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Sch. Haven, PA

SUMMER 2020 (JUNE-JULY-AUGUST)

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

RECOVERING HOPE: 2020 PENTECOST SUMMER WORSHIP

After an extended period of quarantine to slow the spread of COVID-19, we have learned we are not as independent as we thought. In fact, we are completely dependent on others to provide food, health care and toilet paper to meet our needs. More specifically, we are dependent on God to strengthen us during times of anxiety, confusion, and loneliness, to empower us to grow as people who are healthy and whole. Our worship over the summer will remind us that our "only comfort in life and death" is that we "belong body and soul, both in life and death, to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ who has fully paid for all of our sins and has set us free from the power of the devil." (Heidelberg Catechism Day 1, adapted) "Recovering Hope" will be our goal, as we explore the 12 Steps of Recovery adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous, through the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

June 7	Beginning Anew	Trinity Sunday; Communion
Genesis 1:1-2:4a – Creation; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 – Paul's Benediction; Matthew 28:16-20 – The Great Commission		
June 14	Recognition	2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Acts 2:22-36 – Speaking Boldly; Romans 5:1-8 – Boasting in Hope; Matthew 5:1-9 – Beatitudes		
June 21	Rebirth	Father's Day; 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Acts 2:37-47 – Community of Believers; Romans 6:1b-11 – Dead to Sin, Alive to God; Matthew 5:13-16 – Salt and Light		
June 28	Reconciliation	4th Sunday after Pentecost
Acts 3:1-26 – Afflicted from Birth; Romans 6:12-23 – Under Grace; Matthew 5:17-20 – The Law and the Prophets		
July 5	Remembrance	5th Sunday after Pentecost; Communion
Acts 4:1-31 – Nothing to Hide; Romans 7:12-25a – Inner Conflict; Matthew 5:21-26 – Concerning Anger		
July 12	Redemption	6th Sunday after Pentecost
Acts 4:32-5:16 – Lying to God; Romans 8:1-11 – Life in the Spirit; Matthew 5:27-37 – Concerning, Adultery, Divorce & Oaths		
July 19	Revelation	7th Sunday after Pentecost
Acts 5:17-42 – Furious Opposition; Romans 8:12-25 – Children of God; Matthew 5:38-42 – Concerning Retaliation		
July 26	Resurrection	8th Sunday after Pentecost
Acts 6:1-7 – Good Standing; Romans 8:26-39 – God's Love in Christ; Matthew 5:43-48 – Love for Enemies		
August 2	Reflection	9th Sunday after Pentecost; Communion
Acts 6:8-8:3 – Resisting Change; Romans 9:1-5 – Speaking the Truth in Christ; Matthew 6:1-15 – Concerning Giving & Prayer		
August 9	Restoration	10th Sunday after Pentecost
Acts 8:4-25 – Buying Magic; Romans 10:5-15 – Confess and Believe; Matthew 6:16-24 – Concerning Discipline		
August 16	Reformation	11th Sunday after Pentecost
Acts 8:26-40 – Understanding the Gift; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 – God is Merciful to All; Matthew 6:25-34 – Do Not Worry		
August 23	Retreat	12th Sunday after Pentecost; Praise & Healing
Acts 9:32-43 – Receiving Life; Romans 12:1-8 – New Life in Christ; Matthew 7:1-11 – Judging Others		
August 30	Revival	13th Sunday after Pentecost; Church Picnic
Acts 10:1-11:18 – A New View; Romans 12:9-21 – Marks of a Christian; Matthew 7:12-29 – Hearing and Doing		

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY: At this time Consistory doesn't feel it is safe for us to worship together. They will meet again in a few weeks to reevaluate the situation and we will update you then. Please continue to join us for worship on YouTube (First UCC Schuylkill Haven PA) or Facebook (First UCC Schuylkill Haven PA).

WORSHIP ON YOUR TV: If you have a TV with a talking remote, even if you aren't on the internet you can still participate in worship by saying, "YouTube First United Church of Christ Schuylkill Haven PA."

YOU ARE MISSED! Worship isn't the same without you. Of course, First UCC is the same because you are the same. You are the church. Even when we are unable to gather for worship, we are still the Body of Christ, still united through the presence of the Holy Spirit. I am so grateful that you continue to be the church, supporting the church's work with your offerings and your care for your neighbors, serving God through Christ and serving others with love.

STAYING IN TOUCH: The easiest way for the church to stay in touch with you is through email and Facebook. If you have an email address but have not received an email from the church, send us your email address at firstuccschuylkillhaven@verizon.net. Jen and I are in the church office Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 1 PM. Please call us for any reason. Know you can call me at any time at church (570-385-2049), home (570-385-5425) or cell (570-617-7185).

EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP

The following totals are up to and including the end of April 2020 plus a comparison to April 2019 & 2018.

	April 2020	April 2019	April 2018
TOTAL EXPENSES –	\$82,206.32	\$84,294.34	\$89,054.37
REVENUE –	\$24,208.80	\$30,062.92	\$57,000.00
Resources from Kline Fund –	\$48,775.00	\$58,800.00	\$26,254.58
TOTAL REVENUE –	\$72,983.80	\$88,862.92	\$83,254.58
Gain/Loss –	\$ -9,222.52	\$ 4,568.58	\$ -5,922.55

Confirmation

On Pentecost Sunday, May 31, we welcomed two new members into the church as they affirmed their baptism into the Christian faith through the order of confirmation. They are: **Lillian Edling**, daughter of **Brian & Delia Edling**; and **Cole Paul**, son of **Corin & Jack Paul**. They have many gifts to offer to the life of the church and we look forward to their involvement.

