



# News from the Hill...

St. John-Hill U.C.C. 620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512 May 2017

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## **PASTORAL PONDERERS**

We are starting a new Prayer Gathering in May. We want to provide a time to pray for folks who are working during the daytime hours and not available to pray with the Monday morning group. The second group will gather on Thursday nights, at 7:00 PM. Come and be a part of the new Prayer Group.

In honor of our new group, I share this poem.

*“A Gentle Breeze “  
by Laurie Swartzfager*

As I sit here all alone admiring the view of an early sunrise,  
I tilt my head back and close my eyes.  
A soft gentle breeze crosses my face.  
I look around and enjoy the quietness of God's peace and the soft gentle pace.

The trees are in full bloom, the leaves ready to fall.  
God's beauty of earth, I admire it all.  
As the sun comes up and begins a new day,  
I sit here quietly and begin to pray.

Dear God, I begin to say, please watch over my life and keep me safe.  
Give me hope and show me faith.  
Guide my path and let me know you are near.  
Allow me to be strong and filled with love, for love conquers all fear.

A gentle breeze crosses my path and gives me a slight chill.  
God answers and says: I am with you still.  
I've never left you alone or threw you aside,  
I am in your heart, I will be your guide.

I will show you the way to master life's difficulties and trust your heart,  
For I am with you now and forever, I shall never part.  
A gentle breeze I feel again, I know my prayers are answered, God has heard my plea.  
He has pointed this out for me to see.

Life has many surprises each and every day.  
We cannot live on regrets and sorrow.  
Once again I feel a gentle breeze, which means God is saying:  
My child, there is a tomorrow:  
The sun will shine once again, the birds will continue to sing.  
Memories will last forever, and enjoy life anew today, and all that it may bring.

God bless you & Easter Wishes, *Pastor Mary*

Consistory News

The Consistory met on Tuesday, April 11th, 2016 and discussed, reported and voted on the following items:

**Treasurer’s Report:** General Operating Fund Income and Expense Summary for March 2017.

Operating Fund	March 2017	2017 YTD	March 2016	2016 YTD
Income	\$10,681.37	\$30,816.74	\$13,123.10	\$33,213.73
Expenses	\$14,105.21	\$30,940.07	\$12,708.78	\$33,113.82
Income vs. Expenses	(\$3,423.84)	(\$123.33)	\$414.32	\$99.91

- Benevolence received for March was \$153.00 and will be sent to PSEC. Year to date total is \$1040.00
- Quarterly payroll taxes/forms have been filed and paid.

Communion will be celebrated on May 7th.

**Youth Group Planning Session:** We are pleased to announce that Pastor Mary will be holding a planning session in the near future in an effort to reorganize the youth group. An exact date has not been set for this, but we will keep you posted as the details are worked out.

**Hill Church Welcome Cards:** We will be looking into having cards printed which would contain our church contact information, as well as upcoming events at Hill Church. Our goal is to have cards printed which we could utilize at our church suppers and events, and also to have available to visitors on Sunday mornings. Another idea which was discussed was to explore the possibility of having travel mugs made with our contact information printed on them, and distribute them to early morning commuters (filled with coffee, of course!) We welcome any thoughts or ideas as we begin exploring these suggestions, so please see any consistory member or Pastor Mary if you have any recommendations.

**Consistory Member Needed:** We are still looking to fill one position on Consistory for 2017. We ask that you prayerfully consider joining us. We are always looking for new ideas and welcome anyone to join us at our meetings.

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

In Christ, Your Consistory: Anita Brady, Bob Fleming, Dottie Fronheiser, Rick Furches, Bonnie Helmick, Mark Hile, Ray Kochey, David Mutter, Arlan Schaeffer, Terry Shane, Matt Weller, and Pastor Mary Lake-Dillensnyder.



Cemetery News

Volunteers needed Monday Evening May 1 at 6:00 PM to help straighten tombstones.



## *News from the Women's Guild*

At our Tuesday, April 4th meeting we discussed our plan for the SafeBerks Walk on April 29. The Women's Guild will be greeters during the month of May.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm.



Thank you to all who participated in the Lenten Cantata on Maundy Thursday. It was a very inspiring service. I appreciated the time and commitment given by all. Thanks again.



Wednesday, May 3 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, May 10 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, May 17 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, May 24 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, May 31 - Sr. Choir 7:00 PM



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## **Sunday School News**

We are gearing up for another exciting Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is "Created by God; Built for a Purpose." Join us June 11-15 for "Maker Fun Factory" to discover God's awesome purpose for each of us. The donation board is up on the Narthex wall, please take a tag or two if you are able and return the item on it by the date specified. Each year we show God's love at VBS to about 50 kids! This would not be possible without your support. Thanks! If you have any questions, see Nikki Weller, Tracey Kolb, or Dottie Fronheiser.

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

Our next leadership meeting will be on May 1st at 7:00 pm.



## **Park Committee News**

**Workday & Men's Breakfast: Saturday, May 13, 2017**

We'll start with the men's breakfast about 7:00 am at Creek Side Diner. Afterwards (around 8 am) we'll tackle springtime cleanup in the park area. and prepare the ground for the Ham Supper.

Everyone is welcome. Thanks and see you there.

Save the Date:



June 11-15  
6:30-8:30 pm

Registration  
available  
online

VBS at Hill Church featuring "famous" inventor, Ian

## Summer Concert

Saturday June 3, 2017

*musical performance of the 50's & 60's Doo Wop group:*

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Music from 6:00-7:30 PM

Food available at 5:00 PM



*Rain or Shine*

### Church Contact Information

Rev. Mary Lake-Dillensnyder - Pastor

Mr. Charles Anhalt - Sexton

Rev. Jim Rogers - Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Wendy Shane - Church Treasurer

Mr. Elmer Miller - Musical Director/  
Organist

Church Telephone: 610-367-8114

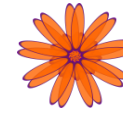
Mrs. Nikki Weller - Church Secretary

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





# May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7 pm Women's Guild Meeting	2 7 pm Sr. Choir	3 7 pm Prayer Gathering	4 7 pm Prayer Gathering	5 6
7 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion	8 9 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Upper Room Bible Study  7 pm Sunday School Meeting	9 7 pm Consistory Meeting	10 7 pm Sr. Choir	11 7 pm Prayer Gathering	12	13 7 am Men's Breakfast 8 am Work Day
14 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service	15 9 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Upper Room Bible Study	16	17 7 pm Sr. Choir	18 7 pm Prayer Gathering	19	20
21 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 9 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Upper Room Bible Study	23	24 7 pm Sr. Choir	25 7 pm Prayer Gathering	26	27
28 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service	29 9 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Upper Room Bible Study	30	31 7 pm Sr. Choir	<b>Upcoming Events</b> June 3 - Summer Concert: Desire June 11-15 - Vacation Bible School August 5 - Ringgold Band Picnic & Concert August 13 - Knoebels Sunday September 10 - Summer Concert: Celtic Martins		