

SHENKEL HAPPENINGS – MAY, 2024

Greetings, Shenkel Friends and Family!

The May flowers have blossomed, and we have things to do and activities you won't want to miss! Let's get started!

MARIE BADE'S 99th BIRTHDAY BASH!

You're invited!!! Marie is turning 99, and she and her family would love to see each and every one of you at Shenkel on **June 9th** to help her celebrate this milestone birthday. As we all know, Marie is an amazing, faith-filled, talented woman who has given so much of herself over the years to help our church thrive. The celebration luncheon is **after church**, so bring your party energy and all the love you have for Marie as we celebrate her 99 years of living, loving, and service. I've been told she would love to receive a card from you, but if you are so inclined, gifts should be made to Shenkel's Music Fund or General Fund.

CONVERSATIONS ON THE CRISIS IN GAZA

We heard your concerns and have lined up two speakers with real life experiences in the Middle East. Rev. Linda Noonan, who was in Israel on October 7 during the attacks and is a member of the UCC's Palestinian Israel Network, and Ariel (Royer) Ackerman, who lived in Gaza, will be sharing their insights and knowledge about the crisis in Gaza. Join us on **JUNE 2 at 11:30 AM** for our second opportunity to learn about what is happening in this part of the world. Food will be available. **PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 8:30 AM SERVICE ON JUNE 2ND.**

CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN

Get ready to be entertained by a boatload of cuteness! The Church School children will be singing for us on Pentecost Sunday, **MAY 19** during the 9:45 AM service.

OUTDOOR SERVICES

Yes, it's coming soon! Join us in our beautiful grove for our summer outdoor services starting **June 16th**.

****BOBBY JO VALENTINE CONCERT****

I just googled him, and I really liked what I heard! He's a youngish, acoustical guitar-playing singer/songwriter with a nice, folksy voice and songs that will touch your heart and make you think. The music's not churchy but has a spiritual side to it that I love. So, mark your calendars and plan to join us on **August 10th!** **VERY IMPORTANT:** It is critical that we find 3 to 5 people **now** to promote the concert. Everything is laid out for you on how to proceed, thanks to information supplied by Valentine. Please contact Pastor Suzanne to help. Remember: We all would like to see our church grow. Bringing the community into our space is one way to do that. Please volunteer today!

FAMOUS SHENKEL CORN & PIG ROAST

Mark your calendars for this Shenkel favorite! On **AUGUST 25 at 5:00 PM.** the Bevan/Gray/Wanner clan is pulling out all the stops for fun and fellowship. Corn, beverages, and the pig will be provided. Just bring

your family, friends, place settings for your crew, side dish, and dessert to share. You don't want to miss this ever-popular Shenkel event!

CONGREGATIONAL CHALLENGE

For various reasons, our pool of workers to help with property upkeep has dwindled over the years. Currently, Kim Yocom, as the main Property Committee member, is making sure that repairs are being made and work is being done. I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly recognize Kim for the many hours she has put into identifying needs, sprucing up the property, and replacing or repairing broken or nonfunctioning items.

Here is your challenge: If you notice that something needs to be cleaned up inside or outside, such as weeding and cleaning out flower beds, trimming bushes, sprucing up the labyrinth, cleaning up the outdoor worship areas and pavilion, kitchen cleanout, please feel free to jump in and do it! It is hard to get a workday for everyone to pitch in, but individuals and small groups can make a huge difference and help to share the upkeep responsibilities. That being said, we're not asking you to put on your contractor's hat and rewire the Social Hall or knock down walls or repaint rooms. That sort of thing has to be communicated to the Property Committee and approved by Consistory. Thanks in advance for your help!

IDEA GENERATORS

The Stewardship Committee is always looking for ideas for fundraisers, opening our facilities to the community, and welcoming people to Shenkel services. Please share anything that strikes you with one of our committee members: Chris Gray, Kim Yocom, Julie Zachesky, Dan Jenkins, Tootie Hine, Louise Hine, or Brenda Berriker. All ideas are welcome and encouraged!

SPEAKER SERIES

We've made a great start with our Conversations on the Crisis in Gaza. Have any other topics you would like to hear about or know someone with expertise in an interesting subject? Please pick up a survey in the narthex and help us identify interests and needs.

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 on Sunday mornings or in the Church Office Tuesday-Thursday, between 9:00 and 1:30. Thanks for doing your part!

CLUSTER DONATIONS FOR MAY- Oatmeal and pancake syrup.

PAPER TOWEL ROLLS

We continue to collect paper towel rolls in our going support of Christ Episcopal's outreach to the needy. Thanks to you, we have collected 7 months' worth already! Donations of any size are welcome.

MAY AND JUNE PRAYER LOTTERY

5/5	Olivia Dushanko Laura Golden Sandy Peterman, James Heath and Emily Trego Abby Dise Heather Burhans Tran	6/2	James White Jenn and David Braley Scott Kutz Roberta Peterman Maureen and Tom Gallant
5/12	Kathy Murphy Sharon and John Sabo Jeff Luckenbach Stephanie Viti Mindy, Isabella and Sela Chidawu	6/9	Steve Craner Mark Dushanko Lori and Kaya Skulski Margie and Doug Allen Angeline Viti
5/19	Gene and Nick Takach and Eric Croom Elizabeth, James, Zoey and Henry Carr MaryIn Rohrbach Betty Bortz Lucas Zachesky	6/16	Joel Sweinhart Rachel Berriker Elaine and Jim Bevan Lucas Gray Stacey, Bill and Aurora Kiem
5/26	Brenda and Randy Berriker Kim and Steven Bade Linda and John Jonides Clay Zachesky Britnee, Bill, Olivia and Delia Sanseverino	6/23	Jaden Viti Kaleena Sweinhart David Klein BJ Peterman Lori Scharneck
		6/30	Tracy Dise Forrest Kreiger Josh Palubinsky Sherri and Bob MocarSKI Julie and Bill Zachesky

MAY BIRTHDAYS**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Robin Martin 5/3/24
Malcolm Snyder 5/4/24
Emily Trego 5/7/24
Connor O'Drain 5/8/24
Brooke Miller 5/10/24
Olivia Sanseverino 5/11/24
Matthew Scharneck 5/12/24
Michael Kulp 5/13/24
Jordan Hartzell 5/15/24
Shane Glatfelter 5/18/24
Michaela Craner 5/20/24
Lynn Derman 5/20/24
Randy Berriker 5/21/24
Christina Hauze 5/21/24
Bob Mocarski 5/23/24
Andrew Foss 5/29/24

Barry Yocom 6/1/24
Margie Allen 6/7/24
Sharon Sabo 6/9/24
Dawn Yocom 6/13/24
Tootie Hine 6/14/24
Kim Bade 6/15/24
Elizabeth Carr 6/16/24
Dave Derman 6/16/24
Marie Bade 6/18/24
Amelia Snyder 6/22/24
Ken Bevan 6/25/24
Bill Keim 6/25/24
Dan Jenkins 6/29/24
Michael Foss 6/30/24

That's it for now! Hope to see you soon!!

Your Shenkel Happenings Editor,

Brenda Berriker