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Central PA Food Bank

The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank is a nonprofit organization committed to ending hunger in 27 counties across central Pennsylvania. By working with more than 1,300 local agencies and programs, we serve over 152,000 people in need each month through our two Healthy Food Hubs, located in Harrisburg and Williamsport.

WELCOMING OUR NEW PASTOR

In last month's newsletter we provided information on the pastoral transition and appointment process for our congregation.

Council met with our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Paul Amara and assisting elder Rev. Ed Prowant on March 16th to complete a church profile on our needs and to assist the Cabinet in the selection process.

The Cabinet met March 21st and 22nd. Council Chairman Bob Weaver received a call from Rev. Prowant the evening of March 22nd requesting our Trustee representative Bob Burns and he meet our new pastor for a tour of the parsonage the evening of March 24th and to arrange for Council to meet the new pastor later that same evening. We did that, interviewed our new pastor and had a good discussion. We signed a Statement of Understanding with our new pastor. We were able to share with the congregation in the Sunday worship services on March 27th the name of our new pastor. The process moved quicker than we imagined it would and the assurance by our District Superintendent that our congregation would receive a full time elder was realized.

Council is pleased to introduce Rev. Dr. Lori Betsworth as our new pastor beginning July 1st. She has degrees in business administration, accounting, and business administration/marketing. She has a Master of Divinity degree from Evangelical Seminary and was ordained a full elder in 2007. She has a PhD in biblical studies. She comes to us from the Lykens congregation where she has served the past 8 years. She is married to Brian. She has no children but does have pets. A full copy of the biography she provided is available on the information table.

May we welcome Pastor Lori, honor and respect her as God's choice for us at Saint John's – Newberry UMC. Please pray for her as well as for Pastor Lenore as both begin their new ministries. Sending her a card of welcome and encouragement to the parsonage address at 2366 Marydale Avenue, Williamsport, PA would be a great way to introduce yourself to her as well as wearing your name tag beginning the weekend of July 2nd and 3rd. Our welcome in a genuine way will lead to a healthy relationship and effective ministry together. We expectantly look forward to the possibilities God has for us under the leadership of Pastor Lori.

Remember the words Paul shared in his letter to the Thessalonians:

"And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love!"
(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, The Message)

So may this be.

Church Council
Saint John's – Newberry UMC

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT APRIL 2022

The monthly meeting of the Church Council was held April 20th. This report is submitted to communicate to our congregation the work of the Council. By way of background, the Council serves as the Administrative Board, Trustees, Finance and Staff Parish Relations Committees in a governance and oversight role over all ministries. Church Council meetings are open meetings except when the Council deals with Staff Parish Relations matters.

The following are the major items from the Council's agenda discussed at the April meeting:

- We welcomed Pastor Lori Betsworth to our meeting. She spent the afternoon meeting with our staff, touring the Newberry Campus and the WECCC Campus. We also visited the parsonage.
- Approved March 16th Council meeting minutes and minutes of our meeting with District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Paul Amara to discuss our next pastor.
- Reviewed March Council newsletter report.
- As we do every meeting, we reviewed the monthly financial report and balance sheet. We are running a deficit of $8,216.00 the end of March but we do have some unusually higher expenses early in the year due to heating season and snow removal.
- Approved the WECCC audit conducted by Jamie Aderhold.
- Approved donations of $500 to each of the three Annual Conference Special Offerings – Building the Beloved Community Fund, The Cup of Water Fund, and Young Peoples Ministry.
- Reviewed a statement of revenue/expenses for the 2021 year for SOTA prepared by Tom Bixler. It shows a slight surplus.
- Reviewed our endowment funds first quarter report. The stock market has been down and our accounts are down about 4.7% but the market was down close to 10% the first quarter.
- Received an update on the congregational care initiative. That group will meet next week to plot strategy moving forward to be intentional with follow up. Since Pastor Lenore will not be available for follow up Nancy Jacobs will take the lead. We created a budget of $1,000 to be used for expenses.
- We will look into some ways to improve the quality of sound in the sanctuary. We need volunteers to assist with sound and slide operation during worship. Contact Kent Weiland if interested.
- Council is down three seats due to some resignations. The Lay Leadership Committee met and is considering candidates. Since Pastor Lenore will not be available for follow up Ed Souter volunteered to work with the committee until Pastor Lori is available to move names forward for acceptance. If anyone is interested in serving on Council contact Ed.
- Learned the SOTA Visioning Team continues to meet to review structure. Since Pastor Lenore will not be available for follow up Cathy Prowant has volunteered to work with this group as Council's liaison.
- Approved some improvements at the parsonage before Pastor Lori moves in including carpet in the den, washer, cleaning carpets, and servicing the lawn tractor.
- Learned Cathy Prowant and Ed Souter Sr are signed up to attend Annual Conference as our congregational representatives.
- Reviewed the article "Welcoming Our New Pastor" for the May newsletter.

