



Shenkel United Church of Christ

June  2019

SHENKEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1580 Shenkel Road
Pottstown, PA 19465

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

JUNE

2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

9:45 am Outdoor Service in the Grove starting June 16th.						1
2 Reflective service 8:30 am Traditional service 9:45 am Communion Conversations That Matter 11 am	3	4	5 BOCE 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm	6 Lunch bunch 11:30 am	7	8
9 Unified worship service 9:45 am Bible Study - Ruth 11 am	10	11 Sewing circle 9:30 am Consistory 6:00 pm	12	13	14	15 Newsletter Deadline
16 Reflective service 8:30 am Outdoor service 9:45 am Communion at the Villa Noon	17	18 Midday dinner club - 12 pm Next Level mtg 6:00 pm	19 PRC 5 pm Agape at Freda Wanner's 7 pm Confirmation 7 pm	20 Card making class 10 am	21	22
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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Priscilla Denham

Organist:
Susan Royer

Music Director
Dan Wolgemuth

Office Administrator:
Lisa Dice

Sexton:
Stacey Keim

COVENANTED MINISTERS IN MISSION

Rev. Wanda D. Craner,
Gestalt Pastoral Care
Minister and Trainer
Gestalt Pastoral Care
Associates

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Sandy Rowe

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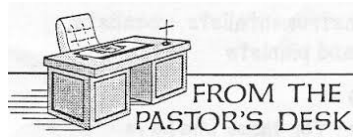
MINISTERS

All the members
of the church

Shenkel United Church of Christ

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To all the Saints in Coventry and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God...

Now that summer seems to be on the way – really, really on the way – I thought we might look to see what is coming.

Gary McDermitt – our intrepid MISSION TRIP Leader TO PUERTO RICO from last year, has again signed up to lead us. Gather on June 2 to learn more about our trip to PR this summer – August 3-10. He already has a couple of us eager to go this year. Last year was a powerful experience and I'm sure this year will be too. Consider giving a week of your life wholeheartedly.

SUMMER WORSHIP Highlights

This summer we will be looking at **Parables**. Those perplexing, beautiful, and sometimes irritating stories Jesus used to make everyone stretch into new understandings of God.

Other than worship on June 9 –Pentecost (which will be **unified**) – ALL OTHER SERVICES June 16-August 25 will NOT be unified. In other words, there will be 2 services throughout the summer so those who can't navigate the terrain to the grove or who need to get away early on a trip will have the opportunity to worship at 8:30 in the sanctuary.

June 16 – First service in the Grove!!

Domenik Ackerman (Susan Royer's son-in-law) will be preaching twice.

Wanda Craner will be preaching July 7.

Jubilee Services

Blessing of the Animals – July 14

Create a Service – August 11 (This Sunday we will create our service on the spot. The congregation that is present will decide what pieces are important for worship and will ask questions to have me create an Instant Sermon.)

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September 1 – Our Annual Labor Day Community Worship

This summer I am hoping we will relax, celebrate community, learn some new things spiritually, be in the world loving God/loving our neighbors, and being in God’s creation more. God is always offering us abundant life. Let’s accept it and creatively, joyfully share it.

Blessings ALWAYS,

Pastor Priscilla

shenkelpastor@gmail.com



Come over and drink
tea with me.

Anyone who wishes for a visit by the pastor should call the office at 610-326-3535 or you may call her at 717-304-3891. She would love to come for a cup of tea.

GROVE / LABRYNTH CLEAN-UP

In preparation for OUTSIDE SERVICES, the property committee needs your help! On, June 9th please wear your Shenkel Shirt and comfy shoes to the Jubilee service. Immediately following the service, we will be picking up sticks, pulling weeds, etc. No special qualifications are needed. The more hands, the better.



Holy Communion

Shenkel UCC celebrates the sacrament of Holy Communion at both services on the first Sunday of each month. We go to the Villa to share communion with folks there on the third Sunday at noon! If you would like to join us, please let Pastor Priscilla know. Please let the Pastor know if you, or someone you know, would appreciate “distance-communing” with their Shenkel Church family!





As part of our four-way covenant, we will be taking a special offering on Sunday, July 7 in support of the Gestalt Pastoral Care ministry. Rev. Craner will be the guest preacher.

