



St. John's Weekly Email

June 6, 2021

Pentecost is the season of the church year that lasts the longest – it begins with the celebration of the Day of Pentecost, the third major festival of the church year with Christmas and Easter and continues for months. Since the season of Pentecost stretches over the entire summer into the fall, the church has labeled it Ordinary Time and the color for this season is green. Green because it's a season of growing – a season when the church focuses on how to be church in light of the Ascension of Jesus. It's also a season that focuses on our discipleship, as we seek to be committed followers of Jesus.

There are a few festivals that dot the ordinary season of Pentecost – some at the beginning and some near the end. Towards the beginning, we have the Day of Pentecost, with its fiery imagery of doves and wind and Holy Trinity Sunday, the only Sunday in the church year that is dedicated to a doctrine of the church. Towards the end of the season of Pentecost, there are three festivals we lift up – Reformation, All Saints' Sunday and Christ the King Sunday.



**Outdoor Worship
Sundays @ 9:30 AM**

**Zoom worship will still
continue every Sunday at
9:30 AM**

Here's what you need to know:

- Worship will be held in the grassy area in front of the playground. Please park in the back lot or the side lot.
- We invite you to bring your own lawn chairs for worship, but we will have folding metal chairs from the fellowship hall available for anyone who needs one.

- We ask that you wear your mask anytime you are moving and in close proximity to others – walking to the worship area, greeting people, returning to your vehicle at the end of worship. Once you are seated and worship is taking place, you may remove your mask if you feel comfortable doing so. Please recognize some folks may choose to remain masked, especially when singing.
- We ask that you social distance when you set up where you will sit – please be sure there is at least 6 feet of distance between you and anyone else who has already set up their chairs.
- Bulletins will be on a table as you enter the worship area – please take one for each member of your family.
- There will be two speakers used to provide adequate audio of the service outside. Folks who might have difficulty hearing normally should sit closer to one of the speakers.
- At the conclusion of worship, any trash or used bulletins may be discarded in the trash and recycling receptacles by the table.
- We will still be providing online worship at the same time for anyone who is unable or not ready to be in-person so, please understand that someone will be sitting near the front of the worship area with a tripod to provide video feed for the live-stream.

So, to recap,

What should I bring to worship?

- lawn chairs
- your mask
- your offering
- an open heart and spirit

This outdoor service that is being live-streamed is a whole new set up for our tech team and staff – we know there may be glitches that we could not predict. Please be patient with us as we work out those glitches both online and in-person in the early weeks as we do our best to provide a worshipful experience for all.

In the event of inclement weather

Please call the church and listen to the outgoing message and/or check the website for changes to outdoor worship. In the event that outdoor worship is not feasible, the service will be live-streamed on Zoom from within the sanctuary. Anybody who is unable to connect on Zoom from home is welcome to come to the church and sit in your car in the parking lot to listen to the worship service on your car radio – tune in at FM 89.5.



**3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 13th**

9:30 AM on Zoom

[CLICK HERE](#) to connect with worship.

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers:



Alex Kunkel, Bob Moran, Betsy Rodger, Robin Seasock, Paige Seasock, Peyton Seasock, Nancy Terpoilli, Brian Allebach, Glen Van Dyke, Charles Krupp, RuthAnn Jadick, Jean Leister, Kenny Nace, Tom Ciesielka, Ann Brown Hager, Alyssa Gegan, David Mounts, Ann Lewis, Carolyn Iris, Melissa Snyder, Sandy Umstead, Theresa Hasson, Renaud Fix, Theresa Gross, Linda Lysoby, Dave and Linda Kratzer, Leah Crater, Leanne Kratzer, Steve Keyser and Terry Gable.

**Welcome our new musician
Ben Modica**

Ben Modica is a former music teacher that has turned his attention to the organ. His most recent position was that of organist at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Birdsboro, where he also served as choir director and director of music.

As a full time job, Ben works as a court clerk, but Church music is his first passion. Ben is also the proud parent of eight cats! Please offer Ben a warm welcome as he begins at St. John's as our new musician.



Cards to welcome Ben can be sent to his attention at St. John's.

An official welcome reception will be held after the 9:30 AM outdoor worship service on Sunday, June 13th.



