

## Read Your UCCG Echoes & Be the **BIG WINNER!**



Somewhere in this month's edition of Echoes, hidden amongst all of the valuable information and inspiring work we do in our church, is a name:  
the name of one of our wonderful brothers or sisters in our UCC Greenawalds faith community!

It will be MID-SENTENCE, not the one listed as someone who wrote an article or is obviously named as someone who you are to call to volunteer for something.

So read all about what is coming up at UCCG and if you find YOUR NAME, YOU are the BIG WINNER! Contact Sue in the church office to claim your prize!



### Wild About Jesus Vacation Bible School!!

**DATES:** WEEK 1 June 18-20 6:00-8:00 pm  
WEEK 2 June 25-27 2:00-4:00pm

**AGES:** Preschool through 6th grade



**There will be a different program each day!**

Spread the word! Please let your family and neighbors know and ask them to please register EARLY if they are able to join us so that the UCCG Faith Formation Ministry Team can plan accordingly.!

**Register by putting your phone's camera on this QR Code and clicking on the link that will appear!** (link also provides more program information)

**Worship:**  
 The one place in our culture where life is rightly ordered and God is at the center

Also the place where you can be transformed and fall in love with God all over again and again!



**June Worship Schedule**

**Sunday, June 2 -**  
*MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY*, led by the UCCG Mental Health Ministry Team

**Sunday, June 9 -**  
 Outdoor Worship with Picnic to follow!  
 Last day of Sunday School  
 (see more info below!)

**Sunday, June 16 -** Father’s Day - *Big Things Are Possible, Even with the Smallest Faith*

**Sunday, June 23 -** Worship w/House Band - *Even the Most Faithful Lose It in the Storm*

**Sunday, June 30 -** Worship - Vacation Bible School Showcase led by the VBS Participants!

**MORE on JUNE 9 HERE:**

Coffee, bagels with cream cheese, and donut holes will welcome you beginning at 9:30 am when you arrive for Fellowship Time on the Greenawalds lot.

Tents will be set up for your shaded comfort with tables and folding chairs available, but feel free to bring your favorite soccer chair if you prefer!

We will have an uplifting simple time of worship beginning around 10:00 am.

Afterwards, we will have fun times together with games for all ages!



**Outdoor Worship at UCCG**  
**Sunday, June 9, 2024 - 10:00 am**

**“WELCOME SUMMER”**  
**POTLUCK Picnic Lunch**  
 includes  
**BOUNCY HOUSE & BINGO!!**  
**Sign up in the lobby!!**

2325 Albright Avenue, Allentown, PA 18104

- Bouncy House!
- Water Balloons!
- Icy Snow Cones!
- PopCorn!
- BINGO!!



Hi everyone! I hope that you are reading this while you are sitting comfortably in your favorite spot on the couch or perhaps on the back patio with a cup of your favorite beverage nearby. I wonder... have you skimmed the whole newsletter for your name already and now you're going back through and actually reading the articles?? (*that's ok to do- as long as you DO go back and read the good stuff in here!*)

There is a lot going on in the month of June at Greenawalds! I hope you will be part of it all AND share your excitement by inviting others as well!

I also know that, for most of us, it is a busy month with the end of school and the beginning of summer activities. So here is a new tool for your *Spiritual Tool Boxes!* You can use this anytime to check in with yourself and God and it only takes a few minutes.

**PARENTS:** This is a great thing to use to check in with your kids at night. Just adapt the words for them!

All you need to remember is... **PIES!**



- P** How am I feeling **PHYSICALLY** right now?
- I** Am I **INTELLECTUALLY** tired or craving stimulation?
- E** Do I feel in control of, and centered in, my **EMOTIONS?**
- S** Where am I **SPIRITUALLY** right now?

Now, remember this is just a *personal check in!* You don't have to DO anything as a result of these answers. You CAN but that is up to YOU! But I am willing to bet the more **PIES** you have, the more centered, in control and connected you will feel! GOOD LUCK!

