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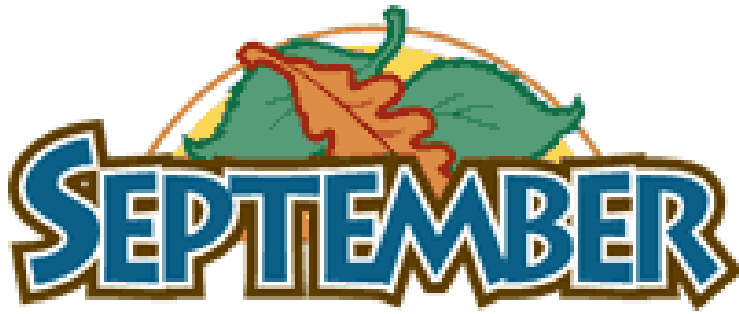
2019

SHENKEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1580 Shenkel Road

Pottstown, PA 19465

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



2019

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1 Community Labor Day Service 10 am in Grove	2	3	4	5 Lunch Bunch 11 :30 am Chime Choir 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	6	7
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22 Unified Jubilee service 9:45 am Deb Winter Pancake Brunch New Member Orientation	23 Community Meal at Christ Episcopal 12pm	24 Sewing Circle 9:30 am	25	26 Chime Choir 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	27	28
29 Reflective service 8:30 am Traditionalish service 9:45 am	30					

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

CONSISTORY

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Randy Berriker

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Sandy Rowe

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Ken Bevan

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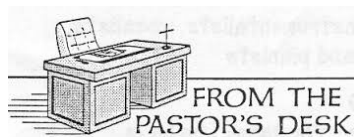
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Greetings! And Oh my Gosh!! Where did the summer go? As I write this, it is still hot as blue blazes but school is ramping up and Halloween is closer than Memorial Day. Get ready for the fall! We are ramping up quickly.

Big News –Profile Team in the making.

As of the last few years, the national UCC has developed a different approach to the Search and Call Process for a church looking for a settled pastor. Instead of one group working for 2 plus years (building a church profile, then reviewing pastor profiles, and interviewing possible pastors) there will now be 2 groups: The (Church) Profile Team and the Interviewing Team. The one first up to bat will work with the congregation to form a foundational Church Profile. Different from the last time Shenkel was pastor-searching, this profile will be a basic building block for the future. If it is thoroughly done, and the church reviews and updates it every 2-3 years, the next time Shenkel is looking for a pastor, the Profile will be ready to go with only small tweaking. So this year's Profile Team has a significant responsibility as they shape this document. The Consistory is gathering names this month to consider for the Profile Team. **If you are interested in being considered, please share your name with anyone on Consistory.** From what I hear from other Interim Pastors, it is taking 9 months – year to complete this part of the process.

(Once the Profile has been reviewed and cleared by the Conference, it will be circulated to any pastor who is interested in Shenkel. Then Shenkel will need the second Team to review Pastoral Profiles and discern who might be the one God is calling to Shenkel. That Team will not be formed until sometime next year.)

Back to the Ordinary- Extraordinary Shenkel Stuff.

I am still feeling tan from Puerto Rico though Lucas Gray and Angeline Viti are already beginning their college duties. I hope you are enjoying the weekly Mission Moments from each of the Free Love Missionaries. I want to keep this sharing process going with various folk throughout the church sharing what is meaningful about the Missions and Ministries they are a part of.

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We need to do better about inviting others into the beautiful ways Shenkel is loving the world. September 22nd will be our first Sunday service back inside from the Grove. It will be a Jubilee (unified) service under the leadership of Rev. Deb Winter at 9:45. However, as per tradition, we will begin our morning with a pancake breakfast BEFORE the service. A good way to come back together for the fall.

ALSO – I have had some folks express interest in joining (or rejoining) the church. For all those considering this step, please come to a Shenkel UCC orientation session September 22nd after the service.

