



St. John's United Methodist Church

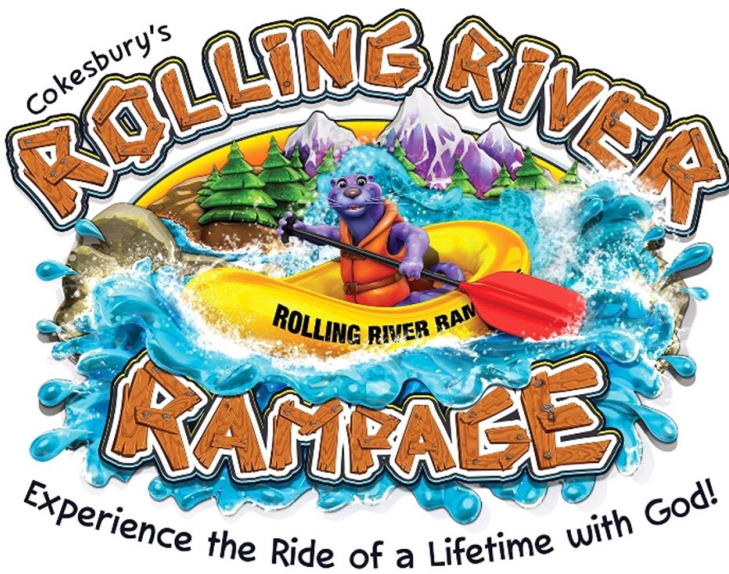
Prescription for SLD

Are you a good listener? I have at times been accused of having a disease called "selective listening disorder" or SLD for short. I am beginning to realize that there is a spiritual version of SLD. If your spirit is more interested in the things of the world than in the person talking to you, you may have SLD. But the cure for SLD is a spiritual cure. When the love of God overflows to the one we are listening to, we will be on the way to conquering SLD.

An even bigger problem is when we have SLD with God. God desperately wants to speak with you through the Holy Spirit; to tell you you are loved, to encourage you in your walk, and even to give you guidance. However, we often block this communication even when we don't want to. We are distracted by the things of the world and by our own desires. Since God does not yell as the world does, we often don't hear his voice. The prescription for this particular strain of SLD is found in Hebrews 12:1b-2: "Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter."

When we overcome SLD, it is an exciting life. Recently I was in a restaurant and God spoke to me (I'm working through SLD and was having a good day). He told me to comment on our waitress's cross tattoo. It became an opportunity for her to tell me about her grandmother who had died in her early 60's because of a diabetic coma, and it gave me an opportunity to remind her God will help her through it. Life is so much better without SLD.

-- Pastor Dennis



VBS 2018

COMING TO ST. JOHN'S UMC
SUNDAY, JUNE 10-14
FROM
6-8 EACH EVENING.
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
TO HELP AND KIDS ARE
NEEDED TO ATTEND.
SEE MARY FORSHEY OR
CAROL ADAMS
FOR DETAILS.

A Way Forward - An Update

As we have been hearing for over a year now, at the 2016 General Conference, the Council of Bishops resolved to convene a commission to look into the issue of human sexuality in the United Methodist Church. The commission, called the Commission on a Way Forward, is nearing the end of its work after presenting three possible ideas to the Council of Bishops. The Bishops will meet soon and will determine what proposal to present to a special General Conference in February of 2019. Only the General Conference can approve that or any other decision. The final proposal, to be submitted to General Conference for vote, is expected to be made known to the members of our churches by early July of this year.

Christianity 101 - What is the Easter Season

The Easter season is the time in the Christian year which begins at sunset on Easter eve (the evening before Easter) and continues until Pentecost. It is also known as the Great Fifty days. Its celebration began early in church history and has a strong biblical basis (see for example 1 Corinthians 16:8, or Acts 20:6, 16). The word "Easter" itself may come from the name of an Anglo-Saxon spring goddess called Eastre. The word "Pentecost" is from a Greek word meaning 'fiftieth' and referring to the Jewish Feast of weeks, which takes place 50 days after Passover.



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John Walmer
Willow
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Dave Dow
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Rick Hoffman
Polly Koons
Warren Rhoad
Martha Shutt
Gene Stum
Barry Weaver
Barbara Wolf

Military: Daultyn Kline, All those serving home and abroad and their families

Other: Pastor Saffa Jengo & the Kwellu Church in Sierra Leone, Bria Griffin and her campus ministry, students and teachers

Alex Adams
Todd Sherwin
Family of Faye Blanshine

Mallory Anspach
Jasmine Neal

UMW News

May Events

May 5th, Women's banquet at Derry Presbyterian Church. Last day to buy tickets is Sunday, April 29th.

