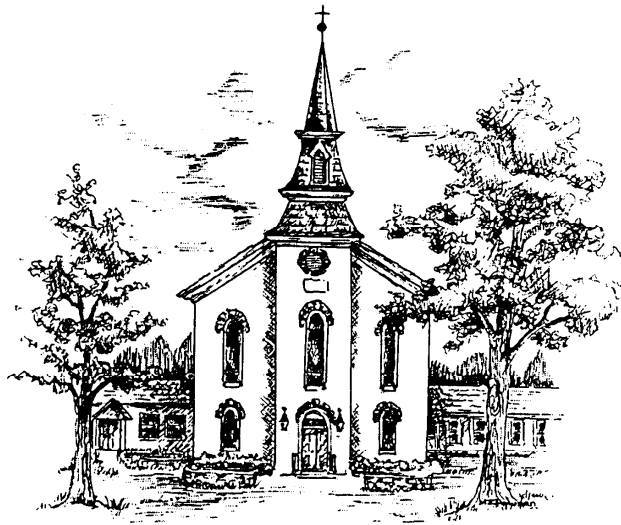


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From Pastor Tony



“So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” (James 2:17)

I get to see lots of church signs throughout my travels. Many are cute, witty, and sometimes compelling. I see one sign on my way to church every day, and it struck me recently with the following: “No belief is real unless it guides your actions.” Thought provoking, isn’t it?

The realization that what we believe compels us to act has been with us since the creation of the community we call the church. The writer of James lifts this up in his discourse on the relationship of faith to works. Let’s be clear, this is not about justification by faith, not works – the insight of the Protestant Reformers. We are justified by our faith in the grace of God given in the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That’s what saves us, not any work that we might accomplish.

But, it is also clear from the early church fathers to the present day, that a faith that is devoid of actions is meaningless. It is mere lip service. It does not challenge us to respond, other than to utter empty words.

Clearly, God wants more of us than that. From the very beginnings of the covenant with the ancient Hebrew people through the teachings of Jesus and the insights of the church, God calls us to respond to this gift of grace in thought, word, and deed. We are driven by our faith to do works that reflect our belief in the saving grace of God for all!

So, we work for justice for the poor and oppressed. We receive offerings of wealth and food for the hungry. We reach out to the hurting, seeking justice. We show forth acceptance of the neglected and outcasts, as did Jesus. We teach what it means to love neighbor, and to love one another as Christ loves us. We care for the environment, and for all of creation. We welcome the stranger, for our religious ancestors were once strangers in a strange land. We do these, not because of any advancement up the social ladder or attainments of wealth and power. We do these as our response, a reflection of our faith in the grace of Christ given to us!

As we gather for the special World Wide Communion, and receive our Neighbors in Need offering, and our offerings for Manna on Main St., we live out our faith in the grace of God offered in Jesus Christ, offered to all. The witnesses that surround us include not only those saints of the faith from the past, but also, those believers gathered with us and throughout the world. We are bound together in the communion one with another as a common faith, sharing in the bread and cup, remembering the One who gives us life!

So, let our works of compassion, outreach and care reflect our faith in this gift from God. In so doing, let our faith be alive!