Last year, Shenkel hosted a Spirituality Fair. This year we plan to do it again. This October 19th, we will use a theme: Spirituality in Aging. For those who are becoming Elders (and we all are, sooner or later) and for those who are caring for Elders – understanding how our spiritual life is related to our physical aging is not a small thing. Please plan to come and invite friends. The morning will be a time for a presentation and discussion. The afternoon will introduce a variety of spiritual practices to explore or enjoy again. Perhaps you will discover fresh ways to connect with those with memory loss or other physical changes.

And – last but not least – in September (sound of drum roll)– I will share how much weight I lost over the summer... OR whether I owe Shenkel... I know . The suspense is killing y'all. But September 15 – Last Sunday in the Grove – I will tell the tale.

Enjoy the fruits of summer.

Blessings Always,

Pastor Priscilla

shenkelpastor@gmail.com



Wanted: Dan Wolgemuth is looking for new transportation. His car finally stopped worked with over 290,000 miles. If you know anyone who is selling a car, please see Dan.

Community Labor Day Weekend Worship

**Sunday, September 1, at 10 AM
in the Grove**

Seven churches will be sharing music and leadership at this celebration of faith. Invite your friends and neighbors, pack your lawn chairs or blankets, and don't miss this wonderful opportunity for community worship with food and fellowship following the service.

~Please note~ Communion in September will be served on the second Sunday, September 8 when we resume services in our sanctuary.



A shout out to Dan Jenkins who is always there to help us load and unload the sound system. What a Blessing you are.!



Holy Communion

Shenkel UCC celebrates the sacrament of Holy Communion at both services on the second Sunday this 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!

This Month at Shenkel UCC

Lunch Bunch

**Thursday, September 5th at
11:30 am**

We are very happy to welcome Jim Groff, who is a Pennsylvania Lion from District 14-D (Lancaster-Lebanon area). Jim is the Pennsylvania Lions Disaster Relief Coordinator and heads a team of volunteers that clean-up after a disaster strikes. He is a member of the Christiana Lions Club since 1978, has served as president of his club and chair of multiple projects. Jim's latest accomplishment is that he designed a "disaster unit" for victims to live in or can be transported to a disaster site in order that the members of the team have a place to stay.

Come on out and listen to Jim speak, talk to him and see if you can help in any way by either volunteering to help on a project or monetary help.

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 September~ Church World Services -

Blanket Sunday

For over 60 years, Church World Services has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including: blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster. For more information, go to www.cwsglobal.org.

**Mid-Day
Dinner Club**
*Our next event will
be on Tuesday,
September 17th at
Douglassville Hotel*



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!

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, 10am 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.

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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.



Dushanko, Mark	09/05
Zachesky, Clay	09/05
Bradley, Glen	09/08
Mocarski, Sherri	09/09
Gray, Collin	09/11
Iezzi, Michael	09/11
Viti, Jaden	09/12
Armbruster, Sam	09/13
Armbruster, Connie	09/16
Dyott, Catherine	09/19
Burhans, Heather	09/20
Gray, Chris	09/21
Craner, Tesia	09/23
Murphy, Taylor	09/23
Painter, Alyson	09/23
Pearson, Ronald	09/24
Scheler, Richard	09/30

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

9/1	Michaela Craner Breanna Megni Barbara and Jess Painter Jenn and David Braley Mary Lou and Harold Smith
9/8	Brenda and Randy Berriker Kay Ellis Louise Hine Ariel and Domenik Ackermann Carol Lykens
9/15	Charlotte White Stephanie Viti Jenn, Jeffrey, Hannah, Catherine and Audrey Dyott June Hartung Lisa and Barry Yocom
9/22	Connie and Sam Armbruster Julianne Wanner Gloria Mest Lori and Tom Klein Linda, Andrew, Brandon, Aaron, Michael and JT Foss and Christina Hauze
9/29	Erika B. and Kim Price Tootie Hine Barbara Sweinhart Mary Sue Moyer David and Timothy Klein



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!



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 7/31/2019	Current Fund		Our Church's Wider Mission	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Actual	8,704.53	75,656.98	432.00	5,076.00
Budget	14,309.88	100,171.02	958.33	6,708.33
Over/(Under)	(5,605.35)	(24,514.04)	(526.33)	(1,632.33)