

Growing Old Gracefully

In the Summer of 2025



An All-Congregational Study;
Helping the *End of Life* be as
Beautiful as the Beginning

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Sermons  
Small Groups and  
Schedule of Events TBA

**This study was originally advertised for the month of May but there are just too many important things to squeeze in one month so we are spreading it out over this summer!**

This program will feature:

- Sermons geared toward this subject
- Education on caring for ourselves and loved ones as we all grow older
- Sign up for Caregivers Small Group
- Funeral planning
- Wills
- Advanced Directive Planning

**We will share more information as it becomes available.**

## UCCG Worship Schedule -

### Accessible In Person, Online and Audio Only

Worship begins at 10:00 am

With Fellowship Time at 9:30 am

Streamed LIVE on Facebook and YouTube. Or call in for audio only  
by dialing 610-437-2320 OR 508-924-3609

**MAY 4** - "Star Wars Sunday" with Holy Communion

Acts 9:1-20, Selected verses from John 21    THEME: Embrace the Mess

**MAY 11** - *Mother's Day*; Singer Songwriter Dan May & Band

Acts 9:36-43, John 10:24-30    THEME: To Live or Die?

**MAY 18** - "Mental Health Sunday" created/led by our Mental Health Ministry Team

THEME: The Impact of Social Media and our WISE Behavior

**MAY 25** - *Memorial Day Sunday*

Revelation 21:1-5, John 14:23-29    THEME: Peace the World Cannot Give

**COMING UP on June 8th: *Outdoor Worship and Chili-Cook Off Lunch***



Those who wish to enter  
the CHILI COOK-OFF  
should sign up by June 1!

### This is a youth fundraiser

- For contestants: \$10 entry fee
- For attendees/tasters: \$5 for a Taster Kit (bowl, spoon, napkin, a voting ballot)
- Boost your vote by adding cash! (A jar will be in front of each chili pot for voting)

### Each cook brings:

- A labeled crockpot of chili
- A serving spoon or ladle
- *Optional:* toppings (cheese, sour cream, etc.)



## Ant's Corner

### “Loss, Love, and What Comes Next?”



Lately, I've been thinking a lot about loss—specifically, the kind that comes through death.

Just days ago, my dear friend of 40 years, John Seabrook, passed away. His wife, Anne, texted this to me: “Anthony, this is the hardest thing I've had to deal with in my entire life. But I know God will see me through this.” Her words stayed with me—not just because of the pain behind them, but because of the quiet confidence in her faith.

And then, this morning, Sheri Stephens' father passed away. Not long ago, the Lakatos family lost both Linda and Scott. I had the privilege of sitting with Scott a couple of times in his final days. He was still fully aware. He told us, more than once, that he didn't want to go. This had a lasting, profound effect on me. I can't imagine what that is like, and it made me very sad for him. But his family and Pastor Janet were there, offering comfort and repeatedly reminding him that God was waiting with open arms. I truly don't know how much of a comfort this was to him, but there was a noticeable change in his demeanor.

I've experienced many losses over the years. But the one that changed me the most was losing my dad. I think of him every single day. And sometimes, I catch myself doing something that reminds me of him—my tone, a mannerism, a laugh. When that happens, I wear it like a badge of honor. He was a great man. I want to be even more like him. If part of him lives on in me, I consider that a gift. And, it feels as if he's still around.

Of course, grief isn't new. Humanity has been grappling with it since the beginning. Different cultures and religions have their own ways of making sense of it all. In many Eastern traditions, death is seen as a natural part of life—a transition rather than an end. In African cultures, death is often celebrated as a journey to the next world. In contrast, much of Western culture tends to avoid the topic altogether, pushing it aside with medical advances and distraction. As secularism has grown, so has the uncertainty. Without a spiritual framework, many are left without language or rituals for loss.

As members of the United Church of Christ, many of us take a different approach than some other branches of Christianity. While there may be questions about hell and eternal damnation, we believe in a God of grace and love. Pastor Janet once told me her former mother-in-law, a devout Catholic, is genuinely afraid of dying. It would be speculation to suggest that due to her upbringing, a part of her is afraid of where she may go. I'm not slamming Catholicism, however, that kind of fear—the fear of punishment—is simply wrong for me. I love this life and want to stay as long as I can. But I'm not haunted by the idea of eternal suffering.

