



Shenkel United Church of Christ



NOVEMBER

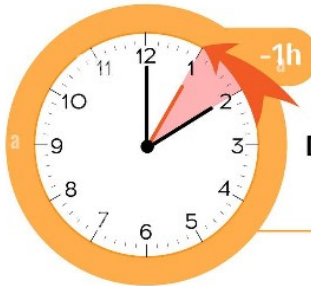
2021

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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Youth Group goes to Corn Maze on Nov. 7 at 2 pm. Meet in grove.	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Reflective Service 8:30 am Traditional service 9:45 am Congregational Meeting Communion	8	9 Consistory 6:30 pm	10	11 Office Closed	12	13
14 Reflective Service 8:30 am Traditional service 9:45 am PSEC Mtg. 3 pm	15	16 Mid-Day Dinner Club – noon at BlackJax	17	18 Agape at Freda Wanner's home at 6:30 pm	19	20
21 Reflective Service 8:30 am Traditional service 9:45 am	22	23	24 Bible Study on Zoom 7 pm	25	26	27
28 Reflective Service 8:30 am Traditional service 9:45 am	29	30	 <div> FALL BACK Daylight Saving Time Ends November 7, 2021 </div>			

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CHURCH STAFF

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Dan Wolgemuth

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Associates

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Dan Jenkins

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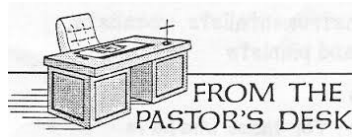
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All the members
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How long has it been since you've walked the labyrinth? Have you ever walked a labyrinth? Our labyrinth at Shenkel is 11 years old. I understand that Collin Gray made it as part of his Eagle Scout Project. I can only imagine all the time and hard work that went into making it. Thank you Collin. We recently had our lawn care crew weed and mulch the labyrinth and wow, it is beautiful once again!

The labyrinth is an effective spiritual tool that can lead us to ourselves and thus to God. I was first introduced to a labyrinth while I was in seminary. The seminary had borrowed one laid out on canvas. It was spread out in the 2nd floor rotunda of the library, a quiet, little traveled space that seemed to me just perfect for contemplation. During seminary I also went once to the labyrinth at Chestnut Hill College. That labyrinth is located just out of sight of a busy intersection along Germantown Avenue; a very different experience from the library labyrinth!

A labyrinth is often confused with a maze. Mazes have multiple paths and myriad choices, most of which lead nowhere. They can be fun as puzzles to work out how to get through them successfully. A labyrinth however has only one path which leads unfailingly to the center. There are many twists and turns before you arrive at the center but there is no getting lost in a labyrinth and there are no choices to be made, just one path to continue to follow.

There are many ways to utilize the labyrinth. Before the snow flies you may want to come to Shenkel and try it out. I find it helpful as a way of praying while walking and often upon arriving at the center I have more clarity about an issue or situation. I learned in seminary that one way to help me slow down and focus as I walk is to say "Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy" with each footstep.

As Robert Ferré has said, "The labyrinth is generic in nature and personal in application." You can walk or skip or run, you may sing or pray or chant or be silent. When you arrive at the center take a seat and spend some more time with God. Listen to the wind, the birds, the airplanes or lawn mowers. Some of our local critters may join you! And as you exit and unwind the same path you took to the center, give thanks for this ancient and beautiful tool that helps us connect to ourselves and to the Creator.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Suzanne

October Consistory Highlights

- ♦ 1st indoor service should be Oct 31
- ♦ Labyrinth has been weeded and cleaned up. It will be trimmed around the outside every two weeks by Bill Sanservino.
- ♦ Advent /Christmas eve services. Both service locations are being discussed.
- ♦ Mission/Service Opportunity: Volunteer opportunity to prepare meals for the refugees from Afghanistan: <https://www.jjratiganbrewing.com/volunteer>

Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you for your generous gift cards from Giant and Target (which have already been put to good use!) We have had limited notice on new immigrant arrivals recently, so to have these gift cards to immediately provide food and fulfill household needs is greatly appreciated.

You asked whether we need volunteers and we certainly do. Please visit our volunteer page for more information: <https://hiaspa.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Our "Get Involved" page has more opportunities -- including for groups: <https://hiaspa.org/get-involved/>

Finally, prior to volunteering, we have an orientation. The next one is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/HIAS-PA-volunteer>

Address updates. I am currently working on printing a new updated directory by Advent so everyone has the most updated information to send Christmas cards. Please let me know of any updates by November 16. Thank You!!



New Address:
Forrest Kreiger
2849 Big Rd #2139C
Zieglerville PA 19492

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
November 16 at BlackJax*

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, November 14 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 paper towels, razors, and shaving cream. 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 December will be mouthwash, toothpaste (kids and regular).



November Special Offering—All Saints Day/PSEC Retired

The All Saints Offering is used to supplement the needs of the retired pastors, spouses, and widows in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference who need assistance with health and dental insurance. Your generosity will bring peace of mind and improved health to those who have served the church so faithfully in the past. For more information, go to <http://psec.org/resources/psec-documents/all-saints-sunday>.



Major, Cole	11/05
Hine, Louise	11/06
Mocarski, Alex	11/06
Palubinsky, Joe	11/07
Royer, Homer	11/08
Sweinhart, Kaleena	11/08
Mest, Madeline	11/15
Sabo, John	11/16
Wanner, Peter	11/17
Faust, Clair	11/19
Pedrick, Edward	11/19
Mocarski, Ben	11/21
Dise, Tracy	11/25
Foss, AJ	11/25
Craner, Wanda	11/28
Foss, Linda	11/28
Logan, Charlene	11/28
Smith, Mary Lou	11/29
Chidawu, Mindy	11/30

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

11/7 Angeline Viti

Betty Bortz

Lynn, David and Katie Derman

Faye and Ed Pedrick

Matthew Scharneck

11/14 TJ Augustine

Kaleena Sweinhart

Erika Price

Gene, Emily and Nick Takach and Eric

Croom

Ruth Brewer

11/21 Sarah Neff, Emmit, Shane and Iris Glatfelter

Barbara Brown

Olivia Dushanko

Laura and Christian Golden

Karl Metka

11/28 Ben Mocarski

Margie and Doug Allen

Clay Zachesky

Kim and Steve Bade

Kathy Murphy



Holy Communion

Shenkel UCC celebrates the sacrament of Holy Communion at both services on the first Sunday of the month.



As of September 30, 2021	Current Fund	
ACTUAL	Month	YTD
Opening Bal.	(5,026)	6,546
Giving	9,046	96,489
Expenses	(14,250)	(126,870)
Subtotal	(10,230)	(23,835)
Rent Income	1,700	15,300
Other	1	6
Ending Balance	(8,529)	(8,529)
Net Chg	(3,503)	(15,075)
BUDGET		
Giving	14,591	131,319
Over (Under)	(5,545)	(34,830)

Our Church's Wider Mission		
September 30, 2021	Month	YTD
Actual	385.00	7,783.00
Budget	1,000.00	9,000.00
Over (under)	(615.00)	(1,217.00)