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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday May 27th is Women's Fellowship plant exchange. Its at 7pm at the church and you bring a plant from your garden or a vegetable plant or a house plant , we have even had hanging baskets! Lots of fun and fellowship!



Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Wednesday May 7th at 6:30 pm.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Due to wet weather, the outside clean up scheduled for April 5 had to be cancelled, hopefully we can set up a clean up day on a Saturday in early May.



The bids are in for a new roof, high bid is around 85 thousand dollars and the low bid is 38 thousand dollars. Either way this is a sizable sum of money, and by the time we raise the funds, I'm sure the price will go up. The property committee is recommending that a "Capital Campaign" be started soon to raise the needed funds.

The "Potholes" have been patched in the parking lot, but this winter has really been hard not only on our roads, but all blacktop surfaces, we may need a new parking lot before the roof.

Your property committee is committed to keeping St. James in tip top shape, if you see any problems we have missed or if you have a suggestion to make our Church more appealing, please let us know. Please remember, our "Special Energy Offering" is still receiving donations. Spring is here, it almost makes you forget all that extra money we had to spend for fuel oil and snow plowing, sadly it's not impossible to forget those extra bills. Blank envelopes are in the pews, don't forget to place your name or weekly envelope number when donating.

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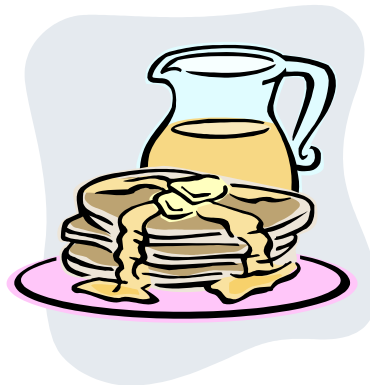
HELPFUL WEBSITES

www.psec.org
www.ucc.org

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Volunteers are needed for coffee hour following church. You don't have to bake, any contribution will be welcomed. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. May 21st will be our last fellowship meal until September, the cooks need a vacation.

APPLEBEE'S FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER The St James UCC Great Strides Relay for Life team is hosting a flapjack fundraiser on Saturday, May 17th from 8am till 10am. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Please come and enjoy unlimited pancakes, sausage and beverage. The members of the Great Strides team look forward to greeting, seating and serving you. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors! Advance ticket orders are appreciated but walk-ins are welcome.



Cost: \$7 per person, \$4 for 3 to 6 years old. For tickets contact Linda Nuccitelli, Patti Dalina or Mae Mogel.

Where: Applebee's, Buckwalter Road, Royersford Pa.

When: Saturday, May 17th, 8am till 10am.

PROJECT OUTREACH The Royersford Food Pantry feeds approximately 110 local, needy families each week. In addition to the donated non-perishable items, we try to offer a varied, healthy menu, including fresh items such as milk, eggs, meat, fruits and vegetables.

The children will be collecting food items for the Food Pantry on Sunday, May 25th during the service. Thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause.

JOINT CHOIR CONCERT St. John's Lutheran Church, 355 St. John's Circle, Phoenixville, is pleased to present the twenty-fourth annual "St. John's Choir & Friends" concert on Sunday, May 4, at 7:00 P.M. Conducted by F. Thomas Snyder III, Director of Music at St. John's, a chorus of 70 singers from 28 area churches joins together in performance of René Clausen's "All That Hath Life & Breath Praise Ye the Lord!", Franz Schubert's "Mass in G", and Gabriel Fauré's "Cantique de Jean Racine". Josef Rheinberger's "Concerto #1 in F Major" for Organ, String Orchestra and 3 French Horns closes the program featuring Joseph J. Lewis as the organ soloist. Accompaniment is provided by St. John's resident orchestra, The Providence Chamber Orchestra and harp.

There is no admission charge although a free-will offering will be received. Childcare will be provided and a reception follows the concert. For additional information contact the church office at (610) 933-3947. Some St. James singers are participating.

