



News from the Hill...

St. John-Hill U.C.C. 620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512 February 2020

Scriptures and Sermons for February

This month we will begin a journey through part of the bible sometimes called a manual for the Christian life: The Sermon on the Mount.

February 2

Holy Communion

Micah 6:1-8

Matthew 5:1-12

“What is success?”

February 9

Isaiah 58:1-12

“Let Your Light Shine”

February 16

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Matthew 5:21-37

“One-eyed Christians”

February 23

Transformation Sunday

Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 17:1-9

“Metamorphosis”

February 26 at 7 pm

Ash Wednesday

Anointing with ashes and communion

Psalm 51:1-17

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

“Treasures in Heaven”



A REAL SUPER-HERO

Our movie theaters provide us with a steady stream of super-heroes with special powers who do amazing things for humanity. It's unfortunate that a movie about a real super-hero passed through our theaters so quickly, with little mention. I encourage you to look for it when it becomes available on line.

Harriet is the story of Harriet Tubman, a slave who stole herself from her master and escaped to the freedom of Pennsylvania. She then returned several times to lead scores of others along the “underground railroad” to freedom. Harriet had a super-power: faith in God. Through faith she delivered many from slavery to freedom.

We also can have this super-power. We may not live in danger comparable to a conductor on the underground railroad, but we do face difficulties and ethical challenges. Through faith we will find a strength greater than our own. We will be surprised what God can do through us.

Charles Maxfield



CONSISTORY NEWS

The Consistory met on Sunday, January 12th, 2020 and discussed, reported and voted on the following items:

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

Treasurer's Report: General Operating Fund Income and Expense Summary for December 2019.

Operating Fund	December 2019	2019 YTD	December 2018	2018 YTD
Income	\$18,231.26	\$132,344.33	\$17,912.18	\$129,461.60
Expenses	(\$14,913.16)	(\$141,696.45)	(\$14,649.52)	(\$133,743.03)
Income vs. Expenses	\$3,318.10	(\$9,352.12)	\$3,262.66	(\$4,281.43)

• Benevolence received for November was \$281.00 and will be sent to PSEC. Year to date total is \$3,362.00

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

Communion will be celebrated on February 2nd.

During the Congregational Meeting in December it was approved to amend our bylaws to reduce the number of Consistory members from 12 to 9. In addition to that amendment there are several other amendments that have been approved over the last several years. We will be creating a new document that incorporates all of these amendments into the Constitution and Bylaws, and will have copies available soon.

The Pastor Search Committee has indicated that they are preparing to post on the Evangelical Association website. We hope that this will provide an additional resource during the pastor search process.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on February 23rd during our regular worship service. Please plan on joining us as we reflect on 2019 and share our goals for 2020.

Thank you Dottie Fronheiser and Nikki Weller for volunteering to serve on Consistory! As in the past we will hold the election for their acceptance into Consistory during our Annual Meeting.

We are still in need of Consistory members for 2020. Please see any current Consistory member if you would like to join us.

Pre-Service set up for February will be provided by Dottie Fronheiser and Matt Weller. The next monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9th after worship service.

In Christ, Your Consistory: Dottie Fronheiser, Bonnie Helmick, David Mutter, Sally Shirk, Clarence Weller, Nikki Weller, Matt Weller, and Rev. Charles Maxfield.



Choir Notes

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Wed. February 5 - Sr. Choir 7 PM
Wed. February 12 - Sr. Choir 7 PM
Wed. February 19 - Sr. Choir 7 PM
Wed. February 26 - Sr. Choir 8 PM



Elmer Miller
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Women's Guild News

