



Children & Youth Sunday



### Mission Project for June-Strengthen the Church



The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults



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I always thought summer was supposed to be a time of rest. That it was supposed to be a time to take a break from all of the busyness of our daily lives and just relax. It is, after all, when families typically take vacations and school is out for the summer. Then I realized that vacations can be just as exhausting as the regular work week. There is all of the planning that goes in to taking a vacation. Then you have to pack and hopefully not forget anything. Often, there are a million things you want to do and see when you are on vacation. You get back to work the next week and you are bombarded by all of the work that built up while you were gone.

As I look at my schedule for the summer and plan out my summer vacations, I am trying to carve out space for time to truly relax. I hope that, despite the busyness even of vacation, you can take some time to just sit with God this summer. Find a quiet place away from everything and everyone and just rest in that space. Try to find some time to enjoy the beauty of creation. May your summer truly be a time of rest.

In light and love,

*Pastor Becky*

### Teacher Recognition

Three teachers retired after the end of last year: Barb Thatcher, Stacy Ross, and Keith Lentz. Thank you for your many years of service.

Also recognized are our current teachers: Beth Shelly, Charles Knecht, Melissa Spear and Brenda Miller. Thank you for your dedication to the faith formation of our children.



### End of the Year Sunday School Picnic—Sundaes on Sunday



The Trustees of the Remembrance Fund  
have received and gratefully acknowledged  
a gift given in loving memory of Gary Weaver:

Bill Roth

A gift given in loving memory of Greg Lorah

Susan & AL Lishman



THANK YOU!



Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the Annual Yard Sale. Thanks also to the bakers who supplied goodies for the bake sale. We also would like to thank everyone who donated items to be sold at the sale.



Rachel Panick's Treasure was a model of the larynx. She encouraged the children to remember these words when using your voice to say things that are:

- True
- Helpful
- Inspiring
- Necessary
- Kind





# ROAD TRIP VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 4-8, 2025

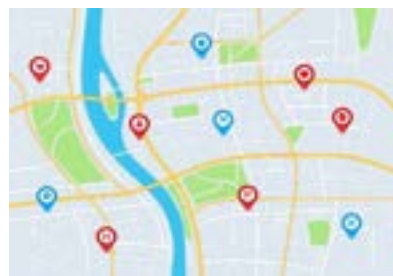
9am – Noon



Register at: <https://1sthellertown2025.mycokesburyvbs.com>

Questions? Call or email:  
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**Road Trip** takes place out on the open road in an imagination-powered vehicle big enough to take all VBS “Travelers”, on amazing adventures to exciting destinations. Travelers will join the Navigator and Scout - the energetic and curious dog - and learn that God is with them in whatever situation they face. Each day, Scout and the Navigator lead the Travelers to fictitiously familiar locations, where they face new challenges and encounter new people and animals. With the help of great stories from the “Navigators’ Guide”, Travelers will explore timeless Bible stories that show how people from the Old and New Testaments journeyed with God through many locations and situations and found strength in God’s presence wherever they went.



Joshua 1:9 reminds us that God’s presence is always near, no matter where the journey of life takes us.

**Road Trip** takes us on an exciting journey as we discover new places, new friends, and ways that we can discover God’s goodness and presence everywhere.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Throughout the summer, 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 14 is present. Adults may still listen to the service while in the nursery.

**Worship bags** are available in the coat room area for children during worship.

Please remember to return the bags to the shelf following the service.

**Sunday School returns on September 14!**

Watch for more information over the summer.

**Blessing of the Backpacks** – during worship August 24. Watch for details!

Contact Marji Hughes - [mphughes22@gmail.com](mailto:mphughes22@gmail.com) 610-984-5053 - if you have any questions at all about Faith Formation at 1<sup>st</sup> UCC.



## Confirmation Sunday

June 1

10:30am worship

*Fellowship Hour to follow in the Wimmer Room. Join us in welcoming Piper, Megan and Beth as they are confirmed in faith.*

We are pleased to announce that local music icon Dave Fry will be presenting the special music during worship on July 13th. He is best known for his co-ownership and frequent performances at Godfrey Daniels in Bethlehem and yearly performances at Musikfest as well as other folk festivals in the northeast. Please plan to attend that morning and bring a friend or two!

Check him out at his website:

<https://www.davefrymusic.com>.







