

ECHOES

October 2024

UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST GREENAWALDS



New EVENT - THIS COMING SUNDAY!!

Please help us by telling your friends and neighbors!

**PET BLESSING on the
UCCG LAWN October 6 @ 3:00pm**

UCC Greenawalds COMMUNITY EVENT!

All pets are
welcome.
(Rain or shine)
Refreshments &
Music!



NEXT UP:

Sunday, October 13 - The Allenton CROP WALK -

**1:30 pm St. Timothy's Lutheran, Ott St
Walk on the team or donate!**

For more information see pgs 4-5 (confirmands participate)

Sunday, October 27 - Trunk or Treat- in the UCCG parking lot

3-5:00 pm Decorate your trunk!

For more information see pg 10 (confirmands participate)

October Worship Themes



Worship begins at 10:00 am
Fellowship Time at 9:30 am
Streamed LIVE on
Facebook and YouTube
&
Available to listen LIVE on your
telephone by calling 508-924-3609!

Oct 6 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Scriptures

Job 1:1, 2-1-10 CEB *Taking the Bad with the Good*
Psalm 26 NLT *I am Innocent- A Psalm of David*
Hebrews 1:1-3, 2:9-11 NLT *He Suffered for His Family-
So we could be called children of God*
Mark 10:13-16 NLT *Let the Children Come to Me*

Oct 13 - Access and Disabilities Awareness Sunday/Crop Walk

Scriptures

Job 23:1-9,16-17 CEB *Darkness Grows But Faith is not Gone*
Psalm 22:1-11 NRSV(ue) *A Plea for Deliverance from Suffering*
Mark 10:17-27 NLT *Who in the World Can be Saved?*

Oct 20 - Worship with UCCG House Band

Scriptures

Job 38:1-7, 34-41 CEB *God Responds to Job's Suffering Anger*
Hebrews 5:7-9 CEB *Christ Suffered too*
Mark 10:35-45 NLT *Doh! They STILL don't get it.*

Oct 27 - "Let Your Light Shine" Sunday -

Wear your most fun Halloween shirt or sweatshirt!

Scriptures

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 CEB *Job- The CONCLUSION*
Mark 10: 46-52 NLT *The Blind Beggar Bothers Jesus*

~PARENTS~



FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION STATION

We have had a great start to our Sunday School year! Class is from 9:00 - 9:45 am each Sunday morning. Our multi-age class meets in Fellowship Hall. This class is age 3 (preschool) through 5th grade. They meet with a team of 2 teachers who guide them with games, crafts and/or stories through our curriculum entitled, "A Joyful Path."

Our NEW Class is also up and running! The *PathFinders* (Middle School) Class meets upstairs in our newly renovated Youth Room. This pre confirmation-type class is designed specifically for YOUR inquiring young students. Our new curriculum has just arrived! We are using Sparkhouse's ECHO:*The Story*. There is a DVD that will be shown each week. Each student will have their own workbook, as well.

Thank you to Ashley Adams, Dave Adams, Eileen Cleaver, Sue Roth and Ben Gulledge for stepping in to help these young minds grow and thrive!

Tugging at the heart of someone new:

We are still looking for 2 additional leaders willing to be a more consistent presence for this class. With 2 teams to rotate in whatever suits you best, we can provide both flexibility for you as adults but also consistency for these kids (who need to feel wanted and loved by their church community).

God nudges us gently. Is God calling you? Are you listening??

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION CLASS ABOUT?

Confirmation is the time for you to explore, wonder, be inspired to believe, and grow in your understanding of who God is, what the story of the bible is and how you fit in the big picture. Then decide if you want to be part of God's big picture and plan for all of creation by affirming your baptism vows, being confirmed and partnering with UCC Greenawalds in its Mission and Ministry! **We have 1 Adult student and**

three teenagers currently in our class that has just begun! If you are interested in learning more or think that this class might be what YOU are looking for in your faith journey, it is not too late to speak to Pastor Janet about it! There is one 2-hour class each month plus involvement in other church mission and ministries.



