



# News from the Hill...

St. John-Hill U.C.C. 620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512 October 2016

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## Church Contact Information

Rev. Jim Rogers – Pastor Emeritus

Mr. Elmer Miller – Musical Director/  
Organist

Mrs. Nikki Weller – Church Secretary

Mr. Charles Anhalt - Sexton

Mrs. Wendy Shane - Church Treasurer

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## Supply Pastors for October

October 2

Rev. John Brown

(We will be celebrating  
World Wide Communion Sunday)

October 9

Peter Detterline

October 16

Pastor Daniel Moser

October 23

Pastor Mary Etta Mest

October 30

TBA

*If you need pastoral care and cannot reach  
Nikki in the office, please call 610-781-6248.*

## Consistory News

The Consistory met on Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 and discussed, reported and voted on the following items:

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the August Consistory meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** General Operating Fund Income and Expense Summary for August 2016.

Operating Fund	August 2016	2016 YTD	August 2015	2015 YTD
Income	\$8,575.86	\$78,131.67	\$9,884.36	\$84,865.76
Expenses	\$22,541.60	\$96,765.46	\$29,403.44	\$107,840.53
Income vs. (Expenses)	(\$13,965.74)	(\$18,633.79)	(\$19,519.08)	(\$22,974.77)

- Benevolence received for July was \$430.00 and will be sent to PSEC. Year to date total is \$2,883.00
- Oil for the church and sexton house has been prepaid
- We will be working on the 2017 budget in the upcoming month
- A current summary of all Hill Church financial accounts is available on the bulletin boards in the narthex and Sunday school hallway.

**Pastor's Report:** The next communion will be held October 2nd. We welcome Rev. John Brown to the pulpit on that Sunday.

**Reports from the various committees** were reviewed. Their activities can be seen elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Parsonage:** The Creyer family moved out of the parsonage on September 16th. In the next few months we will be doing some general maintenance and cleanup of the property. There are tasks to be done for all skill levels, so if you would like to help out, please see Terry Shane, Mark Hile, or Matt Weller.

We also have been asked by several people about the future of the parsonage, whether we are going to sell it or keep it. In order to prioritize our needs and focus on one step of this process at a time, we feel that it will be best to defer this conversation until after we have secured pastoral care for the church. After we have an interim pastor in place, we will have a discussion as a congregation to decide how we would like to proceed with the parsonage.

**Consistory Member Needed:** Kristen Nagy has decided to step down from Consistory, so we are looking for someone to fill the remainder of her term. If you are interested in serving, please see any of the current consistory members. If you are not sure what consistory is or what we do, please ask one of the current members or join us for one of our monthly meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm., and our meetings are always open to anyone who would like to attend.

We also would like to thank Kristen for her service to Hill Church.

**Association Meeting:** October 30th will be the Fall Meeting for the East Berks Association. Over the last few years there has been discussion about merging four of the local associations into one. At this meeting votes will be taken to dissolve the four individual associations, and a new one will be formed. We will need to send delegates from Hill Church to vote on our behalf. If we do not have representatives at this meeting, we cannot be included in the new association, and would therefore lose our standing in the UCC. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact Matt Weller at 610-334-3731.

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**Sanctuary Air Conditioning:** We have been receiving comments and questions in regards to our exploration of installing air conditioning in the sanctuary. We understand that this is a costly endeavor, and want to reassure you that none of the funding for this project would come from our general operating fund. Over the last few years we have been receiving donations specifically designated for this project, similar to the way the steeple repair was funded a few years ago. We also should mention that since these funds were donated specifically for this project, they are not available for use for any other project or ministry. Since the fund was started, it has accrued approximately \$17,000. In addition to that, we have also received verbal pledges that we can count on when the need arises. We have gotten two quotes on installing air conditioning to see how close we are to consider moving forward with this project. Including the verbal pledges, we are approximately \$5000 short of what we would need to proceed with the lowest bid. So while this is not something we are going to accomplish immediately, at some point in the future we will hold a discussion on this project.

