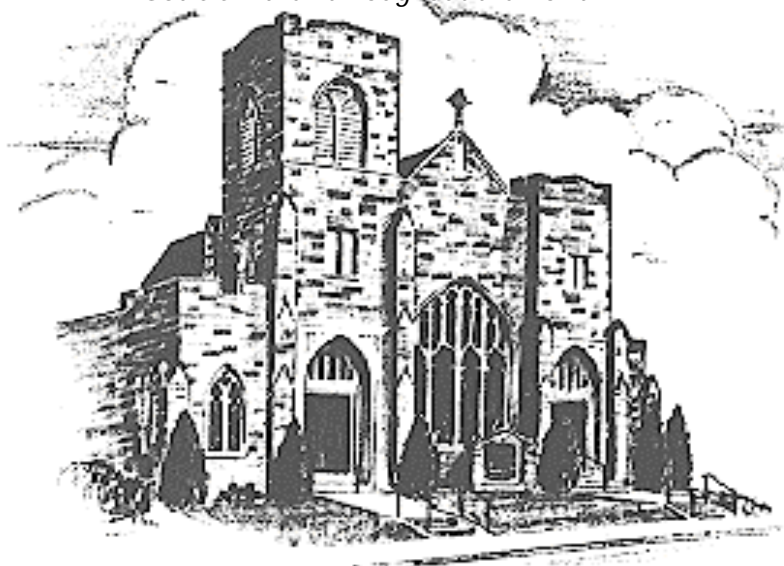


***St. John's***  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
161 North Main Street Red Lion, Pennsylvania

***Our Mission:***

*St. John's United Church of Christ is a loving and supportive, Christ-centered family, glorifying God, proclaiming the Gospel, nurturing growth in faith and serving God's children throughout the world.*



***Our Purpose:***

*Grow Spiritually, Serve the world, Spread the word of God,  
Love and support one another.*



**The Service of Worship**  
**January 15, 2012—10:15 a.m.**

***Global Missions Sunday***  
**The Second Sunday after Epiphany**

*The altar flowers are in loving memory of Dorothy Furst and deceased members of the choir,  
presented by the Chancel Choir.*

## ***Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ and this worship service!***

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please fill in a welcome card in the pew racks and drop it in the offering plate as it is passed. *Let your gift to us today be the opportunity to get to know you better!*

*A worship leader speaks words in italics*

**The people speak words in boldface print**

The asterisk (\*) indicates worshippers will stand together in God's Presence, if able.

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## ***We Gather Together to Worship***

### **A Gathering Song**

***Shine, Jesus, Shine***

Words and Music by Graham Kendrick

**Lord, the light or your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me. Shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts of fire.  
Flow, river, flow flood the nations with love and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

### **A Call to Worship**

*For people in darkness,*

**Christ is the light.**

*For people in despair,*

**Christ is our hope.**

*For people grieving,*

**Christ is a comfort.**

*For people burdened,*

**Christ is a friend to share the load.**

*For people anxious,*

**Christ is calm assurance.**

*For all people gathered here,*

**Christ is for you.**

*For everyone gathered here,*

**Let us listen to the call to follow Christ and be Christ to others.**

### **\*God Speaks to Us in Song**

please stand, if you are able

***You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore***

The New Century Hymnal #173

### **\*An Opening Prayer**

please remain standing, if you are able

**Gracious God, we have come here to worship because Jesus Christ is the light and hope of our world. Please open eyes to see him this morning. Please open our ears to hear his words. Please gently open our hearts to receive all that your Spirit has for us today. Give us steady feet to follow Christ faithfully and ready hands to join in the work of your Spirit. We offer this prayer to the God who sent Jesus, the Light of the World. Amen!**

## Lighting a Candle for World Mission

During the remainder of Epiphany, we will light a candle in each service of worship. The candles surround the globe on the altar, reminding us not only of our future Kenya mission, but also of our individual responsibility to reflect the light of Christ through our own lives!