Sunday Oct 13 Allentown CROP Hunger Walk



As an organization rooted in faith, Church World Services believes that all people deserve to lead lives of dignity, wherever we find ourselves. In 2021, weather-related disasters displaced nearly 24 million people globally. Other climate impacts are being felt more gradually. Gradual or “slow-onset” impacts are changes people feel every day, but don’t always get the press like massive storms and wildfires do. Examples of gradual impacts include: temperature increases, changes in rainfall patterns, and saltwater intrusion of farmland or drinking water.

Both science and human experience tell us that slow-onset climate change will affect, and in some cases devastate, vulnerable communities in the future. It already impacts how, when, and where we move — and, in some cases, whether moving out of harm’s way is even an option.

That’s why your CROP Hunger Walk is so important. You’re helping CWS address climate change impacts by helping farmers access seeds and learn new techniques for growing food in changing soil; teach building techniques so schools and homes can be built differently to withstand future natural disasters; and assists communities in learning new income generating skills like beekeeping to adapt and build resilience.

We will continue to step in and support our most vulnerable neighbors when it comes to the challenges climate change presents, and we will need your help to do so. Your support of the CROP Hunger Walk helps communities and families around the world build resiliency and adapt to these climate change challenges.

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 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!



LET US PRAY TOGETHER FOR:

Larry & Janie Bear; Althea Blose; Nancy Saeger; Anthony; Grace;
Ray & Terry Ward; Judy Nordell; Jenn Seidel; Dolly DeLong;
Frank Keglovitz; Nelly Roeder; and Bob Cebollero.

Please keep Linda Lakatosh in your prayers. On Wednesday, October 9, Linda will undergo a very high risk open heart surgery at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Linda has chosen this surgical option because, if it works, she will be given back some quality of life. The surgeon is confident that he can take care of her valve issues. Please pray for strength for Linda and pray for the entire surgical team. The family is also in need of your prayers on October 9 in particular. Thank you.

Please keep Raylee Jaymes LaAsmar in your prayers. Raylee saw her Allentown-based CHOP cardiologist this week, and the echocardiogram showed her aortic valve looks worse, and they may need to repair the valve sooner than they had hoped. She will be rechecked again in three weeks to determine the next steps.

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

Naomi Thomas, at home

Doris Shaver (Phoebe - Room T313A)

Lois Tice, at home

**“Autumn is the season to find contentment at home
by paying attention to what we already have.”**

~ unknown

Congratulations to Carla Lindenmuth - our randomly chosen winner in the SEPTEMBER Echoes. Carla donated her \$20 gift to the UCCG Family Promise account. Thank you, Carla!

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!



REMODELING PROJECT

For the past few weeks, Grant has been taking a break with the remodeling work, however, he and Lee plan to be back to work later this week. They’ll be repainting the Sunday School room on the second floor of the Christian Ed wing.

To date, we have received \$4,000 to help with our remodeling project. Your generosity is appreciated.

At this time, the church model will remain in the narthex to receive contributions toward further work. **THANK YOU** for your continued support of our Remodeling Fund.



**“Autumn, the season that teaches us that CHANGE can be beautiful.”
~ unknown**



Ant's Corner

Inside Edition, Part 7 "Selective Hearing"



My mother had a running joke with my father, frequently accusing him of having “selective hearing”. It seemed to surface most often when he conveniently “couldn’t hear” what she was saying, yet he somehow managed to catch every single word of dialogue in the James Cagney movie he was watching—even if the volume was turned down low. The irony was hard to ignore: he had no trouble following the intricate plot lines on the screen, but he somehow missed her clear request to take out the kitchen trash.

Was my dad really hard of hearing? Probably not. It’s much more likely that he was hyper-focused on Mr. Cagney, completely zoning out anything else, including my mom’s requests. And while selective hearing has been the butt of many jokes, mostly aimed at husbands who can’t hear chores being assigned, what if there was a way to turn the concept of selective hearing into something useful, powered by modern technology?

