



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

LIMERICK, PA

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

St. James United Church of Christ in Limerick, PA is called to be disciples of Christ providing a caring, supportive, welcoming and inclusive community. We seek to faithfully spread the good news of Jesus Christ through generous mission, loving fellowship and curiosity about the Bible and our faith, with the help of God.

1 And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth 3 and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, 5 while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” Genesis 18:1-5

Dear St. James family,

June is going to be Genesis month at St. James! Although I will not be in worship on June 7, the rest of the month is dedicated to Genesis (not to mention the last day of May.)

One of the things we will be talking about is welcoming the stranger. This was a huge priority in the Bible, because in Leviticus 19: 33-34, it says to welcome the stranger and to treat them as you would the native born. But even though we are a nation of immigrants, some of us do not want to welcome the stranger, particularly from the southern border.

And yet, Abraham doesn't hesitate to welcome his guests, identified as angels of God. Hebrews 13:2 says, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” Matthew 25:40 “Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it for me.”

In 2018, I went to Mexico with my seminary class to study immigration. I used to believe that folks cross the border because they want to live the American Dream. But what I learned is that folks take the arduous, incredibly difficult, they-could-die-trying trek to come here because a) they can't find work and need money to feed their families or b) they are fleeing persecution. What I learned is that they don't really want to leave home. They don't want to leave their cultures, their families, their houses. But they must to survive. People come from the southern border not to steal from us, or to hurt us. What immigrants – documented and undocumented – need is our love and support. We need to stand up for them, to say no to a system that is deporting them illegally, and damaging our economy in the process. Let us welcome them, as Abraham welcomed his guests, as they were angels of God. The good news is, we can do this, with the help of God. As we pray, listen and act on what we hear, it can happen. So let's do it.

With love in Christ,

Pastor Beth

Pastor Beth to Attend Keystone Conference

Pastor Beth will attend the first annual meeting of the Keystone Conference from June 4-7. She will still be available via phone, text or email. Rev. Dennis Keen will preach. This will also be an outdoor service, weather permitting. Laura Walters will send emails/ make calls by no later than Saturday morning.



Church Picnic - June 14th

After worship St. James will hold the annual picnic in the pavilion! Come and share the afternoon of fellowship and fun!

Please sign up on the Bulletin Board or contact Charlotte if you are planning to attend



Boy Scouts Movie Night – Open to the Community

The Boy Scouts will be having a family movie night in our pavilion on Saturday, June 13 at 7:00 (rain date Sunday, June 14). The movie night is in memory of



Sermon Chat June 28

Please plan on staying after worship as we will discuss the scripture and message with Pastor Beth. These have proven to be fun and meaningful conversations, so don't miss it!

Sunday, June 21st - Sock it to Me Sunday and Father's Day

Just a reminder to bring in your donations of socks for those in need!

We will bless them "Sock it to Me" Sunday as we worship together at 9:30 am in the pavilion!



Limerick Parks and Recreation Summer Camps

For seven weeks in June, July and August, St. James will be bustling with kids and counselors enjoying summer camp! Limerick Parks and Recreation will hold camps in flag football, theatre and cooking! We're very

Pastoral Relations Committee

The Pastoral Relations Committee serves as a liaison between Pastor Beth and the congregation. Good communication in a congregation is VERY important. We encourage you to speak directly with Pastor Beth with any concerns. However, if you are uncomfortable doing that, you may share your concern with a member of the Pastoral Relations Committee who will discuss them with Pastor Beth. Committee members include - Sue Myers, Hannah Iannozzi, Ken Raspen,



St. James UCC Women's Fellowship

On Monday evening, **June 22nd. 5 pm**, the Women's Fellowship will have a covered dish supper. This is the last meeting until September! We will spend some time making plans for next year's activities.

Join us for good food and fellowship!



We are looking for volunteers to welcome friends and neighbors to park their cars and trucks in the St. James UCC parking lot and enjoy Waltz's

4th of July

annual fireworks display!

Bring your chairs and blankets and share the show! Please see Pastor Beth, Sue Myers or Laura Walters if you can help!



Update from the Consistory Meeting on May 12th, 2026

Dear Members and Friends of St. James UCC,

This is a brief summary to keep you informed about the work of St. James UCC Consistory. The May 12th meeting began with a scripture reading, a devotion and brief time of reflection lead by Pastor Beth. An opening prayer helps to focus on the things God calls us to do for St. James UCC,

Following devotions, Pastor Beth presented a report of visits, engagements, and activities she has participated in over the past month.

Next on the agenda was the review of the financial reports and the minutes from the previous Consistory meeting. The secretary's monthly minutes were approved and accepted as presented.

Property Manager, Ken Raspen submitted a report and update covering the completion of the installation of the water pump filter, scheduling the yard cleanup and mulching and the scheduling of the annual servicing of the air conditioning system.

Bob Walters and Marilyn Jorgensen are gathering information and pricing for consideration of a digital sign. We look forward to next month when they bring Consistory an updated report.

We are looking forward to returning to worship in the pavilion this year! This year we will worship outside at 10:15 twice a month beginning in May when the humidity is usually lower. After the church picnic on June 14th, worship will be at 9:30 am.

St. James has been the perfect place for our community to park and watch the July 4th, fireworks display. This year we are looking for volunteers to help us welcome neighbors and friends. It has been a few years since we were greeters, and Pastor Beth has taken this on for a couple of years alone. If you can volunteer a few hours to help, please let Pastor Beth know.

