



Shenkel United Church of Christ

July  2019


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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4 Office closed  Independence Day	5	6
7 Reflective service 8:30 am Outdoor service 9:45 am Communion	8	9 Sewing circle 9:30 am Next Level Spirituality Team 12:30 pm	10 Confirmation 7 pm	11	12	13
14 Reflective service 8:30 am Blessing of the Pets Outdoor service 9:45 am Music & Worship 11 am Bible Study 11 am	15	16 Midday dinner club - 12 pm	17 Agape at Freda Wanner's 7 pm	18	19	20
21 Reflective service 8:30 am Outdoor service 9:45 am Communion at the Villa Noon Church picnic	22	23 Sewing circle 9:30 am	24	25 Card making class 10 am	26	27
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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Priscilla Denham

Organist:

Susan Royer

Music Director

Dan Wolgemuth

Office Administrator:

Lisa Dice

Sexton:

Stacey Keim

COVENANTED MINISTERS IN MISSION

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

CONSISTORY

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Randy Berriker

Vice President:

Sandy Rowe

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Dave Derman

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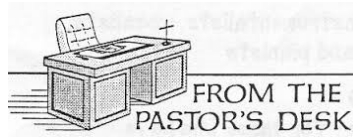
MINISTERS

All the members
of the church

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Well. We are FINALLY back out in the Grove. It is officially Summer at Shenkel. Many folks have spent time in the Grove – weeding, cleaning, and repairing the benches – to make our time outside more comfortable and attractive. Others spent time working around the labyrinth and the grass is (as always) looking great thanks to Barry Y. Feel free to invite friends (and strangers) to our uniquely lovely worship setting. And this summer – as we did last summer – we will continue to have the 8:30 Reflective service for those who prefer a safer (more easily navigated) terrain and a more interactive/quieter service.

On my last Sunday before vacation, I asked folks (in both services) to help me stay motivated in my weight loss program. I asked who would be willing to donate \$1 or \$10 (or any other amount) to the church for every pound I lost over the summer. This would help me stay on track to lose the last stubborn pounds I'm trying to lose AND help offset the financial dip that occurs every summer. I didn't count, but it looked like most every hand went up. So now I am highly motivated to stay on track – for my health and the church. And in case I fail miserably and gain a pound or two – I'm on the hook for giving \$20/lb. to the church. Always something fun and funny going on at Shenkel.

Our sermon series for the summer will be The Parables of Jesus. Even our guest ministers will be preaching on parables so we ought to have a variety of challenging sermons, hearing Jesus' stories from a variety of perspectives. Our Bible Study will continue to look at Jewish Scripture, some familiar and others not so much. **July prep:** Read Judges 13 -21. For **August:** Read the prophets Jonah and Micah. (Spoiler alert – Jonah is a mythical prophet. Micah is the real deal.)

By the time y'all are reading this, I will be with family in Oregon. My niece decided she wanted to be a winemaker a few years ago and is living in Willamette Valley living her dream. As a loving aunt, I think it is my *duty* to travel there to visit her. I'm sure this counts as education for a minister. (For those of us that can't just make it from water.) I look forward to seeing y'all when I am back on July 7.

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If I am a bit woozy – it is from the 3 time zone difference, NOT because I taste-tested too much wine. LOL.

Let's all relax and enjoy summer.

Blessings ALWAYS,

Pastor Priscilla

shenkelpastor@gmail.com

Anyone who wishes for a visit by the pastor should call the office at 610-326-3535 or you may call her at 717-304-3891. She would love to come for a cup of tea.



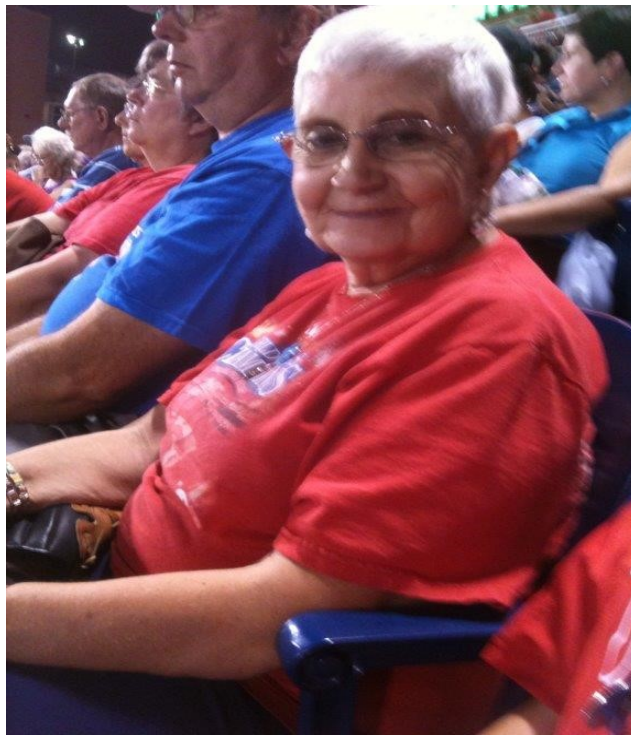
Come over and drink
tea with me.

Holy Communion

Shenkel UCC celebrates the sacrament of Holy Communion at both services on the first Sunday of each month. We go to the Villa to share communion with folks there on the third Sunday at noon! If you would like to join us, please let Pastor Priscilla know. Please let the Pastor know if you, or someone you know, would appreciate “distance-communing” with their Shenkel Church family!



