

# **ECHOES**

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

# **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GREENAWALDS**



## **Your Fall at a Glance!** **WAYS TO SERVE and GROW in FAITH**

**Mark your Calendars- don't miss out on faith-filled adventures!**

**Saturday, September 7 - OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT- fun for all ages!!**

6:00 pm Set up of movie tech & bouncy house open for the kiddos (Supervision needed)

7:15 pm Movie Concessions Open! Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and appetite for fun!!

8:00 pm Outdoor Movie featuring *Because of Winn Dixie* (2005)

(A mischievous dog befriends a lonely young girl in a new town and helps her make new friends!)

**Thursday, September 19 - Showing of "Samson," The Sight & Sound Production**

For more information see OMG, pg 11

**Sunday, September 22 - Let's Get WISE Luncheon, after worship - 1:45pm**

For more information see the Mental Health, pg 14

**Sunday, September 29 - Campfire for a Cause!**

See info on pages 10-11

**Sunday, October 13 - The Allenton CROP WALK - Walk on the team or donate!**

For more information see pg 4

**Sunday, October 27 - Trunk or Treat- in the UCCG parking lot, 3-5:00 pm**

For more information see pg 8

**Saturday, November 9 - PNEC Fall Conference Meeting - Watch for updates!**

More info coming on this and the possible merger of all of the PA UCC Conferences

**Friday, November 22 - Spaghetti Dinner Dance, with Ant Jams to shake things up!**

*Save the Date-* See next month for times and ticket info!

**Saturday, November 23 - ONE NIGHT WITHOUT A HOME**

*Save the Date-* See next month for more information on this homeless experience!

**Sunday, December 8 - Christmas Caroling around Greenawalds 4:30-6:30 pm**

**Christmas Party Back at church 6:30-7:30pm!**

*Save the Date-* more info TBA (This is going to be so much fun by the way!)

**Saturday, December 14 - Peace Pilgrimage Walk from Nazareth to Bethlehem**

*Save the Date-* See next month for more info about this spiritual opportunity

## 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 and again!



## September Worship Themes

Worship begins at 10:00 am

Fellowship Time at 9:30 am

Streamed LIVE on  
Facebook and YouTube!

### Sunday, September 1

THEME: Be Real; *Not Perfect*

Scripture: James 1:17-27 & Mark 7

No Communion (Holiday Weekend)

### Sunday, September 8

THEME: **"CommUnity" Sunday**; *Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion*

**Special Worship to dedicate teachers, receive new members, recognize volunteers, and cheer on our Ministry Teams and faithful church leaders!**

### Sunday, September 15 w/the UCCG House Band

THEME: The Power of Words

Scripture: James 3:1-12

### Sunday, September 22

THEME: Who is WISE and Happy?

Scripture: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a & Psalm 1

### Sunday, September 29

THEME: FOR the Community

Scripture: James 5:13-20 & Mark 9:38-50

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## ~PARENTS~FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION STATION



It's the Rally Day Race....

**Back to Sunday School!**

**Sunday September 8 at 9:00 am**

Children, Preschool through 7th grade, are invited to our

***Faith Formation Breakfast Registration Event***

in Fellowship Hall!

**Parents, please stay briefly to fill out a registration form.**

There will be fun "field day" races before a tasty fruit and pancake breakfast provided by our amazing Faith Formation Leaders!



*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. Heb 12:1*

~PARENTS~

## FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION STATION, con't

Planting seeds that will grow for a lifetime.

**Our main Sunday School Class is for preschool through grade 5.** It runs from 9-9:45 each Sunday morning before our 10 am worship. They meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Our curriculum is called *A Joyful Path*. It is nature centered, joy-full, compassionate, and intelligent, while being age-appropriate. The lessons are both heart-centered and experiential. Through bible stories and activities, children's bodies and feelings are engaged as well as their minds.

