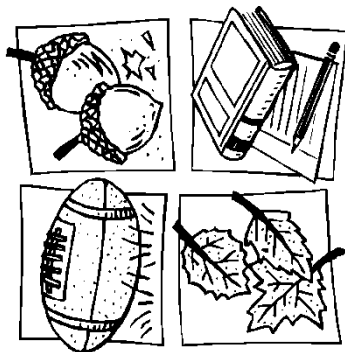


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October/November 2024 NEWSLETTER  
is Sunday, September 15!!



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We have this HOPE  
as an ANCHOR  
for the soul,  
FIRM &   
SECURE.  
Hebrews 6:19

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## OTHER STAFF

**Music Director – Jacqueline Engel**

**Church Secretary & Treasurer – Jen Semanco**

**Church Sexton – Sue McGovern**

**WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH – Sundays, 9:30 AM**

## 2024 CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Harris Bradley, Vice President; Brian Edling, President; Keith Edling; Rebecca Hillje; Theresa Luckenbill; Penny Shade; Darren Walbridge; Lora Yoder, Recording Secretary; & Peggy Zechman.

## PHONE & EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Phone & email are the quickest and easiest ways of getting information to church members. Please notify us of your current phone number and email.

## CHURCH OFFICE DROP BOX

Reminder: a black drop box was installed to the left of the office door. This is a locked/secure box and a safe location and contactless way for you to deliver items outside of (or during) office hours. The box is checked daily.

## SPONSORS NEEDED

This is a great way to note an important event or honor a loved one. Sponsor the bulletin (\$12), newsletter (\$12), or flowers (\$35). Call Jen to reserve your date (570-385-2049). Order forms are in the Narthex.

## **SALUTATIONS FROM SHAWN**

### **A Better Hope**

Wherever we turn these days, to television, podcasts or social media, it seems we hear another voice telling us they offer the best hope for the future. They alone can provide all the answers we need, all the solutions to our problems.

We have a better hope. As the Book of Hebrews tells us with beautiful imagery, Jesus the Christ is the exalted Son of God, the one whose sacrifice has saved us from sin and death. The God who spoke to our ancestors through prophets is the same God who spoke through Christ, whose constancy and faithfulness does not change, giving us true hope.

As God’s Son, Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega, who remains the same from beginning to end. Due to his righteousness, Christ has atoned for the sins of other human beings, making us at-one with God, giving himself as the final sacrifice needed to bridge the gap between God and people.

Other people want to widen the gap. They encourage us to focus on differences, to doubt or even hate others. They tell us the world is a scary place where only they can be trusted. Jesus prayed that all people would be one, as he and God are one. (John 17:21) Hebrews 7:18-19 reads, *“Moses’ law made nothing perfect. But now a better hope has been given to us, and through this hope we can come near to God.”*

Our better hope is in Jesus Christ, who is faithful and true, who came to save all rather than a few, who calls us to unity through the Spirit. *“Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without fearing, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”* (Hebrews 10:21-25) God’s work in Jesus Christ frees us to live by faith, knowing God’s plans are to give us a good future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Shawn*

**Join us Sunday, September 8, at 9 AM for fellowship in the Narthex as we place our hope in Jesus who makes us one with God.**

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

### **A Better Hope**

Some people may try to convince us the world is a scary and chaotic place, but we follow Jesus Christ who teaches us that we do not need to be afraid for we live in the presence of the God of hope.

### **September 1**

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Hebrews 1:1-12  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### **The Imprint of God**

Obey God's law  
God Has Spoken by His Son  
Inner Purity

### **September 8**

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Faith Full Sunday  
Deuteronomy 5:1-21  
Hebrews 2:5-18  
Mark 7:24-37

### **In Every Respect**

The Ten Commandments  
Exalted through Humility  
A Mother's Faith

### **September 15**

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Fall Newsletter Information Deadline  
Deuteronomy 6:1-12  
Hebrews 4:4-16  
Mark 8:27-38

### **Bold Grace**

The Great Commandment  
Rest that God has Promised  
The Messiah

### **September 22**

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; New Members Sunday  
Deuteronomy 22-23  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 9:30-37