## The Prayer

led by Bill Taylor

**Gracious God, we bow in prayer before you with humility and grateful hearts. As we pause to remember our mission partners, the *Emuhaya Group of the Disabled*, we realize just how blessed we are. We are blessed with access to doctors and medical treatment when we are ill, we are blessed to live in a society that cares about individuals with handicapping conditions, and we are blessed to have so many organizations that help people with various disabilities.**

**Help us not to take these blessings for granted! Most of all, move us to be filled with compassion and generosity as we seek to partner with the Emuhaya. Use our church and our members to inspire hope that our partners can have a better life! Help us believe and act upon that belief, so that our church will truly make a difference in the lives of our friends in Kenya.**

**Be with the many members of our church who are planning or will go on our future medical mission trip to Kenya. Prepare us, use us... and amaze us through what you do through our efforts. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who is the Light of the World, the Light of Kenya, and the Light for the Emuhaya Group of the Disabled! Amen.**

## *We Listen to God's Word*

### Ministry in Song

#### *When I Praise*

By Faith

### Children's Message

Children between the ages of 4 and 10, move to the Kindergarten classroom for song, offertory, lesson, "concerns," and prayer following the Children's Message.

### A Moment of Concern for Mission

The National Youth Event (NYE), is a United Church of Christ gathering held every four years that provides an opportunity for about 3000 youth to gather for four days of worship, workshops, faith, fun and fellowship. At this time St. John's has 9 people who plan on attending NYE, 2 adult leaders and 7 youth.

### The Gospel Lesson

*God is still Speaking.*

**Spread the Word!**

*John 1:43-51*

### The Hebrew Scripture Lesson

*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word*

**Thanks be to God!**

*1 Samuel 3:1-10*

### A Song of Preparation

#### *Here I Am, Lord*

Found on the bulletin insert

please remain seated

### The Message

#### *Facing the Pitfalls of God's Call!*

# ***We Respond to God's Word***

**The Prayers of the People & the Pastoral Prayer**

**The Invitation to Offering**

**The Offering and the Offertory**

**The Offering Response**

**We give Thee but Thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee. Amen.**

**The Commissioning and the Benediction**

**We Respond in Song**

***Arise, your Light Is Come***  
New Century Hymnal #164

**Music to Depart**

## ***Serving Us Today***

**Greeters:** Keith Bortner, Ethan Detweiler, Gwen King, Steve Vaclavik

**Acolytes:** Emily Moose and Jennifer Nowicki

**Lay Reader:** Gabriella Uberti

**Children's Message:** Pastor Brian

**Children's Church:** Becky Yoder, Alex Keller and Bethany Willhite

**Nursery:** Becky and Julie Fuhrman

**Sound Technician:** Brian Doll

**Ushers:** Clint Workinger (Captain), Art Herrold, Ron Heuston, Tim Keiser, George Krone  
and Gary McBrien

**Accounting:** Brian & Barb Doll, Ruthann Young, Glenn & Linda Shaffer

### ***Service of Worship: January 8***

Total Attendance (a Year Ago)	179 (207)
Pledges, Offerings and Income:	\$4,087.25

### ***Church School Statistics: January 8***

Attendance (a Year Ago):	40 (52)
Offering (a Year Ago):	\$31.25(\$43.50)

### **Church Office Information**

#### **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### **Church Telephone**

244-5031

#### **Pastor's Telephone**

515-5731

#### **Assistant Pastor's Telephone**

603-340-3187

#### **St. John's Website**

www.stjohns-ucc.com

**E-mail:** stjohsuccredlion@verizon.net

### **Church Ministry Staff**

**Pastor:** David D. Tietje

**Pastor Emeritus:** Thomas M. Burns, Jr.

**Assistant Pastor:** Brian Percy

**Director of Music:** Lee M. Shaull

**Preschool Director:** Mary Zambito

### **Church Support Staff**

**Custodians:** Jan and Barb Kehr

**Preschool Assistant:** Mary Barshinger

**Administrative Assistant:** Wendy Tompkins

**Bookkeeper & Treasurer:** Rob Willhite

## **Weekly Calendar**

### ***Today, January 15—Second Sunday after Epiphany—Global Missions Sunday***

- 9:00 a.m.** Church School  
Confirmation Class VI
- 10:15 a.m.** Service of Worship with *ByFaith* Singing