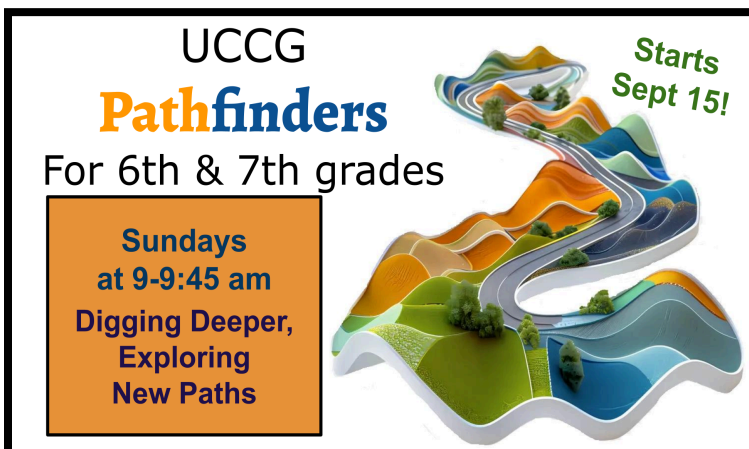
We'd like to introduce you to our 5 teams of Faith Formation Leaders. We are lucky enough to have these amazing leaders who rotate weekly. They offer our children the chance to get to know so many people in our church. Our children truly feel at home! Our teachers will be dedicated in worship on September 8!

Thank you to:

Karen and Dave Adams  
Colleen Horlacher and Molly Geneczko  
Sue Roth and Bonnie Marmon  
Matt and Bri Stalter  
Ashley Adams and Eileen Cleaver

### **AND WITH GROWTH COMES... A NEW CLASS!**

**The Middle School class** will be meeting at the same time as our younger grades, 9am on a Sunday morning; however, this new class will meet upstairs in the Youth Room!



UCCG  
**Pathfinders**  
For 6th & 7th grades

Sundays  
at 9-9:45 am  
Digging Deeper,  
Exploring  
New Paths

Starts  
Sept 15!

#### Leaders Still Needed

Is anyone interested or feeling a nudge to work with these amazing high spirited, faithful, curious youth?? We are still building our team of leaders so it is not too late to join! A low- prep curriculum will be provided. Contact Pastor Janet if you are interested or have any questions!

~PARENTS~

# FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION STATION, con't

Planting seeds that will grow for a lifetime.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS!

For anyone who has not been confirmed 7th grade and older. The fall information has been sent out but if you would like to join or have questions about what this entails, please contact Pastor Janet at 610-657-2189 or pastorjanetn@gmail.com



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### Sunday Oct 13

### Allentown CROP Hunger Walk

CROP Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised stays LOCAL- So for us- right here in Allentown!

**CROP= Communities Responding to Overcoming Poverty**

Walk begins at 1:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104 There is a 10K walk through Allentown or a *Golden Mile!*

**Join the UCC Greenawalds Team and/or donate**

**by clicking or copying this link below:**

<https://rb.gy/fs91zu>

Let's make a difference together!

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WITH DEEPEST  
*Sympathy*

We offer our deepest sympathy to Colleen & Glenn Horlacher and family on the death of Colleen's mother, Mercyna Yoder, who passed away on Monday, August 26.

We also offer our condolences to Colleen's father, Ralph Yoder.



**LET US PRAY TOGETHER FOR:**

Larry & Janie Bear; Colleen & Glenn Horlacher and family and Colleen's father, Ralph Yoder; Althea Blose; Nancy Saeger; Ray & Terry Ward; Anthony; Scott Lakatos; Linda Lakatos; Raylee Jaymes LaAsmar; Judy Nordell; Jenn Seidel; Dolly DeLong; Frank Keglovitz; Nelly Roeder; Ray Borger; Bob Cebollero and Lori Eck Esslinger.

We pray for our world, for our country leading up to this election (may peace reign), and for all those facing mental illness and substance abuse disorder, as well as those who love them.

**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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Congratulations to Megan & Steve LaAsmar on the birth of their new baby girl, Raylee James LaAsmar. Raylee was born on Thursday, August 8, weighing in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces and 19-½ inches long. She was joyously welcomed by big sisters, Dallis and Parker-Jane. At 4 days of age Raylee underwent open heart surgery to rebuild her aortic arch. She is now at home with her family. Raylee is the sixth grandchild of Ray & Sue Borger.

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And congratulations to Bart Michael Tizio - our randomly chosen winner in the AUGUST Echoes. Bart was given a \$20 gift certificate to King Kone in Whitehall.

