

# ECHOES

SEPTEMBER 2018

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
GREENAWALDS



It's a promise we are making.  
It's protection in the storm.  
It's companions who stand beside you.  
It's a circle that's safe and warm.  
It's a shelter in the long night.  
It's a neighbor who knows your pain.  
It's the work we do together  
Till the family finds home again.

Take my hand, let's do this work together.  
Families should not face these days alone.  
Take my hand, let's do this work together;  
Work till every family finds a home.

It's a journey we are taking,  
Growing friendships on the way.  
Simple suppers we are making,  
Telling stories while children play.  
Joined together we are stronger  
We're no longer on our own.  
We will do this work together  
Till the family is safe at home.

Excerpt from "Home Again" by Ken Medema  
Written for Family Promise - Used by permission

## HOST WEEK IS APPROACHING - FAMILY PROMISE OPENS THE DOOR!

As members of a host congregation, we have offered space in our congregation's facility as a temporary home. As hosts, our members will support homeless families on their path to independence. Although volunteers cannot solve all the guests' problems, the volunteer's small acts of kindness make a difference in the lives of the homeless families they serve.

**What are the best ways to help? Family Promise volunteers help the most when they understand their roles as a volunteer. NOW is the time for YOU to indicate your commitment to volunteer in this program.**

The Coordinating Committee (Sue Roth, Colleen Horlacher, Sandy Lakatos, Donna Field and Pastor Judy) has been diligently planning the details of our first Host Week – the date to be determined in November. There is a green sign-up sheet on the Family Promise bulletin board in the Narthex for you to sign your name to be a volunteer. You will be contacted personally after you sign the chart with additional details and choice options. There are numerous ways that you can assist in this program:

- 1. Dinner Preparers (2 or 3 people for approximately 2 hours, 5:00–7:00 pm)**  
Dinner is a hot meal prepared at the volunteers' home or in the church kitchen, served at approximately 6:00 pm. Dinner is informal and guests will help with cleanup.
- 2. Evening Hosts (2 volunteers, 7:00–9:00 pm)**  
These volunteers may be part of the dinner preparation team or arrive to eat with guests. Dinner/evening hosts associate with the guests, welcome newcomers, and assist parents with children's needs, activities, homework or assist a guest with a particular need.
- 3. Overnight Hosts (2 volunteers, 9:00 pm–7:00 am, preferably a man and a woman)** – These hosts spend time with guests and are available in case of emergency. They make sure guests are awake at 6:00 am, may/may not help with breakfast, and assist guests to depart at 7:00 am. Sleeping accommodations will be discussed.
- 4. Breakfast preparers (1 or 2 volunteers, 6:00 – 7:30 am)**  
On weekdays, breakfast is a quick, simple meal (cereal, muffins, fruit, toast) along with cleanup. (This allows an Overnight Host to leave for work.) Often on weekends, breakfast is more relaxed and hosts prepare a more substantial meal (i.e. eggs and bacon or pancakes).
- 5. Host Coordinator/Scheduler (2 - 3 weeks prior to Host Week)**  
A volunteer is needed prior to the host week to make phone calls so that all volunteer needs are covered especially for Evening and Overnight Hosts.
- 6. Supplies and donations (1 - 2 volunteers)**  
Volunteers coordinate church supplies and purchase supplies if needed to maintain the church inventory.
- 7. Laundry (1 volunteer)**  
Volunteer is responsible for laundering bedding and towels each day during Host Week. Laundry facility to be determined.
- 8. Setup and Takedown (3-4 volunteers, Sundays of Host Week)**  
A team of volunteers is necessary to set up accommodations on Sunday afternoon arrival of beds and supplies from the Affiliate and take down beds ready to move the following Sunday.

**All UCCG volunteers are invited and expected to attend a Volunteer Training, scheduled for Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Training will be conducted by**

the Family Promise Affiliate staff and is considered mandatory before the volunteer is able to assist on Host Week. (A make-up date will be announced.) Lunch for UCCG volunteers will be available following worship that day.

Volunteers are required to complete free online background checks as follows:

- Child Abuse History **Clearance for Volunteers**(CY113)  
[http://www.dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s\\_001762.pdf](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s_001762.pdf)
- Pennsylvania State Police **Criminal Record Checks for Volunteers** (SPA-164A)  
[http://www.dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s\\_001769.pdf](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s_001769.pdf)

**Prior checks for employment or volunteer work within the last 5 years are acceptable.**

Paper forms and instructions are available on the table in the Narthex at the Family Promise area. Computer assistance is available from members of the Coordinating Committee.

The Day Center location is in process and will be announced in the near future.

We have much to do within the next few weeks, so please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to make Family Promise become a reality!

