

Sunday, August 26, 2018

# Community Life Calendar

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### ***Welcome to St. John's Grace United Church of Christ!***

*Where, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Whether you are a long-time friend, newcomer, or first time visitor— we are so grateful to share this day with you. We hope you are filled both in spirit and in body as you worship with us. Come, open your heart and your spirit and be family for an hour or two—you may even decide to make this church family your own.*

*And we would thank God for that!*

#### ***ALTAR FLOWERS***

*are given today  
to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of  
the Congregation of  
St. John's Grace UCC  
by Rev. Jennifer Knighton*



#### **SERVANTS in WORSHIP for TODAY'S SERVICE**

*Lay Reader: Nancy Gardner*

*Ushers: Nick Jankowski  
Sandy McCawley  
Steve Lauer  
Ken Mowery*

*Acolyte: Sami Jankowski*

*Nursery: Martha & Elsa Graf*

*Hospitality: Sue Baldwin*

*Altar Guild: Nancy & Jerry Hazelwood*

#### **If you are a visitor with us today: WELCOME!**

We hope you do feel welcome and would love to know a little more about you. Please fill out a visitor's card, which you can find on the back of the pew in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. We pray that you find God's peace and joy with us this morning, and that you will come back and worship with us again.

**Servants in Worship Ministry:**

*Altar Flower Sponsors are needed September 2<sup>nd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Ushers are needed ALL September*

*Lay Reader is needed for September 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Nursery Supervisor is needed for September 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>*

*Hospitality Sponsors are needed September 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>*

**Children's Bulletins**

Every week, handouts for kids ages 3-6, and 7-12, are available from the ushers.

Please feel free to share them with your children!

*"I have held many things in my hand, and I have lost them all;  
but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."* ~Corrie ten Boom

**Prayerfully consider how to share the many blessings  
God has placed into your hands**

**St. John's Grace Financial Summary as of July 2018**

To date our expenses exceed our income by \$14,000 and at this time we predict them to exceed income by about \$20,000 by year end!

Last week 84 members, guests, and sojourners of all ages  
worshipped together with St. John's Grace.

**Stewardship – 2018**

Last week's offering goal: \$2,984

YTD offering goal: \$129,511

Last week's offering: \$4,338

YTD offering: \$110,586

*As part of your faithful offerings, St. John's Grace regularly shares  
with others in need in our community.*

**Missions – 2018**

Amounts shared with others as of August:

CEA: \$1,245

Earl's Place: \$1,649

SWES: \$1,220

## WE HOLD in LOVE and PRAYER:

*Please keep these friends and loved ones in your prayers! If there is someone you would like added to our list, please fill out a prayer request card, send an email: [admin@stjohnsgraceucc.org](mailto:admin@stjohnsgraceucc.org) or call us at the church office 410-744-5700.*

### **NURSING HOME**

Mildred Butcher—Ridgeway Manor  
Mark Scheihing—Encore at Turf Valley  
Shirley Athas—Ivy Manor

### **HOMEBOUND**

Ida Aspelmeyer  
Bernice Harper      Beverly Thomas  
Steve Zuback      Doris Bush

### **SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

Patrick Barbarino	Jennifer Jachimiec
Michael Barbarino	John Howard
Chuck Redmond	Kevin Myers
Andrew Robey	Tom Myers
Ty Smith	Josh Tullius
Sydney Moses	Joe Clark

### **CONTINUING PRAYER**

Catherine Wiitala  
Ben Rubalcaba  
Bert Kerzel-Collins  
Gertie Glidewell  
Vickie Simpson  
Doug Gorman  
John Jordan  
Bill Kemper  
Maggie Graef  
Joy Reid  
Poonam Pani  
Kim Bailey  
Michael Hurley  
Charles Collins  
Joe Drexler  
Betty Lou Nau  
Shirley Powell  
Jessica Green

Bill Webb  
Will Hahn  
Bob Stine  
Joe Conn & Lisa Diorio  
Drew & Nina Maggiasco  
Kathy Upthegrove  
Cassi Lambert  
Bob & Melva Eder  
Pat Heinmuller (Angel Robey's mother)  
Carl Hopf  
Rick Hall  
Eric Weaver  
Ben Morris  
Thelma Eberwein  
Michael Wentzel

Please keep us updated on the status of friends and family on the prayer list.

## **Some Upcoming Highlights:**

- August 26 : Open and Affirming Conversation—after worship (see page 5)
- September 9: Rally Day: Fall Church School begins & Ministries Showcase
- September 23: Open and Affirming Conversation—after worship (see page 5)
- October 7: Crop Walk, hosted by St. John's Grace
- October 12: Quarter Mania—collect your quarters! Paddles go on sale September 9<sup>th</sup>!
- October 21: Open and Affirming Café—after worship (see page 5)
- October 27: All Church Hallowe'en Party! - "Super Heroes" 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
- November 10: Fall Festival—Local Vendors and Crafters (including many of our own!)

