

THE REPORTER

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ONE VOICE

All I want to say to you is “You are the Beloved” and all I hope is that you can hear these words as spoken to you with all the tenderness and force that love can hold. My only desire is to make these words reverberate in every corner of your being ~ “You are the Beloved.” Henri Nowen

Last Sunday after some time away, I talked with y'all about building bridges and tearing down walls. The Ephesians 2:11-22 text served to remind us that we are all created by the same God and we are called to be joined together into one family by that which we have in common. Then I saw the documentary film on Mr. Rogers who was also about building bridges and creating a sense of neighborhood. He certainly was not attempting to set up requirements for those who wanted to be part of his neighborhood. He wanted all people ~ especially children ~ to know that they are acceptable and “just fine” just the way they are. Neither was Paul suggesting that uniformity was required for community to be created. We are called to be a place of peaceful diversity in our communities and our church. We are called to create peace amid the world's diversity.

In a recent article, Terry Hershey reminded his readers that sometimes just showing up is the best we can do as part of our being the people of God. Showing up implies being present ~ not asleep; not buried in a book; not hypnotized by our electronic devices. If we are not present, we miss out on opportunities to recognize and participate in the beauty of creation; and, we fail to recognize others as beloved children of the God who calls us Beloved. You and I both know how important and life-giving it is to be seen ~ to be recognized. I think that reminder extends to our being able to be bridge builders.

There is a story about the northern Natal tribes in South Africa. They greet one another each day, saying “*Sawa Bona*,” which means literally “I see you.” Their response is “*Sikhona*” which means “I am here.” They are saying to one another, “until you see me I do not exist; and when you see me you bring me into existence. When you see me, I am fully present, I am here.”

In a speech to commemorate Mandela this week, President Obama said, "Madiba reminds us, 'No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and, if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart.'" *

Can you imagine how our world would change for the better if we loved and if we helped others learn to love; if we made it our intent every day to see others ~ to really see them and recognize them as Beloved of God? I think that in order for us to do that, we have to recognize ourselves as Beloved and accept our calling as God's Beloved ~ to love our neighbor as ourselves, to build bridges and work at creating the Beloved Community in our families, our churches, our city and our world. Who knows? We might succeed in transforming life as we know it today.

May it be so.

Rev. Karin

* Hershey, Terry; Sabbath Moment 7/22/18

NEXT COMMUNION

We will have the pleasure of celebrating Communion at Penbrook Church on August 5th. Please plan to join your brothers and sisters in Christ at the Lord's Table on this occasion.

MISSION SUNDAY

Our third Sunday second-mile offering will be for UCC Homes

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR AUGUST

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 5

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a and Psalm 51:1-12

OR

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 and Psalm 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 12

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 and Psalm 130

OR

1 Kings 19:4-8 and Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 19**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 and Psalm 111
OR
Proverbs 9:1-6 and Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 26**

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 and Psalm 84
OR
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 and Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

**PENBROOK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONSISTORY MINUTES
JULY 13, 2018**

Present: Ann Bailey, Becky Boone, Sharon Bosworth, Ruth Dunnewold, Linda Grier, Rick Heiss, Sarah Kempf, Bill MacClinchy, Rita Oberman, Diane Weinhold, James Wheeler, Robin Wheeler

Linda Grier opened the meeting with a prayer.

In our prayers: Walda Ansel, Ann Bailey, Betty Bell, Sally Garber, Tammy Brehm, Betty Nye, Diane, Keith and Torrie Weinhold, Luke Ansel, Eleanor Seaman (Diane's mom), Sarah Clark, Pam Chestney, Lisa Puliti, Dick Stokes, Elinor Dunnewold, Cindy Mikesell, Luce Heiss, Craig Hershock, Brian Johnson

Consistory Minutes: The minutes from the June 13 Consistory meeting were approved on a motion by Sharon Bosworth, seconded by Sarah Kempf.

Financial Reports: The June financial reports were approved on a motion by Rick Heiss, seconded by Diane Weinhold.

Manna Food Pantry: Sarah Kempf submitted written reports for Consistory. Rick Heiss commented that Manna's financial status is satisfactory, although additional funding from grants would be helpful.

BUSINESS

Community events: Becky Boone noted that Penbrook UCCC will host an information table at Penbrook borough's National Night Out event, which will take place in the Penbrook community park from 6 to 8 p.m. on August 7.