### **Testing Obedience**

Miscellaneous Laws  
The Perfect High Priest  
Jesus Predicts His Death

### **September 29**

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Praise & Healing  
Deuteronomy 30:1-10  
Hebrews 7:11-22  
Mark 9:38-50

### **A Better Hope**

God's Faithfulness Promised  
A Better Hope  
Temptations to Sin

### **CARE CARDS HELP NEEDED**

A Coordinator and volunteers are needed to send cards to members, i.e. thinking of you cards to shut-ins, get well cards, sympathy cards etc. Cards, stamps, and return labels are provided by the church. Please call the church office if you are able to help with this ministry of the First Church.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

### **Communion & Food Pantry Donations**

**September 1**

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

### **Christian Education**

**September 8**

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

### **The Compassion Fund**

**September 15**

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

### **Meat BINGO Offering Envelope**

**September 22**

The envelope offerings collected for the Meat BINGO will go to the general budget and help supplement the fundraisers. No BINGO Dates Chosen Yet!!

### **OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission)**

**September 29**

On a quarterly basis, First UCC gathers an offering for OCWM. The offering is used within the PSEC for local ministries which support Search and Call for local churches, offer clergy events and spiritual life ministry, contribute to Lancaster Theological Seminary, Bethany Children's Home, and other organizations, provide grants for seminary students, provide resources and support for local churches for particular needs, and connect us with the broader church.

If you are unable to join us for worship, 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.

## EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP

The following totals are up to and including the end of July 2024  
plus a comparison to July 2023 & 2022.

	<b><u>July 2024**</u></b>	<b><u>July 2023</u></b>	<b><u>July 2022</u></b>
TOTAL EXPENSES –	\$154,022.71	\$146,269.96	\$145,916.17
REVENUE –	\$ 50,117.07	\$ 44,533.91	\$ 42,467.60
Resources from Kline Fund –	\$135,405.00	\$ 97,830.00	\$100,600.00
TOTAL REVENUE –	\$185,522.07	\$142,363.91	\$143,067.60
Gain/Loss –	\$ 31,499.36	\$ -3,906.05	\$ -2,848.57

**\*\* Please note that the documenting of some monetary transfers are being done differently than past years. \*\***

## ADULT SMALL GROUPS

### **Bible Study: Know Your Bible, Wednesdays, 4 PM**

Bring your study bibles for a 66-book overview of the Bible with flexibility to dive deeper into questions and interests. Talk to Pastor Shawn if you are interested but would prefer a different time.

### **Bible Study Fellowship for Women on the Book of Revelation**

Cheryl Hoysock, Sylvia Hess and Elinda Ebinger Lado will co-lead study on the Book of Revelation. Email or call Cheryl at [bsf.schberks@gmail.com](mailto:bsf.schberks@gmail.com) / 570-366-1903. Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) is an international, non-denominational bible study. Visit [www.bsfindernational.org](http://www.bsfindernational.org) for more information.

## CHILDREN AND TEENS

### **Children's Church Sundays during Worship**

Children's Church is available (nearly) every Sunday on request. Please speak to the greeters at the front door or to Delia Edling if your child is interested. Please thank Delia who continues to serve as the Children's Church teacher every Sunday as needed.

### **Prayer Vigil for Children September 8 through October 20**

During the annual Prayer Vigil for Children, we pray for: Children who are alone; afraid; disabled; ill; bullied; and poor. Children coping with the impact of health issues, including mental health needs. Children in our church and community; this nation; and God's world. Our youth will lead us in worship on Sunday, October 20, as we conclude the Prayer Vigil for Children.

### **Preparing Children for Communion: Sunday, September 29**

During worship on September 29, we will talk about the sacrament of communion. With their parents' permission, children are invited to receive their first communion on World Communion Sunday, October 6. At First UCC, parents decide when their children may receive communion as they come to believe in Jesus Christ. *Children ages four through fifth grade are encouraged to participate in Children's Church to learn more about the Christian faith.*

## CHURCH OFFICE UPDATES

**Church Office Closed: Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)**

### **Staff Vacations:**

**Jen** will be on vacation Th, Sep 12 – F, Sep 13. Jen will also be working from home Th Sep 26 – W Oct 9 due to medical leave.