## **CEA FOOD EMPHASIS FOR SEPTEMBER**

During the month of September we will be collecting soup of all kinds (chicken, tomato, vegetable, cream soups) and canned meals (ravioli, beef stew, chili, for CEA. We cannot accept items with a date older than one year. Please check your contribution. CEA serves approximately 160 families each month. For a family of 2, they would receive 4 cans of soup and 2 canned meals. That would mean that 640 cans of soup and 320 canned meals would be needed for one month. The need is great. Remember that HUNGER KNOWS NO SEASON, so please give generously.

## **Changes for the Better!**

The Space Utilization Committee is thrilled with your response to our call for help in our space shuffle. We are so grateful and offer a big thank you to everyone who:

- helped move heavy furniture out of the choir room
- carried chairs, bell tables, and hand bell cases up to the choir room
- spent hours cleaning the choir room
- rearranged and cleaned space in the old Thrift Shop
- moved all the Ugly Quilt supplies from the choir room to the newly cleaned space in the old Thrift Shop
- cleaned the new youth room and moved furniture into the new youth room.

With your help, we have moved our choirs to a larger space designed for their use, found a home for the Ugly Quilt ministry supplies, and established a space specifically for our youth.

## "Qui bene cantat bis orat"\*

Now that we have your attention, choir rehearsals start up on August 30, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the new-old choir room behind the choir loft. Come join a wonderful group of people as we praise God through music. All voice parts welcome, but tenors get special treatment. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening at 7:00.

\*"[The person] who sings well prays twice"

## UGLY QUILTERS RESUME WORK

Right now, cold weather seems far away, but the Ugly Quilters will resume making sleeping bags for the homeless soon. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in Room 202. The first work day of the fall will be Wednesday, September 12th.

Join us to work or to learn what this mission is about. We hope to see new faces, especially workers who have a machine and can sew. Mark your calendar for September 12th!

## What is this Open and Affirming Process all about?

We are building an inclusive church and the Open and Affirming committee will help us to design and implement a process for our congregation to publicly and intentionally welcome people of all gender identities and sexual orientations, physical and emotional disabilities, race, culture, and socio-economic status. Monthly gatherings will help to equip us with ways to create dialogue, deepening relationships, and understanding throughout the congregation.

You will have opportunities to engage through a mixture of small group discussions, call Cafés, shared stories and presentations, and activities. Grounded in scripture and discipleship, this process allows us to explore our own Christian call to hospitality and evangelism. The message of love and compassion, justice and peace are at the very core of the life and ministry of Jesus. Open and Affirming (ONA) ministries and resources are rooted in that Gospel message. The testimonies of these ministries proclaim the truth of God's power to transform cultures of hate and violence into communities of healing and reconciliation. They give witness to God's continuing testament and how the gifts of God are being liberated for service in the world.

### **Upcoming Dates: Mark your calendars!**

**Sunday, August 26** following worship! People of faith share their stories!

**Sunday, September 23** following worship! The challenge of claiming who we are as a congregation.

**Sunday, October 21** Café (lunch and round tables)

## August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship with Holy Communion & Jr. Church	<b>30</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP 5:30 PM Rolling River Rampage VBS	<b>31</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP 1:00 PM Staff Meeting - Pastor's Office 5:30 PM Rolling River Rampage VBS	<b>1</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP 1:00 PM Bible Study - Brightview 5:30 PM Rolling River Rampage VBS	<b>2</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP 4:45 PM M. Tan Music Lesson - Sanctuary 5:30 PM Rolling River Rampage VBS	<b>3</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP 5:30 PM Rolling River Rampage VBS	<b>4</b> 5:00 PM AA - Fellowship Hall
<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Jr. Church 1:30 PM Living Water Worship	<b>6</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP 7:00 PM CDS PG - 202 7:00 PM River-chase Condo - 205	<b>7</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP 1:30 PM C. Mikelson Cello Lessons - Library 6:30 PM G. Bell Music Lesson -	<b>8</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP 7:00 PM Toastmasters - 202	<b>9</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP 4:45 PM M. Tan Music Lesson - Sanctuary 6:00 PM G. Bell Music Lesson - Sanctuary	<b>10</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP	<b>11</b> 8:00 AM Lahan Music Group Class - Parlor 5:00 PM AA - Fellowship Hall
<b>12</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Jr. Church 1:30 PM Living Water Worship	<b>13</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP	<b>14</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP 1:00 PM Staff Meeting - Pastor's Office 1:30 PM C. Mikelson Cello Lessons - Library 6:30 PM G. Bell Music Lesson	<b>15</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP 1:00 PM Bible Study - Brightview	<b>16</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP 4:45 PM M. Tan Music Lesson - Sanctuary 6:00 PM G. Bell Music Lesson - Sanctuary	<b>17</b> 7:00 AM Y-CAMP	<b>18</b> 10:30 AM Lahan Music Group Class - Parlor 5:00 PM AA - Fellowship Hall
<b>19</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Jr. Church 11:30 AM 2nd Annual Ramsey Pool & Pizza Party	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM C. Mikelson Cello Lessons 6:30 PM G. Bell Music Lesson 6:30 PM Ministries Mtg. 7:30 PM BOT Mtg	<b>22</b> 1:00 PM Bible Study - Brightview 7:00 PM Toastmasters - 202	<b>23</b> 4:45 PM M. Tan Music Lesson - Sanctuary 6:00 PM BOT Budget Meeting 6:00 PM G. Bell Music Lesson - Sanctuary	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM M. Tan Library	<b>25</b> 5:00 PM AA - Fellowship Hall
<b>26</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship & Jr. Church 11:30 AM O&A Chat 11:30 AM Church School Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM C. Mikelson Cello Lessons - Library 6:30 PM G. Bell Music Lesson 7:00 PM Girl Scout Planning Mtg	<b>29</b> 1:00 PM Bible Study - Brightview 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troops - Fellowship Hall	<b>30</b> 4:45 PM M. Tan Music Lesson 6:00 PM G. Bell Music Lesson 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal [Opening Day!]	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 5:00 PM AA - Fellowship Hall

