



Forward in Faith

June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

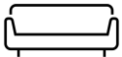
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



The Elevator are at the end of the hall, through the door on the right front side of the sanctuary. **Accessible Bathrooms** are on the basement level. Once within the elevator, press "B". Exit and go left down the ramp. Once in the hallway, turn left, go the length, and turn right. The bathrooms are to the left.



Wheelchairs & First Aid Kit are stored in the labeled "First Aid Closet" near the Main Street entrance to the sanctuary. **AED** (Defibrillator) is in the church library on the wall closest to the Sanctuary by the window. When entering from the Sanctuary, turn left.



Our **Soft Worship Space** at the front right of the Sanctuary is available for all.



Hearing Assistance Devices are available in a basket at the back of the sanctuary if you are having trouble hearing the service. If the service is too loud, you may spend worship in the **Library**, which is to the right of the front of the Sanctuary, through the wall door.



Prayer Request and Information Cards are in pews for visitors, or anyone who would like to share information or a prayer request. Prayer requests will go to our prayer chain and pastors. These will not be read during service. **Visitors**, we are so glad you are here! Completed cards can be placed in the offering plates.



The **Book of Joys & Concerns** is on the podium at the front of the sanctuary on the right. If you have an Announcement, Joy or Concern you'd like shared, feel free to write inside before service begins!



Hymnals are on the back of the pew in front of you. **Bibles** are on a shelf beneath the pew in front of you. **Large Print Hymns** are also available.



Children are invited to come to the steps during **Time with Children** for a conversation with the pastor. The **Nursery** is available and staffed for babies and toddlers. The Nursery is past the elevator, through the double doors, on the right. We believe the sound of children in worship is not a distraction – it is evidence of life, growth, and the future of the church. If your child makes noise, it is not a bother. It is a blessing!



Audio Recordings of services can be found online on St. John's Website, Facebook Page, or YouTube. Sermons are available on Spotify at "St John's UCC Lansdale Sermons."



A note on "Israel" language in worship: In our music and scriptures, "Israel" and "Israelites" refer to ancient Israel and its people, not the modern political state. We want to be faithful hearers and interpreters of scripture, and pray for the day when Palestinians and Israelis may live in mutual peace, security, and dignity.



We are an **Open and Affirming congregation**, advocating for and supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, nonbinary, and queer individuals in our church and our world, and affirming that all people are beloved children of God.

Order of Worship
St. John's United Church of Christ
500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
9:30 am — June 7, 2026 — Second Sunday after Pentecost

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit when indicated by an *asterisk and **speak the words in bold.***

PRELUDE Aria.....Flor Peeters

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise to God, the Creator of all that grows.

Praise to God, who redeems all that decays.

Praise to God, the Sustainer of all life.

Let us give thanks for the ways God's goodness shines forth.

Let us pause and remember the beautiful sights and sounds of this past week.

(Silent reflection)

We praise the God who pervades and permeates all things in creation.

We praise the God whose love is warm like the summer sun.

Let us pause and remember pleasant sensations of touch, scent, or taste of this past week.

(Silent reflection)

As summer beckons, we celebrate God's richness.

As the life bursts forth in bloom around us, bloom in us, Merciful Spirit.

Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to greet your neighbor with a sign of peace. If you prefer a "no-contact greeting, you can place your hand over your heart as you acknowledge your neighbor.

*HYMN #337 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God,

**open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives –
that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.**

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray.

Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Welcoming Elaine and Dan Pace (Sponsors: Bonnie and Ken Hales), Donna Staffieri
(Sponsor: Gale Linderman)

Do you promise to support this congregation with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

St. John's United Church of Christ, I commend these members to your love and care.

We celebrate with you this spiritual home. Honoring the diversity of paths to God, we welcome you to this faith community with open hearts and open minds.

Members of the household of God, please pause in silence to affirm your willingness to be present to these siblings in times of need and special joy.

Silent Prayer

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

You belong to us. We belong to you.

Along with the entire universe, we all belong to God.

Though many, we are one body. There are many paths to God, and we all drink of the same Spirit.

