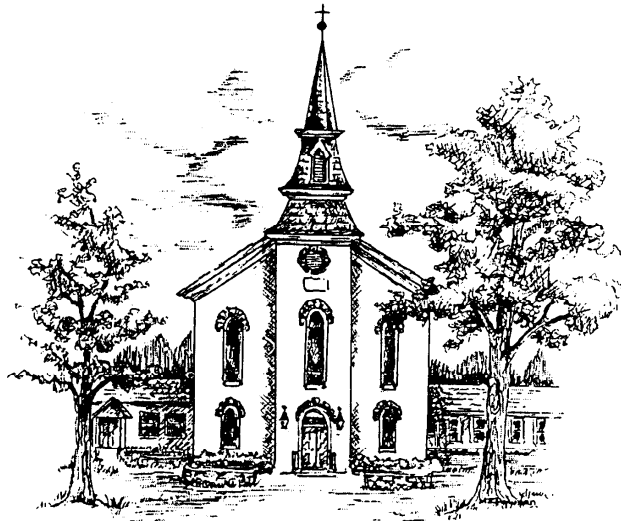




Inside Wentz's

2017



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

From Pastor Tony



“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:19)

New beginnings mark the emphasis of this month. A new Congress begins, a new Presidential administration takes office, a New Year in the life of the church, and all this begins this month.

As we start a new year in the life of the church, we look forward to what surprises this year will bring. A new program of using liturgists for the worship service will be instituted. This grew out of the use of liturgists during my sabbatical last year. The response was very positive and it was decided to continue this program for this year.

The hope of welcoming a new pastoral staff person, an associate pastor, beckons as the year begins. The Search Committee will continue its work begun last year, striving to complete its task of seeking out a person to join with us in ministry. There is much joy and hope in this new endeavor.

We look forward to the completion of the new addition to the church facilities, an addition that will enhance the music ministries of the church. Begun last year, the work continues to build facilities for the many music choirs to use, as well as offering to make the upstairs Sunday School classrooms handicap accessible. Through the generosity of the members, this new addition to the physical plant will forward our ministries.

But more importantly, we begin a new year of worship and service to the church and community. This new beginning finds us gathering to worship God, finding meaning and spiritual growth as we discover God’s word for us in Jesus Christ, reflected in our worship.

And, we will be challenged to serve in the coming year. Acts of justice, kindness and peace are waiting for us to discover and complete in the coming year. Deeds of love and compassion are at our door to share God’s love in Jesus with even the least among us. Familiar outreach ministries and new paths of service are before us in this journey of a new year.

So, let us be attentive the God’s Word working in and through us; so that this year we may strive to be God’s people in service and worship; so that this year the Kingdom of God’s love may find roots and flourish in all we do; so that this year we seek to fulfill our call to be “children of God, disciples of Christ, members of the church.”



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

Lois McConnell Bill Detwiler Kathryn Eshbach
Melissa Johnson Pauline Thacker Thomas Geyer
Thelma Wood Betty Emma Wells Ginny Landis
Fran & Mark (friends of the Weners); **David L. Boyer, Sr.** (brother-in-law of Patti Pursell); **Marsha Chappell** (friend of Congregation); **Michael Corazon** (friend of Gail Reilley); **Debbie Deily** (aunt of Nichole Ostrowski); **Kathy Evelhock** (friend of Betsy Villareal); **Bill Fisher** (Brother-in-law of Denise Granlun); **Susan Fritz** (wife of Rev. Sterling Fritz); **Janet Garris** (friend of Kim Kline); **Edward Gresch & Family** (Son & family of Bev Gresch); **Doug Grunkley** (friend of the Domurats); **Kathy Heinz** (friend of the DuBree family); **Rich & Shirley Higgins** (friend of Bev Gresch); **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); **Dorothy Klock** (friend of Jackie Wolfe); **William Jack Kocsi** (nephew of the Kocsi & Moore family); **Marsha Koopman** (sister of Denise Granlun); **Don Krapf** (friend of Kim Klines's); **Agnes Lafiat** (friend of Frank Engro & Paige Wolfe); **Marianne Little** (friend of Bev Gresch); **Marlee Mintzer-Shaner** (friend of the Reed family); **Nathan Morton** (Nephew of Stacy Morton); **Jamie Moyer** (son-in-law of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); **Taylor Moyer** (granddaughter of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); **Alexander Murph** (friend of Kim Kline); **Mia Nguyen** (friend of June Wright); **Nunes Family** (friend of the Rader's); **Brian Peterson** (friend of the Congregation); **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); **Rose & Louis Santora** (family of Bev & Henrietta); **Grant Severance & Family** (friend of Mark Landis); **Lisa Serrao** (friend of the Kessler family); **Shackelton Family** (friend of Nancy Ricci); **Brian Tew** (friend of Debi Kinsky); **Mabel Weidman** (friend of Betty Wilkie); **Ty White** (friend of Stacy Morton); **Wayne Wilkie** (nephew of Bev Wilkie); **Virginia Wright** (Mom of June Wright); **Jeanette & Melvin Yocum** (friends of Annalise Wilson); **Iva Zanoni** (friend of the Snyders)

Deaths ~
Gwen Porter

November 28, 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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THE JEWELRY BOOTH volunteers found a piece of history at our annual Christmas Bazaar. In a vintage box from the Kremenz Jewelry Company, newspaper clippings were found from 1953. It so happens that the item must have been a 25th anniversary gift to Elia Latshaw Heebner from her husband Russell Heebner. Both are buried in the church cemetery, and the article mentioned their daughter, Barbara Lee, who was a senior at Lansdale High School. Barbara Lee Heebner Wenner was just buried this year next to her parents. Mrs. Heebner had died in 1989.