Just think -

**YOU COULD BE OUR NEXT 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!

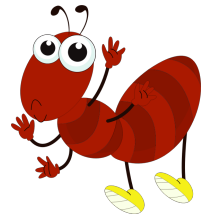




## *Ant's Corner*

### **Inside Edition, Part 6**

#### **“A Groovy Dance in a Funky Robe”**



I used to love tuning-in to Philadelphia’s Adult Contemporary Pop radio station, WMGK - Magic 103, when I was a young boy. While other kids my age were rocking out to AC/DC and KISS on WMMR, I found myself drawn to the soothing sounds of Barry Manilow and The Carpenters. I remember one afternoon when my dad and I were listening to “MGK” while painting a bedroom together, and The Byrds’ song “Turn, Turn, Turn” came on. My dad turned to me and said, “Guess what, Ant? King Solomon wrote that song.”

I was sure I hadn’t heard him correctly. Fixating on the word “king,” I replied, “Elvis doesn’t write songs.” My dad chuckled and said, “No, Ant, not \*The\* King—King Solomon from the Bible.” At that moment, I was certain that the paint fumes were getting to him. He let me puzzle over it for a few more seconds before explaining with his typical sly grin that The Byrds were quoting the words of King Solomon from Ecclesiastes, chapter three: “To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.”

I thought this was super cool! Even now, whenever I hear that song, I picture a quirky image of King Solomon and his entourage, decked out in funky robes, doing a groovy 1960s dance. It’s funny how our minds create vivid, personal images that intertwine with the emotions of memories. This particular image has stuck with me for almost fifty years, and it never fails to make me smile.

I once heard someone say that the book of Ecclesiastes is often seen as a collection of negative statements. I’m not sure where that idea comes from, but the book actually contains one of my favorite scriptures. Chapter eight, verse fifteen says, “I commend the enjoyment of life, because there is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat, drink, and be glad.” This verse always reminds me of our small dining groups. I absolutely love our small dining groups! The fact that we enjoy each other’s company so much that some of our former groups continue to meet regularly—what I like to call our “legacy dining groups”—speaks volumes about the strength of our church community. Quick side note to whomever will be scheduling my SDG in February: I have a legit hankerin’ for good Italian food, please!!

As humans, it's only natural that we seek moments of joy as often and for as long as we can. But life also comes with its fair share of challenges. Case in point, I'm writing this article with a county-issued, flexible pen that's designed to prevent it from being turned into a weapon—not one of my finer moments. Despite the difficulties we face, I believe we all have the capacity to view both the good and the bad through a lens of faith, choosing to focus on the positive. This reminds me of when I was first getting to know Pastor Janet. She used to tell the kids to “choose happy” whenever they were fussing (I can still picture them rolling their eyes at her).

Our faith community at UCCG has truly embraced the philosophy of choosing happiness. We actually choose each other, and that's something I'm incredibly grateful to be a part of. I never could have imagined the immense joy that a church family could bring until I met all of you.

In just a little over five months from the time you'll be reading this, I'll have the privilege of practicing King Solomon's wisdom—eating, drinking, and being glad with all of you! No need for groovy dances, and we can leave the funky robes at home. See you soon!



Director of Music

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THANK YOU!

... **from Linda Lakatosh** for your continued prayers. Also, thank you to Janine Hensinger and Karen Griffith for the rides to and from dialysis.

... **from Charlie (and Linda) Roeder** for all the cards, prayers and phone calls during his recovery from surgery. Charlie is making progress, albeit slow, for which we are thankful.

... **from Megan and Steve LaAsmar** for all your prayers for our family and Raylee Jaymes. Raylee was discharged from CHOP on Monday, August 26 and our family is settling into our new routine as a family of five.

... **from the Borger and LaAsmar families ... thank you** to Pastor Janet for giving of your time to spend the day with us at CHOP awaiting Raylee's birth.

**Halloween at UCCG 2024**  
**"Trunk or Treat" Sunday Oct 27th**  
**2325 Albright St 3-5pm**  
**Allentown**

**Treats,**  
**(no tricks!)**  
**Hotdogs,**  
**Lots of fun!**



**During the Whole Month of October...**

**HALLOWEEN PHOTO OPPORTUNITY!**



FREE photo opportunity for your children or grandchildren. During the month of October, Dennis and Sue Sawyer are digging out the "skeletons in our closets" and putting them on display.

The theme is FARM LIFE.

