

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 Quiet Prelude (*Martin*)

Welcome

Invocation

Congregational Introit (Refrain Only): "Yours Is The Glory, Resurrected One" (NCH#253)

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us praise God, who promises us forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace.

C: Let us praise Christ, who is present with us in trial and rejoicing.

L: Let us praise the Spirit, who encourages us in the struggle for justice and peace.

C: We sing together in thanksgiving to the one God, with the church throughout time! Amen.

Opening Hymn "Ask Me What Great Thing I Know" (NCH #49)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

God's love is steadfast, and God's faithfulness endures from age to age. Our love falters, and our faithfulness waxes and wanes from day to day. Let us confess our sin and our need for God.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you encourage us with your love, brining new life out of death. We confess that we need your life-giving power in our lives and our relationships. We have hurt others and been hurt by them. We are often angry or afraid. We are not sure when to assert our needs and when to care for others' needs. We continue to live in ways which do not lead to peace and justice. Forgive us, O God. Pour your Spirit of wisdom and healing upon us, that by our lives and our loving, we may glorify you, through Jesus Christ the Risen One. Amen.

~Silence for Prayer and Meditation~

Assurance of Pardon

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

Special Music For The Beauty Of The Earth (Folliott S. Pierpoint (4th Vs, Miriam Therse Winter)/Dan Wolgemuth 4th vs lyric © 1993 Medical Mission Sisters, Music © 2006 First Run Muzik Psalter (ASCAP); Women's Chorus, Sue Stoltz, Flute

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Susan Royer

Acts 1:15-17

Psalm 1

John 17:6-19

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free"

(NCH #209)

~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

My Faith Looks Up (arr. Karvonen)

Offering Response "Here Are Our Hearts (Sing! Prayer And Praise – Once Thru)" See insert

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn

"Come Forth, O Love Divine"

(NCH #289)

Benediction

Postlude

Jubilate (Douglas)

Pastor: Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Email: shenkelpastor@gmail.com

Sexton: Stacy Keim

Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth

Organist: Susan Royer

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Announcements:

Sunday, May 12, 2024

~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 5/12/24 ~ 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, 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

Scripture Reading for May 19th

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
Psalm 104:24-34
Acts 2:1-21

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 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 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. May 19th is our next church school

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:

Kathy Murphy

Sharon and John Sabo

Jeff Luckenbach

Stephanie Viti

Mindy, Isabella and Sela Chidawn

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
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