

SHENKEL HAPPENINGS – JULY, 2024

Greetings, Shenkel Friends and Family!

Summer, with its cookouts and swimming pools and outdoor services, is in full swing! And did I forget to mention heat waves? It's been an adventure! I'm happy to update you on what is happening in your church and to invite you to some amazing opportunities to reconnect with your Shenkel family.

OUTDOOR SERVICES

Many people love the sights and sounds of our beautiful grove. Join us for our **TRADITIONAL-ISH SERVICE AT 9:45 AM IN THE GROVE**. 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! The **8:45 Reflective Service in the sanctuary** will resume the first Sunday in October.

HELP NEEDED THIS SATURDAY

Our tables and benches in the pavilion need some TLC. Please come out this **SATURDAY, JULY 20 AT 8:30 AM** with gloves for painting. And/or if you'd like to help bring the labyrinth back to life—the process has already been started—bring your yard tools. This is important work, and it looks like the weather will be perfect! Thank you for your help!

FELLOWSHIP HALL REFRESH

It's amazing what a couple of coats of paint and a thorough floor cleaning can do for a room! Peaceful, fresh, relaxing, welcoming are words that come to mind to describe our beautiful space. Thank you to Julie Zachesky, Kim Yocom, Sandy Rowe, and yours truly who carefully considered and chose paint colors, and cleaned floors, tables, and chairs. Take a look and breathe out an appreciative "Ahhh!" Well done!

Note: As a result of the refresh, we have decided to eliminate the carpet runners and go with one large specialty rug that will absorb all moisture and catch debris inside the entrance. In addition, we will be removing shelves from the basement hallways. If you would like all or part of the runners (I believe they can be cut) or any shelving, please **contact Kim Yocom ASAP**.

MORE THANK YOUs!

We have a member of our congregation who often helps out quietly behind the scenes. He fixes things, helps with computer issues, and faithfully records our services, to name a few. Thank you, **Gary McDermit**, for all you do for Shenkel Church! We appreciate you!

And a big thanks to **Barry Miller** for honing his power washing skills on the side of the pavilion. Your work was much needed and much appreciated, Barry!

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. Each member is elected for a 1-year, 2-year, or 3-year term. We said good-bye to Joan Palubinski (1 year) in April and added Dan Jenkins. Welcome Dan! The remaining members are Brenda Berriker (2-year term which ends in April, 2025) and Sandy Rowe (3-

year term which ends in April, 2026). Please feel free to discuss any joys or concerns you have with any member of this committee.

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 have been waiting for! Join us after worship to satisfy your sweet tooth and catch up with your Shenkel Family. Cost is \$5 per bowl, with all proceeds going to the Mission Fund.

GAZA CONVERSATION

Please join us to continue the conversation about Gaza on **JULY 28 AT 11:00 in Fellowship Hall**. The sessions have been informative and helpful in understanding what is happening in the Middle East. Bring a favorite food to share for our potluck lunch.

MUSTARD SEED MALAWI

Our very own Angela Quashigah will be joining us for worship on **AUGUST 11** to talk about her work in Malawi, which Shenkel has supported over the years. Please come out to hear about her ongoing, important mission!

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 Pottstown, Trinity UCC, First Baptist Royersford, and Open Table UCC (a fairly new church in Pottstown) talked about concert planning, the event grew into Pottstown's first ever **POTTOWN 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. **PLEASE LOG ONTO** www.pottstownpride.org to get a sense of how the day will flow and what to expect. And by the way, there is no need to come to everything if your time is limited. Just bring your concert lawn chair, sit back, and enjoy!

Volunteers are needed for parking, security, food, games, set-up, clean-up and general duties. To volunteer, go to www.pottstownpride.org\volunteer.

FYI there have been some questions about logistics. We have been assured that the highly effective Pridefest/concert committee, composed of pastors and lay people from the above churches, has thought this through and has everything under control. They are a well-oiled machine!

FAMOUS SHENKEL CORN & PIG & DOGGIE 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, hot dogs and rolls for yourself if you prefer, side dish, and dessert to share. You do not want to miss this ever-popular Shenkel event!