The next Consistory Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 16th. If you have questions or something you would like to share with Consistory, please contact Laura Walters.

Submitted by Laura Walters

**Taken from the book "When I Think About You, My Friend"
"Linda Gatto"**

We meet many people in this life as we go through it. Some will fill minutes, others hours and some, a year or two. And then there are a precious few who touch a place within, and whom we know deep inside that we'll meet again and again.

You are one of these special people to me.

Submitted by Charlotte Feidler



PRAYER CONCERNS

For our friends Rugene Caldwell, Heather Yates, Melissa Moore, Sang Hi Crater and others who are in long term care or unable to leave their homes. We pray for comfort, peace, healing, and companionship for each of them.

For our friends Steve, Kile, Millie A, Steve R, Kile S, John R, Rob W, Michael, Scott, Judy R, Bonnie, Ruth Ann W, Vickie K, Debarah B, Daran B, Barb G, Shirley, Van S, Ken M, Cheryl, Jim S, Alison L, Jackie, Dee L, Betsy R, Ginny T, JC, Paul M, Barb M, Christine J, Barb G, Jean S, Paul M, Bonnie, BJ, Linda S, John K, Karen, Phil, Dodie S, Carol T, Kork M, Don G, and all cancer survivors, we pray for treatment where it is possible and release from suffering where it is needed.

For our friends Mae, Linda, Mathew, Louise, Gus G, Franklin R, Sherry K, Laura M, Dianne S, Wendel K, Marion H, Mary Lou B, and others with ongoing health concerns and challenging life circumstances. May they be reassured of God's presence through the support of our congregation.

Prayers for all veterans that are still suffering from PTSD and all other side effects from their service in the military.

Lord, we thank you for the healing you have given many, not only on our prayer list but beyond. We ask that you continue to heal those that are still struggling with health issues, concerns and fears. Continue to be with those that have lost loved ones, comfort them and give them peace. We ask healing for our country as well as those who are enduring wars. Lord, we give you thanksgiving for all your many blessings, many we take for granted. Continue to walk and guide us through our greatest needs. We pray for wholeness and healing of mind, body and spirit upon us all. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

PRAYING FOR OUR FELLOW MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES

Initiated by St. James Prayer Team, each Sunday two church families are being included in the Sunday worship prayer time. You are invited to include these members and their families in your prayers throughout that week.

June 7—Edward & Susan Myers and Tony & Linda Nuccitelli

June 14—Diane & Evelyn Phelen and Mark & Donna Pinto

June 21—Ken & Diane Raspen and Joy Rubeo

June 28—Douglas Santeramo-Mead and Richard & Amy Sarfert



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Montessori Fellowship Hall Setup	2 Montessori Graduation	3	4 Keystone Conference Meeting,	5 Keystone Conference Meeting, Montessori Picnic 8:30—2	6 Keystone Conference Meeting,
7 Worship with Rev. Dennis Keen 10:15 Keystone Conference Meeting,	8 Limerick Parks & Recreation Flag Football	9 Limerick Parks & Recreation Flag Football	10 Limerick Parks & Recreation Flag Football	11 Limerick Parks & Recreation Flag Football	12 Limerick Parks & Recreation Flag Football	13 Pavillion Movie Fundraiser
14 Worship with Rev. Beth Eustis 10:15	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Worship with Rev. Beth Eustis 10:15	22 Cooking Camp 9-12 - Fellowship Hall Soccer PAV Camp	23 Cooking Camp 9-12 - Fellowship Hall Soccer PAV Camp	24 Cooking Camp 9-12 - Fellowship Hall Soccer PAV Camp	25 Cooking Camp 9-12 - Fellowship Hall Soccer PAV Camp	26 8:30—9:30 am Field Rocket launch Astronaut Academy Cooking Camp 9-12 - FHH Soccer PAV Camp	27
28 Worship with Rev. Beth Eustis 10:15 Followed by sermon chat	29 Cooking Camp 9-12 - Fellowship Hall	30 Cooking Camp 9-12 - Fellowship Hall				30



June Birthdays

3—Jack Focht
 6—Sherry Kulp
 6—Zachary Sarfert
 26—Peter Iannozzi
 26—Evelyn Iannozzi

2026 CONSISTORY

Laura Walters, President
 Sue Myers, Vice. President
 Kristen Serina, Secretary
 Jay Smith
 Marilyn Jorgensen
 Bob Walters
 Paul Meyers
 Donna Serina

Officers:

Lisa Kahudic, Financial Sec.
 Jay Smith, Treasurer



June Anniversaries

3—Michael & Michelle Terbush
 15—Edward & Susan Myers

CONTACT THE CHURCH

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Pastor Beth would love to hear your questions and comments. Please email to make an appointment.

Sabbath will be observed on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Donna Pinto, Minister of Music (610) 792-1679 music@stjames-ucc.org

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"In June, as many as a dozen species may burst their buds on a single day. No man can heed all of these anniversaries; no man can ignore all of them."
- Aldo Leopold

"Wisteria woke me this morning,
And there was all June in the garden;
I felt them, early, warning
Lest I miss any part of the day.

Straight I walked to the trellis vine.
Wisteria touched a lifted nostril:
Feelings of beauty diffused, to entwine
My spirit with June's own aura."
- Ann McGough, Summons

"I know well
that the June rains
just fall."
- Onitsura



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