

THE REPORTER

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ONE VOICE

In the Seasons of Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter we celebrate the life of the Christ. In the Season of Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit and the teachings of Jesus. Now, in the Season of Creation, we have an opportunity to celebrate God, the Creator. During the month of September, the Season of Creation, we join with creation in celebrating Jesus the Christ, the Creator, and the wonders of creation. In the liturgy, we follow the lead of the psalm writers and celebrate with creation — with the forests, the rivers and the fields that praise the Creator in their own way.

There is growing concern in Christian communities about the **ecological crisis** and the way human beings are treating God's Earth. Planet Earth is in peril. All creation is suffering. An effective way to focus these concerns is through worship. By concentrating our worship on God's creation and on our relationship with creation, we can seek ways to heal rather than exploit creation. The Season of Creation helps us care for our planet home rather than destroy it. We commit ourselves to a ministry of healing Earth, with Jesus and creation as our partners.

The Season of Creation is part the heritage of mainstream Christian worship. There is no break from the gospel as the core of our faith. Bible readings for the season focus especially on the story of Earth. That story complements the story of God and the story of humanity in the Scriptures. Jesus the Christ is at the heart of our celebrations. The cosmic Christ is the new life at the core of creation. In the Season of Creation, we celebrate Christ together with creation; we face the ecological crisis with him; and, we serve him in the healing of creation.

In the Season of Creation, we will:

1. **Celebrate** Earth as a sacred planet filled with God's vibrant presence.
2. **Unite** with all creation in praising the God of creation.
3. **Confess** our sins against creation and empathize with a groaning creation.

4. **Embrace** our kin in creation as our extended family.
5. **Proclaim** the good news that the risen Jesus is the cosmic Christ who fills and renews all creation.
6. **Go forth** on a mission to be partners with Christ in the healing of creation.

Please prepare to worship with us and with all of creation during September.
Abundant joy!

Rev. Karin

NEXT COMMUNION

We will have the pleasure of celebrating Communion at Penbrook Church on September 2nd. 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 **PUCC Members in Need**

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

The readings for the Season of Creation in Lectionary Year B focus on those texts in which the Word is the impulse that summons forth creation, evokes praise from creation and stirs life in creation

Earth Sunday

Genesis 1:1-25
Psalm 33:1-9
Romans 1:18-23
John 1:1-14

Humanity Sunday

Genesis 1:26-28
Psalm 8
Philippians 2:1-8
Mark 10:41-45

Sky Sunday

Jeremiah 4:23-28
Psalm 19:1-6
Philippians 2:14-18
Mark 15:33-39

Mountain Sunday

Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 48:1-11
Romans 8:28-39
Mark 16:14-18

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-25
Ps. 148
Revelation 5.11-14
Matthew 6 25-29

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, Lisa Puliti, Dick Stokes, Elinor Dunnewold, Cindy Mikesell, Luce Heiss, Craig Hershock, Annie (Rev Karin), Marcia Johnson, Joanne Heil, Eathan Dixon, Kyra (Rev. Karin), Bill MacClinchy, Ken and Louise Stauffer, The Kennedy family, Kyle Bailey, Peter (Mackenzie Weinhold's neighbor), Dana Morgan (organizing a Walk for Research on Suicide)

THANK YOU

To everyone who helped with the Saturday WORKDAY, August 18th

To everyone who provided The Gift of Music and The Gift of Dance during our worship services this summer. We are very blessed to have so much talent in our church, and we are all grateful for you sharing your gifts this summer.

**PENBROOK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONSISTORY MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2018**

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

Rev. Karin 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, Dick Stokes, Elinor Dunnewold, Cindy Mikesell, Luce Heiss, Craig Hershock (David's stepbrother), Brian Johnson, Carla Persun (David's stepsister), Ethan Dixon, Marcia

Consistory Minutes: The minutes from the July 11 Consistory meeting were corrected for a typo and approved by acclamation. The minutes for the congregational meeting on July 29 were approved on a motion by Sharon Bosworth, seconded by Rick Heiss.

Financial Reports: The July financial reports were approved as corrected on a motion by Linda Grier, seconded by Sharon Bosworth. James reported that paperwork has been completed for the \$100,000 line of credit from the UCC Cornerstone Fund.

