

# THE REPORTER

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*An Open and Affirming Congregation  
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## **RAMBLINGS FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Here comes June. Summer is upon us. That means higher temperatures (yah), longer days, the end of another school year, mosquitoes, lawn maintenance. With the change of seasons many will now head out for vacations, weekends away camping, or just a day trip away from the ordinary. Dawn, Aaron and I are heading to General Synod in Milwaukee. A work trip and yet since we are from Wisconsin a chance to see family and friends.

Summer also brings the idea of new growth. Plants and trees that were once asleep are now awakened and being renewed in new growth. This reminds me of the hymn "In the Bulb There Is a Flower". The second verse says: "There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From our past will come our future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season something God alone can see".

We are entering a new season of growth. We do not know what it looks like or where it will lead us as a church family. We will be spending the summer reading and learning together. Our planned "Transformation Conversations" are planned to occur after worship on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of June, the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of July, the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of August. We will be reading "I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church" by Rev. Paul Nixon. The book is our guide to our conversations. Remember Rev. Foust reminded us, during her sermon at my (our) Installation service, to not dream small but to DREAM BIG! What is the Spirit saying to us, what are we to be doing today and five years from now, what journey is God calling us to prepare for? DREAM BIG!!

So let us join together on our summer trip and see where God leads us together.

Love and Blessings  
Pastor Brian

## NEXT COMMUNION

We will have the pleasure of celebrating Communion at Penbrook Church on the first Sunday of the Month, June 5, the Third Sunday of Easter. 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 Thanksgiving in June

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE

June 2, 2019	Issiah 56: 1-8 Mark 11: 15-18
June 9, 2019	Acts 2: 1-21 Luke 24: 44-49
June 16, 2019	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31
June 23, 2019	
June 30, 2019	Genesis 17: 1-8 Acts 1: 7-8 John 17: 20-23

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Eleanor Seaman (Diane's mom), Elinor Dunnewold, Luce Heiss, Frank Bomgardner, Diane Weinhold's Aunt Martha, Teresa McDaniel (Linda Houseal), Jane and Mel Myers (Bob Nease), the family of Heather Branch (Donna Bauserman), Rev. India Garnett, Nancy Heckler, her son and her 10 year old grandson, Gavin, Mike Thornton (Mike Proper), Angela Manley, a friend of the Heiss family, Ann and Harvey Bailey and family, Kim and Drew Evanoff and family, Linda Houseal, Lorna Owen's brother, Tammy Brehm and her mother Betty Nye, Harvey Bailey's great nephew, the family of Michael Delli, and John Lower, Ann Bailey asked for prayers for their great-nephew, Cody, the United Methodist Church, Luke Ansel's grandmother, Walda, Tony and Julie Mitchell, Skip Unger and family, Elaine Skiles(Brian Johnson).

## OUR SYMPATHY

To Skip Unger at the death of this partner, Patrick Njoroge. Services were held Saturday May 25.

## REV. BRIAN DAMROW'S INSTALLATION SERVICE JUNE 2, 2019

For those who could not attend, this special service was recorded and is available to view on the YouTube link below...

<https://youtu.be/mcugJfCsqo8>

### **TRANSFORMATION CONVERSATION**

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### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Beginning in the fall, Pastor Brian will be conducting a Confirmation class for anyone 7th grade and older. Please contact him if you are interested.

### **NEW JERSEY BLUEBERRY SALE**

Time is running out to order! 10 lb Box \$31.00 each. One Pint Box \$3.00 each. Order Deadline— June 30<sup>th</sup> Pickup/Delivery at Penbrook UCC on Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00 to 1:00pm. Money is due with order. email your order form to ([office@penbrookucc.org](mailto:office@penbrookucc.org)) or mail your check and order form to PUC 56 Banks St. Harrisburg, Pa. 17103, put Blueberries in the memo portion. Order forms on the table in the hallway.

### **BREAKFAST AND LESSONS LEARNED IN CLAY**

On Sunday June 23, there will be a breakfast potluck and a casual non-traditional sort of service in the ASSR. Robin Wheeler will be bringing in a potter's wheel and offering "Lessons Learned in Clay" which ties right into the passage in Jeremiah where he is instructed to go down to the potter's house. A breakfast will be at 9:30 followed by my "Lessons" at 10:30. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex or call the church office!

