

## 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 Spirit of God Descend (Tune: Morecambe)

Welcome

Invocation

Call to Worship

L: We can say that the Spirit of God is like wind, invisible in its movement but made known by what it moves.

**C: The wind is revealed by the kite it uplifts, the seeds it spreads, the branches it shakes.**

L: The Spirit of God is revealed by the hearts it uplifts, the good news it spreads, the ideas it shakes.

**C: We can also say that the Spirit of God is like fire, awesome in its might but wondrous in its usefulness.**

L: Fire shows its power through the air it warms, the fireplace wood it kindles, the energy that it sets free.

**C: The Spirit shows the power through the hearts it warms, the hopefulness it kindles, the capacity for making peace that it sets free.**

**ALL: On the day of Pentecost, we gather for worship to celebrate the gift of God's Spirit – a Spirit of love and understanding, a Spirit that moves and empowers us.**

Opening Hymn "Breathe On Me Breath Of God" (NCH #292)

### ~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

God of Pentecost, Life-giver to the church, we offer thanks for the constancy and creativity of your love. We feel gratitude for the activity of your Spirit in our midst as it opens us to the wondrous realities of forgiveness and reconciliation, joy and hope.

Prayer of Confession

**We confess this day that we are sometimes dis-Spirited. We succumb to the world's wearying ways. We trust in powers other than yours. We live as though uninspired. Hear our desire to move with Spirited grace. Renew and energize us. Grant that we might be people of Pentecost who bear into the world great gifts of understanding and good news. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### ~Silence for Prayer and Meditation~

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free!

Special Music Church School children singing

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Lori Scharneck

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Psalms 104:24-34

Acts 2:1-21

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "There's A Spirit In The Air"

(NCH #294)

~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.

April's Special Offering: Phoebe Ministries

Offertory Largo for Organ (F. Moyer)

Offering Response

"Doxology"

Praise God from who 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, Spirit Of Gentleness"

(NCH #286)

Benediction

Postlude

O For A Thousand Tongues (arr Innes)

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**Announcements:**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

**~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~**

Sun, 5/19/24 ~ Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary  
~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary  
~ Church School at 11:00 am  
~ Daisy Troop grove cleanup at 3:00 pm  
~ North Coventry Woods Festival 1:00 -5:00 pm

**~Upcoming events 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

**Scripture Reading for May 26th**

Isa 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
John 3:1-17

**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.

**Second Opportunity** - June 2 at 11:30 am in the Social Hall – food will be available. Special guests: Rev. Linda Noonan and Ariel Ackerman.

There will not be an 8:30 am service on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>:** After worship, please join the Bade family in the Social Hall for a celebration of Marie's 99<sup>th</sup> 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 final church school until 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 June. 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:

Gene and Nick Takach and Eric Croom

Elizabeth, James, Zoey and Henry Carr

Maryln Rohrbach

Betty Bortz

Lucas Zachesky

**Birthdays in the month of May:**

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| 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 |
| 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 |