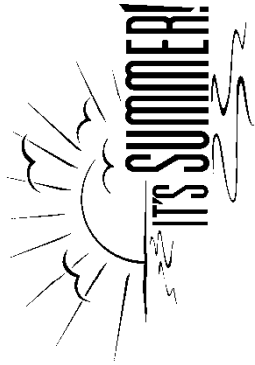


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...those who wait for the Lord...  
shall mount up with  
wings like eagles.

Isaiah 40:31

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

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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

During the summer months (June, July & August), the church office will be open **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9 AM – 1 PM.**  
If any days need to be changed throughout the summer,  
it will be noted in the Sunday bulletin.

**SALUTATIONS FROM SHAWN**

**Flying with Eagles**

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, a crucial turning point in World War II, was observed on June 6. Memorial Day is two weeks past and the Fourth of July is a few weeks ahead. Summer is a season when we are constantly reminded of the gift and cost of freedom.

Bald eagles are a symbol of freedom in this country and around the world. While there are 60 species of eagles worldwide, only two are native to North America: the bald and the golden eagle. Generally, eagles are monogamous and mate for life using the same nest, with both parents tending the young.

Although it's unclear why the rock band Eagles chose their name, the band members seem to revere the great birds. The American rock band was formed in Los Angeles in 1971 and proved to be one of the most successful musical acts of the 1970s, ranked 75th on Rolling Stone's 2004 list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time. While the band broke up in 1980, they reunited in 1994 and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1998. Presently the band is on an international tour with three shows slated for Las Vegas in late September and early October (if you're interested).

Other than a name, bald eagles and the Eagles may not have much in common. Then again I think both may have something to share with us about the challenges and choices involved in relationships, as well as the decision to persevere (or give up). They have something to teach us about freedom. We live in a culture where individual freedoms are valued and personal opinions are asserted despite whatever division might result. The E/eagles' actions and words make it clear that the ways in which we behave and interact with others impact everyone we encounter in the community, at home and at work, for good and bad.

When we exercise our personal freedom, there are repercussions for those around us and lasting consequences for ourselves. As we move from the season of Easter to Pentecost, the fire of the Holy Spirit rests upon us to remind us of God's promise that the Holy Spirit will teach us to listen to Jesus and to follow his example, finding the balance between our personal freedom and freedom in the Spirit.

Yours in Jesus Christ,  
*Pastor Shawn*

## SUMMER WORSHIP

### **Spirit of Freedom: Flying with Eagles**

Whether it's majestic birds soaring through the heavens or the classic rock band of the 1970s, this summer we will seek the wisdom of eagles as they teach us how to live with one another.

### **June 16 Good Things Come in Threes**

The Rev. Bill Worley, Guest Preacher; Trinity Sunday; Father's Day  
 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Wisdom's Advice  
 Romans 5:1-5 Faith Brings Joy  
 John 16:12-15 Jesus Teaches about the Holy Spirit

### **June 23 The Sound of Sheer Silence**

Ray Riegel, Guest Preacher; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Psalm 42 Longing for God's Help  
 Galatians 3:23-39 Children of God  
 Luke 8:26-39 Demons in a Herd of Pigs

### **June 30 Take It Easy** Butterfly Release

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Healing Service; Pam Foley, Guest Organist  
 Acts 5:1-17; 27-32 Obeying God  
 1 John 1:1-10 God is Light  
 Luke 9:51-62 The Cost of Following Jesus

### **July 7 Take It to the Limit**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Independence Sunday; Communion  
 Acts 8:26-40 An Ethiopian Receives Christ  
 1 John 2:7-11, 15-24 The New Old Commandment  
 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Jesus Sends Out Seventy

### **July 14 Desperado** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) The Conversion of Saul  
 1 John 3:1-6, 11-20 Children of God Love One Another  
 Luke 10:25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan

### **July 21 The Long Run** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Acts 11:1-18 Good News for All  
 1 John 4:1-15 Testing the Spirits  
 Luke 10:38-42 Jesus Visits Mary and Martha

