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October 2020 Newsletter

Worship with PUCC every Sunday Morning at 9:30 a.m.

Pennsburg United Church of Christ mission statement:

We are a welcoming congregation that celebrates and shares God’s unconditional love with each other, the community and the world.



Consistory Officers & Employees:

- President.....Jane Bernhard
- Vice President.....Dana Heimbach
- TreasurerSharon Burns
- SecretaryPaula Sell
- Director of Music:Audrey Reinhart
- Custodian.....Lynn Sturdevant
- Administrative Assistant.....Jane MacNeill



From the Consistory of Pennsburg UCC

September 22, 2020

Dear Pennsburg UCC members,

We as the Consistory of Pennsburg UCC think it is very important that we keep you updated on what is happening at PUCC. Although we may not all be in the building, we have not stopped being the church or caring for our building. You are all very important to us.

We here at Pennsburg UCC along with members of Calvary UCC, are beginning the search process for an interim minister. We have found that our two churches are very similar in our ministry and mission to our communities and their needs. With many family and historical connections, we feel this is the right time to discern if shared ministry is where God is calling us. We have begun conversations regarding a possible shared ministry. Both congregations are flexible and willing to try a new way of doing ministry. Together we are looking for someone to help us discern if shared ministry is where God is calling us and prepare us to call a shared full-time pastor.

Since August 30th, our worship services have been shared with Calvary UCC. Sherry Bauer, from Calvary UCC, and Sharon Burns, from Pennsburg UCC, are working as a team to schedule supply pastors until the time that a shared interim is found. We hope you have enjoyed the pastors who have led us in worship through September.

Here is the schedule for October:

October 4th - Service at Pennsburg - Rev. Daniel T. Moser - Son of Pennsburg UCC's Congregation

October 11th - Service at Calvary - Michele Schneck - Member in Discernment

Oct 18th - Service at Pennsburg - Rev. Rebecca Stephens - Former Pastor of PUCC

Oct. 25th - Service at Calvary - Rev. Daniel T. Moser - Son of Pennsburg UCC's Congregation

As for our church building and property, along with the Cemetery Committee, Hackman's Lawn Service has been contracted to mow and trim the church property and the cemetery. The cost for each mowing is \$200.00. The grass is scheduled to be cut every two weeks. If you would like to defer this cost, mark your contribution "Lawn Care". Thank you to those who have already donated to this cost.

As stated in previous newsletters, the church roof and sanctuary wall were repaired by Bachman's Roofing. Property committee has contacted this company again to "check out" the roof for loose and missing shingles. This will be an ongoing process to keep PUCC's roof secure.

New cemetery signs were promised and we are anxiously awaiting them. More details to follow.

First Monday Meals started again in August but in a new way - Drive Thru Pick Up. No one needs to get out of their vehicles. Meals are packaged and handed to the driver and passengers. So far, so good. PUCC served 120 in August and St. Mark's served 107 in September. PUCC serving the community has continued!

The Christian Education Committee is working on developing ways to stay connected with PUCC's children of all ages. Watch next month's newsletter for more details.

If you want to get more involved and know the inside scoop on Pennsburg UCC, there are positions open on our Consistory. Terms are only 2 years. Interested, contact our Consistory President Jane Bernhard.

Please read the entire October Newsletter for more important information.

Blessing to you all,
PUCC Consistory

New Office Hours

If you need to talk directly to our Administrative Assistant, Jane, you can call the church office, 215 679-7513, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11 am.

Or leave a voice message and Jane will return your call during her work hours.

OR, send an email to pennsburgucc@gmail.com and Jane will get in touch with you.



Zoom Worship

Aidan Lash and Paula Sell have been “Zooming” the worship services. Thanks! We understand they are hard to understand sometimes. We will be trying a few new ways to “ZOOM” in the next 2 weeks. Please do not give up on us. Try again this Sunday. Here is the info to get connected..... To connect to our worship service on Sunday morning, you can either go to this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3285264749>

Or, call this number: 1-929-205-6099 and enter the Meeting ID: **328 526 4749**

Another way to be at our worship services live is through Calvary UCC Face Book Page or watch the service at your convenience on Calvary UCC’s website. The sound is GREAT!!

Thanks Calvary for your efforts! If you need more information on how to find Calvary’s FB Page or website, ask Wendy Smedley - Call or email her. Her info is in our directory. (Thanks Wendy for your help with PUCC (Facebook page.)



Worship Service News!