Your children can come dressed in costumes if they prefer. They can sit, stand or fish with the skeletons. It's YOUR photo shoot. You take the pictures. Some props will be available for them to use to make a realistic photo scene.

Please supervise your children. It is unsafe for them to climb on the tractor or trees. Other families may be on site with you. Please respect their photo shoot also.

Due to TOWNSHIP and STATE ROAD regulations, we can not have cars parked along the road and visitors waiting for a turn to have Carla Lindenmuth pictures taken. Snowdrift Road is a hazardous road to walk on. Traffic is fast. Please respect this regulation.

So our next option is to take appointments. We can handle about 5-6 cars in our driveway. Depending how reservations are requested, you may be with others or have the site to yourself. Hours will be 10am - 5:30pm (sunset) the entire month of October. If interested, please call 610-395-1571. Dennis & Sue Sawyer 5736 Snowdrift Rd Orefield, PA 1 mile off Rt 309 or Tilghman St.

Any donations received, will be forwarded to UCC Greenawalds as a fundraiser.



# Outreach + Mission = GROWTH



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

## LITTLE FREE PANTRY



We have seen increased usage of Our Little Free Pantry during the summer months, as the pantry continues to be a blessing to our food-insecure neighbors. We are currently in need of **CANNED MEATS (chicken, tuna, SPAM), CANNED FRUIT, CANNED CARROTS/GREEN BEANS/BAKED BEANS, PEANUT BUTTER and ASSORTED PASTA.** Your contributions of food items are, as always, very much appreciated.

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

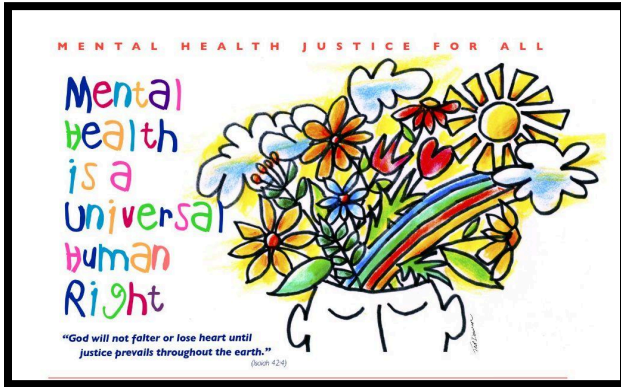
## BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thank you for your generous donations of school supplies and cash to purchase supplies. The children were so excited to have their backpacks blessed and receive new supplies at our outdoor service on Sunday, August 25.



## CHOW CHOW

Please continue to return clean, empty chow chow jars to the basket under the shelf in the lobby. We will sanitize and reuse them this fall. No jelly jars, please!



NEIGHBORS IN NEED

This year, the Neighbors in Need theme/focus is “**Mental Health Justice For All!**” The General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. UCCG passed this resolution in January 2024.

A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life’s mental health journey. As you may recall, one-third of the NIN offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

“**Mental Health is a Universal Human Right,**” and we hope you will join us with your financial support. We will be collecting and blessing this special mission offering on Sunday, October 6, 2024 as part of our World Communion Sunday. We thank you for your support and generosity to this important mission! Special NIN envelopes will be available and may be found on the table in the lobby on October 6.

**LIFT - LADIES IN FAITH TOGETHER - CAMPFIRE FOR A CAUSE**

LIFT consists of UCCG women interested in gathering for fellowship and mission oriented projects. Our largest mission project for this year is Turning Point. They will be the recipient of the 2024 Campfire for a Cause. Turning Point assists domestic abuse survivors and their children. To date, we have accumulated a large amount of requested items for their program. Since I make it a mission to seek clearance sales, the items purchased have a retail value of \$3,514.66 and a purchase price of \$727.91. Following is a brief list of the items purchased.

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|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 20 small appliances | 3 child comforters       | 15 sets of 3 towels     |
| 45 kitchen towels   | 4 x 16 pc stoneware sets | 7 throw blankets        |
| 12 sheet sets       | 15 hygiene items         | 65 pcs of kids clothing |

And many children’s toys which they will distribute at Christmas.

If you feel inclined to help cover the cost of these items, please put a check made payable to UCCG (with a memo note “Campfire for a Cause”) into an envelope also marked “Campfire for a Cause.” Any amount is appreciated. We believe in being

transparent with the donations, so all financial donations are turned into the offering system and then in October, I will receive reimbursement for items covered.

