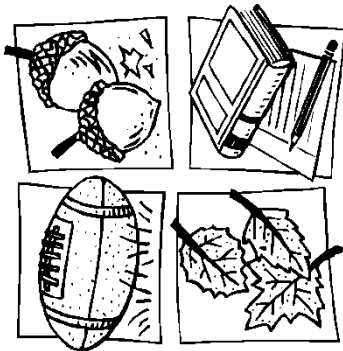


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WORSHIP – Sundays, 9:30 AM
CHILDREN'S CHURCH – Sundays, 9:30 AM

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SALUTATIONS FROM SHAWN

I Just Want to Be Happy...

Ask people what they really want out of life and most will say, "I want to be happy." Yet happiness seems very hard to find. We are overwhelmed by the fast pace of life, stressed, anxious, depressed. According to the American College Health Association, 52 percent of students reported feeling hopeless, while 39 percent suffered from depression to the point they found it difficult to function.

We think we know what will make us happy: we set goals and strive to meet them. A new job, a move, marriage, maybe some chocolate. Yet once we have what we wanted, we simply want something else. Although we've been told "money can't buy happiness" we're still certain it will. Until it doesn't.

What is the source of happiness? Is happiness itself fleeting? Are we really seeking something more lasting, like joy? Can we learn how to be joyful despite the problems that often afflict our lives?

With the help of the Book of Job and the Epistle of James, we'll look at the practice of joy this fall. We'll look at the science of joy and the habits we can develop to discover joy, as we follow Jesus, perhaps finding the purpose of life at the same time.

Yours in the Joy of the Lord,
Pastor Shawn

Join us for Spirit Sunday, September 16!
Breakfast at 9:00 AM – bacon, eggs, French Toast, and more!
Worship at 9:30 AM – Children's Church Fall Schedule begins
Confirmation Orientation – after worship, youth grades 6 and older and their parents, grandparents or guardians are invited to meet in the Weiser Board Room to talk about the confirmation process and to set a time for class.
I'm looking forward to seeing everyone, to hear your stories of summer adventures in God's beautiful world!

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

September 2 Telling Truth: Cheating God

15th Sunday after Pentecost; Communion
 Malachi 1:3:1-6; 4:1-3 The Coming of the Lord
 Ephesians 6:17-23 Pray at All Times
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Defiled

September 9 Life Lessons from My Grandparents

Guest Preacher – Becky Devlin; 16th Sunday after Pentecost
 Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 A Good Name
 Mark 7:24-30 A Woman's Faith

Living Joy -- Happiness is a key desire of people. Is there a difference between happiness and joy? Through the Book of Job and the Epistle of James we will look at how we can live in joy despite the trials of life.

Sept. 16 Happiness beyond Happiness

Spirit Sunday; 17th Sunday after Pentecost; Confirmation Organizational Meeting; Oct/Nov Newsletter Information Due
 Job 1 Job's Character
 James 1:1-15 Faith and Wisdom
 Mark 8:27-38 A Declaration

Sept. 23 Living Joy Despite Fear

18th Sunday after Pentecost; New Members Welcome
 Job 2:3-13 Great Suffering
 James 1:17-27 Hearing and Doing the Word
 Mark 9:30-37 Foretelling Death

Sept. 30 Living Joy Despite Anger

19th Sunday after Pentecost; Praise & Healing
 Job 3-14 Do the Innocent Perish?
 James 2:1-13 Warning against Partiality
 Mark 9:38-50 Another Exorcist

FALL PREVIEW

October 7 World Communion Sunday; CROP Walk
 October 14 Disabilities Awareness Sunday; Blessing Animals
 October 21 Children's Sabbath
 October 28 Reformation Sunday
 November 4 All Saints, Totenfest, Communion; All Saints Offering
 November 11 Veterans Recognition
 November 18 Thanksgiving Sunday; NIN Offering
 November 25 Reign of Christ Sunday

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Communion & Food Pantry Donations

September 2

As we come to be fed at the Lord's Table, we remember those in our community who have difficulty feeding themselves. Our donations of non-perishable foods to the SH Food Pantry are much needed and appreciated.

Christian Education

September 9

The future of Christianity depends on how well we know the scriptures and how well we apply them to our lives. Our support of the Christian Education program for all ages at First Church is crucial to our service to God.

