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

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2018 CONSISTORY OFFICERS

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SALUTATIONS FROM SHAWN

Job and James: Living Joy

Job is an ancient story of a man whose faith was tested through undeserved suffering in a cosmic debate between God and the Accuser (aka the Satan). James is practical advice on how to live a Christian life, written to Jewish Christians who faced persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. The two books are very different but ultimately they ask questions about life: most notably, how do we find joy? A few thoughts stirred by the two books:

Participate in real life: smell the salt of a sea breeze, watch a golden eagle sail across a mountain lake, marvel at a baby learning to use her thumb and forefinger to pick up Cheerios.
Revel in silence.

Mirror God's generosity in your actions. Remember that God has showered you with the glorious colors of fall, suspended the full moon in the midnight blue sky, and filled your ears with the voices of humans and birds.
No one on their deathbed every said, "I wish I'd spent more time at work."
Life is short. Life is precious. Life is good.
Practice goodness through charity: donate food to the soup kitchen, serve as host at the homeless shelter, and pay it forward.
Love another human so intensely your heart tries to burst out of its ribcage.

Then Job answered the Lord: "*I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted... Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.*" (Job 42:1)
Receive the gift of liberation and feel the heavy burden of sin lifted. The world does not rest on your shoulders.
Let God be God.

"My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing." (James 1:2-4)
Learn what Jesus meant when he said we must lose our lives in order to save them. (Mark 8:34-36)
Know joy.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Shawn

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Living Joy

Through the Book of Job and the Epistle of James we will learn how we can live in joy despite the trials of life.

10/7 Job 15-21 James 2:14-26 Mark 10:2-16	Living Joy Despite Grief Wronged by God Faith without Works Teaching about Marriage	World Communion Sunday
10/14 Job 22-31 James 3:1-12 Mark 10:17-31	Living Joy Despite Despair Bitter Complaint Taming the Tongue The Rich Man	Disabilities Awareness Sunday
10/21 Job 32 James 3:13-18 Mark 10:35-45	Living Joy Despite Adversity Wisdom of the Young Two Kinds of Wisdom Serving Others	Youth Sunday
10/28 Job 33-37 James 4:1-10 Mark 10:46-52	Living Joy Despite Loneliness Preserved from the Pit Friendship with the World Healing a Blind Man	Reformation Sunday
11/4 Job 38-39 James 4:11-17 Mark 12:28-34	Living Joy Despite Illness and Death The Effects of Wickedness Against Judging Others The First and Second Commandments	All Saints
11/11 Job 40-41 James 5:1-6 Mark 12:38-44	Living Joy Despite Suffering Words without Knowledge Warning to Oppressors Warning Against Devouring Leaders	Veterans Recognition
11/18 Job 42 James 5:7-12 Mark 13:1-8	Living Joy With Gratitude Everything under Heaven Patience in Suffering About the Future	Thanksgiving Sunday
11/25 Job 42 James 5:13-20 John 18:33-37	The End of Joy All Things The Prayer of Faith Reign of Truth	Reign of Christ Sunday

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Communion & Food Pantry Donations **Oct. 7 & Nov. 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 **Oct. 21 & Nov. 18**
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.

OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) **October 28**
The OCWM offering is used within the PSEC for local ministries.

All Saints Offering **November 4**
This offering helps to defray medical costs for retired clergy in the PSEC.

Meat BINGO Offering Envelope **November 11**
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.

Neighbors in Need **November 25**
Confront evil, alleviate suffering, and advocate for the powerless as we work to eradicate hunger and promote peace. This offering also supports the work of the Council for American Indian Ministry.

Church Change Special Offering **Every Sunday**
During the month of October, our Church Change offering will be dedicated to hurricane relief in Florida.

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP

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

	<u>Aug 2018</u>	<u>Aug 2017</u>	<u>Aug 2016</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES –	\$159,022.65	\$141,765.21	\$133,621.64
REVENUE –	\$ 46,076.46	\$ 50,603.38	\$ 50,314.50
Resources from Kline Fund –	\$105,960.00	\$ 95,607.85	\$ 82,991.00
TOTAL REVENUE –	\$152,036.46	\$146,211.23	\$133,305.50
Gain/Loss –	\$ -6,986.19	\$ 4,446.02	\$ -316.14

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Bible Study

Tuesday Afternoons, 2 PM

You Mean that Isn't in the Bible?

