

The Worship Service

Sunday, August 11, 2024



Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel 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 Dreams and Visions (Brewer)

Welcome

Invocation

Congregational Introit Lord Prepare Me (SSB 13)

Call to Worship

L: This is the day.

C: There is no other day like it. We receive it as a gift, O God.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: We acknowledge you, Lord, as Creator of time and space, life and love.

L: Let us rejoice!

C: In gratitude we unite our voices and lift our hearts.

L: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: There is good news abounding in our midst. There are promises yet to be fulfilled.

ALL: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn "All Things Bright And Beautiful" (SSB #32)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

We rejoice, O God, that the whole world is in your hands. Your gentle strength supports us, your just correction guides us. We can place ourselves in no better hands than yours.

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us when we fail to sense the wholeness of your concern for the world and lapse into fancying ourselves your favorites. Preserve us from parochial attitudes. Forgive us when we try to wrest control from you, when we assume all will be well if we follow the devisings of our own hearts. Save us from vanity. Take us in hand to shape as you will. Enable us to reach out to all others with open-handed love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God redeems us from our iniquities. Forgiveness is ours to receive and share. The gift of grace we have received grows larger in our lives as we extend it to friends and strangers we meet.

Special Music

Bread Of Life (Bobby Fisher) Sue Stultz, Flute

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Louise Hine

I Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

John 6:35 & 41-51

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

Report from Malawi

Angela Quashigah

Hymn for Reflection: "Touch The Earth Lightly"

(SSB #33)

~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.

August's Special Offering: North Coventry Meals on Wheels

Offertory

Hallelujah

(Brown & Doerksen)

Offering Response

"Rise Up, Rise Up"

(SSB 2)

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn

"Jesus Shall Reign"

(SSB #91)

Benediction

Postlude

Praise Him

(Allen)

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Organist: Susan Royer

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Announcements:

Sunday, August 11, 2024

~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 8/11/24 ~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Grove.

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 8/18/24 ~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Grove.

Tues, 8/20/24 ~ Midday Dinner at Island Pizza at 12:00 pm.

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



Scripture Reading for August 18th

I Kings 2:10-12 & 3:3-14

Psalm 111

John 6:51-58

Tootie Hine

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

Blessings of the Animals (Service) and All Church Picnic on 9/29/24: following the service.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends on 10/22/24: \$5.00 Coupon Shopping Passes. Shopping can be done in any Boscov's or this year online!! We have two dates where we will be sitting at Boscov's offering coupons to Boscov's customers. The dates are: Saturday, September 21 starting at noon; and Saturday, October 12 starting at noon. We will be able to be there for 3 hours or more. If anyone can help us it would be greatly appreciated, Tootie and Louise Hine.

Any further suggestions for things to do, please contact Louise Hine at 610-385-3716 (home) or Tootie Hine 610-781-6645 (cell) or at angels2we@gmail.com.

Cluster donations for August: School supplies, pens, pencils, crayons, erasers and notebooks.

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.

40 Paper Towel Rolls: We continue to collect paper towels for Christ Episcopal. We have already collected and delivered 11 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, 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 will be starting 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 in the Social Hall. 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:

Jeff Luckenbach
Susan and Barry Miller
Betsy and Ken Bevan
Richard Golden
Brooke Miller

Birthdays in the month of August:

Steven Bade	8/3/2024
Ted Gray	8/4/2024
Dan Wolgemuth	8/6/2024
Maryln Rohrbach	8/8/2024
Jim Bevan	8/10/2024
Barbara Sweinhart	8/10/2024
Elaine Bevan	8/12/2024
Grace Major	8/12/2024
Morgan Scharneck	8/16/2024
Jennifer Dyott	8/17/2024
Carol Pearson	8/18/2024
Ashlyn Augustine	8/21/2024
Kaya Skulski	8/27/2024
Jeffrey Dyott	8/28/2024
Lori Scharneck	8/28/2024
Joyce Pashley	8/29/2024
Noah Bradley	8/30/2024
Christian Golden	8/31/2024
Wayne Klein	8/31/2024