

PENNSBURG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Worship with PUCC every Sunday Morning at 10:30 a.m.

Worship services are streamed with Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/pennsburgucc>)

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.



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From the Pastor,

Below for you to ponder are “Nice Thoughts” by Andy Rooney, the late humorist who appeared, among other places, on 60 Minutes:

I've learned that.....everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile

I've learned that.....no one is perfect until you fall in love with them

I've learned that.....opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss

I've learned that.....when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere

I've learned that.....one should keep your words soft and tender, because tomorrow you may have to eat them

I've learned that.....a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks

I've learned that.....everyone wants to live on the top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it

I've learned that.....the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done

Agape,

Pastor Steve

“Building Our Future”

Building Our Future Task Forces: All four of our task forces have had their initial meetings:

Space Task Force brainstormed how we would update our building and grounds to make them more welcoming and better maintained if we lived in a perfect world with unlimited resources. It was a long list! At our next meeting, we will begin to select what is possible for us and what we will work on first. The “perfect world” list can be found on the bulletin board in the Tile Room. Please let us know what items *you* would like us to be working on first.

Technology Task Force brainstormed how technology can be better used to welcome our guests and enhance our life together, and how we can envision using technology to better connect to our community. From the list, at our next meeting the TF will select what to do first. Their brainstorming ideas can be found posted in the Tile Room.

Welcoming Mindset Task Force discussed who we are and the reality of the world in which we live. Through that discussion, we worked to clarify our understanding of the TF’s ministry. We set the following ministry goals:

- We will teach our members how to talk about their faith and equip members to do so.
- We will equip and encourage our members to tell others about our church and invite guests to participate in our ministries, events and congregational life.
- We will equip and encourage our ministries to always ask the question “How will we invite and welcome our guests” when planning church events and ministries.

At our next meeting we will begin to educate ourselves on these goals.

Welcoming Infrastructure Task Force brainstormed a list of what guests currently experience when visiting PUCC. We then brainstormed what we would desire a guest to experience in a perfect world. At our next meeting, we will begin to plan ministries from our “perfect world” ideas. These ideas can be found posted in the Tile Room.

If you have not volunteered for a Task Force, please let Pastor Steve know how you would like to participate. We need everyone as we build for our future!

From Consistory

PUCC's Annual Meeting is fast approaching on Sunday, November 16th. If you would like to be considered to serve on Consistory, please speak to a current Consistory member. Thank you.

The following invitation has been sent to our sister churches and clergy in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference:

The Ursinus Association
in cooperation with the North Penn Association
& the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference
Invite you to attend the

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Of Rev. Steven C. Myren as Pastor of Pennsburg UCC
3:00 PM September 21, 2025
A reception will follow the service

Please join your PUCC brothers and sisters for this important celebration of our church's life together!

SUMMER CHALLENGE: Hair for Care 2025

On Rally Day, Sunday, September 7th, Pastor Steve's hair will be dyed purple (St. John's selection) and green (PUCC's selection). It is not too late to contribute to Hair for Care's funding of events sponsored by the Upper Perk Reformed Churches. Indicate on your envelopes or check that your donation is for "Hair for Care." Thank you!

Are You Found Here: September PUCC Meetings

11 AM, Wednesday, September 10 th :	Worship Committee
11:30, Sunday, September 14 th :	Peach Festival Review & Fellowship Committee
6:30 PM, Monday, September 15 th :	Consistory
7 PM, Tuesday, September 16 th :	Outreach & Growth Committee
7 PM, Tuesday, September 23 rd :	Welcoming Infrastructure Task Force
7 PM, Monday, September 29 th :	Space Task Force
11:30 AM, Sunday, October 5 th :	Technology Task Force

In Miller Hall is a display rack containing a variety of **homemade cards** to send to family and friends. They are being provided by Robin Myren, who is a demonstrator for Stamping Up and owns her own card-making business, Songbird Designs. Cost per card is \$5. There will be a basket to pay for your cards by the display; All proceeds will go to PUCC's General Fund. Thank you to Robin for making this fundraiser possible!

Worship in September

On Sunday, September 14th, PUCC's worship services will return to the **Sanctuary** and begin at **10:30 AM**. We will continue to worship at 10:30 AM through the end of 2025.

Rally Day!

On **Sunday, September 7th**, PUCC will gather with St. John's UCC at **Molasses Creek Park** in Milford to kick-off the new Sunday School year on **Rally Day**. Our 2025 – 2026 Sunday School Staff will be installed during worship, which will begin at **10:30 AM**, followed by lunch and games and crafts. Four main courses will be provided by the churches, if you would like to bring a side dish/salad/dessert to share. Please join us and bring a friend for a meaningful and fun day!

Bibles and Quarters for Sheep and Chicks

During Worship on Sunday, September 14th, PUCC's children will be receiving Bibles as a new year of Sunday School begins. Also, don't forget your quarters as our kids will receive our monthly **Quarters for Sheep and Chicks Offering for Heifer Project**.

HARVEST HOME! On Sunday, September 28th, PUCC will celebrate Harvest Home. In preparation, we will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations throughout the month of September. Donations can be placed in the front of the sanctuary. They will be blessed during worship on Rally Day and then be donated to Open Link.

Pennsburg United Church of Christ
2025 Fall Worship Calendar
"The Glory of God"

"Glory" is a word often used in the church but never defined. We talk of "God's Glory" or "Giving Glory to God." What do those phrases mean?

Please join your brothers and sisters at Pennsburg UCC this Fall, as we define what "God's Glory" is and examine the ways in which we are called, as Christ's people, to give glory to God.

September 7th Rally Day!

