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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

“Discover a joy more precious than gold! Priceless treasure is within your reach. And with it, liberating joy.” Through our sermon series based on Randy Alcorn’s *The Treasure Principle*, we will unearth a radical teaching of Jesus—a secret wrapped up in giving.

We often tune out when it comes to discussing stewardship. We want to do our own things and in our own way. But, through the Treasure Principle, we will learn six treasure principle keys that will lead us to a better and more joy filled life. When Jesus grabs hold of our hearts, He can make incredible changes in our lives.



Come join us over the next four weeks (Youth Sunday will be on May 12th) and learn what these life-changing principles can do.

The Treasure Principles Keys are:

- Key #1 ~ God owns EVERYTHING ~ I am His money manager
- Key #2 ~ My heart always goes where I put God’s money.
- Key #3 ~ Heaven, not earth is my home
- Key #4 ~ I should live not for the dot but for the line
- Key #5 ~ Giving is the only antidote to materialism
- Key #6 ~ God prospers me not to raise my standard of living but to raise my standard of giving.

If you missed the introduction last weekend, you may want to go back and watch the live-streaming of Saturday, April 22nd to catch up. I look forward to hearing from you how this series has transformed your idea of stewardship and your outlook for joy-filled living.

Blessings ~ *Pastor Lori*

May Mission Project:
24hr Food Pantry of
Saint John’s-Newberry

Located outside the canopy entrance of the church, the 24hr Food Pantry is a Ministry that provides donated food to those in need 24 hours a day.

June Mission Project:
West End Christian
Community Center

WECCC is an integral part of the Saint John's-Newberry UMC campus that responds to the needs of the citizens in the community by providing a place for Christian and secular activities which addresses those identified needs, seeks programs to serve people of all ages, economic, and ethnic backgrounds, and desires to partner with community organizations and the Williamsport Area School District to ensure that the facility provides the greatest benefit to the community.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT APRIL 2023

The monthly meeting of the Church Council was held April 19, 2023. 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:

- For our spiritual development we discussed chapter five in the book "Autopsy of a Deceased Church – 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive" by Thom Rainer. We will identify those ways to stay healthy and alive. The prayer commitment for Chapter Five, The Budget Move Inwardly, was the following: *Lord, help me to grasp that all the money I think I have is really Yours. Help me to grasp that all the money our church has is not the church's but Yours. Give us healthy giving hearts to use these funds according to Your purpose.* We encourage the congregation to also consider this prayer and the challenge it poses for us.
- Approved March Council meeting minutes
- Reviewed March Council newsletter report.
- As we do every meeting, we reviewed the monthly financial report and balance sheet. After three months of the year we are running a deficit of \$5,854.31. The deficit would be larger were it not for the fact we take income from our investment account.
- Approved a policy for members of the congregation to borrow church owned items and equipment.
- Received an update on maintenance team activities. Four quotes were received to replace the sanctuary roof. The company that replaced the roof in 1993 informs us the roof is still in reasonably good condition and replacement can wait. We will wait a few years, which will give us time to set funds aside. We will consider some type of fundraising campaign.
- We approved a policy on controlled access to the church campus for the safety and security of those who use the facility, particularly children and youth.
- Approved an investment management understanding for the Olivia Walden Scholarship with SOTA. The account is under the umbrella of the church's investment account but it is a SOTA account.
- Approved Annual Conference Offerings as follows: Building the Beloved Community Fund \$500, The Cup of Water Fund \$500, West End Christian Community Center \$1,000. Funds come from the Council Mission Fund to be used at the discretion of Council.
- Approved an updated Corporate Authorization Resolution for our investment account and as required by Woodlands Bank.
- Approved accepting two Greenlawn Cemetery Burial Plots from Robert Caldwell. We will not own them but will be able to offer them to a family. Mr. Caldwell no longer has a need for them and desires for them to be offered to a family in need.
- Reviewed first quarter endowment fund report. Our investments did fairly well in the first quarter of 2023.
- Learned SOTA is moving forward with the formation of a 501c3 corporation. We will soon prepare and review an agreement for SOTA to lease space in the building. We discussed building use fees for SOTA.

- We received and approved 2022 audit reports for SOTA, the church general account and the endowment account. Thanks to Tom Bixler and Jamie Aderhold for conducting the audits. The WECCC audit was just completed and Council will review that audit in May.
- We continue to explore options for a pianist and choir director. We are thankful for the music ministry gifts Ben Manetta, Irenay Weaver and Doreen Mileto have shared with the congregation.
- The Congregational Care Team is planning monthly fellowship activities for the congregation.
- Moving forward, we will continue the practice at the beginning of our meeting to 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 (Pastor Lori, Bob Burns, Mark Ertel, Scott Hall, Elaine Hinston, Nancy Jacobs, Erin Kuriga, Cathy Prowant, Ed Souter Sr., Jan Walters).

Bob Weaver, Church Council Chairman

Summer Ministry of Music

I am looking for those interested in doing solos, duets, trios, ensembles, instrumental, liturgical dance, etc. for the Ministry of Music for worship during the months of June through August. If you are interested, please contact Doreen Mileto at 570 506-9379 or dlmileto@comcast.net to reserve your Sunday. I thank you in advance for using your gifts and talents.



Save the Dates!

Hero Hotline Vacation Bible School

July 16 to July 20, 2023

6:00 – 8:30 p.m. each evening

Designed for ages 4 – 12 and special abilities adults

To be held here at Saint John's-Newberry U. M. Church, along with 8 other participating churches

Looking for many children to attend; adults and youth to volunteer; and lots of prayers. Questions? Ask Irenay Weaver, Doreen Mileto, Pastor Lori



We are collecting clean, used youth and adult size t-shirts with no logos on one side. Any color, just need either front or back side plain. Please drop off at the church by June 1st. Then in July watch for the "caped" heros!!!

Prayer Chain Report

Please pray for: Beth Ziegler, Cheryl Kontz, Patty Wehr, Vicki Schneider, Dan Walmer, Denny & Kim Davis, Danielle Fantaskey, Barb, Riley O'Connell, Nancy Sanders, Dorothy Douty, Beth, Cody Michael, Art & Patty DeParlos, Merle Campbell, Bernie Helminiak, Frounchetta Keller, Suzanne Richard, Mike Jacobs, Bob & Faye Thomas, Frank & Robin Sanders, Heather Council, Denise Miller, Wendy Keller, Robert & Nancy Eiswert, John Gummo, Rob, Sherry Paul, Linda Daughterty, Max Ameigh, Phyllis Ludwig, Eric Barr, Norma Lockwood, Paul Cohen, Jim Bufford, Debbie Helm, Stan Jacobs, Rick Jacobs, Janell Long, Nancy Gair, Carol Rogers, Gentleman struggling with divorce, Gloria Karasek, Doris Hunsinger, Pat Jenkins, Lew Litz, Jerri Paulhamus

Our love, prayers and sympathies to the families and friends of:
Rose Spriggle, Vern Rhone, Bob Smith and Charles & Sarah Dyer
 upon their recent passing.

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

Prayer is an important part of being a Christian. It is important that we pray for each other daily. The prayer list is equally as important. When people are going through difficult times they need extra prayers. **The prayer chain team is asking that when you have someone added to the list that you keep them up to date on the situation. Prayer requests will remain on the prayer list for 2 months. If after that 2 month time period they need to remain on, please notify either Shirley Morris or Ann Allison. Thank you for your willingness to pray for others!**

Prayer for Others

Our Bishops

Cynthia Moore Koikoi &
Sandra Steiner Ball

Our Superintendent

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Amara

Our Local United Methodist Churches

East Canton

†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 Snauffer Jr., Jason Starr, Charlie Wolf, Jason Work.

