

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GREENAWALDS

Join us to support Pastor at her ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL



OTHER UPCOMING DATES FOR YOU!

Summer Outdoor Worship & Special Events Schedule! July 9 - Outdoor Worship w/ Pet Blessing & Holy Communion - Community Welcome! July 28 - Community BLOCK PARTY 6-8pm Aug 8-10 - Vacation Bible School 6-7:30pm Aug 11- Outdoor Movie Night 8pm Aug 27- Outdoor Worship with Back to School Blessing 9:30am; Picnic to follow

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR ...



Greetings to all of you!

Time goes so very fast and summer is one third of the way complete already. Crazy, right? But that is what life is – a wild and crazy ride!

Did you know that it is in our church's CONSTITUTION that we are committed to being a presence in our community??

We are going to be starting a new advertising campaign on social media so that UCCG really gets noticed. We just started our own TikTok account, too!

Subscribe to our YouTube channel and tell your friends as well! Once we get to 100 subscribers, we get a custom URL and we can begin the process of being recognized as an official non-profit which allows us to accept online donations through Facebook and YouTube.

I know all of the TECHIE stuff isn't for everyone and that is OKAY! But if you are reading this, and you know what I am talking about, then by following us on all of these Social Media platforms means that YOUR friends may also become OUR friends! If our goal is to make new disciples, we have to keep going and sharing our special place with others.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR, follow and SHARE-

New UCCG Lawn signs (more info coming soon!), our TikTok account, not to mention YouTube, Facebook and Instagram!

It costs you NOTHING to hit LIKE AND SHARE.

We are told that "the harvest is plenty... but the workers are few." And that means, it is time to DIG IN and get our hands DIRTY for the good of God's realm here all around UCCG!

SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING! (and if you are good at this already, come find out how you can help us even more by posting content for us!)

Anthony, Pastor and other tech savvy folks are available for anyone in need of some training on our social media platforms. Bring your devices (phone, laptop, tablet or iPad) to church on July 16 and we will get together with you after church!



Our "Little" Youth Group...is designed with these younger ages in mind and has plenty of supervision. If you are interested in checking this out for your 3rd through 6th grader, feel free to come to one of our gatherings!



OUR SUMMER OF SPECIAL DATES!

PET BLESSING July 9, 2023 & OUTDOOR Worship 9:30 am UCC Greenawalds COMMUNITY EVENT! All pets are welcome. Event held rain or shine. 9:00 am Gathering Refreshments & Music



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023!!

(Note change in date)



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR VBS

(Please fill out one form per child. Thank you.)

https://forms.gle/cjPKmREVYbb42DeJ8

At the end of VBS Week, join us for our Community fun & MOVIE NIGHT featuring the movie, *Encanto*! (new date!)





MINISTRY AND MISSION UPDATE: here and how is God calling you to serve

Where and how is God calling you to serve at UCCG??

DID YOU KNOW??

- Ministry Teams do the WORK of the CHURCH!
- Ministry Teams are not elected positions.

YOU can choose the team that does the work you feel most passionate about.

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 20 11am - (no later than) 1pm

Everyone who is part of any team, committee, and task force is being asked to stay after worship on August 20.

We are working on documenting what each group is responsible for because we are actively re-working the documentation of how we made decisions at our church. Having everyone together at ONE time makes the beginning of this process SO MUCH EASIER!

Pastor Janet will give instructions and then we will break up into small groups. People on more than one group can float around from the different tables. We plan to WORK first and then order some pizza so that those who prefer to stay less can head out after the working session is completed. THANK YOU!

OUR TEAMS:

Faith Formation
Evangelism/Outreach
Mental Health
OMG/Mission
Telephone Team
Music & Worship
Tech Team
LIFT Group
FISH Group

Committees & Task Forces

Leadership Circle Property Pastoral Relations Discovery Project

The Governance Task Force

If you see an area of ministry and mission that we are missing, let us know - whether this is something that is existing and we forgot to include it in the above list OR an area that we aren't working in right now.



Eleanor Limpar, at home Mae Moyer (Fellowship Manor - Room 324A) Doris Shaver (Phoebe - Room T313A) Naomi Thomas, at home Lois Tice, at home Geri Yarnall (Phoebe - Room T311B)



Congratulations to Bob Thomas on the birth of his new granddaughter, Riley Thomas (born to Bob's son, Scott, and his wife, Jessica).

NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE:

- We are now collecting cardboard egg cartons (1 dozen cartons not the 18 packs). Please bring to the church at any time. Thanks.
- We will be collecting used items again for the next school year, so if you are cleaning out closets, please place your items in sturdy garbage bags and bring them to the church any time between now and next April.
- We are now accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year. If you know of someone who may be interested in enrolling their child, please have them call the Nursery School office at 610-435-5467.
- THANK YOU for your continued support of our Nursery School program.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

~ Leo Buscaglia

DISCOVERY PROJECT UPDATE

As expected, the South Whitehall Township zoning office denied our official application for zoning plans related to our partnership with Family Promise.

A use variance is now required before the Zoning Hearing Board. The appeal application will be filed with the township by July 26 for the August 23 Hearing Board Meeting.

The UCCG Discovery team will be meeting with the attorney and architect to finalize the paperwork for this process to continue.

Please pray for guidance, patience and wisdom for this partnership and the representatives of both UCCG and Family Promise.

Nanci Snyder and her team have been busy in the library. There are tables in the narthex with books and Bibles that anyone may take for free (table with red tablecloth and desk under the coat rack.) The very old large Bibles will be placed in special archive boxes for protection. Loose pictures found in various places are being labeled and organized. Unneeded furniture will be offered to members for a donation.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything ..."

James 1:2-8 NIV

Karen Griffith

As part of the Discovery Project,

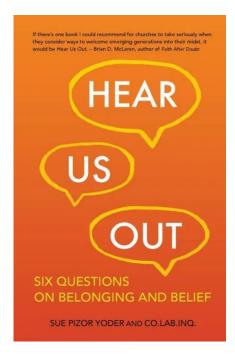
Nanci Snyder is leading a small group who are busy cleaning out and reorganizing the Library. During this cleaning-out process, we will from time to time have some things we would like to offer to anyone in the congregation who has a need or want of these items. The price is an "in-kind" donation of any amount. Please contact Nanci Snyder at 610-762-5030 if you are interested in any of these items - the desk or either of the two small file boxes.





From Darlene Ziegler ... on behalf of my students, parents, and myself, we thank you so much for the use of your beautiful church and facilities for our studio recitals! You go so beyond for us and make us feel welcomed! I, as Guild chair, also thank you for hosting our National Piano Guild Auditions, and other teachers and judges (students and parents too). We are so grateful to have such a wonderful venue for this most important event. Thank you to Sue, Sheri, and Pastor Janet and Anthony too. You all make our events just fantastic! Thank you so much! Have a fantastic summer.

BOOK LAUNCH - Monday, August 7, 2023



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Monday, August 7, 2023 - Doors open at 6:30 pm Event from 7:00-8:30 pm

Wesley UMC, 2540 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA (Fellowship Hall) - Park in either parking lot.

Schedule:

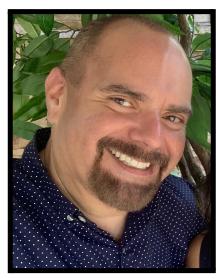
7:00-7:30 pm - Experience 6 interactive stations each based on our research questions (an author at each station)
7:30-8:00 pm - Introduction by the authors to the research process 8:00-8:30 pm - Toast and Cake

Book Sale and Signing throughout the event. Come and learn how this book can be used in congregations who are curious about engaging the emerging generations of nones and dones. RSVP is helpful but not necessary.

Wise Words

You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have.

Cayla Mills



From the Music Director... It's ANT'S CORNER

Have you ever wondered about the term "Digital Technology"? If so, you're not alone!

Most of us remember when digital clocks became "the thing".

People often equate these clocks with early digital technology, but the truth is, these clocks were nothing more than analog clocks with a "digital" display. In other words, numbers tell us what time it



is, not a big hand and a small hand. While this seems "digital", it is not an example of digital technology as we've come to know it in our

modern, daily lives (i.e. streaming movies and music, photos in our phone's camera roll, etc.). So, what does digital technology actually mean, in layman's terms.

