

SHENKEL HAPPENINGS OCTOBER, 2024

Greetings, Shenkel Friends and Family!

Happy Autumn!! Or should I say Fall? Or Harvest? (It was originally called harvest, then autumn in the 1300s, and then fall in the 1500s, according to Professor Google.) So, let's just say, welcome to the season of falling leaves, chilly days, crisp apples, pumpkin spice lattes, and cozy sweaters! Remember to take some time to enjoy the beauty, drinking in God's love expressed in the sights, sounds, and scents of this magnificent season.

Now, allow me to catch you up on what is happening at your church.

SERVICES

We are back inside for our **REFLECTIVE SERVICE AT 8:30 AM** and our **TRADITIONALISH SERVICE at 9:45 AM**. I heard some folks say that, while they loved services in the grove, they were ready to return to the sanctuary for worship. We'd love to see you there! By the way, I can't help feeling so blessed that we have these two "sanctuaries" for worship throughout the year.

SPEAKER SERIES – REV. BILL WORLEY, CONFERENCE MINISTER

It's finally here! Rev. Bill Worley is kicking off our Speaker Series on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 FROM 1-3 PM**. If you're not familiar with Bill, you're in for a treat. He's an upbeat, intelligent, interesting guy with a gift for engaging his audience and helping people to learn and grow. With the upcoming election, people have seen relationships crumble due to the inability to understand and communicate with others whose thoughts and beliefs may be different from their own. Bill's focus will be on maintaining love and respect for one another in divided times. Join us, and feel free to bring a friend. Light refreshments will be served.

CAROL LYKENS FILL-THE-HAT GIVING CHALLENGE

We Shenkel people certainly do love a challenge, and we throw everything we've got behind whatever cause we are asked to support. In this case, matching (or exceeding) Carol's very generous bequest in the amount of \$5,000 by the end of December to keep our church afloat is getting lots of attention! Now join me--all of you Christmas movie lovers--in a Clarke Griswold drum roll, please.....BRRRRRRRRR...As of October 6, you have donated....wait for it....\$3,480!! I'm sure Carol is bursting with joy to see how much her Shenkel family loves her and our church. Thank you for rising to the challenge, and if you haven't yet contributed, there is still time. Let's try to exceed our goal!

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Dan Snyder has reached out to Beacon of Hope to provide a meal once they begin serving again in November. He is planning for a Sunday in December. Volunteers will meet following the 9:45 am church service to plan the meal, purchase the food, prepare it, and deliver it to the location (TBD). Meals provided serve 25-35 people. In addition to

making the food, volunteers are needed to serve at the location. More information to come!

- Chris Gray has organized a "pack night" at Operation 143 (238 E. High Street, Pottstown, behind the Old New York Store) on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00 PM. Packing takes approximately 1-1 1/2 hours. We are looking for 10-15 people to volunteer. If you are interested in serving, please contact Chris at cgcgal@comcast.net.
- Last month individuals from the Pottstown Area Pride Fest planning committee met to debrief the event held at Shenkel in August. Throughout the day, 300-500 people came to our beautiful church grounds to be in community with one another and celebrate the love of God! Planning is now underway for summer 2025 and Shenkel is considering hosting again. Do you have insights from the day that might help in the committee's decision-making? Are you interested in volunteering? Do you have questions or concerns? Please share your feedback at shenkelucc@aol.com

CHURCH SCHOOL

Attention all children ages 3 through 6th grade! Church School began **SEPTEMBER 15 FROM 11:00 AM TO NOON** and is held the **THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**. The focus is on God's love in us and through us and showing compassion for others, as well as Bible stories. The kids love it! See you on **October 20!**

CLUSTER DONATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER – Help the Pottstown Cluster assist those in need by bringing your generous donations of **PASTA OF YOUR CHOICE and/or PASTA SAUCE** to the narthex on Sunday mornings or drop them at the office during office hours (Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00-2:00 PM). Thank you!

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Shenkel folks are caring individuals who want to help those in need. We yearn to make a difference, but sometimes don't know where to start. Here is an opportunity to show you care: The **4th Monday of each month**, a handful of our members help serve a Community Lunch at Christ Episcopal in Pottstown. At that time, Pastor Suzanne delivers 40 rolls of paper towels we have agreed to provide each month during the year for their "Essentials Pantry." She also brings 70 salty and sweet snacks that are given out at lunch. These are purchased at Giant using the Giant gift cards that we also sell at church. These caring volunteers would love to welcome more helpers! You can serve lunch from 11:30-1:00, and/or go earlier to help sort food donations and prepare dessert trays. Don't worry—Shenkel is not responsible for the meal as we were years ago. We are simply willing helpers who are there to do whatever tasks need to be done.

