



# *Shenkel United Church of Christ*



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

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

# February



# 2020

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

<p>Thursdays: Chime Choir at 6:30 pm Chancel Choir at 7:30 pm</p> 						1
2 Reflective service 8:30 am Traditional service 9:45 am Communion at both services	3	4	5 BOCE 1 pm	6 Music & Worship 10 am Lunch Bunch 11:30 am Choir	7	8
9 Reflective service 8:30 am Traditional service 9:45 am Homeless Shelter 1-5 pm	10	11 Sewing Circle 9:30 am Consistory 6 pm	12	13 Choir	14 	15
16 Reflective service 8:30 am Traditional service 9:45 am	17	18 Midday dinner club - 12 pm	19 PRC 5 pm Agape at Freda Wanner's 7 pm	20 Card making class 10 am Choir	21	22
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## CHURCH STAFF

### Pastor

Rev. Suzanne Spaulding

### Organist:

Susan Royer

### Music Director

Dan Wolgemuth

### Office Administrator:

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### Sexton:

Stacey Keim

## COVENANTED MINISTER IN MISSION

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

## CONSISTORY

### President:

Randy Berriker

### Vice President:

Sandy Rowe

### Secretary:

Dave Derman

### Treasurer:

Ken Bevan

### Financial Secretary:

Joan Palubinsky

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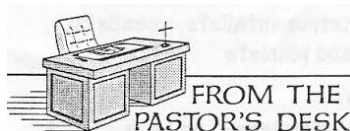
Randy Berriker  
Joan Palubinsky  
Sandy Rowe

### Deacons:

Dave Derman  
Gary McDermit  
Pat Kuestner  
Tony Gulotta

## MINISTERS

All the members  
of the church



Thank you. Two small words, but what a lot they can communicate! Saying thank you gives us the opportunity to express our gratitude; for kindness shown, for a courtesy bestowed, for a gift given, for a listening ear, for a task accomplished, for mercy, for grace, for forgiveness.

What a privilege it is to say thank you. It means that we have received something from someone for which we are appreciative. At times we may feel that 'thank you' is inadequate to truly express our gratitude. It does seem like so little when we feel so much more than two small words worth of thanks. I'm reminded of the Andre Crouch song directed to God,

### "How Can I Say Thanks"

*How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me?  
Things so undeserved, yet you gave to prove your love for me;  
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude.  
All that I am, and ever hope to be; I owe it all to you.*

How **do** we thank God for all that we have received and for all of God's benefits toward us? I believe that one way we say thank you to God is by living our lives every single day in an attitude of gratitude. Easier said than done, to be sure, and also well worth the practice. It seems that the more we give thanks the more our hearts overflow with thankfulness.

The Psalmist urges us: "O give thanks to God, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples." (Ps 105:1) As we practice giving thanks continually I believe that it is helpful to share that with others. It can be encouraging and inspiring to hear someone express their gratitude. We can build one another up in the faith community as we 'make known God's deeds among the people.'

Thank you for being the faithful people of Shenkel United Church of Christ. Thank you for welcoming me so graciously. I am grateful that we can be on this faith journey together.

Grace and peace in abundance,  
Pastor Suzanne

Newsletter Editor: Lisa Dice



THANKYOU!! One simple word does not cover the appreciation we feel for all those people who have helped with things like decorating the windows in the sanctuary this past fall and then supplying nativities for the Christmas season. We hope that you had opportunity to check out the nativities in the sanctuary windows as well as those that were set up in the narthex and social hall. All of the nativities that were in the social hall have been donated to the advent committee over the years. We thank everyone who came out to decorate the sanctuary and social hall. The old saying "many hands make light work" proved to be true this year. We were able to get everything done in about two and a half hours.

We would also like to thank those people that came out to go caroling. We know our efforts were appreciated by those who we were able to visit. We would also like to thank the group of people that joined us from Brownback UCC. Special thanks to Bill Faust for helping in this venture. And of course we would like to thank Klein Transportation for providing the bus and driver. And if you provided cookies for the Christmas season we thank you.

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

## Holy Communion

Shenkel UCC celebrates the sacrament of Holy Communion at both services on the first Sunday of the month.



### Adult Sunday School Sessions

February 2—Mission Trips with Pastor Suzanne

February 9—Bible Study led by Pastor Suzanne

February 16—Bible Study led by Pastor Suzanne

February 23—Nooma study

March 1 and 8—Keeping the Sabbath Wholly: Ceasing, Resting, Embracing, Feasting led by Pastor Wanda

# This Month at Shenkel UCC



## Mid-Day Dinner Club

*Our next event will be on*

*Tuesday,  
February 18th at Piccolo  
Mondo*

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!

## Lunch Bunch

*Thursday, February 6th*

*at 11:30 am*

Pastor David Reinwald (guitarist, singer and story teller) who wowed Lunch Bunch last March will be entertaining us again.

Lunch will be homemade chili, salad and rolls.

**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.**



## Special Offering for February — Camp and Retreat Scholarship Fund

*This fund will continue to provide opportunities for our children and youth to be involved in church camping programs and retreats wherever and whenever available. For further information, contact the church office.*



# 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, 10 am 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 6 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, 9:30 am 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.



Sanseverino, Britnee	02/02
Miller, Barry	02/04
Painter, Jesse	02/04
Peterman, Sandra	02/05
Christman, Ronald	02/08
Meehan, Nicole	02/10
Allen, Doug	02/11
Lloyd, Rachel	02/15
Skulski, Lori	02/15
Harkins, Kathy	02/24
Sanseverino, Bill	02/24
Lloyd, Emily	02/25
McDermitt, Gary	02/26
Murphy, Kathy	02/27

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



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

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

- 2/2 Anna Bevan  
Sheree and Rick Scheler  
Karl Metka  
Jared Reid  
Collin Gray
- 2/9 Helen, Stephen and Kamryn Wanner  
Priscila Denham  
Dawn Yocom  
Ruth Brewer  
Ruth Klein
- 2/16 Louise Hine  
Taylor Helmers  
Jeffrey Luckenbach  
Aaron Gray  
Stephanie Reed
- 2/23 Betsy and Ken Bevan  
Kelly Strunk and Steve, Madeline and  
Jacob Mest  
Nicholas Iezzi  
Susan and Homer Royer  
TJ Augustine



Save the Date

LGBTQIA + Cultural Competency  
Training

The LGBTQIA+ Cultural Competency Training that was scheduled for last Saturday (January 11) at Boehm’s UCC has been rescheduled. The training will be Saturday, May 9 from 9:00a to 12:00p, with optional luncheon to follow. For more information, visit [boehmschurch.com](http://boehmschurch.com)



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.



As of 12/31/2019	Current Fund		Our Church’s Wider Mission	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Actual	16,460.00	140,357.95	345.00	7,187.00
Budget	0.00	171,722.28	958.33	11,500.00
Over/(Under)	16,460.00	(31,364.33)	(613.33)	(4,313.00)