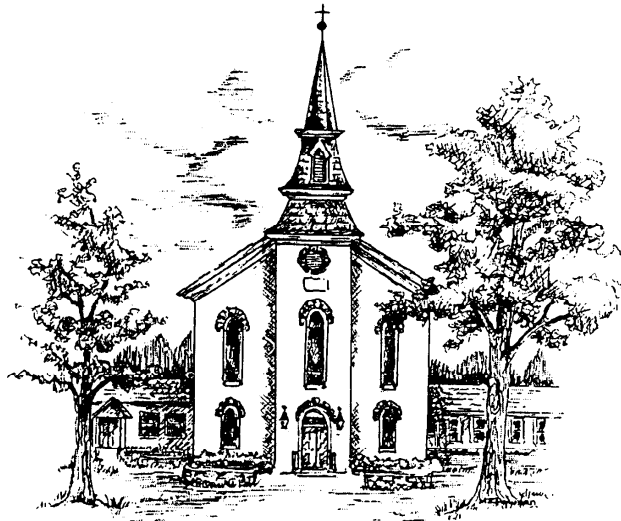




2018 Inside Wentz's



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 and view the newsletter online, OR pick up a copy at the Welcome Desk.

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

From Pastor Tony



“Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.” (Mark 8:31)

The season of Lent is defined as “a penitential season of self-examination, prayer, and fasting that precedes the observance of the Triduum (Maundy Thursday evening, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter which begins on Saturday night).” (*Book of Worship, p. 21*) Beginning with Ash Wednesday, which happens to fall on Valentine’s Day this year, we are encouraged to reflect upon the meaning of the passion of Jesus Christ for our lives.

Traditionally, this involved fasting and prayers; and, the practice of “giving something up for Lent.” Some of the practices of giving up that I have experience include giving up of something enjoyable, like chocolate candy; fasting from Maundy Thursday night to Easter Sunday; and, participating in a prayer vigil from Thursday night to Friday afternoon. You may have your own experiences and practices of “giving up” in past Lent seasons.

Recently, I was reminded that instead of “giving up” maybe we should practice “give doing” for Lent. Maybe we should seek to do something in Lent in response to the self-examination of the season. Maybe we should seek to give doing as we contemplate the giving of himself upon the Cross for us.

After all, Jesus told his disciples that he must undergo the arrest, trial and crucifixion, so that the resurrection may come. This was God’s plan all along for him. So, in his “giving up” he was “give doing” for our benefit, for the gospel’s sake.

So, what will you “give doing” for the coming season? Maybe avail yourself of the opportunity to discover more about the life and teachings of Jesus by attending a Sunday School class? Opening the Bible and reading about the passion of Jesus may help you to understand why Jesus focused on undergoing the suffering for our sake. Giving of your time and treasure to a mission outreach opportunity may help you to experience the joy that can come from sacrificial living; and, why Jesus so readily did what seems counter to our understanding of preservation. The practice of the discipline of prayer may be something you might “give doing” and discover the depth of the love of Christ who loves us so much as to endure the Cross.

In whatever way you find to help with the Lent journey, may it be a time of reflection on the wonderment of Jesus, who willingly entered his passion so that we might know the depth of God’s love for us and God’s power to save the world!



