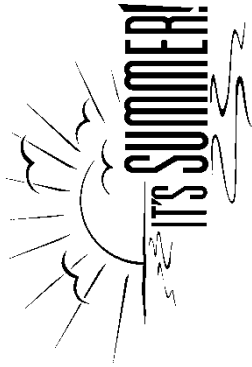


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the
HOLY SPIRIT
that has been
given to us.

Romans 5:5, NRSV

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH – Sundays, 9:30 AM

2017 CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Elders- Harris Bradley (385-1494), Brian Edling (385-7343), George Hosler (366-1400), Kim Quinn (622-8650), Kelly Schaeffer (385-0953) & Rusty Searle (385-2533)

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SALUTATIONS FROM SHAWN

God's Story is Our Story: Renewing Our Covenant with God

Two thousand years. Five hundred years. One hundred ninety five years.

Two thousand years ago Jesus Christ was resurrected. Five hundred years ago the Protestant Reformation of the church began. One hundred ninety five years ago the first members of First Church gathered for worship.

The Christian faith was born out of Judaism, with roots reaching back nearly four thousand years, as stories of God were spoken to generation after generation, before writing became a common way of recording shared history. In the Bible, each story strives to share new knowledge of God, to explore the relationship between the human and the divine.

The stories of the Bible, ancient as they may be, have become our story as our faith is strengthened through the remarkable encounters of Abraham, Joseph, David, and so many others with God. Those encounters continued as God took human form and came into the world not to condemn people but to save us. The disciples recognized God in Jesus Christ and followed him to new life.

All of these stories point to a special relationship with God, to a covenant relationship with God renewed again and again through the ages. Covenant is about belonging. We belong to God. As the Body of Christ, we also belong to each other. God commits to us to care for us and we commit to be God's people.

These warm summer days remind us the church exists because God's Holy Spirit has called us together and bound us in covenant. Our mission, given to us by Jesus, is to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We do this as we "accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at this table, to join in Christ's passion and victory." (From the UCC Statement of Faith)

On Pentecost Sunday, which falls on the first Sunday of June this year, three confirmands will claim the stories of the Bible as their story. As they profess publicly their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior, they will serve as witnesses to each one of us that we are part of God's story. May we live this truth was passion and faith.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Shawn

WORSHIP IN JUNE

God's Story, Our Story

Throughout the Bible, we learn of God's interaction first with the people of Israel and then with the people of the world. Human history is the story of people growing in understanding of God, realizing God isn't up in heaven but with us always and everywhere.

June 4 **Through the Spirit;** Pentecost; Communion; Confirmation
 Acts 2:1-21 The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Concerning Spiritual Gifts
 John 7:37-39 The Spirit of Living Water
 PLEASE WEAR RED TO CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

June 11 **Good and Very Good;** Trinity Sunday
 Strengthen the Church Offering; Guest Preacher: Becky Devlin
 Genesis 1:1-2:4a The Beginning
 Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission

June 18 **Inheritance;** 2nd Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day
 Golden Anniversary Recognition
 Genesis 18:1-15 Three Visitors
 Romans 5:1-5 Peace and Hope
 Matthew 9:35-10:8 The Workers Are Few

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Golden Anniversary Recognition

People who have been married 50 years or longer will be celebrated for their commitment and faithfulness. Call the church office at 570-385-2049 to submit any names of eligible people.

June 25 **Offering;** 3rd Sunday after Pentecost; Church Picnic
 60th Anniversary of the UCC
 Genesis 21:8-21 Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away
 Romans 6:1b-11 Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ
 Matthew 10:24-39 Take Up the Cross

SUNDAY, JUNE 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 for worship at the Nice Pavilion, followed by a picnic and outdoor activities. Between the two services, butterflies will be released in honor and memory of loved ones.