**Hope to see you THIS SUNDAY JUNE 2 for MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SUNDAY!**

Much love and respect,

Pastor Janet



## Ant's Corner

### Inside Edition, part 3 "Recovery in Christ"



Time seems to be slipping by rather swiftly, with about three months now in my rearview mirror. Initially, upon my arrival, I was resolute in my decision not to fully immerse myself in my new surroundings – the culture, the people, everything – except for the captivating allure of the new keyboard in the chapel. I somehow convinced myself that maintaining a state of partial denial and detachment would serve me best. However, as someone once wisely remarked, "If you're not where you are, you are nowhere."

It appears I disregarded some of the sentiments I expressed in an earlier Echoes article, particularly the notion of finding God's presence in the community surrounding us. Admittedly, amidst the individuals surrounding me lately, recognizing God's presence isn't always straightforward. Nevertheless, I'm improving at keeping my senses attuned to God. To echo a sentiment from Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, two are better than one but three is stronger still. We are all stronger when we walk together in community with one another and, especially, with God.

Though I am unable to refer back to one of my previous articles due to the lack of technology, I recall drawing parallels between the benefits of community in twelve-step groups and having involvement in a church such as Greenawalds. I pondered the potential synergy between the two. It seems I was attempting to reinvent the wheel.

Recently, I encountered a group called "Celebrate Recovery," a Christ-centered recovery program which I hadn't heard of before. This program is rooted in the Beatitudes and other scripture, intertwining each step of recovery with bible passages.

One thing that has helped me stay ok during this time away is being able to remain connected to my church and my family. As a member of UCCG's Mental Health Ministry Team, I would like to encourage you to join us for worship this Sunday, June 2 for Mental Health Awareness Sunday.

**Through the encouragement of Pastor Janet and the rest of the Mental Health Ministry Team members, I will be sharing more about "Celebrate Recovery" during Sunday's service. I am so grateful to be able to be part of this**

**important ministry of our congregation!**

**"See" you THIS Sunday!**

Director of Music



Sunday, June 2!!

UCC for  
Mental  
Health

Welcoming • Inclusive  
Supportive • Engaged

MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS SUNDAY

10:00 am worship planned and led by  
UCCG Mental Health Ministry Team



# UCC Greenawalds

## Summer 2024 Youth Group Activities

for ages 3rd thru 6th grade

Tuesday, June 11, 3-5 pm - Outdoor Game Day at UCCG  
Tuesday, July 11, 3-5 pm - Hiking/Nature Day @ Trexler Nature Preserve  
Tuesday, July 23, 3-6 pm - Pool Day/Cookout @ Adams' home  
Tuesday, August 6, 3-5 pm - Visit Horse Farm  
Tuesday, August 22, 3-5 pm - Kids' Choice



If interested in participating on any or all of these dates, please contact Karen Adams at 484-523-0413.

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### New Confirmation Class - Orientation, Saturday, June 15 @ 10am

There is a New Confirmation Class forming NOW for anyone entering 6th grade or higher that has not yet been confirmed. We currently have a class of 9 registered participants! There will be an Orientation meeting for the Confirmand and at least one parent/guardian or responsible adult on June 15 at 10am at the church. The purpose will be to introduce the program, talk about the scheduling, and answer any questions you may have. We may also play a game or two while we are together too!

**Still on the fence??** We will not begin class until August; if there is any last minute interest in confirmation, there is still time. Call Pastor Janet with questions.

**Members of Spiritual Council and Faith Formation Ministry Team** are also invited to the orientation. If you would let Pastor Janet know you intend to join us, she would appreciate it - thank you!

**NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE:**

- 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 2024-2025 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. ♥

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**LET US PRAY TOGETHER FOR:** Nancy Saeger; Linda Lakatosh; Althea Blose; Scott Adams; Anita Adams; Ray Ward; Anthony and Pastor Janet and their family; Megan, Steve, and unborn baby, Raylee; Lisa; Tim; Allen; Grace; Nicole; Aimee; Judy; Jenn; and Dolly.

**If you have a prayer request and any updates, please contact Sue Borger or Pastor Janet.**

**ALWAYS REMEMBERING OUR HOMEBOUND FAMILY AS WELL:**

Eleanor Limpar, at home  
Doris Shaver (Phoebe - Room T313A)

Naomi Thomas, at home  
Lois Tice, at home

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**THANK YOU!**

**... from Linda Lakatosh** for all the prayers and cards during my recent long (seven-week) hospitalization. I am glad to be home.

