

Joint Outdoor Worship Service and picnic

Sunday, July 5 (rain or shine)

Held at LSUCC jointly with First UCC



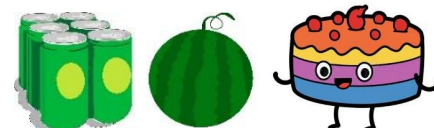
Worship begins at 10:30 am

Covered dish picnic to follow



Hotdogs - Hamburger B-B-Q &

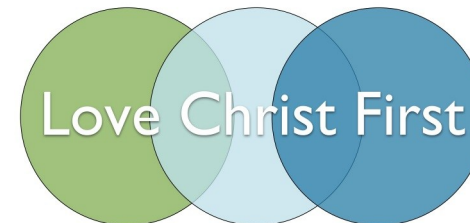
Drinks provided. Signup to bring a side dish or dessert.



**BRING YOUR
FAVORITE
LAWN GAME
TO SHARE**

**BRING A
LAWN
CHAIR**

**BRING A
PRIZE
FOR OUR
CAKE-ISH
WALK**



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



Mission Project for the Month of July

New Bethany offers hope and support to people who experience poverty, hunger, and homelessness. They believe that all people, regardless of circumstances, should be treated with dignity and care without judgment. No one who seeks help is turned away.

This organization is home to many in need throughout the Valley, and their additional sites in Bethlehem, Allentown, and Coplay allow the organization to magnify its Valley-wide impact. Their services provide food support, hygiene support, wellness programming, transitional housing, permanent affordable housing, and financial case management to individuals and families who are working toward self-sufficiency.

You can show God's love and provide hope to your neighbors by making a donation with your contribution to First Church. Please note the amount you want to go to this project and First UCC will send a single check to them with the donations.



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Pastor Becky Thomas
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Baptism of Easton David Cawley, son of Ryan and Amanda Cawley



Ashlynn Mixa provided special music on 6/28.



Fellowship Hour followed worship on 6/28. Thank you to Jane Hoff who made the lovely cake in celebration of Pastor Becky's 10th anniversary of her ordination.



Thank you to all of our members who came to help with Spring Clean-up on Saturday, May 30th.



Long-time friends, Celeste Letchworth and Pat O'Connell combined their keyboard talents to provide music for worship on May 24th.



To the Family and Friends of
Judith A. (Judy) Slocum
June 8, 2026
James G. Zawick
June 14, 2026

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

*The Trustees of the Remembrance Fund
have received and gratefully acknowledged
A gift given in loving memory of Judith (Judy) Slocum*

The Moritz Family Roberta J. Anderson



June 28, 2026
Scholarship Sunday
The **Tom Snyder Academic Scholarship** was awarded to **Ava Major**. The **Dan Deysher Music Scholarship** was awarded to **Sarah Beers**. The **Rev. Theodore and Robert Haas Scholarship** was awarded to **Andrew Harvey**.
Congratulations to all!

Delegate report from the historic 1st annual meeting of the **Keystone Conference United Church of Christ**
June 5-7, 2026, Millersville University

“Joy At the Table Together”

Acts 2:46-47 “Every day they met together, breaking bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God.”

In June 2025, a vote was taken by delegates across the four Pennsylvania UCC Conferences to join together as one conference. Over the past year, Penn West, Penn Southeast, Penn Central, and our Conference – Penn Northeast, discussed and then voted to disband our individual Conferences and become one. Since November, representatives from the 4 historic conferences, along with aid from the national setting, worked to create what has become the Keystone Conference UCC. Bylaws, investments, staff, associations, budget, standing committees and so much more had to be combined, reworked, and set up in only 5 months.

Our four historic Conferences, made up of 507 churches across Pennsylvania, were concerned about our differences within and between each of our settings, yet, found much in common on which to build the Keystone Conference. Foremost at this annual meeting was the joy we share at Christ’s table together. Starting with the verse from Acts 2, keynote, plenary and worship leaders challenged us to “acts of hospitality that reflect God’s way”. Asking the questions “who is in” and “who is out”? Following Jesus’ commands and his acts of grace toward all. Not only adding another seat at the table, but setting a bigger table. Setting a table in new and welcoming ways, and making certain there will always be enough for all.

Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, president of the United Church of Christ, consecrated the new Keystone Conference UCC with the following prayer:

*“There is a broad table here beneath the tent of Keystone. A place for differences and for similarities.
A place for memory and a place for becoming. A place for those who came before us and those still
yet to come. We thank God, setter of the table of grace, who bids us: ‘Come. Your place is here.’
The four are now one. Alleluia.”*

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent First UCC Hellertown with Pastor Becky at a wider United Church of Christ event, and especially at this, the first Keystone annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Marji Hughes



Rita’s Italian Ice & Custard
Hellertown, PA.
July 23 (6-8pm)
Come and enjoy a cool treat at Rita’s
and support our July fundraiser



July is a month that just seems to invite us to head outdoors. I know many of you are working in your gardens, taking walks in the warm evenings, heading to the community swimming pool, or enjoying gatherings with family and friends. Still others are heading to the beach, or to campgrounds, or other destinations on vacation. It can certainly be a busy time of year. It is easy to get caught up in the busyness of making all of the plans, making sure everything is perfect, checking lists to make sure everything is packed.

For me, the beauty of the summer months is that it is a time when we are invited to consider where we find our connection to God. Look for God when your hands are in the dirt as you garden, or in the crashing of the waves at the shoreline, or in the birds that sing early in the morning. My prayer for you this summer is that you are finding God not just in the extraordinary moments, but in the ordinary.

In light and love,
Pastor Becky



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sunday School is taking a break for the summer.

Children of all ages are (as always) welcome in worship.

Worship bags are still available in the coat room area for children during the service. Please remember to return the bags to the shelf following worship.

July 20-24 – Snowball Mountain Challenge Vacation Bible School

August 30 – Sunday School resumes

The Nursery is open for young children during Sunday worship as needed. An adult is required to remain in the nursery when anyone under age 16 is present.

Adults may still listen to the service while in the nursery. Contact Marji Hughes - mphughes22@gmail.com if you have any questions at all about Faith Formation at 1st UCC

YOUTH GROUP

July 12 Pizza and Pickleball

No experience necessary

No church affiliation is required. Bring your friends!

Meet at Lower Saucon UCC at 11:45 – Pickup at 1:15pm

Questions: Pastor Becky - [redacted]
Marji Hughes - [redacted]

Please let Pastor or Marji know if you will be joining us and if you need a ride.



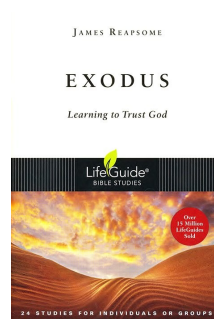


Every Sunday morning
9:45 AM
before worship
in the Wimmer Room



Sunday morning Adult Bible Study --

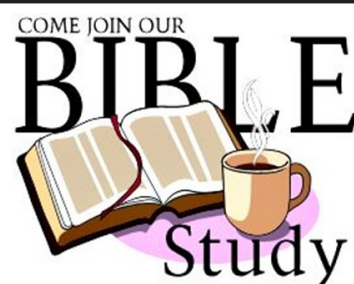
Sunday Bible Study will be studying
the book of Exodus in the Fall.



Class meets at 9:15 am in the
YA Café Room upstairs.

Please come and join us.

Please see Tricia Shelly if you have questions.



BIBLES AND BRUNCH

Women's Bible Study
will take a summer break until August.

On August 3 at 10:30am



we will come back together and have a lively discussion on the topic
"Who is Mary Magdalene?" using the fragments of the Gospel of Mary as
our starting point. Ask Marji for the readings if you wish to read ahead.



Confirmation class schedule:

Plans are in the works for summer dates/service projects (mentors included)

Questions, please contact Marji Hughes or Pastor Becky

Blessing Box Schedule



Our Blessing Box Food Pantry is being used heavily. We are blessed to be able to help. Obviously, there are many in our community who are aided by your generosity. We need to replenish our emergency supply. We are very low on spaghetti sauce and we need a variety of soups and breakfast foods to keep our pantry stocked. Please—no glass jars.

Week of June 28-July 4—Doug Miller

Week of July 5-11—Marji Hughes

Week of July 12-18— Andy Spear

Week of July 19-25—Lisa Fenon

Week of July 26-Aug 1—Ann Brown

Week of Aug 2-8—Sandy Panick

Week of Aug 9-15—Amy Mixa

Week of Aug 16- 22- Phyllis Scherer

Week of Aug 23-29—Tammie Vosburg

Week of Aug 30—Sep 5—Georgie Stuempfle

Week of Sep 6-12 - Letty Petrundo

Week of Sep 13-19 — Carlann Broglie



June 2, 2026

Dear Members of First UCC,

When you made your recent gift of \$478.00 to Heifer International, you did more than send a contribution. You gave a family in need the opportunity to build a better life.

Your support is helping to provide life-changing animals and resources for lasting change directly to families who need them most. Because of you, families in some of the world's most vulnerable communities receive the animals, seeds and training they need to thrive.