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<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship &amp; Jr. Church</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>2:00 PM</b> C. Mikelson Cello Lessons - Library <b>6:30 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson -	<b>29</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study - Brightview <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troops - Fellowship Hall	<b>30</b> <b>4:45 PM</b> M. Tan Music Lesson <b>6:00 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal [Opening Day!]	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> AA - Fellowship Hall
<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship with Holy Communion &amp; Jr. Church</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Living Water Worship	<b>3</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>6:30 PM</b> Missions Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> River-chase Condo - 201	<b>5</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study - Brightview <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troops - Fellowship Hall	<b>6</b> <b>4:45 PM</b> M. Tan Music Lesson - <b>6:00 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> AA - Fellowship Hall
<b>9 RALLY DAY!</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Fall Church School Begins & Ministries Showcase <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship &amp; Jr. Church</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> BOT Meeting with Staff	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting - <b>6:30 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>7:00 PM</b> CDSPG - 202 <b>7:00 PM</b> O&A Committee-Library	<b>12</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Ugly Quilters—202 <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study - Brightview <b>7:00 PM</b> Toastmasters - 202 <b>7:30 PM</b> Pastoral Support Team <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troops- Hall	<b>13</b> <b>4:45 PM</b> M. Tan Music Lesson - <b>6:00 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> AA - Fellowship Hall
<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship &amp; Jr. Church</b> <b>1130 AM</b> Gratitude Committee Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Living Water Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting - <b>6:30 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson - <b>6:30 PM</b> Ministries Mtg. <b>7:30 PM</b> BOT Mtg	<b>19</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study - Brightview <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troops - Fellowship Hall	<b>20</b> <b>4:45 PM</b> M. Tan Music Lesson - <b>6:00 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> AA - Fellowship Hall
<b>23</b> <b>First Day of Autumn</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship &amp; Jr. Church</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> O&A Chat	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting - <b>6:30 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson -	<b>26</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Ugly Quilters—202 <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study - Brightview <b>7:00 PM</b> Toastmasters - 202 <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troops- Hall	<b>27</b> <b>4:45 PM</b> M. Tan Music Lesson - <b>6:00 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> AA - Fellowship Hall
<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:15 AM</b> <b>Worship &amp; Jr. Church</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> O&A Train-201	<b>1</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> CDSPG - 202	<b>2</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting - <b>6:30 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson -	<b>3</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study - Brightview <b>7:00 PM</b> College Hills III Board Meeting - 201 <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troops- Hall	<b>4</b> <b>Feast St. Francis</b> <b>4:45 PM</b> M. Tan Music Lesson - <b>6:00 PM</b> G. Bell Music Lesson -	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> AA - Fellowship Hall

**Serving Us**  
**September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 AM**

*Lay Reader: \*open\**  
*Ushers: Donna Hood*  
*Sandy McCawley*  
*Charlene Mowery*  
*\*open\**  
*Acolyte: Dustin Neugebauer*  
*Nursery: Casey McNeeley*  
*Hospitality: Birthday Cake*  
*Sponsored by Mindy Athas*  
*Altar Guild: Nancy & Jerry Hazelwood*

**Sign-Up for 2018!**

Sign up for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities! A sign up board is in the office hallway, and *right now* you can put your name down for:

***Sunday Altar Flowers***  
***Lay Reader***  
***Usher***  
***Acolyte***  
***Nursery Volunteer***  
***Hospitality Treats***  
***Birthday Cake Sponsor***

So let's get signing—pencil provided!

**BE THE CHURCH:** *Protect the environment.*

Care for the poor. Embrace diversity. **Reject racism.** Forgive often.

Love God. **Fight for the powerless.**

Share earthly and spiritual resources. **Enjoy this life.**

Our Pastor is available anytime!  
 You may contact by phone or email:  
 Church office: 410.744.5700

Pastor Jennifer  
 Phone: 410.627.3830  
 Email: keiserwiser@aol.com

**Ministry Staff**

Pastor.....Rev. Jennifer Knighton

Administrator.....David Nau

Choir Master.....Michael Tan

Office Manager.....Barbara Burck

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