The subtitle of the book, "10 Popular Beliefs That Simply Aren't True", shares author David A. Rich's theory that we need to look more carefully at what's really in the Bible. Does "God help those who help themselves"? Are we God's copilots? Whether or not we agree with the author, we can reexamine core beliefs of our faith. 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.

Women's Fellowship

Typically Second Sunday, 3 PM

Sunday, October 14 & November 11

All women in the church are invited to gather for a time of fellowship and food with no set agenda: we'll simply talk about whatever comes to mind and enjoy Christian fellowship. Bring a snack to share if you choose.

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

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational meeting to approve the 2019 Proposed Budget, 2018 Committee Reports, and 2019 Consistory members is scheduled for:

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Please plan to attend and participate in the important issues to be addressed.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

If you are planning to submit a committee report for the Annual Meeting (covering the time period from October 2017 thru September 2018), please have it typewritten and submitted to the office (preferably by email) no later than **Sunday, October 14**. Annual Reports will then be available to the congregation on **Sunday, October 28**. (2 weeks before the meeting).



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

God Calls Israel:

The Stories of Numbers, Deuteronomy and Joshua

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

10/7	12 Spies Enter Israel	Numbers 49
10/14	Wandering in the Wilderness	Numbers 50
10/21	Children's Sabbath – no Children's Church	
10/28	Moses Dies	Deuteronomy 34
11/4	Joshua Becomes the New Leader	Joshua 1
11/11	Israel Crosses the Jordan River	Joshua 3
11/18	The Battle of Jericho	Joshua 5
11/25	Joshua Challenges Israel	Joshua 24

Ending Child Poverty Prayer Vigil through October 21

During the annual Prayer Vigil for Children you are invited to pray for children who are: alone; afraid; disabled; ill; bullied; poor; in our church, community, nation, and God's world.

The teens and children of our congregation will lead us in worship on Sunday, October 21, as we conclude the Prayer Vigil for Children.

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

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETINGS:

Tuesday, October 2, 6 PM & Tuesday, November 6, 6 PM

Children's Church, Children's Sabbath and Teen Sunday, fall activities, and Advent planning are on the agenda. Our meetings are open; please join us.

CONSISTORY MEETINGS: 6:30 PM

Thursday, October 11 and Thursday, November 8

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class -- Sundays after Worship until Noon

Students in sixth and seventh grades are preparing to confirm their baptism into the Christian faith through worship, class and church participation. The schedule for October and November includes:

- 10/6 *10 AM Deliver donations to Hillside SPCA
- 10/7 9:30 AM Covenant with the Congregation
No Class: participate in the CROP Walk instead
12:30 PM Walk Registration, Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Food Pantry, 100 W. Market St. behind Evans Delivery.
Please turn in your donations after worship!
- 10/14 Pie Payback after Worship
- 10/21 Children's Sabbath/Teen Sunday: arrive at 9 AM to lead worship
- Thur. 10/25 *5-7 PM Trunk or Treat at the Church
- Sat. 10/27 *9 AM-Noon Union Cemetery Service Project
- Sun. 11/11 *9 AM Veterans Service Project
- Fri. 11/23 *9 AM – 12 PM Babysitting Fund Raiser
(tentative-details pending)
- 11/30 Youth Lock-in to prepare for Hanging of the Greens

**Bonus Points can be accumulated for these optional activities to offset absences when you help with church fund raisers and service projects.*

If you have questions about confirmation, please talk to Pastor Shawn. Please contact Pastor Shawn as soon as possible if you will not be able to attend worship and/or class.

The Confirmands CROP Walk Challenge

The confirmands are challenging Delia Edling and Pastor Shawn to see who can raise more money for the CROP Walk. The group goal is \$500. All donations are due by Sunday, October 7. Those who donate at least \$20 will have the option of applying a whipped cream pie to the face of the person of their choice: AJ, Cole, Lilly, Delia or Pastor Shawn.

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.