WORSHIP IN JULY & AUGUST

July 2 **Drink;** 4th Sunday after Pentecost; Communion
 Genesis 22:1-14 Abraham Tested
 Romans 6:12-23 Slaves to Righteousness
 Matthew 10:40-42 Welcoming Others

July 9 **Division;** 5th Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 24:34-67 Isaac and Rebekah
 Romans 7:15-25a The Law and Sin
 Matthew 11:16-30 The Father Revealed in the Son

July 16 **Sleep;** 6th Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 25:19-34 Jacob and Esau
 Romans 8:1-11 Life through the Spirit
 Matthew 13:1-23 The Parable of the Sower

July 23 **Deception;** 7th Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 28:10-19a Jacob's Dream at Bethel
 Romans 8:12-25 Present Suffering and Future Glory
 Matthew 13:24-43 The Parable of the Weeds

July 30 **Blessed;** 8th Sunday after Pentecost; Praise & Healing
 Genesis 29:15-28 Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel
 Romans 8:26-39 More than Conquerors
 Matthew 13:31-52 Five Parables

August 6 **Named;** 9th Sunday after Pentecost; Communion
 Guest Preacher – Rev. Karl Jones
 Genesis 32:22-31 Jacob Wrestles with God
 Matthew 14:13-21 Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

August 13 **Family;** 10th Sunday after Pentecost
 Guest Preacher
 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Joseph's Dreams
 Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus Walks on the Water

August 20 **Identity;** 11th Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 45:1-15 Joseph Makes Himself Known
 Romans 11:29-32 The Remnant of Israel
 Matthew 15:21-28 The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

August 27 **Delivered;** 12th Sunday after Pentecost
 Blessing of Backpacks and Students
 Exodus 1:8-2:10 The Birth of Moses
 Romans 12:1-8 A Living Sacrifice
 Matthew 16:13-20 Peter Declares Jesus Is the Messiah

BIBLE STUDY

The Book of Acts Monday Mornings, 10 AM

The history of the early church is recorded in the Book of Acts. The moral, political and theological lessons that are shared enabled the Gospel of Jesus Christ to spread first through Asia Minor, then through the world. The stories of Peter, Paul and the other disciples reveal the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the world to further God's mission of salvation for all people.

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.

BUTTERFLY BLESSINGS

Would you like to release a butterfly in honor or in memory of a loved one? Cost: \$10 per butterfly. If you are interested and have not already requested a butterfly, please call the church office to reserve one (or two). The butterflies will be released on Sunday, June 25, following the 9:30 AM indoor worship service and before the 11 AM outdoor worship service.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Al-Anon Meetings, Wednesdays and Fridays

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.

Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry June 16, July 14 & August 18

On the third Friday of the month, the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches distributes food at their Food Pantry, located on Market Street behind Evans Delivery (the old Walk-In Shoe Factory), and beginning at 1 PM.

GriefShare, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 1:30 PM Bethesda EC Church, Rt. 183.

GriefShare is for people mourning the death of a loved one. For more information call 570-739-2241.

CHRISTIAN PASSAGES / SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

Baptisms – **Jaxon William Corby** was baptized on Sunday, March 12, 2017. Jaxon, born August 17, 2016, is the son of William & Heather Corby. His sponsors are Matthew Mabry & Christen Corby.

Molly Sophia Marmas was baptized on Sunday, March 19, 2017. Molly, born December 29, 2016, is the daughter of Kevin & Alison Marmas. Her sponsors are Max Uniman & Lauren Olson.

Ava Marie Elizabeth Thompson was baptized on Sunday, March 26, 2017. Ava, born December 1, 2016, is the daughter of Tiffany Picard & Anario Thompson. Her sponsors are Joseph Rumrill & Melissa Picard.

Piper Phyllis Ebling was baptized on Sunday, April 23, 2017. Piper, born December 13, 2013, is the daughter of Allen Ebling & Shonna Seddon. Her sponsors are Danial Dillman & Jessica Bennett.

New Members – **Linda McDonald & Lora Yoder** were welcomed into membership on March 19, 2017.

Deaths – **Phyllis Ebling** passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2017. Her funeral service was held on Friday, March 10. Phyllis is survived by her sons **Gary & Allen** and daughters **Trudy Guldin & Rosanne Gibson** and families.

Fred Richardson Jr passed away on Saturday, April 29, 2017. His memorial service was held on Friday, May 5, 2017. Fred is survived by his sister **Deb McCormick** and family.

Bloodmobile Thursday, July 20, 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.



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.

