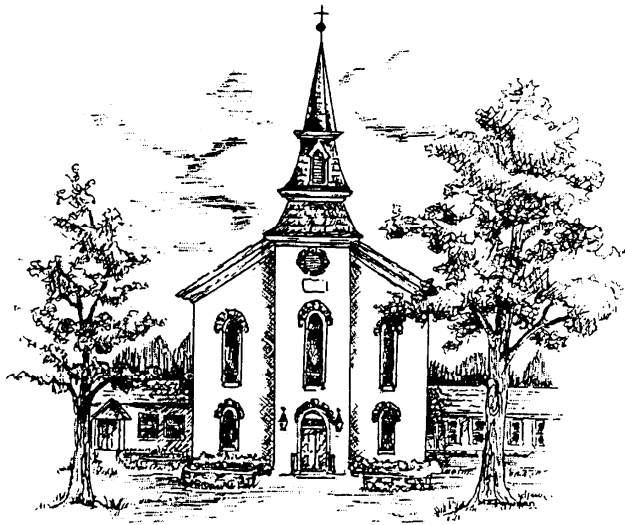


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Please send your email address to: office@wentzsucc.org
Thank you.

From Pastor Tony



“For just as the body is one and has many members and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

I am constantly amazed, surprised by the connections I have made through the church. Recently, I shared with you one such connection discovered as I was making plans for my sabbatical this coming summer. I was in touch with the pastor of one of the churches I hope to visit in New England, when she reminded me that I knew her. Much to my amazement, I had met her while I was in college and she was still in school. Her father and I had become good friends, and the family would invite us over for Sunday meals. Now, this pastor is serving in a large congregation in Connecticut, one connected with the missionaries who were sent to the Hawaiian Islands!

This is just one recent example of the connectedness found in the church. In many ways, the Apostle Paul was correct in using the imagery of the body to speak of our connection one to another. With our varied gifts and talents, we are united in one through Jesus Christ. This is a reality for us, lived out in many experiences.

As we move into the season of Lent, with the community midweek services added to our schedule, let us see this time as providing opportunities for us to connect once again with our neighbors and friends of the community. For the body of Christ is encompassing, connecting us with the varied ways of experiencing church. Thus, we come together as one, from our varying denominational settings to experience the meaning of Jesus’ journey to the cross for each of us. Whatever our particular setting, we are still one in Christ Jesus, serving the same Lord who in Jesus brings us salvation and reconciliation!

We value our contribution to the body of Christ, which we call Wentz’s United Church of Christ, its uniqueness, its ministries of outreach and care. But, we can also value the unity of the “Church” as it is lived out in our varied houses of faith throughout the community. This unity extends to the “whole Church” throughout the world, as we all gather in our faith communities to share the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This unity binds us together, one to another, even people from our past and well as present and future.

Keeping this in mind, let us rejoice that we live out our faith in this community we call Wentz’s United Church of Christ. But, we also live out the unity of the Church as we worship, fellowship and serve in the name of Christ!

Let this be our journey of Lent, and may it bless us with a renewed faith in the One who died on the Cross, and rose once again to bring us resurrection life!



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

Lorraine Seraika	“Ticker” Steward	Wesley Walton
Lois McConnell	Bill Detwiler	Kathryn Eshbach
Pauline Caufield	Lauren Trezza	Jane Long
Kim Metzger	Christopher Johnson	Barbara Reed
Cheryl Benner	Jane Dietrich	Barbara Wenner

Fran & Mark (friends of the Weners); **Skylar** (friend of Nancy Domurat) **Lou Capone** (friend of the Ricci's); **Marsha Chappell** (friend of Congregation); **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); **Edward Gresch & Family** (Son & family of Bev Gresch); **Rev. Linda Gruber** (friend of Wentz's); **Betty Hanes** (Kim Kocsi's Mother); **Kathy Heinz** (friend of the DuBree family); **Judy & Julie** (friends of the Weners); **Jessica Jannenga** (Laura McLennan's sister-in-law); **Mary Johnson** (mother-in-law of Henry Camburn); **Mary Lou Johnson** (Mom of Craig Johnson); **Jamie Jordan** (niece of the Rubery'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); **Peg Moser** (friend of Pastor Tony); **Marlee Mintzer-Shaner** (friend of the Reed family); **Nathan Morton** (Nephew of Stacy Morton); **Jaime Moyer** (son-in-law of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); **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); **Louis Santora** (Uncle of Bev & Henrietta); **Lisa Serrao** (friend of the Kessler family); **Michelle Shaw** (niece of Bev Wilkie); **Shackelton Family** (friend of Nancy Ricci); **Diane Stehman** (mother of Tiffani Todd); **Barnes Tatum** (friend of Pastor Tony); **Brian Tew** (friend of Debi Kinsky); **Gary Villareal** (brother of Pastor Tony); **Mabel Weidman** (friend of Betty Wilkie); **Ty White** (friend of Stacy Morton); **Virginia Wright** (Mom of June Wright); **Iva Zanoni** (friend of the Snyders)

Deaths

Doris Brey ~ January 1, 2016
Francis “Bud” Denner ~ January 11, 2016

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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Join us for Bible Study on Tuesday, February 2nd & 16th at 7pm. Bible Study is usually the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. All are Welcome to attend.