We rejoice to recognize you as members of this congregation of St. John's United Church of Christ.

In response to you today, we renew our own vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a full member of this community of faith. The God of all grace, who has called us to endless glory and solidarity, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace, now and forever.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 33:1-12.....Pew Bible Page 490

Matthew 9:18-26.....Pew Bible Page 8

CHILDREN'S SONG Rooted and Grounded in Love



OUR TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SERMON "Life at the Fringe".....Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

*HYMN #545 There Was Jesus by the Water

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS.

For online giving, please use the QR code.



Offertory Healer of Our Every Ill.....Setting by Franklin D. Ashdown

*Offertory Response Praise God, the Giver and the Gift



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of new beginnings, receive our gifts and use them for building the world you dream about for us all. Help us to use our resources to create more faith, more love, and more justice in this place. Amen.

*HYMN #474 I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

Stanza 1 is repeated after 3.

The hymn may be sung in harmony.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me.....Setting by Keith Hampton

Following worship, you are invited to join us for
Fellowship in the Assembly Hall.

The Assembly Hall is located downstairs. From the Narthex – the room at the back of the Sanctuary – go down the steps on the left as you exit the Sanctuary and straight down the hallway. From the **Elevator**, go to the "B" level, go down the ramp and turn right.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan Andrew Paulson

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This Week at St. John's



Sun June 7	Second Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 AM	Praying Hands Stitchers
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:00 AM	Connect3
	10:30 AM	Fellowship
Mon June 8	7:00 PM	Council Fireside Group (CA)
Tues	7:00 PM	AA
Thurs	1:00 PM	St. John's Stammers
Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club
Sat June 13	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation
	10:00 AM	Women's Retreat
Sun June 14	Pride & Graduation Sunday Third Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:00 AM	Connect3
	12:00 PM	Church Picnic at Plains Park

Chancel Flowers:

In memory of **Sarah Line's birthday** from her sister, Jeane, and Bob Fritz

In celebration of **Polly Hartzell's birthday on June 11th** from Dee Reedman & Family

Acknowledgements:

In memory of **Dr. Herman C. Ahrens, Jr's June 12th birthdate** to the Music Ministry fund from his loving family.

In honor of **the 76th Wedding Anniversary of Lorene and the late Herman Ahrens, on June 18th**, to the Music Ministry from their loving family.

Worship Assistants

Hospitality: Team Leslie

Umbrella Ministry: Judy Johnston

Elder: Suzie Franks

Audio Ministry: Matt Rivett

Chancel Flowers: Tracey & Mark O'Neill

Driver: Scott Vanderburg

Deacon: Peter Conner

Social Hosts: Girl Scouts

Weekly Current Needed:	\$8,700.00
Weekly OCWM Needed:	\$865.38
The Week of May 31, 2026	
Anniversary Sunday	
Attendance: 8:00 AM	19
Attendance: 10:15 AM	173
Offering For Current:	\$9,352.00
Offering For OCWM:	\$425.00



Sunday, June 14

Pride Sunday

Sunday, June 14th is Pride Sunday, where we celebrate our Siblings in Christ who are part of the LGBT+ community.



Graduation Sunday

St. John's will be recognizing graduates from high school, grad school, college, etc! Graduates will receive a mug and a card from the Stammers!

Celebrating Abbie Lampe & Her Ministry

Abbie has been our faithful Connect3 director and Minister of Music for Children and Youth since 2018. We will be celebrating her and all she has done for St. John's. This Sunday will also be the last day of Connect3 until the fall.



