



Shenkel United Church of Christ



2020

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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4 Traditional service 9:45 am World Communion	5	6	7 Bible Study 7 pm	8	9	10
11 Traditional service 9:45 am	12	13 Consistory 6 pm	14 Bible Study 7 pm	15	16	17
18 Traditional service 9:45 am	19	20	21 Bible Study 7 pm	22	23	24
25 Traditional service 9:45 am	26	27	28 Bible Study 7 pm	29	30	31

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Pastor

Rev. Suzanne Spaulding

Organist:

Susan Royer

Music Director

Dan Wolgemuth

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Stacey Keim

COVENANTED MINISTER IN MISSION

Rev. Wanda D. Craner,
Gestalt Pastoral Care
Minister and Trainer
Gestalt Pastoral Care
Associates

CONSISTORY

President:

Randy Berriker

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Sandy Rowe

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Joan Palubinsky

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MINISTERS

All the members
of the church



"For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise."

Although we can't sing together when we gather at worship right now, we can still sing in the car or at home. This song often comes to my mind during the changes of seasons. It is a good reminder to give thanks continually even if the coming season is not my favorite one! It is also a reminder to be aware of all the many blessings and beautiful gifts in life even as we are in the midst of a conflict-filled election year in the midst of a pandemic.

"For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light."

"For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild."

"For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude, for a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed. God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise."

This final verse is also a prayer and an aspiration: a world where none exclude; a faith that never tires (mine does get tired); for every heart renewed.

May your heart be renewed along with your faith when you grow weary. May we all be inspired by God's love to live into a world where none are excluded!

Grace and peace in abundance,

Pastor Suzanne

Newsletter Editor: Lisa Dice

September Consistory Highlights

- ◆ We want to thank the congregation for their acceptance of our COVID 19 protocols and participation in our outdoor services. Attendance has averaged between 35 and 40 on a weekly basis.
- ◆ We continue to record our outdoor services and have improved the sound quality. It takes several hours once the service has been recorded to upload to the YouTube website. We ask your continued patience as we explore ways to reduce that time.
- ◆ We have started thinking about what type of Christmas Eve services we want to have this year. Do we need a pre-recorded service available on YouTube that evening? Can we have an outdoor, rustic service in the pavilion? Should we also have an indoor service in the afternoon? Let any Consistory member know your thoughts or ideas on how we can have a meaningful Christmas Eve this year.
- ◆ We approved a request by Dan Wolgemuth to allow a single vocalist on occasion at our outdoor worship. All protocols and distancing guidelines would be in effect.
- ◆ A change has been made to the Cemetery Superintendent's responsibilities. The Superintendent will be responsible for marking grave sites and working with outside vendors for a burial. All paperwork relating to deed preparation will be performed by the church secretary. Based on the revised duties, we are looking for a volunteer that would be a backup to the Superintendent to cover burials if that person is away. In addition, we authorized the purchase of cloud-based software that will track all plots, prepare deeds, and can prepare invoices for plot purchases.



Sunday, November 1st—Turn your clocks back 1 hour!

Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education is in the process of setting up a virtual Sunday school program for all children from Kindergarten through Grade 6. Please notify Linda Foss at 610-741-6949 if your child or grandchild would like to participate in the program, which would be a weekly program. Linda will need to know by the beginning of October so the packets for each child can be prepared for pick-up at the Church. We are hoping to have it presented on Zoom and YouTube. Any question, call Linda at 610-741-6949 or Louise Hine at 610-385-3716.

Adult Sunday school news: Pastor Suzanne is leading a Bible Study on Zoom on a Wednesday evening. If you would like to join, please let Pastor Suzanne know and she will send you the link for Zoom. Currently we are studying the Book of Acts, trying to do two chapters in a session. This is open to any adult who would like to do some Bible study – come and join us.

Louise Hine
Co-Chair, Board of Christian Education



News from Stewardship Committee:

Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a fundraising event held at Boscov's called "Friends Helping Friends". This year because of Covid they are holding it for **two days, October 14 and 15**, to avoid crowds and allow social distancing in order to keep everyone safe and comfortable.

They will take 20% off (on most items) of your purchase and will then give 5% of the total purchase price to your non-profit organization – Shenkel UCC. At check out they will have you select the non-profit charitable organization from a list of registered organizations.

Go back as many times as you want – good time for Christmas shopping on either of the two days. Any questions, see Tootie or Louise Hine.



Hoff, Glen	10/02
Kreiger, Forrest	10/05
Snyder, Sharon	10/06
Wanner, Adrienne	10/07
Phillips, David	10/08
Stultz, Susan	10/12
Bradley, Stacia	10/13
Gerhardt-Skulskil, Jordan	10/13
Foss, Aaron	10/14
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
Rice, Nick	10/29

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

10/4 Angeline Viti
 Erika Lessig
 Matthew Scharneck
 Wayne Klein
 Karen Metka and Joe Zogheib

10/11 Karl Metka
 Kim Yocom and Barry Peterman
 Antony Gulotta
 Rachel Berriker
 Kaleena Sweinhart

10/18 Elaine and Jim Bevan
 Lynne Moyer
 Ruth Brewer
 Pat and Don Laverty
 Erika Burhans Price

10/25 Sandy and Ray Rowe
 Joan and Joe Palubinsky
 Laura and Christian Golden
 Mary Sue Moyer
 Ethel Moyer



The following activities are still **not** being held:

The Sewing Circle

Lunch Bunch

Midday Dinner

Card Making Club



As of August 31, 2020	Current Fund	
ACTUAL	Month	YTD
Opening Bal.	(7,197)	8,784
Giving	17,387	87,183
Expenses	(15,949)	(113,476)
Subtotal	(5,759)	(17,509)
Rent Income	1,700	13,600
Other	1	(149)
Ending Balance	(4,058)	(4,058)
Net Chg	3,139	(12,842)
BUDGET	Month	YTD
Giving	14,707	117,654
Over (Under)	2,680	(30,471)

Our Church's Wider Mission		
August 31, 2020	Month	YTD
Actual	2,810.00	7,491.00
Budget	958.33	7,666.67
Over (under)	1,851.67	(175.67)