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Congratulations to Aron & Kelly (Horlacher) Duncan on the birth of their new baby girl, Adelyn "Addy" Sara Duncan, who was born on Friday, May 10. She weighed in at 8 pounds 1 ounce. Her big sister, Emlyn "Emmy," is over the moon. Congratulations also to Addy's grandparents Colleen & Glenn Horlacher as they enjoy their new granddaughter.

## “Together We Are Stronger”

Keystone UCC Conference Meeting  
Friday, June 7 – Sunday, June 9, 2024  
The Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center,  
State College, PA



For the first time, all 4 PA conferences of the UCC will be gathering for a shared Meeting on June 7-9, 2024. Jayne Christman and Pastor Janet will be attending virtually and representing UCC Greenawalds as voting delegates for Penn Northeast Conference. (Pastor Janet would normally be more involved but is double booked that weekend with a wedding in New Jersey!)

### **But Wait... What is this KEYSTONE CONFERENCE?? I thought we were in the Penn Northeast Conference?!**

YES! We are currently in the PNEC. The other 3 conferences, along with PNEC, have been talking about merging into ONE conference to be better stewards of our resources. The *Keystone Working Group* has been meeting since October 2022 to explore this possible merger.

During this upcoming Keystone UCC Conference Meeting in June there will be shared worship, workshops, meals and meetings, as well as, each conference's separate business meetings. This intentional time together provides space for **Keystone Conference** conversations and learning. There will be fellowship, informational sessions devoted to discussion about what it would mean for all of us if we became the Keystone Conference, instead of the four separate conferences we are today.

### **When Do We Vote on Becoming the KEYSTONE UCC Conference??**

Not until November. The vote on a merger will happen on Saturday November 9 at 11:30 am. The meeting for PNEC will begin at 9:00 am. We will also have our annual budget presentation and vote that morning. The November 9 Fall Meeting will be a hybrid meeting at St. John's UCC, Laurys Station. Voting at 11:30 will happen at the same time across all four conferences! We would only move forward with a Conference merger IF 67% of each voting body says yes.

Voting on November 9 will be done by clergy and by church delegates. Churches will entrust their delegates with their vote. If the merger passes, we will become a member of the new Conference!

If the vote passes in November, then an official Special Motion will be sent to General Synod to be voted upon at the Kansas City Synod in 2025. A Synod vote is required for a Conference to change its boundaries. WOW!!!

\*\*If you would like to follow what is happening with the Keystone Working Group, they post monthly information from the communication team in weekly email newsletter [This Week in PNEC](#), but you can find all the historical information at [www.psec.org/Keystone](http://www.psec.org/Keystone). This site is hosted by Pennsylvania Southeast Conference but is up to date with their work. Please become as informed as possible and submit your questions to our PNEC Conference Staff. If you do not currently receive [This Week in PNEC](#), email [patty@psec.org](mailto:patty@psec.org) to make that request.

# Outreach + Mission = GROWTH



The Clubhouse of Lehigh County is the 2024 recipient of 10% of any fundraising profits at UCC Greenawalds.

## BETHLEHEM EMERGENCY SHELTERING

Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering (BES) is a faith-based partnership that provides a network of care and hospitality for the homeless in the Bethlehem community. Overnight sheltering is provided during the coldest months of the year - November to April. Meals are provided during overnight sheltering. However, volunteers from organizations, churches and the community create and provide bagged lunches served each weekend during the months when sheltering is not available.

Would YOU be a willing UCCG participant in preparing a bagged lunch? We would need volunteers to meet as a group on a Saturday morning (date TBD) to prepare sandwiches and bag 80 lunches to be delivered to East Market Street in Bethlehem by 11:30 am.

The OMG team would like to participate in this program, but it can only happen with volunteers! We will not schedule a date until/unless we have commitment from volunteers. If this program is of interest to you - a few hours of your time on one Saturday morning - please see or call Janine Hensinger at 610-662-0266 as soon as possible. This is a hands-on opportunity to show we care about our street neighbors.

