



Shenkel United Church of Christ

SEPTEMBER



2021

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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Joint Service with Temple at 10 am in grove	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Reflective Service 8:30 am Traditional service 9:45 am in grove Communion	13	14 Consistory 6:30 pm	15	16	17	18
19 Reflective Service 8:30 am Traditional service 9:45 am in grove	20	21 Mid-Day Dinner Club – Black Jax noon	22	23	24	25
26 Reflective Service 8:30 am Traditional service 9:45 am in grove	27	28	29	30		

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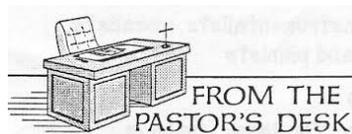
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All the members
of the church



While I was in seminary I learned when studying a Gospel text to look for the good news. That is what the word Gospel means; Good News. And in the world today we have far too little of that. Some news stations try to close their evening news with something hopeful, a good deed someone did or a success to be celebrated. I admire their efforts because in general the news they share is sad, alarming and depressing.

What do we as followers of Jesus the Christ do in the face of all the desperation and suffering in the world? It is so easy to feel overwhelmed and helpless. It becomes almost a matter of self-preservation to harden our hearts and not admit to feeling anything as we watch the graphic, heart-wrenching scenes on TV.

At the same time most of us don't want to harden our hearts and we understand that Jesus wouldn't want us to be hardened either. It's easy to say we can pray and many of us do not cease praying for the people we see and hear about on the news. And praying can feel like not doing anything! There is a proverb from Kenya that goes like this: "*When you pray, remember to move your feet.*" I like that, it reminds me to not merely sit and 'piously' pray for others in a detached, unaffected manner, but to couple my prayers with action on behalf of other people.

The United Church of Christ website has a great many resources and ideas for ways to move your feet as you pray. I encourage us all to look at that and find some way to be actively involved as we keep praying. I also call to mind that prayer changes me. As I pray and open my heart to the communication with the Divine, my compassion is increased, ideas for action come to mind, and my heart is centered on the One who is Love and is still at work in the world.

One example of the good news in the Scripture is Jesus' statement, "I have come that they might have life and life in abundance." In another place he says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." We are invited by God to participate in bringing life and abundant life to all in the world around us. What a privilege and what a responsibility!

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In the face of all the bad news let us center our hearts on the Good News we have received and are commissioned to offer. As we pray let us remember to move our feet!

Grace and peace in these unsettling times,

Pastor Suzanne

August Consistory Highlights

- In light of the recent COVID 19 Delta Variant surge, our indoor and food-handling protocols were tightened.
- Conference has approved our Shenkel Profile for use in our pastoral search.
- Potential members of our Search Team for a new pastor were identified. Randy will be contacting those individuals to formalize our team by the end of August.
- We approved \$500 each quarter for the next year from our Mission Allocation for the North Coventry Food Bank to help support them with their increased demand from local individuals.
- Our thanks go out to Gloria Mest who has volunteered to be a Youth Advisor.

Here are two addresses to which you can send condolences to the Baseley family.

Dave/Carol Baseley
111 Schweitz Rd.
Fleetwood, PA 19522

Sharon/Ted Madden
116 Piedmont Ave.
West Berlin, NJ 08091

The A/V team is looking for additional videographers to help with recording worship services and other church-related events and posting the videos online. If you like working with a computer and video equipment and are interested in helping in this effort please contact Gary McDermit.

This Month at Shenkel UCC



Mid-Day Dinner Club

Our next event will be on

September 21 at Black Jax in Douglassville

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 attending, please add your name and phone number on the plate on the table no later than the Sunday before the lunch so your reservation can be made on time or you may call Sharon Sabo at 610-326-1945 by Sunday, September 21 or let her know at the Sunday service if you are able to attend.

Pottstown Cluster. We will be starting to collect items again for the Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are adult lotion, deodorant, feminine tampons, and laundry detergent. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster. We will be collecting each week and items will change on a monthly basis. Items for October will be dish soap, multi-purpose cleaners, and toilet paper.



September Special Offering—Church World Services - Blanket Sunday

For over 60 years, Church World Services has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including: blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster.