Let’s set aside, for now, the lengthy debates about how Artificial Intelligence (AI) might harm society, including concerns about how it fuels the instant-gratification mindset of younger generations. Instead, let’s focus on one of the exciting ways AI is being used for the betterment of humanity. One particularly promising development comes from researchers at the University of Washington: an innovation called *Target Speech Hearing* (TSH).

Target Speech Hearing is a fascinating breakthrough that could revolutionize how we deal with noisy environments, especially for those with a hearing impairment. The technology leverages AI in a way that’s similar to tools I’ve already started incorporating into my teaching and music preparation for UCCG. Think about how, in the realm of music production, algorithms are now able to isolate individual instruments and voices from a mixed track, something that was once thought impossible. Well, TSH takes this concept to the next level—not just for music, but for human speech. It uses a sophisticated algorithm that’s capable of isolating and amplifying a SPECIFIC voice, even in a chaotic environment full of overlapping conversations and background noise.

Here’s how it works: TSH technology can identify the unique “fingerprint” or “voice print” of a particular person’s voice. This allows it to filter out all the other voices and ambient noise in the surrounding environment, effectively locking onto that one voice and amplifying it in a way that feels natural and seamless. The real magic happens in the implementation—this technology is built directly into a pair of hearing aids. So, it’s not

just a cool concept; it actually has the potential to give people Superman-like hearing powers, allowing them to focus on one voice amidst a sea of sounds.

According to an article published by the *Association for Computing Machinery*, these TSH hearing aids combine traditional noise-cancellation technology with a cutting-edge AI neural network. This network enables the hearing aids to recognize and isolate the voice of the person the user wants to hear. What's more, the process is simple and quick. The user simply looks at the person they want to focus on for about three to four seconds. This "Enrollment Process" allows the AI algorithm to gather enough data to create a profile of that person's voice. From that point on, the hearing aids filter out all other sounds and zero in on that one voice, making it crystal clear. In some test environments, even when users walked away from their target speaker in a noisy room, the voice remained as clear as if they were still standing right next to each other.

The implications of this technology are enormous. Imagine being able to have a conversation with someone in a bustling restaurant without struggling to hear them over the clatter of dishes, the hum of conversations, or the noise from the kitchen. Or picture a teacher being able to hear a student's question from the back of a noisy classroom without straining. This could be life-changing for people who have hearing difficulties, particularly in noisy settings. For the elderly or those with hearing impairments, this innovation might mean the difference between feeling isolated in social situations and being able to fully participate.

As of now, there's no official word on when these hearing aids will be available to the public, but experts speculate that an affordable version could hit the market within the next couple of years. Given how quickly AI-driven technologies are evolving, it wouldn't be surprising to see this hit shelves sooner rather than later.

While my father didn't need an AI-powered hearing aid to "tune out" my mother, it's clear that TSH could bring a whole new meaning to selective hearing. And who knows, maybe one day we'll all have the ability to tune out the noise of everyday life and focus only on what truly matters—whether that's a conversation with a loved one, or, in my dad's case, the charismatic voice of James Cagney. A personal word of caution to fellow husbands: Be careful not to use this tech to ignore your spouse, for it may result in a frying pan to the head!



, Director of Music



THANK YOU!

... from **Linda Lakatosh** ... for the many cards and well wishes, and your continued prayers. Also, my heartfelt thanks to Janine Hensinger and Karen Griffith for the many rides to and from dialysis and for the wonderful conversations.

... from **Pastor Janet & Anthony** ... We have passed the halfway mark! Anthony thanks you for each thought, prayer, letter, and contribution! You have no idea how much it is getting us through this. Also, whenever you ask about how either one of us is doing, it is such a heartfelt blessing. He and I talk about how you are doing, too! And how we will serve you together soon... We have so many plans! But speaking of that- Anthony has gotten his official release date- February 23 at 8:00 am! Of course it is a Sunday! Bonnie Bates has already agreed to be with you in worship so I can be waiting to finally hug Anthony for the first time in 11.5 months and bring him home to all of us where he is supposed to be. And yes, we both plan to be in worship the following Sunday.

