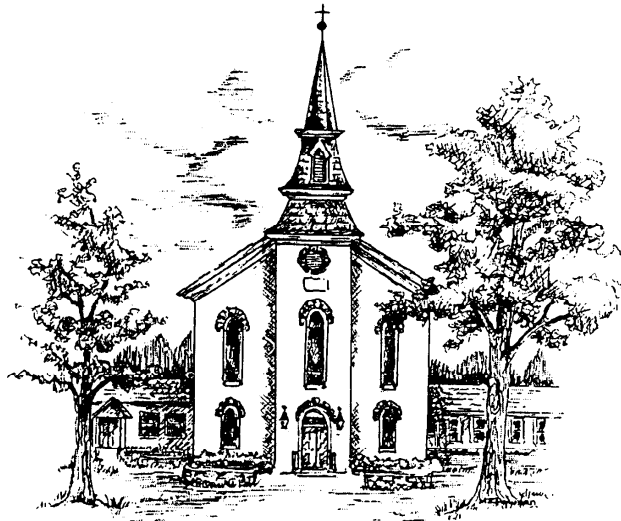




# Inside Wentz's



Would you like your Newsletter emailed to you? If so, please contact the church office. Not only will you receive the monthly newsletter, but also weekly reminders. If you do not wish us to email you, you can visit our website: [www.wentzsucc.org](http://www.wentzsucc.org) and view the newsletter online, OR pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk.

Please send your email address to: [office@wentzsucc.org](mailto:office@wentzsucc.org)  
*Thank you.*

# From Pastor Tony



*“Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” (Acts 6:3-4)*

September is the month when the church reorganizes itself after the summer season. Rally Day marks the beginning of that transition. It is necessary to organize, so that we may fulfill the mission to which we are called.

This September is a special time of organizing. In addition to the usual start-up of our regular worship services, the Sunday School and Youth Group programs, this year we are blessed to have an opportunity to provide input for the future direction of Wentz’s UCC!

All through the spring and summer, the Five Year Planning Committee has been meeting with the charge to help develop a five-year plan for the church. They have been diligent in their work, and are asking for you to come to a brainstorming event on September 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin on Friday evening around 6 pm with a light dinner, and then be led by Rev. Dale Davis of Immanuel UCC in Shillington on a journey focusing on our future through discovery of our core values and priorities. Friday will end around 9 pm. On Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm, we continue this exciting journey! The results of this time of food, fellowship and fun will help the Five Year Planning Committee in its charge to provide a blueprint for the next five years!

The church in the past has found it necessary at times to reevaluate its direction, from the time of Moses through the early church Apostles, this was always viewed as an exciting time for growth and ministry. Now, it is time for Wentz’s UCC to evaluate its direction, and you are needed to be a part of this event!

So, mark on your calendar these dates and times, and join in this important moment in the life of the church. Come, even if you can only make part of the event come – let us share in this exciting journey of discovery, so that, we may continue to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in the ministries of the church! I’ll be looking for you!



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

Lois McConnell	Bill Detwiler	Kathryn Eshbach
Pauline Thacker	Thelma Wood	Betty Emma Wells
Kim Metzger	Nancy Domurat	Barbara Reed
Jim O'Donnell	Karl Granlun	Norm Nelson
Robert Darde	Chris Najarian	John J. Grebe