EVANGELISM

Halloween Trunk or Treat Thursday, October 25, 5-7 PM

In conjunction with Penn State's Safe Trick or Treat event, we will offer an early trick or treat opportunity. Church members can park in the parking lot to pass out candy from their trunks. Decorate your trunk for a little extra fun. If it rains, we'll simply move into the Kline Room with our candy.

Need-Oriented Evangelism

The key for church growth is for church members to focus our evangelism efforts (sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ) on the questions and needs of non-Christians. "Pushy" manipulative methods don't work and chase people away. The secret is to meet people where they are, welcoming them as they are without judgment or requirements, while offering the love of Christian community.

FELLOWSHIP

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, October 9, Noon – Perry Restaurant, Shoemakersville
Tuesday, November 13, Noon – DeeDee Diner, Shoemakersville

Pioneer Farms Fall Festival Sunday, October 21, Noon

Pioneer Farms offers a variety of games and activities, along with favorite fall foods. Meet at the church at Noon. Check Sunday worship bulletins for details.

Reformation Celebration Sunday, October 28, after Worship

Enjoy grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, and more. Please sign up to attend by October 21 if possible but you are welcome to attend if you don't have a chance to sign up.

****Bring cards and board games to play for some fun together after we eat.****

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Church Christmas Party, Friday, December 7, 6:30 PM

MISSION

My Father's House Homeless Center

The vision of My Father's House is to create a center where individuals in need of work and shelter can find support and assistance, and in turn, to give back to the community. The Center needs: coffee, tea, powdered creamer, peanut butter, antiperspirant, adult socks and underwear, pillows, paper towels, and bottled water. Please drop off your donations at church or at My Father's House Homeless Center, 4 SOUTH Centre Street in Pottsville.

Hospice of Central PA Volunteer Training

If you are interested in offering caring and compassion to people facing the end of life, contact www.hospiceofcentralpa.org or call 570-628-2290.

MEAT BINGOS

The profit from the August 4 Meat Bingo was \$1540.60, plus \$75 collected in offering envelopes during August. An additional \$136 was collected during September for the August Meat Bingo. Profits from bingo are placed in the church's general budget for everyday expenses. **Thank you!!**

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 in the coming months. Please check your next newsletter as well as our website & Facebook page.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chime/Bell Choir Rehearsal Starts October 14, 8:15 AM

Advent and Christmas music is on the agenda. Minister of Music Chris Evans hopes to welcome some new faces and hands to the bell choir. 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.

MISSION ACTIVITIES

Hillside SPCA Donations Delivery Saturday, October 6, 10 AM

We are gathering items needed at Hillside SPCA to care for the animals there. A list is available in the Narthex. Monetary donations may also be made to "Joe's Fund." Place your donations in the box in the Narthex. Meet at the church at 10 AM to deliver our donations to Hillside.

CROP Walk Service Project Sunday, October 7, 12:30 PM

Sponsored by the Council of Churches of Schuylkill Haven and Vicinity, the CROP Walk raises funds to fight hunger at home and abroad. Ask Pastor Shawn for a collection envelope and gather donations to fight hunger. Support the confirmands or Pastor Shawn in their competition to raise the most money. Donations are due on October 7.

VRAJ Walkathon for Charity Saturday, October 20, 3 PM

Members of the VRAJ Hindu Temple are inviting the community to meet at Bubeck Park to walk to raise \$20,000 for local charities. Please ask Pastor Shawn for details.

Make-A-Difference Saturday, October 27, 9 AM-Noon

To honor veterans who have served this country, we will clean up the Union Cemetery in preparation for Veterans Day on November 11.

Thanksgiving Food Offering Sunday, November 11

At the holidays, the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Food Pantry sees increased need for food donations. Bring your favorite non-perishable holiday food to share with people in need in our community.

Potato Peeling Thursday, November 15, 5 PM

Volunteers are needed Thursday evening, November 15 to peel potatoes so potato filling can be made for our fall fund raiser.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets Sunday, November 18

Please sign up to provide food items for Thanksgiving baskets for two families. Donations are needed by November 18.



PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

PSEC Fall Meeting **Saturday, November 10**

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

We know our past, we are living our present and at the 2018 PSEC Fall meeting we will decide our future. Join fellow PSEC members to review the 2019 Budget, get an update on the Pension Board Campaign Proposal, learn about the new Manual on Ministry and most importantly decide the future of our conference. The final vote on the possible merger with the Penn Northeast Conference will take place at this meeting on Saturday, November 10, 10 AM – 4 PM, at Church of the Good Shepherd, Boyertown. Register at psec.org.

Three Pre-Fall Meetings have been set at the following times and locations:

Oct. 16: Zion Blue Mountain UCC, Bernville at 6:30 PM

Oct. 23: Reformed Church of the Ascension, Jeffersonville at 6:30 PM

Nov. 6: Zoom meeting (check future eNews issues for the link)

Registration for these pre-meetings is NOT necessary. Simply attend the meeting that fits your schedule and plan to be part of the discussion.

PSEC Disaster Ministries

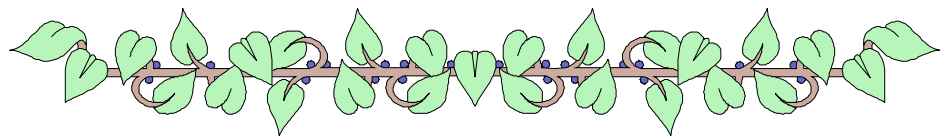
The United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries is active in Florida, Puerto Rico and Texas as they recover from hurricanes and continues in North Carolina. Mission trip opportunities for disaster recovery will be announced in coming months. Recovery often takes years. Donations may be sent to <http://www.ucc.org/disaster>.

THANK YOU NOTES!!

Thank you to **everyone** in advance for your wonderful support on September 29 at the Borough Day Stand!!!! Your help is always greatly appreciated!!!!

Thank you to **Consistory** for all that they do, especially the delicious Spirit Sunday Breakfast that they provided for us!!

Thank you notes were received over the last month. All of the notes/letters are posted on the bulletin board by the offices. Messages of thanks were received from: Peggy Zechman & family



SCHUYLKILL ASSOCIATION

Schuylkill Association Solidarity Service **October 14, 7 PM**

St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Tremont, will host this service to focus on healing and hope following the floods in the western part of the county.

Schuylkill Association Flood Relief Mission Project

Through October 15, we are gathering items for Church World Service clean-up, 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.

Schuylkill Association Fall Meeting **Sunday, October 21, 3 PM**

Trinity UCC, 22 Lafayette Street, Tamaqua, will be our hosts for the bi-annual meeting of the Schuylkill Association of the Pennsylvania SE Conference of the United Church of Christ. We'll hear reports on local church activities, upcoming mission projects and ways we can grow as the body of Christ. Talk to Pastor Shawn for additional details. Everyone who is a member at First UCC is a member of the Schuylkill Association and welcome to attend the fall meeting.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Avoiding Charity Scams

The vast majority of charities in the United States follow both IRS regulations and the law. However, a very small number of fraudulent entities and scams undercut the trust given to the social sector by donors by posing as real charities. Unfortunately, many of the scams pretend to raise funds for veterans. Research the legitimacy of charities by checking with watch groups like CharityWatch, Charity Navigator and Guidestar to learn more about the organization: is it registered with the IRS, what percentage of donations actually goes for assistance, how much does the CEO make, what are net assets?

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SCHUYLKILL HAVEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

CROP Walk **Sunday, October 7, 12:30 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. Prizes will be offered for "feets" of accomplishment for the walker who raises the most money, the fastest walker, and the oldest and youngest walkers. Receive a participant's envelope from Pastor Shawn. Registration begins at 12:30 PM.

Bloodmobile **Thursday, November 8, 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, Oct. 19 & Nov. 16**

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, November 27, 7 PM**

The meeting will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Friedensburg. The Council of Churches provides emergency assistance for homeless people, assists with utilities for families in need on a one time basis, and organizes a monthly food pantry for those in our community who have difficulty feeding themselves, as well as supporting a bi-monthly blood drive. First Church is in need of lay representatives to serve on the Council. Talk to Pastor Shawn if you are interested in community ministry.

CHURCH FUNDRAISERS

Borough Day Fund Raiser **Saturday, September 29**

Baked Goods, Pierogis, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Beverages
Baked good donations are needed. Volunteers are needed for two hour shifts to sell food. Please call the church office at 570-385-2049 if you can help.