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

Bill Detwiler	Kathryn Eshbach	Pauline Thacker
Betty Emma Wells	Nancy Domurat	Barbara Reed
Norm Nelson	Robert Darde	John J. Grebe
Jay Fenstermacher	Irene Ferguson	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); 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); Seth Fulmer (friend of Lisa Yoworsky); 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); The Hunter Family (family of Pastor Tony's Aunt); 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); Dick Klees (friend of Mark Landis); Dorothy Klock (friend of Jackie Wolfe); Edith Kallensee (Mother of Georgia Slater); Don Krapf (friend of Kim Klines's); Don Kreger (friend of Craig & Melissa Johnson); Kari Kurtz (daughter of Henrietta & Carl Kurtz); 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); Brian, Tracy & Sophia Lukens (friend of the Rubery's); Marlee Mintzer-Shaner (friend of the Reed family); The family of Pat Montenegro (friends of the Bickle family); Nathan Morton (Nephew of Stacy Morton); The Moyer Family (family of Carl & Henrietta Kurtz); Mia Nguyen (friend of June Wright); Nunes Family (friend of the Rader's); Gale Parton (friend of Allison Vogt); 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); Lisa Serrao (friend of the Kessler family); Diane Stehman (Mom of Tiffani Todd); Brian Tew (friend of Debi Kinsky); Mabel Weidman (friend of Betty Wilkie); Ty Wihite (friend of Stacy Morton); Wayne Wilkie (nephew of Bev Wilkie); Harry Wilmore (friend of June Wright); Iva Zanoni (friend of the Snyders)

Deaths ~

Thelma Wood, January 16, 2018

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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to help support our church.*



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: John Grebe will be teaching the next unit of the Adult Sunday School Class. The class will use a new book written by John called "Pray As You Can: Exploring the Diverse Nature of Prayer", which explores the various types of prayer found within the Christian tradition. No experience is required, so come as you are in your spiritual journey. Please sign up at the welcome desk or email the church office to make sure that we print enough copies of the materials.

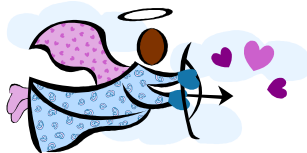
Annual Congregational Meeting February 25

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/BREAKFAST: Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 25 at 9:30 a.m.** (*Snow date: March 4th*) We will have a breakfast at 9am, with the meeting to follow, and worship at 10:45 a.m. There will be no Early Service or Sunday School on February 26. Breakfast will be free-will offering. Please plan on attending.



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 11 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



ANNUAL
**FASTNACHT
DINNER**
WENTZ'S UCC

FEBRUARY 13, 2018
6:00 PM

WENTZ'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
3246 SKIPPACK PIKE, SKIPPACK, PA

Everyone bring a dish to share with you and our church family.
Challenge – ask a friend, a neighbor, or a family member to join you.
DESSERT will be, of course, fresh Fastnacht donuts!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: HILDA MCFARLAND @ 610-474-2513

2018 COMMUNITY LENT WORSHIP SERVICES

Theme: The Passion in the Face of Injustice

Date	Theme	Preacher	Location
Feb 14 Ash Wednesday	Economic Injustice: Jesus & the Money Changers	Rev. Mike Meneses	Olivet- Schwenkfelder UCC 619 W. Town- ship Line Rd, E. Norriton
Feb 21	Political/Institutional Injustice: The Trial	Rev. Leslie Kearney	Wellspring Church of Skip- pack, 1183 Cressman Rd. Skippack
Feb 28	Religious Injustice: The Pharisees	Rev. Larry O'Neill	Wentz's UCC 3246 Skippack Pike, Lansdale
Mar 7	Relational Injustice: Betrayal of Friends	Rev. Antonio L. Villareal	Bethel Hill UMC 2000 Bethel Hill Rd, Lansdale
Mar 14	Retributional Injustice: Violence in the Garden	Rev. Sue Ketter- er	Skippack Church of the Brethren, 520 Collegeville Rd, Collegeville
Mar 21	Bullying Injustice: The Mocking of Jesus	Rev. Wanda Schwandt	Methacton Men- nonite, 3081 Mill Rd, Norristown

Olivet-Schwenkfelder UCC will host the Ash Wednesday Service, with the disposition of the ashes, the celebration of communion at 7:30pm. A soup dinner will be offered at 6pm, prior to the service.

All services begin at 7:30 p.m.