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- We spoke with our District Superintendent and learned he has approved Pastor David Keller to serve as preacher until Pastor Lori begins July 1.
- Starting in May at the beginning of our meeting we will provide time for any member of the congregation to address Council with any comments or concerns. Time will be limited to five minutes. This will permit input without the need to stay for our entire meeting.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please talk to me or to any member of the Council
(Bob Burns, Scott Hall, Nancy Jacobs, Erin Kuriga, Cathy Prowant, Ed Souter Sr., Janet Walters).

Bob Weaver, Church Council Chairman

Message from the Safety & Security Mission Team

There have been 119 ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS in the United States from January to April 2022. We want you to be safe no matter where you go, so please remember RUN - HIDE - FIGHT. It may save your life. New Active Shooter classes to start soon.

2022 High School and College Graduates

All who will be graduating this coming spring/summer please contact Kris Michael at the church office (phone 570 326-5569 or e-mail secretary@stjnumc.com) and provide her with your name and graduation information: school, degree, post-graduation plan's etc.

Prayer Chain Report

Please pray for: Beth Ziegler, Cheryl Kontz, Patty Wehr, Vicki Schneider, Dan Walmer, Denny & Kim Davis, Eric Barr, Danielle Fantaskey, Steve & Krystie Britton, Barb, Riley O'Connell, Brian Michael, Nancy Sanders, Dorothy Douty, Butch Morgan, Beth, Terry & Patty, Cody Michael, Art & Patty DeParlos, Chris Rafter, Brenda Rake, Merle Campbell, Robert Eiswert, Bob Smith, Brian, Maria, Elaine Confer, Bernie & Donna Helminiak, Joe Wise, Suzanne Richard, MaryAnn, Mark Odorizzi, Sarah Dyer, Nancy Johnston, Dona Stopper, Cindy Cybulski, Sierra

The Prayer Chain contacts are Shirley Morris (570 323-4310). If unable to contact her, please call Ann Allison (570 326-4671).

Prayer requests are listed for a given time of 2 months.

Variations of that time frame must be designated by calling Shirley or Ann.

Prayer for Others

Our Bishops —
Cynthia Moore Koikoi &
Sandra Steiner Ball

Our Superintendent —
Rev. Dr. Paul C. Amara

Our Local United Methodist Churches — Athens

†Those serving in the Military…

John Affield, Jeffrey Bache, Joel Barr, Kaeden Barr, Josalyn Bradley, Nathan Byer, Chase Bower, Richard Campbell, Brian Clarkson, Joey Cummings, Robert Daugherty, Joe DeArment, Cameron Dickey, Aaron Fillman, Joe Fioreth, Ron Furman, Andrei Helminiak, Randy Hosier, Jeremy Johnson, Eric Miller, Andrew Pepperman, Taylor Prosba, Matthew Ricci, Jeffrey Richard, Sarah Sanner, Col. David Smith, Brett Snaufer Jr., Jason Starr, Charlie Wolf, Jason Work.