Worship Service with St. John's at Molasses Creek Park
Sunday School Staff Installation
Lunch, Crafts and Games following worship

September 14th

"The Glory of God"

John 11; Exodus 33: 12 - 23

Quarters for Sheep & Chicks Offering
Students receive Bibles

September 21st

"The Glory of God: Created for God's Glory"

1 Chronicles 16: 28 – 29; Isaiah 43:7

September 21st Installation Service at 3 PM

September 28th Harvest Home

"The Glory of God's Name"

Exodus 3: 13 – 15; Exodus 20: 7; Isaiah 42: 8

Dedication of canned goods or monetary donation for Open Link
Altar Decorated

October 5th World-wide Communion Sunday

"Glory of God: Be in Prayer with God"

Matthew 6: 9 -13

Communion
Quarters for Sheep & Chicks Offering

Taize Worship

Sponsored by the Upper Perk Reformed Churches

Taize Worship is a time of calm in the midst of life. In Taize worship we connect with God and one another through song, prayer and scripture

3rd Wednesdays from 6 PM – 7 PM

September 17, 2025

October 15, 2025

November 19, 2025

December 17, 2025

January 21, 2026

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran – Red Hill

St. Mark's Lutheran – Pennsburg

St. John's Lutheran – Sumneytown

New Goshenhoppen UCC – Green Lane

Friedens UCC – Oley



In September **Lunch and Learn** will meet at noon on Wednesdays in Miller Hall. We will continue to discuss ***Humor in the Bible***, Bible stories that reveal the absurdity, irony and laughter in life. Please pack a lunch and join us!

Don't forget your quarters on Sunday, September 14th, for Sunday School's next **Quarters for Sheep and Chicks** offering to benefit Heifer Project.

The **2025-2026 Sunday School Year** will begin the week after Rally Day, on Sunday, September 14th. A multi-generational format will again be used this year, with children pre-school through 6th grade going downstairs following worship's Children's Chat. This year we will be using ***Hands-on Curriculum from Group Publishing***.

If you would like to assist with Sunday School, please talk to Pastor Steve or a member of the Christian Education Committee: Holly Lash, Jane Bernhard, Lori Kern and Wendy Smedley.

PUCC's youth are invited to our opening **2025 – 2026 Youth Event** on Sunday, September 14th. Following worship we will have lunch in Miller Hall and make plans for our 2025 – 2026 activities. We'll then go to Freddy Hills for Miniature Golf and Ice Cream. The event is free for our youth, their families and friends. Please join us!

Outreach & Growth

Upcoming Community Events

On Saturday, September 6th, PUCC will be sponsoring a **PUCC Table at the Community Day Celebration** in East Greenville. We will be helping children make crafts and giving away water, key-chain flashlights and Dum-Dums. If you would like to help, we will need help from 10 AM to 3 PM. Please come and help out for an hour or two.

NEW EVENT!!!

Make plans to join us after Worship on Sunday, September 28th for a **Fall Arts & Crafts Day**. A variety of Fall and Halloween themed arts and crafts will be available to make, geared for all ages. We will also feed you lunch! The event will start right after 10:30 AM worship and last until about 2 PM, or until the last craft is made! This event is open to the public, so please invite your neighbors, co-workers, friends and family!

Fellowship

Fall Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market & Bake Sale

On Saturday, September 27th from 8 AM to 1 PM PUCC is sponsoring a Fall Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market & Bake Sale. A lunch of hot dogs, chips and drink will be served from 11 AM to 1 PM. This is how you can help:

If you would like a table or two please talk to DeeDee Smith.

We will need baked goods for the sale.

We will need help on Friday evening at 6 PM setting up for the sale. We'll also need help serving lunch.

Please join us by sponsoring a table, baking something for the sale, helping on Friday or Saturday, or simply come and see what is being sold and have lunch!

World-Wide Communion Sunday Lunch

On Sunday, October 5th, Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a light lunch of tea sandwiches, chips, clam chowder, veggies, fruit and desserts. Everything will be provided except the desserts, which we are asking the congregation to provide. We are inviting our brothers and sisters from St. John's to join us, so please plan on staying following worship for the food, the fellowship and the fun!



COMMUNITY DINNER

September's First Monday Meal will be held on Monday, September 8th. St. Mark's Lutheran Church is sponsoring the meal.

Caring & Sharing

Please contact DeeDee Smith (215-679-9350) to activate **PUCC's Prayer Chain**.

Thank you to:

Sherry Haas and the Fellowship Committee, Outreach & Growth Committee and everyone who helped in any way with this year's Peach & Ice Cream Festival. It took a lot of time and work, but what a wonderful day we had with our guests!

Everyone who brought their pets to be blessed during worship on August 17th

Everyone who is caring for our property

Everyone who helped with the reception for Ruth Yoder-Taylor's Memorial Service

Everyone who was able to attend the youth's Iron Pigs game



Please remember the following people in your prayers:

The family and friends of Ruth Yoder-Taylor, who died in September.

Morgan Dwornik, who is studying abroad in Rome for her fall semester.

Zach Mest, Ashlee Shafer, Caleb Lash, Emily Kern and all of our elementary, middle school, high school and college young people who have started a new year of school.

Sarah Cleary and all of our Fall Graduates who are embarking on a new chapter of their lives.

Hoff, Huff and Haimes families

Dennis Hess

Ginny Wisler

Dwight & Deb Royer

Tom & Mary Jane May

Wendy Smedley

Bob Anderson

Lori Hawkins

Bob Heimbach

Sally Dougherty

Betty Heimbach

Rich McNeiley

Jamie McCarthy

Shayne Lauchnor

Sloan & Lennon Daugherty

Terry Schmoyer

Marie Sell

Ella & Gary Gehringer

Tony

George

Remember Our Shut-Ins with Prayers, Thoughts and Cards

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