



# News from the Hill...

St. John-Hill U.C.C. 620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512 September 2018

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## • FROM THE • Pastor's Desk

Richard Avery and D. Marsh wrote a song that goes like this:

"I Was Glad" by D. Marsh & R. Avery © 1970 Hope Publishing Co. CCLI# 11085161

*I was glad, I was glad, I was glad,  
When my friends said, "come, Let's all go to church."  
I was glad to be where such excitement filled the air,  
I was glad, I was glad, I was glad.*

I believe most of the people who come to St. John Hill on Sunday mornings are glad to be here. We see family and friends. We sing the joy we feel as children of God.

Christian joy is not superficial. We honestly confess our sins. We are conscious of the pain and injustice in our world as we reflect on the Cross. And yet, we believe God's love is greater. In the stillness of prayer we encounter that which is beyond our imagining. And we have deep joy.

We're far from perfect. We have our differences. But we are united in our love and gratitude to the One who has loved us.

Come to Saint John-Hill, Sundays at 9:30 a.m., and join us in joy.

*I was glad, I was glad, I was glad,  
To be born, be alive in this great world,  
And wherever I go, everything I do will show,  
I am glad, I am glad, I am glad.*

## Scriptures and Sermons for September

Our scriptures for September are taken from the book of James and the middle part (chapters 7 through 9) of the gospel of Mark. James, the earthly brother of Jesus, became the leader of the followers of Jesus at Jerusalem, and was called “James the Righteous.” The teachings of this “general epistle” attributed to James reflect the ethical heritage of Judaism which came into Christianity. Martin Luther did not like the book and once commented that he would like to throw it into the river. But many others have found wisdom and deep spiritual insight in its words.

### September 2 - True Religion

*Celebration of Holy Communion*

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-23

### September 9 - Showing Partiality

James 2:1-9,14-17

Mark 7:24-30

### September 16 - Taming the Tongue

*Outdoor Service*

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

### September 23 - Wisdom From Above

James 3:13-18; 4:1-10

Mark 9:30-37

### September 30 - Pray

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-41



## CONSISTORY NEWS

The Consistory met on Tuesday, August 14th, 2018 and discussed, reported and voted on the following items:

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

Treasurer's Report: General Operating Fund Income and Expense Summary for July 2018.

Operating Fund	July 2018	2018 YTD	July 2017	2017 YTD
Income	\$10,379.38	\$72,438.38	\$10,303.87	\$75,565.92
Expenses	\$6,105.97	\$66,618.03	\$8,644.50	\$74,211.65
Income vs. Expenses	\$4,273.41	\$5,820.35	\$1,659.37	\$1,354.27

- Benevolence received for July was \$360.00 and will be sent to PSEC. Year to date total is \$1753.00
- Property taxes have been paid.

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

Communion will be celebrated on Sept. 2nd.

A vote was taken to prepay heating oil for the sanctuary, sexton house, and parsonage. We will prepay a total of 4000 gallons (2500 for the sanctuary, 1100 for the sexton house, and 400 for the parsonage) at a cost of 2.799/gallon.

While we were hoping to have all the sanctuary air conditioning and church entry door quotes submitted for our August meeting, we are still in the process of meeting with contractors and refreshing old quotes. We hope to have all of the quotes submitted for our meeting on September 11th.

We have been in contact with Clarence Gabel to get an estimate on repairing the wrinkles in the center isle carpeting in the sanctuary, replace the worn door mats at the entry points to the church, and also replace the carpet in the pastor study. We should have selection samples by the next meeting and hope to complete this project soon.

We would like to remind everyone that if you are in need or know someone in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office so Pastor Chuck is made aware of the need.

There is still an open position on Consistory, and we encourage each of you to prayerfully consider volunteering to join us.

For the last few months we have been announcing that Wendy Shane will be resigning as Treasurer, and we will need to fill this position. We have not had many inquiries about this position, and need to begin exploring any other options. While we would like to see this position filled in-house, it may be necessary to subcontract this job if there is no interest within our church family.

Consistory Pre-Service set up for September will be provided by Ray Kochey, Dottie Fronheiser and Terry Shane. The next monthly Consistory Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 pm.

In Christ, Your Consistory: Bob Fleming, Dottie Fronheiser, Rick Furches, Bonnie Helmick, Mark Hile, Ray Kochey, David Mutter, Arlan Schaeffer, Terry Shane, Clarence Weller, Matt Weller, and Rev. Charles Maxfield.