Dear Members and Friends of St. John's,

I was truly honored and humbled by the response to my retirement on May 23 as Director of Music. The cards and gifts were unexpected, but greatly

appreciated. Many people thanked me for my years of service, but it is I who have been blessed by the musical experiences and the many friendships offered to me through St. John's.

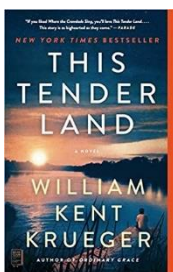
Watching children who had participated in the music program grow into adults who still share their talents with

St. John's has been a rare gift. Working with all of the musicians and musical groups has been an amazing experience. These fond memories will last a lifetime.

It has been a pleasure to be a part of this faith community. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to be a part of St. John's and for the support that was always given to the music program and to me personally.

"Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand." (traditional Irish blessing)

With sincere thanks and gratitude,
Janet Aldinger



The Book Club will meet on
Tuesday, June 8 at 7 pm
we are reading

This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

The unforgettable story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression. In the summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River, Odie O'Banion is an orphan confined to the Lincoln Indian

Training School, a pitiless place where his lively nature earns him the superintendent's wrath. Forced to flee after committing a terrible crime, he and his brother, Albert, their best friend, Mose, and a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own. Over the course of one summer, these four orphans journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds. With the feel of a modern classic, *This Tender Land* is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole.

We plan to meet around the fire pit at church, but if the weather doesn't cooperate or you are not comfortable meeting in person connect via zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87058916584?pwd=bDV3dGI5YWZtVGM2YXZmZzRadWJTZz09>



Help wanted

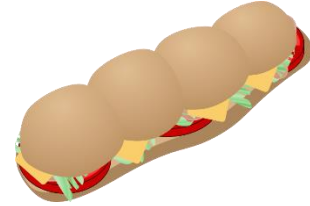
Warm weather is here and the grass is growing. We are looking for people who are willing to mow or do some weed wacking around the church property.



If you are willing to pitch in, please call or email Vikki at the church office (215-234-4888 or stj.stown@verizon.net)

Order your Hoagies by Thursday, June 10th

After our first successful sale, we have sadly found that meat has increased greatly in price. Actually it's been increasing for several years but we have been fighting the news to increase our prices. But unfortunately we can't wait any longer so we will have to increase our cost by \$1 to each hoagie. We are very sorry for the inconvenience.



Next Hoagie Sale deadline is June 10th

Italian \$7

Turkey \$8

Can be ordered with or without
onions and banana peppers

To order your June hoagie please contact Elaine Keller by phone (215.262.5366) or email elaineakeller@comcast.net before June 10 for a June 17th pick up. If you have any questions about the hoagies or our trips, please contact Elaine.

Hoagie Makers Needed!

Help is needed to assemble the hoagies each month. If you are able to help on any of the third Thursdays of the month, [click here](#) to sign up!!



Food Collection

Saturday,
June 19th from 9-11 AM
at the back entrance

Most needed items right now at Open Link include:

Top Items Needed

- Cleaning Supplies

Top Food Pantry Needs

- Tomato Paste
- Canned Soups and Stews
- Canned Fruit
- Fruit Juice
- Canned Potatoes

- Canned Beans in sauce (Pork & Beans)
- Canned Meat products (Spam, corned beef hash, etc.)



Make Music Upper Perk is back in person on **Monday June 21st!**

This year, the music is all outdoors. A lucky thirteen venues are hosting music throughout the day, some as early as 9 a.m., and others as late as 9 p.m. You can find music at the new Community Garden, the YMCA (including Meghan Carlin!), Java and Friends, Steep Teas/Frozen Treat, Pennsburg UCC, Bike and Sol, the Upper Perk Valley Library at Centennial Park, Wunderbarn, M& J Gourmet,

St Mark's Lutheran Lawn, Chiaro's Green Lane, Mario's Pizza, New Goshenhoppen Park. All over the Valley, there is something for everyone.

To find exactly which musicians at what times and in each location, go to ValleyArtScene@wordpress.com. As always, all events are free and open to the public.

Meal Train for Brian & Jennifer Allebach

*Thank you to everyone for your support
of Brian and Jennifer Allebach.*

*All the dates on the meal train filled quite quickly,
so additional dates will be added.*



To access the meal train sign-up, see the new dates that have been added and find out all the pertinent information, [click here](#).