Still, the questions remain: Do we go to a literal heaven, with golden streets and angelic choirs? Or do we enter into some beautiful union with God—one that transcends place or time? Do we live on in the hearts and habits of those who loved us, like my dad lives on in me? Or are these stories simply the scaffolding we build to make sense of our grief? The truth is, no one knows for sure. No one's come back to give us the full report.

But, maybe that's OK, because in the face of death, we do what we've always done: We tell stories, we sit with the dying, we cry, we remember, we honor. We live—and in doing so, we carry the dead with us... for as long as we live! Maybe that's not an ending at all. I am choosing to believe that it's the beginning of something eternal.



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### **IT'S BLUEBERRY TIME!!**

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

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

Delivery date is Thursday, June 19

Pick up your order at UCCG (time tbd)

Deadline to place orders is Sunday, June 15

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 the form below and deposit in the offering plate or get it to the church office no later than Sunday, June 15th.**

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

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

## ~PARENTS~ FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION STATION

### **Confirmation and Pathfinders May Activities:**

Adults are welcome to attend.



**Trip to Congregation  
Keneseth Israel on Chew St  
May 9 6:00 pm**  
*Let's learn more about our Jewish  
brothers and sisters!*

There is a sign up sheet in the lobby.  
See Announcement Sheet  
for more information!

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Confirmation Class on Wednesday May 21 is cancelled, as it was scheduled before we decided to continue with our discussion, "What Matters on Wednesdays."

### **May 24- Ecumenical Trip to Hindu Temple and Muslim Mosque 9:30 am to 2:00 pm**

We have been invited to join the Confirmation Class from Good Shepherd UCC, Slatington. We will be visiting Anoopam Mission, Hindu Swaminarayan Temple in Coplay. Then we will be going to visit Jesus, Son of Mary Mosque on Tilghman Street in Allentown, followed by a time of reflection, fellowship and pizza.

There are limited spaces available but if you would like to join us, there is a Sign Up Sheet in the church lobby.

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### **"Fuel Your Faith" on Wednesdays with:**

10:30 am - "Faith Club" (10:00 am fellowship time) &/or

6:30 pm - "What Matters on Wednesdays"

*Both discussion groups are open to all! If you have any questions, see Pastor Janet.*

Faith Club has been discussing a book called "What if Jesus Was Serious?" which we read aloud; no advanced preparation required. They will be choosing a new topic shortly.

What Matters on Wednesdays watches a short video to prompt discussion.

### **HOWEVER, on May 21, there will be a special edition of WMW!**

We will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and instead of our normal video discussion, we will be participating in a Webinar from 7-8:30 pm called "Building an Affirming Church; How to begin your Open and Affirming Journey."





This year's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
is taking us to the **NORTH CASTLE**  
June 17-19 6-8:00 pm AND June 24-26 2-4:00 pm

**This is for preschool on up. 7th grade and higher will be helpers.**

This will be a free, fun, safe, and faith-filled environment for your young knight!

(Clearances are required for all volunteers.)

Our schedule is designed to meet the various scheduling needs of families and our volunteers! We encourage you to be with us for as many days as you/your child is able to.

All families are invited to be with UCCG on Sunday, June 29th to share the songs and stories they learned from their time at the **NORTH CASTLE!**

**Here is the link to register!** Please sign up and share this link with your child's friends. <https://forms.gle/ZdRV1C6d8GeMeLed6>

**VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS-** If you can provide a snack, a craft or share your time to help make this year's VBS a success, please sign up in the LOBBY.

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**What do dragons sleep during the day?**

***So they can fight knights!***



**LET US PRAY TOGETHER FOR:**

Ruth & Ken Newhard, Althea Blose, Nancy Saeger, Nydia and Henry Grube, the Lakatosh Family, the Tice family, Todd Mellett, Tracey Hildebeidel, Bruce Stocker, Ray and Terry Ward, Jenn Seidel, Dolly and Bruce DeLong, Ray Smith, Frank Keglovitz, Amanda and Mike and their four children.