## CHURCH FUNDRAISERS

### **Borough Day Fund Raiser**

**Saturday, September 28**

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.

### **Friends Helping Friends, Boscov's**

**Tuesday, October 22**

Buy a 25% discount card for \$5 to use on most purchases at Boscov's Tuesday, October 22, 8 AM to 11 PM. The day includes refreshments, entertainment, and prizes. See Harris Bradley to buy a ticket.

**Boiler Fund.** The congregation adopted a three year plan in 2019 to replace \$37,000 borrowed from the Kline Fund for our new boilers. To date, \$10,282 has been given back to the Boiler Fund. Thank you for your continued contributions to pay back this expense. Mark your gift "Boiler Donation" when you submit it to the church or look for specially marked envelopes in the Narthex.

**Shank's Vanilla.** 8 oz. bottles of vanilla are being sold for \$7 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. (Don't hand in 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. (Please note that a volunteer is needed to add up all of receipts for submission to Redners.)

## NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY

### **New Members Welcome**

If you are interested in joining the church as a member, please talk to Pastor Shawn. New Members' Sunday is September 22. Pastor Shawn will meet with you prior to joining, to talk about any questions you might have and to explore ways in which you can participate in the life of the church.

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

### **Embrace Grace**

The Embrace Grace support group is a program that provides emotional, practical, and spiritual support for single young women who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy. First United Methodist Church (570-385-3941) is offering a group on Tuesday evenings. *Registration closes September 3.* More information on Embrace Grace is available online at [www.embracegrace.com](http://www.embracegrace.com).

### **One Rock One Community FREE Music Festival**

Saturday, September 14, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM, 1008 Rock Rd, Pine Grove, PA Experience the power of music and fellowship at One Rock One Community. Our festival is for everyone who loves gospel, bluegrass, and contemporary Christian music and wants to connect with others in our community. It is a day of FREE fun for the whole family! A car show is also part of the day's activities.

### **Discover the ABCs of Medicare Insurance, Sat., Sept. 21, 10 AM**

First United Methodist Church, 420 Saylor Street, is offering this event to learn details about Medicare health insurance.

### **Human Trafficking: Women at Risk**

Sunday, September 22, 3 PM, St. Mark's Brown's Church, 151 Summer Hill Rd. Women at Risk, International, will address human trafficking, abroad and in the USA, including creating safe refuge for women and children at risk. Learn more about preventing this abuse. Food will be served after the presentation.

### **GriefShare, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 1:30 PM, Bethesda EC Church,**

GriefShare is for people mourning the death of a loved one, even if that death happened years ago. For more information call 570-739-2241.

## CONFIRMATION

### **Confirmation Opportunity for Any Age**

While confirmation of faith is typically offered for young people sixth grade and older, anyone who is interested in affirming their baptism into the Body of Christ through the Rite of Confirmation can participate in confirmation classes. The confirmation process is a two-year program including weekly worship, weekly class September through May, serving as acolytes, and participating in periodic church activities, but there is flexibility. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Shawn.

## CONSISTORY

The church will have tables near Spotts Insurance on Main Street on Borough Day, September 28. Please sign up to help. Consistory meets Sunday, September 8, after worship. All Consistory meetings are open to church members. New Consistory members are needed for 2025.

## COMMUNITY USE OF CHURCH BUILDING

### **Welcome to the Schuylkill Choral Society**

With the congregation's input and support, Consistory accepted the Schuylkill Choral Society's request to rent a part of the church building for their rehearsal space. They rehearse Monday evenings, so we will see a full parking lot on an evening when the building used to sit empty. Every Monday, they will use half of the Fellowship Hall, setting up and tearing down the chairs they need each week. Their rehearsal piano and equipment are in the Fellowship Hall as well.

