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### “Be the Church of the Month” Contest Continues ...Is your Church Participating?

"Be the Church of the Month" is an ongoing, church-wide contest inviting all UCC churches to participate by living out the statements of the UCC's popular "Be the Church" message.

The contest began June 1, with all churches received an email inviting them to participate and announcing the statement "Protect the environment." Churches were given until June 22 to submit information and any photos and video showing what they've been doing to make that statement a reality.

Congratulations to the "Be the Church of the Month" winner for August, *Ebenezer United Church of Christ in Sheboygan, Wisconsin!*

**This contest is ongoing—on the first of every month**, a new "Be the Church" statement will be announced, and submissions will be due by the 22nd of the month. The winning church earns the "Be the Church of the Month" title for the following month. All winning churches and their accomplishments will be featured on UCC social media and [ucc.org](http://ucc.org), and they'll receive a prize from the "Be the Church" collection from UCC Resources.

#### **HOW TO ENTER "BE THE CHURCH OF THE MONTH" CONTEST**

Go to [http://www.ucc.org/be\\_the\\_church](http://www.ucc.org/be_the_church) to discover the current statement being used and how to submit your entry!

### Getting to Know :

#### St. John Hill UCC

620 Hill Church Rd., Boyertown, PA 19512



St. John-Hill UCC began its ministry to the folks of the Oley Valley over 250 years ago when it became apparent that a need for a worship space for the local farmers needed to be filled. Since then, Hill Church has served the communities of Bechtelsville, Boyertown, and the Oley Valley faithfully through love

and respect for our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our motto states, "They will know we are Christians by our love!"

Hill Church has been the meeting place for many folks through the years and continues to serve as the place where fellowship, faith, and love can be seen in all that we do. This year our Mission Team has remained local and tried to assist the local community through service and love. Over the last two years, the team has participated in Mission Trip Birdsboro to provide help to local families in need.

Beyond missions, we at Hill Church also love to eat. We hold several community suppers each year to feed the community and provide a place of fellowship. In May, we have our annual Ham Supper not to be outdone by our Buckwheat and Sausage supper in October and our annual Turkey Supper in November! All of these dinners are prepared and served by our members in our "eats house" or dining hall.

St. John-Hill has entered a time a discernment and transition as Rev. Christian Creyer has recently left to provide care for his family and to move back to the Allentown Area. We have also begun the process of revitalization through the Natural Church Development process. As St. John-Hill moves forward in this process, we ask you to hold the church and all of its members in prayer as the church moves through changes and transitions in leadership.



If you would like more information, please visit our website [www.stjohnhillucc.org](http://www.stjohnhillucc.org) or call the office at (610) 367-8114. As always, peace and blessings to you.



Prayers are requested for St. John (Hill) UCC in Boyertown during their time of transition.