The offerings will be going to hurricane relief for Puerto Rico.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Flowers to grace the altar on Easter Sunday are now being ordered. The cost of the flowers is **\$10.00** each. Or you may contact the church office. **DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS (Including other contributions) IS SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018.** Make checks payable to *Wentz's United Church of Christ.*

Your Name _____

Telephone Number _____ email: _____

I would like to order the following number of plants:

_____ Easter Lilies _____ Yellow Daffodils _____ Red Tulips _____ Pink Tulips

_____ Purple Tulips

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Thanks, but I prefer to make a special Easter gift to one of the special funds at Wentz's Church.

Endowment Fund

Music Fund

Handbell Fund

Outreach Fund

Improvement Fund

Memorial Fund

Youth Fund

General Fund

OCWM

Electronic Equipment

Benner Endowment Fund

2016 Addition

Women's Guild

Other _____ *Please specify*

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Received \$ _____

Cash

Check # _____



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 4th 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 11th is our annual Dessert Competition and Luncheon!

Sunday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Please see Chip Kinsky if you have any questions.

YOUTH GROUP LUNCHEON AND DESSERT COMPETITION



The congregation of Wentz's is invited to come together for fun and fellowship in a dessert competition and lunch to benefit Wentz's Youth Group on

Sunday, February 11, following the 10:45 a.m. service!

WHAT IS THE DESSERT COMPETITION? Everyone is welcome to make a dessert that will be judged in each of these categories: Most Beautiful, Most Artistic, Most Original, Cutest, Best Tasting. Voting is done by purchasing tickets, and placing them in a container labeled with each judging category. Winners are selected by how many tickets are collected in each category. Ticket cost: 1 arm length-\$5, 2 arm length-\$10, or .50 each.

Following the judging, and lunch, we eat the dessert entries and vote on Best Tasting in the same manner as the other categories. The dessert with the most vote wins! Ribbons will be awarded for each winning category.

A lunch of sandwiches, salad, chips and pickle will be served for \$5.00 per person. Children 2-5 pay only \$2.00. No charge for children under 2 years. This event is sponsored & organized by Wentz's Youth Group.

Questions??

Contact Tom or Donna Broderick at [610-584-8850](tel:610-584-8850).

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



It's February!

Our year is flying by! We had 5 new children join us when we returned from Christmas break! It's been a happy whirlwind of activity with our new friends. Thank you to Ms. Hilda for donating a changing table for us!

February is Dental Health month, and we will have a guest speaker stopping by to offer some encouragement for taking good care of our teeth!

We'll be making lots of valentine cards this month to send over to our friends at Meadowood. They have graciously agreed to be our safe place in the event of a catastrophic emergency. Prayers that it never comes to that, but they are good neighbors to have and we will be sending some love their way!

Again, many thanks to everyone for the continued support!

Love,

The Wentz Kidz!

☀ 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

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	2 8pm AA (Men)	3
4 ☀ Communion at both services 10:45am Blended Service Souper Bowl Sunday 12noon Youth Group Meeting	5 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	6 6:30pm Elders Mtg 7:30pm Consistory 7:30pm AA	7 8 pm AA	8 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	9 8pm AA (Men)	10
11 ☀ Annual Dessert Competition & Luncheon	12 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	13 6:00 pm Fastnacht Covered Dish 7:30pm AA	14 6pm Community Lenten Soup Dinner & 7:30pm Community Lenten Service –Ash Wednesday/ Olivet Schwenkfelder UCC E. Norriton	15 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA 8pm Church & Ministry <u>Articles for March Newsletter Due</u>	16 8pm AA (Men)	17
18 ☀ 6:30pm Youth Group Meeting	19 Holiday—Office Closed 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	20 7:30pm AA	21 7:30pm Community Lenten Service/ Wellspring Church of Skippack 8 pm AA	22 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	23 8pm AA (Men)	22
25 ☀ 9am Breakfast Congregational Meeting No Early Service & No Sunday School	26 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	27 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting	28 7:30pm Community Lenten Service/Wentz's UCC 8 pm AA			