CONFIRMATION



With joy on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, we will welcome three new members into the church as they affirm their baptism into the Christian faith through the order of confirmation. They are: **Julia Kluge**, daughter of **Tina and Bob Kluge**, granddaughter of **Bud and Linda Lopez**; **Malaki Nye**, son of **Erin Graves** and Eric Nye, grandson of **David Nye**; and **Kera Paul**, daughter of **Corin and Jack Paul**, granddaughter of **Sue and Tom**

Stewart. They have many gifts to offer to the life of the church and we look forward to their involvement. PLEASE WEAR RED TO CELEBRATE CONFIRMATION SUNDAY.

GRADUATES



On **Sunday, May 21** we recognized all of the graduates of First UCC. For high school we have ... **Austin Boyer** (Blue Mountain), **Adrienne Donati** (Pine Grove), **Richard Scott** (Pottsville) and **Collin Fultz** and **Emily Mabry** (Schuylkill

Haven); college ... **Katelyn Fox** (Indiana University of PA); and graduate school ... **Sierra Pritiskutch** (East Stroudsburg University).

Congratulations!! Please notify the church office if we missed a graduate.

SOUL

Seniors Out to Lunch

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!

June 13 – Schuylkill Haven Senior Citizens Picnic @ The Island (4 PM)

(This is for any church member over 50 since First Church is a member of the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches.)

July 11 – Leesport Diner

August 8 – Blue Mountain Restaurant, Shartlesville

MISSION

Fit First 2017: Challenge Walk to Jerusalem

Four Years of Faithful Fitness: for the fourth year, we are invited to walk for happiness, health and (w)holiness. Schuylkill Haven and Jerusalem are separated by 5750 miles. Most people can walk a mile in about 20 minutes. If a person walked a mile a day, starting June 1 and ending August 31, that would be 92 miles. That means 62 of us would need to walk regularly to make it to the Holy City, but we have a couple of people committed to walking who may increase our chances. Twenty minutes of any moderate exercise can count for a mile so creativity is encouraged. We'll pool our miles at the end of the summer. Join as we walk to where Jesus walked!

Ham and Turkey Dinners

Saturday, June 10 and Saturday, August 12 (tentative)

Your help is needed with these fundraisers to support the daily ministry of the church. Potato peelers are needed for Thursday, June 8 and Thursday, August 10 at 6 PM in the Unfinished Room. Volunteers are needed to serve food, to wait on tables, to prepare ice cream sundaes, and to clean up each Saturday from 3 to 8 PM.

National Disasters.

Recent floods, tornadoes and wildfires have impacted US citizens. You may donate online at ucc.org/donate_to_disaster_relief or designate your gift to the UCC Emergency USA Fund. Place it in the offering plate and the church office will mail it to the Pennsylvania SE Conference office.

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. Their programs are tailored to foster self-reliance and sustainability by empowering individuals to make positive life choices. STA is in need of coffee, creamer, sugar, breakfast/protein bars, bottled water, hot chocolate, juice boxes, peanut butter and jelly, styro cups and plates, paper products. Donations can be dropped off at 4 South Centre Street, Pottsville, between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM or at church. STA asks for our prayers.

SWiC's Most Wanted List

Schuylkill Women in Crisis is in need of the following items: back packs; bed linens (twin & full); cleaning supplies; flash drives; flip flops for women and children; garbage bags; gift cards (Giant, Wal-Mart, Staples); hand sanitizer; laundry detergent; new bras; paper towels; pillows; sunscreen; swimsuits for children and toilet paper. If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church for delivery. Thank you!

PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Vision, Values, Mission

The PSEC is working on behalf of local congregations to: improve the quality of life of five communities through the presence of UCC congregations; develop pastoral excellence; prepare for six new vital spiritual communities; standardize clergy training; and connect local congregations to training, inspirational experiences, networking opportunities and coaches to increase active participation by 10%.

Proposed Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the UCC

The Penn Northeast and PSEC Conferences have engaged in conversation to explore the possibility of merging to reimagine church in the 21st century and better utilize church resources. A vision team may be formed at the PSEC Spring Meeting which will be held June 9-11 at West Chester University. Talk to Pastor Shawn if you have questions about the broader UCC church.

PICNIC

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES AND THE ANNUAL PICNIC Sunday, June 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, like...

- guessing games, (ex. how many M&Ms are in this jar?)
- volleyball,
- wiffle ball or softball,
- a water balloon toss,
- and white elephant gifts (wrapped, less than \$5) for BINGO prizes.

