



UNITED PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL:

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

# 'Till We Meet Again!

Week of June 5 and 6, 2021



## WE ARE ALL MINISTERS!

*We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all...*

*Our ministries are different; our purpose  
is the same:  
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising  
grace,...*

*LBW Hymn # 576*

On May 18 the Joint Council approved a motion by the Growing Young committee to "change the nomenclature from volunteer to minister [in our community of faith]." This should not be too hard for us to get used to. Before the pandemic closed down worship as we knew it we published a monthly schedule called "Worship Ministers", where we listed Assisting Minister (usually a lay person, even youth), Communion Assistants, Lector, Acolyte, Baker, Ushers, Greeters and Flower delivery. All of these, though "volunteers", are ministers serving the community of faith.

A minister is a person who serves in God's name. This applies to all the varied ways

we serve the community of faith or serve in our community and world in the name of the community of faith. Think of Congregation Council, all our service teams (formerly "committees"), "God's Work Our Hands" and everything we do within the church. We are all Ministers in our service.

Volunteers are people who offer themselves to do something that "someone has to do." Ministers have a divine commission to serve in God's name.

When the United Proclamation of the Gospel was formed some people saw this as a means to provide a larger

pool of "volunteers." I looked at it from the opposite direction. Joining our churches in common mission greatly multiplied our opportunities to serve, to be ministers in and through the faith community. We have many more chances to find one or more ministries that match our skills and interests. With the addition of St. John's Windish Church we again increased the opportunities for ministry for the people of both St. John's and the UPG Parish.

But our ministry goes beyond what we do in and through the church. Our divine commission to be ministers goes with us into our daily lives. In our families, communities, jobs, school life, civic involvement – everywhere we go, with everyone we meet, we are God's ministers, serving and proclaiming God's love, one heart at a time.

Fellow ministers, let us all be about God's work in the world!

God's blessing to all of you, servants (ministers) of the Servant.

Tom Keener

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> until Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## WALKING GROUP



Dust off those walking shoes and join the Striders of St. John's and the UPG for our weekly walks beginning in May. 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 June 2021:

- **06/03/2021** Hoover-Mason Trestle/Greenway on the Southside - park in St. John's parking lot
- **06/10/2021** Palmer Walking Trail/Bikeway - Meet at Mine Lane Road parking lot (by Fairview Park baseball field) in Palmer Township
- **06/17/2021** Bethlehem Township Municipal Park - Meet in parking lot (NO DOGS PERMITTED)
- **06/24/2021** Monocacy Way Walking/Hiking Trail at Illick's Mill - Meet in parking lot across From Illick's Mill (non-paved walking trail)

More great walking locations to come in July! If you have a favorite place to go walking, let us know and we will try to work it into the schedule.

## THE UPG FRANK J. SCHECK MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING 2021

### BENEFITS YOUTH OF THE UPG & ST. JOHN'S WINDISH

**Location:** Whitetail Golf Club, 2679 Klein Road, Bath, PA 18014

**Date:** Saturday, June 19, 2021

- **Four Person Scramble**  
Registration — 12:30  
Shotgun Start — 1:30
- **Individual Golfer** \$85.00  
(Includes hot dog and beverage, greens fee, cart and Boxed meal.)
- **Golfing Enhancements** \$20.00  
(In an effort to maintain social distancing please consider purchasing with your registration. Includes one mulligan, one throw, pot of gold entry, and putting string.)
- **Hole Sponsor**  
Gold \$100.00 / Bronze \$50.00
- **Meal Sponsor** \$500.00
- **Beverage Sponsor** \$500.00



To register send your name, address, phone number, e-mail, and team member names to St. Peter's. Checks (Sorry no credit cards!) payable to: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 474 Vine Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Please call the church office with any questions. 610-867-0519

## WELCOME BACK TO IN PERSON VBS THIS SUMMER!!

To help with COVID safety measures and to hopefully escape the heat of the noontime sun, we have moved



VBS to the evening this year. It will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM the week of July 19-23, 2021. Please know that mask wearing may be required based upon the guidance of the CDC at the time of VBS. We cannot wait to see you again or welcome your family, if your children are coming for the first time this summer!! Please do not wait to enroll!!! We have to limit our enrollment this summer based upon the need to maintain three feet of distance when children are in our classrooms.