The Auman family - please keep Sheri Stephens, Kim Minarovic, Jane Kelly and Patti Leaney, their husbands and their families in your prayers on the passing of their father/grandfather, William (Bill) Auman on Thursday, May 1.

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

**\*\*Names will remain on the prayer list for two months unless updated with Sue Borger (484-695-7954).**

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

Eleanor Limpar (Whitehall Manor - Room C62)      Naomi Thomas, at home  
Doris Shaver (Phoebe - Room T313A)

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## **Outreach + Mission = GROWTH**

### **OMG's MISSION FOCUS FOR 2025**

Our "LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE" campaign has been very successful, with \$1,214 having been collected to date. As you know, these donations will be made to a local family in desperate need of a new furnace. We initially planned to collect for this family through April. However, as we have not identified another local need, we will continue to collect funds toward this family's furnace.

If you are aware of a local individual/family with a critical specific need, please talk to a member of the OMG Team. Info will remain confidential within the committee. If you have any questions, talk to a team member ... Eileen Cleaver, Karen Griffith, Janine Hensing, Sandy Lakatosh, Sue Roth and Randy Seyler.

Special envelopes are available in the lobby – look for the "Let's Make a Difference" poster and basket, or place an offering plate. Checks may be made payable to UCCG, but please note "Let's Make a Difference" on the memo line.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*~ 2 Corinthians 9:7*

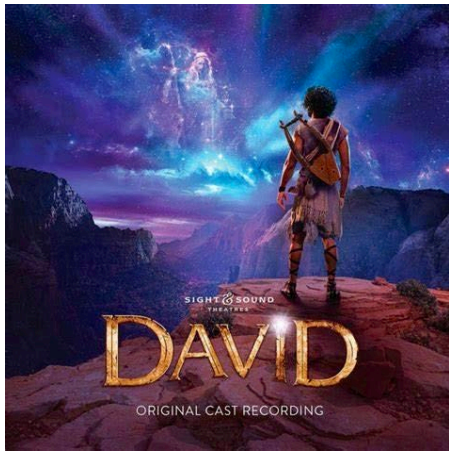
**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**



**THANK YOU** for your generous contributions to our Lenten offering, ***One Great Hour of Sharing***. We collected \$407, which will provide disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHs ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery. Thank you for Being the Light!

“Remember the words the Lord himself said *“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*  
~ Acts 20:35

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Our next showing of a Sight & Sound production, **DAVID** – Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David’s ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 8 @ 6:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Theatre Room of the Horizons of Whitehall  
(behind Whitehall High School stadium)

The showing is FREE; however, reservations are required due to limited seating. Reserve your seats on the Sign-up Sheet on the shelf in the lobby. Join us – and invite your family and friends!

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**Behind all stories is a mother’s story,  
Because hers is where yours begins.**





Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for our recently completed April host week. There are currently four families in the rotation. HOWEVER, three of the families have found affordable housing and will be moving into their own apartments by the middle of May. Here is a list of some items needed for these families as they establish their new homes.

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| 1 twin size comforter (young girl) | 1 full size comforter (adult female) |
| 1 TV Stand                         | 1 set of kitchen utensils            |
| Kitchen knives                     | Swiffer and dry and wet pads         |
| 2 dressers                         | Miscellaneous household items        |
| Patio furniture                    |                                      |

Our last host week for 2025 is not until November 2 to 9, so you have plenty of time to pick the date and job you would like to do.

**May 31, 2025 - Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community** - The event will be held at DeSales University on Saturday, May 31.

Where: DeSales University - Conmy Tocik Parking Lot  
2755 Station Avenue, Center Valley, PA

When: 7:45 am - Check-In  
9:00 am - 5K Walk Begins  
9:15 am - 1 Mile Walk Begins

Watch for a Sign-Up Sheet and Sponsor Forms on the bulletin board in the lobby.

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### L.I.F.T. Group (*Ladies in Faith Together...*)

On Sunday, June 22 at 2:00 pm - PA Shakespeare Festival - The Producers.  
Mel Brook's hilarious love letter to Broadway. From the zany comedic genius of Mel Brooks comes *The Producers*, the musical that redefined Broadway comedy!

All tickets have been spoken for. If you have not yet paid Bonnie Marmon for your ticket, please do so no later than May 25. The cost is \$56 per ticket. Thank you.

