

The Worship Service

Sunday, February 16, 2025



Shenkel United Church of Christ

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Shenkel's UCC's Covenant Statement

So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it, now you do it!

(Romans 15:7, The Message)

We are aware of pain organized religion has inflicted on many; and we are aware many places of worship have not given the extravagant welcome God offers to us all. Therefore, Shenkel United Church of Christ covenants to extend heartfelt hospitality to ALL. Shenkel UCC affirms all persons are created in the image of God, so we offer full inclusion (communion, life, and ministries) in the faith journey of this congregation, regardless of differences: whether religious background, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, national origin, immigration and refugee status, age, ethnicity, relationship status, addiction/recovery, physical or mental ability, and political affiliation. We proclaim this statement: **no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

Welcome to Shenkel United Church of Christ!

An Open and Affirming congregation since 2018

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~Gathering Together~

Prelude The Peaceable Things (Christiansen)

Welcome

Invocation

Silence for Meditation

Call to Worship

L: Let us praise God, who gives living water, through whom the faithful flourish.

C: Like trees planted by the water, God, are those who trust in you.

L: Like trees with deep roots are those who place their faith in you.

C: Like green trees in winter are those who receive their life from you.

All: We praise you, God, for life that has no end, through Jesus our risen Christ!

Opening Hymn "When Morning Guilds The Skies" (NCH#86)

~Coming Alive in Community~

Call to Confession

Let us confess together that we have not always lived as those forgiven, set free, and united in Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Healing River, Source of Life, forgive our lack of faith in you. Heal our diseases and wash away our sin. Free us from our demons and from every desire that enslaves us. Help us always to come to those shores where the rivers of your love can make us clean and whole; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again. In Christ we are forgiven and set free.

Special Music

I Shall Not Be Moved

~We Hear God's Word~

Scripture Lessons

Dan Wolgemuth

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

Luke 6:17-26

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

Sermon

Rev. Suzanne M. Spaulding

Hymn for Reflection: "Like A Tree Beside The Waters"

(NCH#313)

~Sharing Blessings with Others~

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Our Savior

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.

February's Special Offering – Local Homeless Ministry

Offertory

Blessed Are You

(Crebbin)

Offering Response "Love Came Down At Christmas"

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine.
Love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Prayer of Dedication

~Going out in Joy~

Sending Hymn

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

(NCH#493)

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata Heroica

(Broughton)

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Music Director: Dan Wolgemuth

Email: shenkelpastor@gmail.com

Organist: Susan Royer

Sexton: Stacy Keim

Secretary: Danielle Petersen

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Special Music: (Johnny Cash) ©

Announcements:

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~This Sunday at Shenkel UCC~

Sun, 2/16/25 ~Reflective Worship service at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary

~ Traditionalish Worship service at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary

~ Chancel Choir rehearsal at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

~ Church School at 11:00 am

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

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Please feel free to scan this code to donate through our online giving page.



Scripture Reading for February 23rd

Brian McShane

Genesis 43:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

Luke 6:27-38

Cluster donations for February: Bath soap and shampoo

Adopt a Window: Our Fellowship Hall refresh is almost finished. We have twelve windows that need new shades. While some of the money is coming from the Carol Lykens bequest, it will not cover the full cost of the windows. Here is your opportunity to help by adopting a window for \$180 to take care of the rest. But don't worry! If that number is beyond your budget, you can donate whatever you can afford. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO SHENKEL UCC BY FEBRUARY 9 AND WRITE "ADOPT A WINDOW" IN THE MEMO LINE or go to SHENKELUCC.ORG TO DONATE ONLINE by choosing the "ADOPT A WINDOW" button.** Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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.

Stewardship: Stewardship Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 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, 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. Our next church school is today.

Shenkel Prayer Group: Meets at 10:00 am on the first Thursday of the month. All are welcome to participate. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and celebrate the Spirit of God moving among us as we pray together.

Prayer Lottery: Shenkel will be praying for:

Mark Dushanko

Brian and Pam McShane

Lucas Zachesky

Doug and Margie Allen

Dan and Rose Wolgemuth

Birthdays in the month of February:

Britnee Sanseverino	2/2/25
Barry Miller	2/4/25
Jesse Painter	2/4/25
Sandra Peterman	2/5/25
Nicole Meehan	2/10/25
Doug Allen	2/11/25
Audrey Dyott	2/13/25
Lori Skulski	2/15/25
Bill Sanseverino	2/24/25
Erika Manetti	2/25/25
Gary McDermit	2/26/25
Kathy Murphy	2/27/25