The LIFT program welcomes anyone interested in socializing or assisting with mission programs. **Please save the date, Sunday, September 29, 2024, for a fun-filled evening around the campfire, with a light meal, games and PRIZES.**

If you have any questions or to RSVP, please contact Sue Sawyer at 610-395-1571.

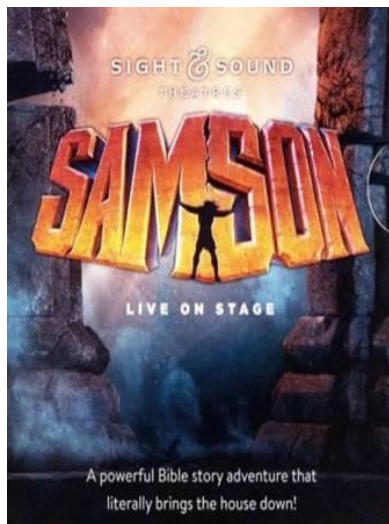
### **FISH Team Request**

The FISH Team is in need of a coordinator. Sue Sawyer has led this group for quite a few years and would like to take a break. In case you don't know what the FISH Team does - the coordinator receives referrals for UCCG individuals/families experiencing a time of personal difficulty and who would benefit from receiving meals or restaurant gift cards.

After a request is referred to the church office or to the coordinator, the coordinator makes a phone call to the family. From the conversation, it is determined if they have allergies or food dislikes and how many will be receiving the meals. The coordinator then calls the team to see who is available to supply a meal to the individual or family and schedules their date to cook.

If this is something you may be able to do, please contact Sue Sawyer. She has notes to pass along to the new coordinator. Thank you.

### **SIGHT & SOUND DVD SHOWINGS**



He defeated an entire army and slayed a lion with his bare hands. But there's a secret behind Samson's superpower. Chosen by God from birth, he's been given superhuman strength – as long as he follows the rules. And that's where the trouble begins. Samson soon falls prey to temptations, losing his strength and sight. And it's here where he will face his greatest challenge. Journey with this unlikely hero as he battles the Philistines – and his own personal calling.

The fourth of our Sight & Sound showings, SAMSON, will be presented in the theater room at Horizons at the Village at Whitehall (behind Whitehall High School stadium) ... at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 19, 2024. The showing is FREE; however, you must make a reservation because seats are limited (seats are comfortable and cushy!). Join us – and invite your family and friends. Reserve your seats on the Sign-up Sheet on the shelf in the lobby.



We currently have four families in the rotation. Our next host date is December 15-22. Please consider signing up for any of the following “jobs” – meal or dessert prep; evening hosts from 6:00-8:30 pm; overnight hosts from 8:30 pm until about 7:00 am the next morning. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Karen Griffith at 610-703-6826, and she will add your name to the list of volunteers to contact closer to our host week. We can always use more volunteers. Thank you!

Our host weeks for 2025 are January 26-February 2, April 6-13, and November 2- 9.

**Save the dates for the following Family Promise fundraisers:**

Wednesday, September 4 - Sip and Mingle from 5:00-8:00 pm at Domaine Pterion Vineyard & Winery at 6501 St. Peters Road, Macungie. There are still a few tickets available at the price of \$40 pp. If you’re interested in attending, please contact Sue Roth 610-554-2781.

Saturday, January 18 - Purse Bingo at Jordan UCC. More details to follow at a later date.

Saturday, March 29 - Family Promise Homecoming Event at Twin Lakes. More details to follow at a later date.

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**REMODELING PROJECT**

For the past few weeks, Grant has been doing minor touch-up work. Grant and the team are now taking a break, and the remodeling work will pick up again in November..

The church model will remain in the narthex to receive contributions. **THANK YOU** for your continued support of our Remodeling Fund.

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**“Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.  
Life is beauty, admire it.  
Life is a dream, realize it.”**

~ Mother Teresa

## Recycle Beyond the Bag

Recycling plastic bags has become a habit for many of us at UCCG. The receptacles are in place - one in the lobby outside Pastor Janet's office door and one in the Christian Ed entrance way. The time frame is 12 months to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic, and we have already collected 268.6 pounds. Our planet thanks you. 😊

Thank you to Ashley Barnett for volunteering to lead this recycling effort.