The Compassion Fund

September 16

This Special Offering is placed in an emergency fund where 90% helps church members in need and 10% may be used for emergency community needs.

Meat BINGO

September 23

The envelope offerings collected for the Meat BINGO will go to the general budget to supplement the efforts of those who spend a lot of time and energy in making each fundraising event a success.

Church Change Special Offering

During September our Church Change offering will be donated to the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Community Ministries.

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP

The following totals are up to and including the end of July 2018
 plus a comparison to July 2017 & 2016.

	<u>July 2018</u>	<u>July 2017</u>	<u>July 2016</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES –	\$139,949.33	\$105,534.42	\$119,481.06
REVENUE –	\$ 42,026.86	\$ 39,916.29	\$ 46,480.69
Resources from Kline Fund –	\$ 91,600.00	\$ 63,907.85	\$ 73,891.00
TOTAL REVENUE –	\$133,626.86	\$ 103,824.14	\$120,371.69
Gain/Loss –	\$ -6,322.47	\$ -1,710.28	\$ 890.63

CONSISTORY MEETING: 6:30 PM

Thursday, September 13

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, September 23, 9 AM or 10:30 AM

Any youth who is grade 5 through confirmation age is asked to be an acolyte. Training is held for those who have not been an acolyte in previous years. Linda Deatrich will train all new acolytes on Sunday, September 23 in the Sanctuary. Please let the office know if you would prefer before or after worship. ***Make a note on the Friendship Pad or call the church office (385-2049) to sign up your child for acolyte training.***

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Women's Fellowship, Sunday, September 16, 3 PM

All women in the church are invited to gather for a time of fellowship and food with no set agenda, other than to enjoy one another's company. Bring a snack to share if you like. Beverage will be provided. Desserts are welcome!

Bible Study, Tuesdays, 2 PM, Starting September 18

Our first fall gathering will be devoted to sharing summer adventures and selecting a topic for Bible study. We are open to your ideas! We are an informal group and occasionally cancel class at the last moment. If you are joining Bible study for the first time, please call the church office at 570-385-2049 to make sure we are meeting.

The Love Diet

Are you interested in taking care of the body God has given to you? Would you like to lose some weight and/or, perhaps more importantly, feel better about yourself? With a focus on fresh and nutritious food (not low fat scam food!), we can feed our taste buds, eating well while still enjoying half-n-half in our coffee. If you're interested in supporting others in a joint venture of healthy eating with easy exercise, talk to Pastor Shawn.

If you have an idea for a small group, please talk to Pastor Shawn.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NO BCE Meeting in September

Please join us for Spirit Sunday, September 16. If you are interested in supporting the church's Christian education program, please join us on Tuesday, October 2 at 6 PM in the Weiser Board Room.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Season of Pentecost:

The Stories of Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy

Through the stories of the people of Israel wandering in the wilderness, the children will come to understand that God is with us, wherever we may wander.

9/2	Labor Day Weekend – No Children's Church	
9/9	Grandparents' Day – No Children's Church	
9/16	Spirit Sunday – Join us for breakfast at 9 AM!	
	The Ten Commandments	Exodus 19 and 20
9/23	The Golden Calf	Exodus 32 and 33
9/30	The Cloud and the Fire	Numbers 47

Thank you to our Children's Church teachers!

Delia Edling, our lead teacher who often creates the curriculum, Gavin Fry, Linda McDonald, Riley Moyer and Malaki Nye.

If you would be interested in teaching and learning with the children, please talk to Pastor Shawn or Delia.

Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.
–Walt Disney

Realizing the Vision: Ending Child Poverty

Prayer Vigil for Children September 16 through October 21

During the annual Prayer Vigil for Children you are invited to pray for:

- Children who are alone; afraid; disabled; ill; bullied; and poor.
- Children in our church and community; this nation; and God's world.

The youth of our congregation will lead us in worship on Sunday, October 21, as we conclude the Prayer Vigil for Children. If you would like to emphasize a specific concern for children, please talk to Pastor Shawn.

Preparing Children for Communion: Sunday, September 30

Pastor Shawn will talk with children after worship on September 30 about receiving communion for the first time. Children would be invited to receive their first communion on World Communion Sunday, October 7.

