

## SHENKEL HAPPENINGS SEPTEMBER 2024

Greetings, Shenkel Friends and Family!

The crisp, cool mornings are starting to remind us that, while Summer is still officially here, Autumn is definitely on its way! As I was wracking my brain for a nugget of wisdom to throw your way, I came upon the immortal words of Linus: "Never jump in a pile of leaves with a wet sucker." I do believe Linus was onto something! So, friends, cover those suckers and jump with me into the wonderful world of Shenkel UCC!

### CHURCH SCHOOL

Attention all children ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade! Church School is beginning **SEPTEMBER 15 FROM 11:00 AM TO NOON** and will be held the **THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**. The focus is on God's love in us and through us and showing compassion for others, as well as Bible stories. The kids love it! See you on the 15<sup>th</sup>!

### CHURCH PICNIC/BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

On **SEPTEMBER 29** at 9:45 A.M. bring your favorite animal friend to our last 2024 outdoor service for a **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**. As an extra bonus after church, we are having our **ALL-CHURCH PICNIC**, with food service starting around 11:30. Remember to bring your place setting, a covered dish or dessert to share, and your blessed pet and lawn chair, if you want! Beverages and ice cream will be provided. Bingo is planned, so bring a small prize for the winners if you are able. Not a bingo fan? Bring your favorite board or lawn games to enjoy with your Shenkel family.

For all you rocket lovers, you're in for a treat! Gary will be donning his NASA engineer hat to teach us how to build a soda bottle rocket. Please bring two 2-litre bottles (straight sided ones work best) and let Gary know if you would like to participate so he brings enough supplies.

**CLUSTER DONATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER** – Trash bags and cleaning supplies.

### CAROL LYKENS FILL-THE-HAT GIVING CHALLENGE

As you may recall, for the next five years, \$5,000 from Carol's generous bequest will be used to help fund our Current Budget during the last quartet. Here is your challenge: Starting **September 8 through December 31, 2024**, we encourage you, members and friends, to make an additional Fill-the-Hat Challenge donation to the Current Fund beyond your usual giving. Our goal is to match Carol's bequest of \$5,000. This will help us meet our budget at the end of the year, which is currently underfunded. Please give what you can and generously if you are able! Make your checks payable to Shenkel UCC, and in the memo line write "Carol Challenge". If you are making an online donation, you'll find it on our website. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### THANK YOUs!

Many thanks to a dedicated group of people who showed up twice to paint all of our tables and benches. They needed a refresh, and you did a fantastic job!

### **LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

Shenkel folks are caring individuals who want to help those in need. We yearn to make a difference, but sometimes don't know where to start. Here is an opportunity to show you care: The **4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month**, a handful of our members help serve a Community Lunch at Christ Episcopal in Pottstown. At that time, Pastor Suzanne delivers 40 rolls of paper towels we have agreed to provide each month during the year for their "Essentials Pantry." She also brings 70 salty and sweet snacks that are given out at lunch. These are purchased at Giant using the Giant gift cards that we also sell at church. These caring volunteers would love to welcome more helpers! You can serve lunch from 11:30-1:00, and/or go earlier to help sort food donations and prepare dessert trays. Don't worry—Shenkel is not responsible for the meal as we were years ago. We are simply willing helpers who are there to do whatever tasks need to be done.

### **FACILITIES USAGE**

A local home school group, Wayfinders, is happily renting our space. They're kicking off the school year on September 10 from 9:00 to 12:00, and are planning to meet Tuesdays through the end of May. The 10 families are thrilled to have such a beautiful, functional space for learning. So, if you happen to be at church on Tuesday mornings, you may find our newest little friends utilizing our space. Be sure to give them a big Shenkel welcome!

### **SAVE THE DATE – BOSCOV'S FUNDRAISER**

Yes, this popular Friends Helping Friends fundraiser is back. Just buy a coupon for \$5 from Tootie or Louise Hine and enjoy discounts on Boscov's merchandise purchased only on **OCTOBER 22** either in stores or online. They will be at Boscov's on **SEPTEMBER 21 and OCTOBER 12 from 12:00 to 3:00** selling coupons. It's an easy way to raise money for our church, so please support this project.

### **SAVE THE DATE – REV. BILL WORLEY, CONFERENCE MINISTER – SPEAKER SERIES**

Have you ever met Bill Worley, our Conference Minister? He's an upbeat, intelligent, interesting guy (and a fantastic speaker!) with a gift for engaging his audience and helping people to learn and grow. We have the very good fortune of having him kick off our Speaker Series **on OCTOBER 26 from 1-3 PM**. With the upcoming election, people have seen relationships crumble due to the inability to understand and communicate with others whose thoughts and beliefs may be different from their own. Bill's focus will be on maintaining love and respect for one another in divided times. You don't want to miss this important opportunity!