**“There is no such thing as ‘away’. When we throw anything away it must go somewhere.”**

~ Annie Leonard, Proponent of Sustainability

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### NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE:

- We are pleased to welcome our new Pre-K teacher, Mrs. Nicole Held. Nicole graduated from Moravian College with a BS in English and Certification in Elementary Education. She originally taught Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade in the Allentown School District. Nicole is married to Andy and has three children (one of which is a former student and one is a current student.) Nicole also served on the Nursery School Board of Directors. Welcome, Nicole!
- We continue to collect used clothing, bedding, purses, shoes 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 or Sheri Stephens at 610-442-3176.
- THANK YOU for your continued support of our Nursery School program. ♥



**Let's Get WISE Luncheon - Sunday, 9/22** After worship until 1:30/1:45 pm

**Sign up in the Lobby!**

- Lunch (and dessert, of course!) will be supplied by your Mental Health Ministry Team members
- After lunch, we will spend time laughing and learning together some basic information about mental illness, addiction, stereotypes and Mental Health 1st Aid.

This short workshop is an important first step for us as we already pledged to be a WISE Congregation in January 2024. The Mental Health Ministry Team is doing the work; all you need to do is show up with an open mind ready to learn how to be more Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged (with individuals who are challenged by and suffer from Mental Illness & Substance Abuse Disorders, and those who love them)!

**The Mental Health Ministry Team** members are Christy Dunbar, Colleen Horlacher, Anthony and Janet Newett and Sue Sawyer. We would LOVE more of you to join our team. You don't have to have knowledge of how to help people; you just have to be willing to learn with a desire to help make Greenawalds the safest place for all God's children. Contact any one of us if you are interested.

**For more information and training on this area AND MORE, the Penn Northeast Conference is sponsoring an event on October 5!**

**Would you like to join Pastor Janet??**

If you are interested, fill out the registration form and turn it in ASAP to Sue Borger or Pastor Janet with the \$35 registration fee. Sue will register us as a group. (Information and registration on next page)



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# October 5, 2024

## An Exploration of Mental Health Awareness & Spirituality\*

9am-3pm at Union UCC, 5550 Rt. 873, Neffs, PA

### Event includes:

- Morning beverages and deli lunch
- Becoming a WISE Church: Rev. Becky Sausser (she/her)
- 3 breakout sessions (two a.m./one p.m. Selections made at event)
- Resource advocates
- Walking labyrinth/meditation space (bring socks)

### Morning Sessions:

- Safe Zone Training: LGBTQIA+ Basics & How to Be More Inclusive: Rev. Laura Oesterle (they/them)
- Dementia: What to Know and How to Respond: Carol Frawley (she/her)
- Addiction, Human Trafficking & the Sex Industry: Pastor Rich Mollica (he/him/ they)
- Intro to Mental Health First Aid: Rev. Dr. Emily Hall (she/her)
- Navigating the River of Grief: Angling for Peace: Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates (she/her)
- Sacred Scars: Identifying and Healing Religious Trauma in Religious & Therapeutic Settings: Rev. Dr. Heather Hunnicutt, LPC (she/her)

### Afternoon Sessions:

- Dementia: (see above)
- Intro to Mental Health First Aid: (see above)
- Sacred Scars: (see above)
- Addicted?: Rev. Patti Hoyt, MA LPC (she/her) & Amanda Muschett (she/her)

**\$35 event & deli lunch, \$40 w/childcare & deli lunch**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If childcare is needed, please indicate # \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Food sensitivities \_\_\_\_\_

Registration must be received by Sept. 15: Tithely at <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/8991101> or mail this form with check payable to: PNEC 431 Delaware Ave, Palmerton, PA 18071