### **July 28 Don't Bother Me**

Ray Riegel, Guest Preacher; 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Psalm 85 Restoration of God's Favor  
 Colossians 2:6-15 New Life in Christ  
 Luke 11:1-13 Jesus Teaches about Prayer

## SUMMER WORSHIP, cont'd.

### **August 4 Who Made You a Judge?**

Ray Riegel, Guest Preacher; 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; NO Communion  
 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Deliverance from Troubles  
 Colossians 3:1-11 Principles of Christian Living  
 Luke 12:13-21 The Parable of the Rich Fool

### **August 11 Hotel California** COMMUNION; 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pent.

Acts 12:1-17 Peter's Arrest and Deliverance  
 1 John 5:1-14 Overcoming the World  
 Luke 12:32-40 Jesus Warns about the Unexpected

### **August 18 The Best of My Love** VBS Sunday; 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pent.

Acts 15:1-21 Rebuild and Restore  
 2 John 1-9 Walk in God's Commandments  
 Luke 12:49-56 Jesus Warns about Division

### **August 25 Already Gone** Back-to-School Blessing

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; 9:30 Indoor Worship; 11 Outdoor Worship; Picnic  
 Acts 16:1-15 First Convert in Europe  
 3 John 1-15 Walk in Truth  
 Luke 13:10-17 Jesus Heals a Woman

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

### **9:30 AM Indoor Worship; 11 AM Outdoor Worship and Picnic**

Those who will be more comfortable worshipping indoors will gather at our regular worship time while others prepare for worship at the Nice Pavilion, followed by a picnic and outdoor activities. For details, see page 10.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**Stories of King Solomon.** Over the summer, Children's Church is offered on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

June 23	Solomon is Made King
July 14	The Wisdom of Solomon
July 28	Solomon Builds the Temple
August 11	Solomon Turns from God
August 25	The Kingdom Divided    End of Summer Picnic at the Pavilion

Don't forget Vacation Bible School! "Faithbook: Friend Me!"  
 Sunday through Thursday, August 18-22, 6-8:30 PM. See page 14.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

**Communion & Food Pantry Donations                      July 7 & August 4**

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.

**The Compassion Fund    June 16, July 21 & August 18**

This Special Offering is placed in an emergency fund for church members' use.

**OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission)    June 30**

The OCWM offering is used within the PSEC for local ministries.

**Special Envelopes**

The envelope offerings collected for **Meat BINGO** (August 11) will be used to help supplement the fundraising efforts of those who spend a lot of time and effort in making each fundraiser a success.

**Church Change Special Offering**

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 May 2019  
plus a comparison to May 2018 & 2017.

	<b><u>May 2019</u></b>	<b><u>May 2018</u></b>	<b><u>May 2017</u></b>
TOTAL EXPENSES –	\$ 99,818.08	\$103,574.17	\$ 91,533.20
REVENUE –	\$ 35,332.47	\$ 33,167.54	\$ 35,686.88
Resources from Kline Fund –	\$ 69,400.00	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 50,907.85
TOTAL REVENUE –	\$104,732.47	\$ 97,167.54	\$ 86,593.88
Gain/Loss –	\$ 4,914.39	\$ -6,406.63	\$ -4,939.32

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**CONSISTORY MEETINGS: 6:30 PM**

**Thursday, June 13 --- July, NO meeting --- Thursday, August 8**

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## ADULT SMALL GROUPS

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

**Bible Study    Tuesdays, 2 PM in the Weiser Board Room**

We are finishing a study of the Book of Esther before we accept the challenge of reading Job. If it is your first time to Bible Study, please call the church office to confirm that we are meeting.

**The Love Diet    Wednesdays, 11 AM**

Using The Daniel Plan as a resource, we are looking at faith, food, fitness, focus and friends as avenues to support one another in a joint venture of healthy living. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Shawn.

