



Wentz's United Church of Christ

September 2019



Our worship series during September and October is based on the simple concept of dignity. Dignity isn't respect. Respect is earned. Dignity is something that is inherently part of every human being. And yet, it is easily violated. Donna Hicks, Associate at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University is an expert in facilitating conversations between communities that experience tension and conflict. She discovered that in many instances, even when political "solutions" were found between parties, they would not sign on to an agreement. Something more was at play. She found that when people suffer indignities, rational and common sense solutions don't matter. What people most crave is for their dignity to be honored. Violating someone's dignity is easy to do since our biological wiring often causes us to be immediately defensive or on the attack whenever we perceive any kind of threat to our sense of self. During this worship series we'll discover what's at the heart of human dignity as well as our capacity to violate someone's dignity. Scripture gives lots of examples of dignity, and as many examples of how it has been violated. Come join us for this fascinating journey into discovering dignity as well as the God who created us to honor it and to redeem it when we violate it.



Sunday Gatherings in September

Sept 1 9:30am	Luke 14:1, 7-14 <i>Labor Day</i>	Rev. Dale Davis
Sept 8 10:15 am	Exodus 32:7-14 <i>Taking the Bait Rally Day</i>	Rev. Dale Davis
Sept 15 10:15 am	Luke 10:38-42 <i>Being the Victim</i>	Rev. Dale Davis
Sept 22 10:15 am	Luke 18:2-8 <i>Avoiding Conflict</i>	Rev. Dale Davis
Sept 29 10:15 am	I Kings 21 <i>Shirking Responsibility</i>	Rev. Dale Davis



CONFIRMATION CLASS 2019-2020: Pastor Dale is currently putting together the 2019-2020 Confirmation program here at Wentz's UCC. The program is open to all **seventh graders or older** who wish to explore Christian faith and community. Dale is planning to have an initial orientation meeting with this year's Confirmands along with parents/guardians in early September. Please let the office know as soon as possible if you are interested so that we can plan the orientation date. If you have any questions, you can contact Pastor Dale by email: dale@wentzsucc.org or phone: 484-433-1318.

Mark your Calendars!

September 8 is Sunday School Rally Day. We begin with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Stewardship Committee at 8:00 am. Sunday School is 9:00 am. Worship is 10:15 am. A free will donation for the breakfast is appreciated.



What is Rally Day Anyway?

After the slower pace of summer lots of churches launch a new beginning in what has been traditionally referred to as Rally Day, and think it's about kids and start of the school year. In reality it should really be called **Convocation Day** since it refers to a community of people gathering to renew their vocation. Convocation means literally "With Vocation." The vocation of every Christian to be renewed, equipped, and supported in their role of making a difference in the world. It's a reminder of everyone's calling! We look forward to seeing you!



Youth Group News

A great time was had by all during the July Beach Retreat! Seven youth along with three chaperones spent two nights in Wildwood, NJ. Pastor Dale joined us for a day and participated in the North Wildwood Senior Center community service experience along with the youth and chaperone Chip Kinsky (yes, Chip and Dale!).

Upcoming Events

Wentz's Youth Group is fostering a commitment to community service for the 2019-2020 year. We would like to broaden our involvement by inviting all members of the congregation to join us in inter-generational activities!

Proposed events include:

Mitzvah Circle service project

Wentz's Bazaar Hoagie Sale Fundraiser

Manna on Main Street service project

Baking Competition Fundraiser

Mission trip – week long, summer event performing community service on a national level

Annual Beach retreat

Look for details in monthly newsletter and weekly bulletin announcements!

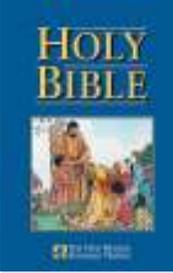
Ideas? Suggestions? Share your thoughts with youth group coordinator:

Donna Broderick at 610-584-8850



Worcester Community Day
Saturday, September 28 from 11am—3pm
Heebner Park, Worcester

Kim Bauer has reserved a spot in the Worcester Community Day on Saturday, September 28. She is promoting Wentz's Preschool but is very willing to share her tent and table with members of Wentz's to promote events at our church. This would be a great way to let people know about the programs we offer at Wentz's (Music Program, Christmas Eve services, Faith Formation classes), as well as the many fun events we organize— Food Truck & Beer Festival, Christmas Bazaar, Garage Tour, Auction, and Garden Tour. Christian Ed? If you are interested in joining Kim, please contact her. 215.767.3766 or wentzkidz2thruK@gmail.com



Presentation of Bibles
 On **Sunday, September 15** we will be presenting Bibles to our second graders. Please let the church office know if your child will be attending on the 15th so that we can make sure we have Bibles ready for them.



Where in Wentz's are the Boom Whackers??

Has anyone seen our Boom Whackers? If so, can you please let Laura McLennan or Pastor Dale know? We would like to use them again in our music program but they seem to be misplaced somewhere. Help us solve the mystery. Thank you.



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for the
GRAND OPENING
of our
New Outreach House

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
2 PM—4PM

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 RSYp: 610-489-3481 or
outreachhouse@stjames-episcopal.org

In Need of Prayer

We invite you to pray the following prayer for those whose names are listed below as well as for those others we remember or may not even know. By remembering others in prayer we ourselves are strengthened in compassion, caring, and love.