At First UCC, parents decide when their children may receive communion. Through conversations about faith and communion, parents know when their children come to believe in Christ as their Savior. Children are strongly encouraged to participate in Children's Church to learn more about the Christian faith and sacraments in preparation for confirmation class in sixth and seventh grades.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Organizational Meeting Sunday, September 16, after Worship, Weiser Board Room

*Who am I? Why do I need God in my life?
How can Jesus help me understand myself?*

As young people mature and explore independence from parents and family, they need the opportunity to explore who they are as people made in the image of God, physical, intellectual and spiritual.

First Church invites young people in sixth grade and older to affirm their baptism through the Rite of Confirmation. Through baptism, they were welcomed into the worldwide community of the Christian Church. Through confirmation, or catechism, young people are invited to grow in faith in God, seeking God through the teachings of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, affirming they are loved by God.

Youth and their parents, grandparents, or guardians are invited to start your day with breakfast at 9 AM on September 16. After 9:30 AM worship, an organizational meeting will be held in the Weiser Board Room. Please bring your schedules so that we can select a weekly meeting time.

The confirmation process at First Church is a two year program. Confirmands are required to:

- attend worship on a weekly basis,
- attend weekly confirmation class,
- and participate in periodic church activities.

If you have questions about confirmation, please talk to Pastor Shawn.

Pastor Shawn's Annual CROP Walk Challenge to the Confirmands

Pastor Shawn challenges the confirmands to see who can raise more money for the CROP Walk against hunger on Sunday, October 7. Consequences for the loser(s) have yet to be determined but a cream pie facial has been employed in the past. Information will be provided at the organizational meeting on September 16. For more information on the CROP Walk, see the information under "Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches."

THANK YOU

Thank you to **everyone** for your wonderful support over the summer of Vacation Bible School, the Community Carnival, August Meat BINGO and the Church Picnic!!!! You met the church's needs with prompt generosity, increasing the love of God between neighbors.

CONSISTORY

At the June 14 Consistory meeting, the new camera security system was discussed, Vacation Bible School (June 24-28) information was shared, and details were covered for the Community Carnival (June 28-30). Committee reports were received and building use was reviewed. The 200th anniversary of First UCC is fast approaching, whether 1821 or 1822 is used as the founding date. Anyone interested in helping to plan a 200th anniversary celebration is encouraged to speak to a Consistory member or Pastor Shawn.

June minutes and financial information are posted on the hall bulletin board.

EVANGELISM

Welcoming Guests as We Would Like to be Welcomed

With Penn State back in session, students may be joining us for worship, along with other visitors. God draws people into the church, so our effort to welcome and include God's guests is part of Christian hospitality as we share the joy of the Lord.

Welcoming others is pretty simple: treat others the way you wish to be treated. Say hello to guests, smile, show them where to find the hymnal, introduce yourself, invite them to stay for fellowship, and welcome children to be children.

FELLOWSHIP

Spirit Sunday, September 16, 9 AM Breakfast

As we return to our regular fall schedule, we're offering breakfast before worship so that we can visit with one another. Join us for bacon, eggs, French toast, home fries and beverage. Please sign up in worship to give us a head count or call the church office at 570-385-2049. We are looking forward to catching up on summer adventures. Please join us!

SOUL (Seniors Out to Lunch)

Second Tuesday, Noon

SOUL consists of senior members of the congregation who like to get together at local restaurants. If you would like to join SOUL for any of their upcoming luncheons, call Iris Weller (366-0897) so that they can save a seat for you!

Tuesday, September 11, Noon – Leiby's Restaurant, Tamaqua

MEAT BINGOS

The profit from the August 4 Meat Bingo was at least \$1500, plus \$75 collected in offering envelopes. Profits from bingo are placed in the church's general budget for everyday expenses. ***Thank you for your support!!***

Our next Meat BINGO is scheduled for Saturday, October 13. Doors open at 11 AM; games begin at 1 PM. The prizes will be packages of meat. There will be 20 games for \$15. Specials & Raffles are extra. Food and refreshments will be available. We are also looking for helpers age 13 and older. Please call the church office if you are able to volunteer.

2019 BINGO dates: Will be announced at the October 13 BINGO

PARKING: When parking for our fundraisers, we ask that all workers park in the upper lot so the spots in the lower lot are available for our patrons.

NEW MEMBERS

New Members Welcome, Sunday, September 23

New members will be welcomed into the Christian fellowship of the church on Sunday, September 23, during worship. If you are interested in becoming a member of the church, please talk to Pastor Shawn.