**Women's Fellowship    Second Sundays, 3 PM**

Gather in the Weiser Board Room at 3 PM to share our Christian journey as we join in conversation and support. Bring a snack to share if you choose.

**SOUL (Seniors Out to Lunch)    Second Tuesdays, 12 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, July 9, Noon – Leesport Diner**

**Tuesday, August 13, Noon – Blue Mountain Restaurant, Shartlesville**

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

## BUTTERFLY BLESSINGS

**Butterfly Release    Sunday, June 30**

Would you like to release a butterfly in honor or in memory of a loved one? Cost: \$12 per butterfly. The deadline for ordering a butterfly was Sunday, June 9, so please call the church office ASAP to reserve one (or two). The butterflies will be released on Sunday, June 30, following 9:30 AM worship.

**Newsletter Sponsor**

***In Honor of Hank & Audrey Hummel's 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary,  
by Lew Hummel.***

## CHRISTIAN PASSAGES / SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

**New Members** – With joy on Sunday May 5, we welcomed two new members into the church through their affirmations of faith. They are: **Suzanne Arner** and **Sean Sloskey**. They have many gifts to offer to the life of the church and we look forward to their involvement.

**Baptisms** – **Maeva Leigh Marmas** was baptized Sunday, March 10, 2019. Maeva's parents are **Kevin & Ali Marmas** and her sponsors are **Matthew Marmas & Macy Marmas**.

Isabella Lee Deeter was baptized Sunday, April 28, 2019. Isabella's parents are Kasey Wessner & Blake Deeter and her sponsors are Ashlee Wessner, Hunter Wessner, Kyra Deeter & Kyle Lucas.

**Deaths** – **Irene Mordosky** passed away on April 27, 2019. Irene is survived by her husband, **Dale** and extended family including daughter **Delia Edling**, son-in-law **Brian Edling** and granddaughter **Lilly Edling**.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### Al-Anon Meetings

Two meetings are offered weekly in Schuylkill Haven for families and friends of alcoholics: Wednesday evenings here at First Church and Friday evenings at Grace EC Church. For info call Sara 570-449-1830 or Tanya 570-497-0356.

### Opportunity House

Supportive services are offered for veterans who are homeless or facing homelessness. Services may include: housing/rental expenses; moving expenses; transportation; child care; VA Benefit referrals; education, health care and legal referrals. For more information call 570-604-6948.

### A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls

Have you turned down a chance to go out with family or friends because you were concerned about falling? Have you cut down on favorite activities because you might fall? This program is designed for ages 50+ to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance. The course is facilitated by a certified trainer and there is no charge.

Where: 23 Meadowbrook Center, off Rt. 183 across from Bethesda EC Church  
Dates: Every Wednesday, July 3rd through August 21st (8 Sessions), 9-11 AM  
To register, please call Diakon Community Services at 570-624-3017 by 6/26.

## MEAT BINGOS

Dates have been chosen for our Fall Meat BINGOS . . . **September 14** and **October 12**. The September date will just be bingo whereas the October date will be bingo and a basket raffle. A sign-up sheet will be circulated during worship beginning in mid-August for the 9/14 Meat Bingo. As with all bingos, 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 will also be looking for helpers age 13 and older. Please call the church office if you are able to volunteer. Also, 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.

## MISSION

### Church World Service Emergency Clean-up Buckets

CWS distributed nearly 50,000 clean-up buckets last year. As disasters continue, more kits are needed for people impacted by storms, fire, and other disasters. Lists of items needed for a cleanup bucket may be found in the Narthex or you may donate money to make and to ship kits where needed.

### Schuylkill Association Mission Project: Servants to All

This organization works to restore dignity, to build integrity, to instill accountability, and to transform the lives of poor and displaced individuals and families in Schuylkill County. STA is in need of coffee, creamer, sugar, breakfast/protein bars, bottled water, hot chocolate, juice boxes, peanut butter and jelly, hot cups and paper products. Donations can be dropped off at 4 South Centre Street, Pottsville, between 9 AM and 1 PM or at church.