Tuesday, 22nd. Fund raiser all day at Hershey Road Family Restaurant. We will receive part of the day's proceeds. When you go, tell them you are from St. John's and thank them for helping UMW.

25th and 26th. Bake sale during the church's yard sale. There will be a bake goods request in the May Bulletin.

Thank you for your support.

UMM News

The United Methodist Men meet the third Saturday of each month at 7 AM in the church social hall. There is a Men's Bible study at 6:30 am and then at 7:00 am there is the men's breakfast. Come on out and join us for a wonderful morning of Christian fellowship and good food. The upcoming meetings are set for May 19 and June 16. See you there.

Mission Opportunity - Wesley Forest Church Camp - May 18-19, free meals and lodging. Painting two interior dining hall walls, exterior of dining hall, staining steps of cabins, spring clean 11 cabins and shower house. If you are interested please email leaders, Pastor Jeff Fisher & Bill Toner at misions@calvaryunitedmethodist.org or call 717-545-0021.

15th Annual Chaplaincy Golf Tournament - Mon., June 4 at Pine Meadows Golf Complex, Lebanon. Shotgun start, scramble format starting promptly at 1 PM. Registration: \$65 per player (includes green fees, cart, lunch, chicken dinner and special prizes). Please call the Chaplaincy office at 717-469-3288 or contact Pastor Dennis.



Kids Carnival Time!

The annual Kids Free Carnival will be held on Saturday June 9 from 10 am – 2 pm. This is a great way to reach out to the community and show them what St. John's and Christ is all about. There will be a pre-registration booth for VBS at the carnival.

We will need canopy tents again this year, along with face painters, volunteers to set up, prepare and cook the food, run the games and crafts and tear down. If you think you can help in any way please contact Sue Heitsenrether.



St. John's Pictorial Directory - Please sign up for a photo session. Sign up sheets are in the north narthex or you may call Jeanette Weaver, 717-274-2284. Last day to sign up is April 29.

The photo session dates are as follows:

Sat., May 5 - 9 AM-Noon

Sun., May 6 - 9 AM – 1 PM

Sat., May 12 - 9 AM - Noon

Sun., May 20 - 9 AM - 1 PM

Photos will be taken outside at the Annex House.

Also, please complete the information sheet you received and return to Jeanette Weaver (Weaver's church mailbox) or you can mail to St. John's.

Ark Encounter & Creation Museum - September 17-21, 2018 bus trip leaving Kmart @ Hummelstown at 8 AM. Cost is \$515 per person/double occupancy. For more information check poster on bulletin board right in side the front door on the north narthex side or contact Claire Zeiters at 7174-652-1408.

Miles for Missions Walk/Run-A-Thon - Sat., May 19 at Shank Park 781 Bullfrog Valley Rd., Hummelstown. This 90 - acre park includes trails, picnic facilities & playground. You can walk or run the paved trail with the Bishop. Bring a camp chair and cheer others on ! The kids will have special activities of their own. Registration begins at 9:30am Walk begins at 10am, event ends 11:30am. Benefits: Bishop's Partners in Mission a fund supporting Mission Central and Imagine No Malaria

You Can Make A Difference

We will be collecting the following items for the Grantville food pantry and the HUB:

May: Food Pantry—shampoo and deodorant Hub—combs

June: Food Pantry—sunscreen, Hub—bath-size soap

Welcome Jeff and Lois Shiffer

Jeff and Lois joined our church on April 15, 2018. Both were born and raised nearby; Jeff in Grantville and Lois in Hummelstown. Jeff actually attended St. John's in the 80's along with his mother Elverta "Bert Moore."

Jeff and Lois were married on Feb. 12, 2000 and worked together for years refinishing furniture. They no longer do this and Lois currently works for Giant Food stores.

Jeff has pretty much lost his sight from a pituitary tumor and has had three dogs from Guiding Eyes for the Blind to help him navigate. His first dog was Ink, the second was Louie, and his current dog, you may see in church with him, is Haze.

We are very pleased to have Jeff and Lois pictured to the right, as the newest members of our church family!



Congratulations to Ken & Ellie

Ken Smith and Ellie Gepfer were united in marriage in a small, family ceremony that took place at St. John's on Friday, April 6th. Congratulations Ken and Ellie!

Annual HUB Yard Sale May 25 & 26



The Annual HUB Yard Sale will take place Fri., May 25 and Sat., May 26 in the church basement and parking lot. We will be open from 7 AM until ? If you have items to donate please contact Carol Adams.

Also, the United Methodist Women will be having a bake sale during these same times. So please come out and help support the Grantville Area Ministry HUB and the United Methodist Women.

& **Bake Sale**