Offering

During our absence from weekly services, please mail your offering envelopes to First UCC, 110 Route 61 South, Schuylkill Haven PA 17972; or if you do online banking arrange to send a check to the church.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Our 2020 College Graduates:

Jake Haeseler (Penn College)
Bryce Moyer (Lebanon Valley College)
John Pettit (Kutztown University, Dec. 2020)
Jordan Pettit (Kutztown University)
Kevin Schaeffer (Shippensburg University)
Josh Semanco (Lock Haven University)
Nick Semanco (Lehigh Carbon Community College)
Zack Semanco (Shippensburg University)
Sean Sloskey (Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing)

Our 2020 High School Graduates:

Kyle Donati (Schuylkill Haven)
Adam Moyer (Schuylkill Haven)
Taylor Stewart (Blue Mountain)

Please let us know if we missed a graduate!!



Landon Bennett Stripe, newborn son of **Nick & Cheryl (Morgan) Stripe**, who was born on Tuesday, March 17. Landon is the grandson of **Herm & Nadine Morgan** and great-grandson of **Aggie Masler**.

Reese Ann Frushon, newborn daughter of **Chris & Justene Frushon**, who was born on Saturday, April 4. Reese is the sister of **Marshall & Claire**, granddaughter of **Jay & Diane Newswanger** and niece of **Danielle Guldin**.

Daniel Deatrich Devlin, newborn son of **Becky & Brandon Devlin**, who was born on Sunday, April 19. Daniel is the grandson of **Al & Linda Deatrich** and great-grandson of **Mae Deatrich**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! *(Happy Belated to those in May!)*

- 5/1- Bobbie Donati (1961)
Joel Spotts
- 5/3- Nicholas Spotts (1989)
- 5/4- Alicia Kimmel (1993)
Megan Moyer (2000)
Richard Scott III (1999)
- 5/5- Wally Foose (1940)
- 5/6- Steven Spotts (1982)
- 5/7- Kim Quinn (1970)
- 5/8- Brendan Fox (2001)
- 5/12- Claire Frushon (2017)
- 5/13- Robin Bayliff
- 5/15- Misty Bressler (1963)
- 5/16- Rachel Sonnon (2001)
- 5/17- Anna (Fultz) Haller (1975)
- 5/18- Riley Bradley (2010)
Tania Darcangelo
Mary Alice Ross (1932)
- 5/19- Linda Spotts (1956)
- 5/20- Jacob Kluge (2000)
Pat Sprague (1936)
- 5/22- Ali Marmas (1984)
- 5/24- Katie Fox (1995)
Maleca Tuite
- 5/25- Diane Newswanger (1959)
- 5/28- Brian Moyer (1968)
- 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
- 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 Klingner (1957)
Tommy Wensel (1996)
Bill Wingle (1970)
- 7/11- Hilda Offutt (1933)
- 7/12- Marshall Frushon (2015)
- 7/13- Liz Luckenbill-Uniman (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)
Brian Williams (1978)
- 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)
- 8/5- 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 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)
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!!! *(Happy Belated to those in May!)*

- 5/3- Bill & Mandy Coffey (1986)
- 5/3- Ed & Ruth Ann Deschler (1997)
- 5/6- Dave & Linda Williams (1972)
- 5/8- Gil & Sylvia Beury (2004)
- 5/10- Ernie & Lynn Moyer (1975)
- 5/10- Jack & Corin Paul (2003)
- 5/12- Harry & Pat Painter (1991)
- 5/19- Craig & Terri Luckenbill (1979)
- 5/22- Kevin & Ali Marmas (2010)
- 5/22- Tom & Mary Stewart (1999)
- 5/24- Tim & Cathy Burian (1997)
- 5/31- Harry & Beth Eckert (1980)
- 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)
- 6/27- Herm & Nadine Morgan (1987)
- 6/28- Bob & Tina Kluge (1997)
- 7/1- Bruce & Sally Krammes (1972)
- 7/3- Jay & Heather Alexander (2014)
- 7/5- Bud & Linda Lopez (1969)
- 7/6- Scott & Gail Buffington (1974)
- 7/14- Jeff & Heather Paul (2012)
- 7/27- Bill & Heather Corby (2002)
- 8/1- John & Linda Pritiskutch (1992)
- 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.

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Monthly Food Pantry

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

Fridays, June 19, July 17 & Aug 14, 1 PM

Bi-Monthly Council Meeting

Meetings are open to all church members. First UCC is in need of two representatives. Information about the Council can be found on its website at www.schuylkillhavencouncilofchurches.org or talk to Pastor Shawn.

Tuesday, July 28, 7 PM

Bloodmobile

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Council holds a Bloodmobile for the American Red Cross 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.

Thursday, July 23, 12:30-5:30 PM

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.

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.

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.

Facebook

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

YouTube

If you are a YouTube user, please "SUBSCRIBE" the church's YouTube channel to watch weekly worship.

All of our August activities are tentative, due to COVID-19 safety concerns.

ANNUAL CAR & TRUCK SHOW **Saturday, August 1, 2020**

Registration: 9 AM—12 PM

Show: 12-3 PM; Awards: 4 PM (Must be present)



First United Church of Christ

110 Route 61 South, Schuylkill Haven

FREE ADMISSION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC
EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE

Music by: Kwality Soundz

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

Parking available at Penn State Schuylkill

For more information call Kenny @ 570-205-5465



Vacation Bible School

Sundays in August

August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

9:30 AM – 12 Noon

Details to follow.

CHURCH PICNIC **FIRST UCC PAVILION**

Sunday, August 30, 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 is needed for setup and games!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!