

# ECHOES

# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GREENAWALDS

**JULY 2018**



## **Celebrating Our Freedoms**

The Capitol building in Washington is intimately linked with the lives of all people of the United States. It stands at the heart of our system of representative government. It serves as the focal point of American ideals of freedom and opportunity. Here our elected officials are sworn into office, and make the laws we live by under our Constitution, which begins, *“We, the people ...in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice...provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare...”*.

As we celebrate Independence Day this July, let us be reminded that our country was established on religious principles so many years ago, the union of *“God and Country!”*



Where do I see God? Where do I see God?  
I see God in you with your youth in bloom,  
And your heart and mind reaching out to find something true.  
I see God in you.

Where do I see God? Where do I see God?  
I see God in you though your years be long,  
And your youth is past and there's nothing left but emptiness.  
I see God in you.

Where do I see God? Where do I see God?  
I see God in you though your skin's not white,  
And the pain you bear I can't hope to share, though I might.  
I see God in you.

Where do I see God? Where do I see God?  
I see God in me when my heart's in tune,  
To the hope of youth and the cry of age  
And the pain of those whose skin is not like my own.  
I see God in me, I see God in you.

- Words from Anthem “Where Do I See God” (Yantis)



<b><u>SUNDAY, JULY 1</u></b> Holy Communion Jacob Roth, Guest Musician	9:30 am	WORSHIP
<b><u>SUNDAY, JULY 8</u></b> Rev. John Dech, Guest Pastor Jacob Roth, Guest Musician	9:30 am	WORSHIP
<b><u>SUNDAY, July 15</u></b> Rev. John Dech, Guest Pastor	9:30 am	WORSHIP
<b><u>SUNDAY, July 22</u></b>	9:30 am	WORSHIP
<b><u>SUNDAY, July 29</u></b>	9:30 am	WORSHIP

**Hospitality for Fellowship time is one half hour prior to worship service**

**Pastor Judy will be on vacation July 4 to 21. Please call Sue Borger if you have an urgent pastoral need.**



### **On Our Hearts with Concern**

Mary Christman – Devon House	Michael Saeger – at home
Robert & Dorothy Foulds – at home	Doris Shaver – Heather Glen Senior Living
Phyllis Meckes – Blue Mountain Nursing & Rehab	Naomi Thomas – at home
Doris Nissen – at home	Bernice Ziegler – Country Meadows

### **In Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Keith & Eileen Cleaver and family on the death of Keith's mother, J. Laurine Cleaver, age 91, who entered life triumphant on June 13.



### **Christian Formation News**

After a busy time of learning this year, everyone said they had a fun time. We concluded the year with music time with Michael and a Bible Trivia game. The four students plan on attending Sunday School again in the Fall. Thank you to Bonnie Marmon, Sheri Stephens, and Jan Thomas who all agreed to help teach.

2018-2019 Confirmation Class will be scheduled this year. Currently, there are two students interested in participating in the class. Planning with Pastor Judy will take place in the near future.

## **A Note from the Pastor - Summer Worship**

I have designed this summer's sermon series to examine the documents and practices that guide our gathering and decision making. We began by looking at the Ten Commandments guided by Joan Chittister who calls them The Laws of Love. Rather than a legalistic document of rules and consequences she sees them as covenant, a document meant to organize a people who had experienced oppression into a community based on freedom to love and care for one another and for God. This Sunday, July 1, we will review the commandments from Exodus and then take a look at Jesus' summary known as The Great Commandment.

Every group, family, and community has organizing principles. As Christians we look first to Jesus' words, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."* The second is this: *"Love your neighbor as yourself."* There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31) These words are meant to guide us in our most intimate relationships with family and friends AND also in every other aspect of our lives.

We do well to remember our commitment to God to lives of compassion and integrity. With recent, rapid changes in communication any voice that wishes a hearing can find some mechanism to get their thoughts out. The opposing voices become just so much noise when all are broadcast so loudly whether or not they are guided by rules for respectful dialog and the rights of others. Sadly, one response is to withdraw from the dialog or to give up entirely. But if we listen to the commandments, we will hear God calling us to stay alert, to stay engaged, to remain respectful and considerate, to revisit these guidelines for our lives as the basis for our beliefs and actions, and to insist on governing principles in our communal life that honor all people.