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

Lorraine Seraika "Ticker" Steward Wesley Walton
Bev Wilkie Lois McConnell Bill Detwiler
Kathryn Eshbach Doris Brey Nancy Domurat
Pauline Caufield Richard Wayland Lauren Trezza
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ners); **Skylar** (friend of Nancy Domurat) **Lou Capone** (friend of the Ricci's);
Marsha Chappell (friend of Congregation); **The family of Lisa Cinciripini**
(friend of Cianne Landis); **Michael Corazon** (friend of Gail Reilley); **Debbie**
Deily (aunt of Nichole Ostrowski); **Kathy Evelhock** (friend of Betsy Villareal);
Bernie & Heidi Fierro (family of the Fierro's); **Elmer (Dick) Fretz** (brother of
Bruce Fretz); **Susan Fritz** (wife of Rev. Sterling Fritz); **Marcia Heylin** (friend of
the Landis family); **Leslie Husmann** (daughter of Jackie Wolfe, sister of Paige
Wolfe); **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); **Sydney Kadlecik** (granddaughter of Bev Gresch); **Edith**
Kallensee (Mother of Georgia Slater); **Lee Kapp** (friend of the Anderson's); **Don**
Krapf (friend of Kim Klines's); **Agnes Lafiata** (friend of Frank Engro & Paige
Wolfe); **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); **Peg Moser** (friend of Pastor Tony); **Marlee Mintzer-Shaner**
(friend of the Reed family); **Nathan Morton** (Nephew of Stacy Morton); **Pete**
Moyer (brother-in-law of the Rubery's); **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);
David Roper (nephew of Bev Wilkie); **Mary Jane Roth** (mother of Megan Roth);
Hank Ryzner (grandfather of Bob Darde); **Lisa Serrao** (friend of the Kessler
family); **Michelle Shaw** (niece of Bev Wilkie); **Diane Stehman** (mother of Tiffani
Todd); **Barnes Tatum** (friend of Pastor Tony); **Brian Tew** (friend of Debi Kin-
sky); **Gary Villareal** (brother of Pastor Tony); **Mabel Weidman** (friend of Betty
Wilkie); **Jessica (Bosler) Wickenheisser** (niece and cousin of the MacDonald
family); **Virginia Wright** (Mom of June Wright); **Iva Zanoni** (friend of the
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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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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 4 ~ World Wide Communion & Neighbors in Need Special Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.



SUNDAY NURSERY: If you need nursery care, please sign up at the Welcome 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 children in the Nursery, please feel free to do so.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS in the hospital or may need to talk with the Pastor? If so, please inform the church office, or contact Pastor Tony:

pastortony@wentzsucc.org



**CROP HUNGER WALK
OCTOBER 11, 1:00PM**

Team Wentz's UCC should meet at Trinity UCC, 532 E. Main Street, Collegeville at 12:30pm.

Please support Team Wentz's To contribute online.....

www.crophungerwalk.org

On the upper right hand corner click on "Find a Walk"; Click on Pennsylvania on the map or enter Collegeville in the lower left hand corner; Click on Collegeville Trappe October 11 Walk.; Click on the DONATE button; Click on "I want to support a Team" and then click on Team Wentz's and follow prompt.



MANNA ON MAIN STREET: We will be collecting non-perishable food items and paper goods for our neighbors at Manna on Main Street in Lansdale through October 4. Please place your items in the designated boxes in the Guild Room. In our June collection, we collected 207 pound for Manna. We hope to collect 300 pounds for Manna with this drive. Thank you for your ongoing support to this ministry.

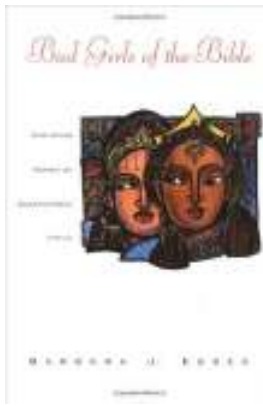
Mark your calendars for October 21st. The Stewardship Committee has planned a Dining-Out at the Iron Hill Brewery in Montgomeryville.



Mark your calendars! Cookie Baking begins October 19 from 8am until Noon. Cookie Packing is on the same evening and begins at 6pm until 7:30pm. If you can help out a little or a lot, it will be greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk. The dates for cookie baking and packing are as follows: **October 19, 20, 26, & 27. November 2, 4, 9 & 10** (possibly the 11th if needed) Any questions or concerns, contact Rita Cipriano

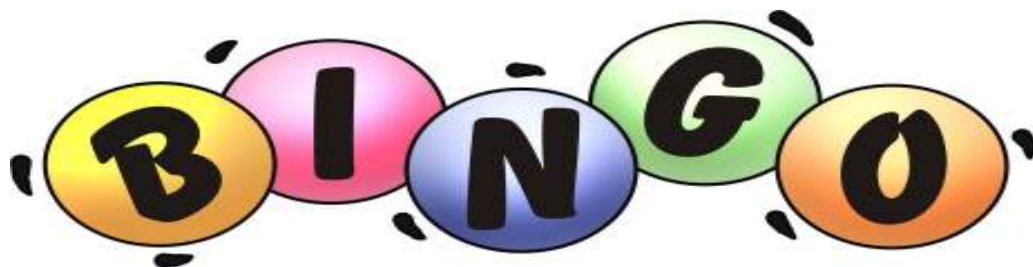


Join us for Bible Study on Tuesday, October 6 at 7pm . Bible Study is usually the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. All are Welcome to Attend and we hope to see some new faces!