Manna Food Pantry: Rick Heiss commented on the contributions received for Manna during the past month. He noted that an approximately \$13,000 grant received from Dauphin County imposes a number of restrictions on the purchase of food. There was a discussion about limited freezer space available to store free frozen meats from Weis Markets offered through Bethany Church of the Nazarene in Linglestown.

Pastor's report: Rev. Karin distributed a report about her activities for the period July 11 to August 8. She voiced the need to update the church constitution and bylaws and recommended a meeting of two or three persons to review these documents. Ruth will send copies of the constitution and bylaws to Consistory members for review before the next Consistory meeting on September 12.

BUSINESS

125th Anniversary: Another sub sale is planned for October (and perhaps even September).

Property concerns: Sharon reported that Lisa Puliti is concerned about the payment of her salary when CMC is sold. She thought that perhaps the PLC should pay her salary. Consistory decided not to change the current arrangement for the payment of Lisa's salary. Lisa was also advised that rents paid in advance should be returned in the event the CMC is sold.

Emergency 40 Campaign: Rick Heiss reported that \$13,600 has been received from 19 individuals for the Emergency 40 Campaign in either pledges or outright cash contributions. He will report on the status of the Campaign on Sunday, August 12.

Stewardship/Finance: Rick Heiss discussed the informal gathering of Stewardship/Finance Committee members and interested members of Consistory to discuss financial issues well ahead of budget preparation. This pre-budget retreat, to include a covered dish meal, is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the ASSR.

Rick requested a return to the inclusion of a "stewardship moment" in the worship service the second Sunday of each month to provide information about the following month's mission. The September mission is "PUCG Members in Need." Rev. Karin asked that this information be publicized in the *Reporter* in a "Stewardship Corner" segment and that he alert both her and the office about them.

Other: Rev. Karin has addressed the concern about the inaccuracy of reported membership numbers by drafting a letter to inactive members of the congregation to ascertain their actual status prior to removing them from the active membership rolls.

At Ruth's request, Consistory discussed the terms of call for a settled pastor. Consistory recommended adhering to Penn Central Conference guidelines for salary and benefits, with the exception of the forfeiture of unused vacation time.

Linda Grier adjourned the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Oberman, Consistory Secretary

MANNA FOOD PANTRY
A Ministry Partnership between Penbrook United Church of Christ
& Penbrook Church of God

Manna has received a free used freezer from Halifax UMC Church. This will allow us to store more meat and other foods that need freezing.

Manna is in need of monetary donations for the Power Pack program, we would be grateful for any size donation.

We still need someone to coordinate the Thursday morning, Thursday night, and Friday morning duties. This is not a lot of work but you would be the liaison between Manna and the Food Bank. You can contact Sarah Kempf, Gail Mahoney, or Elaine Lane and we would be more than willing to answer your questions.

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

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

September Reporter Update

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 completed second interviews of ministerial candidates.

We are currently checking references and continuing our discernment concerning ministerial candidates. After we check references, we will determine which of those candidates we wish to observe conduct a worship service. After we check references and observe the candidate we will select the candidate 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY CHOIR REHEARSALS

After a relaxing summer break, the five Penbrook UCC choirs will begin rehearsals after the Labor Day weekend. The rehearsal times for each of the choirs are listed below. If you have not been actively participating in the music ministry but are interested in joining any choirs, please contact Ruth Dunnewold or Brian Johnson.

The **Chancel Choir** will have their first rehearsal on Thursday, September 6 at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The **Women's Choir** will rehearse in the Sanctuary immediately following the Chancel Choir rehearsal during the choir season.

The **Men's Choir** will have their first rehearsal on Sunday, September 9 at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

A-pealing Praise and **A-pealing Too** will have their first rehearsals in the ASSR on Sunday, September 9, with A-pealing Too at 6:15 p.m. and A-pealing Praise at 7 p.m.

PENBROOK UCC'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Calling all church members! It's time to kick it into high gear because P.U.C.C.'s 125th Anniversary Celebration is coming soon!

