

ECHOES

JUNE/JULY 2019

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GREENAWALDS

The June and July edition of Echoes will be combined into one newsletter. Our church secretary, Sue Borger, will continue to update information in Weekly Words so you will be kept informed about any new information throughout the summer months.



The Season of Summer is ...

- ***Recreation, Relaxation, Vacation, Sunshine and Fun!***

The Summer Season with God is ...

- ***Re-creation, Re-imagination, Rejuvenation and Faith!***

God is with us in all things, so he goes on vacation, to the beach and to the park. He moves with us wherever we go, and then we say thank you when He guides us safely back home.

Our church in the community of Greenawalds begins to travel a new path this summer, to put our faith in action, affirming our mission and re-defining our vision and goals. Some of us have learned new ideas during Vitality Days workshops, some of us are committing to active mission, while others are reading and studying how to restructure, simplify and pay the bills – and all of us are invited to worship, to be still and know God.

Join us on Sunday, June 30 1-4 pm The Rev Dr. Bonnie Bates will lead us in a time of “worshipful work” on Mission, Vision and Core Values for our Congregation.



“All of us need a purpose that is large enough to include God and long enough to include eternity. We need a purpose that makes life worth living and gives meaning to our dying. We need a purpose that calls forth our true stature and elicits the hidden fire within us. We are called to life with imagination and courage because we have a purpose that endures past sunset.”

– Mark Trotter



<u>SUNDAY, June 2</u> Holy Communion Farewell for Janet Newett	10:30 AM WORSHIP
<u>SUNDAY, June 9</u> Confirmation and Pentecost	10:30 AM WORSHIP
<u>SUNDAY, June 16</u> 9:30 summer worship hour begins	9:30 AM WORSHIP
<u>SUNDAY, June 23</u>	9:30 AM WORSHIP
<u>SUNDAY, June 30</u> Picnic Lunch Visioning with Bonnie Bates	9:30 AM WORSHIP (outdoors) after worship (outdoors) 1:00 – 4:00 pm (in F.H.)

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

On Confirmation Sunday, June 9th we officially welcome to our family, Maria Fernandez and Evan Senftleben. Both of these youth are students at Orefield Middle School and live in the Greenawalds community. A reception will follow worship. Welcome!!

Thank you to Carla Lindenmuth and Pastor Judy for their work with these students throughout the year. And thank you to the confirmation sponsors – Ben Gulledege, Randy Seyler, and Bob Thomas!

<u>SUNDAY, July 7</u> Holy Communion	9:30 AM WORSHIP
<u>SUNDAY, July 14</u> Guest Organist, Jacob Roth	9:30 AM WORSHIP
<u>SUNDAY, July 21</u>	9:30 AM WORSHIP
<u>SUNDAY, July 28</u>	9:30 AM WORSHIP

Pastor Judy will be on vacation July 2 – 18, 2018. For pastoral needs, please contact the church office and leave a message or contact Sue directly at 484-695-7954.



On Our Hearts with Concern

Mary Christman – Devon House
Robert & Dorothy Foulds – at home
Phyllis Meckes – Blue Mountain Nursing/Rehab

Doris Nissen – at home
Doris Shaver – Heather Glen Senior Living
Naomi Thomas – at home
Bernice Ziegler – Country Meadows

A Word from the Pastor - Celebrations of Summer

You may remember that my intention for Lent was celebration. I see celebration as a way to lift up individual gifts and to honor the work and witness of the family of faith gathered here in the local church. Our celebrations name the intent of the congregation to be about God's plan for building community and welcoming everyone. Summer is a season of celebrations.

June 2 - We celebrate Janet Newett, Pastoral Intern.

Come for worship. Stay for refreshments. During her time with us, Janet has participated in all aspects of worship planning and leadership, lending her voice and worship style to help us stretch and grow in faith and practice. She has participated in leadership, often summarizing and reframing questions before the group to facilitate moving ahead in our discussions. She has offered insight on youth ministry and led gatherings for the youth of the church, and we have greatly benefitted from her wisdom and experience. Using skills she has developed over the course of her work and study, honing them in partnership with us, she now moves into a new role as settled pastor for St. John's UCC, Fogelsville. We wish her well and Godspeed.

Also on June 2, we will present new Bibles to our **Sunday School youth**, celebrating their study and faithfulness. We hope that having a Bible of their own will grow and support their curiosity for what the stories of God's people have to teach us about ourselves, others, and the world around us. We give thanks for Carla Lindenmuth and those who have assisted her, Jan Thomas and Bonnie Marmon.