The 26th annual Pride Festival of Central PA will take place in Riverfront Park on July 28, 2018. PUCC and St. Paul's UCC will host an ice pop stand from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Reminder: Interested persons will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 21 to travel to Caledonia State Park for a creek walk and picnic lunch.

125th Anniversary: Linda Grier noted that Sunday, July 15, is the final day for the purchase of subs. She circulated information about the menu choices for the kick-off dinner on September 30. Linda also reported that she has received a CD from George Long containing images for the book about the church's stained glass windows, on which work is progressing.

Loan from UCC Cornerstone Fund: James Wheeler reported that a line of credit for \$100,000 at 6% interest has been approved by the UCC Cornerstone Fund. A requirement for obtaining this line of credit is paying off credit card debt/loan amounts (American Express and Citibank). In addition, PUCC is obligated to pay off the Cornerstone credit line first upon the sale of the CMC building. There will be no prepayment penalty, and auto debit payments will be established.

Emergency Campaign 40: Rick Heiss reported that \$11,283.92 has been received from 11 individuals for the \$40,000 Emergency Fund in either pledges or outright cash contributions. Consistory members agreed that acknowledgements should be sent by the church office with no donation amounts specified.

Pre-budget Retreat: Rick Heiss made a proposal for an informal gathering of Stewardship/Finance Committee members and interested members of Consistory to discuss financial issues well ahead of budget preparation. Consequently, a pre-budget retreat with a picnic-style food was scheduled for Wednesday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Other: Consistory reviewed church calendar events for August. A church work day has been scheduled for Saturday, August 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Community Ministry Center (CMC): Annette Cassel Means has been selected as the realtor for the proposed sale of the CMC. She has made the required preparations for the sale and has agreed to a commission of 1% if the CMC is sold to Keystone Human Services (4% for a sale to a lessor and 5% for a sale to a party other than Keystone). The value of the CMC building has been appraised at \$450,000; the realtor recommends a sale price of \$440,000 to \$450,000, with \$400,000 as the bottom line offer to be accepted. The church must find a building for the PLC's relocation if a buyer needs the entire building space. Ruth asked that Consistory members inform her of any suitable locations they find for the PLC, should its relocation be required.

Becky Boone made a motion that the Community Ministry building be listed for sale by a realtor, seconded by Linda Grier. As an addendum to this motion, Robin Wheeler moved that Annette Cassel Means be the licensed real estate agent listing the CMC, seconded by James Wheeler.

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, July 29, at the conclusion of “messy Sunday” activities to seek authorization from the congregation to list the CMC for sale by a licensed realtor, as recommended by Consistory.

Linda Grier adjourned the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Oberman, Consistory Secretary

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – COMMUNITY MINISTRY CENTER UPDATE SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018

A congregational meeting was held, Sunday July 29, 2018 to review the status of the Community Ministry Center (CMC) and to ask the congregation to make a decision to authorize the CMC task force to proceed with negotiating the sale of the CMC.

A unanimous vote was delivered by the 30 attending congregational members to authorize putting the CMC on the market by listing it for sale with licensed real estate broker Annette Means of High Associates at a price consistent with the appraised value and to authorize the CMC task force to negotiate the sale through Annette Means.

MANNA FOOD PANTRY

A Ministry Partnership between Penbrook United Church of Christ
& Penbrook Church of God

Well we have finished another year of helping those in need. We accomplished a lot this year, we got more shelving for the storage room, and installed another light in the storage room, which was donated to Manna from a fellow Church member.

We served 513 new household's, and a total of 6,959 clients. That's from last July 2017 to June 2018. We have been very blessed with the folks that volunteer their time and money to help us achieve serving those in need.

We had our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on June 23, 2018. We decorated the Fellowship Hall with table clothes and balloons. The event was catered, and everyone seemed to have a good time.

We still need someone to coordinate the Thursday morning duties, Thursday night duties, and the Friday morning duties. This is not a lot of work and you can contact Sarah Kempf or Gail Mahoney, or Elaine Lane and they can answer your questions.

God Bless all of you, from all of us at Manna.

