

## CHURCH BUILDING HOURS



The church office is open daily Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (except for major holidays or vacation times). Sharon will be completing her physical

therapy by the end of September so she may be absent for an hour at varying times on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays in September.

The church building will be unlocked from Monday through Saturday from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and in the evenings when there are meetings in the church building. The church also will be open Sunday mornings for the Sunday church services. Anyone needing to get into the church building other than the above times, should call the church office (610-767-6361) to make arrangements.

*When Sharon is alone in the office, the church doors, including the brown doors by the office, will be locked. There is a door bell outside the brown doors that you may ring to gain access to the building.*

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## PUBLIC RELATIONS



Do you have an upcoming event to be held here at St. John's that you want the public to know about? Then, Heather Truett is the person to contact.

Heather has agreed to be the church's public relations person getting out information to other churches or into the Town & Country Gazette, the Times News, or the Morning Call.

Once your event has been okayed by the church office/church council, all you have to do is write up the information about the event, decide where you want the information sent to and e-mail all the information to Heather at [heather4stjohns@yahoo.com](mailto:heather4stjohns@yahoo.com). Give Heather enough lead time, and she will get the information out! Any questions, contact Heather.

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# Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*

Richard and Barbara Fox  
50th on September 6  
Vernon and Margaret Horn  
49th on September 19  
Harrison and Kathy Williams  
48th on September 18  
Jeffrey and Barbara Green  
44th on September 13  
Kerry and Melissa Haydt  
44th on September 20  
James and Trudy Marcucci  
40th on September 1  
Dennis and Carole Kleintop  
40th on September 8  
Charles and Sandra Maurer  
40th on September 15  
Barton III and Terri Behler  
35th on September 29  
David and Christine Sigley  
29th on September 8  
Norman and Dodi Handwerk  
24th on September 9  
Terry and Heather Rehrig  
19th on September 16  
Timothy and Jamie Yeich  
19th on September 20  
Christopher and Hayley Jones  
14th on September 17  
David and Rhonda Skinner  
13th on September 11  
Brian and Sandra Schaffer  
12th on September 22  
Allen and Jennifer Hedmeck  
7th on September 8  
Patrick and Cassandra Brennand  
6th on September 28  
Stephen and Rosalie Rupert  
6th on September 28  
Justin and Kayla Molitoris  
2nd on September 2  
Terry and Jennifer Eschbach  
1st on September 2  
Brian and Heather Tompkins  
1st on September 15

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## THANK YOU NOTES



Thank you to our “lawn rangers” who cut the grass at church and the parsonage this summer: Nancy Abrams, Paul Gass, Pastor Haab, Christy Haydt, Ronnie Humanick, Brenton & Joe Krempasky, Dylan Smoyer,

and Stephen Stehly.

Thank you to the following people for weeding the flower beds around the church: Debbie Barhight, Pastor Haab, Christy & Vicki Haydt, Clarence Smith, and Stephen Stehly.

Thank you to Stephanie Beers and Fianna Christman for planting the geraniums in the church flower beds.

Thank you to the Second Chance Shoppe for their donation to the Current Fund to help us pay our bills.

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Dear Ringer Scholarship Committee,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Ringer Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which will allow me to further my education at LCCC.

Sincerely,  
Teegan Green

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Dear Ringer Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for the generous scholarship you awarded me. I will use it to help pay for textbooks and tuition at Kutztown University. Once again, thank you for choosing me for this scholarship.

Sincerely,  
Carlton “C.J.” Davies

Members of W.I.S.H.,

Thanks to the W.I.S.H. Circle for a lovely dinner to celebrate the graduating youth of our congregation. I was happy to be a guest and the meal was delicious. Congratulations and good luck to all the graduates.

Kathy Kemp

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Members of St. John’s,

Thank you to everyone for your well wishes and cards during my recent medical problems.

Elizabeth Kistler

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Members of St. John’s,

A heartfelt thank you to EVERYONE who helped make this year’s Bible School another success for 64 children. Our congregation is amazing with all the support, encouragement, and enthusiasm you provide. With you help we will continue to bring “the Good News 101” to the children of our church and our community.