CHURCH PICNIC/BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SEPTEMBER 29 marks the end of our outdoor services. What better time to have our church picnic? In addition, we will have a time for Blessing of the Animals. So, plan to bring your favorite pooch, kitty, bunny, or whatever nonhuman creature (no elephants, please) is special to you. More details to come.

LOOKING AHEAD – 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.

HAVE A FUNDRAISING IDEA?

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

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!

CLUSTER DONATIONS FOR JULY –

Please bring your Pottstown Cluster donations to worship or drop them off at the office. This month’s needs are Men’s and Women’s razors and shaving cream.

CLUSTER DONATIONS FOR AUGUST

This month’s needs are School Supplies: pens, pencils, erasers, notebooks.

PAPER TOWELS FOR CHRIST EPISCOPAL

Please help us support Christ Episcopal in ministering to the folks who need our help in Pottstown by donating paper towels. Drop them off during office hours (Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM) or bring them to worship. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

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.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

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| Laura Golden | 7/1/2024 | Steven Bade | 8/3/2024 |
| Lucas Gray | 7/2/2024 | Ted Gray | 8/4/2024 |
| Susan Royer | 7/5/2024 | Dan Wolgemuth | 8/6/2024 |
| Daniel Snyder | 7/7/2024 | MaryIn Rohrbach | 8/8/2024 |
| Ericka Burhans Price | 7/9/2024 | Jim Bevan | 8/10/2024 |
| Stacey Keim | 7/10/2024 | Barbara Sweinhart | 8/10/2024 |
| Linda Jonides | 7/11/2024 | Elaine Bevan | 8/12/2024 |

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| Laura Hauze | 7/12/2024 | Grace Major | 8/12/2024 |
| Leslie Hauze | 7/12/2024 | Morgan Scharneck | 8/16/2024 |
| Joel Sweinhart | 7/12/2024 | Jennifer Dyott | 8/17/2024 |
| Rebecca Major | 7/13/2024 | Carol Pearson | 8/18/2024 |
| Hannah Dyott | 7/14/2024 | Ashlyn Augustine | 8/21/2024 |
| Jess Harzell | 7/18/2024 | Sue Kulp | 8/21/2024 |
| Steve Mest | 7/18/2024 | Kaya Skulski | 8/27/2024 |
| Lori Klein | 7/20/2024 | Jeffrey Dyott | 8/28/2024 |
| Tully Meehan | 7/21/2024 | Lori Scharneck | 8/28/2024 |
| Rachel Berriker | 7/24/2024 | Joyce Pashley | 8/29/2024 |
| Julie Zachesky | 7/24/2024 | Noah Bradley | 8/30/2024 |
| Lucy Hartzell | 7/25/2024 | Christian Golden | 8/31/2024 |
| Cody Moyer | 7/26/2024 | Wayne Klein | 8/31/2024 |
| Lucas Zachesky | 7/27/2024 | | |
| Lindsay Hoff | 7/28/2024 | | |
| Christian O'Drain | 7/29/2024 | | |

PRAYER LOTTERY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

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| 7/7 | Verna Walters TJ Augustine Pat Kuestner Morgan Scharneck | 8/4 | Alex Mocarski Julianne Wanner Noah Bradley Cara Bevan Sue and Gary Stultz |
| 7/14 | Suzanne Spaulding Jess, Adam, Lucy and Jordan Hartzell Judy Miller Jesse Painter Kim Yocom and Barry Peterman | 8/11 | Jeff Luckenbach Susan and Barry Miller Betsy and Ken Bevan Richard Golden Brooke Miller |
| 7/21 | Louise Hine Dede and Peter Wanner Aaron Gray Ben Mocarski Cameron Dushanko | 8/18 | Judy Gergle Anthony Gulotta Gary McDermit Gloria Mest Erika Price |
| 7/28 | Eric Klein Barbara Sweinhart Wayne Klein Joyce Pashley Collin Gray | 8/25 | Lori Scharneck David Klein Gene and Nick Tackach/Eric Croom Mari, Christian and Connor O'Drain Rosemary and Dan Wolgemuth |