The easiest way to explain the difference between analog and digital technology (in my opinion) is to compare an old typewriter with the later model electronic typewriters or "word processors". If you

wanted to have additional copies of your precious memoir, you'd have to think ahead and sandwich a piece of carbon paper between two sheets of paper (oh, don't forget to plunk down hard so that the strikers' energy would penetrate). At best, we had a second copy with a smooshed version of the courier font. This is the epitome of "analog". Think of analog as a physical/mechanical transference of information. Any flaw in the transfer process would result in a second generation copy that lacked the crispness and precision of the original. Now fast forward to modern times... well, 1964! IBM invented a typewriter that



would simultaneously record your keystrokes while typing directly onto paper. If you needed a second copy, you'd simply load another sheet of paper, and watch as your magic typewriter would ghost-type. THIS exemplifies a true DIGITAL process. In the simplest terms, the "instructions" (keystrokes) were recorded, not the physicality of the print on your page, so all the typewriter had to do was repeat the same keystrokes, therefore, the copy was indistinguishable from the first. It's, in fact, a "clone".

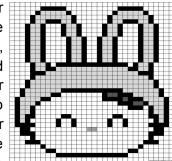
As I'm typing this, I just had a revelation; the old-time saloon player pianos are a great representation of digital technology. As long as the roll is undamaged, the piano will repeat the same sequence of piano keystrokes multiple times, with no degradation. Unlike a phonograph record, in which the ACTUAL waveform of the music is etched into the vinyl. Everytime you play the record, the information in the grooves smooths-out and degrades.

How about digital vs. analog in terms of photography? Think about the days when you were using traditional film cameras. The image shot with your camera was chemically "burned" onto the surface of the film, like a mirror that retains the image. The negatives (remember those?) were the actual

film, after it was chemically processed. Prints from the negative were made by projecting the image onto larger pieces of light-sensitive paper, resulting in a "positive" version of the image. Much like the old fashioned typewriter, there was no effective way of making copies without having a certain amount of degradation. Prints of prints were nothing more than photos of photos. There is a distinctive loss in the copy process.

So, what is a digital picture? Think of a simple drawing. If you want to "digitize" your drawing, you

can lay a grid over it and identify each block in the grid as being "on" or "off". If a tiny part of your drawing appears in a square, you'd designate that block as "on". If a blank part of the paper showed through the square, that block was "off". In digital language, offs are designated as zeros, and ons are designated as ones. A series of zeros and ones would define your simple drawing in a numerical recipe. You can "read" these numbers to someone else, and if they have the same size grid, they can recreate your drawing. The finer the grid, the better the result. This process can be completed an endless number of times with no "degradation" in the copy,



because it is, in fact, a clone, not a copy! As long as your instructions are clear to the other guy with the grid, you're in good shape!

The zeros and ones are the reason why this technology is referred to as "digital", not the readout on your old-timey "modern" alarm clock. Our Sunday Worship Services at UCCG are converted to an extraordinarily large number of zeros and ones, which is interpreted by your phones, tablets and TV's at a mind boggling rate, "recreating" the information in the "grid" so that you can watch it. Cool, right?

The best part of digital technology, in my opinion, is the ability to preserve our memories indefinitely. Our children's children's children will be able to access snippets of our lives, and get to know a bit about us in posterity, without having to handle fragile negatives, or yellowed, brittle paper. And, it may be duplicated with zero-loss and stored in the "cloud", completely immune from catastrophe!

Now, just imagine if the Mel Brooks portrayal of Moses had a digitized version of that third tablet! Then we'd be stuck with FIFTEEN commandments! I can barely follow TEN! On second thought, I suppose digital has its own set of downsides!

Anthony Newett Music Director



A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

O.M.G.!!

Outreach + Mission = GROWTH

UCCG members volunteer in many ways in our community. The OMG team has arranged Mission Moments with a few of the organizations to educate our congregation on each organization's impact on our local community.

<u>Lehigh Conference of Churches</u> - On July 16, we will continue our summer Mission Moments with guest David Watson, Clinical Manager from Lehigh Conference of Churches. He will provide information on the Conference Kitchen, which ensures that the working poor, homeless, elderly, children, people between jobs, individuals on fixed incomes, and those who have nowhere else to turn can receive a free nutritious meal, three times a day, five days a week. A special collection will not be taken as LCC is one of UCCG's yearly benevolences.