The celebration dinner will be on September 30th. Please see Luke, Dana, Carol, Linda, or Kim for tickets! We would like to know before September 23rd how many people we can count on joining us for this very special celebration. The tickets are \$25 a person. Please let someone on the anniversary staff know if someone you know has financial concerns and wants to attend.

ALSO- make a special effort to come to church on the first three Sundays in September because George will be making videos of fellow parishioners telling stories of remembrance about P.U.C.C.

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.

CHANGING HANDS PROGRAM

Have you been wondering what to do with medical equipment your family is no longer using? Are you in need of a wheelchair or walker? United Cerebral Palsy of Central Pennsylvania

has a program called ***Changing Hands***. Manual wheelchairs, shower seats and benches, over bed tables, canes, lift chairs, raised toilet seats, and portable ramps are being accepted. Because of limited space we cannot accept hospital beds or stair glides. All items must be in good to excellent condition. ***Changing Hands*** will clean items and make them available to people who need them. If you have questions about obtaining items, or would like to arrange to drop off items at our Camp Hill location, please call 717-737-3477 or 1-800-998-4827 (toll free) or email atucp@ucpcentralpa.org. A United Way Program Partner

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

PDF VERSION OF THE PUCG DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Now available from the PUCG office! A PDF version of the directory. This is a nice thing to have on your smart phone to look up a number or address. Please email a request to the church office, office@penbrookucc.org and we will email a PDF to you and put you on a list to receive an updated directory

PUCC WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

<p>Communion Sunday 9/2/2018</p>	<p>Liturgist: Amber Mann Greeter: Lorna Owens Acolyte: Children's Time: Rev. Karin Head Usher:</p>
<p>Sunday 9/9/2018</p>	<p>Liturgist: Greeter: Ann Bailey Acolyte: Children's Time: Rev. Karin Head Usher:</p>
<p>Sunday 9/16/2018</p>	<p>Liturgist: Greeter: Lorna Owens Acolyte: Children's Time: Head Usher:</p>
<p>Sunday 9/23/2018</p>	<p>Liturgist: Greeter: Acolyte: Ann Bailey Children's Time: Head Usher:</p>
<p>Sunday 9/30/2018</p>	<p>Liturgist: Greeter: Acolyte: Children's Time: Head Usher:</p>

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BNE = Bhutanese 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 9:00 am: BNE (FH)
2 COMUNION 9:15 am: Sunday School 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship	3 LABOR DAY	4 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00 pm: Manna Board (ASSR)	5 7:00 pm: NA (FH)	6 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 8:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal	7 9:30 am: Manna Preparation	8 9:00 am: BNE (FH) 10:00 am: Leadership Planning Meeting (ASSR)
9 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship 6:15 pm: A-peeling Too 7:00 pm: A-peeling Praise	10 4:00 pm: Delta (FH) 6:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR) 7:00 pm: Crafters 7:00 pm: 126th Anniversary Committee (RR)	11 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00 pm: JRF (TBD)	12 7:00 pm: Consistory (ASSR) 7:00 pm: NA (FH)	13 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 8:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) 7:15 pm: Chancel and Women's Choir Rehearsal	14 9:30 am: Manna Preparation	15 9:00 am: BNE (FH)
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30 9:15 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship Bell Choir Celebration 26 Years (TBD) 5:00 pm: 125th Anniversary Kick-Off Dinner						

FACTS AND FIGURES

JULY 2018

General Fund	July	YTD
Offering Envelopes	\$10,658.00	\$67,488.00
Budgeted Amount	\$14,231.00	\$85,384.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,573.00)	(\$17,896.00)

July Mission:

UCC ONA Programs \$315.00

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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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Articles for the September Reporter are due to the church office by **SEPTEMBER 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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

Richard Heiss	2 September
Greg Thompson	4 September
Maureen Filson	8 September
Patricia Hendershot	13 September
Alvaro Domingos	15 September
Kimberly Evanoff	15 September
Jeremiah Beaver	16 September
Marc Domingos	18 September
Eva O'Diam	19 September
Keith Weinhold, Jr	22 September
John Hendershot	23 September
India Garnett	25 September
Samuel McElheny	26 September
Grant Proper	26 September
Robin Wheeler	27 September
Betty Nye	28 September
Karen Shaup	30 September

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.