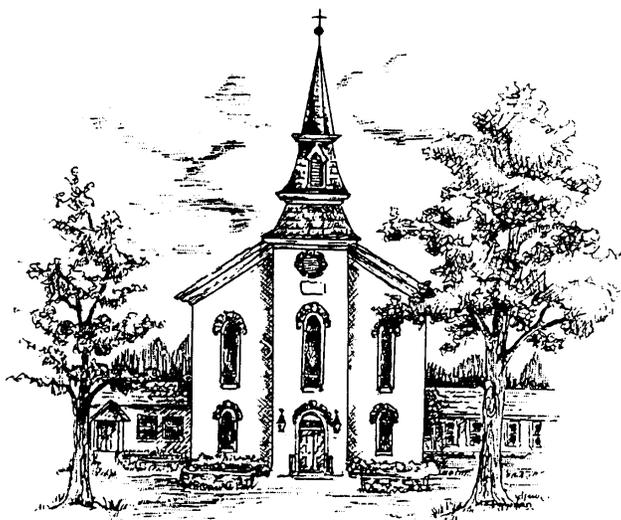




Inside Wentz's February 2015



Attention All Members of Wentz's UCC

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 23 after the 10:45 a.m. Service of Worship. All members of the church are invited to attend this meeting.



How about having your monthly newsletter emailed to you? It will save the church money on postage and is more environmentally friendly. Please contact the church office with your email address. We will also be able to email you important announcements and reminders of events at Wentz's. Email to: office@wentzsucc.org

From Pastor Tony



“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Are you as exasperated as I am at times with all the violence of the world? It seems that no matter where you turn, someone is harming someone else; be it terrorism, brutality in the streets, industrial “accidents” or whatever. The evening news seems to begin with violence, following that old adage “if it bleeds it leads.”

No wonder people wonder about the gospel message of love. Surrounded by so much violence, it would only seem natural to view the world as a scary and mean place. That pessimistic world-view might have some value, except for the gospel.

As the Apostle points out, love is the ultimate value in this world. As we who follow the gospel know, God is love and shows that love in Jesus Christ. Such love is patient, kind, trustworthy and true. Such love is the stuff on which we hang our hats as God’s people.

Yes, the world may want to proclaim violence and hatred, but we know love and peace. We know that God does love us, and shows us that love in Jesus Christ. We know that we can share that love through the Holy Spirit in works of compassion and acts of care. We know that ultimately, love matters most – our receiving love, and our giving love.

Will that end the violence and hatred in the world? No. But, we can offer an alternative – the gift of love that comes in the gospel. Not only can we offer that alternative, we are called to live that alternative. To be a loving, reconciling people is what it means to follow Jesus. To share the love of Christ is more than just a slogan; it is a way of life.

My friends, we are called to live the way of love. To live as if we truly believe Jesus calls us to love one another as he loved us. To live as if we truly believe Jesus calls us to love God, to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. To live as if we truly believe love “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

In this way, we may actually have the audacity to believe that we can change the world! We may actually make someone else’s life better. We may actually transform the world-view from that of violence and hatred to love and compassion. And, we may find ourselves transformed as loving people to see a vision of God’s love in our lives!

So, in this month of the celebration of love, may we share more than just Valentine’s cards and candy. May we share God’s love in all we think, do and say! Who knows, we may even change some lives!



*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 Lois McConnell
Bill Detwiler Kathryn Eshbach **Mark** (friend of the Wen-
ners); **Opal Berly** (Aunt of Laura McLennan); **Scott Black** (Uncle of Jessi & Jake
Loburak); **Lou Capone** (friend of the Ricci's); **Marsha Chappell** (friend of Cong-
regation); **Michael Corazon** (friend of Gail Reilley); **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 Weners); **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); **Sue McCallum** (friend of
the Wisler's); **June Messinger** (friend of Annalise Wilson); **Marian Mindas**
(friend of Pastor Tony); **Marlee Mintzer-Shaner** (friend of the Reed family); **Na-
than Morton** (Nephew of Stacy Morton); **Alexander Murph** (friend of Kim
Kline); **Jill Mussell** (friend of the Domurats); **Mia Nguyen** (friend of June
Wright); **Nunes Family** (friend of the Rader's); **Beth Ann Phipps** (niece of Craig
Johnson); **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); **Barnes Tatum**
(friend of Pastor Tony); **Mabel Weidman** (friend of Bob & Betty Wilkie); **Iva
Zanoni** (friend of the Snyders)

