

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 Royal Oak (arr R. Miller)

Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship

L: Awesome, wondrous God, dark, deep, and holy One, we come to feel the mystery of your name.

C: Green growing God, Christ of many stories and disciples, we come to hear the parable of your love.

L: Bright, flashing God, blowing wind and Holy Spirit, we come to speak the gospel of your fire.

C: Distant yet intimate God, woven, puzzled, grained by time, we come to find the Trinity of your grace.

Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"

(NCH #277)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Let us, together, name some of the ways we fall short and need forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

O Christ, if we carry the name Christian, we are signs of your presence. Yet we confess that we sometimes hurt people through our pride, rather than showing the way to the healing waters of your Spirit. When we are discouraged ourselves, we are unable to be signs of joy or hope or good news. Forgive us, and give us grace to be earthly reminders of your love. Amen.

~Silence for Prayer and Meditation~

Assurance of Pardon

God is merciful and gracious. Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music O God Of Love, O God Of Peace (Henry W. Baker) © 2018 First Run Muzik Psalter (ASCAP) [CCLI #6402525]; Chancel Choir

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Dan Wolgemuth

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

John 3:1-17

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: “Creator God, Creating Still”

(NCH #278)

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

Minister: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

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.

May’s Special Offering: Creative Health Services provides quality behavioral healthcare designed to empower and promote wellness for individuals, families, and communities.

Offertory

Elegie (Eliot)

Offering Response

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn

“Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

(NCH #290)

Benediction

Postlude

Variations on Melita

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

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Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth

Organist: Susan Royer

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Announcements:

Sunday, May 26, 2024

~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 5/26/24 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary

~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 6/2/24 ~ Traditionalish Worship service with communion at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary
~ Conversation with the crisis in Gaza at 11:30 am

Scripture Reading for June 2nd

I Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Mark 2:23-3:6

Marie Bade's 99th Birthday Celebration: June 9th after worship in the Social Hall. Birthday cards are appreciated or donations to the music fund or Shenkel's General Fund.

Carillion Concerts in July: World renowned David Hunsberger will be presenting two concerts in July. July 17th at the bell tower in Valley Forge State Park at 7:30 pm. July 19th at Longwood Gardens at 6:00 pm. For more information contact Louise or Tootie Hine.

Save the date: August 10th outdoor summer concert with Bobby Jo Valentine here at Shenkel UCC in the grove at 7:00 pm.

Famous Shenkel Corn & Pig Roast Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 5 PM
Corn, Pig and Beverages to be provided.

Things to Bring:

- Your family and friends!
- Place settings for your family
- Side & Dessert to share

Conversations on the crisis in Gaza:

- Understand more about this catastrophe – the Nakba in 1948 and now.
- Hear the voices of our Palestinian Christian partners.
- Learn how to take action now and over time.

Next Opportunity – June 2nd at 11:30 am in the Social Hall – food will be available.

Special guests: Rev. Linda Noonan and Ariel Ackermann.

There will not be an 8:30 am service on June 2nd.

June 9th: After worship, please join the Bade family in the Social Hall for a celebration of Marie's 99th birthday.

Cluster donations for May: Oatmeal and pancake syrup.

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.

160 Paper Towel Rolls: We continue to collect paper towels for Christ Episcopal. We have already collected and delivered 7 month's worth. Thank you for your generosity. Donations of any size are welcome.

Stewardship: Stewardship Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 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, Sandy Peterman, Tootie, Louise Hine, 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. Today is our next church school. The next church school will be in September.

The Agape Group is re-organizing and will now become the Shenkel Prayer Group. This will be a time for prayer requests, meditation, fellowship and a way to explore prayer. We will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 10AM at Freda Wanner's home starting in May. Freda's address is 1752 Temple Rd, Pottstown 19465. All are welcome, including new faces! Come join us for a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us. Any questions feel free to talk with Tootie and/or Louise.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

Brenda and Randy Berriker

Kim and Steven Bade

Linda and John Jonides

Clay Zachesky

Britnee, Bill, Olivia and Delia Sanseverino

Birthdays in the month of May:

Robin Martin	5/3/2024
Malcolm Snyder	5/4/2024
Emily Trego	5/7/2024
Connor O'Drain	5/8/2024
Brooke Miller	5/10/2024
Olivia Sanseverino	5/11/2024
Matthew Scharneck	5/12/2024
Michael Kulp	5/13/2024
Jordan Hartzell	5/15/2024
Patricia Kuestner	5/18/2024
Shane Glatfelter	5/18/2024
Michaela Craner	5/20/2024
Lynn Derman	5/20/2024
Randy Berriker	5/21/2024
Christina Hauze	5/21/2024
Bob Mocarski	5/23/2024
Andrew Foss	5/29/2024