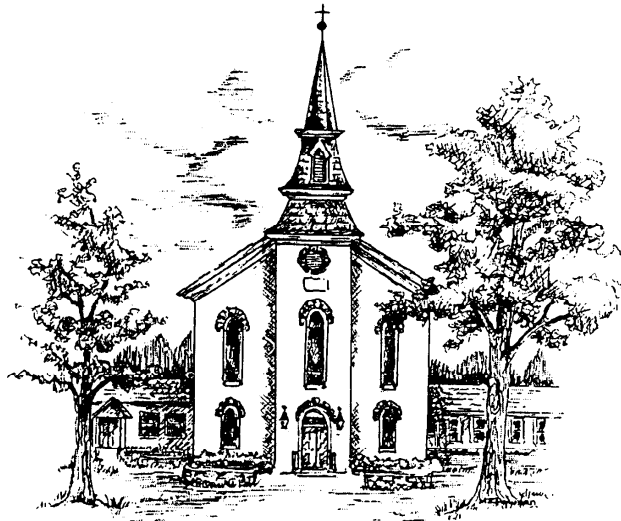


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*Thank you.*

# From Pastor Tony



*“...you will be my witnesses...” (Acts 1:8)*

There is excitement in these days. The new addition is nearing completion (it may even be finished by the time you receive this newsletter). We are near to realizing an additional space for use by the music ministry, and as an all-purpose room at other times. The possibility for the use of this new space in the ministries of the church causes one to dream and explore.

The Five Year Planning Task force is coming closer to completion of its assignment, with your help and prayers. We will have a clearer picture of where God is directing us as a congregation in the ministries of service and fellowship. This will help to clarify the ways in which we share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world and one another.

The Search Committee is moving towards suggesting a candidate for the position of Associate Pastor here at Wentz’s UCC. It’s been over a decade since we have had additional pastoral staff to aide in the ministries of the church. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will call a candidate to come among us as we seek to share the gospel.

In addition, we have the work of the many ministries of the church moving into full cycle. Preparations for the seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas bring to mind the Christmas Bazaar, the Christmas Cantata and the Sunday School Christmas Pageant, as well as all the special services of the season. Now are the days when we begin the preparations for these celebrations.

Yes, there is much excitement in these days! But, as exciting as it is we need to be mindful of another aspect – as wonderful as the church program and ministries are, we need to let other know about them. Just having them at this church is not enough, we need to “witness” to others, meaning, invite others to come and see, come and be a part of the excitement. Jesus knew that the church would not grow unless the disciples and followers became witnesses of his message. He knew that they couldn’t just seclude themselves from the world, but they have to go out and invite others to join in the kingdom message. That reality has not changed over the millennia.

I once heard a quote that the church is just one generation from extinction. The statistics of today are astounding. At a recent workshop attended with other members, we discovered that the national average of the US population that attends church on a weekly basis is 19%. In Pennsylvania that number drops to 17.7%. 70% of people between the ages of 18-22 drop out of church and never return. Without followers inviting others to come and see, the generation from extinction will be the present one – you and I.

We can show the world what we have to offer in living out the kingdom of God in thought, word and deeds. But, until we invite others to come and be part of this kingdom living, all else we do will not bring forth fruit abundantly. But, if we become “witnesses” inviting others to journey with us, then the ministries of which we are excited will be able to change the world!

And, it begins with you! For without you, there is no “witness” to the power of God’s love and grace for the world. Jesus knew this, that’s why he instructed the early church to be his witnesses. He entrusted the invitation to kingdom living to us.

So, become Jesus’ witnesses! Invite someone you know to join you in worship or service. The season is ripe for sharing. To paraphrase the saying, let it not be said of us that we forsook the call to witness, but rather invite others to the table. Remember, without your inviting there is no church in the next generation.



*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 John J. Grebe Rachel Minnick

**Fran & Mark** (friends of the Weners); **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); **Patricia Guaul** (niece of Gail Reilley); **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 Weners); **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); **Agnis Lafiata** (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); **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

Emily Heiland, September 22, 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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**F.Y.I.**



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



October 1 at 10:45 a.m. we celebrate World  
Communion Sunday  
At both the 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Services

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED COLLECTION AND WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is October 1.** Neighbors in Need 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.