... from **Janie & Larry Bear** ... for all your kind expressions of concern. The cards, phone calls, texts, and visits helped to make this difficult time easier. Again, thanks to all.

... from **Ray & Terry Ward** ... Thank you for all your prayers, kind thoughts, and cards during my recent surgery and recovery. I am feeling stronger every day and hoping to get back to church soon. Miss you all very much.

WITH DEEPEST Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Rev. Jeff Brinks, his wife, Lisa, and the entire Yorgey family on the death of Lisa's mother, Janice Yorgey, who passed away on Friday, September 13, at the age of 91 years.
Janice was a member of UCCG for 48 years (1968-2016.)



Congratulations to Marisa Saeger and Matthew Digilio, who were married on Friday evening, September 27, 2024 at Elizabeth Furnace in Lititz. Marisa is the daughter of Nancy Saeger and the late Michael Saeger.

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

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



If you would like to participate by decorating your car and handing out candy, please see the sign-up sheet located on the podium in the lobby.)

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 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



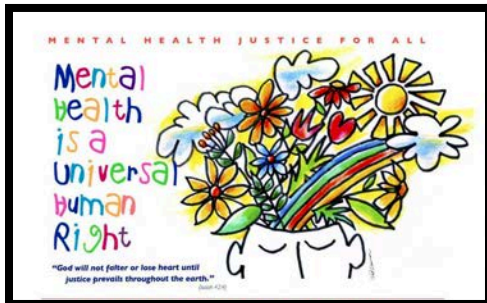
The Clubhouse of Lehigh County is the 2024 recipient of 10% of any fundraising profits at UCC Greenawalds.



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 FRUIT AND JELLY**. 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!



NEIGHBORS IN NEED

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!

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.

“Mental Health is a Universal Human Right” and we hope you will join us with your financial support. Special NIN envelopes are available in the lobby every Sunday in October.

HARVEST HOME



Our Harvest Home collection will be held November 3 through November 24, with delivery to the Ecumenical Food Bank on November 25 in time for holiday distribution!

Let's fill the shelves on the side walls of our sanctuary with non-perishable foods for this worthy mission!

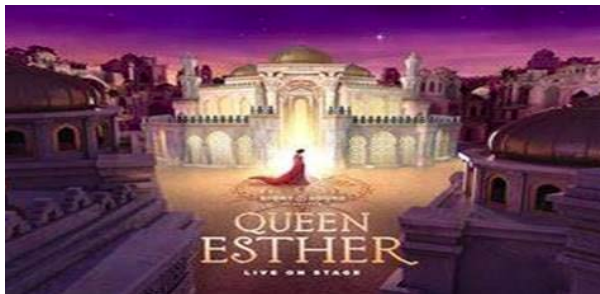
CHRISTMAS MISSION FOCUS

Bethany Children's Home will be the recipient of our 2024 Christmas focus. Watch for details in the November *Echoes*!

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. No jelly jars, please!

SIGHT & SOUND DVD SHOWINGS



The 5th of our Sight & Sound Showings - **Queen Esther** - is set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire. Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust

in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? **Queen Esther**, will be presented in the theater room at Horizons at the Village at Whitehall (behind Whitehall High School stadium) ... at 6:00 pm on WEDNESDAY, October 16, 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.



On Sunday afternoon, September 29, fifteen ladies of our LIFT group gathered at the home of Sue & Dennis Sawyer for our annual Campfire for a Cause (our largest mission project each year.) We had a fun-filled evening with a light meal, dessert, games and lots of PRIZES. Later in the evening, we gathered around the campfire for s'mores. Our 2024 recipient of the items donated at our campfire was Turning Point - an organization that assists domestic abuse survivors and their children. Sue Sawyer shopped clearance sales all year long and purchased items with a retail value of \$3,514.66 for the purchase price of \$727.91.