Church Picnic

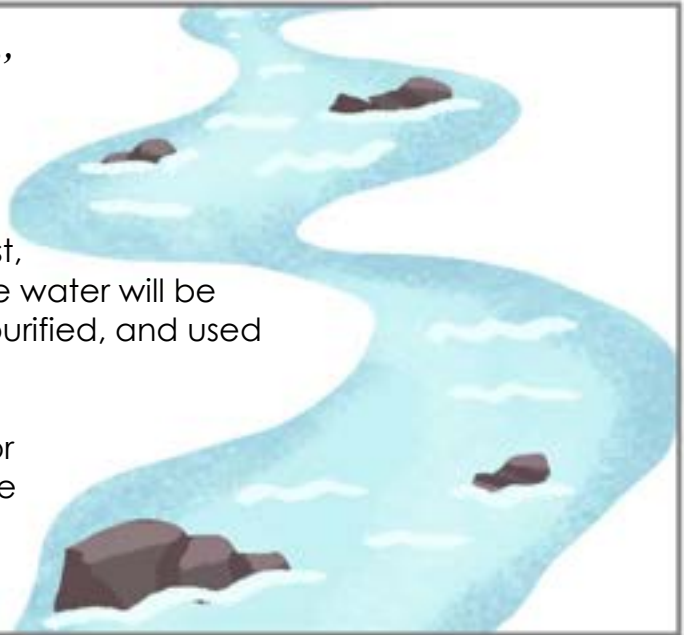
Our annual church picnic will be at Plains Park at 12 pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The basket raffle winners will be drawn during the festivities.

Location: 50 W Orvilla Rd, Hatfield, PA 19440

“He leads me beside still waters.”
-Psalm 23

We invite you to collect a small amount of water from a special place that brings you rest, (the ocean, the lake, the garden hose....). The water will be combined during worship on September 13, purified, and used for baptisms throughout the year.

There are bottles available in the Sanctuary, or you can use your own. Please label your bottle with your name and the location where you collected the water.



It's Basket Raffle Time!

The baskets are displayed in the Fireside Room and tickets will be sold before and after church on Sundays from May 17 to June 7.

The final raffle will take place on June 14 at the Church Picnic.

This fun tradition has been a wonderful fundraiser for special projects over the years, and your participation is much appreciated!



Vacation Bible School

June 22-26, 9:30-noon



This year's Vacation Bible School theme is Wonderfully Made! Kids as young as 4 and entering Pre-K (potty-trained, please) to kids entering 5th grade are invited to join us as we discover creation and all that God has wonderfully made. VBS is co-created by St John's UCC and Trinity LC in Lansdale, and led by people from both congregations. We are excited to bring you a meaningful and exciting week of exploring our shared faith and God's blessings.

Register with the QR Code above!

Women's Retreat Saturday, June 13 at 10 AM Annual Year End Brunch



The Women's Retreat will meet from 10 to noon in the Church Library for their annual year end brunch when they'll review the last 8 months and plan for the 2026-2027 season.

If you would like to bring a food to share, please call or text Sally Jarinko at 215-421-6678.

ALL women are welcome!

Announcements:

Today:

- Girl Scouts are hosting Fellowship
- Welcoming three new members
- Start of our summer programming!
 - One service at 9:30 am every Sunday
- Basket Raffle Tickets are on sale after the service!

This Week:

- Stampers at 1 pm on Thursday
- Women's Retreat at 10 am on Saturday
 - Annual brunch & discussion of next year's season

Next Sunday:

- Pride Sunday
- Graduation Sunday
 - We will be recognizing graduates
- Honoring Abbie Lampe
- Last Connect3 until the Fall
- Church Picnic at Plains Mennonite Park at 12:00 noon
 - Please bring a side dish if you can! ☺ Sign up sheets are for side dishes, you do NOT need to sign up to come to the picnic!

Joys:

- Thank you to everyone who made Anniversary Sunday possible!
 - Anniversary Committee / Block Party Committee!
 - Anniversary Booklet will be available in the library for all of those who wish to read it.
- Thank you to all the volunteers that made Lansdale Day possible!
- Special Thank You to the Deacons
 - manned the hot dog and lemonade stand at the Block Party, sold tickets at Lansdale Day, and are hosting the Church Picnic next week!

Concerns:

Psalm 33:1-12

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

² Praise the Lord with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

³ Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴ For the word of the Lord is upright,

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

⁶ By the word of the Lord the heavens were made

and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

⁷ He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;

he put the deeps in storehouses.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,

⁹ for he spoke, and it came to be;

he commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰ The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

¹¹ The counsel of the Lord stands forever,

the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,

the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Matthew 9:18-26

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."

¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.