**Pastor's Resignation:** Another question we have been asked a lot recently is "Why did Pastor Christian resign?". I had an opportunity to speak to him about this, and his reply was that first and foremost he decided to resign due to health concerns for Stephanie's father. They felt that it was best to relocate to the Allentown area in order to provide care for their family. Another reason was due to differences in theology that he felt was too far apart to pursue a positive ministry at Hill Church. We ask that you pray for the Creyer family as they get settled into their new home and begin a new ministry, and give thanks for the time we were able to share with them.

Consistory Pre-Service set up for October will be provided by Ray Kochey and Clarence Weller.

The next monthly Consistory Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 pm.

In Christ, Your Consistory: Anita Brady, Dottie Fronheiser, Rick Furches, Bonnie Helmick, Mark Hile, Ray Kochey, Arlan Schaeffer, Terry Shane, Clarence Weller, and Matt Weller.

## *News from the Women's Guild*

Women's Guild and "guests" enjoyed a delicious meal and lots of laughter at Dryville on Tuesday, September 4th.

We will be carpooling to Pheobe Home to visit and enjoy a covered dish social with Marie Brumbach on Tuesday October 4th. We will meet at Phoebe no later than 6:30 p.m. Or, in our church parking lot no later than 5:15/5:30 p.m.

Anyone that is not a guild member is invited to go along. Please let Megyn Stauffer know if you would like to join us that evening.

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### **Choir Notes**

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals will begin Wed. Eve., Oct 7 at 8:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help present this Cantata on Sun., Dec. 18th during the morning worship service. Contact me if you are interested.

Wednesday, October 5 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM, Cantata 8:00 PM  
Wednesday, October 12 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM, Cantata 8:00 PM  
Wednesday, October 19 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM, Cantata 8:00 PM  
Wednesday, October 26 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM, Cantata 8:00 PM



Elmer Miller  
Organist/Music Director  
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## **Sunday School News**

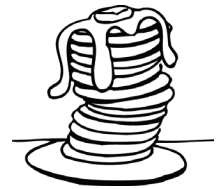
The children continue to collect the Joyful Noise offering once a month. They most recently went shopping for backpacks for kids in need in the Boyertown area. They picked out over 20 backpacks!



Congratulations to Elmer Miller, Tommy & Shirley Jordan and Dennis & Nancy Weller for achieving perfect attendance last year! Also to Lisa Anhalt, Gavin & Maddy Bender and Zach Weller who received their new bibles!

Join us for Sunday School at 8:30 am...We have a class for you!

## ANNUAL BUCKWHEAT PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER



**Saturday, October 1, 2016**

Dinner served 3:00 -7:30 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$9.00 Children 3-10 yrs. \$5.00 Take out \$1.00 extra

Dinner includes: Sausage, Buckwheat Pancakes, Regular Pancakes, Homefries, Vegetables, Dessert & Beverage

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, October 1 7:00 a.m.**

Morning food preparations start at 7 am.

(peel & slice potatoes, set up tables, prepare take out sides, cut & stack sausages)

Meals are served starting at 3 p.m.

(1 pm help with mixing pancake mix, frying sausage and potatoes)

(2:30 pm waitresses & kitchen help needed)

Donations of baked goods are needed and are greatly appreciated!

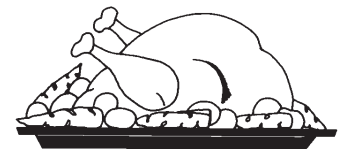
**Monday, October 3rd 6:00 p.m.**

Trash removal and returning items from dining hall to church attic.

Again your help is needed. Please do not wait to be asked, we do not know your schedule, but we need your help for clean up on Wednesday evening and also for the Saturday events! We don't know who you are - so contact Eileen, Dennis or Nancy with what you can help with any day or time for above activities. Your time is so appreciated.