## Choir Notes

Choir time is now upon us. If you like to sing, please join us at the following rehearsal dates.

Wed. Sept. 12 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM

Wed. Sept. 19 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM

Wed. Sept. 26 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM

Cantata rehearsals will start in October on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM

Hope to see you!

Thanks and God Bless.

Elmer Miller

Organist/Music Director

610-367-5613 or e-mail [elmerhm@dejazzd.com](mailto:elmerhm@dejazzd.com)

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## **Christian Education News**

Regular Sunday School classes for kids and adults begins September 2nd at 8:30 am! We have a class for you!

The kids have been busy shopping thanks to your ongoing donations every 3rd Sunday in the Joyful Noise offering. They went school shopping and purchased \$250 of school supplies and backpacks for Boyertown Multi-Service to distribute to their clients. We are planning the next shopping trip to purchase food to fill weekend backpacks to help kids with meals each weekend.

The next meeting is September 10 at 7 pm.

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## **Park Committee News**



**CHURCH  
WORKDAY**

As summer is winding down and preparations for our November Ham Supper are a few months away, we still have time to catch up on some of our summer projects. How about coming out and giving us a hand on Saturday, September 8th, for work day. We normally meet at the Creek Side Diner for breakfast about 6:30 AM or at the church parking lot about 8:00 AM.

Any questions call Mark Hile 610-367-6572 or Terry Shane 610-367-7938

*A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. ~ 2 Timothy 2:24*

## Women's Guild News

Thank you to everyone that came to the Women's Guild Grab Bag Auction. The evening was filled with laughs and awes and fun. So many beautiful bags with such variety of items. Beautiful hand-crafted items to ingenious store finds to garden pickings. We raised \$1,123.00 to go to the babies at Nurse Practitioners and our church doors. Please consider joining us at our next meeting on September 4th at 7 pm.

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### Pastoral Search Process

The Hill Church family is embarking on the process of searching for and calling our next full time pastor. We will be assisted in this process by the PSEC of the UCC, however the work will be performed by members of our congregation. The first task is to update our Hill Church Profile, which is essentially our resume which will be used by future potential candidates to evaluate their interest in pursuing the pastoral position at Hill Church. The Consistory has nominated a "Transition Team" to develop our new profile and the members are Gloria Romig, Bonnie Helmick – Secretary, Dale Fronheiser – Chaplain, and Rick Furches – Chairman. We had hoped to have 5 – 6 people participate on this team so if you are interested in helping please let someone from the Consistory or Transition Team know. The Transition Team will be soliciting input from all members of the congregation over the next couple months regarding who we are, where we are, and where to we want to go as a church with our next pastor. This information will be incorporated into the profile so please provide your responses when we ask. After the profile is complete, another group, the "Search Committee", will be the group to actually interview candidates and select our new pastor: if you are interested in serving on the Search Committee please let the Consistory know. We will provide monthly updates regarding the Transition Team progress, but for now, please pray for a speedy profile formulation process, and for our new pastor that God might be preparing his/her heart as well as ours, to be open and receptive to the Holy Spirit's leading.

Thank you,

The Transition Team

### NEW BIBLE COURSE FROM PASTOR MAXFIELD

Pastor Chuck Maxfield will offer a course, "Introduction to the Bible," on Monday nights in September and October. This course does NOT go through the Bible verse by verse, chapter by chapter, or even book by book. It is an overview, to help us to understand the Bible as we use it in the future. Classes will include:

September 17: What do we believe about the Bible?

September 24: The Bible: A Collection of Books

October 8: What Does the Bible Say?

October 15: Bible History

October 22: Salvation History

*Class will meet Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.*

# Announcements from the Hill

## Community Outreach

Community Outreach Collection – We will be collecting for Operation Backpack during the months of August and September. Below is a list of items needed to fill the backpacks each week. They request that each item be “single serve” if it is within a multi or larger pack. Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller. note: items with (\*) are in most need

- \*Tuna To-Go
- \*Complete Meals (like Hormel)
- \*Ready to eat Soup (with a “pop-top”)
- \*Mac and Cheese
- Spaghettios/Beef Ravioli
- Fruit Cups / Applesauce
- Granola / Fruit Bars
- Pop-Tarts
- Cereal
- Non-refrigerated Milk
- Variety Snack Packs
- Fruit Snacks
- Water
- Juice Boxes
- Pudding (pre-made cups)



Oley Fair



Saturday, September 22nd Hill Church will be joining forces with the Lutheran church and volunteering at the Oley Fair in the hot dog/hamburger stand from 4 pm to close. Please contact Eileen Fisher if you are able to help out for more details. A free parking pass for the night is available if you help out. It is a great night of laughter, fun and work all while helping the community!



