



News from the Hill...

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

• FROM THE • Pastor's Desk

October is the month of election campaigns. This can be very discouraging, as we hear a steady stream of negative campaign commercials. But this should not discourage us from voting. We do have a say in who our leaders will be, and consequently, the directions in which our country will go.

As you evaluate candidates, you may find it helpful to keep in mind some Scriptures that describe responsible leadership.

“You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” -Mark 10:42-45

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”
-Micah 6:8

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.” -Galatians 5:22-23

May we find leaders who show forth these qualities.

Chuck Maxfield

Scriptures and Sermons for October

Two special days fall in October, The first Sunday, October 7, we celebrate World Communion Sunday. On this day we celebrate the global character of the Church, as we join with Christians in every country on earth in celebrating communion. The last Sunday is Reformation Sunday, on which we remember the beginning of the Protestant Reformation when Martin Luther nailed Ninety-five Theses to the door of a chapel, 501 years go. For most of the month we will in our sermons walk with Jesus and the disciples as they travel to Jerusalem.

October 7 - One Body

World Wide Communion Sunday

Neighbors in Need Offering Collected

Galatians 3:23-29

Acts 10:34-48

October 14 - Can the Rich get to Heaven?

Amos 5:6-15

Mark 10:17-31

October 21 - Who is the Greatest

Isaiah 53:1-12

Mark 10:35-45

October 28 - What do you want?

Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Mark 10:46-52



CONSISTORY NEWS

The Consistory met on Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 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: August bank statements were not available, so no report was available for the meeting.

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

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

Communion will be celebrated on October 7th.

Recently we received some requests to use the sanctuary for wedding ceremonies where a minister other than our minister would officiate. We did not feel that our fee structure adequately addressed this request, so we have updated our Building Use Guidelines and Wedding Planning Handbook to provide a fair and consistent fee structure for future requests of this nature.

We have received quotes from all of the contractors that we had reached out to regarding the exterior door replacement project and the sanctuary air conditioning project, however since we did not have time to evaluate the most recent contracts we decided to wait until our October meeting to decide how to move forward.

We have met with Clarence Gabel to begin making selections for replacement carpet in the pastor study, replacement door mats at the entry points to the building, and to discuss a strategy to remove the wrinkles in the sanctuary carpeting. We hope to move forward with this project in a timely manner.

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 are some commitments available for members who would like to volunteer. There is a Conference meeting coming up on November 10th from 10 am - 3:30 pm at Church of the Good Shepherd in Boyertown. We are hoping to send two delegates to this meeting.

We also have several positions open on Consistory that need to be filled in accordance with our Constitution. Please see any consistory member if you feel called to serve in either capacity.

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. As a result we have begun searching for other options. We are currently in contact with Barry Weller & Associates to discuss the possibility of outsourcing our accounting needs with them. 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.

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Due to the flooding many local churches have experienced, we ask for continued prayer for all of the churches that have been damaged by these storms. We received a letter from a local church that has been severely damaged, asking for financial assistance. You will find this letter below. If you know of a church or a family that is in need of assistance, please contact our mission team or Pastor Chuck.

Consistory Pre-Service set up for October will be provided by Clarence Weller and David Mutter. The next monthly Consistory Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 pm.

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

*St. Peter's United Church of Christ
57 Spring St. Tremont, PA 17981
Rev. Claude Schach, Supply Pastor*

To Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As you may know, St. Peter's in Tremont, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, fell victim to three floods the last few weeks. Spring Street, where St. Peter's is situated, sustained the heaviest damage. We survived two floods and began to make repairs, including to a furnace, when another flood unexpectedly occurred. Our community's plight is so severe that it was the subject of nationwide newscasts.

We had wonderful volunteers from the congregation, other churches and areas to assist in pumping water and cleaning mud and muck from the buildings. However, the church structure and systems need extensive repairs well beyond our expertise and resources. Our insurance will not cover the losses.

Strong winds and rain damaged our roof and beautiful sanctuary ceiling. The electrical system needed repair and must be relocated at extensive cost. A door to the basement was lost in strong flood waters which lifted the floor that must be replaced together with steps and parking lot. The organ motor needs replacement and relocation as may the furnace/heating system. These are only a few examples of work to be performed.

Before the floods, we felt renewed energy welcoming a new minister with members excited to attend church, plan events and inspiring a great sense of mission. We now face the biggest challenge ever to save our church but know we can meet it with financial help.

