



# *Shenkel United Church of Christ*



November 2019

SHENKEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
1580 Shenkel Road  
Pottstown, PA 19465

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|  <p>Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 3.</p> |                                                          |                                                                                                                    | <p>Thursdays:</p> <p>Chime Choir at 6:30 pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir at 7:30 pm</p> |                                                                                                | <p>1</p> <p>Old First UCC's Urban Work Camp</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Old First UCC's Urban Work Camp</p> |
| <p>3</p> <p>Reflective service 8:30 am</p> <p>Traditionalish service 9:45 am</p>                                                                      | <p>4</p>                                                 | <p>5</p>                                                                                                           | <p>6</p>                                                                        | <p>7</p> <p>Music &amp; Worship 10 am</p> <p>Lunch Bunch 11:30 am</p> <p>Choir</p>             | <p>8</p>                                        | <p>9</p>                                        |
| <p>10</p> <p>Unified Jubilee service 9:45 am with Communion</p> <p>Bible Study at 11 am : Luke</p>                                                    | <p>11</p>                                                | <p>12</p> <p>Sewing Circle 9:30 am</p> <p>Consistory 6 pm</p>                                                      | <p>13</p> <p>Confirmation 7 pm</p>                                              | <p>14</p> <p>Choir</p>                                                                         | <p>15</p>                                       | <p>16</p>                                       |
| <p>17</p> <p>Reflective service 8:30 am</p> <p>Traditionalish service 9:45 am</p> <p>Communion at the Villa Noon</p>                                  | <p>18</p>                                                | <p>19</p> <p>Midday dinner club - 12 pm</p> <p>Next Level: Spirituality 6:00 pm</p> <p>Next Level: All 6:30 pm</p> | <p>20</p> <p>PRC 5 pm</p> <p>Agape at Freda Wanner's 7 pm</p>                   | <p>21</p> <p>Card making class 10 am</p> <p>Choir</p>                                          | <p>22</p>                                       | <p>23</p>                                       |
| <p>24</p> <p>Reflective service 8:30 am</p> <p>Traditionalish service 9:45 am</p> <p>Thanksgiving soup service 5 pm</p>                               | <p>25</p> <p>Community Meal at Christ Episcopal 12pm</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Sewing Circle 9:30 am</p>                                                                             | <p>27</p>                                                                       | <p>28</p>  | <p>29</p>                                       | <p>30</p> <p>Decorating the church</p>          |

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Priscilla Denham

Organist:  
Susan Royer

Music Director  
Dan Wolgemuth

Office Administrator:  
Lisa Dice

Sexton:  
Stacey Keim

## COVENANTED MINISTERS IN MISSION

Rev. Wanda D. Craner,  
Gestalt Pastoral Care  
Minister and Trainer  
Gestalt Pastoral Care  
Associates

## CONSISTORY

President:  
Randy Berriker

Vice President:  
Sandy Rowe

Secretary:  
Dave Derman

Treasurer:  
Ken Bevan

Financial Secretary:  
Joan Palubinsky

Assistant Financial

Secretary  
Doug Allen

Elders:  
Randy Berriker  
Joan Palubinsky  
Sandy Rowe

Deacons:  
Dave Derman  
Gary McDermit  
Pat Kuestner  
Tony Gulotta

## MINISTERS

All the members  
of the church

# Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Dear Shenkelites,

What gorgeous weather we are having (at this moment anyway)! But every day is a day “the Lord has made, and (we should) rejoice and be glad in it”, best we can. Scientists have discovered that gratitude and community are both helpful in living longer, healthier lives. It’s taken them 2,000 years to prove what Christians have known all along. Something about that makes me laugh.

I want to give a big shout-out to Sharon Sabo, Dan Jenkins (new/old member), Lori Scharneck, Brenda Berriker, Lynn Moyer, the Confirmants, the Youth Group, and all others who have been weeding the Labyrinth. It looks so lovely. Especially while the weather is so perfect, everyone who can should walk/drive/ride a bike up to our labyrinth. It is peaceful and a gift for anyone who is feeling stressed. We are so lucky to have this ancient prayer path on our amazing property.

The CROP Walk this year was great. Shenkel UCC was well represented with several Youth and a few intrepid adults. Our own Gary McDermit shared that he has “walked The Walk” for 23 of the last 25 years! Since CROP was celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, that is very impressive. Crop Walk is another way Shenkel is Being the Church, helping to heal the world.

I am writing this before our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spirituality Fair. I am looking forward to this day where we have a Conversation that Matters about “Spirituality and Aging.” Wanda Craner is offering a discussion on “Faith, Imagination, and Healing”, Joan Palubinski –Guided Meditation, Sarah Clough –Reiki, Sandy Rowe – Body Prayer. By the time you read this, we will all have been blessed by these offerings. This is something no other church in the area is doing and it highlights we care about prayer and spiritual growth as a congregation.