PROPERTY

FREE Kidney Tables and Wooden Chairs:

Five kidney shaped tables (solid wood, metal legs) once used in Sunday School and many wooden chairs of various sizes are available free to church members. If you are interested call the church office at 570-385-2049.

Fall Yard Work, Saturdays, September 15, 8 AM

Weather permitting, join Pastor Shawn to weed plant beds in preparation for Spirit Sunday activities. She will treat you to breakfast at 9:30 AM.

Camera System

Due to repeated damage to the canopy in front of the church and to an attempted break in of the church last summer, Consistory approved the installation of a camera system to overview the church buildings and property.

MISSION

Hillside SPCA Donations to Bless the Animals

During the month of September we will gather items needed at Hillside SPCA to care for the animals there, including: non-clumping cat litter, cleaning supplies, mops, brooms, laundry detergent, wet and dry dog/cat food, dog and cat toys, chew snacks, dog leashes and collars, dog bowls (metal only), dog and cat beds, office supplies and equipment. Monetary donations may also be made to "Joe & Caroline's Fund." Place your donations in the box in the Narthex. Tentative plans are to visit Hillside on Saturday, October 6 to deliver our donations and bless the animals.

Hospice of Central PA Volunteer Training

HCP is in need of caring, compassionate volunteers to be part of their patient care team. Extensive training and on-going support is provided for volunteers. Patient care/family support volunteers: provide companionship, comfort, support, and respite for family caregivers. Vet-to-Vet volunteers: veterans in the hospice program welcome the chance to talk with fellow veterans. Training is held in Harrisburg. For more information visit www.hospiceofcentralpa.org or call 570-628-2290.

Volunteers Needed at "Servants to All"

Volunteers are needed as Overnight Shelter Monitors to assist the staff at the overnight shelter, open 7:30 pm to 7:30 am, 7 days a week and Administrative Assistance with paperwork, donations, and clothing distribution. Volunteers must complete an application and background checks. Contact information: Jeanette Triano Sinn, Executive Director, Servants to All, 4 S. Centre Street, Pottsville, PA 17901, 570-728-2917.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chime/Bell Choir Rehearsal Starting Soon

Recognizing that people can't always make long-term commitments, three or four practice sessions will precede each presentation of the Chime Choir in worship. Read the September worship bulletins and October-November newsletter for details on rehearsal times. If you have questions about the church's music program, you can contact Chris Evans, our Minister of Music, at 717-329-6904 or email him at chrisevans838@gmail.com.

The contents of this newsletter can be found on the church's website, www.firstucc-haven.org, so that you can access it easily on line.

SCHUYLKILL ASSOCIATION

Flood Recovery Donations

The Schuylkill Association has set up a disaster fund to help people in times of crisis. Checks can be written to the Schuylkill Association UCC, for the "Disaster Fund." Drop your marked donations in the offering plate during worship or at the church office.

2018 Schuylkill County Flood Recovery

The month of August brought devastating floods to Schuylkill County. You can help with flood recovery in the following ways:

- Volunteers are needed to serve on a "spiritual care" team. If you are interested contact UCC Disaster Coordinator Rev. Karl Jones, 570-617-4018 or kjones275@comcast.net. Training will be provided.
- Volunteers are needed for clean-up and rebuilding. Contact Bob Simcox, United Methodist Disaster Coordinator at drc@epaumc.org or 610-427-0470.

Schuylkill Association Fall Meeting, Sunday, October 21

The Schuylkill Association of UCC Churches meets bi-annually and will gather on Sunday, October 21 at Trinity UCC in Tamaqua. All are welcome!

Schuylkill Association Hygiene and School Kits

Recent flooding in the county has created the need for toiletries and school supply donations. Through Sunday, October 21, we are invited to gather items for Church World Service hygiene and school kits. Kit lists are available in the Narthex. Gently used bath and kitchen household items are also needed for people resettling after disaster. Another option: donations of \$17 will cover the contents of a kit and shipping costs.

Puerto Rican Relief Mission

The people of Puerto Rico are still reeling from the impact of Hurricane Maria nearly a year ago. UCC Disaster Ministries is organizing teams of volunteers to work in Puerto Rico for one week. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Volunteers would be housed at a church or in dorms at a church camp with a nominal fee of approximately \$15/night.

