

The Worship Service

Sunday, June 21, 2026



Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel's UCC's Vision Statement

Shenkel United Church of Christ extends a heartfelt welcome to all unbound by physical structure or geography and grounded in creative worship, active spirituality, community action, love and service.

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

~Gathering Together~

Prelude "Day By Day" (St. Richard of Chichester/Stephen Schwartz)

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of hosts!

**C: My soul longs, yea, faints for your courts;
My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

L: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O God of hosts, my ruler and God.

All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise. Blessed are those whose strength is in you.

Opening Hymn "Come, My People" (SmSgBk#1)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's grace.

Prayer of Confession

We have promised to live as your people, God. Yet, we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. As the body of Christ, we are often disjointed and clumsy. We do not work together as one to your glory. We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry. We have not been faithful to the trust you have placed in us.

Merciful God, receive us as we are, and forgive us. Encourage us with your love that we may commit ourselves anew to live as those who belong to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news, in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we learn that God's love has no bounds. In Christ we are forgiven and are empowered to begin anew. Thanks be to God!

Special Music

Make Me A Servant, Sandy Rowe, Soloist

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Carol Pearson

Matthew 10:24-39

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Genesis 21:8-21

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Faith A. Williams

Hymn for Reflection:

“Let All Things Now Living”

(SmSgBk#40)

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Our Mother/Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering our Gifts – Thank you for your faithful support of Shenkel's ongoing ministries.

June's Special Offering – Coventry Food Pantry

Offertory

“More Precious Than Silver”

(Lynn DeShazo)

Offering Response

“Take My Life, And Let It Be” (SmSgBk#37-4th verse only)

**Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I with-hold.
Take my intellect, and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.**

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn

“The Summer Days Are Come Again”

(SmSgBk#34)

Benediction

Postlude

“Blessed Assurance”

(Fanny Crosby/Phoebe Knapp)

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Organist: Susan Royer

Secretary: Danielle Petersen

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Announcements:

~Sunday, June 21, 2026~

Sun, 6/21 ~ Traditionalish Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Grove.
~ Chancel Choir rehearsal at 11:00 am.

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 6/28 ~ Traditionalish Worship Service at 9:45 am in the Grove.
~ Chancel Choir rehearsal at 11:00 am.

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Scripture Reading for June 28th

Louise Hine

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Matthew 10:40-42

Cluster donations for June: Canned chicken and ham

UPDATE - Pastor Suzanne: Will not be able to come to work for the next two weeks. Should you need anything she will be available by phone at (610) 906-5150.

Make Music Upper Perk: a community music festival held annually today at 11:00 am invites the congregations of the Valley to join for a special day of fellowship and musical performances. This year several churches will be host to festivities – the grove at Palm Schwenkfelder, the gazebo and sanctuary at St. Mark Lutheran, the lawn at Pennsburg UCC, the bandshell at New Goshenhoppen UCC – in addition to other venues around the Valley. All performances are free to the public & will feature local musicians, bands, and choirs. The day will be a celebration of music in our local community and will include genres for all ages. All events are free and open to the public, and you are invited! The full schedule will be released in the Town & Country in June as well as at ValleyArtScene.wordpress.com. Printed programs are also available in the church office and throughout the community.

Pottstown Area Pride Event: Shenkel will be hosting the Pottstown Area Pride Fest again. This is our 3rd year as hosts. **Anyone is welcome to volunteer to help make this event fun and safe for all. Please sign up as a volunteer on the website (pottstownpride.org). By signing up we can know who to count on for help the day of the festival – July 18th.** Hope to see you there as we move fully live into our mission to unconditionally love and accept all and generously serve our community. Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 18th from 1:00 – 5:00 pm in the Grove!

Walk and Pray: In an increasingly complex and troubling world, many of us are wondering what to do. One simple act is to walk and pray for peace and wholeness in our world. You are invited to walk the Labyrinth here at Shenkel from 9 - 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Come as you are able, leave when you are ready. Pam McShane will be at the Labyrinth most weeks to guide those who are new to labyrinth walking. There's power in walking and praying together!

Qigong classes at Shenkel!: Classes are on Thursday mornings from 11AM-noon. Suggested cost is \$12/class or come and pay what you're able. Cash or check payable to Shenkel UCC. Hope you'll join us! No experience necessary--All are welcome!

Grocery run? Consider using Giant and Redner's cards for your grocery store purchases: Shenkel earns \$5 for every \$100 on Giant and Redner's gift cards – which are available every week at church.

Stewardship: Stewardship Committee will meet next on July 1st at 5:30 pm. The charge of the committee is to find ways to increase much needed revenue, attract new members, and identify new ways to provide ministry. Please contact members of the committee with your thoughts. Committee members: Chris Gray, Dan Jenkins, Kim Yocom, Julie Zachesky, and Brenda Berriker, Tom & Mo Gallant.

Church School: Children from 3 years through grade 6 are invited to participate in church school on the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM. Church school will resume in September.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 am on the first Monday of the month. All are welcome to participate. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us as we pray together.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

Gary and Susan Stultz
Julianne Wanner
Heather Burhans Tran
Lori Skulski

Birthdays in the month of June:

Barry Yocom	6/1/26
Gio Manietti	6/2/26
Margie Allen	6/7/26
Sharon Sabo	6/9/26
Dawn Yocom	6/13/26
Tootie Hine	6/14/26
Kim Bade	6/15/26
Elizabeth Carr	6/16/26
David Derman	6/16/26
Marie Bade	6/18/26
Amelia Snyder	6/22/26
Ken Bevan Jr.	6/25/26
William Keim Jr.	6/25/26
Dan Jenkins	6/29/26
Michael Foss	6/30/26

Mission Statement

Shenkel UCC

- prayerfully and creatively worships God;
- unconditionally loves and accepts all;
- generously gives and serves our community and our world.