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.

Filling Sale

Do you need filling for your Thanksgiving dinner or do you just need to restock your freezer? An order form is in the back of the newsletter.

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 the 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.

Facebook

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

MEAT BINGO

Saturday, October 13, 1 PM

Doors open at 11 AM

Tickets - \$15

Raffles & Specials are extra
Food & Drinks are available



STEWARDSHIP

What Gifts Shall We Bring?

As a new year approaches, Treasurer Carrie Ann Klinger and Consistory are working on a new budget. The ability to continue the church's ministry depends on the contributions of every member of the church. The Bible mandates a gift of 10% of our income to the church. In the parable of the poor widow, Jesus implied we should give everything! In order to reach the goal of giving 10%, an annual increase of 1% provides a budget friendly and manageable approach. What gifts will we bring to God in 2019?

Reasons for Giving to the Church

- God created us to be generous.
- It makes our church, our community and our world better.
- When my money is added to your money it has greater power.
- While I could buy many items which I really don't need and which will not add to the value of my life, that same money can make a huge difference to someone else with truly basic needs.
- Giving is a way to say "thank you" for all the gifts that God has given to me.

COMMUNITY

October Disabilities Awareness Month

Many people in our church and community live every day with disabilities: physical, emotional, spiritual, developmental, education, and psychological. Accessibility to buildings, medical care, counseling, and church support is essential as the church advocates for the needs of all of God's people.

November Homelessness Awareness Month

Many Americans are living on the edge, forced to choose between basic necessities like purchasing food, paying rent, or going to the doctor. 554,000 Americans are homeless on a typical night, up from 549,000 in 2017. The number of unsheltered homeless grew by a stunning 9% last year. Through our support of the Council of Churches Food Pantry and Servants to All, we can help homeless people in our area as we work to end poverty.



YOUTH AND TEENS

Youth & Teens includes Grades 5-12.

CROP Walk Service Project **Sunday, October 7, 12:30 PM** **Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry**

See the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches page for details.

Hillside SPCA Donations Delivery **Saturday, October 6, 10 AM**

See the MISSION ACTIVITIES page.

Teen Sunday & Children's Sabbath **Sunday, October 21, 9 AM**

Lead worship with the other young people of the church. Please arrive at church for worship preparation at 9 AM.

Halloween Trunk or Treat **Thursday, October 25, 5-7 PM**

In conjunction with Penn State's Safe Trick or Treat event, we will offer an early trick or treat opportunity. See the Evangelism page for details.

Fall Youth Event **November 2-4**

"Be still and know that I am God."

Registration Deadline: October 17th. The event is open to youth in 7th through 12th grades. The cost of the event itself is \$90. Scholarship money is available. Talk to Pastor Shawn for additional details.

Potato Peeling **Thursday, November 15, 5 PM**

See the MISSION ACTIVITIES page.

Black Friday Child Care **November 23, 9 AM to Noon**

We will offer child care to parents who want to grab a few hours of shopping on Black Friday. Our goal is to raise enough money to buy a new basketball net.

Many of the options listed above will count toward community hours for school. Questions? Call the church office at 570-385-2049.



Boscov's flyer



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

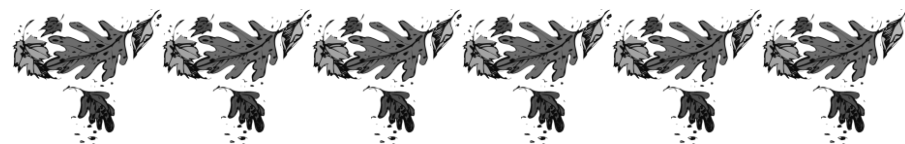
100% of our ticket sales will go to our organization!

