

The Worship Service
Sunday, January 26, 2025

**MANY MEMBERS,
ONE BODY**

Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel's UCC's Covenant Statement

So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it, now you do it!

(Romans 15:7, The Message)

We are aware of pain organized religion has inflicted on many; and we are aware many places of worship have not given the extravagant welcome God offers to us all. Therefore, Shenkel United Church of Christ covenants to extend heartfelt hospitality to ALL. Shenkel UCC affirms all persons are created in the image of God, so we offer full inclusion (communion, life, and ministries) in the faith journey of this congregation, regardless of differences: whether religious background, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, national origin, immigration and refugee status, age, ethnicity, relationship status, addiction/recovery, physical or mental ability, and political affiliation. We proclaim this statement: **no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

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~Gathering Together~

Prelude I Will Follow (arr. Koerts)

Welcome

Invocation

Silence for Meditation

Call to Worship

L: May God be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: The Spirit of God is upon us!

C: The Spirit of hope and joy! The Spirit of challenge and truth!

L: The Spirit of God is upon us, because God has anointed us

C: To bring good tidings to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted.

L: God has anointed us

C: To proclaim liberty to captives, to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable,

All: To join our bodies with Christ in service and song.

L: Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit!

Opening Hymn "O For A Thousand Tongues" (NCH #42)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Let us confess together that we have not always lived as those forgiven, set free, and united in Christ.

Prayer of Confession

So often, God of wholeness, we are torn people. We set ourselves apart based on differences, distinctions, judgements, and opinions. We tear ourselves from within as we strive for independence and unique individuality. We do not recognize our common longings for peace, for healing and deep meaning within life. Emerging from the heart of Christ, you come to us in reassuring love. The power of your Spirit blesses our living with hope and feeds us in joy. In the unity of that Spirit we draw together to sing and pray as your own dear renewed children. Refresh us now as we open who we are to who we may yet become. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God is gracious and merciful and abounding in steadfast love. Believe the good news that in Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

They'll Know We Are Christians

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Maddie Mest

Luke 4:14-21

I Corinthians 12:12-31

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "O God In Whom All Life Begins"

(NCH #401)

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

All: 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. January’s Special Offering – Bethany Children’s Home

Offertory

Jesus Calls Us

(Jude)

Offering Response "Love Came Down At Christmas"

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine.
Love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn

"God Of Change And Glory"

(NCH #177)

Benediction

Postlude

Old Time Religion

(arr. Glover)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Email: shenkelpastor@gmail.com

Sexton: Stacy Keim

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth

Organist: Susan Royer

Secretary: Danielle Petersen

Announcements:

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~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 1/26/25 ~ One service at 9:45 am in the Social Hall

~ Congregational Meeting following worship service

~ Chancel Choir rehearsal at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

- Sun, 2/2/25 ~Reflective Worship service with communion at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary
~ Traditionalish Worship service with communion at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary
~ Rev. Nishan and Maria Bakalian will be with us for both services
~ Chancel Choir rehearsal at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Please feel free to scan this code to donate through our online giving page.



Scripture Reading for February 2nd

Susan Royer

Jeremiah 1:4-10
I Corinthians 13:1-3
Luke 4:21-30

Cluster donations for February: Bath soap and shampoo

Today, January 26th: One service at 9:45 am in the social hall followed by the congregational meeting and discussion about finances and ministry vision.

Sunday, February 2nd: Rev. Nishan & Maria Bakalian, Global Mission Partners in Lebanon will be with us. You can read his blog at nshanakir.blogspot.com.

Adopt a Window: Our Fellowship Hall refresh is almost finished. We have twelve windows that need new shades. While some of the money is coming from the Carol Lykens bequest, it will not cover the full cost of the windows. Here is your opportunity to help by adopting a window for \$180 to take care of the rest. But don't worry! If that number is beyond your budget, you can donate whatever you can afford. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO SHENKEL UCC BY FEBRUARY 9 AND WRITE "ADOPT A WINDOW" IN THE MEMO LINE or go to SHENKELUCC.ORG TO DONATE ONLINE by choosing the "ADOPT A WINDOW" button.** Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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 meets the first Wednesday of the month 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 Yocum, Julie Zachesky, and Brenda Berriker.

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. Our next church school is on 2/16/25.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 am on the first Thursday 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:

Erika, Kyle and Gio Manetti

Ashlyn Augustine

Donald Laverty

Tesia Craner

Jim and Elaine Bevan

Birthdays in the month of January:

Kimberly Yocom	1/4/25
Susan Miller	1/5/25
Barry Peterman	1/5/25
Olivio Dushanko	1/9/25
James Heath	1/10/25
Brandon Foss	1/13/25
Freda Wanner	1/13/25
Delia Sanseverino	1/18/25
Mike Martin	1/21/25
Aurora Keim	1/22/25
David Braley	1/24/25
David Klein	1/24/25
Eric Klein	1/27/25
Joseph Bradley	1/29/25
Suzanne Spaulding	1/30/25