



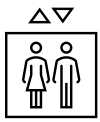
Forward in Faith

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

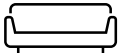
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



The Elevator is 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 — July 26, 2026 — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE O Holy Spirit, Root of Life.....Setting by Anne Krentz Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Kwasi Kena, based on Psalm 130*

From the depths of our hearts, from the broken and vulnerable spaces, we cry out.

Hear our voice, O God. Hear our longing.

Listen –

between each heartbeat.

Listen –

between each breath.

Listen –

to the things we don't say;

to the things we can't say;

to the things we run from.

(SILENT MEDITATION)

As thought turns to speech;

as night gives way to the rising of the sun;

we give ourselves to the stirring of Spirit,

birthing our longings into a hoped-for world. 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 #57 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are the source and the ground of our being. All that we have and all that we are comes from you. Yet instead of thanking you, we often take life and its gifts for granted. We forget. We deny. We hoard. We do not always or willingly share – even though we know of the tremendous suffering plaguing this world.

We confess that we contribute to that suffering when we ignore or avoid it.

Forgive us, God, for the sin of withholding. Forgive us our lack of faith. Forgive us our reluctance to trust in you and in the power of love. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

WORDS OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 119:129-136.....Pew Bible Page 545

Colossians 3:12-17.....Pew Bible Page 185

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 "Together in Love".....Rev. Ryan Henderson

*HYMN #393 Blessed Be the Tie That Binds
Stanzas 2 and 3 may be sung in harmony.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS.

For online giving, please use the QR code.



Offertory In Christ There Is No East or West: A Global Hymn Medley.....Sherri Hansen

*Offertory Response Praise God, the Giver and the Gift



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, receive our offerings this day. Use them – and us – to provide more care, more justice, and more love in this community and beyond. Amen.

COMMUNION

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall never thirst.

Christ is risen! He lives, and presides at this Feast!

Let us gather to share in the Bread of New Life!

Jesus is with us! Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Let us drink together the Cup of Gladness!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath
of your being. We bless you for your love and care for every creature. We praise you for
forming us in your image and calling us to be your people.

Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and earth, we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy #793

The hymn is sung in Spanish.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN #402 De colores (Sing of Colors)

Stanza 1 may be sung in Spanish or English.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *De colores*.....Andrew Paulson

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

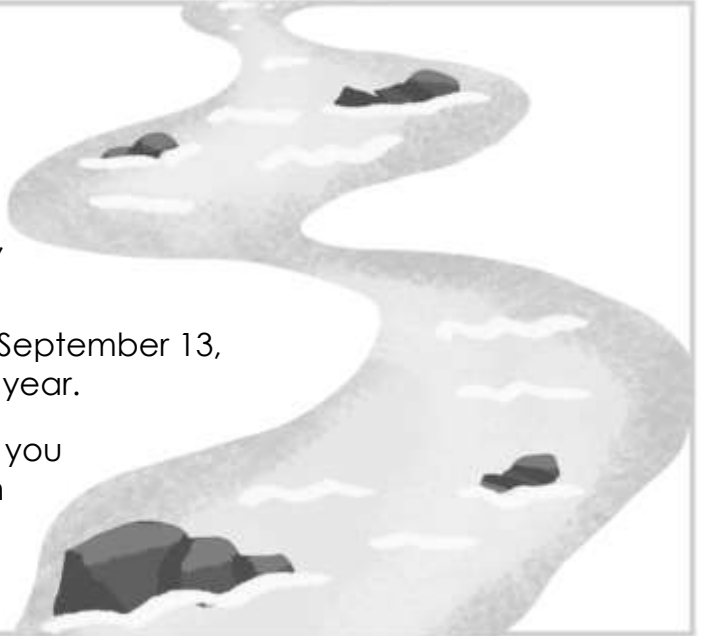
Rev. Ryan Henderson Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan Andrew Paulson
Ken Hales Summer Handbell Ensemble

“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.



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This Week at St. John's



Chancel Flowers:

In memory of **Nancy Kirk's July 29th birthday** from her daughter, Barbara Kirk

In memory of **Richard (Pete) Mininger's July 31st birthday** from his wife Shirley, son Douglas, and daughters Dawn and Connie

Sun July 26	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:30 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Fellowship
Mon	7:00 PM	Fireside Group (CA)
Tues	7:00 PM	AA
Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club
Sat	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation
Sun Aug 2	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:30 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Fellowship

Acknowledgements:

In memory of **Shirley Hale** to the Memorial Fund from Walter & Judith McGinness, The Reeves & Wells Family, Ruth Kinsey, Aundra L. Fields, & Donna Martin

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Worship Assistants

Hospitality: Team MacMullen

Umbrella Ministry: Betty Elliott

Elder: Suzie Franks

Audio Ministry: Griff Francis

Chancel Flowers: Mary Billy

Driver: Gale Linderman

Deacon: Sumiko Booraem

Social Hosts: The Bruens

Weekly Current Needed:	\$8,700.00	Weekly OCWM Needed:	\$865.38
The Week of July 12		The Week of July 19	
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost		Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	
Attendance: 9:30 AM	94	Attendance: 9:30 AM	100
Offering For Current:	\$5,901.00	Offering For Current:	\$3,965.00
Offering For OCWM:	\$869.00	Offering For OCWM:	\$105.00



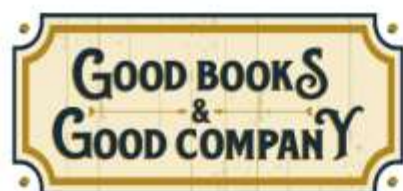
Praying Hands Stitchers

August 2 at 8:30 am

We provide yarn, needles, hooks and instruction, and all are welcome!

The Praying Hand Stitchers is a group of dedicated people who enjoy knitting and crocheting for good causes. We meet on the first Sunday of the month to knit and crochet together!

We make prayer shawls to provide comfort, love squares to calm newborns separated from their mothers, and hats and scarves for people in our community.



St. John's Evening Book Club!

Thursday, August 13th
6:00 pm | Church Library

This month, we are discussing **Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers** by **Jesse Q Sutanto**. Bring a book recommendation and stay to chat!

We meet on the second Thursday of each month. Leave the kiddos at home and enjoy a good book with friends!



St. John's Stampers

Thursday, August 13 at 1 pm

No talent needed, we'll show you how!

We design, create, and stamp all kinds of greeting, condolence, and birthday cards and send them to our congregation and community. The Stampers also sell their cards periodically during Fellowship.



Ending Hunger, Building Community, Transforming Lives

With cuts to benefits for the food-insecure, let us continue our commitment to helping stock Manna's pantry. Food donations are accepted each week and can be put in the Narthex (main entrance to the Sanctuary). Thank you!

Shelf Stable:

- Granola/Snack/Breakfast Bars
- Asian Noodle (ramen) in packs, not cups
- Long pasta (spaghetti, linguine, etc)
- Sugar, Flour, Baking Powder, Baking Soda
- Instant White Rice, Instant Brown Rice
- Mashed Potatoes
- Nuts (Any Kind)
- Rice Sides (Rice A Roni, Knorr products, etc)
- Pasta Sides (Chef Boyardee, etc)



Canned/Jarred:

- Tomato products (diced, crushed, puree)
- Tomato/Pasta Sauce (in jars)
- Soups - Beef, Seafood, Bean
- Canned Potatoes (sliced, diced, whole)
- Condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard)