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ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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The Consistory is pleased to announce the Rev. Meagan McLeod has agreed to serve as the supply pastor for St. James. Rev. Meagan has preached at St. James a few times over the past few years and is known by a few of our members. She expects to work 10-15 hours / week at St James in addition to her current responsibilities as Chaplain/Spiritual Care Director at Friends Psychiatric Hospital where “she works to help patients in crisis through spirituality.”

Rev. Meagan officially started her St. James duties on April 21, and her first worship (virtual) service was on April 26. Rev. Meagan will, of course, design and lead worship, provide pastoral care, attend monthly Consistory meetings, assist in problem solving where/when necessary and organize and lead Bible study.

The Consistory would like to recognize and thank Laura Hart for her work on organizing and leading the Supply Pastor Search Team (Matt George, Joanne Morris, Kathy Pioggia, Roxanne Ryan, and Lynn Sharrar) through this process.

Rev. Meagan, we wish you a warm St. James!



REPORT FROM THE ST. JAMES PASTORAL SEARCH

COMMITTEE: Consistory is putting the final touches on our Church Profile, based on recommendations from PSEC's Rev.



**PASTORAL
SEARCH
COMMITTEE**

Susan Minasian, who is working with St. James during this time of pastoral transition. Our completed Profile will then be submitted to the offices of the United Church of Christ to be made available to

candidates. Our heartfelt thanks to Laura Hart and Maureen McGurk for their expert work on the Profile, which is over 50 pages long (whew!).

Our Pastoral Search Committee consists of Matt Abbadusky, Cheryl Haley, Ed Hart, Jenn Hayden, Pearl Heil-Dolmatz, Maureen McGurk, and Kathy Pioggia.



WORSHIP DURING THE COVID 19 QUARANTINE:

Virtual Sunday worship services are evolving, having begun back in April on Facebook Live, but now moving to Zoom. Participants can choose to join via video so that we can see each other's faces during this time of physical distancing. But you don't have to share video if you prefer not to!



For joining our Sunday worship on Zoom, please check your email weekly for login information, including password.

You can join via computer, mobile phone/tablet, or even a regular land-line phone if you just want to dial in without video. You can also turn off your video camera on your computer or mobile device, if you don't want to be seen, but know that all are welcome and come as you are!



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 31

A GIFT FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST

CONFERENCE: St. James, along with every church in the Conference, received a gift of \$1,000 from the Conference, which had created a rainy day fund several years ago from the proceeds of the sale of Camp Mensch Mill and the Collegeville Church House. Our Consistory has decided to apply these funds to our Rental Income Account, since for the time being we are no longer receiving income from a private day care that uses our building. Also, the Keystone Korean Presbyterian Church uses our sanctuary and hall on Sundays. Their congregation is small, so we extended the offer for them to not pay their monthly rent during the pandemic, which they thankfully accepted.



We did consider putting the \$1,000 toward our food pantry, since our usage has risen over 100% during April. But we have had such an outpouring of food and funds from the Havertown community that the food pantry is actually in very good shape.

CHILDREN

CARING KIDS SERVICE CLUB. This outreach is scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month during the time that PAWS takes place, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Contingent on the lifting of Covid 19 quarantine, we are hoping to resume our club meetings on **September 15th**.



Each month will focus on a different service opportunity to help the children become familiar with many ways that they can be of service to those around them. Sign-ups will be sent out and posted on the St. James Facebook Page on the 1st of the month. Hope to see many of our St. James kids there!

Allison Fineberg

ADULTS & FAMILIES

BOOK CLUB

St. James book club is currently on hold. Like the rest of Pennsylvania, we are social distancing and are not planning on any in person meetings in the near future. My best guess is June or July, in which case I will contact the church office.

Otherwise, stay home, stay safe, and read!!!
Here are the books we are currently reading;

- [Nine Perfect Strangers](#) by Liane Moriarity
- [Nickel Boys](#) by Colson Whitehead
- [The Woman in the Window](#) by AJ Finn
- [The Goldfinch](#) by Donna Tartt



Miss you all!!
Joanne Morris
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CONSISTORY meets Wednesday, **May 20**, and **June 17**, 6:30 p.m.
Complete list of meetings: May 20, June 17, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16.

**MISSION: COMING TOGETHER
IN SERVICE**

FOOD PANTRY

Wednesdays: **May 6 & 13** (9:00-11:00 AM), **May 27** (6:00-7:00 PM)

Wednesdays: **June 3 & 10** (9:00-11:00 AM), **June 24** (6:00 – 7:00 PM)

Our sincerest thanks to Kirk Gosweiler, who has agreed to be the new Coordinator for the St. James Food Pantry. And

what a time to be taking over! The pantry usually serves about 25 families a month, but due to Covid-19 lay-offs, the month of April saw a rise to 52 families. We are well positioned to serve those who



will come to the pantry in May and onward, due in great part to an outpouring of generosity from the Havertown community, in the form of food and monetary gifts. Although we express our gratitude to all of these folks, most are thanking US for being a conduit to getting food to families who are in need due to general circumstances, or due to sudden unemployment.

If you would like to offer your services to Kirk, Ed Hart, and Allison Fineberg, who are our three faithful volunteers on Wednesday mornings and the fourth evening, please let them know. They may also need your help with packing bags of food and toiletries.