† Our College Students...

Jocelyn Cruz, Juliana Cruz, Hannah Freezer, Maria Davis Johnson, Spencer Karasek, Makenzie Karasek, Kylie Kirkendall, Lydia Kirkendall, Ethan Kuriga, Emily Litz, Sam Litz, Jake Lusk, Lane Lusk, Gabe Manetta, Alicia Meyer, Katie Penman, Jordan Phillips



JUNE CELEBRATIONS...

Kevin Eichensehr	1
Tim Britton	2
Deb Martin	3
Olivia Goode	4
P.J. Pierce	4
Lucas Bower	5
Kenneth Ertel	5
Linda Spotts	5
Lana Encke	6
Alec Steele	6
Maria Marinucci	7
Katrina Rupert	7
Chris Kuriga	8
Nicki Shaheen	9

Laura Tupper	9
Gabe Manetta	10
Dorothy Douty	12
Lynne Girardi	12
Rosalie Miller	12
Phil DePasqua	13
Reagan Luna	15
Scott Hall	16
Erin Kuriga	16
Heidi Harris	17
Kayla Souter	17
Lynell Whitnack	17
Karen Williams	18
June Helminiak	19

Happy Birthday

Danika Krebs	20
Lane Lusk	20
Peggy Bross	21
AC Cruz	22
Sue Litz	27
Sarah Freezer	28
Pat Jenkins	28
Larry Paulhamus	28
Derek Jacobs	29
David Keller	29
Anne Knall	30
Larry Sanders	30
Randall Snyder	30

Happy Anniversary

Donald & Shannon Frantz	June 7, 1997	Chris & Christy Lusk	June 19, 1999
Kristin & Richard Ré	June 8, 2008	John & Linda Confer	June 23, 1979
Don & Linda Cohick	June 10, 1978	Dick & Della Mae Carothers	June 28, 1958
JR & Patricia Confer	June 11, 2011	Michael & Lori Luna	June 30, 2000
Rev. David & Mardell Keller	June 16, 1962	Mark & Nicki Shaheen	June 30, 2009
Frank & Lynne Girardi	June 18, 1972		

2023 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 plans etc.



SAINT JOHN'S-NEWBERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 2023 Attendance & Financial Report

March	5:30 p.m.	8:15 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Total	Sunday School
week 1	26	68	60	154	61
week 2	28	60	51	139	72
week 3	16	67	59	142	67
week 4	19	83	45	147	57
week 5					
<i>average</i>	22	70	54	146	64

FINANCES: Budget Fund \$343,845 for 2023 Needed each month \$28,654

Month End (March 2023):

Offering envelopes	\$14,804.00		
Mission Conference Benevolence	\$215.00		
Endowment Fund Income	\$2,881.41		
Church Use/One Time Gifts	\$400.00		
SOTA Contribution for Utilities			
Miscellaneous	\$2,630.64		
Total Income	\$20,931.05	Total Expenses	\$30,900.00

Year to Date (as of March 2023)

Offering envelopes	\$61,187.47		
Mission Conference Benevolence	\$425.00		
Endowment Fund Income	\$10,043.53		
Church Use/Donations	\$830.00		
SOTA Contribution for Utilities			
Miscellaneous	\$7,937.71		
Total Income	\$80,423.71	Total Expenses	\$86,091.25

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)



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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

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JUNE 15, 2023

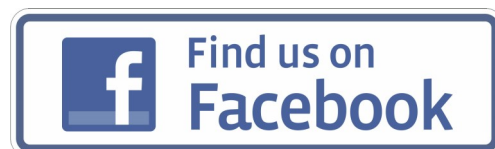
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• Rev. Dr. Lori Betsworth, *Pastor* •

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- Steve Martin, *Sexton* • Jennifer Jacobs & Vanessa Bennett *Child Care Providers* •
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