In addition, the Choral Society is renting library space for their music and supplies. Since they needed more space than the church library provided, some of their items are stored in the lower level of the back stairwell. On a monthly basis, they will use the downstairs Meeting Room for their executive board meetings. In addition, space has been set aside in the Unfinished Room for their riser steps and for a storage shelf for miscellaneous items.

As sharing a portion of the church building with another organization is new to everyone, Consistory and Pastor Shawn welcome your questions, observations, and concerns. Clear communication will be key to developing this new relationship.

## FELLOWSHIP

### **Faith-Full Sunday, September 8, 9 AM Fellowship**

Gather before worship Sunday, September 8, as we return to our full fall schedule. We look forward to catching up on summer adventures over breakfast snacks, fruit, and beverages. Please invite friends to join us!

### **Schuylkill Haven Borough Day, Saturday, September 28**

Borough Day is much more than an opportunity to raise money to support the church's ministry. We also engage in community outreach, meeting our neighbors with the possibility of welcoming them to join us in worship. At the same time, we can visit with one another in Christian friendship. Sign up to serve good food and enjoy great fellowship between 8 AM and 3 PM.

## HEALTH

### September is National Suicide Prevention Month

There are an average of 123 suicides each day in this country. It's the tenth leading cause of death, second leading for ages 25-34, and third leading for ages 15-24. For more details, visit <https://nami.org/Get-Involved>. Call or text 988 to reach the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

### St. Luke's Community Health Needs Assessment

St. Luke's is conducting a survey as part of their Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), and it may be taken by anyone 18 years of age or older. This is an anonymous survey and can be shared with family and friends so that everyone can have their voices heard! The survey results will help us better understand the health needs of our community. You can find the survey at [redcap.sluhn.org/surveys/?s=APEFK83KKDXFD7R4](https://redcap.sluhn.org/surveys/?s=APEFK83KKDXFD7R4). Paper copies of the survey as well as survey postcards are available.

Angela G. Morgan, CCHW/Geisinger St. Luke's Hospital /100 Paramount Blvd./Orwigsburg, PA 17961/1-484-658-4022/[angela.morgan@sluhn.org](mailto:angela.morgan@sluhn.org)

## HOSPITALITY

### Welcoming the New, and the White & Blue in God's Pews

During fall, guests are likely to visit us for worship. With Penn State back in session, students may join us for worship as well. God draws people into the church, so our effort to welcome "God's Guests" is part of Christian hospitality. Simply say hello, smile, introduce yourself, show others where to find a bulletin or hymnal, invite them to stay for fellowship, and welcome children to be children (and strangers to be strange, as we all can be).

## THIS MONTH'S MISSION

**Stock the Nurse's Pantry!** Alison Luckenbill Marmas is the school nurse at Blue Mountain High School. Nurses often provide emergency supplies for students, including socks/underwear (various sizes), sweatpants (for a change of clothes), individually packaged snacks (nothing with peanut butter) and bottled water. Ali notes "a lot of my office visits link to mild dehydration, so I usually buy bottled water to hand out." Place your donations in the marked box in the Narthex or drop them off during office hours so the students will know that the church and God care about them.

## PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

### The Keystone Project

We are not the church that we were when the United Church of Christ was formed in 1957, and our current contexts of ministry are different. The pandemic intensified the challenges we face. Churches still need support and spiritual nourishment, help finding and developing leaders, as we recognize the real financial challenges that impact the future. The four conferences of Pennsylvania share these challenges. Our response is strongest in partnership with each other. The "Keystone Study Group," was created to explore the possibilities of becoming one conference. Online town hall sessions will be held in September to provide information and seek your opinion.

Town Hall Meeting topics are:

1. Timeline, Staffing, Finance.
2. Timeline, PA UCC Mission Focus.
3. Timeline, Associations.

Visit [psec.org](https://psec.org), click on "Keystone Study Group," and then on "Town Hall Schedule for Keystone Study Group."

### Lay Leadership Course: Growing Our Spiritual Lives

The first step in making our churches more vibrant, faithful and effective, is for each of us to cultivate our spiritual lives. Our congregations are like trees: to reach out with our branches and bear fruit, we must first deepen our roots in our faith. This course on Spiritual Life will meet for three sessions on Saturday mornings from 9-11 AM at St. James UCC in Limerick.