Brian also loves to receive cards - so feel free to drop one in the mail to their home address, which is:

**Brian Allebach
1096 Soffa Road
East Greenville, PA 18041**

Thank you for your tender care for this family at this challenging time - and watch for new ways to be present with and for them in the months to come.



Join us for Grab-and-Go Meals This Summer!



Open to ALL kids 18 and under!

We're bringing the food to you at 5 locations:

**June 14-
August 20,
2021**

**Drive-thru
or Walk-up
Service**

Mondays and Thursdays

- Treichler's Mill Park, Hereford — 11:30-12 noon
- Bieler Park, East Greenville — 12:15-12:45 pm

Tuesdays and Fridays

- Pennsburg Commons, Pennsburg — 11:30-11:55 am
- Hope Valley Community Church, Red Hill — 12:00-12:25 pm
- Isaac Smith Park, Green Lane — 12:30-1 pm

Each child gets 2 breakfast + 2 lunch meals. We look forward to seeing you!

HELP WANTED

The Open Link is seeking volunteers to assist with packing non-perishable items for its Summer Kid's Meal Program that will run from June 14th through August 20th.

Shifts are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:30-3:30 each week for the duration of the program.

Contact Julie Booth, TOL Volunteer Coordinator, for more information and to sign up for a shift or two! volunteers@theopenlink.org Thank you!

Financial Update

It has been more than a year since the pandemic caused the members of St. John's to worship differently. Our church family has been unable to physically come together and celebrate our Christian unity. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the St. John's family continues to financially support our ministries and for that we are grateful for your contributions.

We continue to be limited in the internal and external outreach events we had planned in our 2021 budget. However, our congregation is creatively identifying alternative opportunities to connect with each other and the broader community. Your generous contributions of time and money are helping us with our outreach.

We continue to receive most of our offering through the mail. You are certainly able to continue sending you gifts to St. John's. Our mailing address is **3104 Main Street, Green Lane, PA 18054**. Please recognize that we are currently counting offering twice a month - so please understand if there is a small delay in cashing your check.



You can also choose to give online and now is a great time to begin!

For those that give electronically, some important news!

We are moving online giving from Simply Giving to [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) provides you with the option to pay by debit or credit card. [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) is now available for member sign up. If you have any questions on how to convert your existing Simply Giving contribution and set up online giving with [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly), please call the office at 215-234-4888 for help.

For those interested in giving electronically with [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) and have questions, please call the office for help. Your online gifts can be designated to general or specific places, like what is designated on the church envelope, and gifts can be made one time or set up to repeat.

We encourage the congregation to prayerfully consider your ability to continue supporting God's work here at St. John's as we continue to live through this pandemic.



Members of St. John's Church, Thank you all for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Your lunch was wonderful! Delicious, and a picker upper of spirits in these dark days of COVID.

I wish you could have witnessed the smiles and happy faces - and your cookies were a huge hit. Thank you again! Love, Hugs and Prayers Catherine Richter, resident Upper Perk Manor

Thank you for the lunch we received on Thursday. The soup and cookies were great. Ruby Carson, member of St. Mark's

To St. John's, Warm and special thanks to you for all the considerate things you do. God Bless you all! Bob and Jan Stahley, Upper Perk Manor P.S. The soup and cookies - SUPER GREAT! Good Idea.

Thank you so much for the great lunch! God Bless You! Karen Vasco

Dear Servants of God, I just want to thank all who contributed in any way to the dinners you provided for the residents of Upper Perk Manor. It's uplifting to be remembered in such a loving manner with the delicious chicken noodle soup, rolls, butter and generous bag of cookies during these challenging times.

May God richly reward you for your kindness. with Joy in Jesus, Shirley Kulanko



June 7

Carol Bergey
Steven Hawks
Emerson Smith
Joanne Styer
Nancy Terpoilli

June 8

Dorothy Derstine
Nikki Szemenyei-Guidon

June 9

Kristina Garis
Edward Johnson
Kenneth Laurence
Ryan Neuber
Ava Snyder
Bryan Sterner

June 10

Diane Asay
Teagan Graham
Rebecca Herforth
Elizabeth Huguenin

June 11

Sadie Hanish

Linda Nace

June 12

Meghan Carlin

Richard Harpel

Jack Rieg

Riley Wolfgang

June 13

Eric Landis

Elisha Smith

Rick Walp