



# News from the Hill...

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

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## **Thoughts from Pastor Mary**

One of the ways to live into your faith walk is through scripture. Take a passage, like using the Psalms.

Psalm 98:1

“Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done  
marvelous things; his right had and his holy  
arm have worked salvation for him.”

Now, take that one verse and think about it gently on your mind all day. We don't have to suffer over the words, just spend time thinking and pondering the thought.

- How does it fit our lives?
- How does it speak to us?
- What do we feel about the words?
- What do we pray for?
- How does music effect us?

Let's spend time to change our focus. God is calling us to change. Can we do that?

Blessings,

*Pastor Mary*

Consistory News

The Consistory met on Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 and discussed, reported and voted on the following items:

Secretary’s Report: Minutes from the September Consistory meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

Operating Fund	September 2017	2017 YTD	September 2016	2016 YTD
Income	\$10,145.55	\$94,152.34	\$8,983.73	\$87,115.40
Expenses	\$21,345.20	\$112,674.04	\$10,495.14	\$107,260.60
Income vs. Expenses	(\$11,199.65)	(\$18,521.70)	(\$1,511.41)	(\$20,115.20)

- Benevolence received for September was \$245.00 and will be sent to PSEC. Year to date total is \$2,460.00

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

Communion will be celebrated on November 5th.

After a up close inspection of the stained glass windows that we believed were going to have to be removed for repairs, it has been determined that the lead that holds the windows together is in good condition and the windows do not need to be removed and sent out for repairs. The pieces of debris that were falling out of the windows is the glazing compound around the perimeter of the windows, and is a repair that can be done in house, with the windows in place. The stained glass is secure and the glazing that has fallen out does not create the risk of any glass falling out of the window frames. We are planning to repair the glazing as time and weather permits.

We are currently exploring the options available for online giving as an alternative to weekly offering envelopes. We feel that this is a step that would be beneficial for both the church and church members. Weekly offering envelopes would still be provided for those who wish to use them.

Consistory Pre-Service set up for November will be provided by Mark Hile and David Mutter. The next monthly Consistory Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th 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.



**Sunday School News**

Sunday School is BACK...and we have a class for you, be sure to join us every Sunday at 8:30 AM!

The Angel Tree for a local family will be up in the Narthex soon. Please take an angel and purchase the item and bring it back to the church (unwrapped). More details will be available in the bulletin soon. The joyful noise offering the kids collect will also be used to purchase some items off the tree.

Our next leadership meeting will be on November 6 at 7:00 pm.

# Choir Notes

Last call for singers to join us for the Christmas Cantata “Sing Joy to All the World” The cantata will be presented on Sunday December 17th during the morning worship service. See schedule below for rehearsal dates and times.

Also remember that the Community Chorus will be singing this Cantata December 10th at 3 PM at Salem UCC on Covered Bridge Road in Oley Township. Snow date is Dec. 17th.



Wed. November 1-----	Sr. Choir	7:00 PM
	Cantata	8:00 PM
Wed. November 8-----	Sr. Choir	7:00 PM
	Cantata	8:00 PM
Wed. November 15 -----	Sr. Choir	7:00 PM
	Joint Choir	7:30 PM
	Cantata	8:00 PM
Wed. November 22 -----	Sr. Choir	6:00 PM
Sun. November 26 -----	Cantata	6:30 PM
Wed. November 29 -----	Sr. Choir	7:00 PM
	Cantata	7:45 PM



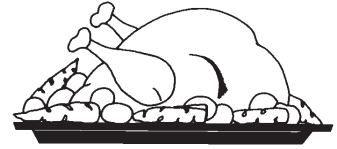
Elmer Miller  
Organist/Music Director  
610-367-5613 or e-mail [elmerhm@dejazzd.com](mailto:elmerhm@dejazzd.com)

## *News from the Women's Guild*

At our October meeting we voted to donate \$200.00 towards Thanksgiving meal Turkeys for Multi-service. We voted to give our Compassion child a \$25.00 monetary Christmas gift. Along with our holiday sponsorships, we voted to sponsor \$300.00 in Christmas gifts to Wernersville State Hospital consumers. Clara and Eileen have again volunteered to shop from the suggest list from Wernersville State Hospital. We will collect our yearly Thank Offering at our November 7th meeting. This offering has traditionally been donated to Church World Services that works hand-in-hand with caring churches, organizations and individuals to provide help and homes to refugees, and work to build a community in the U.S. for uprooted people so that they can fashion a better future. Gloria had our program for the evening and shared some poetry a bible quiz and some awesome stories of her youth. Our next meeting will be held on November 7 AND I am so excited to introduce myself now as Megyn Weller!

# Everyone is Welcome

## ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER



Saturday, November 4, 2017

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, November 1 @ 6:00 p.m.** – Move supplies from church to dining hall, general prep work

**Thursday, November 2 @ 7:00 a.m.** – Roast Turkeys, wash dishes, clean dining hall

**Friday, November 3 @ 6:00 p.m.** – Peel potatoes, prepare pepper cabbage, slice meat

**Saturday, November 4 @ 7:00 a.m.** – Prepare Potato filling, Hill Church beans and take outs

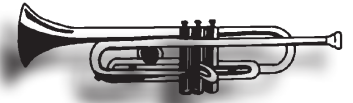
**Monday November 6 @ 6:00 p.m.** – Move supplies from dining hall to church attic and winterize the dining hall.

*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!



# Dave Stahl



*and the Sacred Orchestra*

**November 12, 2017**

*at St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church*

**10:00 AM**

*during their worship service*

*We will hold Sunday School at the normal time of 8:30 AM  
and then join St. Joe's for their worship service at 10 AM.*

*More details will be in the bulletin as they become available.*

# Announcements from the Hill

## Community Outreach Collection

Thank you to those who generously gave... Over the holidays we will be collecting for local families with our Angel Tree. We will also be collecting items for Bethany Children's Home Christmas List. More details on both of these collections will be in the newsletter and weekly e-mails.



## **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.



## Bethany Children's Home Christmas List

This year instead of our mission of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes we will be supporting locally the Bethany Children's home; we have received their Christmas wish list. A complete list is available in the newsletter and in the Narthex. Individual wish item can be found on tags on the wall in the Narthex. Please return all new unwrapped items by December 3 to the marked boxed in the Narthex.

## 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.



Give  
THANKS  
WITH A GRATEFUL  
HEART 1 Thessalonians. 5:18

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## Church Contact Information

Rev. Mary Lake-Dillensnyder - Pastor

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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# NOVEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6 pm Supper Prep 7 pm Sr. Choir 8 pm Cantata	2 7 am Supper Prep	3 6 pm Supper Prep	4 Turkey Supper 7 am Food Prep 3 pm Meals Served
5 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion	6 9 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Bible Study 6 pm Super Clean-up 7 pm Sunday School Meeting	7 7 pm Women's Guild Meeting	8 7 pm Sr. Choir 8 pm Cantata	9	10	11 Men's Breakfast & Work Day
12 8:30 am Sunday School 10 am Worship at St. Joseph's Lutheran Church & Dave Stahl	13 9 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Bible Study	14 7 pm Consistory Meeting	15 7 pm Sr. Choir 8 pm Cantata	16	17	18
19 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service w/ Joyful Noise Offering  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 9 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Bible Study	21 7:30 pm Cemetery Board Meeting	22 6 pm Sr. Choir 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship @ St. John- Hill UCC	23 	24	25
26 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service  6:30 pm Cantata Rehearsal  Poinsettia Orders Due	27 9 am Prayer Group 9:30 am Bible Study	28	29 7 pm Sr. Choir 7:45 pm Cantata	30		