### ***Activities This Week:***

- Monday**      **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No Preschool**  
7:00 p.m.      Mission/Outreach Committee  
New Life Committee  
Managing Core Committees
- 8:00 p.m.      Managing Core
- Tuesday**      11:00 a.m.      Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m.      “Experiencing God” Study Group
- Thursday**      6:00 p.m.      Red Lion Grange Dinner  
7:00 p.m.      Finance Committee  
Chancel Choir
- Friday**      6:45 p.m.      Confirmation Class visit Jewish Synagogue  
6:00 p.m. Friday-8:00 a.m. Saturday—**Girl Scout Sleepover**
- Saturday**      12:00-5:00 p.m. **Social Hall Closed**

### ***Sunday, January 22—Third Sunday after Epiphany—Annual Meeting Sunday***

- 8:45 a.m.** Annual Meeting in the Sunday School Auditorium  
Child care in the Kindergarten room with Pastor Brian & the Confirmands
- 10:15 a.m.** Service of Worship with the Chancel Choir Singing
- 11:30 a.m.** FROGs Lunch and Service Project at Margaret Moul Home

## **Prayer Needs**

Each Sunday's bulletin lists individuals in need of special prayer support. Please communicate your prayer concerns to the Pastors or the Prayer Chain by using the "Prayer Request" cards in the pew racks.

**Prayer Needs:** Annabelle Diffenbaugh, Charles Hoover, Frank Klein, Shirley Meads, Ed Shanabrough, Suzanne Snyder, Ann Tietje, Pauline Yohe, Robin Leaming and Eugene Turlington (friends of Patricia Ferraris O'Neill), Rocky Davis (friend of John Langley, in need of heart transplant)

**Serving in the Military:** Dan Hannigan (Army– Fort Campbell, KY); Jim Pritchard (MdNG); Joshua Pritchard (Army-USA); Brant Seibert (Navy-USA)—grandson of Bob and Mary McFarland; and Kyle Smith (Army-USA)—grandson of Art and Ann Herrold; Schuyler Thompson (Navy-Hawaii) and Adam Tietje (Army–Fort Campbell, KY).

*The votive candle on the altar is lit each Sunday to remind us to pray for those in need:  
Hold in prayer all the troops who are serving around the world, and pray for world peace.*

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## **Serving Us Sunday, January 22**

**Greeters:** Keith Bortner, Ethan Detweiler, Gwen King, Steve Vaclavik

**Acolytes:** Emily Moose and Jennifer Nowicki

**Lay Reader:** Mary McFarland

**Children's Message:** Pastor David

**Children's Church:** Gabriella Uberti, Sarah Minnick and Seth Allen

**Nursery:** Lisa, Emily and Lauren Moose

**Sound Technician:** Glenn Shaffer

**Ushers:** Clint Workinger (Captain), Art Herrold, Ron Heuston, Tim Keiser, George Krone and Gary McBrien

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## **Lectionary Readings for January 22**

Primary Old Testament Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Primary Psalter: Psalm 62:5-12

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20

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## **Announcements**

**NYE:** The youth and adult leaders attending the National Youth Event are having a money war. There will be milk jugs in the main lobby with the picture of the youth or adult leader on it. Who ever has the highest money total in their jug will have to kiss a goat!!

**HELP WANTED:** We are in need of someone to schedule the usher captains each month. If you are willing to serve in this position, please speak to Clint Workinger or Pastor David for more information.

The **F.R.O.G.S** will be raffling off Tastefully Simple and Silpada products on February 5th. Tickets will be sold before and after worship **today, January 22nd and January 29th**. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Thank you for continuously supporting our youth!!