As mentioned, we are well stocked with food. We're good on shampoo and bar soap. We could use bottles of hand soap (i.e. Softsoap), dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, and other toiletries should you be in a position to find those items.

Anyone from St. James is welcome to use the food pantry at any time. Just call the church office. And if you know a Delaware

County family who could benefit from the pantry, please put them in touch with us. We're here to help!

SAM'S KITCHEN, our meal at the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County, 63rd and Market Sts. in Upper Darby, will be prepared (4:30 p.m.) and delivered on **Wednesday, May 13**. Contact Ed Hart at 610-449-3728 or hart.edwardm@gmail.com if you can help with meal preparation. During the Covid 19 quarantine, individual dinners are boxed and delivered to the Life Center, where they are distributed by the staff. So no serving is actually done by our St. James folks. Hopefully things will return to normal for the July meal.



DORCAS YARN MINISTRY.

Dorcas Ministry welcomes women, men and teens who knit or crochet, or who would like to learn how. Our biggest need is prayer shawls Big rectangles of love and warmth for people who are dealing with illness or loss. During the quarantine, be assured that our members are working and praying from home as best they can to continue to produce prayer shawls. If you are in need of a shawl, please contact Joanne Morris or Connie George, or Ailene at the church office.

PHOEBE WYNCOTE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING will be Sunday, **May 10**. This continuing care community is affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Phoebe provides over \$15 million annually for residents who have exhausted their own resources to pay for their care. Please indicate "Phoebe Wyncote" on your check memo.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING – Sunday, May 31



The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. St. James UCC will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020. Please indicate “Strengthen the Church” on your check memo.

PET THERAPY READING

Our regularly scheduled PAWS for People reading sessions, for the third Tuesday of the month (6:30-7:30 PM), is on hold for the time being. Hopefully up and running in September.



MAY

- 2 – Carlyne McGurk
- 15 – Karen Krok
- 16 – Thomas McKenzie-Smith
- 25 – Pat Haley

JUNE

- 7 – Zoey George
- 8 – Gianna Torres
- 13 – Katrina Christmas
- 21 – Judy Winters
- 23 – Marian McKenzie
- 25 – David Morris
- 25 – Susanne Galya
- 26 – Emma Gonsalves
- 27 – Shawn Estes
- 28 – Jay Vasell

“Hope is not pretending that troubles don't exist. It is the hope that they won't last forever. That hurts will be healed and difficulties overcome. That we will be led out of the darkness and into the sunshine.”—Unknown

“Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow.”
—Mary Anne Radmacher

“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”—Fred Rogers

STAYING AT HOME

Just be careful because people are going crazy from being on lockdown. Actually, I've been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee, and we all agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly not to the frig, as he is acting cold and distant. In the end, the iron straightened out as she said everything will be fine. No situation is too pressing. The vacuum was very unsympathetic...told me to just suck it up. But the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all blow over. The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion, and didn't say anything. But the doorknob told me to get a grip, the front door said I was unhinged, and the curtains told me to pull myself together.

(I hope this made you smile.)



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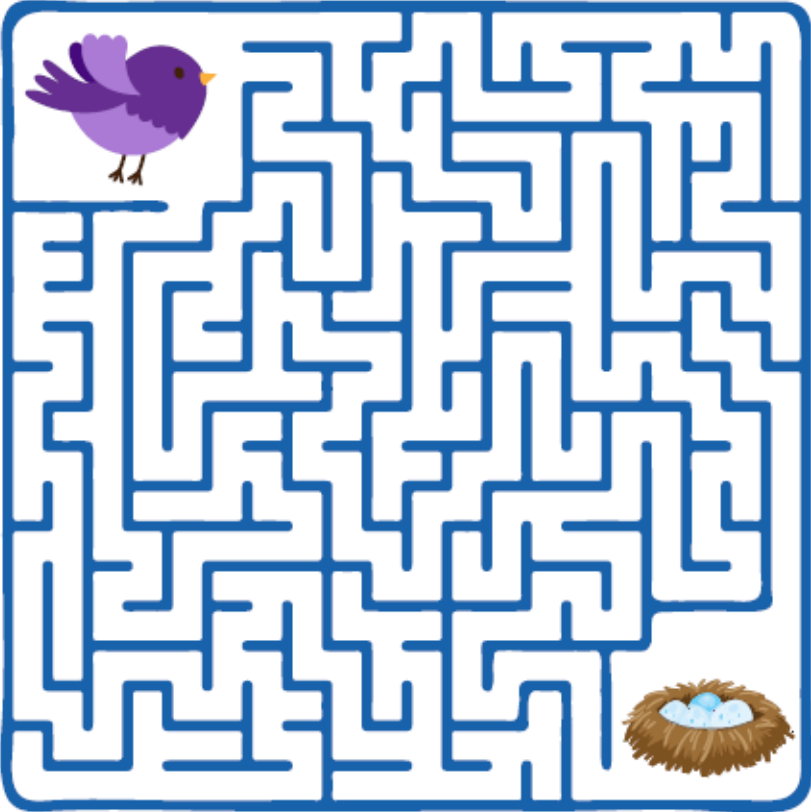
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What do toads drink on hot summer days?
Ice Cold Croak-a-Cola

What do sheep like to do in the summer?
Have a Baa-Baa-Cue

Why did the person put extra salt on his food in the summer?
He wanted to do Summer Salts