Ruthann Mantz

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Dear Ringer Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for awarding me this scholarship. It will really help me further my education at Kutztown University. I am very thankful for receiving this award again.

Thanks again,  
Brandon Miller

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Dear Ringer Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for awarding me this generous amount of money. It is greatly appreciated and will help me towards getting my mathematical degree at Seton Hill.

Thanks again,  
Hunter Miller

## **THANK YOU NOTES**

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Dear St. John's,

You probably don't remember me, but I grew up in Slatington and was a member of St. John's.

I felt the Lord wanted me to send you a THANK YOU NOTE. I want to thank you for your love for the Lord and for your witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your support, encouragement, care, and love for me as a young teenager to enter into the ministry. Pastor Lauchnor and you witness to me and encouraged me to go into the ministry. THANK YOU. I celebrated my 60th anniversary last year.

The years have been great years and I am greatly indebted to you. I am still in the active ministry at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church on the campus of the Lutheran Home at Topton where I am a resident. Muriel (who entered into eternal life on July 22, 2018) and I have been a resident at the Lutheran Home at Topton for 22 years.

I pray the Lord will continue to bless you and enable you to continue to be a witness for Jesus Christ forever in Slatington and the wider community.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Carl R. Schmoyer

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Dear Members of St. John's,

Thank you all for the cards, phone calls, rides, and prayers during my recent knee replacement surgery on my right knee and now the subsequent manipulation of the right knee that was done this week. Your kindness to me through all the medical problems that keep popping up is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
Sharon Stehly

Dear Members of St. John's,

It seems like it could have been just yesterday that the moving vans were at our front door, the stream of boxes just seemed to never stop, and Brian Geiger was helping me unpack the grandfather's clock my father-in-law had made Russell and I for our wedding gift. It was on that warm, August day that I began my life here in Slatington. I was filled with excitement and trepidation, as Russell was still in the Bronx finishing his ministry there, and I had a second grader and fifth grader in tow. But then, as Brian left he said words that I have never forgotten and certainly helped to ease my mind a bit, "If you need anything, just remember that my phone number is the same as yours except for the last number, and feel free to call for any reason." And with that I breathed a sigh of relief, I had made my first friend!

Soon thereafter, I began to make many more friends, and you all became our St. John's family. The people we could pray with and for. The people we would share our joys and our sorrows with. The people who would watch our children grow and who would listen to our woes as they went through the rights of passage from childhood to adulthood called teenagers. The people we took our strength from, and hopefully gave a little back.

Fast forward from that first day, which seems only like yesterday, and I now sit here writing this letter of thanksgiving as tears stream down my face. This has been a wonderfully amazing place to be! There was no need for trepidation nineteen years ago, because you were all so welcoming. You opened your arms and your hearts and let me and my family in, allowing each of us to grow in our own ways. For me, I became a teacher right here in this community! God blessed me with awesome students over the years, many of whom I will never forget. Through the multitude of volunteers each summer, I was able to find my way to feed the children (a passion of mine) and coordinate the Breakfast Bunch for nine years. And most importantly, we were able to raise two terrific kids and have had a home to welcome the ever-expanding family. Brittany will marry on September 7th an exceptional man who we already think of as another son, and they will continue

## **THANK YOU NOTES**

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to live in the Lehigh Valley area. Jonathan has recently taken his GMAT's and this September will be applying to many colleges across the country to pursue his MBA (Masters of Business Administration) next fall. So who knows where life will take him, but he surely got his foundation and spirit for travel (with his two trips to Argentina) right here at St. John's. And as far as that ever-expanding family, Allison will be giving birth to our seventh grandchild sometime this month (August); she will be named Reagan Emelia. Lastly, Russell too has grown here as a Pastor leading the flock. He has spent more than half of his ordained life here at St. John's. You, the people of St. John's, have allowed him to be in this place with you – preaching, baptizing, marrying, burying, and let me not forget visiting (Oh how he has loved his visits!). And through all of these years his faith has grown thanks to the experiences you have shared together, and I believe he has stayed true to the gospel that he has preached. For all these things I am grateful.