*“Somewhere along the way, we must learn that there is nothing greater than to do something for others.”*

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

## LITTLE FREE PANTRY



Our Little Free Pantry continues to be a blessing to our food-insecure neighbors. We are currently in need of **SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CANNED MEATS** (not tuna), **PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY**.

Our Little Free Pantry Fund is running low; if you would like to donate directly to the Pantry, please indicate “Little Free Pantry” on your check memo line or on the front of your envelope. THANK YOU!



**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH**

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. To date, we have collected \$185 for the national Strengthen the Church officering, and we collected \$55 for Friends of PNEC Strengthen the Church.

**CHOW CHOW**

Please remember we sanitize and re-use the chow chow pint jars - place the clean empty jars in the basket under the bookshelf in the lobby. No jelly jars, please!

**SOUP KITCHEN**

Each month, UCCG sends two teams of four volunteers to help at the Soup Kitchen. We have two new volunteers, but can always use a few more - either on a regular basis or on an as-needed basis when some of our regulars are on vacation or unable to help. Pastor Janet also volunteers with either group as her schedule permits. Please prayerfully consider helping with this very important cause. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Linda Roeder or Bonnie Marmon. Thank you! Here is a picture of the UCCG crew (taken on 5/30) L-R - Janine Hensing, Nanci Snyder, Karen Griffith, Ashley Adams Barnett, and Diane Borman.



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Would you like to see a Sight & Sound production without traveling to Lancaster? That's right! We're bringing the production of JESUS to a theater near you ... Horizons at the Village at Whitehall (behind Whitehall High School stadium) ... at **6:00 pm on Thursday, June 13, 2024.**

Filmed in front of a live audience, Sight & Sound's JESUS is a state-of-the-art theatrical stage production that has been seen by more than one million people. Witness some of the most awe-inspiring, miraculous events in the gospels as Jesus sets sail with fishermen, challenges the Pharisees, and heals the hurting. From the bustling streets of Jerusalem to the raging Sea of

Galilee, experience the greatest rescue story of all time as this spectacular original production comes to life like never before.

The showing is FREE; however, you must make a reservation because seats are limited (seats are comfortable and cushy!). Reserve your seat on the Sign-up Sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby.

We have tentatively reserved the theater for another S&S production at 6:00 pm on Thursday, July 11, 2024. Those attending on June 13 will have an opportunity to choose the dvd to be viewed on July 11. If these showings are of interest to you but you cannot attend on Thursday evenings, please talk to Sandy Lakatosh or Sue Roth and perhaps we can offer other days/times for future shows.

**Sight & Sound Theater - Daniel** - On Thursday, May 9, twenty-eight UCCG members and friends traveled to Lancaster to see DANIEL, a spectacular live theatrical experience. Thank you to Sandy Lakatosh for arranging this fantastic outing. AND, stay tuned because I've heard a rumor that Sandy may be looking to book tickets for the next S&S show - a 30th anniversary presentation of **Noah** - coming in 2025.



We are in the middle of our first host week for 2024.

There are currently four families in the program, with five adults, two 10-year old girls, a 13-year old boy, a 14-year old boy, and three baby boys under 18 months of age.

**Save the date:**

September 4 - Sip and Mingle at Domaine Pterion (tentative location) - details to follow.

**Immediate Opening:**

Family Promise of Lehigh Valley has an immediate opening for a part-time Case Manager. Family Promise provides opportunities for families in our diverse community to achieve self-sufficiency by offering a community-based program designed to bridge homelessness and independence. The Case Manager develops and implements goals, provides casework and supportive services to families including related data collection and reporting for families in all 25 programs. This position is 25 hours per week. Schedule is flexible. Bilingual preferred. Competitive salary, vacation, sick and holiday pay. Contact Roslyn at [director@fplehighvalley.org](mailto:director@fplehighvalley.org) for the complete job description or to apply.

Please pass this information along to anyone you know who may be qualified/interested. Thanks.

**Our special music services are made possible through contributions to our SPECIAL MUSIC FUND.**



Thank you for your continuous and generous support of the amazing music at UCCG!

