



Shenkel United Church of Christ



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1580 Shenkel Road
Pottstown, PA 19465

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>1</p> <p>Traditional service 9:45 am Communion Daylight Savings</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Traditional service 9:45 am</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Consistory 6:30 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Traditional service 9:45 am</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Traditional service 9:45 am</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bible Study 7 pm</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Traditional service 9:45 am</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Kid's Virtual Sunday School on Zoom—Sundays at 11:30 am</p> 				

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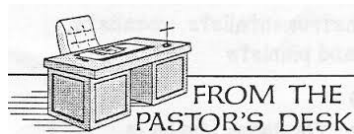
Gary McDermit

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MINISTERS

All the members
of the church



*Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for me."
Give thanks.*

I'll never forget my Brazilian friend Josie playing this song on her guitar and singing for some visitors from the States. We were sitting in Josie's mother's home, a simple concrete block structure with cement floors, and minimal furniture. Madrinha, (Josie's mom) is illiterate and has worked hard all her life cleaning and cooking and laundering other peoples' houses, food and clothing. Her children were raised by her sister who had more resources. Life had not been easy for any of the family. Yet, the joy and peace with which Josie played and sang that song of thanks, moved our visitors to tears. They couldn't help comparing their American way of life with what they saw and experienced in Brazil. They were amazed at the grateful and joyful spirits in the people they encountered.

November is the month when we traditionally celebrate Thanksgiving. A national holiday set aside specifically for giving thanks. We are several hundred years removed from the first thanksgiving celebrated in Massachusetts Colony. Whatever happened back then, I believe their desire was to pause and give thanks to God for the harvest and provisions available for the coming winter. Our lives are so far removed from their way of living that it is hard for us to imagine not having enough to make it through a northern winter. (Although, we have experienced a few shortages of things during this pandemic!)

The point is, they paused to give thanks to God. They recognized that all they had, came from the gracious gifts of the Creator. Likewise, it is good for us to pause and give thanks to God. November, the end of the harvest season in the northern hemisphere, seems to be a good time to take that pause.

However Thanksgiving may look different for you this year of 2020 upheaval, pause, and give thanks for all the good gifts God gives. Even if Thanksgiving doesn't look like you hoped or include the people you would like to have gathered, give thanks. We are all so blessed. We have one another in a faith community that truly cares for each other. We have a God, Emmanuel, who walks with us and never leaves us orphaned. The list could go on and on.

And as you give thanks, remember in prayer those who lost loved ones this year, who lost homes in wildfires or hurricanes, who are trying to regroup and rebuild after natural disasters; who live with the challenges of mental or physical illness or who lost employment due to the pandemic.

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October Consistory Highlights

- ◆ We have elected to begin our indoor worship in Fellowship Hall effective Sunday, November 1st. The protocols we had approved in July regarding masks, no singing, no food, and social distancing will remain in effect when we move inside. As a reminder, the UV Light system on our HVAC has been working for several weeks now and remains on 24/7.
- ◆ The Pottstown Cluster will be preparing their Thanksgiving meal boxes again this year. Shenkel has signed up to provide 200 cans of green beans. You may bring your cans to any service and we will house them in Fellowship Hall. Thanks in advance for your support of this meaningful ministry.
- ◆ We approved to increase our 2021 OCWM Commitment to \$12,000. We had maintained the prior Commitment for the prior 3 years, but believed that based on the additional services PSEC has been providing us during the pandemic that it was time to increase our support.
- ◆ We approved a \$1,000 donation from the Program and Missions 2018 Allocation for the CWS Emergency Bucket and Hygiene Kits.
- ◆ The Worship and Music Committees are working on plans for Advent and Christmas Eve. We have received a very positive response to having some type of rustic, Christmas Eve service in the pavilion. We expect this will be only 1 of several alternatives for that evening.
- ◆ We are still looking for a member to volunteer to be a backup to the Cemetery Superintendent. If interested in learning more, please contact Randy Berriker.



Sunday, November 1st—Turn your clocks back 1 hour!

As Paul reminded the people of Thessalonica: “Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.”

Gratefully,
Pastor Suzanne

Dear Shenkel Family,

Words aren't adequate to express our gratitude for your love, concern, and prayers during our dad's (husband's) hospitalization and end of life journey. Heartfelt thanks!

Sincerely,
Family of Harold Smith,
Mary Lou Smith
Lori Klein
Brenda Berriker



Pottstown Cluster Holiday meal

Shenkel's collection assignment for the Cluster's Christmas meal this year is 200 cans of green beans. Start looking for those sales now. Deadline to donate is Sunday, December 6. Thank you!





Major, Cole	11/05
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:

- 11/1 Cameron Dushanko
Sarah Neff, Emmit, Shane and Iris Glatfelter
Jess, Adam and Lucy Hartzell
BJ Peterman
Gloria Mest
- 11/8 Julie, Bill and Lucas Zachesky
Sandy Peterman, James Heath and
Bryan and Emily Trego
Brenda and Randy Berriker
Britnee, Bill, Olivia and Delia Sanseverino
Mari, Christian and Connor O'Drain
- 11/15 Ashlyn Augustine
Charlene Logan
Dan Jenkins
Tracy and Abby Dise
Suzanne Spaulding
- 11/22 Joel Sweinhart
Chris and Ted Gray
Sue and Michael Kulp
Robin and Mike Martin
Barbara Brown
- 11/29 Drew Sweinhart
Connie and Sam Armbruster
Ann Hartzell
Jim White
Faye and Ed Pedrick

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

The following activities are still **not** being held:

The Sewing Circle

Lunch Bunch

Midday Dinner

Card Making Club



As of September 30, 2020	Current Fund	
	Month	YTD
ACTUAL		
Opening Bal.	(4,058)	8,784
Giving	14,735	101,918
Expenses	(13,844)	(127,321)
Subtotal	(3,167)	(16,619)
Rent Income	1,700	15,300
Other	1	(148)
Ending Balance	(1,467)	(1,467)
Net Chg	2,591	(10,251)
BUDGET		
	Month	YTD
Giving	14,707	132,360
Over (Under)	28	(30,442)

Our Church's Wider Mission		
September 30, 2020	Month	YTD
Actual	465.00	7,956.00
Budget	958.33	8,625.00
Over (under)	(493.33)	(669.00)