October 5 – Spiritual growth through congregational worship

October 19 – Spiritual growth through personal disciplines

November 2 – Spiritual growth through small groups.

Visit "psec.org", then look under "Events and News", and then "Registrations" to register. The cost is \$20. Talk to Pastor Shawn if you need a scholarship.

A second course, "Organization for Mission" will be held online on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. For more information, use the same links.

## SCHUYLKILL ASSOCIATION

### Fall Meeting, St. John UCC, 150 Pine Street, Tamaqua

Sunday, October 20, 2:30 Registration

Join with other local churches as we explore the possibility of a state-wide UCC conference as well as ways to share the good news of our great God.

## MISSION

### Schuylkill Hope Center for Victims of Domestic Violence

Schuylkill Women in Crisis has a new name, Schuylkill Hope Center, to remove obstacles for those in need of free and confidential services regardless of gender. The Center's 24-Hour hotline is 800-282-0634 or text HOPELINE to 20121 Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Bell Choir Rehearsal Begins Sunday, September 8

Join the Bell Choir after worship in the Music Room, as music for fall is prepared. If you have questions about the church's music program, you can contact Jacquie Engel, music director, 570-971-4195 or [jengel800@gmail.com](mailto:jengel800@gmail.com).

## STEWARDSHIP

### Why Should We Give? Financial Giving Puts God First

Putting God first helps us set other priorities. From beginning to end, the Bible says our financial giving pattern illustrates our willingness (or unwillingness) to give ourselves wholeheartedly to God's guidance in all our life.

In our culture, money represents us. We exchange time, intelligence, abilities, and energy for the money we receive. How we use that money reveals what we believe is important in life. Financial giving is an essential element in helping us form, retain, and grow in our spiritual connection with God.

**Genesis 4:3-5** records the Bible's first mention of offerings to God. Abel gives first fruits to God, thinking of God before himself, and is rewarded with a close relationship with God.

**Exodus 22:29-30** illustrates some of the earliest religious rules God gave through Moses. God requires the Israelites to put God first by giving first offerings from their harvest, and from their wine and oil presses. They are also to give their firstborn animal stock for sacrifice and to feed the priests. And they are to dedicate their firstborn sons to God's service. Following the Law of Moses, gave people guidance for spiritual, community, and legal matters about daily living, worshiping God, and keeping a proper relationship with God.

**Deuteronomy 15:19-20** reminds the Israelites to give to God the firstborn males of cattle and sheep, then adds they are to eat them in the Lord's presence at the place of worship. (Could this be the origin of church potlucks?)

**Jesus** taught that life centered in God brings meaning, purpose, and satisfaction. Our financial giving helps us find what is most important in life.

-from [Full Disclosure: Everything the Bible Says about Financial Giving](#) by Herb Miller

## SCHUYLKILL HAVEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

### Bloodmobile

Thursday, September 19, 1-6 PM

### Jerusalem Lutheran Evangelical Church, 252 Dock St.

Every two seconds someone in the USA needs blood. A person can donate blood every 56 days. The donor's body replenishes the fluid lost from donation in about 24 hours. Anyone 17 years or older and in good health is eligible to donate. One pint of blood can save up to three lives. Walk-ins are welcome.

### Monthly Food Pantry

Friday, September 20, 1 PM

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). Doors open at 1 PM. Food or monetary donations are needed to feed people in 170-180 households in our area who receive food every month through the Council of Churches Food Pantry.

### Council of Churches Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 7 PM

### Church of the Nazarene, Main Street, Schuylkill Haven

Meetings are open to all church members. The Council provides a monthly food pantry, assists with utilities emergencies, offers community worship services, and sponsors the Weekender Program for Schuylkill Haven Area Elementary Center. Two First UCC representatives are needed for Council. Talk to Pastor Shawn for details.

