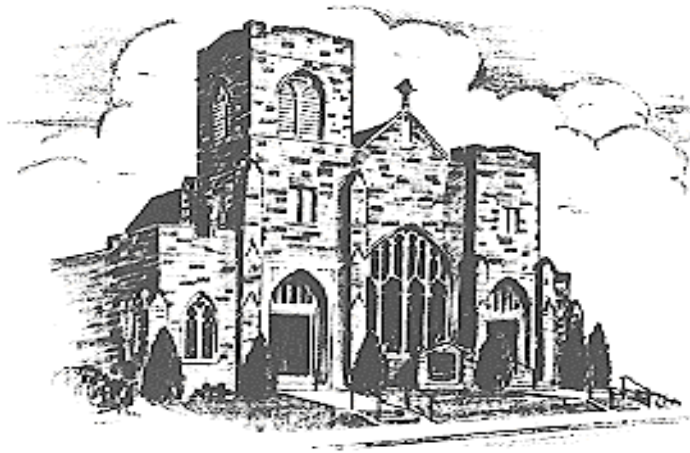




St. John's
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
161 North Main Street
Red Lion, Pennsylvania

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

Traditional Evangelical and Reformed Order of Worship

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2012—10:15 a.m.

The altar flowers are in honor of Olivia Uberti's 16th birthday, presented by Mom and Dad.

The Order of Worship

Some Service Notes:

Words printed in italics will be spoken by the liturgist.

Words printed in boldface type will be spoken by the congregation.

*The asterisk indicates all who are able will stand

THE WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PRELUDE

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE INTROIT

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN** **The Morning Light Is Breaking** The Hymnal 384

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness. Let us pray...

***THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

***THE KYRIE (with Sung Response)** The Hymnal #518

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hearken now unto the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Unto as many of you, therefore, beloved brethren, as truly repent of your sins, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, with full purpose of new obedience, I announce and declare, by the authority and in the Name of Christ, that your sins are forgiven, according to his promise in the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE PRAISE

Praise ye the Lord!

The Lord's Name be praised.

*THE GLORIA PATRI

The Hymnal #492

THE CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER FOR OUR KENYA 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 John Langley

God of all nations, tribes and people, we bow in prayer before you recognizing that there is no place that we can go to hide from your Presence or nowhere we can run to escape your call for us to follow you. This morning, even while we worship and as we pause to remember our mission partners, the *Girls of Mercy Home*, they will soon gather to share their evening meal. So simple and humble will be the place settings, the food that is served and the beverages given to drink.

God, we ask You to meet the great financial needs of this ministry of Brother Edward and his wife Deborah. Provide sufficient monthly income to buy food for the 30 resident girls, to pay for the cost of building and maintaining Mercy Home, and to cover the school tuition and uniform costs for the nearly 70 children and youth under the care of Mercy Home.

As we walk from room to room in our houses, help us not to take our many blessings for granted! Most of all, move us to be filled with compassion and generosity as we seek to partner with the girls at Mercy Home. Help us to know and to believe that our church is truly making a difference in the lives of our friends in Kenya.

Be with the members of our medical mission team as they meet in the weeks ahead to plan their work. Give them wisdom, faith and love as they plan their work among the Emuhaya Group of the Disabled and the girls of Mercy Home! Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

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

THE ANTHEM

Arise Shine, for Thy Light Is Come

The Chancel Choir

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Hebrew Scripture Lesson:

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God!

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Psalter Lesson:

The New Century Hymnal, page 659-660

Psalm 62:5-12

The Gospel Lesson:

God is Still Speaking,

Spread the Word!

Mark 1:14-20

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Bless, O Lord we pray Thee, this Thy Holy Word.

Help our hearts remember what our ears have heard. Amen.

THE SERMON

"God Changed His Mind"

Pastor David D. Tietje

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Realizing that we are responsible to God and for each other, let us offer now our concerns and prayers.

Let us pray.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Please sign and pass the ivory colored "fellowship register" found on the pews or pew racks.

*THE OFFERTORY 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 HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Zion Haste

The Hymnal, #380

*THE COMMISSIONING

Almighty God, fountain of all goodness and truth, receive our thanks for the revelation of thy grace, which is able to make us wise unto everlasting life; and mercifully grant, we beseech thee, that the words with we have heard this day may through thy blessing be so grafted in our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen, amen, amen.