\*Continuing Ed Units will be offered at event for select sessions

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

Our Consistory met on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

- All Ministry Team, Standing Committee and Task Force Reports were reviewed and accepted. The Financial Reports were reviewed and accepted.
- The Pastor’s Report was reviewed and accepted.
- The annex is currently empty; we are looking for new tenants.
- Our next Consistory Meeting is September 19 at 4:30 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 seven 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	\$16,299	(\$4,108)
Feb-24	\$12,859	\$8,740	\$3,532	\$12,272	\$16,008	(\$3,736)
Mar-24	\$12,859	\$10,227	\$7,704	\$17,931	\$12,962	\$4,970
Apr-24	\$12,859	\$8,749	\$2,685	\$11,434	\$12,732	(\$1,298)
May-24	\$12,859	\$8,632	\$3,145	\$11,777	\$13,015	(\$1,237)
Jun-24	\$12,859	\$8,003	\$4,124	\$12,127	\$11,082	\$1,045
Jul-24	\$12,859	\$9,951	\$2,253	\$12,204	\$10,106	\$2,098
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>\$62,527</b>	<b>\$27,409</b>	<b>\$89,936</b>	<b>\$92,203</b>	<b>(\$2,267)</b>

\* Other income includes: Annex Rental, bulletin flowers, hill tree and special income.

**“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more,  
 but those giving more.”**

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



## September

### **What is the Harvest Moon?**

The Harvest Moon appears from September 16 to 18! The moon will appear full for about three days around this time, from Monday through Wednesday. Why does this phenomenon happen? Learn more – and shine on Harvest Moon!

### **When is the Harvest Moon?**

This year, the brilliant Harvest Moon first appears in the evening of Monday, September 16 before reaching peak illumination at 10:34 pm EDT on September 17.

One thing that sets the Harvest Moon apart from other full moon names is that it is not associated with a specific month, as the others are. Instead, the Harvest Moon relates to the timing of the autumnal equinox (September 22 2024), with the full Moon that occurs nearest to the equinox being the one to take on the name “Harvest Moon.” This means that the Harvest Moon can occur in either September or October, depending on how the lunar cycle lines up with the Gregorian calendar.

The Harvest Moon does typically occur in September, taking the place of the full Corn Moon. However, it occasionally lands in October instead, replacing the full Hunter’s Moon.

### **Why Is It Called the Harvest Moon?**

For several evenings, the moonrise comes soon after sunset. This results in an abundance of bright moonlight early in the evening, which was a traditional aid to farmers and crews harvesting their summer-grown crops. Hence it’s called the “Harvest” Moon!

There are just a little over 12 complete moon cycles every year, on average (there being about 29.53 days in a synodic month). The Harvest Moon isn’t like the other moons.

- Usually, throughout the year, the moon rises an average of about 50 minutes later each day.
- But for the few nights around the Harvest Moon, the moon seems to rise at nearly the same time: just 25-30 minutes later across the northern U.S., and only 10-20 minutes later farther north in Canada and Europe.

Additionally, the Harvest Moon rises at sunset and then will rise very near sunset for several nights in a row because the difference is at a yearly minimum. It may almost seem as if there are full moons multiple nights in a row!

### **Chinese Harvest Moon Traditions**

As a final note, it is not just Western civilization that has given special importance to the Harvest Moon. For Chinese people everywhere, this full moon is the occasion for the Festival of the August Moon (the “August” is through a calendar discrepancy) or Mid-Autumn Festival (in some cultures, the equinoxes and solstices have been considered the middle of the seasons). This festival is celebrated with joyful games and the eating of “Mooncakes.”

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



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am <b>Worship</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:30 Faith Club	<b>5</b> 7 pm Nursery School Parent Orientation (Sanctuary & Classrooms)	<b>6</b> 9-10:30 am Nursery School Meet the Teacher (Classrooms)	<b>7</b> Outdoor Movie Night 7:15 pm Movie concessions 8:00 pm Movie <i>Because of Winn Dixie</i>
<b>8</b> 9:00 am <b>Sunday School Breakfast-Fellowship Hall</b> 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am <b>CommUnity Worship w/Holy Communion</b>	<b>9</b> Nursery School Begins Mon-Thurs 9 am - 12 noon	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:30 Faith Club	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8-4 pm Private Rental Fellowship Hall
<b>15</b> 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am <b>Worship w/UCCG House Band</b>	<b>16</b> 11:00 am OMG 6:30 pm Mental Health Team	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:30 Faith Club	<b>19</b> 4:30 pm Consistory 6:00 pm Sight & Sound - <i>Samson</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am <b>Worship WISE Luncheon after worship</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:30 Faith Club	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am <b>Worship</b> 4:00 pm Campfire for a Cause	<b>30</b>			<b>Pastor Janet is on vacation September 23 thru 29.</b>		

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