

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

139 N. 4th Street
Emmaus, Pennsylvania
January 27, 2013

Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 and 10:30 AM

The People of God Gather For Worship

Thought for Meditation: *“If a man cannot be a Christian in the place he is, he cannot be a Christian anywhere.”* Henry Ward Beecher

Please refrain from talking during the prelude as others are in silent meditation.

Organ Prelude

...All May Stand...

Processional Hymn: *“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”* #453

...Please Be Seated...

Welcome and Announcements

...All May Stand...

Greeting:

Pastor: The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Opening Prayer

All: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the Holy Scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace life, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Confession:

Pastor: Let us confess our sins.

All: God, our light and our salvation, forgive our lack of faithfulness. Heal the brokenness that separates us one from another and from our own best selves. Rescue

us from fears that immobilize and distort. Turn us from quarrels that hurt and destroy. Grant us new depths of caring and fuller encounters with the One who heals and send us out to tell our joy. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie:

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Pastor: Light dawns, God reigns, evil is overcome. God lifts us up, allays our fears and strengthens us to stand against enemies without and within. Let us claim the realm of heaven, offered to all who repent and follow where Christ leads.

Sung Response: “Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

...Please Be Seated...

The People of God Share the Word of God

Children’s Sermon (10:30)

The Holy Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 19

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Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 12:12-31a

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Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-21

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If you would like to follow the readings, the Bibles are under the hymnal rack.

Sermon: “*Spirit Upon Me*”

Rev. Dr. Paul W. Knappenberger

...All May Stand...

UCC Statement of Faith (front of Hymnal)

Hymn: “*Ours the Journey*”

#458

...Please Be Seated...

The People of God Pray

Celebrations of Joy and Moments of Concern

Prayers of Intercession

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit into relationship with a loving God, we pray for the church, all in need, and the whole creation.
(Silence)

Loving God, your joy is our strength. Bless all teachers and preachers in the church who help proclaim your good news to all the people. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God our redeemer, the heavens tell your glory. Help us to treat the air and skies in ways that honor your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God our shepherd, your law is perfect. Guide leaders in all nations to act with justice and mercy, following your ways. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God the healer of all, bring comfort to the fearful and grieving, friendship to the forgotten, and wholeness to those who are ill or in pain (names of those in need). Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Generous God, you pour out your gifts on all people. Inspire the members of this community of faith to use their gifts and talents to share your good news with all they encounter. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, sustain us with your presence until we gather with all your saints from every time and place. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your loving hands gracious God, we place ourselves and all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior, the one who taught us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation

Organ Offertory (8:00)

Sr. Choir anthem (10:30) "*O Worship the Lord*" *Clatterbuck*
...*All May Stand...*

The Offertory Response: "*Doxology*" #46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication and Commitment

The People of God Go Forth In Mission

Commission

Pastor: Today and every day, take care of one another, knowing that each of you is God's gift to this community and to the world.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Recessional Hymn: "*Here I Am, Lord*" #452

Silent Moment

Postlude: "*Fugue*" Bach

Welcome! We welcome everyone to this house of worship. We are one family, united in our heavenly Father and our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Preparation for Worship: We pray for our worship leaders this morning, and for the preacher who delivers your message to us. Be in their hearts and bless their ministry, to the glory of your name.

Children's Bulletins are available for age groups 3 to 6 and 7 to 12.

Large-print Bulletins are available for anyone who requests one.
Church Time Nursery is across the hall from the Family Room.

Please ask our ushers to assist you with any of these needs.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:00 AM

Acolytes: Ian Correa & Rachel Knappenberger
Greeters: Beverly Binder & Joyce Brey
Lay Reader: Mary Velez
Ushers: Dolores Fioriglio, Adele & Jim Schaffer,
Barry Miller
Sound System: Don Keck
Opener: Don Keck

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Annika Herbine & Jonathon Krippe
Greeters: Olivia DeLong, Kimberly Ike, Rachel Wentz
Lay Reader: Jonathon Krippe
Ushers: Bill & Jackie Knappenberger, Darren & Dylana
Labenberg
Sound System: Drew Labenberg
Nursery: April Pinto & Alex Racines
Tape Ministry: Harold Huber
Hospitality: Aaron & Lisa Weida
Flower Delivery: Carol & Tom Gable

Sunday, January 27

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion
8:50 am Jr. Choir Rehearsal
9:15 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship/Holy Communion

Monday, January 28

6:15 pm Troop 61130
7:00 pm Missions Committee

Tuesday, January 29

9:00 am Quilts for Kids
6:30 pm Evening Worship Service

Wednesday, January 30

9:30 am "Getting Unstuck"
10:00 am 10-2 Club
6:30 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:45 pm Sr. Choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 31

10:15 am Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm All Dens

Saturday, February 2

8:30 am AA
8:30 am Al Anon
9:45 am Al Anon

Sunday, February 3

8:00 am Worship/Holy Communion
9:00 am Jr. Choir
9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am Worship/Holy Communion

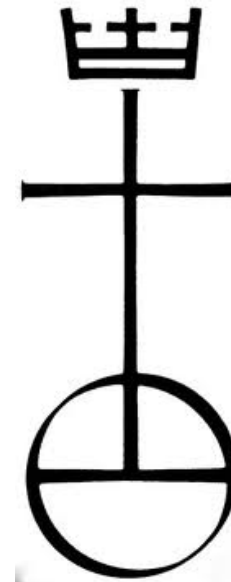
Mission Moment - Helping Children in Brazil

Though Barb and Gus DeSouza have been away from Brazil physically, their hearts are still there with the ministries they helped to nurture. "We are in constant contact with the Health Clinic and the Board of Directors of the Association of Community Educators as I am still on the Board as secretary and fund raiser. The mission goes on, and the programs left to us to support are so important and benefit so many," Barb said. The Children's Program, for example, is doing well under the guidance of Isabel – a former volunteer mentored by Barb whose college studies to become a teacher are being supported by Global Ministries.