NEW GROUP STUDY TO BE INITIATED

Our prayer group that has been meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Ross Room has completed their study of "The Way of Prayer". We will begin a new venture using another in

the "Companions in Christ" series, "The Way of Scripture". This study will include the following topics "Scripture: A Place of Transforming Encounter", "Silentio: Preparing to Be Read by Scripture", "Lectio: Ingesting the Word", "Meditatio: Wrestling with God", "Oratio: Letting God Know How We feel", "Contemplatio: Abandoning Ourselves to God in Love", "Incarnatio: The Word Becoming Flesh in Us". The text was written by M. Robert Mulholland Jr., a Professor of New Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. All are invited to attend, even if you are not able to come to every session. If you would like to join the group and wish to have a copy of the book, please contact Becky Boone. (64beckster@gmail.com)

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Greetings from your Pastoral Search Committee. The committee consists of the following members:

Tita Domingos
Kim Evanoff
Olivia Grier
Richard Heiss-Chaplain
Linda Houseal
David Salapa-Chair

We have scheduled second interviews for four candidates.

After we interview the candidates a second time, we will determine which of those candidates we wish to observe conduct a worship service. After we observe the candidate and check references, we will select one of the candidates to be our pastor. Once the Pastoral Search Committee selects a candidate and consistory approves that selection, we will provide information on the successful candidate.

As we move forward in the pastoral search process, please continue to hold the members of the Pastoral Search Committee in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Walda Ansel, Ann Bailey, Betty Bell, Sally Garber, Tammy Brehm, Betty Nye, Diane, Keith and Torrie Weinhold, Luke Ansel, Eleanor Seaman (Diane's mom), Sarah Clark, Pam Chestney, Lisa Puliti, Dick Stokes, Elinor Dunnewold, Cindy Mikesell, Luce Heiss, Craig Hershock, Annie (Rev Karin), Marcia Johnson, Jack Stoltzfus, Joanne Heil.

PENBROOK UCC'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

What was happening 125 years ago?

***Washington became our nation's 42nd state

***President Grover Cleveland married Frances Folsom

***The American Tuxedo was invented

***The church now known as the Penbrook United Church of Christ was formed

The 125th Anniversary Committee has planned a series of fun events to celebrate our years as a congregation. Get out your calendars now and participate in as many of these gatherings as possible!

September 30 @ 5:00 p.m.

125th Anniversary Kick Off Dinner

The event will be held in Fellowship Hall and will include a catered buffet by Sir D's with the following dining options:

Mixed Salad Greens with dressings

Italian Herbed Chicken
Roast Sirloin Au Jus

Baked Vegetable Lasagna

Green Bean Almandine and Mashed Potatoes
Dinner Rolls

Celebration Cake for Dessert
A Selection of Beverages

Tickets for the event will cost \$25.00 and can be purchased from members of the 125th Anniversary Celebration Committee: Luke Ansel, Linda Grier, Dana Morgan, Becky Boone, Carol Proper, Kim Evanoff or Mike Proper.

The Reverend Doctor Robert Stoudt will be attending this event as our special guest.

October 7

World Wide Communion Sunday beginning at 10:30 with guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith, Penn Central Conference Minister

October 14

Surprise Speaker at 10:30 worship!

October 21

Penbrook UCC Music Sunday with special music.

October 28

Celebration Breakfast in the Adult Sunday School Room
Details to follow

If you have memories of Penbrook UCC to share, please contact Luke Ansel.

OCTOBER 21, 2018, 125TH ANNIVERSARY MUSIC SUNDAY

Please mark your calendars for this very special musical worship service. All our vocal choirs will be participating along with the bells and other musical talents to celebrate our 125th anniversary.

PENBROOK SCHOOL REUNION

Everyone who attended or taught at the school are invited to the Penbrook School Reunion. It will be held at Cedar Grove, Tall Cedars Picnic Ground, 8143 Old Jonestown Road, on September 16, 2018. From 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Chicken BBQ and beverage provided. Donation \$10.00 in advance. Tickets are available from Carol Proper, Zimmerman Peanuts, The Borough Building and Lehman’s Automotive.

Deadline for tickets is September 1, 2018

Tours of Penbrook School are being offered from 1 to 4 pm on Saturday, September 15th. Your picnic ticket is required for the tour.