The Women's Guild will be hosting Scrapbook Saturday on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Minimum table size is 4'x2 ½'. Cost is \$25 payable to St. John (Hill) Women's Guild which includes one meal. Food will also be available for purchase. Registration form available on church website at www.stjohnhillucc.org. Complete form and return to St. John (Hill) UCC, 620 Hill Church Road, Boyertown, PA 19512 Attn: Scrapbook Saturday by March 1, 2020. For additional information, contact Tracy Kochey at 610.473.0322 or Nancy Weller at 610.367.7704.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, February 2, will be our annual Souper Bowl lunch. If you would like to make a soup, please bring it to the kitchen before church in a crock pot so it will be ready to enjoy following worship. (Bread, crackers, dessert, and drinks will be provided.) Also bring your recipe or email it to Nikki (nikki@stjohnhillucc.org) so we can compile a cookbook to share. We always have plenty of soups, so please do not feel you need to bring one to enjoy the fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on February 3rd at 7 pm.

Announcements from the Hill

Worship Assistants Needed

Do you want to help out on a Sunday morning? Nikki is working on a new schedule and would love to add your name to the rotation. Call or see Nikki if you would like to help out or for more details.

Community Outreach Collection

We will be collecting for the Boyertown Multi Service during the month of February. Below is a list of items needed to fill the shelves in the pantry. As always, if you wish to donate but don't want to shop, monetary or Giant gift card donations are welcome. If you have any questions, please see Nikki Weller.

- Instant Potatoes
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Jelly
- Dish Soap
- Crackers/Snack

Note: They are also in need of the sugar free version of items above

ALTAR FLOWERS & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

The 2020 sign up charts for "Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship" are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. The cost is \$35 for flowers and \$15 for bulletins. As always, we greatly appreciate and need your stewardship. When signing up, please include with your name, how you would like the "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" to appear in the bulletin.

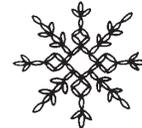
Thank you!

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SUNDAY WORSHIP

In the event of inclement weather on Sunday mornings, announcements regarding the Hill Church Sunday schedule will be given in the following ways:



Church website: <http://www.stjohnhillucc.org>
Church telephone answering machine: 610-367-8114
WFMZ TV Storm Center – Broadcast Channel 69
(May be a different channel on your system)



Also, please keep in mind that power outages may affect our ability to use certain of the above resources, and the ability of some members to have access to those outlets. So we encourage church members to be in touch with one another to help spread the word about possible cancellations and changes. Thank you.

Annual Congregational Meeting



The annual congregational meeting will be held February 24th during the worship service.

PUERTO RICO EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

On 7 January Puerto Rico experienced an earthquake causing destruction on this island still recovering from hurricane Maria. The earthquake was particularly strong on the south side of the island, near Ponce, an area where our partner church, the United Evangelical Church of Puerto Rico, is particularly strong. We can help provide relief by giving money to St. John Hill U.C.C. earmarked for Puerto Rico Relief. Funds will be forwarded through our conference and national church to aid in recovery. The most effective way to help in a disaster is to give through the church, which will work through the churches in the area of the disaster, who are already there, and know the needs first-hand.

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

2nd Sunday of the month after church

Consistory

2nd Sunday of the month after church

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

Ham Supper

3rd Saturday in May

Celtic Martins Summer Concert

June 20, 2020

Ringgold Band Picnic & Concert

1st Saturday in August

Crow Hill Bluegrass Summer Concert

September 13, 2020

Buckwheat & Sausage Supper

1st Saturday in October

Turkey Supper

1st Saturday in November

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

Church Contact Info

Church Phone # 610-367-8114

Church Website: www.stjohnhillucc.org

Church E-mail: office@stjohnhillucc.org

Interim Pastor - Rev. Charles Maxfield

Musical Director/Organist - Mr. Elmer Miller

Church Secretary - Mrs. Nikki Weller

Sexton - Mr. Charles Anhalt

Consistory President - Matt Weller

Consistory Vice President - Ray Kochey

Trustees - Mark Hile, Bill Moyer, Terry Shane

Christian Education Superintendent - Elmer Miller

Cemetery Board President - Alan Wood

Park Committee President - Mark Hile

Women's Guild President - Megyn Weller

Mission Team - Mark Hile