### Schuylkill Haven Community Garden

Working with local residents to maintain a raised bed garden in Bubeck Park, Schuylkill County VISION is seeking volunteers to help with harvesting food for the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry. For more information about the Schuylkill Haven Community Garden please call 570-622-6097.

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### ***Call the church office 570-385-2049 when:***

- **Someone is admitted to the hospital (the hospitals don't call us)**
    - **You plan a meeting**
    - **You are moving**
    - **A new baby arrives or a death occurs**
    - **Your telephone number or address has changed**
- If you get the answering machine, please leave a message.**

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## CAR SHOW

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car and Truck Show will be held Saturday, August 3 on the church parking lot at 9 AM to 4 PM. The show is co-sponsored by First UCC and Rainbow Hose Company # 1 of Schuylkill Haven.

We are in need of volunteers to help at the food stand throughout the day. Please talk to Carrie Ann Klinger if you are able to help.

Anyone who wishes to participate with their vehicles may receive a registration form by calling Kenny Klinger at (570) 205-5465. Pre-registration will be needed by July 3,

We hope to see you there!



## PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference is the link that connects our church's various and diverse ministries both locally and globally. Together the PSEC provides our local churches, pastors and congregations with the training and inspiration they need to carry out our church's wider mission. We are stronger together; therefore, we embrace diversity, and above all, we spread God's love! Jennie Strauch, member of St. Mark's Cressona, is the present Moderator of the Conference.

## PICNIC

### TWO WORSHIP SERVICES AND THE ANNUAL PICNIC Sunday, August 25

Those who prefer indoor worship may gather in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM. Around 11 AM we'll meet at the Nice Pavilion for worship, followed by a picnic. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided along with beverages. **Church members are asked to bring side dishes and/or desserts to share.**

**Help is needed** to organize games and activities. Please sign up in worship.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. **Bring lawn chairs** so that you can sit in comfort. If possible, please sign up in advance to provide a rough estimate of attendance.

## SCHUYLKILL ASSOCIATION

### PARTNERING WITH SERVANTS TO ALL

This organization works to restore dignity and to transform the lives of poor and displaced individuals and families in Schuylkill County. To support the essential work of My Father's House, the churches of the Schuylkill Association will gather needed items and provide labor for improvements at STA.

**Donations Needed:** coffee, creamer, sugar, breakfast/protein bars, bottled water, hot chocolate, juice boxes, peanut butter and jelly, hot cups and paper products. Donations can be dropped off at church or at 4 South Centre Street, Pottsville. Please place your donations in the box marked "Schuylkill Association Mission Project" in the Narthex.

### Camping at Locust Lake State Park

The Schuylkill Association supports a summer chaplain at Locust Lake. Worship starts at 9:30 am. Church members are always welcome! Tina Kensinger, a member at Trinity UCC in Tamaqua, is the chaplain for the summer.

## SCHUYLKILL HAVEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

### Monthly Food Pantry Fridays, June 21, July 19 & Aug 16, 1 PM

About 170 households in our area receive food every month through the Council of Churches Food Pantry. Food donations are needed to restock the Pantry shelves. The Food Pantry is located on Market Street, behind Evans Delivery on Columbia Street (the old Walkin Shoe Factory).

### Bi-Monthly Council Meeting

**Tuesday, July 23, 7 PM**

**St. Mark's Browns.** Meetings are open to all church members. First UCC is in need of two representatives. The Council continues its monthly food pantry for people in need in the area, offered on the third Friday of the month. The Council assists with utilities emergencies on a limited basis. Next fall, the Council will offer the Weekender Program for the sixth year through the Schuylkill Haven Area Elementary Center, assisted by donations from the community. (The Blue Mountain school district program is already fully funded.) Children who are eligible for reduced or free lunches receive food for the weekend through Helping Harvest (the new name for the Greater Berks Food Bank). Information about the Council can be found on its website at [www.schuylkillhavencouncilofchurches.org](http://www.schuylkillhavencouncilofchurches.org) or talk to Pastor Shawn.