Walking with Joy

Giving Thanks for the Healing Ministry of Gestalt Pastoral Care

Keynote Speakers

Rev. Wanda D. Craner

Covenant Minister - Shenkel UCC, Gestalt Pastoral Care Associates, Inc., Ursinus Association and PSEC; Gestalt Pastoral Care Minister and Trainer; former Minister of Spiritual Nurture, PSEC staff

Rev. Tilda Norberg

Founder of Gestalt Pastoral Care,
Author: **Consenting to Grace**,
United Methodist Minister, Staten Island, NY



HOST CHURCH: Zwingli United Church of Christ
350 Wile Avenue, Souderton, PA 18964

Saturday, June 29, 2019

Registration/Gathering: 9:00 AM

Program: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM



Suggested Donation: \$65/person

RSVP by June 15 to:

GPCA, Inc. Summer 2019 Event

PO Box 140636

Staten Island, NY 10314

Online registration at www.gestaltpastoralcare.org available by May 10, 2019

Join us for a light luncheon honoring the ministry of Rev. Wanda Craner and learn more about the healing ministry of Gestalt Pastoral Care through: keynote presentations, afternoon workshops, and shared stories of transformation and healing. Learn about Gestalt Pastoral Care's participation in an international research project spearheaded by Brigham Young University's Bridges Consortium. The day will culminate with healing worship!

Workshops:

An Introduction to GPC Dreamwork with Rev. Tilda Norberg

Meeting What Is: Breath, Sound, Movement and Meaning in Transformational Process
with Rev. Sara Goold

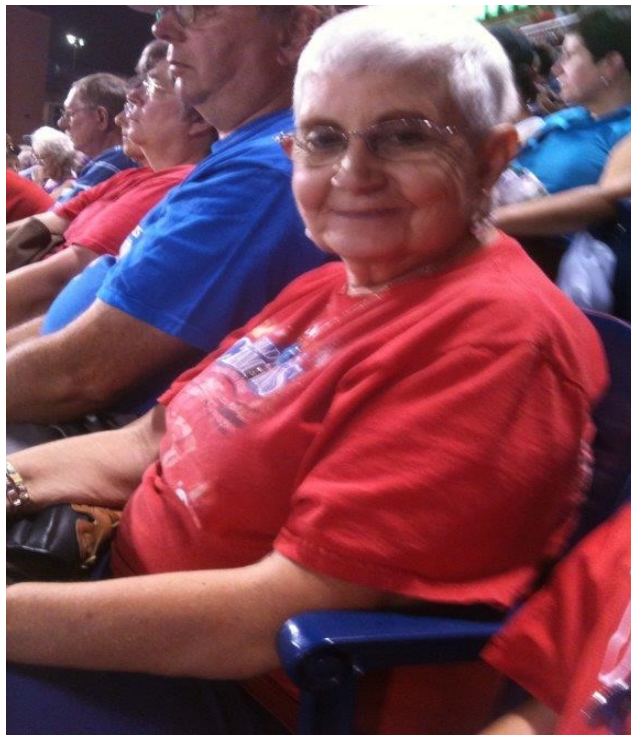
This is Your Brain...on Trauma! with Rev. Debra Flint

Youth Group News

The youth wrapped up the year with Youth Sunday on May 12. Ten youth participated in the service with a theme of "Loving Yourself". Our two graduating seniors are Michaela Craner and Angeline Viti. Michaela will graduate from Boyertown Area Senior High School and will be attending LaSalle University majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Angeline will graduate from Owen J Roberts High School and attend Utica College majoring in Psychology. Michaela and Ang have assumed a huge leadership role in the Youth Group, and will be sorely missed. All best wishes to them in their next chapters!



READING
Fightin' Phils™



**LETS GO OUT TO THE BALL
GAME WITH SHENKEL!**

***THE ANNUAL ANN BACCARI MEMORIAL
READING PHILLIES OUTING***

Friday, August 16, 2019

Reading Fightin Phils vs. Trenton Thunder

Game Time: 7:10 PM

35 tickets have been reserved. This year, we have 25 tickets reserved in the Picnic Area and those tickets will cost \$ 25.00 each. This ticket includes the cost of the buffet provided that will be available by 6 PM to 8:30 PM. There are also 10 seats reserved in a section nearby for anyone who does not wish to purchase the buffet. These tickets are \$ 8. Children under the age of 4 are free. Bus transportation from Shenkel UCC is included in both options. The bus leaves the parking lot at the church promptly at 5:15 PM. There are fireworks after the game and we do stay for the display. Any questions, contact Barb Burhans 484-942-6017.

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN THE FUN!!

This Month at Shenkel UCC

Community Lunch Bunch Thursday, June 6 At 11:30 am



For our last gathering before our summer hiatus, the Pretzel City Nuggets will again be entertaining us with their a cappella barbershop music. This group has been a favorite in years past.

For lunch, we will be serving the traditional end-of-the-year picnic with Jerry's chicken, potato salad, pasta salad and chips. And don't forget the June favorite - homemade ice cream sundaes.

Hope to see you there and PLEASE come with ideas for the 2019/2020 year!

All participants are asked to contribute \$7.00 to cover the cost of the lunch and the program. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex, or call the Shenkel UCC office at 610-326-3535 by the Monday prior to the program to reserve your spot. For more information, please call Linda Foss at 610-741-6949 or Sam Wilson at 610-323-1637.