### CROP Walk

Sunday, October 6, 1 PM

### Begin & End at the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry

Enjoy a beautiful walk AND raise money to feed hungry people. Ask for a participant's envelope from Pastor Shawn. Registration begins at 12:30 PM, with the walk kick-off at 1 PM. Register on-line, inviting friends on social media to support you, at [www.crophungerwalk.org/schuylkillhavenpa](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/schuylkillhavenpa).

## CROP WALK CHALLENGE

Delia and Lilly Edling are competing against Pastor Shawn and Ryan Hillje to see who can raise the most money to feed hungry people. If you would like to support either team, see the team members.



## SOUL (Seniors Out to Lunch)

Tuesday, September 10, we gather at Ruby Tuesday, 312 Route 61 S, Pottsville at 1 PM. All adults are welcome to join SOUL for lunch on the second Tuesday of the month at local restaurants. Check with other SOUL attendees about carpooling. As participation in SOUL has dwindled, we will decide at the September meeting whether to continue our second Tuesday luncheons.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### 'Fractured Lives, Fractured Churches' Conflict Training

Saturday, Oct. 12 from 9:00-4:00, Church of the Good Shepherd, Boyertown. American society is fracturing as more and more families experience estrangement. Americans lack a shared identity, disagree on the nation's purposes, values, and history, and are becoming more and more intolerant of those with whom they disagree. The workshop is designed to help leaders understand how it comes about and how the church can be a gathering place for restoration and healing. To register for this free event, visit psec.org.

### Extra Calendars You Don't Need?

This time of year, many of us receive free calendars from a variety of organizations. Instead of throwing them away, bring them to church. Pastor Shawn will pass them on to the PSEC Addiction and Recovery Taskforce. Your unwanted calendars mean a great deal as a gift to incarcerated men and women. The Addiction & Recovery Pen Pal program will collect and distribute them. Thanks for your help with this ministry.

### Email safety and spam messages warning

Spam messages were recently sent, pretending to be from PSEC Conference Minister Rev. Bill Worley and from Pastor Shawn. Keep in mind that emails and texts are suspicious if: they ask for something of monetary value (gift cards, cash transfers, etc.); the email address or cell number is unfamiliar (even if the name or signature is familiar); the person insists on only online communication ("don't call me"); and/or the site the message comes from is not the one it replies to.



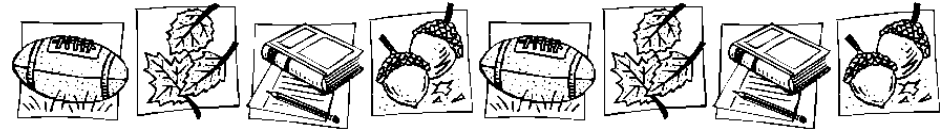
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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| <p>9/2- Heather Corby (1980)<br/>               Dwayne Reichert Jr. (2005)<br/>               Tom Stewart Jr. (1974)</p> <p>9/3- Suzanne Schrader (1943)</p> <p>9/6- John Pritiskutch (1961)</p> <p>9/8- George Rondeau (1961)</p> <p>9/9- Bill Corby (1970)<br/>               Mary Stewart (1978)</p> <p>9/10- Helen Kimmel (1963)</p> <p>9/13- Brian Harp (1963)</p> |  | <p>9/14- Sean Spotts (1993)</p> <p>9/15- Becky (Sikora) Klimas (1983)</p> <p>9/18- Braylon Ludwig (2012)</p> <p>9/19- Rusty Searle (1955)<br/>               Pastor Shawn (1958)</p> <p>9/21- Jim Haeseler (1972)</p> <p>9/26- Grayson Fessler (2008)<br/>               Marcia Harp (1964)</p> <p>9/29- Corey Mentzer (1981)</p> |
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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

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| <p>9/12- Brandon &amp; Becky Devlin (2015)</p> <p>9/12- Bob &amp; Carole Lee (1997)</p> <p>9/18- Brandon &amp; Shelby Donati (2021)</p> | <p>9/20- Harris &amp; Joan Bradley (1969)</p> <p>9/26- Brian &amp; Marcia Harp (1998)</p> |
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*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.*



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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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