With these gifts, hardworking families can grow their farms, selling goods like milk, eggs, honey and nutritious produce thanks to their animals. That means steady income to feed their children, send them to school and give them the futures they deserve.

And your generosity reaches even further than one family. Through Heifer's tradition of Passing on the Gift, Families share their first female offspring—along with all they've learned—with another family in their community. Your kindness helps create a ripple effect of opportunity that spreads hope and lasting change.

Because of you, families in need don't receive a handout—they receive the hand *up* they need to build a life free from hunger and poverty.

Thank you for believing in Heifer's mission and in the families we serve. We are deeply grateful to have you standing with us as we work together to build a more hopeful world.

With appreciation,

Christy Moore
Senior Vice President of Marketing

July Sponsors/Volunteers

July 5

Counting Team..... Team 1
BulletinsJoan & Nick Kiak

July 19

Counting Team..... Team 3
Ushers.....Team 2
Altar Flowers.....Larry Muldowney
BulletinsDoug & Brenda Miller
Lay Reader.....Ann Brown

July 12

Counting Team..... Team 2
Ushers.....Team 1
Altar Flowers.....Janice Csrnko
Organ FlowersTeitsworth Family
BulletinsBob Kervin
Lay ReaderDoug Major

July 26

Counting Team..... Team 4
UshersTeam 3
Altar Flowers.....Carlann Broglie
Bulletins.....Denise Keen
Lay ReaderGeorgie Stuempfle

The July Newsletter
has been sponsored by:
Joan & Nick Kiak

Put this on your calendar:

*Women's
Retreat*

April 2-4, 2027

At Mariawald Retreat House, Reading

Offerings may be made anytime electronically at www.firstucchellertown.org/give This allows you to make a one time or repeating gift from your bank account or credit/debit card. You may also elect to give directly from your bank through a Bill-Pay option or mail your gifts and envelopes to the church office. The Church office is open Monday through Friday 9am to 1 pm if you care to drop off your gifts.

**SOUP
KITCHEN**

NEW BETHANY HOSPITALITY CENTER BETHLEHEM

First Wednesday of every month

10:00 AM – 1:00PM

Our monthly crew visits the soup kitchen at New Bethany Hospitality Center .
First UCC is signed up for the **first Wednesday of every month**. Four members
are needed to chop, prepare, and serve meals at noon finishing at 1:00 pm.
Interested in starting a second crew or being put on a sub list??

Contact : Jeannie Miller 610.838.9704 Elsie Stout 610.838.6470



**Women's Breakfast at the
Hellertown Diner**
Second Tuesday of each month– 8 AM
July 14, 2026

*Come as you are!
Come whenever you are able!
First one there, grabs a table!
Please feel free to join us!*



Tuesday Morning Men's Group
Every Tuesday at 8:00 AM
At the Hellertown Diner
After breakfast they come to the church to do
various jobs or projects
All men are welcome to join this group

Save The Date

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Bus Trip to Sight & Sound to see "Joshua"

9:30 AM—Depart from First UCC

12:00 N—Lunch at Hershey Farms

3:00 PM—Joshua Show

7:00 PM ish—arrive @ First UCC



Upcoming Schedule of Services

You will be notified by Facebook or One Call of any changes to the schedule listed below. If you are not receiving messages by One Call, please contact the Church Office with your contact information. If you have recently changed your email address, or phone number, please update your information in the church office. Thank you.

July 2026	10:30 AM	5	Outdoor Worship/Picnic @ Lower Saucon UCC
	10:30 AM	12	Worship
	10:30 AM	19	Anniversary Sunday Worship/Communion
	10:30 AM	26	Worship
Aug 2026	10:30 AM	2	Worship
	10:30 AM	9	Worship
	10:30 AM	16	Worship
	10:30 AM	23	Worship
	10:30 AM	30	Worship/Sunday School Begins
Sept 2026	10:30 AM	6	Worship/Communion/Sunday School
	10:30 AM	13	Worship/Sunday School
	10:30 AM	20	Worship/Sunday School
	10:30 AM	27	Worship/Sunday School

PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION NEEDED
Discussions of church business should be reserved for after services on Sundays or during office business hours. Please allow our members and staff to prepare their hearts for worship.
THANK YOU

Church Office Hours: — The Office will be open 9:00 am to 1:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. Please make your calls to 610-838-8811 and conduct your business during those hours. Other calls will be recorded on voicemail. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and cooperation.

Join us Online!

To view website, go to: firstucchellertown.org
To watch on Facebook, go to <https://www.facebook.com/hellertownucc> and you will see the live stream as the top post.
To watch on YouTube, go to <https://www.youtube.com/@firstucchellertown/streams>.
To view a playlist of our choir anthems, go to <https://tinyurl.com/FirstUCCMusicMonday>.