"Our program is for children ages 7 to 12, and the desire to be part of this program is very great, but we do not have the space to take more than 50 children, 25 in the morning and 25 in the afternoon," Isabel writes. "Iago is an example of the kind of child we work with. Iago is 11 and big for his age but both Barbara and I have known him and his family history for years. He comes from a very dysfunctional family. His father ran away from home because he was involved in a robbery and then returned with a woman and an infant, Iago. His grandparents in their small shantytown home are rearing Iago. When you meet Iago, you know immediately that he is intelligent, and like his father, a leader; he expresses himself well and is a real helper.

The program has helped him use his talents for good, so that he might not follow in his father's footsteps. He is an asset to the program, and we feel sad that soon he will have to leave it because of his age and the fact that we do not have enough space to take on older children." Although the Children's Program is of modest means and offers fairly simple activities for the children such as dancing, sports and music, Isabel says, "We know that it makes a difference in the lives of these children and adolescents. We are grateful to you, our dear American friends, for your participation in our project. We hope that when these children become adults, the results you are helping to make possible will make them better citizens and better parents."

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Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, January 27, 2013

Mission Committee Meeting: The Mission Committee will meet on Monday, January 28, 7:00 pm in the parlor. New members are always welcome.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2013, following the 10:30 service. Lunch will be served. Please sign up for the lunch at the welcome desk in the narthex so we know approximately how many people will be attending.

Monthly Food Collection: Please remember that next week is the first Sunday in the new month – time to bring in food donations for the monthly food collection for the local food bank located at Bethel bible Fellowship. Items most needed: cereal, peanut butter & jelly, tuna, pasta, rice, canned meats and stews, canned vegetables & fruit, soup, canned milk, and spaghetti sauce.

REMINDER FROM SPECIAL GIFTS: **Have you included St. John's in your will?** The Special Gifts Committee requests that you prayerfully consider including a bequest/gift to St. John's in your will or estate planning documents. Your generosity will aid St. John's in its continued service to our Congregation and our Community. If you have any questions, please call Tom Capehart at 484-224-2780 or Larry Delhagen at 610-782-5405. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin!

Sacred Heart Hospice is in need of volunteers: patient and family visits, companionship, sitting with dying patients, and/or administrative duties including computer work and bereavement phone calls. All training is provided, with a new class to begin in February. Call Lynn Schiavone at 610-871-5987 or email lschiavo@shh.org for details. The Sacred Heart Hospice office is located at 2268 S. 12th Street, Allentown, and patients live in various homes and facilities throughout the Lehigh Valley.

Church Hospital Code Number is 466! The pastors visit our hospitalized members. If you, or a member of your family enters the hospital, please ask the hospital to place the patient's name on church code #466, St. John's UCC, Emmaus or call the church office to inform us at 610-965-9158. **Recently hospitalized: *Fred Bartholomew, Tracy Dell***

Tuesday Evening Worship Services at 6:30 pm: This service is one half hour long and is intended for the growing group of people who work on Sunday mornings, and for others who may have commitments or events on Sunday mornings. **Come as you are!**

Greeting Cards: Please take a minute to sign the cards in the narthex for members on our home visitation list, folks who need a lift, or just to say "hello" and send our Christian greetings. Today we are signing cards for: ***Nancy Samolot, James Fowler, Louise McElroy, Jessie Hieter, Annabelle Gross***

Confidentiality: It is important that we honor the rights to privacy of medical information for our St. John's members. If someone in the congregation shares a prayer concern, a medical issue, or hospitalization information with you, **please ask their permission** before sharing that information with the pastors, Undershepherd Ministry, Prayer Tree or church office, or for announcement in worship. If you are hospitalized or are sharing any prayer concerns, the pastors will ask your permission before disclosing information to anyone beyond the pastoral staff.

Flower and Bulletin sponsorship charts are posted in the 4th Street vestibule. Please fill out the yellow form and drop it in the envelope next to the charts. There are many available dates! If you have any questions, please call Shirley Weidner or the church office.

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by
The bulletins are sponsored by

Church Attendance – Sunday, January 20, 8:00 am - 54; 10:30 am - 84
Tuesday, January 22 - 24

Income Report for January 20, 2013 –
Mortgage Account - \$3,701.40 (BOFFT) Building Blocks, Building Fund)
General Fund - \$1,242.00



January Mission Project, the Lehigh County Conference of Churches Linkage Program, Ben Stephen, Program Coordinator. The Linkage Program offers alternatives to life on the street, links the homeless to appropriate agencies for assistance and/or treatment and strives to move the homeless toward self-sufficiency.

We can help by collecting the following items: Mens warm hats, gloves and socks. Personal care items: deodorant, soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes and razors. There is a box in the Narthex for your donations. Please give as you are able.