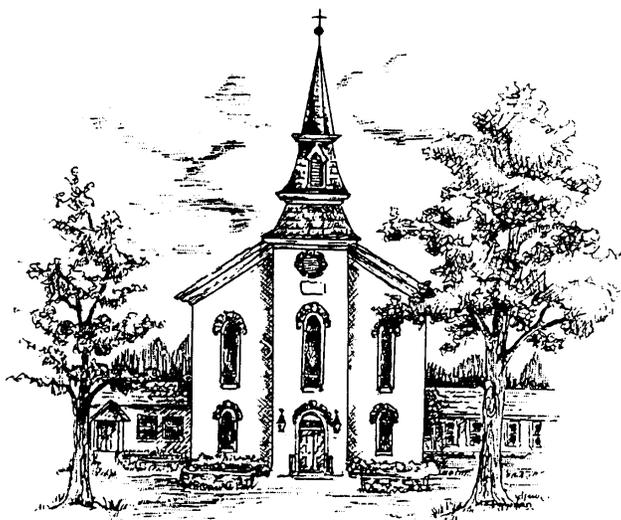




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From Pastor Tony



“If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord, so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” (Romans 14:8)

“Just a pile of trash bags!” That was my thought as I stood in the driveway at my sister’s house. A few weeks ago, my sister finally succumbed to her battle with cancer and died. Among the many “things” we had to do was to begin the process of cleaning out her house. With that beginning effort, we had accumulated a big pile of trash in her driveway. My initial thought was that after a life lived, especially courageously battling her disease, this is all that’s left – a pile of trash bags?

But, then I remembered the many times we shared together. The times we laughed, cried, disagreed and, yes, yelled at each other. I remember being with my sister when my parents died. I remembered being with my sister when she met our children for the first time. I remembered being with my sister when my brother married, when my children married. I remembered many of the times just being with my sister, at the shore, the hospital bed, the dinner table...

And, I realized that we do leave more than just a “pile of trash bags.” We leave remembrances of the many times we have interacted with others. We leave behind the realization of lives transformed by our presence and actions, some we’ve planned, some just serendipitously. We leave behind the moments of care and compassion we’ve shared, the times of support we given to others, the possibilities of showing love through the giving of our time, energy and means.

Reflecting on this experience, I have become more convinced of the value of the church and its ministries. I know that the church is an agent of change and transformation. The church through its message of love and acceptance has made my life much different. I rejoice in this transformation in the gospel of Jesus. I have also witnessed the transformation in the lives of others throughout the years. For this I give thanks.

My sister’s death has stirred me to reevaluate my will, among other things. In the process, I want to make sure that I don’t just leave an “empty pew” after I am gone; but rather, a gift so that the ministries of the church can transform the lives of others through the sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The gift may not be large, but it will be an affirmation of my belief in the work of the church as it shares the gospel.

So, when I do die, which I hope will not be for many, many years, I hope to not just leave behind a “big pile of trash bags” (though I probably will, for which my children will not be happy); but also, an affirmation that through the church we remember that we belong to God in Jesus Christ who transforms us into a people of faith, hope and love.

And, as you contemplate and plan, what will you do?



*Wentz's Family
Please keep these
members
and family and friends of
members in
your prayers:*

Virginia Camburn Lorraine Seraika "Ticker" Steward
Wesley Walton Bev Wilkie Mildred McClure
Lois McConnell Bill Detwiler Elfriede Koellner
Kathryn Eshbach **Mark** (friend of the Wenners); **Opal Berly** (Aunt of
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(friend of the Ricci's); **Marsha Chappell** (friend of Congregation); **Debbie**
Deily (aunt of Nichole Ostrowski); **Kathy Evelhock** (friend of Betsy Villareal);
Susan Fritz (wife of Rev. Sterling Fritz); **John C. Grebe** (Grandfather of John
Grebe); **Alan Greiss** (brother of Lois Graver); **Judy & Julie** (friends of the Wen-
ners); **Jessica Jannenga** (Laura McLennan's sister-in-law); **Mary Lou Johnson**
(Mom of Craig Johnson); **Jamie Jordan** (niece of the Rubery's); **Edith Kallensee**
(Mother of Georgia Slater); **Lee Kapp** (friend of the Anderson's); **Don Krapf**
(friend of Kim MacDonald's); **Scott Lengel** (friend of June Wright); **Joe Lorenz**
(friend of the Hubbard's); **Sue McCallum** (friend of the Wisler's); **June**
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the Domurats); **Mia Nguyen** (friend of June Wright); **Nunes Family** (friend of the
Rader's); **Steven Piasecki** (nephew of the Barton's); **David Roper** (nephew of
Bev Wilkie); **Hank Ryzner** (grandfather of Bob Darde); **Doug Sanders** (friend of
Doug Leach); **Joe Schoendorf** (Kathy Wells' brother-in-law); **Lisa Serrao** (friend
of the Kessler family); **Michelle Shaw** (niece of Bev Wilkie); **Mabel Weidman**
(friend of Bob & Betty Wilkie); **Iva Zanoni** (friend of the Snyders)

Deaths ~ Lester Geyer

December 3, 2014

The Newsletter is published 11 times per year. **The deadline is always the 15th of every month.** To ensure communication throughout the entire Wentz's family, please contact the church office with your newsletter articles. Should you need assistance, please call us at 610-584-4855 and we'll take care of you. Your contribution to this newsletter is appreciated.