Staff

Rev. Becky Thomas, Pastor	610-297-2295
Marji Hughes, Minister of Faith Formation	
Pat O 'Connell, Minister of Music	
Phyllis Scherer, Administrative Asst.	
Tammie Vosburg, Church Treasurer	
Budd Frankenfield, Sexton	

Consistory Members

	Email address	Phone Number
Elders		
Jane Hoff		
Joan Kiak		
Amy Mixa		
Tricia Shelly		
Deacons		
Karen Frankenfield		
Ashlynn Mixa		
Sandy Panick		
Trustees		
Keith Lentz--Pres.		
Doug Major-Vice Pres.		
Wayne Packer		
Chip Wagner		

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July Birthdays

7/3 Michael Teitsworth	7/21 Brian Weiss
7/3 Amy Thatcher	7/22 Natalie Miller
7/4 Jacob Scherer	7/22 Will O'Connell
7/8 Cindy Sabo	7/22 Brenda Shaffer
7/8 Chloe Schultz	7/23 Andreas Borelli
7/8 Sarah Yohn	7/24 Phyllis Scherer
7/9 Bob Kervin	7/26 Dean Shaffer
7/12 Betty Parsons	7/28 Wyatt Rantz
7/13 Thomas Ball	7/29 Thomas Moran
7/14 Kelsie Ball	7/30 Diane Miller
7/14 Natalie Ball	7/31 Aleaya Myers
7/17 Carson Petruno	
7/18 James Thatcher	
7/20 Jack O'Connell	
7/21 Molly Frankenfield	
7/21 Madyson Schrammel	
7/21 Beth Shelly	



July Anniversaries

7/3 Nathan & Jen Yonney
7/15 Chris & Tanya Scherer
7/18 Bradley & Madison Miller
7/19 Joel & Mary Stoneback
7/21 Stephanie & Stephen Oblas
7/25 Michael & Melissa Mullen
7/30 Rocco & Annie Policare



The following member is celebrating a 90+ birthday this month. Perhaps you would like to send a birthday card or thinking of you card to brighten her day.

July 12 Betty Parsons
3328 Jacksonville Road
Bethlehem PA
18017



Stewardship of God's People at First Church

	Contributions	Attendance	Special	
May 3	\$3,128.93	85	Yard Sale	\$1,179.00
May 10	\$1,190.62	77-Mother's Day	Frig Repair	\$647.50
May 17	\$1,917.31	86 Youth Sunday	Fundraiser	\$95.00
May 24	\$2,121.92	57-Pentecost		
May 31	\$1,785.50	75-Baptism		
Total	\$10,144.28			
Budget	(\$20,000.00)			
Over/Short	(\$9,855.72)			

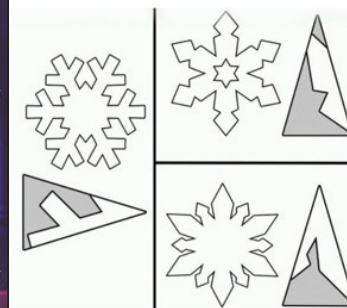
Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

needs you!



We need a few **sleds**, set of **old skis**, **ice skates**, **outdoor snowpeople** (that don't look Christmassy) to turn our church in to winter playland for VBS July 20-24. If you are willing to lend any of these items, put your name on the underside and bring them in! Your items will be decorative. They will not be used. You may take them back home on Sunday, July 26.



We also need **snowflakes!** Anyone willing to cut out snowflakes, please see Marji or come to the office for white paper. The more the better! All sizes accepted.

There is also a sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex for snack needs.

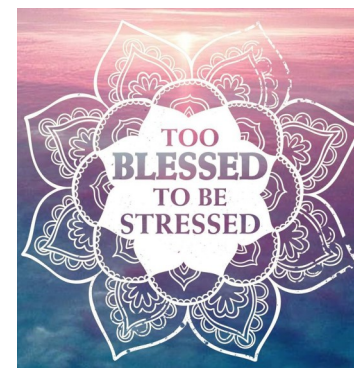


We will be decorating the sanctuary, hallways, and classrooms on Sunday, July 21 after worship. All help welcomed.

Don't hesitate to contact Marji with questions or ideas.

Marji Hughes

PS - please register online at <https://1sthellertown2026.mycokesburyvbs.com>



Author, Alli Hoff Kosik

will be at Lower Saucon UCC to discuss her book

"Too Blessed to Stress"

Thursday, July 30th—7:00 PM

All are welcome to join in this discussion.

