judy Johnston

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Fred Brunner's July 7th birthday from his wife, Thelma

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2023	\$7,788.46
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2023	\$865.00
A Look at the Week of June 18, 2023	
Attendance: 9:30 am	103
Offering For Current Income	\$3,091.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$252.00
A Look at the Week of June 25, 2023	
Attendance: 9:30 am	113
Offering For Current Income	\$4,985.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$632.00

Important Message from the Visioning Team

We value your opinions! If you haven't provided your feedback during any of our SOAR sessions, it's not too late!

- Email exec@st-johns-ucc.org to let us know when and how you would like to participate
- Take our online survey at tinyurl.com/stjohnsvision or scan this QR code



Acknowledgements

To St. John's Artist Series in memory of Linda Horst from Mary Billy

To the Exterior Restoration fund in memory of Linda Horst from Jim & Judy Lederach

To the Memorial Fund in memory of Linda Horst from Betty Elliott, Sue & Bill Morris, Chuck & Judy Neidhardt, Jo-Ann Sine, Charles & Jo Ann Sisian, Don & Diane Spaulding, Marcia Stacy

Replacement of UCC logo pavers in paver courtyard in memory of Rev. Sue from Bonnie & Ken Hales

To the Memorial Fund in memory of Edna McGinley from Jo- Ann Sine

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.

July 9th Worship Information

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Worship Theme: Roots and Shoots
Focus Scripture: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-29, 58-67
Music: "How Great Thou Art" arranged by Gary Lanier
Grace Bruen, flute

Worship Assistants

Hospitality: Robin MacMullen, Team leader; Peter Conver, Griff Francis, Stefanie Giampa, Carol Luehrs, Jenn Moyer, Matt Rivett
Elder of the Morning: Anne Kinsey
CD Technician: Griff Francis
Chancel Flower Ministry:
Driver: Amy Hutchinson
Umbrella Ministry: Marcia Stacy

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Nancy & Bob Schultz, Harry & Juliet and Minnie Schultz from Merle Anne Morcom & Walter Hawkins

In memory of dear friend Scott Harmon's July 15th birthday from Barbara Kirk

Wednesday Night Live!

If you haven't received an emailed or mailed announcement regarding *Wednesday Night Live!* please look for it on St. John's Facebook page or Website, or call the church office to request a copy.

St. John's Praying Hands Stitchers – Summer 2023

Meeting the first Sunday of Each Month
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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John’s Basket Raffle Winners

Thank you for participating in this year’s basket raffle. The proceeds of \$2,266 will benefit the exterior restoration project!

Horticultural Therapy	M. Kraynak
My Favorite Things	Ada Artiga
Needles & Pins	Bev Fink
Pastor Addie’s Favorite Feel Goods	Thelma Brunner
Fun in the Sun	D. Bhaya
Wake-Up to K-Cup	Susan Fitzpatrick
Sweet Treats of the Month	Connie May
A Break at the Lake	Ken & Bonnie Hales
Cozy Time	Marie Carota
Everything Trader Joe’s	Ruth Kinsey
Compose your Next Celebration	Ken & Bonnie Hales
Live Clean Live Happy	Deb Hendricks
Tea & Tee Time	Renee & Ricky
Summer Days are Here Again	Joan Rivett
Gluten Free Snacks	Joan
Christmas Fun	Michelle
Movie Night	Wayne Fink
Mangia Mangia	Theresa
Everything Italian	Gale Linderman
Lollipop Lollipop	Lisa Thim
Get Your Hands Dirty	Lori
Greetings to Send	Cindy Reese
The Bees’ Knees	Zack Elias
S’More on July Four	Michelle Holmes
Lucky in Love	Gavin
A Kid’s Christmas	Stephen Lapp
Brunch Bunch	Jan Xu
Chillin & Grillin	Brad McGill
Eat Dessert First	Thelma Brunner
Eggs, Bunnies & Peeps	Beth
Fall into Halloween	Jamie Morris
Good Things Come to Those Who Bake	Bev Fink
Irish Luck	Gerry Snyder
Ice Cream Fountain Soda Shop	Joe Johnson
Summer Fun	Bob George

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July

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Praying Hands Stitchers @ 8:15am
Fellowship
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Office Closed
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Independence Day Holiday – Office Closed
- July

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Chess
- July

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
One Worship Service at 9:30am
Fellowship
VBS – Garden of Health @ 12:00pm
- July

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Zoom Council Meeting
- July

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Men’s Breakfast, NAMI, AA
- July

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Garden of Health @ 9:00am
- July

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Chess
- July

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
One Worship Service at 9:30am
Fellowship
Charitable Gift Market Meeting @ 11:00am



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!

We will offer 2 more opportunities in July 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:

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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