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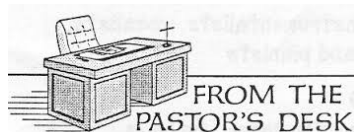
Gary McDermit

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MINISTERS

All the members
of the church



Do you ever feel like we collectively have been hit with a “one, two punch”? The Covid-19 pandemic shut things down so we could “flatten the curve” of the spread and then George Floyd’s death was captured on video and made public, triggering worldwide protests. And maybe now the third punch with another killing by police in Atlanta last weekend. There is a lot going on in our world. The status quo isn’t being accepted anymore. Change - systemic change - is being demanded and it is needed.

Changing the status quo is never easy or comfortable. In our country many of us have been just fine with things the way they are because we have not been the ones suffering from racial profiling or inequities in the justice system. I am reminded that Jesus never settled for nor did he elevate the status quo. In fact, his whole message and mission was to upset the status quo and to announce that God’s kingdom had arrived; and things don’t operate the same way in God’s economy.

It is time for our blinded eyes to be opened to see what God is doing in bringing more equity, healing and wholeness to all of us in our country. As a white person I need to be healed of the racism that I have unconsciously absorbed and lived by in my life. I need to stop and listen to the stories of my black and brown siblings whose experiences of this country are different from my experiences. I need to, and I want to, stand in solidarity with those whose voices are not being heard and heeded.

In July when we celebrate Independence Day, let us give thanks that we live in a country where we have the freedom to challenge the status quo. We all have the opportunity to stand in solidarity with those who are feeling oppressed by the system. We can make positive changes for the good of all. I believe it is part of our calling as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Remember in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 4, how Jesus read his mission statement in the synagogue: *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free...”*

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May we white people be released from the captivity of clinging to the status quo, may our sight be recovered to see the humanity of those of different skin tone, and may we join in letting the oppressed go free. Only then will freedom truly ring through our land.

Summer blessings of grace and peace,

Pastor Suzanne

Beginning the first Sunday in June we started offering a Bible study at 11:00 am on Sunday's. We'll began by studying the book of Esther. Anyone interested can contact me at shenkelpastor@gmail.com for the zoom link.



Redner's and Giant cards are still available during this time of social distancing and that it is a way to still support Shenkel financially and it is easier than handling cash at the store . Deliveries to those who need them can be done on Saturday by letting Gary McDermit know who would like them (which store/amount) by using the contact info in the 2020 church directory. He can then arrange (via phone) for delivery to those who request them .

The outing to the Reading Fightin' Phils has been canceled.



June Consistory Highlights

- ◆ We welcomed Dan Jenkins as the newest Consistory member. We thanked Dave Derman for his tireless service over the past 4 years.
- ◆ The following individual have been elected as Consistory Officers for the upcoming year: President - Randy Berriker; Vice President – Sandy Rowe; Secretary – Dan Jenkins
- ◆ We have elected to cancel the multi-church Labor Day Service this year and look forward to hosting in again in 2021.
- ◆ Applications for this year’s Bill Boyer Scholarship are available from the Church Secretary. Completed applications must be returned by July 15th.
- ◆ A \$100 donation was made to the Good Will Ambulance Company in support of their local services.
- ◆ Several pine trees in the grove area have died as a result of a blight that has attacked them. Sandy Peterman, Property Committee Chair, will be removing the smaller ones and getting quotes for removal of the larger ones.

Bill Boyer Scholarship Applications

We are accepting applications for the 2020 Bill Boyer Scholarship. The scholarship was established to help further the education of students having completed high school **OR** for mission work associated with technical and trade endeavors. An applicant must be a member of Shenkel UCC and be 18 years of age or older.



An applicant must:

Be enrolled in an undergraduate college, university, technical or trade school as a full-time student OR be registered for mission work;

Be under 25 years of age at time of application unless applying for mission work;

Be entering freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year of study unless applying for mission work;

Maintain a “C” average or equivalent;

Be willing to share his/her experience with the church family if they are pursuing mission work

Applications can be requested through the Church Secretary and are due back to the Secretary by July 15th. Please email shenkelucc@aol.com to request the application and your preference to have it mailed or emailed to you.



Laura Golden	07/01
Lucas Gray	07/02
Tylar Moser	07/02
Mike Kline	07/06
Daniel Snyder	07/07
Barbara Burhans	07/09
Erika Burhans Price	07/09
Stacey Keim	07/10
Laura Hauze	07/12
Leslie Hauze	07/12
Joel Sweinhart	07/12
Hannah Dyott	07/14
Jess Hartzell	07/18
Lori Klein	07/20
Sheree Scheler	07/20
William Baseley	07/22
Rachel Berriker	07/24
Julie Zachesky	07/24
Cody Moyer	07/26
Lucas Zachesky	07/27
Betty Kreiger	07/28
Rick Viti	07/30

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

- 7/5 Bette Burkhardt
Freda Wanner
Mari, Christian and Connor O'Drain
Charlene Logan
Lois Iezzi
- 7/12 Maryln Rohrbach
Angeline Viti
Joel Sweinhart
Lindsey Martin
Debbie and Glen Hoff
- 7/19 Becky, Joe, Grace and Cole Major and Seth Dawicki
Brooke Miller
Tracy and Abby Dise
Richard, Ricky and Ryan Golden
Jim White
- 7/26 Mindy, Isabelle and Sela Chidawn
Judy Miller
Joyce Pashley
Tony Gulotta
Clay Zachesky





As of May 31, 2020	Current Fund	
ACTUAL	Month	YTD
Opening Bal.	3,284	8,784
Giving	11,387	56,209
Expenses	(13,264)	(70,230)
Subtotal	1,406	(5,237)
Rent Income	1,700	8,500
Other	2	(156)
Ending Balance	3,108	3,108
Net Chg	(176)	(5,676)
BUDGET	Month	YTD
Giving	14,707	73,533
Over (Under)	(3,320)	(17,324)

Our Church's Wider Mission		
May 31, 2020	Month	YTD
Actual	675.00	3,796.00
Budget	958.33	4,791.67
Over (under)	(283.33)	(995.67)