<u>Bethany Children's Home</u> - On August 13, we will welcome Carolyn Spano, who will provide a Mission Moment on behalf of Bethany Children's Home.

<u>Parkland Snack Pack Program</u> - Thank you to Gail Micca, who provided a Mission Moment on June 4. We raised \$727 for this worthy cause! Thank you UCCG members for your generosity to this Program.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

During the months of <u>July and August</u>, we will collect school supplies for local children. Items needed include:

Pencils and Pens Pencil Cases Erasers Art Supplies Note books



Binders
Folders
Calculators
School Bags/
Backpacks

Please deposit supplies in the designated container in the narthex/lobby. Thank you for your donations.

SOFT PLASTIC RECYCLING

Our recycling collection continues with another 111 pounds being collected in the month of June. To date, we have collected 381 pounds of soft plastic (which will NOT be deposited as landfill!!). Great job, everyone. Only 119 pounds to go, and we'll receive another TREX bench for our garden. Collection bins are located in the Christian Ed entrance and in the narthex/lobby.



There are currently four families in the program, with one of those families ready to graduate. Congratulations to them!



The June 3 Highmark Community Walk was a huge success. Family Promise had almost 40 walkers - 7 walkers from UCCG - and raised over \$4,500 - over \$700 was donated from UCCG. Amazing. Thank you Greenawalds!

Repairs to our old bus were on the rise. Al Stubbman found a 2014 bus, which is now in full operation. All funds to pay for the bus came from designated donations for a new bus. Special thanks to the donors.

Mark your Calendar:

Wednesday, August 16 - 7:00 pm - Volunteer Training in Fellowship Hall. It is strongly encouraged that all FP volunteers attend (both new and old.) This is an opportunity to refresh current regulations and ask questions.

Thursday, August 24 - Sip and Mingle - Stone Farm Cellars and Vineyard Ticket - cost is \$30 pp. This includes a drink (alcoholic or nonalcoholic) and a BBQ sandwich. A sell out is expected. If you would like to attend, let Sue Roth (610-554-2781) know and she will reserve a ticket for you.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - Boscovs - Friends helping Friends

Saturday, January 20, 2024 - BINGO - Tentative date

Saturday, March 23, 2024 - Homecoming 24 - The Club at Twin Lakes

Our remaining 2023 host weeks are September 24 thru October 1 and November 5 thru November 12.



Ladies In Faith Together

Our LIFT Group (Ladies in Faith Together) was created a few years ago. If you are interested in getting emails about LIFT, please contact the church office!

Thank you to Bonnie Marmon for arranging the group outing to see "*In the Heights*" at DeSales on June 25. It was a great show!

Thank you to Sue Sawyer for hosting the recent Ice Cream Supper. What's better than ice cream for your evening meal? Nothing! Ice cream supper was enjoyed by all, and was followed by a campfire and s'mores, along with a discussion about future events.

One of the items discussed at our ice cream supper was the opportunity to make a wreath, led by our own talented wreath-maker, Jayne Christman. Watch for details in the August *Echoes*.

Sunday, September 24 - Campfire for a Cause - our mission this year is Valley Youth House. Sue Sawyer does a lot of shopping during the Christmas clearance sales and has already purchased many items on the list, including small appliances, bath towels, t-towels, socks, sheets, comforters, dinnerware sets, and much more. The original retail value of the items purchased is \$3,146.64, but the actual amount spent by Sue is \$637.28. Instead of asking UCCG members to shop, we are asking if you care to donate financially and sponsor any of these items already purchased. Please include your donation in an envelope marked "Campfire for a Cause." We are requesting all donations be given via this route so the donations and receipts will be transparent. A list of items and the cost is available upon request. Please contact Sue Sawyer with any questions. Thank you.



LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Our Leadership Circle continues to meet monthly in person and via zoom. Here are some highlights from our June 15 meeting:

- Jayne Christman led devotions.
- Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and accepted.
- Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.
- Motion made and approved to order a new vacuum cleaner for the custodian's use.
- A scissor lift has been rented and the choir mics will be moved and new lighting will be installed above the chancel area.
- A group has been formed to review and rewrite the UCCG Constitution and Bylaws.
- Beginning immediately, Leadership Circle will change the way we run our meetings. New agenda will split the meeting into two parts Consensus and Discussion.
- Pastor's Report received.
- Pastor Janet's Ecclesiastical Council is July 15 at 9:30 am at UCCG. Everyone is invited to come and vote. This is the last step in her path to ordination.