**Hold the date - 2025 Campfire for a Cause - Sunday afternoon, September 21.** More details to follow.

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# WITH DEEPEST Sympathy

... to Eleanor Lakatosh, Sue Borger, Sandy Lakatosh, Diane Molchany and families on the death of son/brother/uncle, Scott R. Lakatosh. Scott passed away at Penn State Hershey Medical Center on Saturday, April 5, 2025. He was 59 years old.

... to the family of Lois J. Tice. Lois passed away peacefully in her home on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Lois was 97 years old.

... to Sheri Stephens, Kim Minarovic, Jane Kelly, Patti Leaney and families on the passing of their father, William H. Auman. Bill passed away in his home on Thursday, May 1, 2025. He was 91 years old.

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He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

Revelation 21:4  
New Living Translation

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... from the LaAsmar and Borger families for all the prayers and well wishes for Raylee during her recent open-heart surgery and hospitalization at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

UCCG is...



The Mental Health Ministry Team brings you  
this article from  
Lehigh Valley Press  
Times News Medical Book  
"How Social Media Affects Kids'  
Mental Health"

Social media has become such a key component of most people's lives that it is easy to think that it has always been there. SixDegrees, created in 1997, was the first social media site similar to the format known today. When SixDegrees shut down in 2001, Friendster, LinkedIn, MySpace, and Facebook soon took root. The University of Maine reports there are now 4.8 billion social media users worldwide, representing 92.7% of all internet users. And according to the American Family Survey 2023, 96% of parents say their kids have access to at least one social media platform. Many use multiple online platforms daily.

Although social media may have originated as a means to bring people together, there are many who argue that it actually does the opposite. Instances of cyberbullying, which is a form of online harassment, have grown as social media has become more pervasive. Some experts believe that mental health concerns are an unexpected side effect of increased social media use, says John Hopkins Medicine. In fact, in the spring of 2023, United States Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, MD, MBA, released an advisory that suggested social media is harmful to young people. In 2024, Dr. Murthy called for a surgeon general's warning not unlike the warnings on cigarette packages.

How might social media affect children's health? Here are some of the main concerns:

- **Changes in a developing brain:** according to the Surgeon General's report, children's brains go through a highly sensitive period of development between the ages of 10 and 19, when feelings of self-worth are forming. Frequent social media use may affect these feelings as children compare themselves to others they see online. In addition, functions like emotional learning, impulse control and emotional regulation may be affected.
- **Development of depression:** John Hopkins Medicine says research has demonstrated that there are high rates of depression attributed to very low social

media use and very high social media use. Finding a healthy balance might not be as it seems.

- **Addiction:** there is some evidence that children become addicted to checking social media, which can lead to addiction-like behaviors in other areas. According to The Addiction Center, a Web-based substance abuse resource, addiction to social media is driven by an uncontrollable urge to log on that impares other important areas of life. Fear of missing out (FOMO) is another threat to kids' mental health.
- **Low Self-Esteem Issues:** Children and teenagers who compare themselves to others' carefully curated online profiles (which usually are not telling the whole story) can develop feelings of inadequacy and body image issues.
- **Exposure to Inappropriate Content:** Social media may introduce children to content and images that are not appropriate for their age levels and capacity to understand and interpret. According to Dr. Murthy's report, deaths have been linked to suicide—and self-harm-related content—such as risk-taking challenges or asphyxiation content. Viewing this content normalizes this behavior for some youngsters.

Although plenty of good can come from social media, parents are urged to exercise caution when giving children access to these platforms, which can affect kids mental health in negative ways.

### May 18: Mental Health Sunday

The UCCG Mental Health Team will be planning and leading worship on May 18, 2025. The third Sunday of May is designated as *Mental Health Sunday* by the National UCC, as a way to grow awareness, share stories, provide education and support for those struggling and the ones who love and care for them. We hope that you can join us for worship on May 18!

“Wellness is the complete integration of body, mind, and spirit – the realization that everything we do, think, feel, and believe has an effect on our state of well-being.”