Your suggestions are welcome!

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

New Schuylkill Association Committees

With the decision not to merge with three other PSEC associations last fall, members of the Association formed new committees for Communication, Mission, and Youth Ministry. The Communication Committee is reaching out to establish regular contact with all 29 churches in the Association. The Youth Committee is promoting gatherings with young people between churches.

Tremont Community Mission Project, Saturday, June 24

The Mission Committee has planned a service project at the Tremont Community Center for Saturday, June 24. We will paint murals and clean the public park used by the children of the community. Pizza will be provided by Randazzo Pizza. Check the Sunday worship bulletins for details.

Camping at Locust Lake State Park or Rosemont Resort

The Schuylkill Association supports a summer chaplain for both camping sites. Chaplain Don Lyons is in his sixth year of offering a Christian presence as a trained counselor. Locust Lake worship starts at 9:30 am; Rosemont starts at 11 am. Chaplain Lyons encourages church members to visit frequently.

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Council of Churches of Schuylkill Haven and Vicinity will meet Tuesday, July 25, at 7 PM at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Summer Hill Road. Meetings are open to all church members of the Council.

The Council continues its monthly food pantry for people in need in the area, offered on the third Friday of the month. The Council provides emergency housing and assists with fuel emergencies on a limited basis.

Next fall, the Council plans to offer the Backpack Buddy Program for the fourth year through the Schuylkill Haven Area Elementary Center, assisted by donations from the community. Children who are eligible for reduced or free lunches receive food for the weekend through the Berks Food Bank.

Information about the Council can be found on its website at schuylkillhavencouncilofchurches.org. Talk to Pastor Shawn for more details.

HAM & TURKEY DINNERS

Dinners will include Ham & Turkey, Howard's Potato Filling, Veggies, a Drink & Dessert. Eat in OR Take out! Adults \$12; Kids (10 & under) \$6. Homemade baked goods will be available for sale, too. A lot of help is needed as well as baked good donations. Please sign-up in the Narthex or call the church office if you are able to help.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming Ham & Turkey Dinners:

June 10 ----- Strawberry Sundae for Dessert
August 12 (TENTATIVE) ----- Peach Sundae for Dessert

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.

MEAT BINGOS

The profit from the March 18 Meat Bingo was \$2,718.19, plus \$163 collected in offering envelopes. Profits from the bingo were placed in the church's general budget to be used towards the everyday expenses. ***Thank you for your support!!***

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming BINGO dates:
September 9 ----- November 11

2018 BINGO dates: Will be announced at the November 11 BINGO

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT AND TIME

Gardening with God.

As usual, the weeds are thriving. When you walk by a flower bed at church, please take a minute to pull a weed as we care for the area which God has entrusted to us.

Summer Offering

As you are on vacation this summer, you will be remembered and missed on Sunday mornings. It is essential for all of us to step back from our daily work for rest and renewal. While we take time off, God's work continues throughout the summer to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to feed the hungry and to care for church members in need. Our offering is needed even in our absence to support the on-going ministry of First Church. 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.

Ham and Turkey Dinner, Saturday, June 10, 4-7 PM

Please sign up to donate baked goods to sell and/or donate your time to help.

Vacation Bible School, June 25-29, 6-8:30 PM

Share your time and talent with the children of the church and their friends. A variety of items are needed to make crafts, provide snacks, and play games. Sign up in worship if you can help.

2017 United Way Stuff the Bus in July

A month long school supply drive held each July, backpacks are stuffed with school supplies and delivered to our Partner Agencies who serve children. Drop off supplies at the church or a local mall. In 2016, 1,411 backpacks were stuffed for children in need.

Ham & Turkey Dinner, Sat, Aug 12, 4-7 PM -- TENTATIVE

Please sign up to donate baked goods to sell and/or donate your time to help.