We humbly ask the churches of The United Church of Christ to consider our plight. We understand many churches have attendance and financial concerns and would find it difficult to contribute from a church's treasury. In that circumstance, we request churches inform their members of our situation and ask them consider making voluntary contributions to St. Peter's UCC Building Fund c/o 57 Spring Street, Tremont, PA 17981.

With Sincere Thanks,


Richard B. Russell, Jr.
President, St. Peter's Consistory



Choir Notes

Wed. October 3 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM, Cantata 8:00 PM

Wed. October 10 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM, Cantata 8:00 PM

Wed. October 17 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM, Cantata 8:00 PM

Wed. October 24 - NO Rehearsals

Wed. October 31 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM, Cantata 8:00 PM

Like to sing? Please consider joining us for choir! Help is needed especially for the cantata. Rehearsal starts October 3. Presentation of the cantata will be December 16 during the 9:30 am worship service.

Hope to see you!

Thanks and God Bless.

Elmer Miller

Organist/Music Director

610-367-5613 or e-mail elmerhm@dejazzd.com

Christian Education News

Sunday School has started...and we have a seat for you! Join us at 8:30 am!

The next meeting is October 1 at 7 pm.

Park Committee News



Saturday, October 13th, is work day. Now that the Oley Fair and our Buckwheat & Sausage Supper are over, we should all be in good shape for a workday. Share some time with old friends and get acquainted with some new ones. 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

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ. ~ Galatians 6:2

Announcements from the Hill



Community Outreach

We have a new collection opportunity for October. A giving tree has been placed on the wall in the Narthex. Items on the leaves will help support the Boyertown Multi-Service Secret Santa Shop. If you are not able to get to church, contact Nikki in the office for more ways you can help with this mission! Thank you in advance for your support of this project! If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller. Please return all leaves and items (unwrapped) by October 28th.



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!

Aluminum Can Collection

The youth group continues to collect and recycle aluminum cans. You can put your bags of cans through the side window of the barn at the church that is facing the road any time you have a full bag. We use the money to support our many activities and also to help sponsor a child in the Philippines.



ST. JOE'S BLOOD DRIVE

The November 2018 Miller Keystone Blood Drive will be held on Monday, November 19 in order to accommodate the St. Joseph's Daycare Thanksgiving program. This is a change from the typical third Tuesday schedule.



Apple sauce and Chow Chow Day

Monday, October 8, 7:30 am or when you can help. With many hands we should be finished by 11:00-12:00. Where?: Dining hall. This is a multi gender event. A couple of muscles in this days event are appreciated. This will supply our church for our 3 major church dinners. I don't have a clipboard but let me know if you can help. Thank you for volunteering. Nancy Weller

GROCERY CARDS

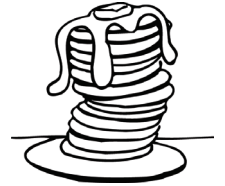
Don't forget grocery cards for Giant, Redner's and Weis Markets are available for purchase. They may be used towards groceries, gas and pharmacy purchases and make terrific gifts! We receive 5% for every card you purchase which will be used to support our Church Missions program. See Connie Hile to purchase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

Fundraiser



Contact our sexton, Charles Anhalt, for discounted in-house tile and carpet cleaning. 20% of all proceeds received will be donated to our church in honor of you. Contact Charles at 484-333-1424.

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!

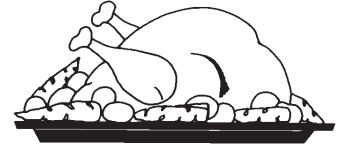
Monday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m.

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!

ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER



Saturday, November 3, 2018

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

Cost: Adults \$12.00 Children 3-10 years \$6.50

Take out \$1.00 extra

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

Wednesday, October 31 @ 6:00 p.m. – Move supplies from church to dining hall, general prep work

Thursday, November 1 @ 7:00 a.m. – Roast Turkeys, wash dishes, clean dining hall

Friday, November 2 @ 6:00 p.m. – Peel potatoes, prepare pepper cabbage, slice meat

Saturday, November 3 @ 7:00 a.m. – Prepare Potato filling, Hill Church beans and take outs

Monday November 5 @ 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!

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

Church E-mail: 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)

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

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

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.

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

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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