Our themes this summer are Rainforest Explorers, created by Concordia Press and "WIGIAOT?" Our children entering 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades will engage in a program created by Rosalie Adducie called, "Where is God in all of This? "WIGIAOT?" The children will learn to recognize God in their school, homes, playgrounds, churches, ballparks, everywhere they go. At Rainforest Explorers VBS, children will learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in life. He leads us throughout our lives and He never leaves us.

Forms to volunteer (ages just completing 7<sup>th</sup> grade through adults) and registration forms can be found on each campus and on the UPG and St. John's Windish web pages.

Remember to enroll or volunteer as soon as possible. Space is limited due to COVID restrictions this summer.

Counting down to VBS!

Love,

Mrs. Terry

## INTERESTED IN JOINING A THOUGHT-PROVOKING BOOK CLUB?

Considering reading a book to get you thinking and feeling?

Want to go deeper into "an unforgettable

true story about the redeeming potential of mercy?"

Join the Social Justice Committee in the UPG's and SJW's latest Book Club, Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson as we practice using our voice to advocate to create a more just world.

Please email Cindy Kemp [cindyk303@yahoo.com](mailto:cindyk303@yahoo.com) if you want to be a part of this group. She'll need your name, whether or not you own the book and your preferred night to meet by Zoom.

Tentative start date is mid July after compiling interest and obtaining books.

Thank you and please consider joining us.

## 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.

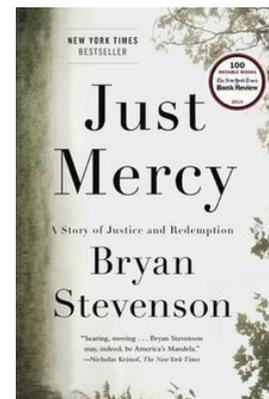
## MASK UPDATE FOR UPG/ST. JOHN'S WINDISH

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.



### GIANT/SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS

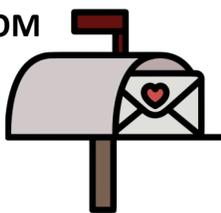
Giant/Shop Rite gift cards will be available at in-person worship.

### FROM THE MAILROOM

Dear Mrs. Terry and the UPG/St.JW:

Thank you so much for the incredible graduation sign!! When I arrived home this past weekend, the sign immediately caught my eye as I drove down the road and pulled into the driveway. I absolutely love it! That was so incredibly kind of you to do, I can't thank you enough. And, with my graduation ceremony postponed until further notice, this gesture really means the world to me. Thank you so much again!!

Sincerely,  
Mikey



May 21, 2021

Dear Friends of Northeast Community Center,

On behalf of the staff of Northeast Community Center, I'd like to extend my most sincere gratitude for your very generous gift in the amount of \$500.00 on 5/15/2021 in support of our food pantry.

As we celebrate our 40th Anniversary this year, we asked clients what 3 words come to mind when they think of Northeast Community center and why they utilize our services.



Below are some of their responses:

**Helpful, Caring, Passionate, Friendly, Service, Community, Food, Family, Support, Friendship, Affordable, Respect**

*"Your Food Pantry helps me put food on my table."* —Vilma

*"The Thanksgiving Meal giveaway is a great help to this community."* —Ada

*"I love NECC's Homework Club because they help my son with his homework and it keeps him off the streets."* —Denise

*"I use your Food Pantry and your Senior Lunch and I am grateful for these services because they bring me joy."* —Miguel

*"They help me fill out paperwork when I don't understand it."* —Modesta

*"I am low-income and having NECC there to offer food is so helpful to me."* —Leida

With supporters like you, NECC will be able to continue serving the community for another 40 years! Thank you for believing in our mission and the children and families of the Marvine-Pembroke community. Your gift truly makes a difference in the lives of those we serve.

With Sincere Gratitude,  
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**THIS WEEK IN THE UPG**

**JUNE 5—JUNE 13**

**Saturday June 5**

4:45 PM      Worship from St. P

**Sunday June 6**

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

9:30-10:30      Sunday School LoC

11:00 AM      In-Person Worship St. P

**Monday June 7**

**Tuesday June 8**

9:00 AM      Staff Meeting

**Wednesday June 9**

7:00 AM      Fellowship Ministry

9:00 AM      Christian Service

**Thursday June 10**

**Friday June 11**

**Saturday June 12**

4:45 PM      Worship from LoC

**Sunday June 13**

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