June 9 — Pentecost and Confirmation

We celebrate the birth of the church and our confirmands. Pentecost we will mark the end of a year of study for Evan Senftleben and Maria Fernandez. On this day they will confirm their faith as they formally join this church as members. I have been privileged to assist Carla in leading reflections on the book, *Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens*. Evan and Maria have willingly shared their thoughts and feelings about the many themes of a life of faith at the intersections with the challenges of living in 21st century. I have learned much from the youth and Carla. We are grateful also to Evan's and Maria's sponsors: Ben Gullledge, Randy Seyler and Bob Thomas. There will be a reception in honor of the youth, their families, and sponsors.

June 16 – Summer Worship time begins.

Beginning Sunday, June 16 our worship begins at 9:30 through July and August. We will return to the 10:30 hour on Sunday, September 8, the Sunday after Labor Day.

June 30 – Celebrate UCC Greenawalds – Naming who we are

Come and be part of a church-wide celebration. We will begin the day with worship outdoors. Bring a lawn chair for worship and for lounging throughout the morning. Glenn Horlacher has promised to fire up the grill for some barbecue. We ask others to bring a side dish or dessert to complete a festive picnic lunch. You may sign up in the narthex to let us know what you plan to bring. Throughout the morning all are invited to participate in games of all kinds. Let us know if you have an outdoor game to bring or suggest. In the event of inclement weather we will worship and gather indoors.

We will move into the fellowship hall from 1 – 4 PM where Conference Minister Bonnie Bates will lead us in the process of writing a vision statement. Short and sweet, a vision statement is designed to name

for ourselves and to communicate to the community exactly how we practice being Christ's church in this time and place. A vision statement helps us to claim what identifies us as children of God. Please plan to come and be part of this important work and celebration.

July – Celebrate Life and Community

Worship continues throughout July led by a supply pastor during my vacation for the first two Sundays. After consulting with the Spiritual Council I have decided to use the Pledge of Nonviolence as a focal point for my sermons during the remaining Sundays of July and August which we read the first Sunday of Lent. I believe we can all learn from one another as we discuss basic values that guide respectful conversations and teach us to refrain from violence in all aspects of life.

- Respect Self and Others
- Communicate Better
- Listen Carefully
- Forgive
- Respect Nature
- Recreate Nonviolently
- Act Courageously

Throughout the summer - Celebrate the Water of Life

Don't forget in your summer travels to take your water blessing container and collect some water. In the fall we will bring all the water, gathered from many sources which will bless our life in community in the coming year. God blesses our lives with water from sources that may be exotic or mundane. All are important. Containers are still available in the narthex.

And celebrate leisure time. Time for rest and renewal. This is my prayer for each and every one.

Blessings,

Pastor Judy

- **We are again in need of Lay Readers.** Won't you please sign-up to help on a Sunday morning? Instructions are provided in the bulletin, or we can schedule time with Pastor Judy or Sue to walk you thru what needs to be done. Thank you to all our readers.
- Did you miss **Water Sunday, Spring Edition** on Sunday, May 12? Would you like to participate? We still have some glass bottles available on the desk in the narthex. You are invited to collect water from various places visited over the course of the summer: the kitchen sink at your home or that of a loved one, the water cooler at school or the office, the local swimming pool, a puddle after a rainstorm, a brook, river, lake or ocean ... You get the idea!
- **Water Sunday, Fall Edition** will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, September 15. The water that has been collected from many sources throughout our summer experiences will be gathered, blessed, purified, and saved. It will be used for rituals such as baptism throughout the coming year, thus giving a sense of wholeness to work and play, rest and worship.



Coming Next Week - UCCG Host Week is June 2-9, 2019

Set-up is being planned for Sunday, June 2 following worship, so any extra willing hands would be appreciated. Currently there are 3 families that we are hosting, 4 adults, 2 6-yr olds and 2 baby boys under 1 year. One of the families may be moving into their new apartment this week. The Coordinating Committee has been helping at other churches when there are open volunteer time slots. Another van has been acquired for transportation and seems to be working very well.

Next Family Promise Host Week is September 1 – 8, 2019.

Since this week includes Labor Day on Monday, September 2nd we are planning an outdoor picnic with our guests. Our church family is invited to come and share the evening. More details to follow.



*Thank
you*

“Dear UCCG – on behalf of the Allentown teachers and students of the National Piano Guild, we extend our heartfelt thank you for your welcoming accommodations of our National Auditions! A beautiful and comfortable site for our judges and students! Thank you so much.” Darlene Ziegler, Allentown Chapter Chairperson of the National Piano Guild.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM MINISTRY COUNCIL – May 9, 2019

Next Meeting is June 13th – 6:00 pm. No meeting in July.