† Our College Students…

Kale Britton, Kendrick Burns, Olivia Conklin, Jocelyn Cruz, Juliana Cruz, Hannah Freezer, Maria Davis Johnson, Spencer Karasek, Makenzie Karasek, Lydia Kirkendall, Taylor Kirkendall, Emily Litz, Sam Litz, Jake Lusk, Gabe Manetta, Alicia Meyer, Katie Penman, Sam Penman, Jordan Phillips, Makenna Rupert, Brianna Walters, Daun Williamson

Ushers Needed

We are looking for a few people who would like to serve the Church as an Usher. Also, looking for a person to be the **Head Usher** to assist the secretary with scheduling Ushers. If you are interested, please contact Irenay Weaver, Chairperson of the Worship Team, or Bob Burns, Safety Coordinator.

MAY CELEBRATIONS...

Happy Birthday

Adam Hartzel	1	Merrill Wheeland	10	Jonathan Steele	23
Evan Knerr	2	Pam Wollet	10	Brett Conklin	24
Lori Mahaffey	2	Shelley Litz	11	Cheryl Kontz	24
Dan Manetta	2	Sally Souter	11	Katherine Turner	24
Lee Ann Ditty	3	Wendy Decker	12	Ian Tyler	24
Ann Rishel	3	Carol Riggle	12	Tom Bixler	25
Brad Pierce	4	Matthew Gummo	13	Debra Groover	25
J. Ralph Hoyt, Jr.	5	Barbara Hall	14	Logan Mahaffey	25
John Jones	5	Kimberly Stroble	14	Brenda Rake	26
Aaliyah Roupp	5	Joann O'Dell	15	Aubrey Slagus	27
Ethel Gilbert	6	Colleen Haberstroh	16	Arlene Havens	29
Carl Livermore	6	Louis Hunsinger, Jr.	16	Sandra Hoyt	29
Eileen Cohick	7	Dylan Rinkus	16	Rick Jacobs	29
Shannon Helman	7	Joel Barr	17	Kristin Slagus	29
Kenneth Riggle	7	Alvena Tupper	17	Michelle Souter	29
Jonathan Havens	8	Patty Havens	18	Michael Kuriga	30
Quinn Mahaffey	8	Mia Aloisio	20	Sam Litz	30
Shelly Sinicropi	8	Terri Montgomery	20	Troy Breger	31
Connie Kibbe	9	Bradley Snyder	20	Cassen Britton	31
Evan Hartzel	10	Waylon Harlan	22		

Happy Anniversary

Lew & Sue Litz	May 1, 1965	Jeff & Dale Seeley	May 24, 1980
Zack & Jessica Barr	May 12, 2018	Jim & Cindy Craddock	May 28, 2000
Thomas & Louise Baker	May 13, 1967	Paul & Althea McBride	May 28, 1965
Barry & Brenda Rake	May 14, 1988	Ed & Saundra Blackburn	May 29, 2004
Dan & Diane Brown	May 17, 1965	Matt & Elizabeth Davis	May 29, 2004
Brandon & Denise DeArment	May 20, 1989	Kenneth & Carol Riggle	May 29, 1976
Joe & Dorothy Eiswert	May 24, 2002	Darrin & Susan Mahaffey	May 31, 1987
Kraig & Sue Faust	May 24, 1970	Rick & Keri Beth Wapinsky	May 31, 1997

Memorials and Honors

The following have made contributions to the Memorial and Honor Fund to the Glory of God and in Memory of ***Kathy Keagle***: Staggered Starters SS Class; Karen Ertel; in Memory of ***Don Hopper***: Staggered Starters SS Class; in Memory of ***Husband, Sam***: Tracy Fox; in Memory of ***Ray Mahaffey***: Lori Mahaffey; in Memory of ***Mark Steele***: Sandra Steele; in Memory of ***Henry and Midge Lewis***: Melissa Lyon; in Honor of ***Samuel and Harry Fox***: Tracy Fox; in Memory of ***Karl Peters***: Dona Stopper; in Memory of ***Frank Morse***: Dona Stopper

Dear Saint John's-Newberry Family,

Thank you so much for your love and support during our time of transition. The wonderful reception, cards and gifts were greatly appreciated. The notes, messages, texts and calls meant so much to both of us.