2023 Financial Giving

Month	Budget	General Offering Income	*Other Income	Total Operating Income	Operating Expense	Net Income
Jan-23	\$11,716	\$10,519	\$3,132	\$13,652	\$9,444	\$4,208
Feb-23	\$11,716	\$8,529	\$2,995	\$11,524	\$14,845	(\$3,321)
Mar-23	\$11,716	\$8,702	\$2,162	\$10,864	\$13,725	(\$2,861)
Apr-23	\$11,716	\$9,887	\$4,248	\$14,135	\$11,690	\$2,445
May-23	\$11,716	\$8,785	\$3,112	\$11,897	\$13,577	(\$1,680)
Jun-23	\$11,716	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0	\$0
Jul-23	\$11,716	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0	\$0
Aug-23	\$11,716	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0	\$0
Sep-23	\$11,716	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Oct-23	\$11,716	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nov-23	\$11,716	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dec-23	\$11,716	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$140,588	\$46,423	\$15,649	\$62,072	\$63,281	(\$1,209)

^{*} Other income includes; Annex Rental, bulletin, flowers, bill tree and special income

Your 2023 Leadership Circle

Officers:

Moderator - Kerry Merkel Vice Moderator - Larry Christman Immediate Past Moderator - Sheri Stephens Recording Secretary/Financial Secretary - Sue Borger Treasurer/Finance & Budget Representative - Bonnie Marmon

Members-at-Large:

Linda Altrichter
Diane Borman
Jayne Christman
Nanci Snyder

Ministry Team/Committee Leaders

Faith Formation - TBD
Evangelism/Outreach - TBD
Mental Health - Christy Dunbar
OMG/Mission - Sue Roth
Telephone Team - Janine Hensinger
Music & Worship- Linda Altrichter

Tech Team - Antony Newett
LIFT Group - Sue Sawyer
FISH Group - Sue Sawyer
Discovery Project - Karen Griffith
Property - Lee Stephens
Governance Task Force- Pastor Janet
Pastoral Relations - TBD

July 2023									
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
				Pastor Janet at General Synod 6/30 thru 7/4	Pastor Janet at General Synod 6/30 thru 7/4	Pastor Janet at General Synod 6/30 thru 7/4			
9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Worship (Lay Leader Led) Pastor Janet at General Synod 6/30 thru 7/4	Pastor Janet at General Synod 6/30 thru 7/4	4 Indep. Day Pastor Janet at General Synod 6/30 thru 7/4	5	6	7	8			
9 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am OUTDOOR Worship w/Communion and PET BLESSING (no picnic)	10	3:00-5:00 pm Youth Group Outdoor Scavenger Hunt	7:15 pm Evangelism / Outreach Team Mtg (Zoom only)	13 6:30 pm Ant Jams	14	15 9:00 am PNEC Committee on Ministry Mtg (C.R.) 9:30 am Ecclesiastical Council for Pastor Janet (live and on zoom)			
16 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Worship After worship – Social Media Training for all	17	3:00-5:00 pm Youth Group Swim Party 7:15 pm Mental Health Ministry Team Mtg	19	20	21	22			
23 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Worship	24 11:00 am Governance Task Force Meeting 2:00 pm Pastoral Relations Meeting	25	26	27 6:30 pm Ant Jams	6:00-8:00 pm Community Block Party wilive music and food truck(s)	29			
30 9:00 am Fellowship 9:30 am Worship	31								

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Pastor's Office Hours Vary

For a visit with Pastor Janet, please call her cell phone.

(Text messages preferred)

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

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ECHOES is a monthly publication of the 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 Sue Borger at borgersusan@yahoo.com no later than the 22nd of each month.

The July 2023 Edition of Echoes is sponsored by:

Judy Nordell in celebration of her August 6 birthday!

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. Call Sue Borger 484.695.7954 to sign up for a sponsorship and include your dedication information.

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