BIG NEWS! The Profile Team have answered the call. Ron Pearson, Lori Scharneck, Brenda Berriker, Sharon Sabo, and Gary McDermit have agreed to lead the congregational conversation about Who Shenkel UCC is, Who our

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“neighbors” are, What is the vision for Shenkel’s future. Everyone has a voice to be heard so be prepared to speak up and share what God has put on your heart as we go forward.

Blessings Always,

Pastor Priscilla

shenkelpastor@gmail.com

*Friday, December 6th at 7:00 PM. in the Shenkel U.C.C.  
sanctuary  
Illumine Christmas Concert*

What better way to start the Christmas season than through music? Join Illumine (Kaitlyn, David and Jodie) as they present their Christmas concert. Admission is free!

### Shenkel Painting Challenge

Consistory has approved two painting projects that were sorely needed. For the sanctuary, all the exterior windows and doors will be caulked and painted. At the parsonage, the entrance overhang and railing and the garage door, frame, entrance door, and frame will be painted. No, we’re not asking you to pickup a brush, ladder, and drop cloth for the job; Sandy Peterman has someone already lined up for that. We need \$8,000 to cover the cost of both projects and a current shortfall in the Property Operating Account. We are asking you to consider a special contribution towards this project. Just designate your donation to “Paint Fund”. Our goal is to raise the funds by the end of December. With your kind generosity, I know we can do it.

Thank you. Shenkel Consistory



## YOUTH NEWS

The youth group is off to a great start! We kicked off the year with a gathering in the Grove in September and participated in the annual Pottstown CROP walk in October. This year's walk was a huge success with 7 youth, 5 adults and mascot Alfred participating and raising close to \$1000! Other upcoming youth activities include pumpkin carving, followed by a corn maze and hayride 10/27, and our annual Urban Work Camp to Old First UCC in Philadelphia November 1-3. Thank you to all those who supported the youth in the CROP walk and with donations for Old First.



## Holy Communion

Shenkel UCC celebrates the sacrament of Holy Communion at the unified service on the second Sunday this month. We go to the Villa to share communion with folks there on the third Sunday at noon! If you would like to join us, please let Pastor Priscilla know. Please let the Pastor know if you, or someone you know, would appreciate “distance-communing” with their Shenkel Church family!



**Do you have an announcement for the bulletin or newsletter?**

Bulletin announcements are due to the church office by *Tuesday at noon* to be in that week's bulletin.

Newsletter articles are due on the *15th of each month* to be included in the upcoming month's issue.

## Pottstown Cluster Holiday meal

**Shenkel's collection assignment for the Cluster's Christmas meal this year is 200 cans green beans. Start looking for those sales now. Deadline to donate is Sunday, December 8. Thank you!**



# This Month at Shenkel UCC



## Mid-Day Dinner Club

*Our next event will be on  
Tuesday,  
November 19th at Tony Joe's*

The Mid-day Dinner Club meets at 12 noon on the third Tuesday of each month and you're invited! It is open to young-at-heart adults of any age who enjoy eating out and would like to get to know other Shenkel members a little better. If you are a "regular," please check off your name on the plate in the narthex no later than the Sunday before the lunch so your reservation can be made on time. If you are a "newbie," please call the church office (or just add your name to the plate) if you're able to join us!

### Upcoming Adult Sunday School Sessions

October 27—Dave Derman on Homeless Ministry and Laundry Packs

November 3—Janice Lee—A New Giving Opportunity

November 10—Bible Study with Pastor Priscilla on the Gospel of Luke.

## Lunch Bunch

*Thursday, November 7th at  
11:30 am*



Lunch Bunch's own Barbara Brown along with Annette Thompson and Sharon Muntz will be presenting a program about old-time mysteries (like "The Shadow") and westerns (such as "The Lone Ranger") with clips from these programs, music and narration. Step back in time for this unique program already created and presented by LLL - Life Long Learning.

Hot dogs and baked beans for lunch.

**All participants are asked to contribute \$7.00 to cover the cost of the lunch and the program. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex, or call the Shenkel UCC office at 610-326-3535 by the Monday prior to the program to reserve your spot. For more information, please call Linda Foss at 610-741-6949 or Sam Wilson at 610-323-1637.**

### Special Offering for November —

#### *All Saints Day/PSEC Retired*

*The All Saints Offering is used to supplement the needs of the retired pastors, spouses, and widows in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference who need assistance with health and dental insurance. Your generosity will bring peace of mind and improved health to those who have served the church so faithfully in the past.*



# Monthly Meets

## **The Agape group**

Third Wednesday of the Month, 7 pm

Showing love through prayer, this group's time together is spent with a quiet time for centering and meditation with sharing prayer concerns. They meet at the home of Freda Wanner, 1752 Temple Road, Pottstown.