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<u>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2</u>	9:30 AM	WORSHIP
<u>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9</u>	10:30 AM	WORSHIP
Holy Communion		
Christian Formation Begins	9:00 AM	
<u>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16</u>	10:30 AM	WORSHIP
Confirmation Meeting following worship		
<u>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23</u>	10:30 AM	WORSHIP
Family Promise Sunday		
<u>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30</u>	10:30 AM	WORSHIP

Hospitality for Fellowship is one half hour prior to worship service.

**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.*



**On Our Hearts with Concern**

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| 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         |

## ***A Note from the Pastor***

As summer and vacation time ends, many exciting things are on the horizon in the life of the church for the coming year. We will need the engagement of all members to engage and support the diverse activities we have planned.

Next week, Janet Newett joins us as pastoral intern for the coming months. Janet brings experience in many aspects of the life of the church and community. See her bio in the pages of this newsletter and welcome her as she worships with us for the first time Sunday, September 9.

Sunday School will begin on September 9, ably led by Carla Lindenmuth. Carla would welcome your help as her assistant some Sunday. The youth are fun and enthusiastic. We have much to learn with them.

Carla and I will lead the confirmation class which is scheduled after church on alternate Sundays. We will be using the book Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens by Dorothy Bass and Don C. Richter. I believe the focus on spiritual practices is an effective way to encourage youth in a faith journey to last a lifetime.

Finally, the time has come for the Church Vitality workshops. We will be sending 10 representatives to learn methods for exploring how we at Greenawalds are doing church and how we might plan for the future. Michael Piazza, who has much experience, will help representatives of 20 PNEC churches in this process. Each participating congregation will be paired with a coach who will assist in pursuing their goals. I am certain we will benefit and learn from one another. The topics include:

Session 1 - Transformational Worship - September 22, 2018

Session 2 - Structure and Stewardship - November 10, 2018

Session 3 - Craft Church Evangelism - March 23, 2019

Session 4 - Vintage Church Renewal - May 18, 2019

In June I posed these questions as we move into this exciting time in the life of this congregation.

What is our mission? Why do we exist? What is God calling us to be and do?

What can we foresee on the horizon and how can we be flexible in a time of so much change?

Might we look at our bylaws, perhaps revise structures of boards and committees?

What are the best use of our resources for mission, outreach, and meeting budgetary obligations?

How do we create lively and joyful worship that is authentic in various seasons of faith?

How do we support people who are tired, who have continued past the usual term of office?

How do we invite other folks to step up and prepare them for leadership?

Representatives from Spiritual Council and Ministry Council have committed to attend the various sessions. We also want people from the congregation at large to be part of the process. Please look at your calendar and see if one or more of the sessions will work for you. Talk to me if you have questions. Come and help us discern the answers to the above questions and more.

**Pastor Judy**



### Christian Formation News

**Confirmation Class** Confirmation classes for students entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade will begin in September. There will be an initial meeting for students and parents on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> following worship. Questions may be directed to Carla Lindenmuth.

**Sunday School Teachers Needed** We would like to offer a class for younger students (age 4-7) this school year, but we need two teachers in order to do so. Please contact Carla at 610-739-7304 or [ctlindenmuth@protonmail.com](mailto:ctlindenmuth@protonmail.com) if interested. Curriculum, training, and materials will be provided to you throughout the year.

**Sunday School classes for school age children will begin Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Please complete the registration form below for students.**

**Adult Christian Formation** If you are interested in leading or co-leading an Adult Sunday School class, a single Pop-Up Class or a Bible study, please speak to Carla Lindenmuth or Pastor Judy.

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### REGISTRATION FORM



**Please return to**  
UCC Greenawalds  
2325 Albright Avenue  
Allentown, PA 18104

<b>Name</b>
<b>Birth Date</b>
<b>Grade in school</b>
<b>Address</b>
<b>Phone number</b>
<b>Parent name(s) and email address</b>
<b>Allergies/health concerns</b>



## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM MINISTRY COUNCIL: August 9, 2018**

*Next Meeting September 20th – 7:00 pm*

- Carla presented devotions based on James 2: 1-13 "Mercy triumphs over judgment", the struggles of a single mom.
- Offering was donated to Parkland Snack Packs.
- Sue Roth, representing Family Promise, presented the consent forms for families participating in the program and also the draft of UCCG Rules and Guidelines for our church. The goal is to start mid November - December. There will be a mutual ministry meeting at UCCG on August 26 at 2 pm. All volunteers need background checks and mandatory training. Carla will check on the link for volunteers.
- October 13 there will be a pasta dinner at UCCG to help fund Family Promise at UCCG.
- September 22 is the first Vitality Training session. Bonnie, Jayne, Janine, Ben and Mark are interested in attending.
- We have a few applications that have been submitted for the Annex tenants. It is cleaned out and refinished.
- 2019 budget numbers need to be to Glenn ASAP.
- Much discussion on replacing outgoing Council Members. Possibly revisit suggestions from the Discovery Team.
- Donna & Grant have been approached to be part of reorganizing the PNEC Disaster Response Team. Trip to Puerto Rico is being planned in Spring.
- The A/C in Pastor Judy's office will be funded from the Memorial Fund.
- Pastor Judy will be reviewing the fees for weddings and funerals.