Please see Carrie Ann to get your ticket (shopping pass)!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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| 10/01- Vernell Alexander (1980) | 10/28- Ruth Ann Deschler (1960) |
| 10/02- Jaylee Alexander (1981) | Linda Lopez (1950) |
| Adrienne Donati (1998) | Jay Newswanger (1955) |
| Matthew Marmas (2010) | 10/30- Logan Buccieri (2007) |
| Kayla Stewart (1999) | Linda McDonald (1948) |
| 10/03- Bonnie Coover (1962) | 11/02- Jim Fisher (1953) |
| 10/04- Lexi Baver (2007) | Cydney Van Dyke (1991) |
| Amanda Coffey (1961) | 11/03- Glenn Spotts (1955) |
| Linda Williams (1949) | 11/04- Brian Edling (1969) |
| 10/05- Tanner Swirsky (2005) | 11/05- Rob Wensel, Sr. (1967) |
| 10/08- Roger Kramer | 11/06- Mike Storm (1982) |
| 10/09- Darrell Spotts (1958) | 11/07- Sara Keller (1990) |
| 10/11- Craig Luckenbill (1954) | Adelynn Klimas (2013) |
| Lora Yoder | 11/08- Amanda Hickey (1989) |
| 10/13- Jess Schrader (1976) | Dwayne Reichert (1964) |
| 10/14- Hannah Cherry (2005) | 11/09- Sarah Bressler (1996) |
| Brandi Eiler (1978) | 11/11- Brandon Donati (1996) |
| 10/16- Jimmy Fenstermacher (1978) | Roger Hubert, Sr. |
| Cole Fry (2007) | Mel Wensel (1968) |
| Linda Pritiskutch (1966) | 11/12- Killian Skocik (2004) |
| John Shive (1959) | 11/14- Alexis Unger (2001) |
| 10/17- Russ Krobert (1948) | 11/15- Jack Fisher (1934) |
| 10/18- Jen Semanco (1972) | 11/16- Emma Tuite (1940) |
| 10/19- Bob Lee (1947) | 11/22- Jim Harner |
| Charles Marx (1945) | Matt Williams (1983) |
| 10/21- Helen Gasparetti (1934) | 11/23- Mary Saul (1955) |
| Riley Moyer (2003) | 11/24- Sue Stewart (1952) |
| 10/24- Elizabeth Corby (2014) | 11/25- Owen Owens (1949) |
| Sammy Krobert (1952) | 11/27- Audrey Hummel (1949) |
| Linda Marx (1947) | Nicholas Semanco (1995) |
| Adam Moyer (2001) | Joshua Tuite (2002) |
| 10/25- Shirley Riegel (1937) | 11/28- Linda Deatrich (1960) |
| Mark Spotts (1966) | Dylan Leymeister (1998) |
| 10/28- Scott Buffington (1949) | 11/30- Justin Cramer (1985) |
| Ed Deschler (1970) | John Pettit, Sr. (1956) |

If we missed a birthday, 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.



THANKSGIVING POTATO FILLING SALE

Sponsored by:
First United Church of Christ
110 Route 61 South
Schuylkill Haven
385-2049

Order Deadline: **Sunday, November 4, 2018**

Pickup: **Saturday, November 17, 2018**
9 AM – 12 PM

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

_____ Containers @ \$7 each = \$ _____
 Each Container holds 2 pounds of filling.
 That's \$3.50 per pound.

PAYMENT IS DUE WITH YOUR ORDER FORM.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANTS – 2018

The Advent Season is beginning soon and our Christmas Eve Services are not far behind. We are taking orders for the Christmas Poinsettia Plants. The plants will adorn the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 23 and Christmas Eve Monday, December 24. The poinsettias will be in a 6" inch pot. Please specify the color you would like. We will do our best, but cannot guarantee the color choice.

Please take a few moments to complete the form below.

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ORDER.

SPONSOR _____
Phone # _____

SPECIFY COLOR

RED _____ **WHITE** _____ **PINK** _____

In **HONOR** of _____

In **MEMORY** of _____

Please use the exact wording you want to appear in the Flower Bulletin.

COST: \$7/plant & PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER!!!

THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Please return your order and payment to the church office by mail or place the order and payment in the Church Secretary's mailbox located by the offices or in the offering plate.

Please check one of the following:

- _____ I will take my flowers home.
- _____ I do not want my flowers. The church can use them.

If you cannot pick up your flowers, the flowers will be kept in the church for 1-2 weeks. Flowers can be picked up during office hours. Any flowers that have not been claimed will be given away.