Meat BINGO, Saturday, September 9

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

Borough Day September 30, 8 AM – 4 PM

Schuylkill Haven Borough Day is a great annual celebration and we want to be part of it. While we may make a little bit of money selling food, our main goal is to let people know First UCC is here to serve and that we are honored to be part of the community.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

General Synod 31, Baltimore, MD, June 30 – July 4

Representatives of the United Church of Christ will gather to discuss issues and to learn from one another as they prepare for the future of the church. In the UCC, the General Synod is a representative body but it does not speak for the rest of the church. It speaks to the church offering guidance. The General Synod deliberates, discerns, and identifies the mission of the United Church of Christ in God's world. Within the United Church of Christ, the various expressions of the church relate to each other in a covenantal manner. Each expression of the church listens, hears, and carefully considers the advice, counsel, and requests of others.

Delegates will look at 20 resolutions covering topics including children's rights, fundraising, gun violence, immigration, mission, and a revised Manual on Ministry. They will also consider changes to the UCC Constitution and Bylaws and elect a new Justice and Witness national officer. For details visit ucc.org.

UCC Motto: Be The church. Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Forgive often. Reject racism. Fight for the powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Champions for Christ! Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 25 – Thursday, June 29, 6 – 8:30 PM

Based on Ephesians 6:10-17, children ages 4 through 12 will learn what it means to put on the

Belt of Truth and the Breastplate of Righteousness (Sunday),

Feet Fitted with the Gospel of Peace (Monday),

the Shield of Faith (Tuesday),

the Helmet of Salvation (Wednesday),

and the Sword of the Spirit (Thursday).

The same themes will be reinforced in Children's Church to explore fully the richness of this scripture passage.

Children of the church are welcome to bring their friends! Grandchildren are welcome as well!!

Craft and Snack Donations will be requested closer to the dates of VBS.

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. As always, if we are not in the office, or stepped away from the phone, please leave a message on the answering machine and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

STAFF VACATIONS

Church Office is CLOSED on Fridays.

Jen will be on vacation Monday, June 12; Tuesday, June 20; Wednesday, June 21; Monday, July 3; Monday, July 17 – Thursday, July 20; Monday, July 31; Monday, August 14; & Monday, August 21.

Chris will be on vacation Sunday, August 20.

Pastor Shawn will be on vacation Wed., August 2 – Tuesday, August 15.

SABBATICAL MONTH

The Fourth Commandment tells us to observe the Sabbath 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.



NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

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1000 Orwigsburg Manor Drive

David Nye

(Room 117)

Pinebrook Personal Care Center, Orwigsburg PA 17961

2 Woodbridge Drive

Bernice Roberts

(Room 26)

Jim Stripe

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Jim Madenfort; 2240 Tonto Drive; Auburn, PA 17922

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.

SUMMER CAMPS

Hartman Center Christian Camp

Located in the Seven Mountains area near Lewistown, PA, the Hartman Center offers a variety of camps for all ages including: Ninja Camp; Fishing; Music, Arts, Dance and Drama; sports camps; intergenerational camps and much more. For more information visit the Hartman Center website at www.hartmancenter.com. The church will pay 1/2 camp costs for children high school age or younger. Registration before April 1 includes a 10% discount.

CARDS & NOTES!!

"Thank You" notes were received over the last few of months. All of the notes/letters are posted on the bulletin board by the offices. Messages of thanks were received from: Annie Eckert; Schuylkill Haven Fire Police Association; Gaudenzia; Schuylkill Haven Area Historical Society; Schuylkill Women in Crisis; Schuylkill Haven Free Public Library

Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support of the March Meat BINGO!!!! Your help was greatly appreciated!!!!

Facebook

If you are a Facebook user, please "LIKE" the church's Facebook page. This will allow you to receive regular updates and messages from the church office.

Hospitalization

When someone in your home is hospitalized, please call the church office to let us know. Most hospitals DO NOT call the church office when members are admitted.

Call the church office 570-385-2049 when:

- **Someone is admitted to the hospital**
 - **You plan a meeting**
 - **You are moving**
- **A new baby arrives or a death occurs**
- **Your telephone number or address has changed**