Sometimes dialog runs into difficulty. Several years ago a group of leaders here at United Church of Christ Greenawalds developed a process for conflict resolution. This guide is available in the following pages of this newsletter. Please take a look.

Following my vacation we begin a study of worship and the liturgy. In some denominations, the liturgy is determined by long tradition and practice. Prayers and responses are said or sung in words and melody passed down through generations. In the UCC, our liturgy is much less formal. Whether determined by local practice or changing week to week with the guidance of the pastor, the liturgy is still "the work of the people." So over the course of seven weeks we will consider the various movements of worship. I look forward to this study and hope it will give us food for thought in future planning.

***Pastor Judy***

On Worship – July 22 – Sept 2

7/22 Coming Together in Praise and Rejoicing

Call to Worship, Singing our Faith

7/29 Humbling Ourselves before the God of Grace

Confession, Assurance, Passing the Peace

8/5 Hearing Voices of Faith, both Ancient and New

Listening to the Word, Meditation

8/12 Celebrating the One Who Claims Us

Communion and Baptism

8/19 Quieting the Self and Naming Our Needs

Prayer: Thanksgiving, Petition

8/26 Remembering What Binds Us

Covenant and Statements of Faith

9/2 Giving of Ourselves, Both Here and Beyond

Offering and Mission, Sending and Benediction

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Please Note: The first step (Step 1) is always speaking openly to the party with whom one has a disagreement understanding that all in this community of faith are bound to receive one another with grace and respect.

**UCCG Conflict Resolution Procedure**

(Adapted from Zion’s Reformed UCC, Allentown, PA)

In the event that a disagreement or problem shall arise among the leaders or members of the congregation, the following procedure shall be followed. This procedure is intended to provide an open examination of all relevant issues, that is fair to all parties, and which leads to a timely resolution. In the event a disagreement involves the church pastor, the Pastoral Relations Committee should be involved. In the event a disagreement involves a church staff, the Employee Relations liaison should be involved.

In all cases, members are required to work within these established procedures before contacting anyone else concerning resolving the problem. Members of our congregation as well as our Spiritual Council, Ministry Council and Conference Ministers, are requested to refer members with complaints to this procedure before initiating other interventions.

UCC Greenawalds’ Behavior Covenant is a constant guide for how all are to relate to one another. This should be reviewed and used as a guide at all times.

Each step of the process is to be kept in confidence – what is said in the room stays in the room unless otherwise agreed upon by all involved.

This procedure is included in the Constitution and By-Laws and is in the Policies and Procedures Manual of UCCG. The Spiritual Council shall be responsible to inform the congregation periodically about this procedure and to review it with new members, and newly appointed Council members annually. The Spiritual Council shall also communicate this policy to the Conference Minister or equivalent.

If any allegations of sexual misconduct or illegal activity are made, the Conference Minister and the Ministry Council shall be notified immediately. The Ministry Council is responsible for following the laws concerning reporting of alleged sexual misconduct. The Safe Church Policy should be referenced.

#### Step #1. Talking one-to-one

The church member(s) should talk directly with the other person to discuss the problem. This follows the Biblical procedure outlined in Matthew 18: 15-20. It is helpful, but not required, for each person to put both the complaint and the response to the complaint in writing, and for each to “sign off” on its accuracy. A careful and accurate statement of the issue avoids misunderstanding and establishes agreed understanding.

If a member does not feel that he/she can talk directly to the other about a disagreement, or if discussion at this level does not result in a mutually agreeable resolution, then the member(s) may proceed to the next step.

#### Step #2. Talking with 2 members of Spiritual Council

The individual(s) involved may share the situation with 2 members of Spiritual Council. A note-taker should be appointed before the agreed-upon meeting. If the parties have a written statement from Step 1, it should be given to the note-taker and read aloud to the participants. Spiritual Council members may ask questions as needed to clarify the information in the written statement. Any copies made should be destroyed at the close of the meeting with the exception that the note-taker and the parties involved should keep a confidential copy. If there was no prior written statement, one should be developed by the Spiritual Council members at the beginning of the meeting, using the communication skills of listening, paraphrase and perception check.

