



Discovery Project Update

(as of 05/22/2022)

"We often don't know God's plans for our lives. Just like Moses' mother and sister watching him in that basket, we don't know where God might take us or what God has planned for us to do. But when we remain open, we allow God to shape our lives in surprising ways."

~ Christopher L. Scott, Upper Room, May 22, 2022

Pastor Search Work Group

Pastor Janet Newett has accepted the half-time position as Designated Pastor with UCC Greenawalds and will begin sometime in June. Sheri Stephens, Janine Hensinger and Linda Altrichter met with Pastor Janet and three members of St. John's Fogelsville to discuss logistics of a shared ministry. Service times at each church were discussed. To allow for travel time, Sunday worship times would be 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. St John's is requesting the earlier slot. We will be revisiting this topic with St. John's in the future.

Land and Building Work Group

This Work Group has been very busy during the last month. According to South Whitehall Township, we are unable to sell the parsonage as a separate property due to lack of frontage and actual property. There is enough land in the "Bell and trolley lots" to subdivide and sell for home construction, leaving the garage intact. This would require surveying and deed writing to separate the lots. Entire cost of surveying, subdividing and pin location is \$6,000-\$7,000. The work group is recommending we proceed with phase 1 of this plan which would require a \$1,000 down payment.

A realtor has estimated the property to be sold might be worth \$43,000 - \$64,000 for home building.

Non-Profit Work Group

Family Promise has been part of UCCG's mission for the last 3-½ years. Since we already have a relationship with this non-profit, and they are looking to expand, it makes sense to continue to explore Family Promise as a rental income source for UCCG.

The Architect met with Family Promise, the Non-Profit Work Group and the Land and Building Work Group to discuss feasibility/concept design that Family Promise requires for rental space. The cost of phase 1 of this project would be \$3,500 with additional monies needed (at the hourly rate) as more plans need to be drawn up. Family Promise will finalize a list of their needs for the building spaces and submit for review to UCCG and, if agreed upon, present to South Whitehall Township for approval after plans are drawn up by the architect.

Congregational Conversation - May 22, 2022

There were 36 members in attendance via Zoom. All of the above information was reported and discussed. Many questions revolved around costs. It was explained that there are GEM (**G**rants for **E**nergizing **M**ission) Funds available from PNEC to help defray expenses. Randy Seyler mentioned that selling a small parcel of the trolley property to the neighbor, whose property currently encroaches UCCG land, would generate money to start phase 1 of these projects. Another option is a loan from Church Building and Loan. The amount of rental income and costs of renovations are still to be determined.

Rev. Dr. DeRemer was in attendance and helpful in answering questions.

Colleen Horlacher will complete a GEM Funds application.

Sheri Stephens, Sue Borger and Karen Griffith will assess UCCG's building needs in preparation for reviewing the Family Promise ideas.

At the end of the conversation, it was announced that an anonymous donor is giving \$1,000 to begin phase 1 of surveying the property!! **Thank you, thank you!!**

Thanks also to the Work Groups that have put much time, prayer and effort into this work.

There are still many unanswered questions. No final decisions have been made. The Congregation will continue to be kept informed as we discover where God is leading us.

Sunday Worship – In-person and via Zoom



10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, June 5 – Guest Pastor, Rev. Dr. David DeRemer
(includes communion)**

9:30 a.m. (begin summer schedule)

**Sunday, June 12 – Pastor Janet Newett begins as our
Designated Pastor**

- Masks are optional for all parts of service.
- We have resumed using the pew Bibles and hymnals.
- Hospitality counter will be open at 10:00 a.m. (if there is someone available to host – make coffee and put out light snacks).

Sermon by Phone

Sermon by Phone is another worship option. Try it! It's so easy! Three steps to follow from any phone, any day, any time.

1. Pick up your telephone
2. Dial the number: **610-258-2927**
3. The recorded service begins immediately

The number is local with no long-distance charges. Note, however, that each Sunday's service is available only until the following Sunday when the newest worship service is made available.



LaRue Eckroth – at home
Robert & Dorothy Foulds – at home
Eleanor Limpar – at home
Mae Moyer – at home

Doris Shaver – Phoebe Home
Naomi Thomas – at home
Geri Yarnall – at home

Good News!! On Sunday, June 12, Pastor Janet Newett will be joining UCCG as our Designated Pastor. Her initial Pastoral Covenant with us will continue through December 31, 2022. Here are some words she would like to share with us:

"I am so excited to be taking these next steps with you as your newest covenantal partner! Over these next six months or so, we will have many opportunities to discover new things about each other, our church, and the community we serve. You have begun an amazing adventure of seeking out God's will for UCCG through your Discovery Team Process and, together, we will continue that journey. I encourage you to engage in the worship life of UCCG; let's see how the Spirit moves us as we praise God together! Whether in person, on zoom or soon to be live streamed on our UCCG Facebook page – worshipping as a faith community is something we can't take for granted. Grounded in God's love, UCCG will be the Body of Christ in this community. That's pretty awesome and it's something I'm drawn to be a part of!"



