

SHENKEL HAPPENINGS – JUNE 2024

Greetings, Shenkel Friends and Family!

Summer is almost here, and there is a lot going on at your church. So, take out your calendars, flex your thumbs (or sharpen your pencil) and get ready for some Shenkel fun!

And FYI, we are expanding our information categories, so be sure to read to the end.

OUTDOOR SERVICES

Some people love the sights and sounds of our beautiful grove, while others would rather worship in our peaceful sanctuary. No problem! Join us for our **REFLECTIVE SERVICE AT 8:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY** or, starting **JUNE 16 at 9:45 AM**, bring your lawn chair or blanket or make use of our rustic but comfortable benches in the Grove, and feel God's presence as you soak in all that God's creation has to offer. Can't wait to see you!

WANDA CRANER'S GRAVESITE

As we remember the one-year anniversary of Wanda's passing on June 1, many of us feel closer to her by visiting her gravesite. You will find her headstone near the four pine trees next to the former parsonage should you wish to pay your respects to this beautiful, beloved woman who touched so many of our lives and hearts.

BAPTISMS

I don't know about you, but watching a sweet baby being baptized and taking part in the congregation's pledge to support the child and parents as they learn and grow in God's love touches my heart. On **June 23**, we will be joyfully celebrating the baptism of cousins, Rennick Brewer (parents Kate and Clayton Brewer) and Ford Shrum (parents Miranda and Ryan Shrum). Come out to support these families!

FELLOWSHIP HALL REFRESH

Yes, Fellowship Hall is getting a much-needed refresh, thanks to Carol Lykens' generous bequest. Painter Steve Stauffer and his crew will be starting **JUNE 24** and expect to be finished in one week. So please plan accordingly if you were thinking of using Fellowship Hall during that time.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Now, who doesn't enjoy a scoop of yummy ice cream on a hot summer day? Actually, I can think of one child who shall remain nameless, but for the rest of us, Fellowship Committee has you covered. **JULY 21** is the day you've been waiting for! Join us after worship to satisfy your sweet tooth and catch up with your Shenkel Family.

VACATION

Pastor Suzanne will be on vacation from **JULY 1 THRU JULY 14**. Rev. Deb Timmins will be leading worship on July 7, and Rev. Homer Royer will be leading on July 14. During this time, Rev. Jim Jannotti of Temple Methodist will be available for emergency pastoral care at (610) 326-3941.

OUTDOOR CONCERT WITH BOBBY JO VALENTINE

Concert time is fast approaching! In partnership with First Baptist of Pottstown, we are hosting **BOBBY JO VALENTINE** on **AUGUST 10 at 7:00 PM in the grove**. As I commented in May's Shenkel Happenings, he is a youngish, acoustic guitar-playing singer/songwriter with a nice, folksy voice singing songs that will touch your heart and make you think. In addition, as the planning team from Shenkel, First Baptist, and Open Table (a fairly new church in Pottstown) talked about concert planning, the event grew into Pottstown's first ever Pottstown Area Pride Fest, beginning at 4:00 PM and culminating with the concert at 7:00 PM. From 4:00 to 7:00 PM, there will be food, games, karaoke, a pride history display, and more. The event is still in the planning stages, so there may be more fun activities to explore. No need to come to everything if your time is limited. Just bring your concert lawn chair, sit back, and enjoy! If you would like to join in the planning, the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20 at 6:30 PM.

OTHER CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES

Renowned carillonneur David Hunsberger will be wowing his audiences at two nearby venues: **JULY 17 at 7:30 PM at VALLEY FORGE STATE PARK** and **JULY 19 at 6:00 PM at LONGWOOD GARDENS**.

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 do not want to miss this ever-popular Shenkel event!

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Our All Church Picnic will be held the last day of outside services in September, which is yet to be determined. The plan, though, is to hold a Blessing of the Animals service the same day. Stay tuned for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD – BOSCOV'S FUNDRAISER

Yes, this popular Friends Helping Friends fundraiser is back! Just buy a coupon for \$5 from Tootie or Louise and enjoy discounts on Boscov's merchandise purchased on **OCTOBER 22**. Look for more information closer to the event.

SPEAKER SERIES

Our first series was a success! We started with an informational program put out by the UCC surrounding the history of the Crisis in Gaza. Then on June 2, Ariel (Royer) Ackerman and Rev. Linda Noonan, both members of the UCC's Palestinian Israel Network, shared personal experiences and insights surrounding this devastating crisis. The information shared was extremely helpful in helping to understand what is happening in the Middle East.