Once each party has agreed that the disagreement and viewpoints have been stated correctly, the note-taker puts the statements into writing in the official notes. This insures that everyone has the same definition of “the problem”. In some cases, this simple act of “defining the problem”, with correct understanding of the viewpoints and feelings of each party, is enough for the parties to arrive at a resolution.

The Spiritual Council members should decide whether Option 1 or Option 2 below is best for this particular case, and then send the case along with the written statement and the notes taken to those who will complete Step 2.

2-A. One or more elders (could be the same as ones above) should meet informally with the parties to try to resolve the concerns. If this does not result in a mutually agreeable resolution, then the member(s) may proceed to Step #3, OR the parties may mutually agree not to pursue or discuss the matter further.

2-B. If the disagreement concerns an area directly overseen by one of the church’s committees or teams, the parties with the disagreement may be referred to that committee, group or team.

#### Step #3. Talking with the Whole Spiritual Council

In the event that the parties involved in the preceding steps are unable to resolve their differences at that level and the member(s) wants to seek formal resolution of the disagreement, the member(s) shall notify the Spiritual Council in writing. The written statement and written request should be given to the leader of Spiritual Council. The Spiritual Council will then meet with the principal parties at the earliest possible convenience in order to achieve resolution that is satisfactory to all parties.

#### Step #4.

The Ministry Council shall be given all documentation and will make a final and binding decision on how the unresolved conflict is to be resolved.

May 2017

**Breakfast with Pastor Judy is Sunday, July 22 at 10:30 am in the kitchen.** Invitations have been sent, but there are still a few spots open to join Pastor Judy for breakfast on Sunday mornings. If you would like to attend this “get-to-know-you-better” breakfast meeting, please call Pastor Judy on her cell phone at 484-705-5710.

*The UCC condemns the dismantling of families, the criminalization of the quest for freedom, and the caging of those whose only crime is to seek shelter from harm.*

**Raise Your Voice!** United Church of Christ National Leadership, in a pastoral letter, calls on the people of the denomination's almost 5,000 congregations to take action to stop separating children from their parents at U.S. borders. Read how to get involved at [http://www.ucc.org/kyp\\_keep\\_families\\_together](http://www.ucc.org/kyp_keep_families_together) - Penn Northeast Conference, UCC

### **New Members and Covenant**

Please join us Sunday, July 1 as we welcome Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates and her husband, Steve Vulcheff, as members of UCC Greenawalds. Steve is retired from the University of Cincinnati. We receive Bonnie and Steve with joy and thanksgiving.

Bonnie’s work as our conference minister most often takes her to one or another of our sister congregations on Sundays. Yet the United Church of Christ believes all work of ministry in the church originates in the local setting. It is for this reason that Bonnie searched for a congregation that would welcome her into the life of their church and pray for her work in conference leadership. The Ministry Council met with Bonnie in May and entered into a 4-way covenant that will support and hold accountable Bonnie, the Conference both as her employer and as holder of her standing as an ordained minister, and the congregation. Please come and be part of this day of celebration.



### **Love of Neighbor... FISH MEALS are back!!**

Sue Sawyer has agreed to lead a team of UCC Greenawalds members who are willing to make and deliver meals and/or basic groceries to other members needing short term meal assistance due to illness, injury or family circumstance.

#### **To be a Fish Meal Volunteer**

Sue will collect the names of volunteers and organize based on availability and meal needs. You will be provided with name, contact information, allergies, preferences, and type of meal needed. Please contact Sue Sawyer (610 395-1571) if you are willing and able to assist.

#### **To Request a Fish Meal**

Requests for meals or basic groceries can be made through Sue Sawyer (610 395-1571), the church office (610 435-1763), or Pastor Judy (484 705-5710). The team leader will contact the member to obtain specific information of needs and organize the Fish Team according to availability.