Now, it is time to move on from this part of life's fabulous journey to Cherry Hill, New Jersey where we can be surrounded by four of our grandchildren and their parents. These grandchildren just seem to grow faster than our own children did, (The oldest will be 13 in December!) and it is time to spend a lot more time with them. I look forward to being able to attend sporting events, concerts, dance recitals, academic award ceremonies, and to hear their joyful, youthful voices everyday if we so choose. Just to be a part of their everyday lives will be amazingly good! I look forward to exploring the area and finding a church that feels like home with a church family that can open their arms and hearts like you have done. (If you are ever in the Cherry Hill/Philly area let us know, and we'd love to open our arms to you in our new home.)

I pray and will continue to pray for all of you! I know that you, the ministers of St. John's, will continue to use your hands to carry out God's work – baptizing, teaching, supporting each other during this time of transition. Be of good faith and know that right now, somewhere your new pastor is

being prepared for you, and God has a plan for the who and the when. In the meantime – Go in peace, to serve the Lord!

Thank you for being a part of my faith journey and my life journey!

In Christ's Love,

Lynn ☺

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### **YOUTH GATHERING COMMITTEE**



A committee is being formed to help the youth and chaperones going to ELCA Youth Gatherings every three years. A lot of planning and fundraising is needed.

Anyone who would be interested in helping on this committee can contact the church office at 610-767-6361. The 2021 Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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### **Birthday Greetings are extended to our "80 & Over" Group Members**

*Eleanor Eschbach* (Palmerton) celebrating her 88th birthday on September 2.

*Vernon Horn* (Slatington) celebrating his 87th birthday on September 14.

*Margaret Parry* (Walnutport) celebrating her 91st birthday on September 15.

*Phyllis Sigley* (Slatington) celebrating her 81st birthday on September 2.

*Doris Snyder* (Hurst TX) celebrating her 81st birthday on September 24.

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# \$\$\$FINANCIAL INFORMATION\$\$\$

MAY 2019						
DATE	CHURCH ATTENDANCE	OFFERING		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND	A/C FUND
5-5	25 + 77	\$ 2,359.63	April Balance	\$ 4,666.70	\$ 3,920.37	\$ 301.58
5-12	28 + 76	2,208.16	May Income	8,346.83	38.00	146.00
5-19	21 + 63	2,247.13	May Expenses	15,684.43	0.00	0.00
5-26	15 + 57	1,389.28	May Balance	(\$ 2,670.90)	\$ 3,958.37	\$ 447.58
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 8,204.20</b>				

Offering for Operational Expenses Through 5/2019	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,335.73
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,458.61
Budgeted to Date	\$ 70,050.33
Received to Date	\$ 51,630.90
Expenses to Date	\$ 69,244.54
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 17,613.64)

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JUNE 2019						
DATE	CHURCH ATTENDANCE	OFFERING		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND	A/C FUND
6-2	18 + 86	\$ 2,466.90	May Balance	(\$ 2,670.90)	\$ 3,958.37	\$ 447.58
6-9	122	2,500.88	June Income	10,378.02	49.00	152.00
6-16	51	1,511.63	June Expenses	14,038.13	1,348.00	0.00
6-23	61	1,766.48	June Balance	(\$ 6,331.01)	\$ 2,659.37	\$ 540.75
6-30	57	2,088.13				
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 10,334.02</b>				

Offering for Operational Expenses Through 6/2019	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,335.73
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,384.96
Budgeted to Date	\$ 86,728.98
Received to Date	\$ 62,008.92
Expenses to Date	\$ 83,282.67
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 21,273.75)