## Remington Ryde Summer Concert

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Music 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Food Available at 3:30 p.m.

• Help needed to set up starting around 1 pm and food servers by 3 p.m.

• Refreshments and concert rain or shine.

• Free will offering will be taken.



## BACK TO COLLEGE

We need your help in getting a list together of names, addresses, and e-mail 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 to the church secretary at 610-367-8114 or nikki@stjohnhillucc.org. Thanks!

ANNUAL BUCKWHEAT PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER

**Saturday, October 6, 2018**

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**

**Wednesday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

Clean-up of grounds and wash dishes in the dining hall. Your help is needed!  
(Please bring your own lawn equipment).

**Saturday, October 6 at 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 8 at 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!*



**Church Contact Information**

Rev. Charles Maxfield - Interim Pastor

Mr. Elmer Miller – Musical Director/  
Organist

Mrs. Nikki Weller – Church Secretary



Mr. Charles Anhalt - Sexton

Mrs. Wendy Shane - Church Treasurer

Church Telephone: 610-367-8114

Church Website: [www.stjohnhillucc.org](http://www.stjohnhillucc.org)

Church E-mail: [office@stjohnhillucc.org](mailto:office@stjohnhillucc.org)

## **Hill Church Events**

### **Holy Communion**

1st Sunday of the Month

### **Park Committee Work Days**

2nd Saturday of the month at 8 am

### **Joyful Noise Offering**

3rd Sunday of the Month

### **Children's Message**

3rd Sunday of the Month

### **Newsletter Deadline**

3rd Sunday of the Month

### **Choir Rehearsal**

Every Wednesday September thru May

*(see newsletter for times)*

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Here is a list of ongoing committee meetings. These meetings are open for anyone who wishes to attend. Most meetings are held in the Christian Education building.

### **Christian Education**

1st Monday of the month at 7 pm

### **Women's Guild**

1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm

### **Consistory**

2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm

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Want to get involved? These are our upcoming community events.

### **Remington Ryde Concert**

September 16, 2018

### **Buckwheat & Sausage Supper**

1st Saturday in October

### **Turkey Supper**

1st Saturday in November

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### **Ham Supper**

3rd Saturday in May

### **Ringgold Band Picnic & Concert**

1st Saturday in August

Mission Opportunities - Whether you are in need of help or you want to help others, our Hill Church Mission team is here for you.

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For more information on any of these items, contact the church office at 610-367-8114

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Church Secretary - Mrs. Nikki Weller

Sexton - Mr. Charles Anhalt

Consistory President - Matt Weller

Consistory Vice President - Arlan Schaeffer

Trustees - Mark Hile, Bill Moyer, Terry Shane

Christian Education Superintendent - Elmer Miller

Cemetery Board President - Elmer Miller

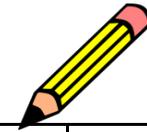
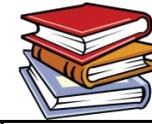
Park Committee President - Mark Hile

Women's Guild President - Megyn Weller

Mission Team - Mark Hile



# SEPTEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>October 6 - Buckwheat &amp; Sausage Supper</p> <p>November 3 - Turkey Supper</p>						1
<p>2</p> <p>8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>3</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 pm Women's Guild Meeting</p>	5	6	7	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 am Breakfast @ Creekside Diner 8 am Work Day</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 am Small Group Bible Study 7 pm Christian Ed. Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 pm Consistory Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 pm Sr. Choir</p>	13	14	15
<p>16</p> <p>8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service Joyful Noise Offering NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 4:30 pm Remington Ryde Concert</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 am Small Group Bible Study 7 pm Intro to Bible Class</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>7 pm Sr. Choir</p>	20	21	22
<p>23</p> <p>8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 am Small Group Bible Study 7 pm Intro to Bible Class</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>7 pm Sr. Choir</p>	27	28	29
<p>30</p> <p>8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service</p>						