~Greg Anderson

**Your 2025 Consistory    *THANK YOU FOR SERVING!!***

*(Consistory members are elected for a three year term. Officers are elected for a one year term within their three years; term in office may be repeated if necessary.)*

Officers:

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Moderator - Karen Griffith;        | Class of 2026 |
| Vice Moderator - Glenn Horlacher;  | Class of 2027 |
| Treasurer - Bonnie Marmon;         | Class of 2027 |
| Financial Secretary - Grant Field; | Class of 2027 |
| Recording Secretary - Sue Borger;  | Class of 2025 |

At Large Members:

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Mark Adams       | Class of 2026 |
| Linda Altrichter | Class of 2026 |
| Jayne Christman  | Class of 2025 |
| Nanci Snyder     | Class of 2025 |
| Matt Stalter     | Class of 2026 |

SPIRITUAL COUNCIL

*(Active Elders serve on the Spiritual Council for 2 year terms.)*

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Jayne Christman  | Class of 2025 |
| Karen Adams      | Class of 2025 |
| Eileen Cleaver   | Class of 2025 |
| Carla Lindenmuth | Class of 2026 |
| Don Harris       | Class of 2026 |

**PNEC Delegates:** Ben Gulledge  
**Alternate Delegate:** Ashley Adams  
**Youth Delegate:** Markie Adams

Ben was unavailable to be the UCCG delegate at the May 3rd meeting due to a previous commitment. Ashley stepped up as a voting delegate.



## April Consistory Meeting



To let you know what your leadership discusses for 2-½ hours once a month, I thought I would give you an update ...

1. We reviewed and approved all the reports, as we do every month
2. Discussed making some of the financial reports more user friendly and informative for the Ministry team leads. The Finance and Budget Team will be working on this.
3. Evangelism is hosting a Gourmet Pancake Breakfast on May 10 AND STILL NEEDS HELP. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the pastor's office.
4. Mental Health Ministry is suggesting a Safety Task Force be formed to review our Safe Church Policies, PNEC Disaster Manual and our response to drugs, alcohol, and firearms on site. Members of this team will be volunteers from the congregation...see article in this Echoes.
5. Grant reviewed the final stages of the remodel project. He and Lee will be working on the Nursery School classrooms this spring and summer, painting, repairing walls and installation of new carpet. They will need help to empty the rooms when school ends in June ... stay tuned...
6. The Property Team will need help raking and shoveling ground in the Annex front yard where the sewer pipe was replaced. Please watch for Lee's call to arms when he is ready for help!
7. **CHAIR LIFT for FELLOWSHIP HALL back stairs!!!!** Yes, we are doing this!! Lee has gotten several estimates and the chairlift will cost close to \$7000 (includes permits). The chairlift will be located on the right side of the back stairwell. The chair folds up when not in use and comes with 2 remotes. We will start raising money immediately. Watch for the chair/stair donation chart on the bill tree bulletin board.

~ Karen Griffith

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**“One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say.”**

## Safety Task Force



At the suggestion of the Mental Health Team, Consistory has approved the development of a Safety Task Force for UCCG. This team will review our Safe Church Policies (2020), the PNEC Disaster Manual and other references to develop a written policy for situations that may arise. The final document will be presented to the congregation for adoption.

Considering the unrest targeting religious institutions in the last few years, a policy addressing church safety, including but not limited to drugs, alcohol, firearms, and door locking is important.

Our members and visitors deserve a place of worship where they feel comfortable and safe.

Please consider joining this Team. No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn and spend time exploring ways to keep UCCG a safe and welcoming place for all. Call or talk to Karen Griffith (610-703-6826) or Pastor Janet (610-657-2189) to volunteer or find out more.

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**Here are the financial results for the first three months of 2025.**