### Bloodmobile

**Thursday, July 25, 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 donate blood.



## STEWARDSHIP

**Gardening with God.** Join us most Saturdays at 9 AM as we pull weeds. Also, when you walk by a flower bed on your way to a meeting or worship, please take a minute to pull a weed to care for God's church entrusted to us.

**Adopt A Garden.** The church has flower beds scattered throughout the church grounds. If an individual or family would adopt one of the flower beds, it would be easy to keep up with weeds and maintenance over the summer. Various areas are the digital sign, the bell sign, the history sign, and the front yard beds. In addition there are beds next to the driveway leading to the lower parking lot, fellowship hall, and the pavilion. If you would like to adopt a bed, please call the church office. And thank you!

**Summer Offering.** As you are on vacation this summer, you will be remembered and missed at church. While it is essential for us to take time off, God's work continues throughout the summer to share the gospel, to feed the hungry and to care for church members in need. Please consider mailing in your contribution when you are on vacation. You may also schedule your offering as a regular payment through your bank bill pay program. Thank you for your support of and commitment to Christ's ministry at First UCC!

**Fit First 2019: Challenge Walk to Jerusalem.** We've renewed our summer walk to Jerusalem. It's 5,750 miles between Schuylkill Haven and Jerusalem. We'll pool our miles at the end of the summer to see if we made it to Jerusalem. Join as we walk to where Jesus walked!

## STEWARDSHIP – CHURCH FUNDRAISERS

**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.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### 32<sup>nd</sup> General Synod, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 21-25, 2019

The theme for the 32nd General Synod is based on the scripture Matthew 5:16... "In the same way let your light shine before others." The Rev. Franz Rigert, Wisconsin Conference minister notes, "When we light just one candle in the darkness, it illuminates dimly, but when many candles are lit, and all let their lights shine, together we can bring brightness to the world."

General Synod meets bi-annually to address issues of importance to the larger church. General Synod speaks to but not for local churches in sharing information for consideration and action in the name of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Shawn and Malaki Nye will both attend General Synod this year as representatives of the Pennsylvania SE Conference. Since it is difficult for one person to vote as a representative of a church with many diverse perspectives, GS delegates are asked to vote as the Holy Spirit guides them.

### First UCC is a 5 For 5 Mission Church

5 for 5 congregations support Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) Basic support and the Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, The Christmas Fund, and Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ. The offerings address areas of critical human need: in places lacking health and educational resources and where disaster strikes; within systems of injustice that oppress daily life and opportunity; in the lives of church leaders without sufficient resources to live with dignity; and in the nurture of youth and congregations just beginning their lives of faith.

### UCC Disaster Ministries

Disaster recovery work is needed throughout the nation. Visit [ucc.org/disasters](http://ucc.org/disasters) if you would like to volunteer your time to help with repairs. You may donate online at [ucc.org/donate\\_to\\_disaster\\_relief](http://ucc.org/donate_to_disaster_relief). Or you may designate your special gift to the UCC Emergency USA Fund and place it in the offering plate. The church office will mail it to the Pennsylvania SE Conference office.

### SABBATICAL MONTH

The Fourth Commandment tells us to observe the Sabbath (seventh) day of rest and keep in holy. As July is the seventh month, we are resting from all church activities except worship, as we praise and thank God with heart, mind, soul and strength.



## Youth Matters and TEEN FORCE

### End-of-Summer Lock-In

**Friday, August 23, 7 PM to Saturday, August 24, 10 AM**

Bring snacks to share, sleeping gear, change of clothes, toiletries and any board games or DVDs others might enjoy. We'll wrap up with breakfast in the morning.

### Other Ways You Can Get Involved:

Car Show, Saturday, August 3

Vacation Bible School, Sunday-Thursday, August 18-22, 6-8:30 PM

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### FAITHBOOK: FRIEND ME!