Following is a list of the items purchased. 5 coffee makers, 3 electric skillet, 10 toasters, 2 hand mixers, 3 children's comforters, 15 x 3 pc towel sets, 47 kitchen towels, miscellaneous kitchen items, 4 x 16 pc stoneware dishes, 12 sets of sheets, 11 plush throw blankets, 15 hygiene items, 65+ children's sleepwear and clothing, 1 new booster seat, one backpack, lunch bag, and school supplies, and many Christmas gift items - plus toys, dolls, playsets, crayons and coloring books, cars and miscellaneous toys.

Thank you to Sue Sawyer for doing all the shopping. Thank you also to Sue for inviting all of us to her home for an afternoon of food, games and laughter.



Our hostess and host- Sue & Dennis Sawyer



We currently have four families in the rotation. Carissa and her three children are ready to graduate and are looking for affordable housing in the Parkland School District. She is very secure with her ability to pay three months' rent and has a very good job. If anyone has knowledge of available housing in the Parkland School District, please contact Sue Roth at 610-554-2781.

The Sip and Mingle event on September 4 was well attended, and all commented on the beautiful scenery, the winery, and good food. Everyone enjoyed the evening of music and fellowship. Our plan is to return to Domaine Pterion Vineyard and Winery next year. The event raised \$23,000 to support Family Promise of Lehigh Valley.

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.

Family Promise has negotiated a partnership with United Federal Credit Union. They assist families who are often ignored by other banks. They are willing to open credit accounts for the families in our program, giving them \$50 to open the account as well as \$5 to open a savings account

The partnership expands to the entire staff and volunteers of Family Promise of Lehigh Valley. Benefits offered are health savings accounts, life insurance, etc. They were formerly known as Gold Credit Union, who have been in business for 75 years.

UFCU has recently donated \$5,000 to Family Promise Lehigh Valley.

Save the dates for the following Family Promise fundraisers:



Tuesday, October 22 - Boscov's Friends Helping Friends - this is an all day event from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm. A five dollar pass entitles you to a 25% discount off your purchases, in store or online. To purchase a pass, see Sue Roth.

Saturday, November 23 - Night without a Home

Family Promise and UCCG have teamed up with the Lehigh Conference of Churches to promote awareness of homelessness and hunger. This is an annual event where various fundraising events have been organized to educate the community and raise support to those who find themselves homeless or hungry.

UCCG will be a host site for this event. Participants can either sleep in their car or in a cardboard box. Sleeping in a cardboard box retains better heat. People participating are asked to get sponsors. All donations will go to Family Promise.

The event begins at 7:00 pm for check-in and setting up your sleeping arrangements. Please eat dinner before arriving. If you would like to contribute to the event, we would love to have some donuts, hot chocolate, hand warmers, a case of bottled water or whatever you would like to bring. Please let Sue Roth know what you are bringing. Also be sure to bring a mug. Coffee on tap all night. The church building will be open for bathroom use.

A sign-up sheet and sponsor sheets are available in the lobby. The event will be on Saturday night from 7:00 pm (set-up sleeping area) to 7:00 am Sunday morning - plenty of time to get ready for worship.

Please note the following:

- Churches may not send youth to Greenawalds without an adult chaperone.
- Eat dinner BEFORE arriving. Lite breakfast refreshments provided.
- This is an OUTDOOR event IN NOVEMBER. Bring a large box to sleep in (boxes are not provided).
- Bring/wear weather appropriate clothing/blankets and a flashlight is recommended. You will not have access to electricity.
- We are allowing tents, but YOU are responsible to be able to fully set up your own tent ON YOUR OWN in the dark (parents can help with set up and take down.)

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

Sunday, March 16 - Lehigh Valley Phantoms vs. Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins Ice Hockey Game - 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.

“Who are we as human beings if we ignore the suffering of others?”