Holy Communion

Shenkel UCC celebrates the sacrament of Holy Communion at both services on the first Sunday of the month. September will be celebrating communion on the **second Sunday**.



Lunch Bunch is planning on starting again in October. They will be meeting on the second Thursday of the month. On October 14, we will have a presentation on Remembering 9/11: 20 Year Anniversary. The meal will be pulled pork with BBQ sauce, pasta salad and of course, desserts.

Jim and Claire Faust are moving and have a twin size bed and mattress set available. Please contact the office if you are interested or you can contact Claire directly.

Who can remember the first "Shenkel Recipe Booklet"? This booklet was made by the Women's Guild around 1957. Some of the recipes had unique instructions and others had no instructions at all just a list of ingredients. Looking through the booklet brings back memories of the women who gave the recipes. There are five members of the church today who have recipes in the booklet. Can you name them?

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Dushanko, Mark	09/05
Zachesky, Clay	09/05
Bradley, Glen	09/08
Mocarski, Sherri	09/09
Gray, Collin	09/11
Viti, Jaden	09/12
Armbruster, Sam	09/13
Sorg, Kelli	09/13
Armbruster, Connie	09/16
Dyott, Catherine	09/19
Burhans Tran, Heather	09/20
Gray, Chris	09/21
Craner, Tesia	09/23
Pearson, Ronald	09/24
Scheler, Richard	09/30

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

SHENKEL WILL BE PRAYING FOR:

- 9/5 Jaden Viti
Robin and Mike Martin
Richard, Ricky and Ryan Golden
Jess, Adam and Lucy Hartzell
Clair and Jim Faust
- 9/12 Noah Bradley
Aaron Gray
Carolyn Baseley
Tracy Dise
Lori Scharneck
- 9/19 Stacey, Bill and Aurora Keim
Alex Mocarski
Lindsay Hoff
Carol and Ron Pearson
Lisa and Barry Yocom
- 9/26 Kelly Strunk, Steve, Jacoby and Madeline Mest
Wanda and Steve Craner
Linda, Andrew, Brandon, Aaron, Michael and AJ Foss and Christine Hauze
Ethel Miller
Dan Jenkins





KEY LIME POKE CAKE

- 1—15.25 oz box yellow cake mix
- 1—3.4 oz pkg. instant lemon pudding
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup canola oil
- 4 large eggs
- 2 Tbsp key lime or regular lime juice
- 5 drops green food color

Heat oven to 350F. Lightly coat a 9 x 13-in glass pan with cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, pudding mix, water, oil, and eggs. Mix in the lime juice and food color until fully incorporated.

Transfer batter to prepared pan. Bake until set and wooden pick inserted into the cake comes out clean (40-45 minutes). Let cake cool for 10 minutes. Use fork to carefully poke several sets of holes into the cake.

Glaze: In a bowl, combine 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar and 2 Tbsp. fresh [lime juice](#). Slowly pour over the cake so that it seeps into the holes; let cool completely.

Frosting: Using electric mixer, beat 8 oz. cream cheese and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup ($\frac{1}{2}$ stick) unsalted butter (at room temperature) with 2 cups confectioners' sugar until smooth. Beat in 1 tsp each lime zest and juice. Frost the cooled cake, then sprinkle with $\frac{3}{4}$ cup lightly crushed vanilla wafers.

Keep refrigerated.

Pat Kuestner, 2021

Who can remember the first “Shenkel Recipe Booklet”? Answer:

Ellen Boyer

Marilyn Klein Rohrbach

Joyce Pashley

Barbara Sweinhart

Freda Wanner

As of July 31, 2021	Current Fund	
	Month	YTD
ACTUAL		
Opening Bal.	(1,367)	6,546
Giving	10,379	75,879
Expenses	(14,669)	(98,286)
Subtotal	(5,657)	(15,861)
Rent Income	1,700	11,900
Other	1	4
Ending Balance	(3,956)	(3,956)
Net Chg	(2,589)	(10,502)
BUDGET		
Giving	14,591	102,137
Over (Under)	(4,212)	(226,258)



Our Church's Wider Mission		
July 31, 2021	Month	YTD
Actual	573.00	6,353.00
Budget	1,000.00	7,000.00
Over (under)	(427.00)	(647.00)