- Devotions provided by Mark Griffith. “On Being Grateful”.
- Ministry Council offering towards The Allentown Ecumenical Soup Kitchen.
- Approval of April Council minutes.
- Financial Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports accepted with general discussion.
- April was another black month due to increased giving and no oil expenditures and no quarterly expenditures.
- Proposed Year-to-Date giving snapshot evaluated.
- 4 Rs to Revenue increase reviewed. Have seen a spike in E-Giving of approximately \$700 per month so far in 2019 versus our 2018 monthly average.
- Update on the Counting Captains position - 8 Elders trained so far (12 total); Council approved the addition of one hour to allow the church secretary to perform computer entries of the Financial Secretary position.
- Ministry Team reports shared by Mission, Property, and the Pastor
- West Virginia Mission trip planned for September 21—28 , 2019
- Family Promise committee meeting May 13th in preparation for June 2nd week of hosting.
- Pastor items: Vitality updates / Water Sunday / Vision Statement project / AV discussion postponed until June / Next Book Club title / Continuing education plans / Parkland out-of office time discontinued/ Confirmation scheduled for June 9th. Pastor Judy’s next vacation time is July 2-18.
- Property committee to investigate the update required for the kitchen extinguisher system; discussion regarding the timing of the fuel oil purchase; Annex tenant added handrail to property; still having issues with rain water in kitchen.



COME ON OUT TO COCA COLA PARK!

Friday, August 23, 2019 @ 7:05 pm

Scranton-Wilkes Barre RailRiders

Vs. Lehigh Valley IronPigs



We’ve reserved a block of seats for the IronPigs game on Friday, August 23 for UCCG (same section as last few years). Tickets are \$11 each and include a \$2 food/beverage credit.

Fireworks included! Deadline to order is Sunday, July 14. Contact Sandy Lakatosh, 610.570.3421, sjlakatosh@rcn.com, to reserve your tickets.

Mission Ministry

3 GREAT LOVES



LOVE OF NEIGHBOR!



Announcing a West Virginia Mission Trip for September 21 – 28, 2019

Would you like to experience a Mission Trip? It was a great experience in 2017 and our generous congregation has already given enough for another experience. Under the direction of the national VOAD (Volunteer Organization Aiding in Disaster) there is much work to do in Webster and Greenbrier counties repairing homes from flooding and also a grant available for building bridges over streams and creeks to homes and farms. West Virginia is a 6 hour drive from UCCG, so we will carpool together, stay in local churches with showers and a kitchen for cooking meals. The cost is \$50 per participant for housing.

Currently we have 6 people planning to travel. There is also a local possibility in PA for weekend work in the Bloomsburg/Tremont area to assist with flood damage from last fall. If you would like more information, please contact Grant or Donna Field at 610-395-0821.

Second Offering for June – Strengthen the Church UCC Appeal – We traditionally celebrate the birth of the church on Pentecost Sunday, this year on June 9, 2019. Through this offering, our congregation contributes to the expansion and revitalization of the United Church of Christ. As called for by the General Synod, 50% of this offering stays in the local conference and 50% is sent to the national work of strengthening the church universal.

Second Offering for July – CWS Clean up Buckets (watch your Sunday bulletins for more information)



LADIES IN FAITH TOGETHER

**“Crazy for You” Play at DeSales University
Saturday, June 29 – Carpool from church at 1:00 pm
Ticket Sales are closed at this time**

Miniature Golf Outing & Ice Cream

**Wednesday, July 17 at 6:00 pm
Spring Hill Mini Golf on Sand Spring Rd. Schnecksville
RSVP to Chris Gilmore to attend**



Sunflower Wreath Workshop

When: Monday, August 5 from 7:00-9:00 pm

Where: UCCG Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$45 per person (** Sorry, no spectators **)

A firm commitment and payment due no later than June 15.

The \$45 fee includes all materials needed to make your own beautiful sunflower wreath; detailed assembly instructions demonstrated step-by-step to complete your wreath; and snacks and beverages.

Please note: no special skills or knowledge is needed to make this wreath; just follow the simple directions and have fun! This workshop is limited to 10 people (first come basis.) If there are additional people interested, a second workshop will be scheduled. Contact Jayne Christman (home: 610-434-3193; cell: 610-333-6967; or email at jchris9277@aol.com)



Women’s Guild

**June 26 – 11:00 am Summer Picnic with Covered Dish
July 31 – 11:00 am Regular Meeting**

Class of 2019

Congratulations to the following Graduates!