OCTOBER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: "Bad Girls of the Bible: Exploring Women of Questionable Virtue" by Barbara Essex will be the basis for a six-week adult study. Part I will begin on Sunday, October 25 and Part II will be held in the winter. In order to prepare, please contact the church office if you are interested in this class.

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Friday, November 6

Wentz's United Church of Christ

3246 Skippack Pike, Lansdale PA 19446 (Worcester Township)

Doors Open at 6pm

Play begins at 7pm

Price: \$25 per ticket on or before November 5
\$30 November 6

Food, refreshments, raffles, including a 50/50 raffle, extra Bingo Cards will be on sale day of event.

Contact Wentz's UCC for tickets: 610-584-4855 or
Email: office@wentzsucc.org

No Alcoholic Beverages Permitted.

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SPONSORS for our Bingo Game are needed. If you would like to advertise your business by sponsoring a game, or if you would like to sponsor a game in honor of someone, please see Karen Rader: 610.613.7443 or the church office. Thank you.



JEWELRY BOOTH FOR OUR 2015 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Please remember there is a box in the Guild Room for costume jewelry donations for the Christmas Bazaar. We have had very little donated so far this year, and we always try and make about \$2000 from the Jewelry Booth. We did very well last Bazaar and went over our goal. Any condition of jewelry is accepted as we can sell broken things or single earrings to crafters. Old jewelry boxes in any condition sell well, along with men's jewelry. We have also had good luck selling evening bags. Time to clean out! We will also pick up items if needed. If you want some of your jewelry evaluated, we will tell you what the value is before you make the decision to donate. Any questions call Ann Kulp or Vera Hubbard.



BASKETS NEEDED: Ginny Fontaine is looking for small/tiny (just big enough to put a jar of jelly in) baskets for the Christmas Boutique Booth at our Christmas Bazaar. (She would like to put jars of homemade jams and jelly in these baskets to use as gifts) Please place these items in the Credenza in the Guild Room with Ginny's name on them.



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.

The Youth Group this month will be on **October 4 & 18 at 6:30 pm.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. We will explore upcoming activities. For any questions see Pastor Tony or Chip Kinsky.

National Youth Event July 26-30, 2016



Coronado Springs Resort Hotel
Lake Buena Vista, FL

Mark your calendar to attend the most magical United Church of Christ/Disciples of Christ National Youth Event (NYE) of all! Join 4,000 youth from across the country at Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort in Buena Vista, FL

Look for more details in future bulletins and newsletters.

☀ 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

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	2 8pm AA (Men)	3
4 ☀ World Communion Neighbors in Need 6:30pm Youth Group	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 ☀ CROP WALK	12 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7:30pm Shawl Ministry	13 7:30pm AA	14 6:30pm Elders Mtg 7:30pm Consistory Mtg 8 pm AA	15 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	16 8pm AA (Men)	17
18 ☀ 6:30pm Youth Group	19 8am Cookie Baking 6pm Cookie Packing 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	20 8am Cookie Baking 6pm Cookie Packing 7:30pm AA	21 Dining-Out Iron Hill Brewery 8 pm AA	22 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	23 8pm AA (Men)	24
25 ☀ 2:30pm Ursinus Assoc Meeting	26 8am Cookie Baking 6pm Cookie Packing 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	27 8am Cookie Baking 6pm Cookie Packing 6:30pm Sabbatical Mtg 7:30pm Stewardship 7:30p.m. Christian Ed Committee 7:30pm AA 8:30pm Nursery Board Mtg	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