Please see the bulletin board for more Reunion information or contact Carol Proper at 717-671-5741

PUCC WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST 2018

Communion Sunday 8/5/2018	Liturgist: Luke Ansel Greeter: Acolyte: Children’s Time: Head Usher:
Sunday 8/12/2018	Liturgist: Ann Bailey Greeter: Lorna Owens Acolyte: Children’s Time: Mackenzie Weinhold Head Usher:
Sunday 8/19/2018	Liturgist: Greeter: Acolyte: Ann Bailey Children’s Time: Head Usher:
Sunday 8/26/2018	Liturgist: Greeter: Acolyte: Children’s Time: Head Usher:

AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BNE = Bhutanesse Nepali Evangelical Church NA = Narcotics Anonymous	(ASSR) = Adult Sunday School Room (DSS) = Downstairs Sunday School Rooms	(FH) = Fellowship Hall (RR) = Ross Room	(OC) = Off Campus (TBD) = To Be Determined			
			1 7:00 pm: NA (FH)	2 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH)	3 9:30 am: Manna Preparation	4 9:00 am: BNE (FH)
5 COMMUNION 8:15 am: Sunday School 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship	6 7:00 pm 125th Anniversary Committee (RR)	7 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Manna Board (ASSR) 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 8:00 pm: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	8 7:00 pm: Consistory (ASSR) 7:00 pm: NA (FH)	9 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH)	10 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 7:00 pm: Movie Night (FH)	11 9:00 am: BNE (FH)
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FACTS AND FIGURES

JUNE 2018

General Fund	June	YTD
Offering Envelopes	\$10,595.00	\$49,455.00
Budgeted Amount	\$11,385.00	\$59,771.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$790.00)	(\$10,316.00)

June Mission:

\$0.00

CONSISTORY MINUTES

A complete set of Consistory minutes can be found in this issue of the Reporter and posted on the church bulletin board

MEMBERS ASSISTANCE FUND

SECOND CENTURY BRICKS

MEMORIAL BRICK FUND

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Interim Minister: Rev. Dr. Karin Stork-Whitson
 Music Director: Brian Johnson
 Organist: Rita Oberman
 Bell Choir Director: Ruth Dunnewold
 Office Staff: George Long and Sharon Bosworth
 CMC Building Manager: Lisa Puliti
 Manna Food Pantry Director:
 Penbrook Learning Center Director: Deanna Hobbs
 Web Administrator: George Long

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Articles for the August Reporter are due to the church office by **AUGUST 25**. Please keep this in mind when submitting articles that are date sensitive. Thank you for your cooperation. Articles should be e-mailed to: office@penbrookucc.org

MEMBER ASSISTANCE FUND

The Church maintains a fund for members and friends of the congregation who need temporary financial assistance. There are basic needs for gas and food. If you have a need for this kind of assistance, we encourage you to talk to Sarah Kempf, phone and email are in directory. The fund is getting low again, so please continue to give to this important fund.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee needs more people to join us, (Men or Women). Please call the Church office and leave your name and phone number and I will get in touch with you. Thank you, Linda Grier.

HOUSE BOUND

- **Walda Ansel**, Church of God Home, Personal Care Unit, Rm 223, 801 N Hanover St, Carlisle, PA 17013
- **Dorothy Baker**, Moravian Manor Lititz, 300 W. Lemon St., Rm 246D-HCW, Lititz, PA 17543
- **Marge Lippert**, 1020 N. Union Street, Room 135A, Frey Village, Middletown, PA, 17057
- **Beverly Mesloh**, c/o Arden Courts, 2625 Ailanthus Lane, Room 26, Harrisburg, PA 17110
- **Bill Oberholtzer**, 45 Conestoga Drive, Lititz, PA, 17543, Phone #(717) 581-3372
- **Mary Sherk**, 4700 Oakhurst Blvd., Apt 202, Kindered Place. Harrisburg, PA 17110
- **Peggy Stellfox**, Room 235, Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St. Middletown, PA 17057
- **Jeannetta (Jeannie) Wagner**, Frey Village, Phoenix Unit, Room 220, 1020 North Union Street, Middletown, PA 17057

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



We would like to extend a very happy birthday to everyone celebrating in August.

Tita Domingos	1 August
Margie Lippert	1 August
John Sellers	1 August
Jeannetta Wagner	1 August
Lukas Ansel	7 August
Brian Johnson	7 August
Kendra Dannelley	9 August
Kathryn Enders	10 August
Brittany Weaver	14 August
Neil Hendershot	16 August
John Lowery	18 August
Mason Lentz	28 August
Kenneth Stauffer	28 August

Note: A complete list by Month is in the Church Directory.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Penbrook United Church of Christ is an accepting, caring, and nurturing community gathering to worship God and welcoming all persons in their journey on the spiritual path.

As faithful stewards, we follow the model of Jesus Christ through loving service to the local community and to the larger world.

We strive in all aspects of our life as a congregation to be a people of courage and a people of peace.