| Month        | Budget           | General Offering Income | *Other Income   | Total Operating Income | Operating Expense | Net Income     |
|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Jan-24       | \$13,856         | \$8,618                 | \$2,694         | \$11,312               | \$12,595          | (\$1,283)      |
| Feb-24       | \$13,856         | \$9,617                 | \$3,604         | \$13,221               | \$15,769          | (\$2,548)      |
| Mar-24       | \$13,856         | \$10,514                | \$8,226         | \$18,740               | \$12,804          | \$5,936        |
| Apr-24       | \$13,856         | \$0                     | \$0             | \$0                    | \$15,769          |                |
| May-24       | \$13,856         | \$0                     | \$0             | \$0                    | \$15,769          |                |
| Jun-24       | \$13,856         | \$0                     | \$0             | \$0                    | \$15,769          |                |
| Jul-24       | \$13,856         | \$0                     | \$0             | \$0                    | \$15,769          |                |
| Aug-24       | \$13,856         | \$0                     | \$0             | \$0                    | \$15,769          |                |
| Sep-24       | \$13,856         | \$0                     | \$0             | \$0                    | \$15,769          |                |
| Oct-24       | \$13,856         | \$0                     | \$0             | \$0                    | \$15,769          |                |
| Nov-24       | \$13,856         | \$0                     | \$0             | \$0                    | \$15,769          |                |
| Dec-24       | \$13,856         | \$0                     | \$0             | \$0                    | \$15,769          |                |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$166,272</b> | <b>\$28,749</b>         | <b>\$14,524</b> | <b>\$43,273</b>        | <b>\$183,085</b>  | <b>\$2,105</b> |

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

**NURSERY SCHOOL UPDATE:**

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

- Our current fundraiser is Thomson’s Hoagies. The sale began on April 30 and will end on May 15, with delivery on Thursday, May 22. An order form will be available in the lobby or you may contact Sue Borger or Sheri Stephens to place an order.
- Thank you for collecting used clothing, bedding, purses, and shoes which were picked up on Thursday, April 24. This year, we collected 3,989 pounds and earned \$678.13 for this fundraiser. Please continue collecting, as we will do this fundraiser again next year!
- We are now accepting registrations for the 2025-2026 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. ❤️

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**Eagle Scout Project - Vincent Cocca (Scout Troop 12)**

Vincent Cocca, Scout Troop #12 (a young man from the Greenawalds neighborhood and grandson of Vince Cocca - Vince’s Cheesesteaks) has chosen UCCG’s macadam parking lot as his Eagle Scout project. He plans to reseal the cracks, put down a fresh top coat, and repainting the lines for the parking spots. We will let you know when he has other fundraisers planned to help with this project. Thank you, Vincent.

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**Do YOU need help?**

(with car detailing, cleaning and organizing or miscellaneous jobs)?  
If so, we've got help for you!!!

Car Detailing - Spring is here and it's time to clean and detail your car. Call or text Patrick Stephens at 610-428-4551 for an appointment.

Cleaning or Organizing - Abigail Paradysz has recently started her own business offering help with cleaning and organizing. Give Abby a call at 610-297-6072 for more information.

Miscellaneous Jobs - Do you need help with odds and ends around your home?? Odd jobs, yard work, flower beds, clean-outs, babysitting, etc. If so, please give me a call.

~ Faith, Love and Happiness – Ruth Clark at 484-692-0430.

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# Keystone Conference

## Logo Submission

**Deadline to submit: May 15, 2025**

For person submitting logo:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of home church and town: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Identify colors/fonts used: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rules for submission:

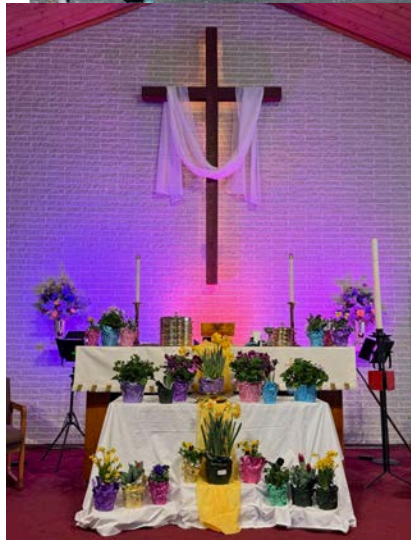
1. Submission (herein referred to as “logo”) **must be received no later than May 15, 2025** and should be emailed **ONLY** to keystone2025@gmail.com.
2. Individual submitting logo must be a member of a local church in one of the current PA UCC conferences.
3. Logo must be able to be reproduced in very small (1”) and very large (banner) formats.
4. The logo must be easy to reproduce (e.g. shirts, hats, pens, etc.), thus there should be no gradients of colors.
5. Submissions must be in high resolution PNG format.

