



Shenkel United Church of Christ



2019

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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



2019

Sun

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				1	2	3 Puerto Rico Mission Trip (8/3-8/10)
4 Reflective service 8:30 am Outdoor service 9:45 am Domenik Ackerman preaching	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Reflective service 8:30 am Outdoor service 9:45 am Communion at both services Bible Study 11 am	12	13 Next Level Spirituality 12 pm at St. Peter's Inn Consistory 6 pm	14	15 BOCE 6 pm	16 PRC at Barbara Brown's 9 am Reading Phillies leave church 5:15 pm	17
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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

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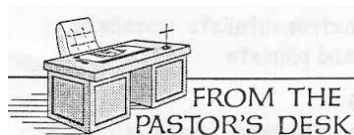
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Dear Ones ~~

We had a bit of Texas summer and we've had a lot of rain. Our last weeks of summer are in front of us and most of us have barely felt vacation. What is coming next?

This month, Gary McDermitt is once again leading a group of us to Puerto Rico to help with the rebuilding that is still needed. Gloria Mest, Angie Viti, Lucas Gray, and I will be working on our tans and our spiritual lives while refinishing roofs to make homes habitable again. We go, on behalf of the entire congregation, representing (to the best of our ability) the love of God for all peoples. We trust in your support and prayers for us as we go.

Those of you that enjoyed Domenik Ackerman's preaching in July will be happy to know you can hear him again while I am in PR. (If you missed him – you have another chance. He is Susan Royer's son-in-law. You know he's got to be good.)

This month y'all will also have the opportunity to Create Your Own Worship. On August 11 in both services, you will get to put into the service what is meaningful to you. You can request specific prayers, creeds, songs, silence, AND the sermon will be what I call "Instant Sermon". Here you can ask for me to address any topic. The advantage of having a pastor with background in chaplaincy, mental health, family therapy and parish ministry who loves scripture, science, and literature is that you can ask me about almost anything and I have some theological perspective on it. (OK. I hear some of you saying, 'This is "the advantage"?' LOL) Anyway, this is your chance to design worship as it feeds your spirit.

Rumor has it, there is also a baseball game opportunity in a couple of weeks. Check with Barb Burhans...and the church calendar.

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However, the most important thing to do this month is to revel in what freedoms you have in the summer – looser schedules, looser clothes, summer fruits fresh from the garden, visits with friends, travel, meals outside, no snow shoveling worries, whatever freedoms you cherish. Enjoy this abundant life. God’s blessings surround you.

Blessings Always,

Pastor Priscilla

shenkelpastor@gmail.com

Anyone who wishes for a visit by the pastor should call the office at 610-326-3535 or you may call her at 717-304-3891. She would love to come for a cup of tea.



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!

Dear Faith Family,

I am overwhelmed by your generous gift in support and celebration of the healing ministry to which I have been called for over 30 years. Brenda Berriker surprised me and gave it to me on your behalf, during the "Walking with Joy - Celebration of Healing Ministry" on June 29. Thank you! I am also grateful for the untiring work of Tootie and Louise Hine, and all of their helpers in providing exquisite and tasty desserts for the Celebration! I dare say, that Shenkel UCC members have the BEST CULINARY gifts of any of the churches in the Conference; and I would know, as over the years I have traveled to most of the churches while serving in the Conference! Gary McDermott was a faithful chauffeur, and Consistory representative at the event. It meant very much to me that Shenkel Church was well represented. One always wants close family to be a part of significant celebrations, and **all of you are family!**

As you know, you have always been a significant part of my call from the very beginning and continuing in the present! Were it not for your faith, your discernment, trust, and your reaching out in support of a "new" ministry - the "Wholeness Ministry", I have no idea how the ministry would have unfolded. THANK YOU!

Blessings of gratitude and joy to you, dear ones!

Wanda Craner

TRAVEL THE WORLD... and never leave home.

SHARE! Pennsylvania Northeast Conference is looking for volunteer host families for foreign students who would like to learn first-hand about the American Way of Life. Teens from Europe, Asia, Central and South America will arrive in August to study for a semester or academic year at local high schools. Host families are asked to provide room and board as well as friendship, understanding, and a willingness to share this unique experience with their chosen student. Students are between the ages of 15 and 18, speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have adequate spending money for their own personal expenses. Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match the interests of their family. SHARE! provides support during the entire experience through their network of dedicated Local Exchange Program Coordinators. The SHARE! Program, sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT), a nonprofit educational foundation established in 1974, was created to provide opportunities for greater understanding between Americans and peoples of the world. To learn more about how you can help change the world, one small step at a time, please contact the SHARE! Northeast Regional Office, toll-free, at 1-866-900-3738 or by email to brenda.hornberger@gmail.com.

Dear Shenkel members and friends,

My heartfelt thanks to all of you and especially the individual cards and greetings from many of you. The birthday and get well "thoughts" cards are standing on the wide windowsill where I see them and think of you. The newsletter and all the contacts I have from any one of you are appreciated.