Births ~ January 4, 2015, Dylan Kathleen Mower
Daughter of Randy & Heather Mower

Baptisms ~ January 18, 2015, Aubree Elizabeth Lepore
Daughter of Brian & Nicole Lepore

Deaths ~ Mildred McClure January 10, 2015
Emily Kendall January 12, 2015

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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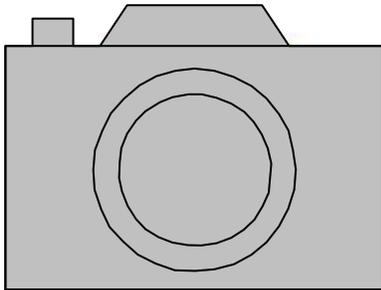
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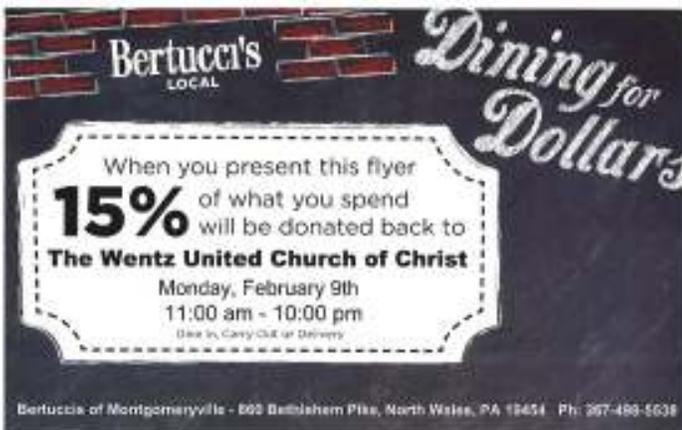
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY OFFERING



On February 15 we will be collecting donations for All Saints Day offering. All these gifts go to supplement the health and dental insurance benefits for retired clergy and their spouses/widows, who receive low pension incomes. The recipients of these gifts have served faithfully in our conference and are very grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

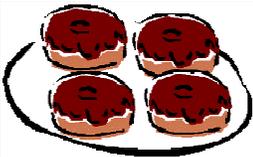


PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED TO TAKE PICTURES OF EVENTS AT WENTZ'S! We are in the process of updating Wentz's website and need pictures of what is happening at Wentz's UCC. If you have a smart phone, you can take a picture. Email your pics to: office@wentzsucc.org. Thank you.



The Stewardship Committee has planned a Dining-Out for Monday, February 9 at Bertucci's in Montgomeryville. (Located in the parking lot of Montgomery Mall). Please present the flyer (can be found at the Welcome Desk or will be emailed to you) to your server and Bertucci's will donate 15% of your food bill to Wentz's UCC.

From our Dining-Out at Texas Roadhouse, we were able to give \$250 to Bethany Children's Home. We thank you for your continued support.



Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, February 17th at 6:15 p.m.** for our annual **Fastnacht Dinner**. Future bulletins will have all the details.



STEWARDSHIP AUCTION: Saturday, April 25. If you are ready to begin your Spring Cleaning....please remember the Stewardship Auction and consider donating items that you believe would sell. Our auction has been a great source of adding to our General Fund. Please contact Gerald Rader, 610.613.2766 if you have items to donate.



Join us for Bible Study on Tuesday, February 3 at 7pm . We are discussing the book of Acts. All Welcome!