~ unknown

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 429.61 pounds. Our planet thanks you. 😊

Thank you to Ashley Adams for leading this recycling effort.

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

~ Annie Leonard, Proponent of Sustainability

NURSERY UPDATE:

Contact: Sheri Stephens at 610-442-3176 or Nursery School office at 610-435-5467

- Our first fundraiser was Gourmet Creations. Thank you for your support.
- Our next fundraiser is Thomson's hoagies. The cost is \$5.50 per hoagie. Orders are due by Thursday, October 17; delivery to the church is Thursday, October 24. To place an order, please contact Sheri Stephens or the church office at 610-435-1763.
- 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 continue to accept 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. ❤️

Please be aware: On Sunday, October 27, at 6:00 am a group of people going on a PNEC field trip will be parking at UCCG. They have been asked to park at the far end of the stone lot near the field to allow parking spaces for guests of our Trunk or Treat event.



Welcoming – Inclusive – Supportive – Engaged

On September 22, the Mental Health Ministry Team hosted a special luncheon followed by a series of fun, educational games and activities related to a variety of mental health topics including myths, statistics, diagnoses, addiction, and recovery.

The team also reviewed key points in the WISE covenant, particularly Greenawald’s commitment to promote mental health awareness and to provide a welcoming, inclusive, supportive, and engaged community for all people. The session ended with the instruction of the five steps (ALGEE) for Mental Health First Aid in order to assess, approach and assist in a mental health situation. The acronym ALGEE stands for:

- A Approach to assess for risk
- L Listen Non Judgmentally
- G Give Reassurance/Information
- E Encourage Professional Help
- E Encourage Self-Help/Other Support

Thank you to everyone who came and helped to make our first Lunch n’ Learn a huge success! We are still seeking members to join the team so please consider joining us in this important work. All you need is a big heart and an open mind!

PNEC is holding a Mental Health Awareness & Spirituality Conference on October 5 from 9-3 at Union UCC in Neffs. Cost is \$35.



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.

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

Our Consistory met on Thursday, September 19, 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. There are many items she is working on.
- New tenants moved into the Annex on September 23.
- Our next Consistory Meeting is October 17 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

Here is a report of how we are doing financially after the first eight 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	\$12,780	(\$1,346)
May-24	\$12,859	\$8,632	\$3,145	\$11,777	\$13,015	(\$1,237)
Jun-24	\$12,859	\$8,015	\$4,124	\$12,139	\$11,082	\$1,057
Jul-24	\$12,859	\$10,012	\$1,845	\$11,856	\$10,642	\$1,215
Aug-24	\$12,859	\$7,630	\$1,451	\$9,081	\$17,901	(\$8,820)
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
Total	\$154,309	\$70,230	\$28,451	\$98,681	\$110,688	(\$12,006)

* Other income includes: Annex Rental. bulletin. flowers. bill tree and special income

*The \$8,820 deficit in August was due to a number of things - Annex oil fill, general building maintenance, insurance renewal, property taxes (church and annex), and church heating oil fill (we are now on a budget plan with the oil company), and the fact that it’s still summer and giving was down.

October

From the Latin word octo, “eight,” because this had been the eighth month of the early Roman calendar.

Why Do Fall Leaves Change Color?

Why Do Trees Change Color? - The main reason for the eye-popping color change is not autumn’s chilly weather, but sunlight – or rather, the lack of daylight. Day and night are roughly equal in length on the autumnal equinox in late September, but afterward, nights are growing longer and days shorter. As the autumn days shrink, the reduced daylight tells deciduous plants that it’s time to stop gathering energy and get ready for the dormant season – winter. Not all leaves turn vivid colors in autumn. Only a few of our many species of deciduous trees – notably maple, aspen, oak, birch, and gum – produce truly stellar performances for our annual autumn spectacular in North America.

What Weather Conditions Bring the Best Fall Foliage? - While daylight is the main factor that brings on fall foliage, several other factors contribute to how bright fall colors are: temperature, precipitation, and soil moisture.