**AUGUST 18-22, 6:30-8:30 PM**

*John 15:12: Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."*

*Luke 10:27: Jesus' Great Commandment - "Love the Lord God with your heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbor as yourself."*

In this era of internet communication, both fun and frightening, we will teach communication skills of listening, asking, caring, choosing, forgiving and thanking to help children cope with conflict and seek God's love. The Service Project will provide items needed by children connected to the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry.

Sunday, August 18	Friends of Jesus
Monday, August 19	Sharing Friends
Tuesday, August 20	From Enemies to Friends
Wednesday, August 21	Friends in Hard Times
Thursday, August 22	Friends Forever

Please sign up in worship to donate snack items, gift cards for Michael's craft store, and/or to sign up as a "Friend" for the children attending VBS. Children benefit greatly from interacting with adults other than their family members. They learn that members of the church are part of their Christian family and that they are an essential part of this family of God.

### VBS Set-up August 11 after Worship

The Board of Christian Education will meet Sunday, August 11, after worship to set up for Vacation Bible School. Please sign-up to help with set-up or to share an evening of Vacation Bible School, August 18-22, as we focus on learning friendship skills.

# 1st Annual Car & Truck Show

Presented by UCC & Rainbow Hose Co. #1

## Saturday, August 3rd, 2019

Registration 9am-12pm Show 12pm-3pm

Awards presented at 4pm (Must be present)

Located at First United Church of Christ, 110 Route 61 South, Schuylkill Haven, PA

**FREE ADMISSION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

**EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE**

**\*\*\*No Vendors\*\*\*No Alcohol\*\*\***

For more information call Kenny @ 570-205-5465 or  
Jen @ 570-573-4133 or email [jenmichael1984@yahoo.com](mailto:jenmichael1984@yahoo.com)



## CHURCH PICNIC

**First UCC Pavilion**



**Sunday, August 25, Outdoor Worship (11 AM)**

**ACTIVITIES:** *Guessing Games, BINGO, Water Balloon Toss, Volleyball, Wiffle ball and more!*

NOTE: Side dish & dessert food donations are needed, please sign up on the food donation sheet. Also, please bring a wrapped item worth no more than \$5 for BINGO.

**Help needed for setup and games!**

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

6/3- James Miller (1941)  
 6/5- Dave Williams (1949)  
 6/7- Leroy Boyer (1970)  
 6/8- Mackenzie Nye (2001)  
 6/9- Hank Hummel (1951)  
 6/10- June Renninger (1938)  
     Mary Young (1929)  
 6/14- Anne Fisher (1935)  
     Josh Semanco (1997)  
     Zack Semanco (1997)  
 6/15- Betty Wingle  
 6/16- Amy Buffington  
     Alice Ebert  
 6/17- Sterling I. Shappell  
 6/18- Kris Sonon (1979)  
 6/20- Al Deatrich (1958)  
     June Schoffstall (1934)  
 6/23- Malaki Nye (2003)  
 6/24- Larry Morgan (1953)  
 6/25- Blanche Koehler (1931)  
 6/28- Steve Murray (1951)  
 6/30- Alex Alexander  
 7/2- Gail Buffington (1956)  
 7/4- Bryce Moyer (1998)  
 7/6- Jane Madenfort (1932)  
     Kera Paul (2003)  
 7/7- Kelti Ludwig (2010)  
 7/8- Kenny Klinger (1957)  
     Tommy Wensel (1996)  
     Bill Wingle (1970)  
 7/11- Robert Corby (1939)  
     Hilda Offutt (1933)  
 7/12- Marshall Frushon (2015)  
 7/13- Liz Luckenbill (1989)  
 7/14- Delia Edling (1977)  
 7/15- Tina Pettit (1971)  
 7/17- Leanne Haeseler (1972)  
     John Pettit, Jr. (1998)  
     Jordan Pettit (1998)  
 7/18- Doris Ney  
 7/20- Brandon Haeseler (1996)  
 7/21- Rebecca Hillje  
     Josh Schrader (2000)  
 7/22- Sally Krammes (1950)