## **Card Making Class**

Third Thursday, 10 am in Social hall

Each class participants make three beautiful cards. Cost is \$8. If you plan to attend the class or have any questions, please call Connie Armbruster at 610-326-6516 to insure there will be enough materials.

## **Community Lunch Bunch**

First Thursday, 11:30 am in Social hall

Open to the community, this monthly get together offers lunch followed by a short program that changes every month. The cost is \$7. Look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Look on page 6 for this month's program. For more info, please call Linda Foss at 610-741-6949 or Sam Wilson at 610-323-1637.

## **Mid-day Dinner Club**

Third Tuesday, 12 pm

Open to young-at-heart adults of any age who enjoy eating out and would like to get to know other Shenkel members a little better. Meeting place changes every month. Look for the dinner plate sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please call the church office at 610-326-3535 with questions or RSVPs.

## **Shenkel Sewing Circle**

Second & Fourth Tuesday, 9:30 am in Social hall

We are a small group of very friendly ladies who love to visit and sew. We are currently not working on any big project, so bring what you love to do or just come for the fun conversation. We love to share ideas for sewing, cross stitch, quilting and knitting, etc. We also offer help with any of your projects. We would love to expand our group, so please spread the word. For more information or If the weather is questionable, please call Margie Allen at 610-326-1519.



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| Hine, Louise       | 11/06 |
| Mocarski, Alex     | 11/06 |
| Palubinsky, Joe    | 11/07 |
| Sweinhart, Kaleena | 11/08 |
| Sabo, John         | 11/16 |
| Wanner, Peter      | 11/17 |
| Faust, Clair       | 11/19 |
| Pedrick, Edward    | 11/19 |
| Mocarski, Ben      | 11/21 |
| Dise, Tracy        | 11/25 |
| Craner, Wanda      | 11/28 |
| Foss, Linda        | 11/28 |
| Logan, Charlene    | 11/28 |
| Smith, Mary Lou    | 11/29 |
| Chidawu, Mindy     | 11/30 |

**During the month of November, Shenkel UCC will be praying for these randomly selected members and friends of our congregation:**

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| 11/1  | Judy Miller<br>Mike Kline<br>Josh Palubinsky<br>Mindy, Isabelle and Sela<br>Chidawu<br>Rebecca, Joe, Grace and<br>Cole Major and Seth<br>Dawicki | 11/17 | Sue and Gary Stultz<br>Kathy Snyder<br>Lori Scharneck<br>Wayne Klein<br>Bette Burkhardt                                             |
| 11/10 | Ethel Miller<br>Faye and Ed Pedrick<br>Linda and John Jonides<br>Kelly Strunk, Steve,<br>Madeline and<br>Jacoby Mest<br>Scott Kutz               | 11/24 | Richard, Ricky and Ryan<br>Golden<br>Morgan Scharneck<br>Drew Sweinhart<br>Elizabeth and Jim Carr<br>Karen Metka and Joe<br>Zogheib |



For Christmas, we are collecting gifts for children ages newborn to 16 years old. The gifts can be unwrapped or a gift card. Deadline to contribute is Sunday, December 1.



The Pottstown Cluster Food collection at Shenkel UCC is the **1st Sunday of each month.**



## Food Collection

Please place your items in the plastic bins in the narthex. Thank you for your support!



The Cluster welcomes all cash and food donations 8:30am to 12pm Monday thru Friday. They are at 57 N. Franklin Street in Pottstown. Items such as coffee, tea, peanut butter, sugar, artificial sweetener and baking products are ***always needed.*** Current cluster needs:

- tomato products, canned soup
- jelly, canned fruit
- laundry detergent and all purpose cleaner (small containers)
- dish soap
- toiletries
- paper towels
- twin and queen size sheets new/used (must be clean)
- blankets, comforters
- pots and pans

They are not accepting any clothing at this time.



## Financial Health

| As of<br>9/30/2019 | Current Fund |             | Our Church's Wider Mission |            |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
|                    | Month        | YTD         | Month                      | YTD        |
| Actual             | 15,329.00    | 101,048.95  | 507.00                     | 5,950.00   |
| Budget             | 14,309.91    | 128,791.73  | 958.33                     | 8,625.00   |
| Over/(Under)       | 1,019.09     | (27,742.78) | (451.33)                   | (2,675.00) |