*My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:19)*



## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM MINISTRY COUNCIL: June 14, 2018**

*Next Meeting Aug. 9th*

- Devotions provided by Jayne Christman - "Good Trouble" based on Mark 2:27-28
- Ministry Council offering donated to Disaster Ministries
- Minutes for April & May were accepted
- Financial Secretary and Treasurer's reports for April & May were accepted with general discussion
- Decision made to stop Quarterly Fund contributions for 3 weeks based on the recommendation of Bookkeeper
- Decision made to pursue Vitality Training (leadership training) through PNEC
- Tenant lease termination discussion; future plan of action to include outsourcing the repair work in order to have the property ready for future rentals
- Cornerstone Fund Line of Credit was approved to move forward on as-needed basis
- Music & Worship committee on break until Sept. 12; City-wide Family Promise offering to be taken Sept. 23; worship service time to revert back to 10:30 am on Sept. 23
- Pastoral Relations members reading "Completing the Circle"; reviewed Behavior Covenant; next meeting August 6
- Pastor's Report: update on 2 girls from PSD, working with Spiritual Council on Mission/Vision statements, Mutual Ministries experience, vacation reminder, BW Pastor reminder, Pop-up choir idea, 10 Commandments sermon series, support for Vitality Training
- Property: dehumidifiers working, need to be emptied 2x day, parking lot stones completed, kitchen leak fixed, succession plan for chairperson, delegation of duties
- Christian Education Report submitted, recapping Sunday School and potential for next year's Confirmation
- Employee Relations: update on all employees given
- Mission Committee: assembly of Disaster Buckets on June 28, another work camp in WV in the planning stages, Family Promise update provided. hoping to kick-off in Nov.
- Open forum with brief reminder that we need to address leadership changes; discussed Spiritual Council with Pastor as to its structure and purpose

### **Lay Readers, Greeters and Hospitality Hosts**

*We are in need of Lay Readers, Greeters and Hospitality Hosts for the coming months.*

*If you are able to help in any of these areas, please use the sign-up charts on the*

*Narthex bulletin board or contact Sue in the church office to offer your services.*



## God's Work, Our Hands



**Thank you to everyone who helped on June 28<sup>th</sup> to package 32 Hygiene Kits and 25 Cleanup Buckets!** Also to Dakota Longenbach who helped organize, calculate, and shop for supplies as part of his Community Service for Boy Scout Troop 8.



## Mission Trip planned for April 27 – May 4, 2019

After much discussion on June 24<sup>th</sup>, the group decided that there is a lot happening at our church with a busy September calendar, including the work to get Family Promise up and running by November. Many of us “wear several hats” and some had vacation plans ...

A 2019 date will allow time to recruit more people, select vacation time for those working and not rush the planning. We are currently waiting for a confirmation from the coordinator in West Virginia. More details to follow.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> offering for July and August – Parkland Snack Packs

This mission offering will be forwarded to West Allentown Rotary to purchase food supplies for assembling Snack Packs. Children in the Parkland School District who qualify for PA subsidized breakfast and lunch receive these bags for weekend use. Snack Packing will begin again in October, usually on the third Wednesday, 2:15–3:45 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Donna Field or Janine Hensinger.

**3 GREAT LOVES**



**LOVE OF NEIGHBOR!**

### **Church Bulletin Bloopers**

The Council of Elders at First Baptist of Richton Park will talk about the need for less talking at meetings.

- The Day Center Committee continues to search for a suitable location. The places they've looked at are too expensive, so they are still looking.
- There are now 13 host churches signed on; the 13<sup>th</sup> being Notre Dame in Bethlehem.
- Regarding the Iron Pigs fundraiser, they offer \$8 per hour donation for FP to anyone working in the refreshment stands during games, Sue is thinking perhaps we can get a group of people together one night (or nights) toward the end of the season after the kids return to school when they have a shortage of help.
- Monetary report: as of end of May 2018, there is \$50,000 in the non-profit bank account.
- From the congregations that participated the "Fill this House with Love" collection, there was a total of \$2,445.00 raised. \$977.00 of that was raised by UCCG!
- The Family Promise goal is to open up by November 1, 2018.