### **SAVE THE DATES: Details to follow!**

- THANKSGIVING SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER – November 24
- ADVENT WORKSHOP – decorating the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall - November 30
- ADVENT COOKIE SOCIAL – December 8 at 9:00 a.m.

### **HAVE A FUNDRAISING IDEA?**

Share it with the Stewardship Committee, and be prepared to help make it happen. Members are Chris Gray, Julie Zachesky, Kim Yocom, Dan Jenkins, and Brenda Berriker.

### **SPEAKER SERIES – IDEAS ANYONE?**

Any ideas for topics, speakers, or things you would like to learn from someone in the know? Let someone from Stewardship know ASAP. We're looking to get something in the works for January.

### **GIANT AND REDNER'S GIFT CARDS**

You're doing a great job! This is an easy way to raise money for our church. Purchase your cards on Sunday mornings or in the Church Office Tuesday-Thursday, between 9:00 and 1:30. Thanks for doing your part!

### **ONLINE GIVING/QR CODE**

It's easier than ever to catch up on your giving to support and sustain our church. Just go to [www.shenkelucc.org](http://www.shenkelucc.org), open up Online Giving, and choose where you want your donations to go. Simple! In addition, QR codes are in the pews and will be on the table in the grove for an easy, fast way of contributing. Thank you in advance for your continuing support of your church.

### **PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

This committee is tasked with supporting the Pastor as well as bringing to her any concerns of the congregation. Information discussed is confidential. Members are Sandy Rowe, Brenda Berriker, and Dan Jenkins. Please feel free to discuss any joys or concerns you have with any member of this committee.

### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Mark Dushanko	9/5/2024
Clay Zachesky	9/5/2024
Glen Bradley	9/8/2024
Sherri Mocarski	9/9/2024
Collin Gray	9/11/2024
Jaden Viti	9/12/2024
Connie Armbruster	9/16/2024
Catherine Dyott	9/19/2024
Heather Burhans Tran	9/20/2024
Chris Gray	9/21/2024
Tesia Craner	9/23/2024
Ronald Pearson	9/24/2024

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Glen Hoff	10/2/2024
Joe Granger	10/5/2024
Forrest Kreiger	10/5/2024
Sharon Snyder	10/6/2024
Adrienne Wanner	10/7/2024
David Phillips	10/8/2024
William Zachesky	10/10/2024
Susan Stultz	10/12/2024
Stacia Bradley	10/13/2024
Aaron Foss	10/14/2024
Roberta Peterman	10/20/2024
Cameron Dushanko	10/23/2024
Lisa Yocom	10/24/2024
Betsy Bevan	10/28/2024
Jacoby Mest	10/29/2024
Aaron Gray	10/31/2024

## **SEPTEMBER PRAYER LOTTERY**

9/1/2024

Joe and Joan Palubinsky

Jim and Clair Faust

Stephanie Viti

Henry and Carole Bailey

Doug and Margie Allen

9/8/2024

Jennifer, Jeffrey, Hannah, Catherine and Audrey Dyott

Judy Gergle

Mark Dushanko

Randy and Brenda Berriker

Rebecca, Joe, Grace and Cole Major

9/15/2024

Dawn Yocom

Sharon and John Sabo

Bob and Sherri Mocarski

Richard Golden

Bonnie Cox

9/22/2024

Andrew, Linda, Brandon, Aaron, Michael and AJ Foss, Lexi and Christina Hauze

Kim Yocom and Barry Peterman

Ken and Betsy Bevan

Stacia and Joseph Bradley

Lucas Gray

9/29/2024

Jennifer Braley

Ben Mocarski

Sandra Peterman, James Heath, and Emily Trego

Laura Golden

Lori Scharneck

**OCTOBER PRAYER LOTTERY**

10/6/2024

Ted and Chris Gray

Eric Klein

Tracy Dise

Peter and Adrienne Wanner

Betty Bortz

10/13/2024

David Klein

Brian and Pam McShane

Nicole, Scott and Tully Meehan

Tootie Hine

Glen Bradley

10/20/2024

Cara Bevan

Jess, Adam, Lucy and Jordan Hartzell

Bill, Britnee, Olivia and Delia Sanseverino

Jeffrey Luckenbach

Verna Walters

10/27/2024

Connie Armbruster

Ronald and Carol Pearson

Erika Price

Mindy, Isabelle and Sela Chidawu

Sandy Rowe

Have a wonderful month!

Your Shenkel Happenings Editor,

Brenda Berriker