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JULY 2019						
DATE	CHURCH ATTENDANCE	OFFERING		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND	A/C FUND
7-7	66	\$ 2,633.63	June Balance	(\$ 6,331.01)	\$ 2,659.37	\$ 540.75
7-14	53	2,110.76	July Income	8,194.78	59.00	50.00
7-21	57	1,244.63	July Expenses	10,987.49	0.00	0.00
7-28	53	2,061.13	July Balance	(\$ 9,123.72)	\$ 2,718.37	\$ 590.75
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 8,050.15</b>				

Offering for Operational Expenses Through 7/2019	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,335.73
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,340.12
Budgeted to Date	\$ 100,071.90
Received to Date	\$ 70,203.70
Expenses to Date	\$ 94,270.16
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 24,066.46)

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE**

## **SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE –**

**September 8** – 9:00 A.M. – **RALLY DAY!!** We will be painting rocks to mark the place where the time capsule was buried and to put in the flower beds around the church grounds. Wear old/play clothes since we will be painting and working in the dirt. Watch your mail for more information.

11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. – Community Lunch.

**September 15** – 9:00 A.M. – Regular lesson.  
Practice next week's songs.

**September 22** – 9:00 A.M. – Plan sidewalk chalk drawings.  
Practice songs for today.  
10:15 A.M. – We sing in church for Pastor Haab and will present our gifts to him.

**September 29** – 9:00 A.M. – Sidewalk Chalk Contest  
Harvest Home – please bring cereal and juice for Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

**Please Return Your Family Sunday School Registration Form ASAP!** We use the information on the forms frequently throughout the year. We don't want your children to miss any activities because we don't know how to reach you. ***We also rely on these forms in the event your child becomes ill during a Sunday School activity or in case of severe weather, like the tornado watch during Bible School in 2013!***

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS**

Jordan Rehrig	September 5	Abigail Wortmann	September 19
Michael Majercak, Jr.	September 9	Hope Fine	September 30
Chelsy Rehrig	September 15		

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CRADLE ROLL FRIENDS**

Nathias Andino (3 years old) on September 2  
Thomas Graver (3 years old) on September 2  
Gabriella Imler (2 years old) on September 9  
Emma Farrell (2 years old) on September 18  
Chance Ruble (3 years old) on September 23

**If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary and are not included in our regular listing each month, it is because we do not have the information. Please call the church office (610-767-6361) or e-mail us at [stjohnslatington@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslatington@gmail.com) to keep us informed.**

<b>WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (SEPTEMBER 2019)</b>							
<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Assistant Minister</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Presenters</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
September 1 (C)	9:00	Stephen Stehly	Ruthann Mantz & Sharon Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Richard & Judy Muthard	Paul Gass (DIC), Nancy Abrams, Nancy Rehrig, & Sharon Stehly
September 8 Rally Day	8:00					Debbie Barhight	Lucas Rauch & Jessica Smoyer
September 8 Rally Day	10:15				Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Sue Freed & Lisa Shellhammer	Jodi Kocher (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, Robert Cunfer, & Karen Kreglow
September 15 (C)	8:00		Fianna Christman			Harriet Felguieras	Wayne Rauch & Clarence Smith
September 15 (C)	10:15	Harrison Williams	Jodi Kocher & Ruthann Mantz	Jodi Kocher & Ruthann Mantz	Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Paul & Michelle Gass	Joe Krempasky (DIC), Brian Geiger, Carol Miller, & Sharon Stehly
September 22	8:00					Sharon Fogelman	Bob & Jill Schaffer
September 22	10:15				Stephanie Beers & Stephen Stehly	Linda Humanick	Stephen Stehly (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, Darin Handwerk & Ronnie Humanick
September 29 (C)	8:00		Lynne Fedorcha			Ron & Hali Kuntz	Joe Krempasky & Jessica Smoyer
September 29 (C) Harvest Home	10:15	Jodi Kocher	Cheryl Burke & Ken Staller	Debbie Cunfer & Sharon Stehly	Karen Kreglow & Sharon Stehly	Joe & April Krempasky	Dale Pugh (DIC), Ruthann Mantz, Dennis Rehrig, & Erin Snyder