Pastor Janet has been in ministry since 2004. She started as the Christian Education/Youth Leader at St. John's UCC Allentown and never looked back. In the last 18 years, she has served six different local congregations (sometimes two at a time!) assisting with worship, marketing/evangelism, and specializing in Faith Formation for all ages. In that time, she completed the PA Academy of Ministry Program through Lancaster Seminary and was licensed through PNEC and called as the Pastor and Teacher of St. John's UCC Fogelsville from June 2019 to May 2022. She is active in the PNEC.

Pastor Janet is married to Anthony. Anthony is a musician, music producer, music teacher and composer. He writes for radio and television, works for School of Rock and is the Music Director and A/V Tech for Forks UCC Stockertown. Together, they have a FULL house. Aria is 21 years old working as a bartender and waitress and starting school in the fall to become an ultrasound technician. She is engaged to Calvin who is a manager at Copperhead Grill. They have a beautiful, but not very well behaved, goldendoodle named LADY; she just turned one! Paul is 18 and about to graduate from Allen High School. He is going to Kutztown in the fall. Grace is 16 and working hard on her driving skills because her road test is scheduled in August. She will be in 11th grade next year at the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts in Bethlehem where she plays bass. She also does School of Rock with Anthony, where she is in their House Band that travels to advertise the school. She also plays guitar and keyboard and she sings! Perhaps you will check out her show at Musikfest!

Pastor Janet likes to sing, read and listen to music. She loves to be outside, dislikes cooking and shopping, and is an Associate Chaplain for St. Luke's Hospital.

(BTW, if you aren't connected with the UCCG Facebook page currently, click on the link and like our page! Here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/uccgreenawalds>)



Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

Offerings may be submitted with your weekly church envelopes **by Sunday, June 5.** Checks should be payable to UCCG and designated for "Strengthen the Church."

NURSERY SCHOOL

We are currently accepting applications for next school year for children in the 3-and 4-year-old class, as well as the Pre-K class. Please share this info with friends and family.

Our Used Clothing Drive will continue throughout the summer – If you have clothing, shoes, linens, towels, etc. to donate, please bring the items to church any time and place them in the old youth room on the second floor of the Christian Ed wing or place them on the floor (along the wall) in the Christian Ed entrance.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Nursery School – see you in September!



Blueberry Sale – This year's blueberry sale is a "low maintenance" fundraiser for our church. Please pass the word to family, friends and co-workers. We are once again joining with Solomon UCC to get these delicious blueberries directly from Whelan Farms, a New Jersey grower. The cost is \$33 for a 10-pound box of blueberries. The deadline to order is Sunday, June 19. Pick-up date is Thursday, June 23 at UCCG (time TBD). Please place your orders, along with your payment, in the offering plate on a Sunday morning. You may also mail your orders to the church office. All orders should be marked Attn: Sue Borger. Cash or checks acceptable. If you write a check, please make it payable to UCC Greenawalds with a note "blueberries." The more boxes we sell, the better we'll do on this fundraising opportunity. Thank you for your support!

Congratulations!



Brianna Taylor Borger graduated from DeSales University on May 21, 2022 with a B.S. in Marketing. She is currently working part-time at Black River Farms and will be seeking a full-time job in her field after completing a few summer courses. Bri is the youngest daughter of Ray and Sue Borger and the granddaughter of Eleanor Lakatosh. She is also the fiancée of Matt Stalter, who proposed on graduation day.

Kathryn Dent graduated from Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University on May 25, 2022 with a degree of Doctor of Medicine. Her residency specialty is neurology. She is the daughter of Pam and Charlie Dent, the granddaughter of Phyllis Serfass and niece of Doug Serfass. Kathryn is also the granddaughter of the late Bill Serfass and the great-granddaughter of the late Elmer and Catharine Serfass.



Luke Rian Leaney will be graduating from Ancaster High School in Ancaster, Ontario on June 27, 2022. He has been admitted to the undergraduate program for Science-Chemistry at Western University in London, Ontario. Luke is the son of Darryl and Patti (Auman) Leaney and the grandson of the late Mary Auman.

Jana Lindenmuth will be graduating from Parkland High School on June 7, 2022. She will be attending Arcadia University to study cultural anthropology. Jana is the daughter of Carla and Jim Lindenmuth.



Congratulations to our graduates!
Best wishes in all your future endeavors!



from Janie Bear ... Thank you to everyone so very much for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, food and visits during my recovery from back surgery. It made my recovery faster and easier. Thank you!

from Roslyn Kuba, FPLV ... Thank you for your generous donation of \$500 toward hotel costs in lieu of in-person hosting in April.

from Darlene Ziegler, Chairperson of the National Piano Guild, Allentown ... Just a little (BIG!!) thank you for your most generous hospitality in the use of your fabulous facilities for our 2022 National Piano Guild auditions! Everyone – students, teachers, the judge, and me! – was very comfortable and so thankful for the beautiful environment (and Piano!). Thank you once again!



