



Shenkel United Church of Christ



October 2019

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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

October 2019

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Thursdays: Chime Choir at 6:30 pm Chancel Choir at 7:30 pm		1 Next Level: Spirituality 6:00 pm Next Level: All 6:30 pm	2	3 Lunch Bunch 11:30 am BOCE 5:15 pm Choir	4	5
6 Reflective service 8:30 am Traditionalish service 9:45 am Communion at both services	7	8 Sewing Circle 9:30 am Consistory 6 pm	9	10 Choir	11	12 PSEC : Part-time is plenty Seminar 8-12:30 pm
13 Unified Jubilee service 9:45 am Bible Study: Gospel of Mark 11 am	14	15 Midday dinner club - 12 pm Island Pizza	16 Agape at Freda Wanner's 7 pm	17 Card making class 10 am Choir	18	19 Spirituality Fair 10 am—2 pm
20 Reflective service 8:30 am Traditionalish service 9:45 am Communion at the Villa Noon	21	22 Sewing Circle 9:30 am	23	24 Choir	25	26
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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Priscilla Denham

Organist:

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Dan Wolgemuth

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Sexton:

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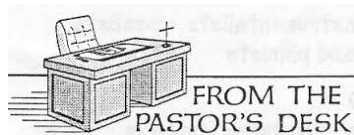
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Dear Ones,

Today I met with my Community of Practice group at the Conference Office. (This is a UCC Interim Minister group that meets monthly for learning, support, and discussion of "best practices".) As I shared what was happening at Shenkel – New Member Orientation Sept 22, the Spirituality Fair October 19th, Pancake Breakfast, my sermon title on the church sign, our extended worship in the Grove this September, the development of our Profile Team – I felt afresh how vibrant and joyful and alive this congregation is.

I also shared how the Consistory discerned who should be asked to participate on the Profile Team. No voting, not a popularity contest – just prayerful discussion of various folks' gifts and how they would fit with others in shaping a clear picture of who we are as a church and discern (with the congregation) what the mission of Shenkel is going forward. This was met with quiet admiration as other pastors appreciated what a big paradigm shift this is in any congregation. I am proud of Shenkel's courage in learning a new (actually old) spiritual way of coming to decisions.

October 13 **Bible Study** will resume focusing on New Testament scripture. We will look at Mark, the first gospel written, around 60-65 A.D. If you only come to one Bible Study class, I really think you should come to this one. It's the basics of Jesus' life (And - added benefit - the shortest gospel.) Everyone is most welcome - whether you come to any others or not.

October 19th will be our **2nd Annual Spirituality Fair**. In the morning 10a.m. – noon, I will be presenting and facilitating discussion around the theme of Spirituality and Aging. What is beautiful about ageing? What is its significance in our life cycle? In our youth obsessed culture, what are the gifts for our spirit that come with ageing? — In the afternoon, (12 – 2 pm.) we will offer sessions to experience various spiritual practices: guided meditation, reiki, body prayer, walking the labyrinth, and another group discussion led by Wanda Craner. Please come and welcome others you know to a peaceful and enriching day.

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Oh – the big **Summer Weigh Off** concluded September 15. On June 16, I asked for your support in helping me stay motivated to lose weight over the summer by promising \$1 or \$2 (or more) to the church for every pound I lost. I lost 5.2 pounds. (Barry Yokom says the .2 doesn't count. But he had committed to \$20/lb, so I'm willing to go with round numbers.) Please bring your money and mark it Motivation Money (or Fat Money) and let's see how much money we give to the church! And THANK YOU so much for your support to help the church and my health.

Please note: There will be a Profile Team blurb every month in the newsletter to keep everyone up to date on **Profile Progress**. Look for it and pray for the Team and the work they are doing.

Blessings Always,

Pastor Priscilla

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Spirituality Fair 2019

“Spirituality and Aging”



October 19

10 am: Come to explore ideas and connections between spirituality, loss, care-taking, creativity, and aging.

12 pm–2 pm: sample healing practices that calm your soul (meditation, body prayer, Reiki, walking the labyrinth)

Search and Call Progress

Over the last weeks of Summer, the Consistory has been learning, praying, and discerning about the Church Profile process. A representative from the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference came to go over the new process for Search and Call. The most visible difference is in the heightened importance of creating a solid Church Profile. This task is best done by having 2 teams in the Search and Call process: One team that focuses on the Church Profile, a second team that focuses on the review of pastor profiles and interviewing potential candidates. These teams should be different folks and need different skill sets. It is hoped that having 2 teams will do away with burn-out and extended time commitments.

Currently Consistory is growing the Church Profile Team after praying and deliberating. Please pray for wisdom for the Consistory and that the right persons will hear the spiritual Call to engage this task.

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!



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.

Newsletter articles are due on the *15th of each month* to be included in the upcoming month's issue.

This Month at Shenkel UCC

Mid-Day Dinner Club



*Our next event will
be on Tuesday,
October 15th at
Island Pizza*

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, October 3rd at
11:30 am**



How much do you really know about our community often called Free Love Valley? Join us as we hear about the history and stories that make Free Love Valley so unique. Ralph Levengood will be our speaker.

Pizza and salad for lunch.

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.



Learn more. Get involved. Make a donation.



Special Offering for October — *Neighbors in Need*

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. For more information, go to www.ucc.org/nin.

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.



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

Kreiger, Forrest	10/05
Snyder, Sharon	10/06
Wanner, Adrienne	10/07
Phillips, David	10/08
Stultz, Susan	10/12
Bradley, Stacia	10/13
Foss, Aaron	10/14
Iezzi, Lois	10/17
Peterman, Roberta	10/20
Dice, Lisa	10/21
Dushanko, Cameron	10/23
Hartzell, Ann	10/23
Smith, Harold	10/23
Yocom, Lisa	10/24
Bevan, Betsy	10/28
Glatfelter, Emmit	10/29
Gray, Aaron	10/31

10/6 Joan and Joe Palubinsky

Britnee, Bill, Olivia and Delia Sanseverino

Charlene Logan

Priscilla Denham

Debbie and Glen Hoff

10/13 Lois Iezzi

Maryln Rohrbach

Sharon, Daniel, Malcom and Amelia Snyder

David Phillips

Anna Bevan

10/20 Mari, Christian and Connor O'Drain

Laura and Christian Golden

Collin Gray

Helen, Stephen and Kamryn Wanner

Jeffrey Luckenbach

10/27 Karl Metka

Marie Bade

Pat and Don Laverty

Rachel Berriker

Ashlyn Augustine



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 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)