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



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY OFFERING

On February 14 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.



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.



items to donate.

STEWARDSHIP AUCTION: Saturday, April 30. 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

Annual Congregational Meeting February 28

There will be no Early Worship Service and no Sunday School. The Stewardship Committee will have breakfast in the morning beginning a 9am. The Congregational Meeting will begin at 10am, followed by the 10:45 a.m. Service of Worship. More details to follow.

Wentz's Dessert Competition and Lunch February 14 after the 10:45 Service of Worship



Sign up (at the Welcome Desk) if you will be attending this fun event AND/OR if you will be entering a dessert that may just win in one of the following categories: Most Beautiful, Most Artistic, Most Original, Cutest, or Best Tasting.

Voting is done by purchasing raffle tickets.



Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, February 9th** at **6:15 p.m.** for our annual **Fastnacht Dinner**.
Future bulletins will have all the details.

Community Lenten Services “The Mountains”

Date	Theme	Preacher	Location
Feb 10 Ash Wednesday	Mt of Olives	Rev. Susan Ketterer	Trinity Christian UCC Skippack
Feb 17	Mt Carmel	Rev. Antonio L. Villareal	Bethel Hill UMC, Lansdale
Feb 24	Mt Moriah	Rev. Michael Evans	Wentz’s UCC
Mar 2	Mt Zion	Rev Larry O’Neill	Methacton Mennonite Norristown
Mar 9	Mt. Sinai	Rev. Michael Meneses	Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC, Norristown
Mar 16	Mt Calvary	Rev. Leslie Kearney	Skippack Church of the Brethren Collegeville

The Ash Wednesday Service (held at Trinity Christian UCC in Skippack) will have a soup dinner at 6pm. All the Lenten Services will begin at 7:30pm, followed by a fellowship time. The offerings for the Lenten Services have not be determined.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

March 24 at 7:30pm ~ Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, March 20 ~ Confirmation Sunday/Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 27 6am, 8am & 10:45 am ~ Easter Services & Communion



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.



Sunday, February 7th is our annual Souper Bowl Collection after worship. We will also host a Football Tailgate themed Coffee Hour and have a Youth Group Meeting afterwards..



Sunday, February 14th is our annual Dessert Competition and Luncheon!



Sunday, February 19 at 6 p.m.—Snow Tubing at Spring Mount



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 14 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. Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk! Thank you.



The **National UCC Youth Event** will be held July 26 - 30, 2016 at the Coronado Springs Conference Center of Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Anyone interested in attending should let Pastor Tony or Chip Kinsky know as soon as possible so that we may finalize our trip. The Youth Group will be participating in many fundraisers throughout the year for this event.

The National Youth Event is centered on faith, leadership, service and social justice. It is celebrated as the largest denomination gathering for the United Church of Christ with an expected attendance of 4,000 participants!

This years theme is BELIEVE. It is a charge, responsibility and call to action and is based on the Hebrews 11:1 scripture "Now faith is the confidence that what we believe will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see."

Look for more details in future bulletins and newsletters.

☀ 8:30am Journey Service (first of the month) & then Regular Service the Sundays following, 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 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	2 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA	3 8 pm AA	4 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	5 8pm AA (Men)	6
7 ☀ Journey Service w/ Communion Souper Bowl Collection & Youth Group Mtg after Church	8 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	9 6:15pm Fastnacht 7:30pm AA	10 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service Trinity Christian UCC 8 pm AA	11 6pm Elders Mtg 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Consistory Mtg 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	12 8pm AA (Men)	13
14 ☀ Luncheon & Dessert Competition	15 <u>Articles for March Newsletter DUE</u> 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	16 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA	17 7:30pm Lenten Service Bethel Hill UMC 8 pm AA	18 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	19 6pm Youth Group Snow Tubing 8pm AA (Men)	20
21 ☀	22 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	23 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Stewardship 7:30 Christian Ed 8:30pm Preschool Board Mtg	24 7:30pm Lenten Service Wentz's UCC 8 pm AA	25 7pm Confirmation 7:30 Choir 7:30pm AA	26 8pm AA (Men)	27
28 ☀ 9am Breakfast & congregational meeting NO Early Worship Service & NO Sunday School	29 6:30pm AA (Women Only)					

* 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