As of May 25, there are
Family Promise of Lehigh Valley program.

four families in the

UCCG's scheduled hosting week is July 3-9, 2022. We are still in need of the following:

- people to make a meal or part of a meal and deliver to UCCG by 5:30 pm
- dinner/evening hosts, 5:30-8:30 pm

Please contact Karen Griffith, 610.703.6826, if you are able to help. **We need YOUR help if we are going to provide in-person hosting.**

HELP NEEDED! A family is graduating and moving into their own apartment this week. The apartment needs a little TLC. They need a gas stove (can be used if in good condition) and new flooring. It's a small apartment – do you have extra linoleum not being used? The kitchen cabinets need repairs and the carpeting needs to be steam-cleaned or replaced. Call Roslyn at FPLV, 610.351.1368, if you can help in any way. Thank you!

Future Family Promise Calendar Items:

Saturday, October 8 – Cornhole Tournament

Wednesday, October 19 – Boscov's Family & Friends Discount Day

Saturday, April 1, 2023 – Homecoming '23 at Hyatt Place, Aster Event Center

(Watch future *Echoes* for additional information on these Family Promise events.)

NEW PRINTER CARTRIDGES - FREE!

If you have an Epson printer and can use NEW **Epson 802 XL (B/W) and 802 (3 Colors)** cartridges, contact Sue Roth, 610.554.2781.

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Our Leadership Circle continues to meet monthly via Zoom. Here are some highlights from our May 12, 2022 meeting:



- Devotions were offered by Janine Hensinger. She shared a message entitled, *“God’s Dream is for Your Good and His Glory.”*
- We reviewed and accepted the Financial Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports.
- Reports were received from the Property Team, Music & Worship, and the Mission Team.
 - The Mission Team (Karen Griffith) is looking for help to determine if we’ll be able to host the families from Family Promise live in our church building in July.
 - The Little Free Pantry continues to see much usage.
 - The Music & Worship group will begin using a music program from Hymnary.org during Sunday morning worship. This program plays piano music for hymns found in the Worship & Rejoice hymnal.
- The Pastor’s report was submitted and reviewed. Pastor Judy has begun packing her office and will meet with Karen Griffith and Sheri Stephens to determine if there is anything from her office we would use in the church.
- We reviewed an update on the Discovery Project. All aspects of the Project are progressing well. A Congregational Conversation is scheduled via Zoom only for Sunday evening, May 22 at 7:00 pm to update the congregation.
- Our next LC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 4:00 pm via Zoom.

Bulletin or Clip-Art Flower Sponsorships for 2022

We are seeking sponsors for the weekly bulletins and flower clip art in our bulletins for the year 2022. The cost for sponsoring weekly bulletins is \$10 and the flower clip art is also \$10. *The Echoes* are fully sponsored during 2022. Your sponsorship helps pay the cost of postage for mailing the bulletins and *Echoes* for those who don’t have email or can’t make it to worship in the sanctuary. Please contact Sue Borger 484.695.7954 to pick your date(s). The sign-up sheet will NOT be posted in the narthex this year.

SMALL GROUP DINING

One of our groups shared pictures from a recent gathering which included a birthday celebration!



Instead of dining out, they held a “heavy hors d’oeuvres and appetizers” event ...

Do other SGD groups want to share their experiences? Send info/pix to Sandy for inclusion in future *Echoes*.



The Man in the Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self,
And the world makes you king for a day,
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that man has to say.
For it isn't a man's father, mother or wife,
Whose judgment upon him must pass,
The fellow whose verdict counts most in life,
Is the man staring back from the glass.
He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear to the end,
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test,
If the man in the glass is your friend.
You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But the final reward will be heartache and tears,
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

~ Peter Dale Wimbrow (1934)

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 In-person and Zoom Worship (communion) 10:30 am Worship	6 9:00am – noon Nursery School Camporee	7 9:00am – noon Nursery School Camporee	8 9:00am – noon Nursery School Camporee	9 9:00am – noon Nursery School Camporee 4:00 pm – Zoom Leadership Circle Meeting	10	11
12 In-person and Zoom Worship 9:30 am Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 In-person and Zoom Worship 9:30 am Worship Last day to order blueberries	20	21	22	23 Blueberry p/u (watch Weekly Words for timing Information)	24	25
26 In-person and Zoom Worship 9:30 am Worship	27	28	29	30		

PLEASE NOTE: Our Summer schedule starts on Sunday, June 12, with worship beginning at **9:30 a.m.!**

Monday, June 6 – D-Day, a day to remember and honor those who fought and lost their lives on the beaches of Normandy in 1944.

Tuesday, June 14 – Flag Day, commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States in 1777.

Sunday, June 19 – Father’s Day, a holiday to honor fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society.

Sunday, June 19 – Juneteenth, National Freedom Day, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the U.S. in 1865.

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**Church Secretary Office Hours are Wednesday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
(Other hours, from home. Call as necessary.)**

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their fathers, Albert Heiney and Alfred Christman**

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