Please use a pew envelope and indicate "special music." Memo all checks the same. You can donate anytime by dropping it in the offering plate but on days when we have a guest artist, there will be a basket at the entrance of the sanctuary.

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### *The House Band*

The *House Band* will be with us in worship once each month, funded via the Special Music Fund.

**So come and rock with us on Sunday, June 23rd!**

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## REMODELING PROJECT

The church model in the Narthex remains covered with paint cans, hammers and tools representing various donation amounts. Please consider removing a tag and donate by placing your donation in an envelope and dropping back into the model church or offering plate.

**Thank you** for your generous donations to our Remodeling Fund. To date, we have raised over \$2,000.

The church office renovations are complete; stop up sometime and take a look at the new paint color and the new flooring. You won't recognize it. Thank you to Grant Field, Lee Stephens, and Rich Snyder for making Sue's workspace so beautiful. Also, thank you to Sheri Stephens and Karen Griffith for helping to clean out the files and empty all the cabinets of very old paperwork.

Their next project is the Youth Room. It's already gotten a brand new coat of paint - a beautiful blue. Thanks to Grant, Lee, and Gary Hensinger. Today, James McHugh is pulling up the old carpeting, and a new floor will be installed soon. After this, these hard-working gentlemen will take a well-deserved summer break!





## IT'S BLUEBERRY TIME!!

*Orders for fresh blueberries are now being taken!  
(from Whalen Farms in New Jersey)*

*The cost is \$33 for a 10 pound box, payable at time of order.*

Delivery date is Thursday, June 20

Pick up your order at UCCG (time tbd)

Deadline to place orders is Sunday, June 16

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. Please place your orders, along with your payment, in the offering plate on a Sunday morning or give directly to Sue Borger. 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." Thank you for your support!

**\*Please place your order using this form and deposit in the offering plate or get it to the church office (or call Sue 484-695-7954) no later than Sunday, June 16th.**

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Boxes \_\_\_\_\_ boxes @ \$33/box = Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**If 10 pounds of blueberries are too much for you?  
Please contact Sue - we may have someone willing to split a box with you?**

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## Recycle Beyond the Bag

Recycling plastic bags has become a habit for many of us. UCCG has been collecting bags at various times over the past few years. The bench in memory of Rev. Alan Miller is here, awaiting placement, and the Nursery School bench is on the way. Plastic bags are recyclable at many grocery stores (we use Giant and Wegmans for our drop off).

We have been asked about continuing the bag collection for a fourth bench. We've contacted the Nex Trex company, and we are eligible to start another collection. The rules have changed a bit. The time frame is 12 months to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic. The plastic needs to be weighed, photographed, delivered to Giant or Wegmans and recorded monthly in the Nex Trex portal.

We do have a few people who volunteered to transport the plastic to Giant and Wegmans, but we are looking for someone to run the program. For more information on what is required, please contact Karen Griffith or Sheri Stephens. In the meantime, please continue recycling plastic. Our planet thanks you. 😊



## UCC Greenawalds: A WISE Congregation



**Got Anxiety? You are not alone!**

Anxiety is intense worry or fear over everyday events. This can be fear of a specific threat or vague feelings inside like uneasiness or a feeling of being out of control or dying. Anxiety manifests in the body with physical sensations such as sweating, chest tightness, increased heart rate, restlessness, and shaking. Anxiety also takes place in the mind with excessive worrying, fear of embarrassment, and catastrophic thinking. Causes can include change/adjustment, negative life events, trauma, isolation, stress, physical or mental health problems, or social pressure.

Statistics show that nearly 20% of individuals have an anxiety disorder. According to the National Institute of Health one third of adults reported experiencing anxiety and depression symptoms in 2023. Half of that number is accounted for by young people ages 18-24. Anxiety can lead to feeling frozen, not speaking up, or feeling uneasy and detached. While some anxiety is natural and can help us to make decisions and to prepare, when anxiety becomes too overwhelming and interferes with everyday functioning, it's important to practice coping strategies. If anxiety persists, consider treatment, such as therapy or medication.