**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: [pastor-tony@wentzsucc.org](mailto:pastor-tony@wentzsucc.org)



Mark your calendars! Cookie Baking begins October 23 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.*

## WENTZ CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - DECEMBER 2, 2017

The Christmas Bazaar will be here before we know it, so just a reminder that the Christmas Gift and Boutique Booth is looking for:

-HOMEMADE items ie. Jellies, jams, candies and any other goodies for the Gourmet Gift Table.

-HANDMADE items i.e. Craft items that would be great gift items

Any questions call Brenda Morris (215-290-0905) or Ginny Fontaine (610-489-1284)


All items need to be delivered to the church by December 1, 2017

### 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.

**FUNDRAISING NIGHT!**



**TEXAS ROADHOUSE®**

**Wentz's United Church  
of Christ**

**October 18, 2017  
4-10pm**

**10% Donation Night**

Support this cause by  
presenting this invitation to  
the listed Texas Roadhouse®  
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Very HAPPY October!

WE ARE LICENSED!!!

Near the end it resembled a Road Rally Scavenger Hunt of some kind, but we won!

We accomplished not only getting the facility itself "show ready," but managed to find every document, health form, emergency plan, drop off policy, certificate of training, hand washing sign, reference letter, insurance document, emergency number list, evacuation plan, hour verification, first aid kit and state clearance necessary to open!

There are so many people who had a hand in making this happen. So many to thank!

Everyone who came out for our painting/cleaning party.

The people who stopped in all summer to check on things and ask how they could help.

The teachers who had physicals and training completed.

Rick Wilkie who stopped by every single day to find out "What's next on the list?"

Our preschool board who helped answer questions, or just checked in to see how I was.

Kathy Wells for putting together first aid kits, writing emergency plans, painting door frames, bringing me lunch, steam cleaning floors, typing up any last minute forms we were missing, and creating business cards. (You are my hero!)

To Hilda and Rita for being fantastic cheerleaders and helpers. (Thank you ladies!)

To Cianne and Pastor Tony for their endless support, and for coming through like rock stars supplying us with required last minute documentation.

God is good. He put upon the hearts of Kathy Wells and Kim DuBree to stop by the day of inspection, and stay with me for moral support. The two of them each ended up playing critical roles in providing necessary pieces of the puzzle. I can honestly say we would not have passed that day without their input.

And to all of you. Thank you for supporting the building fund. The children and teachers of both the preschool and Sunday School will all benefit from the upgraded safety features that were put in place.

This was an absolutely huge undertaking and you have accomplished what many other churches have not. Wentz's is one of the first churches in our area to achieve the now mandatory licensing.

We do not need to change our program. We were told we run a wonderful program.

We are not obligated to run year round (but we could if we wanted!)

We are still able to be the loving, caring nursery/preschool we always have been!

We are just now "certified safe" by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania!"

Congratulations Wentz's!

Kim Bauer

Director of the "Brand New" Wentz's UCC Preschool



# 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, October 1, 6:30pm at the Broderick's home. Come and join us around the campfire as we make S'mores and continue to make plans on upcoming Youth events (*Halloween Adventure at Dorney Park*) and fundraisers.



On Sunday, October 15 we will participate in the annual CROP Walk in Collegeville. Look for more details in future emails.

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

# HALLOWEEN PARTY!!!

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**



Costumes Encouraged



**Concert in the Sanctuary**

Followed by

**Refreshments in Fellowship Hall**

**Free Will Offering**

**to be used towards new music addition.**





☀ 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> World Communion Sunday Neighbors in Need Offering 6:30pm Youth Group Meeting/Planning	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	<b>3</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>4</b> 8 pm AA	<b>5</b> 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	<b>6</b> 8pm AA (Men)	<b>7</b>
<b>8 ☀</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	<b>10</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Elders Mtg 7:30pm Consistory Mtg 8 pm AA	<b>12</b> 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	<b>13</b> 8pm AA (Men)	<b>14</b>
<b>15 ☀</b> CROP Walk	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)  <u>Articles for            October            Newsletter Due</u>	<b>17</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>18</b> 4-10 Dining-Out Texas Roadhouse 8 pm AA	<b>19</b> 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	<b>20</b> 8pm AA (Men)	<b>21</b>  7pm Halloween Fall Fest Concert Fund- raiser
<b>22 ☀</b>	<b>23</b> 8am Cookie Baking 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7:30pm Cookie Pack- ing	<b>24</b> 8am Cookie Baking 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting 7:30pm Cookie Packing	<b>25</b> 8 pm AA	<b>26</b> 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	<b>27</b> 8pm AA (Men)	<b>28</b>
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