Conditions are primitive. Volunteers will be working in hot and humid conditions. The work will involve heavy lifting, working on ladders, wearing protective equipment, etc.

This will be an expensive mission involving committed fundraising. Perhaps a team can be formed through the 29 association churches or joining with another Association to complete a team. If you are interested, contact: Rev. Claude Schach (717-315-5707 or clschach@epix.net).

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Bloodmobile Thursday, September 13, 12:30-5:30 PM

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Council holds a Bloodmobile for the American Red Cross every other month at Jerusalem Lutheran Church. You must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be healthy in order to be able to donate blood.

Monthly Food Pantry Third Friday, 1 PM, September 21

About 170-180 households in our area receive food every month through the Council of Churches Food Pantry. Food is distributed on the third Friday of each month at the Food Pantry, located on Market Street behind Evans Delivery (the old Walk In Shoe Factory).

Bi-Monthly Council Meeting Tuesday, September 25, 7 PM

The meeting will be held at St. James Episcopal Church on Dock Street. The Council of Churches provides emergency assistance for homeless people, assists with utilities on an emergency basis, and organizes a monthly food pantry for those in our community who have difficulty feeding themselves. First Church is in need of lay representatives to serve on the Council. Talk to Pastor Shawn if you are interested in community ministry.

World Communion Sunday CROP Walk Sunday, October 7, 1 PM, Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry

Enjoy a beautiful walk through the Schuylkill Haven Borough with friends AND raise money to feed hungry people at the same time. Receive a participant's envelope from Pastor Shawn. Registration begins at 1 PM, with worship at 1:15 PM and the walk kick-off at 1:30 PM.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Our Church's Wider Mission at Work

OPTIC – the Office of Philanthropy, Technology, Identity and Communication – is the name for the team that resulted by combining communications and marketing with philanthropy and stewardship. Right now, the OPTIC team is focused on a few key projects - coordinating and promoting special mission offerings and other fundraising campaigns, auditing and refreshing social media, and laying the groundwork for General Synod 2019. OPTIC is focused on providing more effective fundraising ideas to Congregations and Conferences by offering church leaders a free video conference on stewardship and cultivating generous congregations.

PSEC

A New Penn East Conference

Plans continue to create a new UCC conference for eastern Pennsylvania, combining the diverse gifts of the Penn NE and Pennsylvania SE Conferences. A model for the new conference, along with a proposed staff, will be presented at the PSEC fall meeting.

PSEC Fall Meeting, Saturday, November 10, 10 AM – 3 PM

"Know the Past, Live the Present, Plant the Future"

Church of the Good Shepherd, 35 W. Philadelphia Avenue, Boyertown

Agenda items: 2019 Budget Review/Approval; Manual On Ministry Training;

Update on New Penn East Conference.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Online Scams. Learn about recent scams and how to recognize the warning signs. Read the FTC's most recent alerts or browse scams by topic.

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts>

Protecting Your Child's Privacy Online. The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, enforced by the Federal Trade Commission, requires that a site or service receives your consent before collecting personal information from your child. The COPPA Rule was put in place to protect kids' personal information on websites and online services — including apps — that are directed to children under 13. Personal information in the world of COPPA includes a kid's name, address, phone number or email address; their physical whereabouts; photos, videos and audio recordings of the child, and persistent identifiers, like IP addresses, that can be used to track a child's activities over time and across different websites and online services. Visit

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0031> for more info.

You are needed.

Every single person reading this article is needed at First UCC. In a world that seems increasingly marked by division and anger, the church is the world's best hope for reconciliation and harmony. Yes, as we've witnessed quite tragically recently, the church is also a place of brokenness and sin. We would be hypocrites to pretend the church is a perfect place. Then again, no person is perfect so how could any organization involving people be perfect? Even so, the church usually errs on the side of God's forgiveness and grace. As we strive to follow Jesus Christ we all fall short YET together we can offer one another strength for today and hope for tomorrow. We can be an example to the world of community and unity through Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP

Borough Day Community Outreach and Fund Raiser

Saturday, September 29, 8 AM – 4 PM

Baked Goods, Pierogis, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Beverages

Baked good donations are needed. Volunteers are needed for two hour shifts to sell food. Please sign up in worship or call the church office at 570-385-2049. (We'd love to serve haluski but need volunteers to make it.)