Where Can You Find the Best Fall Foliage? - Some level of autumnal foliage changes in most regions of North America, but it is New England, the upper Midwest, the Rocky Mountains and parts of the Appalachians that hold the jackpot for leaf peepers. The right climate and light conditions and an abundance of tree varieties that hoard colorful pigments come together in these places.

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

Catching a Falling Leaf Is Auspicious



Next time an autumn leaf blows past your face, try to catch it — legend has it that it will bring good luck, or that you get to make a wish on it. The superstition can get more complex depending on the color and type of leaf you catch: A red leaf (or maple leaves in general) could mean good luck in love, and an orange leaf could mean inner transformation. Ginkgo leaves symbolize enlightenment, as well as hope and resilience. How long does the good luck last? It could be a week Linda Altrichter or a month or the whole season, depending on who you’re talking to. After you catch it, you can release it back into the wind or bring it inside to incorporate into your seasonal decor.

Fundraiser to Benefit the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation

You may remember a few months ago, we were praying for a 14-year old boy named Oliver Strohm. Oliver is the (step)grandson of Sue Roth, and he recently spent two months in Children's Hospital of Philadelphia suffering from a serious flare-up of Crohn's Disease. Oliver and his family are now working with others to raise money for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation so that maybe one day others won't have to struggle.

Here's your chance to help raise money for research AND also enjoy an ice hockey game - the Lehigh Valley Phantoms vs. the Hershey Bears on Friday, November 29th at 7:05 pm. Just scan the QR code below to purchase your tickets - note tickets must be purchased no later than Tuesday, October 29th. THANK YOU!

The poster features the Lehigh Valley Phantoms logo (a stylized mask with orange and blue eyes) on the left and the Hershey Bears logo (a brown bear) on the right, separated by "vs". Below the logos, the text reads "LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS VS. HERSHEY BEARS" and "FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29th 7:05PM". A horizontal line separates this from the fundraiser information: "SKATE FOR THE CURE: 33 AGAINST CROHN'S FUNDRAISER BENEFITING:". Below this is the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation logo and "Philadelphia/Delaware Valley Chapter". The bottom section is divided into two boxes. The left box, titled "FUNDRAISER TICKETS", shows a price of "\$28" and states that \$5 of each ticket goes to the foundation. The right box, titled "SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS", contains a QR code and a deadline: "ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29th*".

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CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION - PHILADELPHIA/DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER WILL BE THE CHARITY PARTNER OF THE NIGHT!
A PORTION OF THE NOVEMBER 29th 50/50 AND CHUCK A PUCK WILL ALSO GO TO CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION - PHILADELPHIA/DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER!

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October



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Mtg.	2 10:30 Faith Club	3 6:30 pm E & O Team Meeting	4	5 9:00 am Outside UCCG Tree Trimming
6 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion and special offering for Neighbors in Need 3:00 pm Outdoor Pet Blessing	7 6:00 pm Music & Worship Team	8 6:30-8:00 pm Cub Scout Den Mtg.	9 10:30 Faith Club	10 6:30 Ant Jams	11	12
13 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship 1:30 pm CROP Walk	14	15 6:30-8:00 pm Cub Scout Den Mtg.	16 10:30 Faith Club 6:00 pm Sight & Sound Showing of Queen Esther	17 4:30 pm Consistory	18	19
20 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship w/House Band 6-8:00 pm Confirmation Class	21 6:30 pm Mental Health Team	22 6:30-8:00 pm Cub Scout Den Mtg.	23 10:30 Faith Club	24	25	26 2:00-6:00 pm Piano Guild Recital (in Sanctuary)
27 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship 3-5 pm Trunk or Treat on macadam parking lot	28 2:00 pm PRC	29 6:30-8:00 pm Cub Scout Den Mtg.	30 10:30 Faith Club	31 9:00 am-12 n Nursery School Holiday Party and Trunk or Treat Fellowship Hall and Parking Lot		

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