Thankfully, anxiety can be reduced by practicing ways to care for ourselves. Coping strategies need to address the body, behaviors and emotions. Lifestyle and wellness practices include minimizing caffeine, avoiding drugs and alcohol, getting enough sleep and good nutrition, being physically active/exercising, having supportive relationships in which one can ask for help, keeping organized and growing a sense of meaning and spirituality. Awareness of thoughts that drive and sustain anxiety and replacing these with believable, factual ideas, and practicing helpful, encouraging self-talk is an ongoing need. Practicing relaxation with deep breathing techniques, mindfulness, imagery, stretching, time in nature, connecting with others and with interests are all ways we can manage and reduce anxiety. There is hope!

-UCCG Mental Health Ministry Team

**“Life is 10% what you experience and 90% how you respond to it!”**

~ Dorothy M. Neddermeyer

**Your 2024 Consistory      *THANK YOU FOR SERVING!!***

Our Consistory met on Thursday, May 23, 2024. Karen Griffith, Moderator, led us in the Leadership Prayer. Devotions were offered by Matt Stalter. He read Matthew 22:37-39 and offered a prayer.

The Consent Agenda Reports were reviewed by Consistory prior to this meeting. The reports were unanimously approved.

The Discussion Agenda Reports, including the Financial Reports, were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Our next meeting is Thursday, June 13 at 5:00 pm.

**Officers:**

Moderator - Karen Griffith  
 Vice Moderator - Larry Christman  
 Recording Secretary/Financial Secretary - Sue Borger  
 Treasurer - Bonnie Marmon

**Members-at-Large:**

Mark Adams  
 Linda Altrichter  
 Jayne Christman  
 Nanci Snyder  
 Matt Stalter

Delegate to PNEC Annual Meeting – Jayne Christman

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Here is a report of how we are doing financially after the first four months of 2024.

Month	Budget	General Offering Income	*Other Income	Total Operating Income	Operating Expense	Net Income
Jan-24	\$12,859	\$8,225	\$3,965	\$12,190	\$16,601	(\$4,410)
Feb-24	\$12,859	\$8,740	\$3,532	\$12,272	\$16,008	(\$3,736)
Mar-24	\$12,859	\$10,227	\$7,704	\$17,931	\$12,972	\$4,959
Apr-24	\$12,859	\$8,749	\$2,685	\$11,434	\$12,243	(\$809)
May-24	\$12,859	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jun-24	\$12,859	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jul-24	\$12,859	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aug-24	\$12,859	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sep-24	\$12,859	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Oct-24	\$12,859	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nov-24	\$12,859	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dec-24	\$12,859	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$154,309</b>	<b>\$35,941</b>	<b>\$17,887</b>	<b>\$53,827</b>	<b>\$57,824</b>	<b>(\$3,996)</b>

\* Other income includes; Annex Rental, bulletin, flowers, bill tree and special income

**Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.**

1 Peter 4:10



## Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates!

**Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates**, graduated from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (her 3rd graduation from CRCDS), with a graduate certificate in Gender, Sexual, and Racial Justice.



**Molly (Horlacher) Geneczko**, graduated with a Masters degree in Special Education from Wilkes University. Molly managed to do all this while working full-time as a Special Education teacher at Weisenberg Elementary School in the Northwestern Lehigh School District. Molly is married to Steve and they have two young daughters, Josie and Jane. Molly is returning to UCCG in the fall as one of our Sunday School teachers!

**Olivia Leaney**, daughter of Darryl and Patti (Auman) Leaney, is graduating from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario with a Bachelor of Honors Science with a Major in Life Science and a Specialization in Neuroscience. She is taking a gap year and pursuing full-time work to fund future education in medical science.



**Grace Quinn**, daughter of Janet Newett and Paul Quinn, Sr, step-daughter to Anthony Newett. Grace is graduating from Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts in Bethlehem on June 10 where she is an instrumental major. Her primary instrument is the bass (both upright and electric). Grace has also been active at the School of Rock for the last 9 years as a multi-instrumentalist and student leader. In the fall, Grace will be heading to Northeastern University in Boston, MA to study Mathematics.

