



UNITED PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL:

Light of Christ
St. John's Windish
St. Peter's

'Till We Meet Again!

Week of June 26 and 27, 2021

CHRISTMAS IN JULY INGATHERING

Covid caused the postponement of our traditional Bethlehem-Easton Mission District Ingathering last December. The new date and location is July 28th at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church on Apples Church Road.



Items to be collected from the UPG and St. John's Windish are 75 bottles of lotion, 75 women's personal care items, and 360 tubes of toothpaste. Collection boxes will be available on all three campuses from Sunday, May 23rd until Sunday, July 25th, the last day of our campus collection.

Additional items to contribute are new or good used towels, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, caps gloves, mittens, scarves, baby clothes and any new or good used board games with all the pieces, toys, puzzles, playing cards, cleaning supplies, socks and sweat shirts. Thank you for blessing others with your generosity.

AN EVENING AT COCA COLA PARK

A group outing is planned for Tuesday, August 3 at 7:05 p.m. in CocaCola Park to see the IronPigs and Buffalo Bisons.

Tickets are \$11.00 per person and include:

- Field level seating with our group
- \$2.00 ballpark credit
- "Pig in Poke" raffle entry for each group member;
- In-game recognition on the IronPigs video board.

In addition, children under two years of age

are free. A separate group raffle will be held for the kids and if there is an opportunity to throw out the first pitch we'll draw a random name.

Your RSVP and payment are due by June 30 to Tracy Haas. Call or text your reservation(s) to 610-533-9145.



WALKING GROUP

Dust off those walking shoes and join the Striders of St. John's and the UPG for our weekly walks continuing in July. All are welcome, including family, friends, and even dogs (except when dogs are not permitted per the location (will be noted in the location description)! Weather permitting, all walks begin at 7:00 PM on Thursday evenings from May 6 through September 30. For variation, the location changes each week. Walk for an hour of exercise at your own pace - some of us walk quickly, some of us amble along, but we all have fun! Join us for fellowship and exercise! Let's be good stewards of the gift God first gave us...our bodies. Masks and social distancing are required.



Walking schedule for July 2021:

- **07/01** Riverview Park/D&L Trail—1391 Lehigh Drive (off 25th St), Easton.
- **07/08** Louise Moore Park—Country Club Road, Bethlehem Township/Easton. Meet at parking lot on side of road opposite from pavilions (NO DOGS)

- **07/15** Sand Island/Tow Path, Bethlehem—meet at the Ice House
- **07/22** Hellertown Rail Trail—meet at Grist Mill, Walnut Street entrance
- **07/29** Hanover Township Community Center, Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem—Meet in parking lot near entrance to playground area.

GIANT/SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS



Giant/Shop Rite gift cards will be available at in-person worship.

WEEKLY MAILINGS

If you have returned to in-person Worship and are no longer in need of the weekly mailing packet, please contact the church office.

MASK UPDATE FOR UPG/ST. JOHN'S WINDISH

The Joint Councils met on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 and passed the following resolution:

To ensure the safety and well being of all God's beloved children masks will be required to be worn inside all UPG and St. John's Windish Buildings. In person worship, committee meetings and any other ministries will require masks to be worn. When we achieve a vaccination rate of 70% or Governor Wolf advises otherwise, we will reassess the need for masks.

We ask your cooperation in wearing a mask anytime you are in our buildings. This helps to ensure the safety of everyone. Remember that Jesus Christ commanded us to love God above all else and to love our neighbors next. It is in

this love for one another that we continue to wear masks. If it is medically possible for you to receive a vaccine, we encourage you to do so, it helps the entire community.

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact Pastor Mike, Pastor Suzanne, or any of your council presidents or members.

UPDATE FOR UPG AND ST. JOHN'S WINDISH REGARDING THE TRANSITION TEAM

Greeting's members and friends,

We just wanted to give you a quick update on what is happening with the transition team. The Joint Congregation Councils voted to have the transition team continue their work and after a brief hiatus during Lent and Easter, the Transition Team met on May 25th in person. The Transition Team submitted several reports to the Joint Congregation Councils and hope to submit one or two more for the June 15th Joint Congregation Council Meeting.

The Joint Congregation Council accepted several reports, and we are now ready to begin town hall meetings. The reports are designed to provide a vision of what we could do in ministry if we officially merged or consolidated our three congregations into one community of faith. These are starting points for discussion and we are hopeful that during the town hall meetings more ideas, thoughts, and suggestions would be added to the current vision.

There is still work to be done and the Transition Team will continue their work. We strongly encourage you to read the various reports and come to the town hall meetings to share your thoughts as we continue the work to bring our congregations together. Nothing has been decided and your input is vital to the process moving forward as we continue to deliberate the possibilities of a single united church. We simply have documents to share a vision of what we could do in ministry together. Once the Transition Team completes their work and the town halls meetings have occurred, we



will call for a congregational vote in each of our three congregations to determine if we will come together as one congregation. The UPG is already linked as a parish and that will not change unless we all vote to join together.

- Please save these dates for town hall meetings:
- July 25th after the 9 AM worship service at Light of Christ
- August 1st after the 9 AM worship service at St. John's Windish
- August 8th after the 9 AM worship service at St. Peter's

Reports will be available at the beginning of July and can be mailed to those who do not have computer access. Reports will be posted on the daily emails, the UPG and St. John's Windish websites. Anyone is welcome to attend any of these meetings. You may attend all three or just one or two, what ever works with your schedule.

We are excited about all the ministry opportunities that we would have if we join together. God is calling us at this time and place to be God's hands and feet in our community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Two of our members are celebrating significant birthdays on July 4: Gene Luff who will be 98 and Helen Hari who will be 100. We want to wish them both a "Happy Birthday" with a card shower. Please send cards to Gene Luff: 2518 Hampshire Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017 and Helen Hari: Phoebe Home, 1925 W Turner St, T-226, Allentown, PA 18104

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THIS WEEK IN THE UPG

JUNE 26—JULY 4

Saturday June 26

4:45 PM Livestream Worship from St. Peter's

Sunday June 27

Worship available on YouTube and the UPG website (upgbethlehem.org)

9:00 AM In-Person Worship at St. Peter's —Congregational Meeting following worship

6:00 PM Youth Kickball Game at Light of Christ

Monday June 28

Tuesday June 29

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday June 30

7:00 AM Fellowship Ministry

9:00 AM Christian Service

Thursday July 1

7:00 PM Walking Group at Riverview Park in Easton

Friday July 2

Saturday July 3

4:45 PM Livestream Worship from Light of Christ

Sunday July 4

4th of July

Worship available on YouTube and the UPG website (upgbethlehem.org)

9:00 AM In-Person Worship at Light of Christ