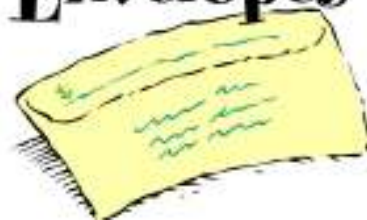
The jewelry volunteers returned the item to Bill Wenner of Lansdale, widower of Barbara. The necklace in its box was in pristine condition and had been in the possession of the committee for more than 5 years, and was put out for sale at all the bazaars and also taken to a few jewelry conventions in Rhode Island. No one ever offered to buy it for the \$15 price. **This sure seems like a Christmas Miracle to us!**

Mr. Wenner offered the \$15 for the item, but it was refused and presented to the family as a gift from Wentz's UCC.

~ Ann Kulp and Vera Hubbard



Offering Envelopes



ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS~

Your reports are due in the church office by **January 15, 2016**. This year, we ask that you include your Committee's plans for year 2016. Remember, Wentz's is a work in progress. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. office@wentzsucc.org

2017 Offering Envelopes are available in the Guild Room. Please remember to pick up family members' envelopes also.

THE BAD BOYS OF THE BIBLE Adult Sunday School Class begins Sunday, January 15 at 9:30am. where we will begin discussion on the “Bad Boys of the Bible” by Barbara Essex.



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

LITURGISTS PROGRAM: With positive responses from the Sabbatical time on the use of liturgists in worship, we are going to continue this ministry in the new year. If you are interested in serving as a liturgist for the Traditional Service at 10:45 a.m. on a Sunday, please sign up at the Welcome Desk, talk with Pastor Tony, or contact the church office. Training will be provided in January, and liturgists will begin serving in February. Maybe, you are being called to this new ministry in the life of the church.

WOMEN’S GUILD MEETING

All women of the church are invited to attend the Women’s Guild Meeting on January 23rd at 7pm.



Wentz’s UCC Stewardship Garage Walking Tour in Skippack.

GIANT GIFT CARD PROGRAM: The Stewardship Committee has purchase 20 \$25 Giant Market gift cards. Wentz’s receives 5% from the purchase. If you would like to purchase a gift card, please contact the church office.



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 Lock-In is Friday, January 13, beginning at 9pm. More information will be emailed to the Youth and Youth Parents.

Please see Chip Kinsky if you have any questions.

Youth Group Participants for the Service Scavenger Hunt



Team "Wentz's Secret Service" won the Scavenger Hunt, gathering the most points for completing random acts of kindness. Congratulations!





Happy New Year!

The Kids of Wentz wish you the very best as we start a new year! Like everyone else, we are reflecting on what went well in 2016, contemplating what we can do better in 2017, and excited about making some positive changes!

We have a new email address if you would like to contact us!

WentzKidz2thruK@gmail.com

We have two new banners to let people know we are here! Look for them on the front yard, or on the fence! They are bright and cheerful – just like our school!

We have a new after school kindergarten program that we are piloting now, so we can “work out the quirks” before rolling it out for the coming year. We have 6 children now, and it’s been a huge hit!

For 2017 we resolve to bring in more new families, create more happy faces, and be a source of dependable comfort for families in this ever changing world.

Many thanks to those who have sent apple juice, baby wipes, boxes of tissues and animal crackers upstairs for us! It makes a huge, positive difference in our budget. It truly does take a village!

Blessings,

~The “Kidz of Wentz”

☀ 8:30am Journey Service (first of the month) & then Regular Service the Sundays following, 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; 10:30am Prelude chimes 10:45am church service

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

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ☀ 10:45 am Service only No Sunday School	2 Holiday—Office Closed 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	3 7:30pm AA	4 8 pm AA	5 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	6 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	7
8 ☀ 8:30am Journey Service w/ Communion	9 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	10 7:30pm AA	11 6:30pm Elders Mtg 7:30pm Consistory 8 pm AA	12 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	13 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men) 9pm Youth Group Lock-in Begins	14 8am Youth Group Lock-in Ends
15 ☀	16 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	17 7:30pm AA	18 8 pm AA	19 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	20 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	21
22 ☀	23 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7pm Women's Guild Meeting	24 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting	25 8 pm AA	26 Noon—2pm MCIU 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	27 Noon—2pm MCIU 8pm AA (Men)	28
29 ☀	30 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	31 7:30pm AA	* 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			