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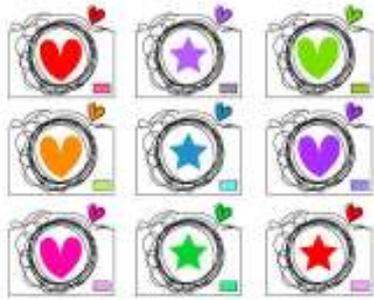
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2015 Offering Envelopes are available in the Guild Room. Please remember to pick up family members' envelopes also.



PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED TO TAKE PICTURES OF EVENTS AT WENTZ'S! We are in the process of updating Wentz's website and need pictures of what is happening at Wentz's UCC. If you have a smart phone, you can take a picture. Email your pics to: office@wentzsucc.org. Thank you.

KEEP SAVING THOSE REDNER'S MARKET GROCERY RECEIPTS FOR BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME! Please save your grocery receipts from Redner's Markets and place them in the designated box in the Guild Room. And remember, you must use the "Save-A-Tape" card in order for the receipts to be counted.



ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS~

Your reports are due in the church office by **January 15, 2015**. This year, we ask that you include your Committee's plans for year 2015. Remember, Wentz's is a work in progress. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. office@wentzsucc.org



*Have you GoodSearched Today?
Don't forget to use
GoodSearch, GoodShop, and GoodDining
to help support our church.*



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS
*in the hospital or may need to talk
with the Pastor? If so, please in-
form the church office.*



Join us for Bible Study returns Tues-
day, January 6, at 7pm. Join us for
interesting conversation.
All Welcome!



SUNDAY NURSERY: *If you need nursery care, please sign up at the Wel-
come Desk prior to the start of the 10:45 service. We will do everything we can
to accommodate these requests. If you would like to supervise your own chil-
dren in the Nursery, please feel free to do so.*

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

**All women of the church are invited to attend
the Women's Guild Meeting
on January 19 at 7pm.**



Youth Group News

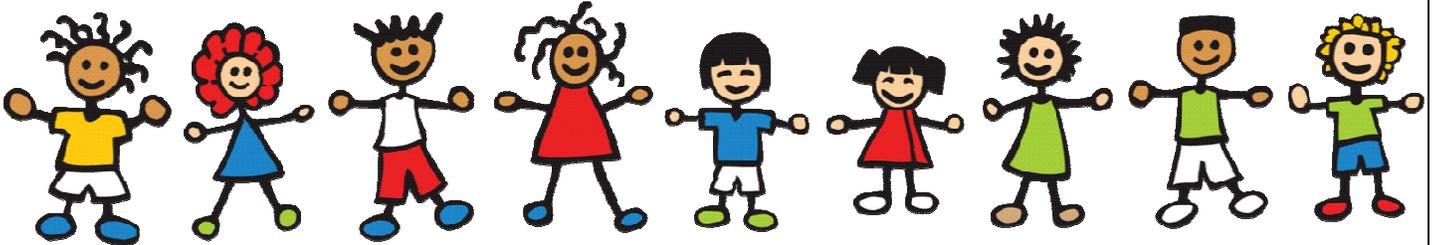
Wentz's UCC Youth Group News

All youth group members need to complete the Wentz's UCC Information Sheet with your insurance information in order to participate in youth group events. This form can be found online at: www.wentzsucc.org and on the youth group bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.

ATTENTION YOUTH GROUP: There will be a 6:30pm meeting on **Sunday, January 4th**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Youth Group Lock-in **January 16th**.
Details to follow.

No meeting January 18th.



Wentz's Preschool students have been busy making Christmas crafts and learning songs to perform for each of their holiday performances. We will begin to enroll in our 2015-2016 school year when we return in January. We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

☼ 8:30am Journey Service, 9:00am Prelude Chimes; 9:30am Sunday School; Allegro Ringers during Offertory; Cherub Choir/Junior Choir/Youth Choir, Flute Choir & Youth Band following Children's Message at the 10:45am Service of Worship; 10:45am church service

✝ Summer Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Holiday—Office Closed</i> 7:30 pm AA	2 8pm AA (Men)	3
4 ☼ <i>Journey Service w/ Holy Communion</i> 6:30 pm Youth Group Mtg	5 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	6 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA	7 8 pm AA	8 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	9 8pm AA (Men)	10
11 ☼	12 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Shawl Ministry	13 7:30pm AA	14 6:30 p.m. Elders 7:30pm Consistory Mtg 8 pm AA	15 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Web Meeting 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	16 Youth Lock-in Begins 8pm AA (Men)	17 Youth Lock-in ends
18 ☼	19 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	20 6:30pm Sabbatical Mtg 7pm Bible Study 7pm Bell Practice 7:30pm AA 8:30pm Preschool Board Mtg	21 8 pm AA	22 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	23 8pm AA (Men)	24
25 ☼	26 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	27 7pm Bell Practice 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Stewardship 7:30p.m. Christian Ed Committee	28 8 pm AA	29 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	30 8pm AA (Men)	31

* Please note that the Resounding Ringers' practice schedule will either be on Monday night or Tuesday night. Laura will post the schedule on the music calendar on the website, or you may contact Laura @ dlrmclennan@gmail.com or 215-234-4635