First United Church Hellertown
Consistory Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Keith Lentz at 6:32 PM

Opening Prayer: Pastor Becky

Absent : Marji Hughes

Minutes: May 11, 2026 **Motion: Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Amy Mixa and seconded by Ashlynn Mixa. All in favor motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Tammie Vosburg

Highlights: Our YTD Net Cash Flow is negative (\$20,931.00). Fundraising for the month net \$1,274.00. May finances required \$7,000.00 to be taken from savings. Should we need more funds in the future to meet expenses will we need to use Memorial funds. On a positive note our investment funds are up. Also we had a large deposit in June for \$12,000.00 due to several members' gifts.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Becky Pastor Becky's report was accepted as presented. Pastor Becky also asked that we think about the opportunity to be a delegate for our conference. They allow 3 delegates and we only have Marji at this time.

Pastor Becky also spoke about her recent weekend conference meeting. She assured us that all churches are experiencing low income. The uncertain times, economy, inflated food and gas prices all contribute. Also it's not just UCC churches being affected. She cautioned us not to get too excited about the current situation and we hope with God's help to see better times.

Faith Formation Report - Marji Hughes accepted as presented.

Highlights: Sundaes on Sunday was a success. Thanks to all who helped. The youth did a great job on the service. Confirmation students asked to meet over the summer. Marji and Pastor Becky are working on plans and dates. Plans are also in the works for August 30th to welcome back children to Sunday School.

The committee for the combined July 5th worship with Lower Saucon UCC will meet June 9th for further planning.

Bibles and Brunch will be off for the summer and will resume August 3rd at 10:30 am.

Elders' Report - Amy Mixa - Our current mission is Valley Youth House. There has been a change for our August Mission. We will be supporting the Special Olympics and Bethany Children's Home.

Deacons' Report - Sandy Panick - Next communion will be July 19th for Anniversary Sunday.

Trustees' Report - Chip Wagner is diligently working on the window estimates. We are leaning toward aluminum clad trim as it will be considerably cheaper. Chip is inspecting each window for wood rot to determine how many need the wood frame replaced as well. Chip has taken a bench home from the Dan Deshyer garden to replace the broken slats. It has also been brought to our attention that the front door has daylight streaming in through the bottom. This will be checked to see if it is a simple fix like adding weather stripping.

Wayne Packer will be trimming hedges and Doug Major will see about removing the stumps from the Barberry shrubs in the serenity garden.

Consistory Minutes (cont.)

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Executive Meeting: Consistory Agenda set by Keith Lentz

Music and Worship: Meeting was held June 1st. Pastor Becky will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of her ordination on June 24th. We will recognize this with a celebration on June 28th after worship. Consistory will provide refreshments and Jane Hoff offered to make a cake. Pastor Becky will extend an invitation to the Lower Saucon congregation.

Safety and Security - None

Fundraising - No fundraiser for June. July 23 will be Rita's with 10% proceeds for our church. August will be Community Day. Tricia and Willie Shelly are providing a pig roast for our community day booth. Arnolds Gift Cards will also be an August fundraiser.

Stewardship: A Fall Festival is in the planning for October 17th. It will be held as a Vendor/craft fair. We will be looking for vendors to rent a table space. Considering a charge of \$30-\$60 per table and asking vendors to donate an item for basket raffle/tricky tray. We will also have table displays of our church committees to inform our community about our church. We would like to have activities for children as well like face painting, pumpkin painting and crafts. Any ideas are welcome. Pledge cards are also being worked on by the Stewardship Committee.

Altar: Nothing to report

Tech: New sound system is installed and it has enhanced the sound system in our church. A new balcony camera is coming soon. The \$2,200.00 was approved by Wimmer to be split between spiritual and seniors.

Old Business: Sandy Panick spoke with Denise Keen regarding Rachel Keen holding the Tai Chi classes. It has been approved now Rachel will need to decide on classes and dates.

Wayne Packer began the process of filing the 501 3C paperwork to establish an EIN number for our church. This will allow us more opportunities for donations.

There had been discussion if we needed to establish a finance committee as we had during the pandemic. We decided that at this time it was not necessary.

New Business: Consistory members need to start thinking about a new President and Vice President for 2027. Both Keith and Doug will finish their terms this year.

There was discussion about the use of the Wimmer funds. We need to use all available funds each year or it goes back to the account. We will also have Diane French inquire about increasing our 4% of principal allowance. Since the principal has grown over the years we would like to use more of a percentage if needed.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Jane Hoff at 7:31 pm and seconded by Ashlynn Mixa. Followed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: July 13, 2026 in the Wimmer Room at 6:30 pm Keith will be on vacation. Doug Major will hold the Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Panick