### **THANK YOU**

To church family for all the support and love sent in various ways in my time of grief. So blest to be a part of a church family who truly follows Christ teaching, Skip Unger

### **MANNA FOOD PANTRY**

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

Susan Mulford is our new Coordinator. She has experience in Food Pantries and knows how to writes grants which we really need. In May's Manna Board Meeting the Board approved Susan as our new Coordinator. Susan was introduced to Consistory on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Say hello to Susan when you see her at Church.

We have received a few monetary donations for repayment towards the air conditioner that was installed in the Manna storage room. Manna Board is extremely grateful for everything that you do for us.

We also lost a freezer in one of the pantries on Thursday morning May 23, 2019. We had to throw away a lot of meat. We are looking into getting another one with some help from the CPF.

Please pray for us as we continue to do God's work through the Manna Food Pantry, and please support this very worthy mission as best you can. God Bless you and thank you for all you do for Manna.

Blessing's,

Sarah Kempf

### **THE MEMBERS ASSISTANCE FUND JUNE 2019**

The amount of Deposits and Disbursements for the month of May 2019

Balance on April 22, 2019- \$667.07

No. of Deposits- 2

◆ Amount of Deposits- \$560.00

◆ No. of Disbursements- 1

◆ Amount of Disbursements- \$200.00

◆ Balance as of May 20, 2019- \$1027.07

I want to thank all who have made personal contributions to this Fund. Please keep supporting the fund as best you can. It is a blessing to be able to help those who are in need.

Blessing's,

Sarah Kempf

### **SUMMER GIFT OF MUSIC/LITURGICAL DANCE**

Thank you to all who signed up for giving your time and talents for the Gift of Music over the summer months. Bless you all!

**HOUSE BOUND**

- **Walda Ansel**, Church of God Home, Personal Care Unit, Rm 223, 801 N Hanover St, Carlisle, PA 17013
- **Marge Lippert**, 1020 N. Union Street, Room 135A, Frey Village, Middletown, PA, 17057
- **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 226, 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

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**



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

Gerald Edris	4 June
Laura McElheny	4 June
Keith Weinhold	14 June
Christine Emerick	17 June
James Chantilies, II	18 June
Allison Einig	18 June
Michael Proper	29 June
Lucinda Mikesell	30 June

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

**PUCC WORSHIP FOR JUNE**

Communion Sunday 6/9/2019	Liturgist: Luke Ansel Greeter: Carol Proper Acolyte: Harvey Bailey Head Usher: Diane Weinhold
Pentecost Sunday 6/9/2019	Liturgist: Linda Grier Greeter: Lorna Owens Acolyte: Head Usher: Sharon Bosworth
Trinity Sunday 6/16/2019	Liturgist: Greeter: Lorna Owens Acolyte: Ann Bailey Head Usher: Dale Mease
Breakfast Sunday 9:30 am 6/23/2019	Liturgist: Greeter: Acolyte: Head Usher: Richard Stokes
Sunday 6/30/2019	Liturgist: Ann Bailey Greeter: Harvey Bailey Acolyte: Head Usher: Bob Lane

NEW JERSEY BLUEBERRY SALE  
Fundraiser sponsored by  
Penbrook United Church of Christ

Blueberries are easy to freeze, instructions are included in each box.

ORDER DEADLINE- JUNE 30, 2019  
PICK-UP at PENBROOK UCC  
FRIDAY, July 5, 2019  
11:00 pm to 1:00pm

# of 10 lb boxes ordered \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$31.00 each= \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total

# of pint boxes ordered \_\_\_\_\_ \$3.00 each= \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total

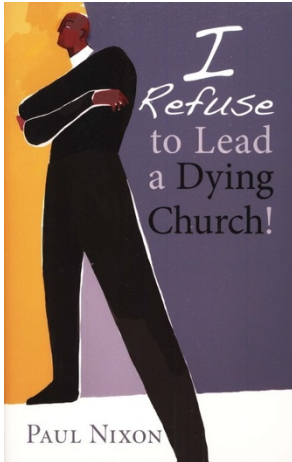
MONEY IS DUE WITH ORDER

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Enjoy your Blueberries

THANK YOU

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### Book Order Sign-Up

**I REFUSE TO LEAD A DYING CHURCH**  
by Paul Dixon

\$6.00 / book

Following Worship Service with a light lunch...

