

Friends of Penn Central Testimonial – St. John's, Fredericksburg

St John's United Church of Christ of Fredericksburg, PA, is living out the mission of Penn Central Conference which states, "Where congregations passionately declare and demonstrate the courageous love of Christ." The last few years St. John's has allowed rhetoric to put on shoes.

Over the years we've had many members receive their ultimate rewards. Some received it by eternal healing and others received the crown of life. We will forever treasure the legacy they left to us. And this allowed us to stretch beyond mourning and complacency by discovering new ministries in our community.

The Spirit prompted us that God desires us to do a new thing within ourselves for the betterment of our community. The things we have done over the years like Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, 5 for 5 in the Conference, monthly collections for local food banks, summer Tuesday evening programs, mid-week Bible study, Christian Connection, and Chicken Pot Pie (to name a few) are still much needed. However, our community needs are always evolving; therefore, we are beginning new ministries.

St. John's organizes our local community's National Night Out. Elders are leading release time for the local elementary school. And next year will be our fourth year for Vacation Bible School. On October 28th we will try our first Chicken BBQ. More important we are providing another means to minister to God's people. We are launching a program called RightNow Media. It is the "Christian Netflix." This resource will be available for our home bound members, college students, family members, and those who work or play sports during the Sunday worship hour.

We will not become victims of our fast paced society; instead we will live out the gospel by providing resources for people to hear from our Still Speaking God. For we know that the mortality of our walls cannot limit an unlimited God that is full of grace and mercy. Therefore, we will sound our shofar so others will hear God's call.