I hope I can get to an outdoor service this summer. Weather, temperature, and transportation are factors that limit my participating. I do get to Steve and Kim's church once in a while.

I am thankful for my recovery after the serious fall I had in May. My healing is slow but good.

Next week I will be returning to my personal care unit and private rooms where I have some of my furniture.

I had a surprise visit this past week from Claire Faust when she stopped on one of her trips west on the turnpike to their new home. She retired from teaching and trying to make the adjustment. We had a wonderful visit and remembering our time with Shenkel folks.

Next week a niece of Carl's from Kansas is coming to visit me for a few days. End of the month, my son, Paul, is coming to be with me for four days. I'm anxious to see him. Last time was at Christmas.

So, thanks again for your love and remembering me!

Love to all!

Marie Bade



World Famous Shenkel Corn & Doggie Roast

Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 5 PM

Corn Ready around 5:30PM

Beverages to be provided – birch beer, water, coffee, tea

Things to Bring:

- Your family and friends! 😊
- Hot dogs & roasting sticks
- Place settings for your family
- Dessert to share

Old Fashioned
Corn Roast



This Month at Shenkel UCC

**LET'S GO OUT TO THE BALL
GAME WITH SHENKEL!
THE ANNUAL ANN BACCARI
MEMORIAL
READING PHILLIES OUTING**

**Friday, August 16, 2019
Reading Fightin Phils vs.
Trenton Thunder
Game Time: 7:10 PM**

35 tickets have been reserved. This year, we have 25 tickets reserved in the Picnic Area and those tickets will cost \$ 24.00 each. This ticket includes the cost of the buffet provided that will be available by 6 PM to 8:30 PM. There are also 10 seats reserved in a section nearby for anyone who does not wish to purchase the buffet. These tickets are \$ 8. Children under the age of 4 are free. Bus transportation from Shenkel UCC is included in both options. The bus leaves the parking lot at the church promptly at 5:15 PM. There are fireworks after the game and we do stay for the display. Any questions, contact Barb Burhans 484-942-6017.

**HOPE YOU CAN JOIN THE
FUN!!**

Mid-Day Dinner Club

*Our next event will
be on Tuesday,
August 20th at Copperfield
Inn at Lakeside*



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!

Special Offering for August—

North Coventry Meals on Wheels program

Meals on Wheels of Chester County (MOWCC) serves hundreds of homebound citizens throughout the county, including members from our own church family. For more information, go to www.mowcc.org.



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, 11am 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. Will start again in September.

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, 9:30am in Social hall

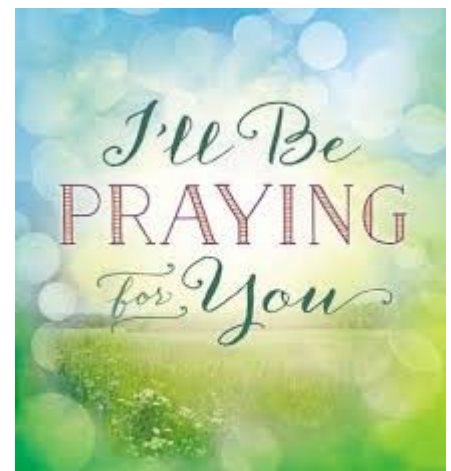
We are a small group of very friendly ladies who love to visit and sew. We are currently not working on any big project, so bring what you love to do or just come for the fun conversation. We love to share ideas for sewing, cross stitch, quilting and knitting, etc. We also offer help with any of your 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. **No meetings in August.**



Bade, Steven	08/03
Gray, Ted	08/04
Klein, Ruth	08/04
Rohrbach, Maryln	08/08
Derman, Katherine	08/09
Bevan, Jim	08/10
Sweinhart, Barbara	08/10
Bevan, Elaine	08/12
Scharneck, Morgan	08/16
Dyott, Jennifer	08/17
Rowe, Ray	08/17
Pearson, Carol	08/18
Augustine, Ashlyn	08/21
Kulp, Sue	08/21
Skulski, Kaya	08/27
Dyott, Jeffrey	08/28
Scharneck, Lori	08/28
Pashley, Joyce	08/29
Bradley, Noah	08/30
Golden, Christian	08/31
Klein, Wayne	08/31

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

8/4	Gene, Emily and Nick Takach and Eric Croom Rick Viti Cameron Dushanko Robin and Mike Martin Barb Burhans
8/11	Tracy and Abby Dise Sara Helmers Alex Mocarski Logan Baker Jared Reid
8/18	Stacey, Bill and Aurora Keim Carol and Stan Stubbe Kim Yocom and Barry Peterman Betsy and Ken Bevan Matthew Scharneck
8/25	Emily Lloyd Gina Halteman and Dan Wolgemuth Susan and Barry Miller Anthony Gulotta Pat Kuestner



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 6/30/19	Current Fund		Our Church's Wider Mission	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Actual	14,242.00	56,169.00	361.00	4,149.00
Budget	14,310.83	71,551.28	958.33	4,791.67
Over/(Under)	(68.83)	(15,382.28)	(597.33)	(642.67)