**Fran & Mark** (friends of the Wenners); **Jeff Alisauckas** (nephew of the Rubery's); **Danny Applewhite** (stepson of Gordon Todd, Jr.); **Barbie Augustine** (friend of Nancy Domurat); **Karen Barrett** (friend of the Todd's); **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); **Edward D'Orzaio** (Uncle of Kim Kocsi); **Kathy Evelhock** (friend of Betsy Villareal); **Bill Fisher** (Brother-in-law of Denise Granlun); **Susan Fritz** (wife of Rev. Sterling Fritz); **Edward Gresch & Family** (Son & family of Bev Gresch); **Doug Grunkley** (friend of the Domurats); **Linda Hauck** (friend of the Rubery's); **Kathy Heinz** (friend of the DuBree family); **Bill Heuer, Jr.** (friend of the Rubery's); **Rich & Shirley Higgins** (friend of Bev Gresch); **Judy & Julie** (friends of the Wenners); **Jessica Jannenga** (Laura McLennan's sister-in-law); **Mary Lou Johnson** (Mom of Craig Johnson); **Nancy Johnson** (friend of Nancy Domurat); **Jamie Jordan** (niece of the Rubery's); **Dorothy Klock** (friend of Jackie Wolfe); **Edith Kallensee** (Mother of Georgia Slater); **Don Krapf** (friend of Kim Klimes's); **Don Kreger** (friend of Craig & Melissa Johnson); **Agnes Lafata** (friend of Frank Engro & Paige Wolfe); **The family of Mary Lawn** (friend of Kim Kocsi); **Marianne Little** (friend of Bev Gresch); **Dave and Mary Livezey** (friends of the Mower family); **Marlee Mintzer-Shaner** (friend of the Reed family); **The family of Pat Montenegro** (friends of the Bickle family); **Nathan Morton** (Nephew of Stacy Morton); **Jamie Moyer** (son-in-law of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); **Taylor Moyer** (granddaughter of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); **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); **Ed & Fran Poserina** (parents of Tom Poserina); **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); **Tim** (friend of Allison Vogt); **Mabel Weidman** (friend of Betty Wilkie); **Ty White** (friend of Stacy Morton); **Wayne Wilkie** (nephew of Bev Wilkie); **Harry Wilmore** (friend of June Wright); **Virginia Wright** (Mom of June Wright); **Iva Zanoni** (friend of the Snyders)

**Births ~**

Gavin James Slekovac, ~ August 5, 2017,  
Son of Christine & Eric Slekovac

**Deaths ~**

Philip Brunone ~ May 27, 2017

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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 Don't forget to use  
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 and GoodDining  
 to help support our church.*



**September 3:** 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

**September 10:** 8:30 a.m. Stewardship Pancake Breakfast; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Rally Day; 10:45a.m. Worship Service/Confirmation Commitment

**September 17:** 8:30 a.m. Worship; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Worship

**September 24:** 8:30 a.m. Worship; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Worship

**\*October 1:** 8:30 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Blended Worship/Holy Communion

*\* Beginning in October - the first Sunday of the month we will celebrate Holy Communion at the 10:45 a.m. Service in addition to our regular communion schedule. The 10:45 a.m. service will be a blended service with the Journey Band participating.*



**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](mailto:pastortony@wentzsucc.org)

**JEWELRY BOOTH:** Please remember there is a box in the Guild Room for costume jewelry donations for the Christmas Bazaar. 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.



**THE WOMEN'S GUILD** invites all women of Wentz's to join us for our Guild meeting on Monday, September 18 at 7pm. If you have questions, please contact Hilda McFarland.

## Pancake Breakfast



The Stewardship Committee invites you to a Pancake Breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. on September 10. *A free-will donation is appreciated.*



October 1 at 10:45 a.m. we celebrate World Communion Sunday

### 2017-18 Confirmation Class

Confirmation Orientation Night is Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Kick-Off Retreat is Saturday, September 9, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Commitment Sunday is September 10 at the 10:45 a.m. service.

Please contact Pastor Tony if you have any questions.



Mark your calendars! Cookie Baking begins October 17 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. The dates for cookie baking and packing are as follows:

**Oct.23, 24, 30, 31; Nov. 6,8, 13, 14 and 15 (if needed).**

If you would like to help, or if you have any questions or concerns, contact Rita Cipriano

*We also need clean tubes from paper towel rolls. Please place them on the credenza in the Guild Room.*

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
“THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN”  
BIG BRAINSTORMING EVENT

LEAD BY REV. DALE DAVIS FROM IMMANUEL UCC  
TO BE HELD AT WENTZ’S UCC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 7PM-9PM  
(PIZZA DINNER SERVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT 6PM)  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 9AM-3PM  
(LUNCH TO BE SERVED DURING THE MEETING)  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR BOTH DAYS IF POSSIBLE  
CHILDCARE AND BABYSITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE

*“Food, fun and fellowship as we dream together about  
the future of Wentz’s UCC. I am excited about this brain-  
storming event, as we look  
forward to sharing and discovering our dreams for our  
church! Please join us, it’s our future!”*

-Pastor Tony

PLEASE RSVP TO WENTZ’S OFFICE  
610-584-4855/office@wentzsucc.org



LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE TOGETHER FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

# NOCHE MEXICANA

## Fundraiser

**PARTNERSHIPS WITH A PURPOSE**

**Wednesday 9-27-ALL DAY**

Present this to your server to have  
**20% of your dinner bill donated to**

***Wentz's United Church of Christ***



**1650 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA 19448**

*Must present flyer to your server to have 20% of your dinner bill donated to Wentz's.  
Wednesday nights are Trivia Night from 7—9pm.*



September!!