### **God's Work, Our Hands** **Mission Ministry**



Thank you for your generosity! The mission offerings in July resulted in \$609 to purchase CWS School Kits. The mission team has assembled these kits this month so that they may be distributed in time for the start of school. Children in need are benefitting from your commitment!

**3 GREAT LOVES**



**LOVE OF NEIGHBOR!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> offering on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in September  
will support the Family Promise Day Center**



**Ladies in Faith Together**

“Campfire for a Cause” is planned for Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Colleen Horlacher. The time is 6:30 pm. The women of LIFT will be donating items needed to begin our Family Promise Ministry. There is a list of items needed on the Family Promise bulletin board so that anyone may participate. All are welcome as we hope to enjoy a cool Fall evening!



**PNEC Disaster Response Team is re-organizing!**

*There is increasing interest from local church members in PNEC to go to Puerto Rico for a Work Camp to rebuild parts of the country due to last year’s disastrous Hurricanes, Irma and Maria. Much of the island is still without general services. Rev. Gilberto of PNEC is coordinating a trip for April 2019 with Grant Field planning to attend. Contact Grant if interested in the trip or to learn more about PNEC Disaster Ministries.*



**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 and a portion to UCC Disaster Ministries

***Willing Workers Needed – Please Sign Chart on the Narthex  
Sign-Up Bulletin Board***

**Coming Event:**

***Pasta Night to benefit UCCG Family Promise Fund  
Saturday, October 13, 2018 – 4:30 to 7:00 pm  
More details to follow ...***



**“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 is Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

We will begin planning this holiday endeavor in September, so if you love Christmas, please come to bring your ideas and help make this happen! Last year we made contact with over 500 people who visited our neighborhood by distributing information about our church and Family Promise. If you are willing to help please just come to the meeting, or contact Donna Field or Lee Stephens.



**Women’s Guild meets September 26 – 9:00 am in the Kitchen**

***Chow-Chow Making***

***Orders now being taken, sign up in the Narthex***

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.

**Pastoral Intern – Janet Newett**

Please join us as we welcome Janet Newett, a Member in Discernment in the Penn Northeast Conference of the UCC. Janet is excited to be spending the next 9 months with us as a Pastoral Intern. Janet is nearing completion of her studies to become a licensed minister in the PNEC. During her time at Greenawalds she will be participating in various aspects of worship and ministry.

Janet has worked in local churches since 2004 primarily in the areas of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. She has served on the PNEC Youth Empowerment (YEA) Fund Committee, PNEC Annual Meeting Planning Team and several youth event planning teams as well. She is a member of the Association of United Church Educators, assisting to plan their annual educational event. She and her husband have three children. Her passions include singing, Netflix, friends, family and sharing her faith!



## IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

- Be alert at cross walks and school crossings
- Remember the law when the school bus stops
- Watch out for children

September 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 9:10 AM – Walk-On Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM – Worship with Walk-On Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 am- 3:00 pm Quilting Chicks	<b>6</b> 7:00 – 8:00 PM – Nursery School Parent Orientation 7:00 PM – Lights in Greenawalds Task Force meeting	<b>7</b> 9:00 – 10:00 AM – Nursery School Meet Your Teacher	<b>8</b> 10:00 – 5:00 PM – Private Rental of Fellowship Hall
<b>9</b> 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Hospitality 10:30 AM – Worship (resume regular time) – Holy Communion	<b>10</b> First Day of Nursery School 7:00-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 6:30-8:00 PM Cub Scouts	<b>12</b> 10:00 am- 3:00 pm Quilting Chicks 7:00 PM – Music & Worship	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM – Nursery School Board meeting	<b>14</b> 5:00 – 6:00 pm Breakfast Setup	<b>15</b> 8:00 – 11:00 AM – S.O.S. Breakfast
<b>16</b> 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Hospitality 10:30 AM - Worship	<b>17</b> 7:00-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> 6:30-8:00 PM Cub Scouts	<b>19</b> 10:00 am- 3:00 pm Quilting Chicks 7:00 PM – Spiritual Council	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Ministry Council	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Hospitality 10:30 AM – Worship Family Promise Sunday 6:30 pm L.I.F.T. Campfire for a Cause	<b>24</b> 7:00-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	<b>25</b> 6:30-8:00 PM Cub Scouts	<b>26</b> 10:00 am- 3:00 pm Quilting Chicks	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Hospitality 10:30 AM – Worship	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> offering on September 9 &amp; 23 for Family Promise Day Center</b>					



September - the beauty of God's world is changing in our midst!

## **OUR STAFF**

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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.

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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).

### **Echoes Sponsorship is available for October**

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.

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.