MacKenna Bonawitz, daughter of Donna Bonawitz, graduated from West Chester University on May 12, 2019 with a degree in Communications.

Chad Counterman graduated cum laude from East Stroudsburg University on May 11, 2019 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Mathematics. Chad is a close friend of Sue Roth and her granddaughter, Kelsie Lockley.

Diane Irish is now a Doctor of Social Work, having completed her studies through a joint program between Kutztown and Millersville Universities.

Kelsie Irene Lockley graduated from East Stroudsburg University on May 11, 2019 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Medicine, Athletic Training and Occupational Therapy. Kelsie is the granddaughter of Sue Roth.

Elizabeth (Gilmore) Ruch graduated from Marywood University on May 18, 2019 with a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She will be employed as a counselor at Tiffany Griffiths Psy. D. & Associates in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area. Elizabeth is the daughter of Chris Gilmore.

Bret Senftleben will graduate from Parkland High School on June 11, 2019. Bret currently works at Lehigh Valley Hospital and received a full scholarship to Muhlenberg College where he will begin Pre-Med studies in the fall. Bret is the son of Lani Senftleben.

*"The Future Belongs to Those
Who Believe in the
Beauty of Their Dreams!"
~ Eleanor Roosevelt*

Fly the Flag on June 14th



Celebrate Father's Day June 23

June 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Second Offering for June – Strengthen the Church Appeal						1
2 9:00 AM – Sunday School 9:30 AM – Choir 10:00 AM – Hospitality 10:30 AM – Worship with Holy Communion & Janet's farewell FAMILY PROMISE	3 Nursery School Camporee FAMILY PROMISE	4 Nursery School Camporee FAMILY PROMISE	5 Nursery School Camporee 7:00 PM – Music & Worship FAMILY PROMISE	6 Nursery School Camporee FAMILY PROMISE	7 FAMILY PROMISE	8 FAMILY PROMISE
9 Pentecost Sunday 9:30 AM – Choir 10:00 AM – Hospitality 10:30 AM – Worship Confirmation Sunday	10 Nursery School Camporee	11 Nursery School Camporee	12 10:00 – 3:00 PM – Quilters Nursery School Camporee	13 Nursery School Camporee 6:00 PM Ministry Council	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day 9:30 AM – Worship summer worship time change	17	18	19 10:00 – 3:00 PM – Quilters	20	21 Summer Solstice	22
23 9:30 AM - Worship	24	25	26 10:00 – 3:00 PM – Quilters 11:00 AM – Women's Guild picnic (covered dish)	27	28	29 1:00 PM – L.I.F.T. Group carpool – DeSales "Crazy for You" play

Wise Words

A poor man can be happy, but a happy man isn't poor!



Celebrate Independence Day July 4th

July 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Canada Day	2 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION July 2 thru July 18 – returns to the office on July 19	3 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION	4 Independence Day PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION	5 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION	6 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION
7 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION 9:30 AM – Worship Holy Communion	8 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION	9 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION	10 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION	11 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION	12 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION	13 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION
14 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION 9:30 AM – Worship Guest Organist, Jacob Roth	15 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION	16 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION	17 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION 6:00 PM – L.I.F.T. Group, Sand Spring Mini Golf, Schnecksville	18 PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION	19 PASTOR JUDY BACK IN OFFICE	20
21 9:30 AM - Worship	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 AM - Worship	29	30	31 11:00 AM – Women's Guild	Second offering for July – Disaster Relief Buckets		



Rain, Rain, go away! Things I have learned from Noah ...

1. *Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.*
2. *Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something really big.*
3. *Build on high ground.*
4. *For safety's sake, travel in pairs.*
5. *Speed isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails.*
6. *If you can't fight or flee - float!*
7. *Take care of your animals as if they were the last ones on earth.*
8. *Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.*
9. *When the doo-doo gets really deep, don't sit there and complain - shovel!!*
10. *Stay below deck during the storm.*
11. *Remember that the woodpeckers inside are often a bigger threat than the storm.*
12. *No matter how bleak it looks, there's always a rainbow on the other side.*



The wonders of nature are all around us . . . look and listen!

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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

A volunteer is available in the office on Friday mornings.

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ECHOES is a monthly publication of United Church of Christ, Greenawalds 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 or to Donna Field dgfield67@yahoo.com.

Sponsorship Needed for 2019 Echoes

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. You may sign the chart in the Narthex, including your dedication information.

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