READING
Fightin' Phils™



**LETS GO OUT TO THE BALL
GAME WITH SHENKEL!**

***THE ANNUAL ANN BACCARI MEMORIAL
READING PHILLIES OUTING***

Friday, August 16, 2019

Reading Fightin Phils vs. Trenton Thunder

Game Time: 7:10 PM

35 tickets have been reserved. This year, we have 25 tickets reserved in the Picnic Area and those tickets will cost \$ 24.00 each. This ticket includes the cost of the buffet provided that will be available by 6 PM to 8:30 PM. There are also 10 seats reserved in a section nearby for anyone who does not wish to purchase the buffet. These tickets are \$ 8. Children under the age of 4 are free. Bus transportation from Shenkel UCC is included in both options. The bus leaves the parking lot at the church promptly at 5:15 PM. There are fireworks after the game and we do stay for the display. Any questions, contact Barb Burhans 484-942-6017.

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN THE FUN!!

This Month at Shenkel UCC



As part of our four-way covenant, we will be taking a special offering on Sunday, July 7 in support of the Gestalt Pastoral Care ministry. Rev. Craner will be the guest preacher.



The Cluster is now accepting money towards the Signature Page. Please consider donating \$10 for this worthy cause. See Barbara Brown to sign the page and give her the money.

Mid-Day Dinner Club



Our next event will be on Tuesday, July 16th at St. Peter's Inn

The Mid-day Dinner Club meets at 12 noon on the third Tuesday of each month and you're invited! It is open to young-at-heart adults of any age who enjoy eating out and would like to get to know other Shenkel members a little better. If you are a "regular," please check off your name on the plate in the narthex no later than the Sunday before the lunch so your reservation can be made on time. If you are a "newbie," please call the church office (or just add your name to the plate) if you're able to join us!

Special Offering for July—

Bill Boyer Scholarship Award

This scholarship was established to help further the education of students who are members of Shenkel UCC and have completed high school, or for mission work associated with technical and trade endeavors. Applications are available from the church office.



Monthly Meets

The Agape group

Third Wednesday of the Month, 7 pm

Showing love through prayer, this group's time together is spent with a quiet time for centering and meditation with sharing prayer concerns. They meet at the home of Freda Wanner, 1752 Temple Road, Pottstown.

Card Making Class

Third Thursday, 11am in Social hall

Each class participants make three beautiful cards. Cost is \$8. If you plan to attend the class or have any questions, please call Connie Armbruster at 610-326-6516 to insure there will be enough materials.

Community Lunch Bunch

First Thursday, 11:30 am in Social hall

Open to the community, this monthly get together offers lunch followed by a short program that changes every month. The cost is \$7. Look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Look on page 7 for this month's program. For more info, please call Linda Foss at 610-741-6949 or Sam Wilson at 610-323-1637.

Mid-day Dinner Club

Third Tuesday, 12 pm

Open to young-at-heart adults of any age who enjoy eating out and would like to get to know other Shenkel members a little better. Meeting place changes every month. Look for the dinner plate sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please call the church office at 610-326-3535 with questions or RSVPs.

Shenkel Sewing Circle

Second & Fourth Tuesday, 9:30am in Social hall

We are a small group of very friendly ladies who love to visit and sew. We are currently not working on any big project, so bring what you love to do or just come for the fun conversation. We love to share ideas for sewing, cross stitch, quilting and knitting, etc. We also offer help with any of your projects. We would love to expand our group, so please spread the word. For more information or If the weather is questionable, please call Margie Allen at 610-326-1519. Not meeting in August.



Golden, Laura	07/01
Gray, Lucas	07/02
Snyder, Daniel	07/07
Augustine, Erika	07/09
Burhans, Barbara	07/09
Keim, Stacey	07/10
Hauze, Laura	07/12
Hauze, Leslie	07/12
Sweinhart, Joel	07/12
Major, Rebecca	07/13
Dyott, Hannah	07/14
Hartzell, Jess	07/18
Klein, Lori	07/20
Scheler, Sheree	07/20
Baseley, William	07/22
Berriker, Rachel	07/24
Zachesky, Julie	07/24
Moyer, Cody	07/26
Zachesky, Lucas	07/27
Hoff, Lindsay	07/28
Kreiger, Betty	07/28
O'Drain, Christian	07/29
Viti, Rick	07/30

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

7/7	Lindsey Martin Freda Wanner Lori, Jordan Gerhardt-Skulski and Kaya Skulski Kathy Harkins Betty Bortz
7/14	Lynn, David and Katie Derman Sue and Mike Kulp Carol and Ron Pearson Anne, Eric, Andrew and Timothy Confer Martins Taylor Baker
7/21	Sandy Peterman and James Heath, Bryan and Emily Trego Diane and David Reinert Michael Iezzi Taylor Murphy Rachel Lloyd
7/28	Ron Christman Sandy and Ray Rowe Ruth Brewer Pat and Don Laverty Melissa and Jason Mellinger



The Pottstown Cluster Food collection at Shenkel UCC is the **1st Sunday of each month.**



Food Collection

Please place your items in the plastic bins in the narthex. Thank you for your support!

The Cluster welcomes all cash and food donations 8:30am to 12pm Monday thru Friday. They are at 57 N. Franklin Street in Pottstown. Items such as coffee, tea, peanut butter, sugar, artificial sweetener and baking products are *always needed*. Current cluster needs:

- tomato products, canned soup
- jelly, canned fruit
- laundry detergent and all purpose cleaner (small containers)
- dish soap
- toiletries
- paper towels
- twin and queen size sheets new/used (must be clean)
- blankets, comforters
- pots and pans

They are not accepting any clothing at this time.



Financial Health

As of 5/31/19	Current Fund		Our Church's Wider Mission	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Actual	14,242.00	56,169.00	361.00	4,149.00
Budget	14,310.83	71,551.28	958.33	4,791.67
Over/(Under)	(68.83)	(15,382.28)	(597.33)	(642.67)