If you reach the answering machine, please leave a message.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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| <p>6/3- James Miller (1941)
 6/5- Grayson Storm (2012)
 Dave Williams (1949)
 6/7- Leroy Boyer (1970)
 6/8- Mackenzie Nye (2001)
 6/9- Hank Hummel (1951)
 Greg Stewart (1977)
 6/10- Mary Young (1929)
 6/14- Anne Fisher (1935)
 Josh Semanco (1997)
 Zack Semanco (1997)
 6/15- Betty Wingle
 6/16- Amy Buffington
 6/17- Sterling I. Shappell
 6/18- Charmaine Reider (1951)
 Kris Sonon (1979)
 6/20- Al Deatrich (1958)
 June Schoffstall (1934)
 6/23- Malaki Nye (2003)
 6/24- Larry Morgan (1953)
 6/25- Samantha Schnell (1994)
 6/27- Jim Madenfort (1932)
 6/28- Steve Murray (1951)
 6/30- Alex Alexander
 Gage Stewart (2014)
 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)
 7/9- Arianna Schnell (2012)
 7/11- Robert Corby (1939)
 Shannon Henninger (1998)
 Hilda Offutt (1933)
 7/12- Marshall Frushon (2015)
 7/13- Liz Luckenbill (1989)
 7/14- Delia Edling (1977)
 7/15- Tina Pettit (1971)</p> | <p>7/17- Leanne Haeseler (1972)
 John Pettit, Jr. (1998)
 Jordan Pettit (1998)
 Tim Reider (1987)
 7/18- Doris Ney
 7/19- Tom Reider (1944)
 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)
 Brian Williams (1978)
 7/25- Sharon Stidham (1956)
 7/26- Amy Moyer (1975)
 7/28- Agnes Fessler
 7/29- Brian Reider (1981)
 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- Larry Beck (1957)
 Jeff Harner (1968)
 8/6- Lori Spotts (1962)
 8/7- Amy Storm (1982)
 Richard McCord (1966)
 8/8- Janene Ditzler (1970)
 Taylor Stewart (2002)
 8/9- Daniel Shappell (1991)
 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</p> |
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! cont'd.

8/16- Max Bayer (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)
8/24- Robin Alexander
8/25- J.J. Swirsky, Jr. (2000)
8/28- Patricia Hipp (1951)
8/29- Kyle Donati (2001)



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

6/1- Craig & Lori Spotts (1985)
6/3- Rich & Bev Scott (1989)
6/3- Greg & Jen Semanco (1995)
6/9- Hank & Audrey Hummel (1979)
6/10- Gary & Carla Keller (1989)
6/15- John & Pam Swirsky (1996)
6/15- Dion & Maggi Fessler (2002)
6/18- Chris & Tania Evans (2011)
6/18- Jack & Anne Fisher (1960)
6/21- Joe & Deb Mattera (1975)
6/22- Dale & Irene Mordosky (1963)
6/23- Andrew & Samantha Schnell (13)
6/27- Herm & Nadine Morgan (1987)
6/28- Bob & Tina Kluge (1997)
6/29- Jim & Jane Madenfort (1952)
7/1- Bruce & Sally Krammes (1972)
7/3- Jay & Heather Alexander (2014)

7/5- Bud & Linda Lopez (1969)
7/6- Scott & Gail Buffington (1974)
7/9- Tom & Charmaine Reider (1973)
7/14- Jeff & Heather Paul (2012)
7/27- Bill & Heather Corby (2002)
7/27- Tom & Jodi Reardon (2012)
8/1- John & Linda Pritiskutch (1992)
8/2- Adam & Sarah DeCaluwe (2015)
8/2- Corey & Tricia (Moyer) Mentzer (08)
8/3- Christopher & Justene Frushon (12)
8/4- Matt & Jeniva Unger (2007)
8/6- Rob & Mel Wensel (1988)
8/8- Leroy & Beth Boyer (2009)
8/10- John & Tina Pettit (1997)
8/11- Brian & Delia Edling (2001)
8/14- Keith & Lisa Edling (2012)
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.



HAM & TURKEY DINNER

Saturday, June 10, 4-7 PM

Adults - \$12; Kids (10 & under) - \$6



Dinner includes:
Ham, Turkey, Potato Filling, Veggies
& a Strawberry Sundae
Take-outs available!!



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

First UCC Pavilion

Sunday, June 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!



HAM & TURKEY DINNER

Saturday, August 12, 4-7 PM

(THIS DINNER IS TENTATIVE)

Adults - \$12; Kids (10 & under) - \$6



Dinner includes:
Ham, Turkey, Potato Filling, Veggies
& a Peach Sundae
Take-outs available!!