**It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you cannot serve on a Sunday and notify the church office at 610-767-6361 or e-mail at [stjohnsslatington@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsslatington@gmail.com) of the change by Thursday.**

<b>WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (SEPTEMBER 2019)</b>						
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Bellringer</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Banner Bearer</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
September 1 (C)	9:00	Egan Bellesfield	Lucas Rauch		Cheryl Burke	Alexandra Feifel
September 8-Rally Day	8:00	Dylan Smoyer				Colby Rehrig
September 8-Rally Day	10:15	Madison Kocher	Madison Peters		Sharon Stehly	Alexis Henninger
September 15 (C)	8:00	Lucas Rauch				Kaden Lyon
September 15 (C)	10:15	Brenton Krempasky	Dylan Smoyer		Ruthann Mantz	Kameryn Smith
September 22	8:00	Colby Rehrig				Alexandra Feifel
September 22	10:15	Michael Majercak	Matthew Peters		Lynne Fedorcha	Cadence Peters
September 29 (C)	8:00	Kaden Lyon				Colby Rehrig
September 29 (C)	10:15	Alexandra Feifel	Kayleigh Snyder		Stephen Stehly	Emma Snyder



# SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 12th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:15 Choir Practice 9:00 Holy Communion Pastor Haab's last service Blessing of the Backpacks 8:00 A.A.	<b>2 Labor Day</b>  <b>CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED</b>	<b>3</b>  10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  4:30-Food Pack Distribution 6:00 IMPACT 7:00 Brownie Scouts 8:00 A.A.	<b>6</b>  9:30 Sewing	<b>7</b>
<b>8 13th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>God's Work Our Hands Sunday</b> <b>Rally Sunday</b> 8:00 & 10:15 The Service 9:00 Sunday School-Rally Day 9:05 Senior Choir 11:30-1:00 Community Lunch 8:00 A.A.	<b>9</b>  11:30 Jubilees leave for lunch at Highway Dinner & Meeting	<b>10</b>  10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Second Chance Shoppe Meeting 6:30 Crocheting	<b>11</b>  <b>Patriot Day</b>	<b>12</b>  11:00 Slatington Senior Citizens 4:30 Food Pack Distribution 5:00 Schedule Mtg. 7:00 Brownie Scouts 8:00 A.A.	<b>13</b>  9:30 Sewing	<b>14</b>
<b>15 14th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School 9:05 Senior Choir 7:00 Ice Cream Tour 8:00 A.A.	<b>16</b>  6:30 Women's Club <b>October/ November Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>17</b>  10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting 7:00 Ingathering Mtg. at Union Lutheran	<b>18</b>  10:00 Cradle Roll 6:00 Catechism Parent Meeting 7:00 Church Council	<b>19 St. John's 151st Anniversary</b>  6:00 IMPACT 7:00 Brownie Scouts 8:00 A.A.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  TBA Class of 1949 Class Reunion
<b>22 15th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <i>Soup &amp; Sandwich Orders Due</i> 8:00 & 10:15 The Service 9:00 Sunday School 11:30 Haab Retirement Luncheon 8:00 A.A.	<b>23 Autumn Begins</b>	<b>24</b>  10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting	<b>25</b>  1:00 Collate October/November Newsletter	<b>26</b>  11:00 Slatington Senior Citizens 4:30 Food Pack Distribution 7:00 Brownie Scouts 8:00 A.A.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  9:00-11:00 Soup & Sandwich Pick-up
<b>29 16th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>St. Michael &amp; All Angels</b> <b>Harvest Home</b> 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School/Chalk Drawing Contest 9:05 Senior Choir 8:00 A.A.	<b>30</b>  10:00 & 1:00 Community Health Seminars	<b>10/1</b>  10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting	<b>10/2</b>  6:00 Catechism	<b>10/3</b>  6:00 IMPACT 7:00 Brownie Scouts 8:00 A.A.	<b>10/4</b>  9:30 Sewing	<b>10/5</b>