BIRTHDAYS**May**

1....Scott Swinehart
 3....Tori Pacan
 4....Karen Mogel
 5....William Styers III
 5....Carter Pacan
 8....Rhonda Rusinski
 10....Thomas Mogel
 12....Jack Murphy
 12....Alex Murphy
 13....Linda Kramer

13....Sarah Cibulsky
 15....Kelly Lownes
 15....Nya May Myers
 15....Donna Pinto
 16....Christabel Brunner
 16....Elizabeth Capetola
 17....Ana Baranoski
 22....Nicole Morris
 23....Michael Serina
 23....Mary Shuler
 24....Pauline Ebersole
 25....Clinton Starkey
 26....Daniel Blackner
 27....Lois Alexander

27....Jack Hill
 28....Charleen Watts
 29....Susan Myers
 30....Brentley Allen Smith

21....Richard & Charlotte Fiedler
 22....Rob & Gwen Pacan
 23....Arthur & Melissa Gelwicks
 25....Jan & Patricia Dalina
 25....Kyle & Carrie Heath

ANNIVERSARIES**May**

6....Peter & Adrien Cibulsky
 11....Carl & Mae Mogel
 12....Thomas & Mary Shuler
 15....Russell & Joanne Myers
 18....Rob & Michelle Mazza

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE cont...**

PSEC sold the Church House in Collegeville. The Budget and Finance committee of the Conference submitted the following disposition of the funds (\$879,109.62) from said sale as follows:

Debt Reduction: \$365,000 is being set aside for debt reduction. \$250,000 will be put toward reducing the debt on Mensch Mill and \$115,000 toward internal loans.

Operating Expenses Buffer: A small fund of \$50,000 will act as a buffer for fluctuating income from OCWM contributors.

Investing in the Future: Investing of these funds (\$214,109.62) in an unrestricted endowment fund, being able to draw only on a portion of the interest.

New Ministry: \$250,000 is being earmarked allowing us, imagine what is possible and embracing opportunities rather than operating in a mindset of scarcity.

PRAYER CONCERNS

For our friends Shirley Major, Melissa Moore, Janice Moore *and others who are a long-term care residence, we pray for comfort and peace.*

For our friends Pat McFarland, Pauline and Bill Ebersole *and others who are not easily able to leave their residence, we pray for companionship, healing, and respite from pain.*

For our friends Tony Hilleges, Anita Rodgers, George Banyai, Katherine, Larry, Frank, Doug *and others with ongoing health concerns and challenging life circumstances, we pray for caring hands, hope to live each new day, and the reassurance of God's presence through the support of our congregation.*

For our friends Tony, Iris and Allen *and all cancer survivors, we pray for treatment where it is possible and release from suffering where it is needed.*

Lord we thank you for the beauty of Spring and the renewal of your good earth. We ask for renewal and healing for all those that are facing surgery, treatments of cancer, those fighting illnesses. Give each one the strength that they need and the knowledge that you are with us always. We thank you for all the blessings you give us each day. Amen

Please note that we will remove names on the prayer list after one month, except for homebound and hospitalized members. Let us know if you would like to add or renew a request by office phone or email.

Calendar

MAY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Weight Loss 4:30pm Choir 7:00 pm	2	3
4 Third Sunday of Easter Svc of the Word & Sacrament Worship Team #4 Pastor's Bible Study 9:00 am Nursery - Nancy Ewing	5	6 Stewardship 7:00 pm	7 Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm	8 Weight Loss 4:30pm Property 7:00 pm	9	10
11 Fourth Sunday of Easter Svc of the Word Worship Team #5 Pastor's Bible Study 9:00 am Nursery - Joanne Levering	12	13 Consistory 7:00 pm	14	15 Weight Loss 4:30pm Choir 7:00 pm	16	17 PSEC Consistory 9 to 1 pm
18 Fifth Sunday of Easter Svc of the Word Worship Team #6 Pastor's Bible Study 9:00 am Nursery - Amy Friemann	19 Great Strides 7:30 pm	20 Welcome Committee 10:00 am	21 Fellowship Dinner 5:30 pm	22 Weight Loss 4:30pm Choir 7:00 pm	23	24
25 Sixth Sunday of Easter Svc of the Word Worship Team #7 Pastor's Bible Study 9:00 am Nursery - Sandie Fetterman	26	27 Women's Fellowship 7:00 pm	28	29 Weight Loss 4:30pm Endowment 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm	30	31

Lehigh Valley Super Utilizer Partnership

A St James Mission Partner

The Lehigh Valley Super Utilizer Partnership is a project in the Allentown area, based on a successful model developed by Dr. Jeff Brenner of the Camden Coalition for Health Care. Among its goals are to, “Improve quality of life and health of high utilizer patients” and to, “Reduce health cost...” Their patients are the “sickest of the sick” in the Lehigh Valley, people with broken lives who otherwise fall through the cracks of our society’s support system.

In particular, our partnership focuses on supporting the work of Lisa Cordero, a Parish Nurse who leads the outreach team. Lisa has a passion for serving God, and feels called to serve the body, soul, and spiritual needs of these people. She tells us that,

“It is my experience as a faith based nurse to seek opportunity to show the love of Christ, and often times His love is best seen in meeting tangible needs in moments of crisis. It opens the door to show we truly care. It paves the way for the initial months and once they are out of crisis, they can begin to trust that the hands and feet of those serving them are actually the hands and feet of those who love Christ. It is amazingly beautiful!”