**SEARCH FOR A NEW TREASURER** – Rob Wilhite has submitted his resignation from the treasurer position effective the end of 2011. Please join me in thanking Rob for his years of service and dedication to the job through difficult financial times. Rob will continue to assist us into 2012 while we search for a new treasurer. Anyone who feels God's call to use his or her talent to fill the position may contact Pastor David or me. Glenn Shaffer, Consistory President

**OPEN SUNDAY TO SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS:** April 29, July 17, November 11, and December 30. If interested, speak to JoAnn Moul or call the church office.

**SIGN-UP TODAY to serve in 2012! LAY MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!** —There are still needs and opportunities to serve...check the Opportunity Board and plug in today!

**F.R.O.G.S Service Project**—Following worship on Sunday, January 22nd, we will have lunch and then go to the Margaret Moul Home to assist in the recreation department and also assist Pastor Brian with the worship service.

### **LENTEN WORKSHOP & STUDY SERIES**

*“Using Our Senses to Encounter God during Lent”* is a study will be held just prior to and during Lent, with Pastor David giving leadership. The first session will be held on Sunday February 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. This lectionary based Bible study will involve “hands-on” approaches to learning and will visually represent the groups’ discussion in our morning worship services throughout Lent. The workshop will take place during the Sunday School Hour in the Auditorium. There is a sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board.

### ***Stewardship News: Pledge Update as of January 12, 2012***

*(last year's numbers as of the same date are indicated in the parenthesis)*

**Giving Units Pledged—56 (48) representing 101 (90) members  
Dollars Pledged : \$114,565 (\$107,084)**

**Have you submitted your 2012 PLEDGE yet??? There's still time!**

***Please place it in the offering plate or return it in to the church office as soon as possible.***

### **MEDICAL MISSION NEWS**

Travel Team Meeting—Feb. 7, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Planning Team Meeting—Wednesday, March 7 @ 7:30 p.m.

### **FUNDRAISERS**

**Mickey's Pizza: Today** is the deadline to turn in order forms. Congregation can pick-up their pizza at the church (kitchen area) on Fri. 2/3/12/ from 3-6pm, and if needed, on Sat. 2/4/12 from 10-2pm. - delivery in time for Super Bowl Sunday, 2/5/12!

**Please make your checks payable to: *St. John's UCC "Kenya Mission"*.**

**Thank you** to the McPherson Tree Farm for their check of \$65.00. 13 flyers were handed into the business for the Kenya Mission.

**Hoss's** reported we had sales of \$1,429.00, earning us 25% profit, or \$357.38. Our profit was higher the second time around. We were invited to repeat the event, but Hoss's requested we NOT hand out any flyers in the restaurant or in the parking lot if we decide to do this again. Thanks to all who came out to the restaurant—it's a win, win event for both St. John's and Hoss's.

The Medical Mission Team will continue to contact businesses throughout the winter months to obtain donations towards the mission trip. We have two service organizations who have decided to partner with St. John's—the Rotary Club of Red Lion and Sertoma of York—helping us to achieve our goal to Kenya. Dentsply will help us with our mission trip. if a dentist accompanies the group. Prayerfully, this will happen.

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# Call to Annual Meeting

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Plan to attend the Annual meeting of the membership of St. John's United Church of Christ to be held on **Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 8:45 a.m. in the Auditorium.** The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Receive and review Annual Reports for 2011
- Elect new members of Consistory
- Elect new members of the Finance Committee
- Elect new members of the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee
- Act upon the Proposed Budget for 2012
- Consider an amendment to the Endowment to include all church owned musical instruments within the scope of the "Organ Fund."
- Consider any other business to properly come before the church.

**Please remember:** the time of the Annual Meeting is **8:45 a.m.**. This starting time allows all members the opportunity to express input on the various issues of church life in the meeting. Our regular Sunday morning service of worship will start at 10:15 a.m.

Light refreshments will be served in the auditorium.

*Our newly elected Consistory members will be installed to their office during the morning service of worship on Sunday January 29, 2012.*