Mid-Day Dinner Club

*Our next event will
be on Tuesday,
June 18th at Longhorn
Steakhouse*



The Mid-day Dinner Club meets at 12 noon on the third Tuesday of each month and you're invited! It is open to young-at-heart adults of any age who enjoy eating out and would like to get to know other Shenkel members a little better. If you are a "regular," please check off your name on the plate in the narthex no later than the Sunday before the lunch so your reservation can be made on time. If you are a "newbie," please call the church office (or just add your name to the plate) if you're able to join us!

Special Offering for June—

Coventry Food Pantry

The Pantry is located on the lower level of the North Coventry Township building and is a provider for the Emergency Food Assistance Program for Northern Chester County. Established over 30 years ago, it assists area residents from all municipalities in the Owen J. Roberts School District including South Coventry Township. For more information, go to www.northcoventrytownship.com/coventry-food-pantry.



Monthly Meets

The Agape group

Third Wednesday of the Month, 7 pm

Showing love through prayer, this group's time together is spent with a quiet time for centering and meditation with sharing prayer concerns. They meet at the home of Freda Wanner, 1752 Temple Road, Pottstown.

Card Making Class

Third Thursday, 11am in Social hall

Each class participants make three beautiful cards. Cost is \$8. If you plan to attend the class or have any questions, please call Connie Armbruster at 610-326-6516 to insure there will be enough materials.

Community Lunch Bunch

First Thursday, 11:30 am in Social hall

Open to the community, this monthly get together offers lunch followed by a short program that changes every month. The cost is \$7. Look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Look on page 7 for this month's program. For more info, please call Linda Foss at 610-741-6949 or Sam Wilson at 610-323-1637.

Mid-day Dinner Club

Third Tuesday, 12 pm

Open to young-at-heart adults of any age who enjoy eating out and would like to get to know other Shenkel members a little better. Meeting place changes every month. Look for the dinner plate sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please call the church office at 610-326-3535 with questions or RSVPs.

Shenkel Sewing Circle

Second & Fourth Tuesday, 9:30am in Social hall

We are a small group of very friendly ladies who love to visit and sew. We are currently not working on any big project, so bring what you love to do or just come for the fun conversation. We love to share ideas for sewing, cross stitch, quilting and knitting, etc. We also offer help with any of your projects. We would love to expand our group, so please spread the word. For more information or If the weather is questionable, please call Margie Allen at 610-326-1519.



During the month of June, Shenkel UCC will be praying for these randomly selected members and friends of our congregation:

Yocom, Barry	06/01
Brewer, Ruth	06/02
Painter, Barbara	06/03
Confer Martens, Eric	06/04
Denham, Priscilla	06/05
Terrell, Samantha	06/06
Allen, Margie	06/07
Sabo, Sharon	06/09
Coyne, Jaxson	06/11
Yocom, Dawn	06/13
Hine, Tootie	06/14
Derman, David	06/16
Bade, Marie	06/18
Comishock, Steven	06/20
Bevan Jr., Ken	06/25
Keim Jr., William	06/25
Baker, Logan	06/29
Foss, Michael	06/30

6/2 Verna Walters
Stauffer Kutz
BJ Peterman
Lilly Keim
Sherri and Bob Mocarski

6/9 Chris and Ted Gray
Heather Burhans
Nick Iezzi
Susan and Homer Royer
Samantha Pennell

6/16 Wanda and Steve Craner
Betty and Forest Kreiger
Tesia Craner
Olivia Dushanko
Clair and Jim Faust

6/23 Nicole Miller
Ben Mocarski
Lynn and Cody Moyer
Celia Phillips
Aaron Gray

6/30 Kathy, Joe, Joelle, Magen and Jay Perelli
Jesse, Adam and Lucy Hartzell
Ruth Klein
Mark Dushanko
Stephanie Reed

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Do you have an announcement for the bulletin or newsletter?

Bulletin announcements are due to the church office by *Tuesday at noon* to be in that week's bulletin.

The Pottstown Cluster Food collection at Shenkel UCC is the **1st Sunday of each month.**



Food Collection

Please place your items in the plastic bins in the narthex. Thank you for your support!

The Cluster welcomes all cash and food donations 8:30am to 12pm Monday thru Friday. They are at 57 N. Franklin Street in Pottstown. Items such as coffee, tea, peanut butter, sugar, artificial sweetener and baking products are *always needed*. Current cluster needs:

- tomato products, canned soup
- jelly, canned fruit
- laundry detergent and all purpose cleaner (small containers)
- dish soap
- toiletries
- paper towels
- twin and queen size sheets new/used (must be clean)
- blankets, comforters
- pots and pans

They are not accepting any clothing at this time.



Financial Health

As of 4/30/19	Current Fund		Our Church's Wider Mission	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Actual	10,724.00	41,927.00	988.00	3,788.00
Budget	14,309.86	57,240.45	958.33	3,833.33
Over/(Under)	(3,585.86)	(15,313.45)	29.67	(45.33)