Loving and merciful God, we give thanks that your love and presence remains close to those who are in a special time of need. May the power of your Holy Spirit bring comfort, wholeness, and peace to _____ as we remember them as a child of God, a member of the human family, and created in your image. Amen.

*Bill Detwiler, Nancy Domurat,
Jay Fenstermacher,
Jamie Jagers,
Donna Kriebel, Claire Metzger,
Beverly Wilkie*

**Updated: August*

** Names will be listed for the current month. If you would like your name listed the following month, please contact the church office.*



Cookie Baking & Packing

Wentz's Annual Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday, December 7. To help prepare for the Bazaar, we will begin our cookie baking and packing on **October 21** and continue on the following dates: October 22, 28, 29, and November 4, 6, 11, 12, and possibly the 13 if needed. Please contact Rita Cipriano if you are interested in volunteering . rcip@yahoo.com

WENTZ'S YELLOW PAGES



Kim Kline will be compiling a listing of our Wentz's Community in our very own Yellow Pages. This will be a listing of our members who have talents or jobs that may be utilized by other members of our congregation. Some examples are: driving those that are not able to drive, lawn mowing, handyman, music, children, etc... You can fill out the online survey that has been emailed to you in our weekly reminders , or fill out the form that is on the Welcome Desk. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Kim Kline: 215-804-8907 or kdmacdonald79@gmail.com. (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XVCXG6K>)



Labors of Love

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, "It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God." As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer's end but in celebrating the ways nearly all "duties and labors of life" can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they'll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in "spiritual union with God": cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!



Please email the church office your tips on ways you are *keeping it green*..

Fall is a Great Time to Start a Compost Pile



Compost is organic material that can be added to help improve your soil in your garden. Adding compost enriches the soil, helps it retain moisture and reduces the need to add chemical fertilizers. It will also help keep food scraps and yard waste from filling landfills and releasing methane, which is a potent greenhouse gas. It lowers your carbon footprint! Yay!!

There are three basic ingredients needed for composting. Equal amounts of “browns” and “greens” - browns including materials such as dead leaves, branches and twigs, and green materials such as grass clippings, fruit and vegetable waste, as well as coffee grounds. (Keurig coffee users can add their grounds as well as the little paper liner! *Remember to recycle your plastic cup.*) Your compost pile will also need water which will keep it moist to help break down the organic matter.

Select a shady spot near a water source for your compost pile or bin. Alternate the compost pile with equal amounts of browns and greens. The browns provide carbon for your compost and the greens provide nitrogen. Make sure large pieces are chopped or shredded. Moisten dry materials as they are added. Turn your compost pile and water regularly.

Once your compost pile is established, you can mix in grass clippings . Bury your fruit and vegetable waste under 10 inches of the compost material. You can also add some shredded leaves to your established pile, leaving the remainder of chopped up dried leaves for mulch. You may also cover the top of your compost with a tarp to keep it moist. When the material at the bottom is dark and rich in color, your compost is ready to use. It usually takes between two months to two years.

What you can compost: Fruits & vegetables, eggshells, coffee grounds & filters, tea bags, nut shells, shredded newspaper, cut-to-size cardboard & paper, yard trimmings, grass clippings, houseplants, hay & straw, leaves, sawdust, wood chips, cotton & wool rags, dryer and vacuum cleaner lint, hair & fur, fireplaces ashes.

What you should not compost: Black walnut tree leaves or twigs, coal or charcoal ash, dairy products, diseased or insect ridden plants, fats, grease, or oils, meat or bones, pet wastes, anything treated with chemical pesticides.

A healthy compost pile does not smell foul and will not attract rodents.

Happy Composting!

Wentz's UCC

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FOOD TRUCK AND BEER FESTIVAL



**KEEP
CALM
AND
DRINK
BEER**

Saturday, October 26th

12:00-4:00

3246 Skippack Pike, Lansdale

Cost: \$35/Adult \$25/Advance Purchase

Kids: (under 21) Free

Tickets available through:

Eventbrite.com

Kids Free Events

Pumpkin Painting,

Moon Bounce, Halloween Parade



Local Craft Brew tastings
Commemorative glass with ticket
purchase

LIVE MUSIC

PENNISE FAMILY BAND

DJ

Chris Evans

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☼ 10:15 am Worship Service
 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Saxophones
 Cherub Choir/Junior Choir/following Children's Message
 9:45 am Prelude chimes & Allegro Ringers

✚ **Summer Schedule: 9:30 am Worship Service**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ✚	2 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	3 7pm Resounding Ringers 7:30pm AA	4 6pm Tai Chi 8pm AA	5 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	6 8pm AA (Men)	7
8 ☼ 8am Stewardship Pancake breakfast 9am Rally Day 10:15am Worship	9 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	10 7pm Resounding Ringers 7:30pm AA	11 6pm Elders 6pm Tai Chi 7pm Consistory 8pm AA	12 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	13 8pm AA (Men)	14
15 ☼ Bibles to 2nd Graders Articles for October newsletter due	16 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	17 7pm Resounding Ringers 7:30pm AA	18 6pm Tai Chi 8pm AA	19 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	20 8pm AA (Men)	21
22 ☼	23 6:30pm AA (Women Only)	24 7pm Resounding Ringers 7:30pm Christian Ed 7:30pm AA	25 6pm Tai Chi 8pm AA	26 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA	27 8pm AA (Men)	28 <i>Worcester Day</i> 11am-3pm
29 ☼	30 6:30pm AA (Women Only)					

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