BOSCOV'S FUNDRAISER

Yes, this popular Friends Helping Friends fundraiser is back. Just buy a coupon for \$5 from Tootie or Louise Hine and enjoy discounts on Boscov's merchandise purchased only on **OCTOBER 22** either in stores or online. They will be at Boscov's on **OCTOBER 12 from 12:00 to**

3:00 selling coupons. Or catch them at church. It's an easy way to raise money for our church, so please support this project.

SAVE THE DATES: Details to follow!

- THANKSGIVING SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER – November 24
- ADVENT WORKSHOP – decorating the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall - November 30
- ADVENT COOKIE SOCIAL – December 8 at 9:00 a.m.

HAVE A FUNDRAISING IDEA?

Share it with the Stewardship Committee, and be prepared to help make it happen. Members are Chris Gray, Julie Zachesky, Kim Yocom, Dan Jenkins, and Brenda Berriker.

SPEAKER SERIES – IDEAS ANYONE?

Any ideas for topics, speakers, or things you would like to learn from someone in the know? Let someone from Stewardship know ASAP. We're looking to get something in the works for January.

GIANT AND REDNER'S GIFT CARDS

You're doing a great job! This is an easy way to raise money for our church. Purchase your cards Sunday mornings or in the Church Office Tuesday-Thursday, between 9:00 and 1:30. Thanks for doing your part!

ONLINE GIVING/QR CODE

It's easier than ever to catch up on your giving to support and sustain our church. Just go to www.shenkelucc.org, open up Online Giving, and choose where you want your donations to go. Simple! In addition, QR codes are in the pews and will be on the table in the grove for an easy, fast way of contributing. Thank you in advance for your continuing support of your church.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

This committee is tasked with supporting the Pastor as well as bringing to her any concerns of the congregation. Information discussed is confidential. Members are Sandy Rowe, Brenda Berriker, and Dan Jenkins. Please feel free to discuss any joys or concerns you have with any member of this committee.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Glen Hoff	10/2/2024
Joe Granger	10/5/2024
Forrest Kreiger	10/5/2024
Sharon Snyder	10/6/2024
Adrienne Wanner	10/7/2024
David Phillips	10/8/2024

William Zachesky	10/10/2024
Susan Stultz	10/12/2024
Stacia Bradley	10/13/2024
Aaron Foss	10/14/2024
Roberta Peterman	10/20/2024
Cameron Dushanko	10/23/2024
Lisa Yocom	10/24/2024
Betsy Bevan	10/28/2024
Jacoby Mest	10/29/2024
Aaron Gray	10/31/2024

OCTOBER PRAYER LOTTERY

October 6:

Ted and Chris Gray
Eric Klein
Tracy Dise
Peter and Adrianne Wanner
Betty Bortz

October 13:

David Klein
Brian and Pam McShane
Nicole, Scott and Tully Meehan
Tootie Hine
Glen Bradley

October 20:

Cara Bevan
Jess, Adam, Lucy and Jordan Hartzell
Bill, Britnee, Olivia and Delia Sanseverino
Jeffrey Luckenbach
Verna Walters

October 27:

Connie Armbruster
Ronald and Carol Pearson
Erika Price
Mindy, Isabelle and Sela Chidawu
Sandy Rowe

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cole Major	11/5/2024
Louise Hine	11/6/2024
Alex MocarSKI	11/6/2024
Joe Palubinski	11/7/2024
Homer Royer	11/8/2024
Kaleena Sweinhart	11/8/2024
Madeline Mest	11/15/2024
John Sabo	11/16/2024
Peter Wanner	11/17/2024
Clair Faust	11/19/2024
Ben MocarSKI	11/21/2024
Tracy Dise	11/25/2024
AJ Foss	11/25/2024
Linda Foss	11/28/2024
Mindy Chidawu	11/30/2024

NOVEMBER PRAYER LOTTERY

November 3:

Julianne Wanner
Tom and Maureen Gallant
Barry and Lisa Yocom
Faye Pedrick
Lori and Kaya Sluski

November 10:

Forrest Kreiger
Alex MocarSKI
Gloria Mest
Dan Jenkins
Dan, Sharon, Malcolm & Amelia Snyder

November 17:

BJ Peterman
Maryln Rohrbach
Josh Palubinski
Barry, Susan & Brooke Miller
Kathy Murphy

November 24:

James White
Gary McDermit
Lynne Moyer
Susan & Homer Royer
Glen & Debbie Hoff

Have a wonderful month!

Your Shenkel Happenings Editor,

Brenda Berriker