Starting October 4th, church services will start at 9:30.

This is for both church locations.

Also on October 4th, our own Rev. Daniel T. Moser will be leading our worship.

October 4th is also World Wide Communion Sunday. As you enter the sanctuary, there will be a tray filled with individual communion cups. Please pick up one and take it to your seat.

At the appropriate time in the service, you will remove your mask to partake in Holy Communion. P.U.C.C. has an Open Table church. Everyone, any age, may partake of the sacraments. (The liquid is grape juice)

Along with World Wide Communion on October 4th, P.U.C.C. and Calvary U.C.C. will be observing the Neighbors in Need offering. The money donated will be sent to the PA Southeast Conference to be distributed to our worldwide neighbors. Envelopes will be on the offering table at the entrance to the sanctuary on the 4th. If you want to donate to NIN and are not attending worship, your donation can be mailed to the church. Please mark your envelope "NIN" and your donation will be recorded and sent to PSEC.

October 11th worship service is at Calvary U.C.C., Barto at 9:30.

Ms. Michele Schenk will be leading worship. Michele is a Member in Discernment.

October 18th worship service is at Pennsburg U.C.C. We will be welcoming back Pastor Becca.

This Sunday P.U.C.C. will be observing Harvest Home. With the Covid 19 restrictions, this year's Harvest Home will be a little different. **DO NOT BRING ANY CAN GOODS OR BOXED FOOD TO CHURCH.** There will be envelopes on the offering table for your Harvest Home donations or mail your donation to church in your Harvest Home envelope or mark it on your own envelope. All donations will be given to The Open Link Pantry to stock the shelves.

October 25th worship service is at Calvary U.C.C. Rev. Daniel T. Moser will be leading worship. Please join Calvary U.C.C. members in welcoming Rev. Danny.

Sneak Peak –

Nov 1st worship at P.U.C.C. is being led by Rev. Martha Kriebel.....

Heifer International and Quarters

This is a reminder to bring your quarters to church on Sunday morning. The Heifer Quarter Tower is in the sanctuary waiting for them.

Right now, Heifer International has a donor that will TRIPLE any donation made! This is a great time to help someone far away from PA to get their lives back on track by sending a "people" family a family of goats or hens.

If you can't make it to church on Sunday, mail your donations to P.U.C.C., mark the envelope Heifer or contact Heifer International directly at Heifer.org to donate.





Community Meal

1st Monday Meal

First Monday meal will be held October 5th at 6pm. The menu will be roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, salad, cupcake/cookie. Upper Perk Community Church will be serving. This will be a drive-thru meal.

Transition Team

The combined transition team composed of 6 people from Pennsburg UCC and Calvary UCC that will review profiles of interim pastors and interview them has been fully formed. The Pennsburg members include Holly Lash (Consistory rep), Scott Mest and Lori Hawkins. The Calvary members include Kim Marburger (Consistory rep), Connie Jordan and Karlynn Miller. No profiles have been received yet for review but we ask for continuous prayers for this team that we are able to find a pastor that will be a good fit for our churches and the shared ministry.



An Invitation

This is a personal invitation for every member of Pennsburg United Church of Christ. Your presence would be greatly appreciated at the annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2020 following the worship service. At this meeting we will vote on the 2021 budget, elect new members to consistory, give an update on our search for an “interim” pastor and share other church news. Every member, young and old, is important to the future of our church, so we hope to see everyone on Nov. 15. We understand that some people may not feel comfortable attending the meeting in person due to Covid. The meeting will be zoomed and any questions you may have can be addressed through the zoom. Also, you can vote through zoom. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Red Beets for Thanksgiving! YAH!

The Fellowship committee is pleased to announce....drum roll please.....

Quarts of Red Beets, \$8.00 each, will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, November 21st from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the tile and Sunday School rooms. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, Nov. 11th. To place an order, call the church office @ 215-679-7513 & leave a message with your name, phone# and number of quarts or email this info to pensburgucc@gmail.com. People with previous orders will be contacted. Wanna learn how we make them, helpers, & learners welcome on Saturday, Nov. 14th at 9:00 a.m.