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

**Community Lenten Worship Services, 2015
Theme: "Images of the Journey"**

Date	Theme	Preacher	Host Church
February 18 Ash Wednesday	Ointment, Tears (Anointing)	Rev. John Bhajjan	Wentz's UCC 3246 Skippack Pike Lansdale
February 25	Palms, Donkey (Entering Jerusalem)	Rev. Michael Evans	Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC 619 W. Township Line E. Norriton
March 4	Coins, Whips (Cleansing of the Temple)	Rev. Leslie Kearney	Methacton Mennonite 3081 Mill Rd Norristown
March 11	Bread, Wine, Basin, Towel (Last Supper)	Rev. Larry O'Neill	Trinity Christian UCC 2009 Church Rd Skippack
March 18	Silver, Sword (Arrest, betrayal)	Rev. J. Fred Kauffman	Skippack Church of the Brethren 520 Collegeville Road, Col- legeville
March 25	Thorns, Spear, Dice, Cross (Crucifixion)	Rev. Mike Meneses	Bethel Hill UMC 2000 Bethel Hill Road, Lansdale

As in the past, the host church will be responsible for the worship service, with the guest preacher providing the appropriate scriptures for the night. The host church will also provide a fellowship time following the service. All the services begin at 7:30 pm.

Wentz's UCC will host the Ash Wednesday Service, with the disposition of the ashes, and a soup dinner at 6:00 pm prior to the service at 7:30 pm.

The offerings will be going to support the Liberty Ministries Halfway House. For the offering, please have a check sent to Wentz's UCC. At the end of the series, Wentz's UCC will forward the monies to the Liberty Ministries Halfway House on behalf of the churches of the SPAM.



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.



YOUTH GROUP LUNCHEON AND DESSERT COMPETITION: The congregation of Wentz's are invited to come together for fun and fellowship in a dessert competition and lunch to benefit Wentz's Youth Group on Sunday, **February 8** following the 10:45 am service ! Everyone is welcome to make a dessert that will be judged in each of these categories: Most Beautiful, Most Artistic, Most Original, Cutest, and Best Tasting. Voting is done by purchasing tickets, and placing them in a container labeled with each judging category. Winners are selected by how many tickets are collected in each category. Following the judging, and lunch, we eat the dessert entries and vote on Best Tasting in the same manner as the other categories. The dessert with the most votes wins! Ribbons will be awarded for each winning category.

Super Bowl/Souper Bowl



On Sunday, February 1 the youth group will be participating in the annual Souper Bowl offering. Following each service, donations will be received for this annual interdenominational offering to help feed the hungry in the community. As in the past, donations received will be sent to the Manna on Main Street in Lansdale. Please help with this special offering!



WENTZ'S PRESCHOOL will have open registration at the end of the month. Registration forms will be located in front vestibule. Please contact Jennifer Reeves for a tour of the Pre-school @ 215-817-4942. The preschool would appreciate any donations of diaper wipes and clorox wipes. We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 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

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ☼ Journey Service w/ Holy Communion Souper Bowl Sunday	2 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7pm Bell Practice	3 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA	4 8 pm AA	5 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	6 8pm AA (Men)	7 Bethany Home Visit
8 ☼ Luncheon/Dessert Competition	9 Dining-Out Bertuccis. Montgomeryville 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7pm Bell Practice	10 7:30pm AA	11 6:30 p.m. Elders 7:30pm Consistory Mtg 8 pm AA	12 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	13 8pm AA (Men)	14
15 ☼ 6:30 pm Youth Group Mtg	16 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	17 6:00 Fastnacht 7:30pm AA	18 6pm Ash Wednesday Supper 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service 8 pm AA	19 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA 8pm Church & Ministry	20 8pm AA (Men)	21
22 ☼ Congregational Meeting	23 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7pm Bell Practice	24 6:30pm Sabbatical Mtg 7pm Bell Practice 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Stewardship 7:30p.m. Christian Ed Committee	25 7:30 p.m. Lenten Service (Olivet-Schwenkfelder) 8 pm AA	26 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	27 8pm AA (Men)	28

* 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