Sunday June 9, 2019

Examine Chapter One

Sunday June 30, 2019

Examine Chapter Two

Sunday July 14, 2019

Examine Chapter Three

Sunday July 28, 2019

Examine Chapter Four

Sunday August 11, 2019

Examine Chapter Five

Sunday August 25, 2019

Examine Chapter Six

**JUNE 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NA = Narcotics Anonymous	(ASSR) = Adult Faith Formation Room (DSS) = Downstairs Faith Formation Rooms	(FH) = Fellowship Hall (RR) = Ross Room	(OC) = Off Campus (TBD) = To Be Determined			1 1:00 pm: James Brandon Delli Memorial Service
<b>COMMUNION 2</b> 9:15 am: Faith Formation 9:45 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Worship 3:00 pm: Installation Service and Reception	3 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00: Manna Board (ASSR)	4 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00: Manna Board (ASSR)	5 7:00 pm: NA (FH)	6 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 8:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH)	7 PENNCENTRAL CONFERENCE 9:30 am: Manna Preparation	8 PENNCENTRAL CONFERENCE
<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY 9</b> 10:30 am: Worship 12:00 pm: Transformation Conversation	10 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)	11 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)	12 7:00 pm: NA (FH) 7:00 pm: Consistory (ASSR)	13 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 8:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH)	14 9:30 am: Manna Preparation	15 11:00 am: Manna Appreciation Brunch (FH)
<b>TRINITY SUNDAY 16</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> 9:15 am: Faith Formation 10:30 am: Worship	17 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)	18 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)	19 7:00 pm: NA (FH)	20 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 8:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH)	21 GENERAL SYNOD 9:30 am: Manna Preparation	22 GENERAL SYNOD 9:00 am: Workday
23 GENERAL SYNOD 9:30 am: Breakfast Potluck and Informal Worship Hartman Center Summer Camp	24 GENERAL SYNOD REPORTER ARTICLES DUE Hartman Center Summer Camp	25 GENERAL SYNOD 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) Hartman Center Summer Camp	26 7:00 pm: NA (FH) Hartman Center Summer Camp	27 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 8:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH) Hartman Center Summer Camp	28 9:30 am: Manna Preparation	29
30 9:15 am: Faith Formation 10:30 am: Worship 12:00 pm: Transformation Conversation Blueberry Sale Ends						



## FACTS AND FIGURES

### APRIL 2019

General Fund	April	YTD
Offering Envelopes	\$10,225.00	\$40,020.00
Budgeted Amount	\$9,616.00	\$40,868.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$609.00	(\$848.00)

### April Mission:

Christian Churches United	\$154.50
Lancaster Theological Seminar	\$154.50

### MEMBERS ASSISTANCE FUND

### SECOND CENTURY BRICKS

From Lorna Owens in memory of Kyle Bailey

### MEMORIAL BRICK FUND

From Lorna Owens in memory of Kyle Bailey  
From Lorna Owens in honor of her birthday

### MEMORIAL FUND

### MUSIC MINISTRY SELECTIONS...

We Are Singing for the Lord is Our Light - PUCG  
Chancel Choir - May 19, 2019

[https://youtu.be/\\_AIEArzimKM](https://youtu.be/_AIEArzimKM)

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Minister: Rev. Brian Damrow  
Music Director: Vacant Position  
Organist: Rita Oberman  
Bell Choir Director: Ruth Dunnewold  
Office Staff: George Long and Sharon Bosworth  
Manna Food Pantry Director: Susan Mulford  
Web Administrator: George Long

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT

8:30am to 12:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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### JULY NEWSLETTER

Articles for the July Reporter are due to the church office by **JUNE 24**. 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](mailto: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 Rev. Brian.

### 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.

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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.