***Ladies in Faith Together***

*A summer evening of relaxation is planned for travel to attend Tunes at Twilight at the Sun Inn in Bethlehem. If you plan to attend, please contact Colleen Horlacher to carpool.*



**Women's Guild meets July 25- 10:00 am in the Kitchen**

If you wish to recycle the pint jars from Chow Chow, there is a basket in the Narthex to deposit them. Please do not leave jars in the kitchen and other places in the church.

Also, **thank you** to the Women's Guild for their generous donation of \$300 to help pay for the Fellowship Hall flooring.

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Thank you to everyone who purchased blueberries! 18 boxes were sold, resulting in \$162 profit to pay for Fellowship Hall flooring.



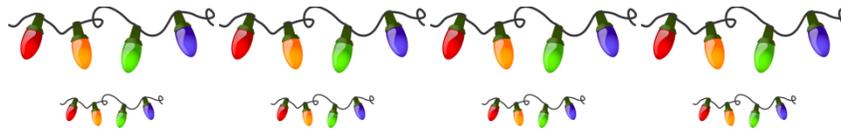
**S.O.S. BREAKFAST**  
**Saturday, September 15, 2018**  
**8:00 - 11:00 am**

Menu: S.O.S. - Creamed Dried Beef on Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Home Fries, Toast, Fruit & Pastry

Cost: Donation Only

Proceeds will benefit Fellowship Hall flooring project

Willing Workers Needed – Please Sign Chart in the Narthex



**“The Lights in Greenawalds” are lighting up November 17<sup>th</sup>!**

**It’s time to light up the corner of Orchard and Albright to make our church shine this holiday season . . . it is a wonderful opportunity for Community Outreach! Let our light shine in the neighborhood!**

**Task Force meeting Thurs, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

A Task Force will begin planning this holiday endeavor in September, so if you love Christmas, you have a chance to bring ideas and help make this happen! Last year we made contact with over 500 people who visited our neighborhood.

If you cannot make the meeting but would be willing to help, please contact Lee Stephens or Donna Field.

**Wise  
Words**

*What you dislike in another, take care to correct in yourself.*



## July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30 AM – Worship with Holy Communion & Reception of New Members Guest Musician: Jacob Roth	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Church Office Open today Sue in office 9a- 2p today	<b>4</b> 9:00 – 3:00 PM – Quilters Church Office Closed	<b>5</b> Church Office Closed	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 AM – Worship Guest Pastor: Rev. John Dech Guest Musician: Jacob Roth	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00-3:00 PM Quilters (special project)	<b>11</b> 9:00 – 3:00 PM - Quilters	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM – Ministry Council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 AM – Worship Guest Pastor: Rev. John Dech	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00 – 3:00 PM – Quilters	<b>19</b> 5:00 – 9:00 PM – LIFT Group Tunes at Twilight/Bethlehem	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 AM - Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 – 3:00 PM – Quilters 10:00 AM – Women's Guild	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:05 PM – Iron Pigs Game	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 AM – Worship w/Baptism "Pick-Up" Choir	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Second Offering – 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Parkland Snack            Packs</b>			

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Members, committee chairpersons leading a group and anyone with pertinent information are encouraged to submit information and upcoming events. Submit news by email to the church office at [churchoffice@uccgreenawalds.org](mailto:churchoffice@uccgreenawalds.org) or to Donna Field [dgfield67@yahoo.com](mailto:dgfield67@yahoo.com).



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**Pastor Judy is usually in the office Monday – Thursday**

She can be reached by phone anytime for emergencies or appointments.

**Church Secretary Office Hours are Wednesday & Thursdays, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Volunteers are available in the office Tuesday & Friday mornings.

Hospital Code #439

### **The July edition of Echoes is sponsored by Dolly Smith in memory of loved ones.**

Communication to our members is an important part of our ministry. If you cannot attend church regularly, or do not use a computer, you can remain connected with the news, our mission and upcoming activities through this newsletter.

**Sponsorship are always Needed for the Echoes**

Sponsors for the Echoes help to support the ministry of UCC Greenawalds to all members. Please contact the church office at 610-435-1763 if you would like to sponsor the publication of the Echoes during a particular month in the year. You may also sign the chart in the Narthex, including your dedication information.

We offer 3 sponsorships per month. Cost is \$15.00 per sponsorship.