Meat BINGO

Saturday, October 13

Please sign up to donate food items to sell and/or donate your time to help with the event. Doors open at 11 AM.

Friends Helping Friends, Boscov's

Tuesday, October 16

Buy a 25% shopping pass for \$5 to use on most purchases at Boscov's Tuesday, October 16. The church will keep the \$5 for every ticket sold. The day includes refreshments, entertainment and prizes. Please contact Carrie Ann Klinger at 570-728-0173 to buy your shopping pass ticket or if you would like to help sell the shopping passes for the church.

Shank's Vanilla. 8 oz. bottles of vanilla are being sold for \$6 per bottle. The vanilla is a great ingredient for baking.

Boyer's Tag. Boyer's SKU Tags are available in the Narthex. When you purchase groceries at Boyer's, ask to have your tag read. Periodically, Boyer's will tally the readings and send a check to the church. (No need to hand in Boyer's receipts.)

Redner's Save-A-Tape. Pick up a Save-A-Tape card at Redner's and use it whenever you buy groceries. Hand in your Redner's receipts by placing them in the box in the Narthex. Totals of the tapes will be submitted to Redner's who will then provide the church with a check.

Gifted by God; Giving to God

All people are gifted by God and all are called by Jesus to live with God. Too often we think of this call as leading to ordination and public ministry, but God gives each of us talents and abilities to use to serve one another as the body of Christ. One of the goals of the church is to help each person discern their gifts, to become aware that God guides us on a path to spiritual fulfillment through our daily endeavors. Our financial gifts to support the ministry of the church enable the church to empower our life-long response to the call of Jesus as we are sustained by faith through life's journey.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

9/2- Heather Corby (1980) Chris Evans (1986) Dwayne Reichert Jr. (2005) Tom Stewart Jr. (1974)	9/13- Bill Harp (1963) 9/14- Sean Spotts (1993) 9/15- Becky (Sikora) Klimas (1983) 9/17- Alesse Coover (1984) 9/18- Braylon Ludwig (2012) 9/19- Rusty Searle (1955) Pastor Shawn (1958)
9/3- Eric Heck (1988) Suzanne Schrader (1943) Quinlan Spotts (2003)	9/20- Jeff McCormick Billy Schaeffer (1990)
9/6- Meghan Cherry (1985) John Pritiskutch (1961)	9/21- Jim Haeseler (1972)
9/7- Beth Fryer (1951)	9/23- Lilly James (2013)
9/8- George Rondeau (1961)	9/26- Lily Fenstermacher (2007) Grayson Fessler (2008)
9/9- Bill Corby (1970) Mary Stewart (1978)	Marcia Harp (1964)
9/10- Beth Eckert (1958) Helen Kimmel (1963)	9/26- Aaliyah Schnell (2013)
9/11- Ed Henninger (1963)	9/29- Corey Mentzer (1981)
9/13- Brian Harp (1963)	Kelsey Shappell (1992)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

9/5- Greg & Alicia Stewart (2015)	9/17- Ed & Cheryl Henninger (1988)
9/11- Gary & Gloria Ebling (1976)	9/18- Bill & Jane Ellinger (2004)
9/12- Brandon & Becky Devlin (2015)	9/20- Harris & Joan Bradley (1969)
9/12- Bob & Carole Lee (1997)	9/26- Brian & Marcia Harp (1998)

If we missed a birthday or anniversary, listed an incorrect date or do not have the year, please call the church office so that we are able to correct and/or update our records.

NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

Pinebrook Personal Care Center, Orwigsburg PA 17961

2 Woodbridge Drive	Bernice Roberts	(Room 26)
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Seton Manor, Orwigsburg PA 17961

1000 Seton Drive	Bob Gordon	
	Mary Jane Madenfort	(Rm 205-2)

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

June Schoffstall; 285 Blue Mountain Road; Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

****Please note:** If you are homebound and wish to receive home communion, please contact the church office. If you know of someone not on either the Nursing Home or Homebound list, please notify the church office.



Tuesday, October 16, 2018
8AM to 11PM

**Join us in supporting
our Organization!**

**YOUR \$5 SHOPPING PASS
BUYS A FULL DAY OF:**

- 25% Off Discount Shopping Pass
- Refreshments • Entertainment
- Fabulous Register to Win Prizes

100% of our ticket sales will go to our organization!
Please see Carrie Ann to get your ticket (shopping pass)!!