*Proceeds of this event help sponsor our Sunday School and Youth Group curriculum along with helping families with camp fees, Vacation Bible School, Sponsorship of an Elder person, \$10.00 pack of tickets per student for Knoebels Grove Sunday, sponsorship of our Creation Festival; chaperones for our Youth. What a wonderful gift we can all help to nurture our Youth!*

## ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER



**Saturday, November 5, 2016**

Dinner served 3:00 - 7:30 p.m. Tickets sold until 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$11.50 Children 3-10 years \$6.00 Take out \$1.00 extra

Dinner includes: Traditional Turkey Dinner with all of the trimmings, dessert & beverage

**Wednesday, November 2 @ 6:00 p.m.** - Move supplies from church to dining hall, general prep work

**Thursday, November 3 @ 7:00 a.m.** - Roast Turkeys, wash dishes, clean dining hall

**Friday, November 4 @ 6:00 p.m.** - Peel potatoes, prepare pepper cabbage, slice meat

**Saturday, November 5 @ 7:00 a.m.** - Prepare Potato filling, Hill Church beans and take outs

**Monday November 7 @ 6:00 p.m.** - Move supplies from dining hall to church attic and winterize the dining hall.

*Donations of baked goods are needed and greatly appreciated.*

Proceeds from the Turkey Supper are used to maintain our properties and do the work of the church. Do not miss this opportunity to join in the fun and be a part of this tradition!

# Announcements from the Hill



## GROCERY CARDS

Don't forget grocery cards for Giant, Redner's and Weis Markets are available for purchase. They may be used towards groceries, gas and pharmacy purchases and make terrific gifts! We receive 5% for every card you purchase which will be used to support our Church Missions program. See Connie Hile to purchase your cards today!



Upcoming Movie Club Dates  
to Mark Your Calendars:

October 14 - Luther

November 18th - The Young Messiah

December 16th - Silver Bells

*We gather at 6pm and start the movie at 6:30.*

*Refreshments are provided!*

*Thank you and hope to see you there!*

## Weekly Multi-Service Collection

We continue to support our local community through the Boyertown Multi-Service. For the month of October we will collect items needed to make a Thanksgiving meal. Each year the Multi-Service provides approx. 165 Thanksgiving meals to those in need in the community. Please do not feel like you have to contribute but if you can, know it is greatly appreciated by those who are in need in Boyertown!

Items needed are:

- Instant Mashed Potatoes or Real Potatoes
- Canned or Real Sweet Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Turkey Gravy
- Assorted Veggies
- Applesauce
- Muffin Mix/Biscuit Mix/Bread/Rolls
- Beverages
- Monetary Donations used to purchase Turkeys (if you would like to give a monetary donation towards the purchase of turkeys, please give it directly to Nikki and she will purchase and deliver the turkeys directly to the Multi-Service)



## Operation Christmas Child

We will once again be participating in Operation Christmas Child and need your support. Wrapped boxes will be on the window sills for you to take home and fill so a child in need can have a special Christmas. Please bring all boxes back by November 13. You can place them on the coat rack in the Sunday School hallway. If you have any empty shoeboxes around your house, please bring them in and place them in the Sunday School hallway so we can wrap them to be then filled for a child in need. If you have any questions, please see Eileen Fisher.



## BACK TO COLLEGE

We need your help in getting a list together of names, addresses, and email addresses of our new college students, returning students, and military personnel. Once completed, we will post the list in the Narthex so that anyone who would like to keep in touch with them can do so. Please give your information ASAP to the church secretary at 610-367-8114 or nikki@stjohnhillucc.org. Thanks!



OCTOBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion	3 9 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Bible Study 7 pm Sunday School Meeting	4 7 am Women's Guild Meeting	5 7 pm Sr. Choir 8 pm Cantata Rehearsal	6 7 pm Bible Study	7	8
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