Birthdays

10/2: Richard Haws
10/5: Lorraine Haney
10/6: Conner Reinhart
10/7: Hunter Henry
10/8: Daniele Felix, Kira Schmoyer
10/9: Randy Reinert
10/13: Sarah Bernhard, Sarah Cleary,
Carol Huff
10/18: Eli Bernhard, Charles Weller Jr.
10/20: Phyllis Bittenbender,
Tonya Schmoyer

10/24: Lisa Weller
10/25: Connor Huff
10/28: Paige Brey, Ashley Brey
10/30: Jennifer Bickley, Wendy Smedley

Anniversaries

10/1: Todd & Lisa Smith (26)
10/3: Paul & Janet Seip (50)
10/4: Jana & Craig Butler (12)
10/6: Bobby & Dee Dee Smith (58)
10/23: Frank & Donna Falk (38)
10/24: Jamie & Paul Dwornik (22)
10/28: Bud & Ginny Wisler (53)
10/31: Tom & Mary Jane May (28)



August 2020 Financials

Thank you to all who have continued to support Pennsburg UCC with your weekly donations. If you are attending worship services at Calvary, rest assured that your offering envelopes are being recorded and deposited into the PUCC account. All loose plate offerings are deposited into the church's account where Sunday's service is held.

Expenses - \$ 6,190.54

Income - \$ 5,910.00

Attendance

August 16 - 39

August 23- 25

August 30- Worship at Calvary UCC

Sept. 6- 44

Sept. 13- Worship at Calvary UCC

Sept. 20- 38

Sept. 27- Worship at Calvary UCC



Music, Music, Music!

We at PUCC are very lucky to have a wonderful music director, Audrey Reinhart, playing our grand pipe organ for our worship services. Since the congregation cannot sing during worship services, another restriction, Audrey will be playing more music before and during the service. If you have any requests - hymns, anthems, songs you miss hearing - email the church office at pennsburgucc@gmail.com with your requests.

Investments-PUCC Investment fund totals as of August 31, 2020:

Dorothy Baker Endowment Fund - \$9,788

Pennsburg UCC Endowment Fund - \$295,799

Consistory is planning to meet with the financial advisor at our December meeting.

Need Financial Help?

If any members or church neighbors are facing any financial hardship, please contact the church office or a member of Consistory for help.

There is money set aside from PSEC gifts to be used for this purpose.

Calvary UCC News

Do you, or someone that you know need a helping hand? Have they been displaced due to a tragedy or victim of a disaster? Maybe rebuilding their lives after a life event or a hardship? Calvary's Closet is here to help those affected by such events. Open by appointment, and available to help those within our community. We can provide things such as clothing, linens, household items, and toys. If you have a specific need, please contact us as we may have it available! For questions, inquires for a need, donations or help, please contact us at: CalvarysClosetBarto@gmail.com or the Church office phone number is 610-652-5023, and if Heather is not in the office, she will return the voicemail as soon as possible.

Events taking place at Calvary UCC

Saturday, October 3, 8am-11am -2nd Annual Indoor Mommy Mart

Saturday, October 17, 8-11 am Pop - Up (Outdoor) Yard Sale

Sunday, October 25, 1:30 -3pm Trunk or Treat

Looking ahead to events at Calvary UCC.....

Saturday, November 21, 9am-1pm

Holiday Bazaar, Bake Sale & Indoor Flea Market;

Saturday, December 5, Noon-1pm

Take Out Free Community Meal & Coat, hat, scarf & gloves giveaway:

Greetings from the Outreach and Growth Committee,

Since we have been back with in person worship, we have been trying to think of things we could do outside with social distancing. Calvary UCC is having a Trunk or Treat on October 25th in their parking lot, and we thought that would be something that we at Pennsburg UCC could also do to invite the children from our community to participate. Since there will not be a Halloween parade in our community, we thought this would be a fun thing to do for the kids. It will run from 1:30 – 3:00 in the afternoon on October 25th in our church parking lot.

In order to do this, we will need a lot of help from you, our members, to make this successful. We will need lots and lots of candy to hand out, and about 10 people to volunteer to bring their vehicles and open their trunks to hand the candy out. We thought it would be fun to decorate around the back of your car with Halloween decorations, it doesn't have to be anything elaborate, just some orange and black streamers would be great or even just some fall decorations.

If you can donate a bag of candy or two, please bring them to church by Sunday, October 18.

Also, if you can participate by bringing your car and helping to hand out the candy or have any questions, please contact Dana Heimbach at dheimbach@perkiomen.org or text or call 267-374-7809 by Sunday, October 11.

Thank you everyone!

Goodbye and Good Wishes - Pastor Matt cutting the cake after his farewell service held on Sunday, August 16, 2020