Through our partnership, we enable Lisa to meet temporary tangible needs of patients in crisis that might not otherwise be possible. We provide support in the form of: donations of requested new or gently used items, hands on help, and monetary contributions. Come and get to know Lisa better when she joins with us in worship on Sunday May 18th.

PASTOR’S NOTE

The Lehigh Valley Super Utilizer Partnership is one of five pilot programs nationwide. This is proving to be a successful model.

Recently a local UCC pastor shared a story about a congregant with an impacted tooth but who was unable to pay the \$200 for a dentist to remove the tooth. (The pastor did not know about this at time.) The congregant went to the ER three times and was sent home untreated each time. Then she developed a life threatening infection (from the tooth), went into a coma and spent ten days in ICU. The tooth was removed.

The Super Utilizer Partnership creates a network of emotional and spiritual support, including early intervention. Basically the partnership makes sure people like that congregant is able to have that tooth attended to before the suffering of a life threatening situation - and a medical bill in excess of \$100,000.

I know Lisa and look forward to seeing her again on May 18th.

- *Pastor John*

HOUSEHOLD PRAYERS (Praying at Home This Week)

Week 1 Question for Reflection

The disciples on the road to Emmaus were with Jesus for hours as he taught them the meaning of the Scriptures. However, they finally recognized him as the risen Lord only in “the breaking of the bread.” How does the Lord’s Supper enable you to recognize Jesus?

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus,
your rising from tomb heralds the dawning of life eternal
as the dawning of this day holds the possibilities of life anew.
Open my eyes to the signs of your resurrection
and confirm in my heart the power of your amazing love,
that I may with confidence sing “Alleluia.” Amen.



Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, you have upheld me with your love even when I have not been aware of your presence.
As I rest from my labors let me sleep without fear of darkness or death and rise refreshed to begin a new day in humble service, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Week 2 Question for Reflection

Acts 2:42–47 describes what life was like in the early church. How do these words guide today’s church?

Household Prayer: Morning

Generous God, thank you for the gift of this new day.
Help me to watch for your signs and wonders in the world today, and fill my heart with gladness and generosity, that I may generate good will wherever I go. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for shepherding me through this day. As I lie down to sleep this night help me to imagine green pastures and still waters, and to remember all the ways you have set a table before me and filled my cup to overflowing. Amen.

HOUSEHOLD PRAYERS (Praying at Home This Week) cont....

Week 3 Questions for Reflection

Is the “dwelling place” (John 14:1–14) of which Jesus speaks a place for us after we die, or does it include our life in the present? What does Jesus mean when he says that his disciples “will do greater works”? What does it mean to pray “in Jesus’ name”?

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, as I serve you this day, let not my heart be troubled.
Help me to believe with conviction that you are with me, and I am in you,
and you are in God. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Faithful God, my rock and my fortress, into your hands I commit my spirit.
As darkness falls, let your face shine upon your servant, and keep me in your
steadfast love. Amen.

Week 4 Questions for Reflection

According to the psalmist, God brought the people through trials, tests, burdens, and pain to a spacious place of life, breath, and salvation. God heard their prayers and opened them to deliverance. Where have you felt such a spacious place? What story do you tell of the ways that God is blessing you? What story does your faith community tell of the ways in which God is blessing them?

Household Prayer: Morning

I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Christ.
Make me eager to do good and to resist evil, and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference.
Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do that I may share the hope that is within me in gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

O God, in whom I live and move and have my being, you hear me when I cry and listen to my prayer; you set my feet on steady ground, you never leave me alone.
As I rest in you tonight, sanctify my heart in Christ, and fill me with your strength, that I may rise to love and serve you and greet another day. Amen.

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May 2014 NEWSLETTER

Notes & Reminders

Materials for the June Newsletter are due on May 18th, 2014.

NURSERY



May Schedule

May 4th, Nancy Ewing
May 11th, Joanne Levering
May 18th, Amy Friemann
May 25th, Sandie Fetterman

SUMMER MUSIC

It's never too early to start thinking about plans for the summer. We will again be soliciting for individuals to provide the special music each week when the choir will be on hiatus. It can be a vocal or instrumental solo, a group, poetry reading, liturgical dance, or anything appropriate for a summer service. Children and adults alike are welcome to participate. Please contact Donna at music@stjames-ucc.org or (610) 792-1679 with your interest and availability.