## June

Named for the Roman goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and the well-being of women.  
Also from the Latin word juvenis, “young people.”

Here are some facts about the June Solstice - plus a Solstice quiz for you!

This year’s solstice on Thursday, June 20, 2024 happens at the same instant for all of us, everywhere on Earth; only our clocks are different. In the eastern United States, the solstice occurs at 4:51 am EDT. Sure, you may know that the summer solstice is the “longest” day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

### Here are a few Summer Solstice Facts

- The word “solstice” comes from the Latin words *sol* “sun” and *sistere* “to stand still.” On the summer solstice, the sun’s path stops advancing northward each day and appears to “stand” still in the sky before going back the other way.
- You may also observe that the midday sun is highest up in the sky (or, lowest if you live in the Southern Hemisphere.) But did you know that the sun’s highest point is getting lower and lower over time? That’s because earth’s tilt is slowly decreasing.
- It may be the “longest” day,” but it’s not Don Harris the latest sunset. Nor the earliest sunrise! The earliest sunrises happen before the summer solstice and the latest sunset after the summer solstice.

With all that being said, most people only care about one single solstice fact: **“It’s the start of summer!” (or winter, if you live south of the equator).**

*Taken from the Old Farmer’s 2024 Almanac; Robert B. Thomas/7854210*

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### Size These Up and See If They Fit!

1. Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited ... until you try to sit in their pew.
2. Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.
3. It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.
4. When you get to your wit’s end, you’ll find God lives there.
5. People are confusing - they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.
6. Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door every day.
7. Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn’t be a member.
8. The phrase that is guaranteed to wake up an audience: “And in conclusion.”
9. If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
10. God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?
11. Peace starts with a smile.
12. I don’t know why people change churches. What difference does it make which one you stay home from.
13. A lot of church members who are singing “Standing on the Promises” are just sitting on the premises.
14. We are called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.



# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>BHG Meets Sunday nights from 4-8 pm in Sanctuary and Friday nights 6-10 pm, however, beginning June 14 they will meet on Friday nights from 3-7 pm</p>						<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Family Promise</p>
<p><b>2</b> Family Promise Departs 9:00-9:45 am Faith Formation 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am <b>Mental Health Sunday - Worship w/Holy Communion</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:00a - 12:00 Nursery School Camporee  6:00 pm Music &amp; Worship</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:00a - 12:00 Nursery School Camporee</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9:00a - 12:00 Nursery School Camporee  10:30 am Faith Club</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:00a - 12:00 Nursery School Camporee</p>	<p><b>7</b>   Keystone Conference</p>	<p><b>8</b>  12:00-2:00 pm BHG Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall  Keystone Conference</p>
<p><b>9</b> 9:00-9:45 am Faith Formation (last day) 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am <b>Outdoor Worship &amp; Picnic</b> <b>Keystone Conference</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>  3:00-5:00 pm Youth Group Outdoor Games at UCCG</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9:00 OMG Team Meeting  10:30 am Faith Club</p>	<p><b>13</b> 5:00 pm Consistory Meeting  <b>6:00 pm Jesus Show</b> 6:30 pm Ant Jams</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>  10:00 am Confirmation Orientation</p>
<p><b>16</b> 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am <b>Worship</b> Father's Day and Flourishing Faith</p>	<p><b>17</b>  7:00 pm Mental Health Meeting</p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>WEEK 1!</b> 6-8 pm <b>Vacation Bible School</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 10:30 am Faith Club  6-8 pm <b>Vacation Bible School</b></p>	<p><b>20</b>  6-8 pm <b>Vacation Bible School</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>7:00 pm Outdoor Movie Night- BABE</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am <b>Worship</b> - Questioning Faith  House Band Day</p>	<p><b>24</b>  2:00 pm Pastoral Relations Meeting</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>WEEK 2!</b> 2:00-4:00 pm <b>Vacation Bible School</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> 10:30 am Faith Club  2:00-4:00 pm <b>Vacation Bible School</b></p>	<p><b>27</b>  2:00-4:00 pm <b>Vacation Bible School</b>  6:30 pm Ant Jams</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am <b>Worship</b> w/VBS Showcase</p>						

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