We hope to invite speakers on a regular basis starting in the Fall to talk about topics of interest to our congregation and the community. Some suggestions so far: elder law, sustainability, how to love people who do not think the way you do, and transgender issues. Please share any ideas you may have related to topics of interest and identify any "experts" you may know who could share their knowledge. Contact

any member of the **Stewardship Committee: Chris Gray, Kim Yocom, Julie Zachesky, Dan Jenkins, or Brenda Berriker.**

HAVE A FUNDRAISING IDEA?

Share it with the Stewardship Committee, and be prepared to help make it happen!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who came out on Saturday, June 1 to weed and mulch. What a difference your hard work has made in beautifying our church property!

A big thank you, too, to the Daisy Troop who pulled some weeds and picked up sticks and pinecones (word has it that they are very motivated when given a goal). The girls did a beautiful job!

Stewardship discussed how important it is for everyone to do what they can to help share the responsibility of church property upkeep. Please feel free to pull some weeds or tidy up the inside of the church if you see a need. And right now, our once-beautiful labyrinth really needs your help. Saturday's crew made a fantastic start, but there is still more weeding to do. So, grab your work gloves, bucket, and favorite weeding tool and help bring our labyrinth back to life!

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 JUNE

Ramen noodles and canned pasta

CLUSTER DONATIONS FOR JULY

Men's and women's razors and shaving cream

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.

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

* Consistory discussed tree and stump removal bids, which will be voted on by the Congregation on Sunday, June 30 after the 8:30 and 9:45 am services.

* Lynne Moyer and Pastor Suzanne shared their experiences at the PA UCC Conferences Spring meeting in State College this past weekend. Around 500 people gathered from across the state to attend workshops and services and discuss the possible merger of the four current conferences. The vote

regarding the merger will take place on November 9. Shenkel will send two delegates along with Pastor Suzanne. If you are interested in serving in this capacity or would like to know more about what was presented, please let Pastor Suzanne know

JUNE AND JULY PRAYER LOTTERY

- 6/2 James White
Jenn and David Braley
Scott Kutz
Roberta Peterman
Maureen and Tom Gallant
- 6/9 Steve Craner
Mark Dushanko
Lori and Kaya Skulski
Margie and Doug Allen
Angeline Viti
- 6/16 Joel Sweinhart
Rachel Berrick
Elaine and Jim Bevan
Lucas Gray
Stacey, Bill and Aurora Keim
- 6/23 Jaden Viti
Kaleena Sweinhart
David Klein
BJ Peterman
Lori Scharneck
- 6/30 Tracy Dise
Forrest Kreiger
Josh Palubinsky
Sherri and Bob Mocariski
Julie and Bill Zachesky

7/7 Verna Walters

TJ Augustine

Pat Kuestner

Morgan Scharneck

7/14 Suzanne Spaulding

Jess, Adam, Lucy and Jordan Hartzell

Judy Miller

Jesse Painter

Kim Yocom and Barry Peterman

7/21 Louise Hine

Dede and Peter Wanner

Aaron Gray

Ben MocarSKI

Cameron Dushanko

7/28 Eric Klein

Barbara Sweinhart

Wayne Klein

Joyce Pashley

Collin Gray

JUNE AND JULY BIRTHDAYS

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
Laura Golden	7/1/24
Lucas Gray	7/2/24
Susan Royer	7/5/24
Daniel Snyder	7/7/24
Erica Burhans Price	7/9/24
Stacey Keim	7/10/24
Linda Jonides	7/11/24
Laura Hauze	7/12/24
Leslie Hauze	7/12/24
Joel Sweinhart	7/12/24
Rebecca Major	7/13/24
Hannah Dyott	7/14/24
Jess Hartzell	7/18/24
Steve Mest	7/18/24
Lori Klein	7/20/24
Tully Meehan	7/21/24
Rachel Berriker	7/24/24
Julie Zachesky	7/24/24
Lucy Hartzell	7/25/24

Cody Moyer 7/26/24

Lucas Zachesky 7/27/24

Lindsay Hoff 7/28/24

Christian O'Drain 7/29/24

Enjoy your summer!

Your Shenkel Happenings Editor,

Brenda Berriker