*THE POSTLUDE

Serving Us Today

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 (Capt.), Art Herrold, Gary McBrien,
Matt Nowicki, Darryl Smuck and Bob Thompson

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

Church Office Information

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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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 22—Third Sunday after Epiphany—Annual Meeting Sunday
Traditional Evangelical and Reformed Order of Worship***

- 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

Activities This Week:

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| Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Boy Scouts |
| Tuesday | 10:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m. | Newsletter Prep
"Experiencing God" Study Group |
| Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Red Lion Historical Society |

**Clergy Convocation in
Hershey, PA with
Pastor David attending
January 24-26, 2012**

***Sunday, January 29—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Worship with the Installation of New Consistory Members***

- 9:00 a.m.** Church School
- 10:15 a.m.** Service of Worship with the Installation of Consistory

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.

Home from the Hospital: Wilbur Hall

Prayer Needs: Dorothy Andrus, Annabelle Diffenbaugh, Charles Hoover, Frank Klein, Shirley Meads, Ed Shanabrough, Suzanne Snyder, 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.*

Serving Us Sunday, January 29

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

Acolytes: Emily Moose and Jennifer Nowicki

Lay Reader: Lindsey Dinsmore

Children's Message: Pastor David

Children's Church: Robin Detweiler, Taylor Uberti and Emily Moose

Nursery: Kim and Caroline Pritchard

Sound Technician: Andrew Pritchard

Ushers: Clint Workinger (Capt.), Art Herrold, Gary McBrien, Matt Nowicki,
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Lectionary Readings for January 29

Primary Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Primary Psalter: Psalm 111

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28

Service of Worship: January 15

Total Attendance (a Year Ago)	168 (165)
Pledges, Offerings and Income:	\$4,260.75

Church School Statistics: January 15

Attendance (a Year Ago):	51 (47)
Offering (a Year Ago):	\$28.65(\$31.50)

Announcements

F.R.O.G.S Service Project

Following worship **TODAY**, 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.

RED LION AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On **Thursday, January 29th at 7:30 p.m.**, the Red Lion Area Historical Society will hold their meeting with a viewing of "Our Town Red Lion" video as produced by WITF-TV, featuring footage by local videographers. All are welcome. Free to the public.



SM On **Sunday, February 5th**, the youth will be taking an exit Offering (collection) following worship to support the Red Lion Area Community Services. There will also be a free will donation for soup in the Social Hall to follow— menu items forthcoming. This will be on a first come-first serve basis.

GOD'S KIDS

Our next meeting dates will be **March 11th and May 12th** after church until 1:00 p.m. We would appreciate if anyone in the congregation would volunteer to provide lunch. If you have any questions, please speak to Kim Pritchard.

SEARCH FOR A NEW TREASURER – Rob Willhite 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*

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.

OPEN SUNDAY TO SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS: July 17th and November 11th. 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 sign up to serve today!

On Sunday, January 29, 2012: The Committee on Community Outreach of the York Association will host a showing of the movie ***Crossing Midnight*** at 6:00 p.m at Faith UCC, 509 Pacific Avenue, York, PA. Following the movie showing, we will have a presentation from Laura Beltle, Sponsorship Developer from Church World Service Lancaster. Ms. Beltle will provide information on Refugee Resettlement, with specific attention to the work of Church World Service in Lancaster. ***Crossing Midnight*** is about the community of refugees from Burma on the border of Thailand. To view the trailer for this brief film, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-f63-n0RRos>. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones at srentzjones@gmail.com or by phone at 717-225-3932.

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: The 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!

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. Pray this will happen.

Stewardship News: Pledge Update as of January 19, 2012

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

Giving Units Pledged—58 (48) representing 102 (90) members

Dollars Pledged : \$115,825 (\$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.

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FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED MONTHLY

Canned Fruit Sloppy Joe Sauces Canned Stews
Canned Salmon and Canned Meats
Coffee & Tea Hot Chocolate Mixes
Toaster Pastries Oatmeal
Pancake Mixes & Syrups
Tomato Sauce & Tomato Products
Jello & Pudding Mixes Rice

ALSO

Toiletries, Household Paper Goods, & Cleaning Products
are always needed and appreciated!

THANK YOU!