Wow! What a summer! It's been amazing to watch the daily progress of the new building addition! Many of you know the preschool has been working towards our application for Pennsylvania Licensing. For the last 50 years, preschools being operated as part of a church have been exempt from needing the license. That ruling officially changed in November. Every church-operated preschool in the state must either comply or close. I've been in touch with other preschool directors in our area, and many are struggling with this decision. Some churches don't have the financial ability to make the upgrades needed and will likely close their doors. The new construction will be a blessing for keeping our doors open! We are so thankful!

We are fully dedicated to complete compliance with the state, but we are still working with some minor issues due to the timing of the construction. Our hope is to be able to start school on Tuesday September 12. However as of the date for this month's newsletter submission, we are still waiting for our Certificate of Occupancy, issued by the township. Once we have that, we will be able to submit the application. If the application is approved, they will contact us for our inspection. (They are rather busy right now getting everyone licensed, and it could be weeks before we are able to get that scheduled.) When we pass, we will be granted a 6 month provisional license to operate. We are not allowed to open until we have that. Then, once we open, we will need to pass one further inspection while operating. That one will be an unannounced drop in visit by the state, so they can see us in action. They will double check that our student files and employee files are in order. They will check that all snacks and lunches are adequately refrigerated. They want to see that we always maintain proper teacher/child ratios. They will quiz teachers on state regulations. Teachers are working this summer on getting training and their health forms in order so we are ready!

While the construction (and rain!) is slightly delaying the licensing process, without the construction, we would likely not be able to open at all! So for now, we continue to work on inspection stuff while we wait for the paperwork stuff to be ready! Many thanks to Mr. Fretz, Dave, Gary, Zack, and all of the other construction folks who have been fantastic to work with. Thank you to Rick Wilkie for helping to address the seemingly endless questions I have. Thank you Gordon Todd for helping me decipher the regulations! Thanks to Gerald and company for working on the phone lines and internet. Thanks to those getting the fire alarm system taken care of! Cianne, you have been a daily dose of smiles and support and I can't thank you enough. To Donna Mower and the board - thank you for having the faith and dedication to the preschool and helping us through this complicated process. To every single person who contributed towards the building fund - thank you!

And to the Trustees... Oh my goodness. There are not words enough to say thank you for your continued support of every detail. The list has been endless, and so has your patience! Gates, fences, locks, lightbulbs, floors, doors, windows, walls, sanding, scraping, tiles, taping, playground and painting... The list goes on and on. THANK YOU for EVERYTHING! Wentz's is truly blessed!

Until next month - ONWARD!

~Kim Bauer





# 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](http://www.wentzsucc.org) and on the youth group bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.

The Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, September 17th at 6:30pm** . Come and join us as we make plans on upcoming Youth events and fundraisers.

*Please see Chip Kinsky if you have any questions.*



Join us for Sunday School Rally Day  
on September 10 at 9:30 a.m.

☀ 8:30am Early Service  
 9:30am Sunday School;  
 \*10:45 a.m. Worship Service/1st Sunday of the month—blended service w/ communion  
 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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 8pm AA (Men)	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> ☪	<b>4</b> Holiday—Office Closed 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	<b>5</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>6</b> 8 pm AA	<b>7</b> 7pm Confirmation Orientation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	<b>8</b> 8pm AA (Men)	<b>9</b> 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Kick-Off Retreat
<b>10</b> ☀ 8:30am Pancake Breakfast 9:30am Rally Day 10:45am Service ONLY Confirmation Commitment	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	<b>12</b> Wentz's Preschool begins 7:30pm AA	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Elders Mtg 7:30pm Consistory Mtg 8 pm AA	<b>14</b> 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	<b>15</b> 8pm AA (Men) <u>Articles for October Newsletter Due</u>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> ☀ 6:30pm Youth Group Meeting/Planning	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7pm Guild Mtg	<b>19</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>20</b> 8 pm AA	<b>21</b> 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	<b>22</b> 8pm AA (Men)	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> ☀	<b>25</b> 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	<b>26</b> 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting	<b>27</b> 8 pm AA Dining—Out Margaritas-Kulpsville	<b>28</b> 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	<b>29</b> 6-9pm Brainstorming Event 8pm AA (Men)	<b>30</b> 9am-3pm Brainstorming Event