Our prayers will continue for both you as a congregation (and the leadership) and Pastor Lori as she prepares to join you in July. God is surely at work!

Be well and keep your eyes on Jesus. Never be afraid to get out of the boat.

Much love,

Pastor Lenore & Rob

I am thrilled with my new quilt. Thank you, Saint John's-Newberry Piece Makers. I would love to know who made it because I want them to know I appreciate all the work that went into that. Whenever I cuddle up in my recliner and my quilt, I will say a prayer for all of you.

Pastor Lenore

Dear Saint John Newberry Church,

I want to thank everyone for sending me the college care packages. I loved every single one that I have gotten this semester. Every care package gets better than the last. My favorite one that I have gotten this semester is the Easter care package. Everything in the package was something that I liked or my roommate would eat. I also thought you guys would like an update on my life in college. The spring semester is almost over and that means I have a lot of work to get done. I'm working hard and having fun here on campus. So, thank you for all the care packages that I have gotten and to the many more to come.

Love,

Hannah Freezer

Saint John's-Newberry,

A note of "Thank You" to everyone for their prayers and cards during Bernie's treatments, the loss of my Mom, and my fall. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely and God Bless,

Bernie & Donna Helminiak

Dear Saint John's– Newberry UMC,

I want to thank everyone for my Christmas presents and Easter quilt and all the cards with prayers sent my way. They were so uplifting.

Thank you,

Norma Lockwood

SAINT JOHN'S NEWBERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
March 2022 Attendance & Financial Report

March	5:30	8:15	10:45	Worship Totals	Sunday School
week 1	14	78	48	140	57
week 2	14	52	48	114	41
week 3	21	73	60	154	77
week 4	24	69	64	157	71
week 5					
average	18	68	55	141	62
Ash Wednesday	49				

FINANCES: **Budget Fund** **$349,574 for 2022** **Needed each month** **$29,131**

Month End (March 2022):

Offering envelopes	$17,389.50		
Mission Conference Benevolence	$140.00		
Endowment Fund Income	$4,280.71		
Church Use/One Time Gifts	$85.00		
Miscellaneous	$1,966.68		
Total Income	$23,861.89	**Total Expenses**	$29,741.65

Year to Date (as of March 2022

Offering envelopes	$58,835.18		
Mission Conference Benevolence	$400.00		
Endowment Fund Income	$12,842.13		
Church Use/One Time Gifts	$385.00		
Miscellaneous	$5,454.72		
Total Income	$77,917.03	**Total Expenses**	$86,107.45

If you have any questions regarding the financial report, please feel free to contact the church secretary/treasurer, Kris Michael at the church office (phone 570 326-5569 or e-mail secretary@stjnumc.com).

Should you have any questions about your giving, please contact Joyce Paulhamus at the church office (570 326-5569 or e-mail administrator@stjnumc.com)

Name - Donald L. Cohick

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Years Served - 1974-2001

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Reminders

The **MAY/JUNE UPPER ROOM** daily devotionals are now available on the literature rack located in the Lounge area. The cost is $1.00 for the regular print, $1.50 for the large print.

Church Office Hours are Monday - Thursday 9am to 3pm, **Closed Friday**

During lunch breaks, staff meetings and after office hours you may leave messages on the voice mail answering system (570 326-5569).

All general information and questions may be sent to: secretary@stjnumc.com

DUE DATE FOR MAILED COMMUNICATOR
MAY 18, 2022

COMMUNICATOR MAILED:
MAY 25, 2022

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