7/23- Collin Fultz (1998)  
     Bev Paul (1939)  
     Deb Spotts (1957)  
     Katie Thompson (1998)  
 7/24- Sharon Wagner (1977)  
 7/25- Sharon Stidham (1956)  
 7/26- Amy Moyer (1975)  
 7/28- Agnes Fessler  
 7/29- Roger Spotts (1938)  
 7/30- Brittany Bradley (1991)  
 7/31- Pam Sonon (1979)  
 8/1- Susan LaScala  
 8/2- Gavin Fry (2003)  
 8/3- Jim Stripe (1927)  
 8/5- Joanne Ryan Baker (1973)  
     Larry Beck (1957)  
     Jeff Harner (1968)  
 8/6- Lori Spotts (1962)  
 8/8- Janene Ditzler (1970)  
     Taylor Stewart (2002)  
 8/11- Ryan Hillje (2009)  
 8/12- Joey Donati (1968)  
     Mark Dreibelbis Jr. (2008)  
     Lee Miller  
 8/14- Jared Lopez (2001)  
     Lindy Unger (2008)  
 8/15- Harris Bradley  
 8/16- Max Baver (2013)  
     James Shaup (1956)  
 8/17- Cathy Burian  
     Molly Evans (2013)  
     Nadine Morgan (1960)  
     Wilbur Shaup (1929)  
 8/18- Sylvia Beury (1947)  
 8/19- Kevin Schaeffer (1998)  
 8/19- Robert F. Shaup (1933)  
 8/20- Randy Spotts (1954)  
 8/22- Mike Donati (1969)  
     Tracey Rondeau (1967)  
 8/24- Robin Alexander  
 8/25- J.J. Swirsky, Jr. (2000)  
 8/28- Patricia Hipp (1951)  
 8/29- Kyle Donati (2001)  
     Wyatt Rondeau (2008)



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

6/1- Craig & Lori Spotts (1985)	7/5- Bud & Linda Lopez (1969)
6/3- Rich & Bev Scott (1989)	7/6- Scott & Gail Buffington (1974)
6/3- Greg & Jen Semanco (1995)	7/14- Jeff & Heather Paul (2012)
6/9- Hank & Audrey Hummel (1979)	7/27- Bill & Heather Corby (2002)
6/10- Gary & Carla Keller (1989)	8/1- John & Linda Pritiskutch (1992)
6/15- John & Pam Swirsky (1996)	8/2- Corey & Tricia (Moyer) Mentzer (08)
6/15- Dion & Maggi Fessler (2002)	8/3- Christopher & Justene Frushon (12)
6/18- Chris & Tania Evans (2011)	8/4- Matt & Jeniva Unger (2007)
6/18- Jack & Anne Fisher (1960)	8/6- Rob & Mel Wensel (1988)
6/21- Joe & Deb Mattera (1975)	8/8- Leroy & Beth Boyer (2009)
6/27- Herm & Nadine Morgan (1987)	8/10- John & Tina Pettit (1997)
6/28- Bob & Tina Kluge (1997)	8/11- Brian & Delia Edling (2001)
7/1- Bruce & Sally Krammes (1972)	8/14- Keith & Lisa Edling (2012)
7/3- Jay & Heather Alexander (2014)	8/16- Jeff & Donna Spotts (1986)

*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.*

## SEPTEMBER PREVIEW

### Board of Christian Education

There will be a BCE Meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 4:30 PM. We will cover final plans for Spirit Sunday on September 8. BCE meetings are open to everyone in the church. Please join us!

### Bell Choir

Bell Choir practice will resume Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM on September 8. New members are always welcome to join the bell choir. If you have questions about the church's music program, you can contact Chris Evans, at 717-329-6904 or email him at [chrisevans838@gmail.com](mailto:chrisevans838@gmail.com).

### Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation Organizational Meeting on Sunday, September 8, after worship.

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