Suggestions for submission:

1. Color palettes may follow the UCC color palettes but it is not required. The UCC color palettes can be found here;  
<https://www.ucc.org/who-we-are/about/brand-guidelines/color-guide/>.  
If using a color similar to one of the UCC colors, we do recommend the use of the UCC color.
2. Logo can be two parts; a visual that can stand alone and used in small reproductions (lapel pin) and a set of words (e.g. The Keystone Conference) that could be added to larger reproductions.
3. The logo cannot represent all of what the Keystone Conference embodies but should be a representation of who we are/our purpose. It should make sense without explanation.
4. The logo may represent our heritage (4 conferences as one) but is not required.



# Lent & Easter Happenings





# MAY 2025

**\*\* every Sunday unless otherwise stated \*\***

| Sun                                                                            | Mon                                                                                                     | Tues                                                                                                              | Wed                                                                                                                                  | Thurs                                                                                           | Fri                                                                                                  | Sat                                                                                               |
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| <b>**</b><br>9:00 am Sunday School<br>9:30 am Fellowship<br>10:00 am Worship   |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                      | <b>1</b> 11am-6pm<br>Vince's Food Truck @ UCCG<br>Eagle Scout fundraiser<br><br>6:00 pm E&O Mtg | <b>2</b>                                                                                             | <b>3</b><br><br>PNEC Spring Meeting @ Neffs Union UCC                                             |
| <b>4 **</b><br>Star Wars Sunday<br>Holy Communion                              | <b>5</b>                                                                                                | <b>6</b><br><br>6:30-8:00 pm<br>Cub Den Mtg.                                                                      | <b>7</b><br>10:30 am Faith Club                                                                                                      | <b>8</b><br>Nursery School<br>Mother's Day Tea                                                  | <b>9</b> 5:00 pm<br>Set Up for Pancake Breakfast<br>6:00 pm Meet at Keneseth Israel for Shabbat      | <b>10</b><br>9:00 am to 12:00 noon<br>Gourmet Pancake Breakfast                                   |
| <b>11 **</b><br>Mother's Day<br>Worship with special musical<br>guest Dan May! | <b>12</b><br>9am-5 pm<br>Piano Guild Auditions<br><br>10:00 am OMG Mtg                                  | <b>13</b><br>9am-5 pm<br>Piano Guild Auditions<br><br>6:00 pm<br>Confirmation<br><br>6:30-8:00 pm<br>Cub Den Mtg. | <b>14</b><br>9am-5 pm<br>Piano Guild Auditions<br><br>10:30 am Faith Club<br><br><b>6:30 pm</b><br><i>What Matters on Wednesdays</i> | <b>15</b><br>9am-5 pm Piano Guild Auditions<br><br>5:30 pm<br>Consistory Mtg.                   | <b>16</b><br>9am-5 pm<br>Piano Guild Auditions<br><br><b>Deadline to submit info for June Echoes</b> | <b>17</b><br>3:00 pm<br>Piano Guild Recital in Sanctuary followed by reception in Fellowship Hall |
| <b>18 **</b><br>Mental Health Sunday                                           | <b>19</b>                                                                                               | <b>20</b><br><br>2pm PRC<br><br>6:30-8:00 pm<br>Cub Den Mtg. (last one til Fall)                                  | <b>21</b><br>10:30 am Faith Club<br><br><b>6:30 pm</b><br><i>What Matters on Wednesdays</i>                                          | <b>22</b><br>Nursery School Closing Program<br><br>6:30 pm Mental Health Mtg.                   | <b>23</b>                                                                                            | <b>24</b><br><br>9:30am trip to Hindu Temple and muslim mosque                                    |
| <b>25 **</b>                                                                   | <b>26</b><br>Memorial Day<br><br><b>Please Note:</b><br>Pastor Janet on vacation May 26 through June 1. | <b>27</b> 9am-12n<br>Nursery School Camporee                                                                      | <b>28</b> 9am-12n<br>Nursery School Camporee<br><br>10:30 am Faith Club<br><br><b>6:30 pm</b><br><i>What Matters on Wednesdays</i>   | <b>29</b> 9am-12n<br>Nursery School Camporee                                                    | <b>30</b>                                                                                            | <b>31</b><br><br>Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community<br><br>@ DeSales University                |

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