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



## Bibles & Brunch

Is taking a summer break  
and will be back in September



## Sunday morning Bible Study --

9am in the Youth room upstairs  
Sundays 9:15am

We are studying "Abide  
A Study of 1, 2, and 3 John"  
by Jen Wilkin

Please contact Tricia Shelly for more information, or just join us!



## Mark Your Calendar

Lower Saucon UCC and First UCC  
are joining for a Women's  
Mini One Day Retreat 9am—3 pm  
at Lower Saucon UCC  
September 27, 2025

*More details to follow*

## 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.

Week of June 1-7—Ann Brown  
Week of June 8—14—Sandy Panick  
Week of June 15-21 —Amy Mixa  
Week of June 22-28- Diane French  
Week of June 29-July 4—Tammie Vosburg  
Week of July 5-11 —Georgie Stuempfle  
Week of July 12-18—Letty Petrino  
Week of July 19-25— Carlann Broglie  
Week of July 25-31—Doug Miller  
Week of Aug 1-7 —Marji Hughes  
Week of Aug 8-14— Andy Spear  
Week of Aug 15-21—Phyllis Scherer



**Women's Breakfast at the  
Hellertown Diner**  
Second Tuesday of each month  
**June 10, 2025**

*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

## June Sponsors/Volunteers

June 1
Counting Team..... Team 4
Ushers.....Team 5
Altar Flowers.....Sponsored
Bulletins .....Jim & Linda Exley
Lay Reader .....Ashlynn Mixa

June 8
Counting Team..... Team 1
Ushers.....Team 1
Altar Flowers.....Janice Csrnko
Bulletins.....Doug & Brenda Miller
Lay Reader.....Dave Stuempfle

June 15
Counting Team..... Team 2
Ushers ..... Team 2
Altar Flowers .....Bill Roth
Organ Flowers.....Jackie Teitsworth
Bulletins.....Jane Parenti
Lay Reader.....Sara Beers

June 22
Counting Team..... Team 3
Ushers .....Team 3
Altar Flowers.....Tammie Vosburg
Bulletins .....Janice Csrnko
Lay Reader .....Sandy Bender

June 29
Counting Team..... Team 4
Ushers .....Team 4
Altar Flowers.....Larry Muldowney
Bulletins .....Denise Keen
Lay Reader .....Marie Laub

The June Newsletter  
has been sponsored by:  
***Doug & Brenda Miller***

Offerings may be made anytime electronically at [www.firstucchellertown.org/give](http://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.

## 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.

June 2025	10:30 AM	1	Worship/Confirmation/No Sunday School
	10:30 AM	8	Worship/No Sunday School
	10:30 AM	15	Worship/No Sunday School
	10:30 AM	22	Worship/No Sunday School
	10:30 AM	29	Worship/No Sunday School
July 2025	10:30 AM	6	Worship/ No Sunday School
	10:30 AM	13	Worship/Dave Fry/No Sunday School
	10:30 AM	20	Anniversary Sunday Worship/Communion/ No Sunday School
	10:30 AM	27	Worship/No Sunday School
August 2025	10:30 AM	3	Worship/No Sunday School
	10:30 AM	10	Worship/No Sunday School
	10:30 AM	17	Worship/No Sunday School
	10:30 AM	24	Worship/No Sunday School
	10:30 AM	31	Worship/No 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.





# Congratulations 2025 Graduates



## High School Graduates:

**Christopher Hill** is graduating from Saucon Valley High School. He will be attending Moravian University in the fall.

**Zoe Jezick** is graduating from Panther Creek High School in Wake County NC.

**Ava Riehl** is graduating from Saucon Valley High School and will be reporting to Arkansas State University in June to begin her training with the Arkansas State Women's Soccer Team. She plans to major in Nursing.

## College Graduates:

**Kristen Milliren** graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a BS in Mechanical Engineering.

**Matt Milliren** graduated from Southern New Hampshire University with a MS in Cybersecurity.

**Owen Ross** graduated this Spring from Northampton Community College with a degree in Information Security. He plans on continuing his education at Bloomsburg University in the fall to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity.

## BACKYARD SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find 3 kinds of leaves..
- Find something yellow.
- Name a bug that is red.
- Find 2 sticks.
- Find something that smells good.
- Name something you see in the sky.
- Find something that is round.
- Find something that grows that is green.
- Find a bird.
- Find 3 different colored rocks.
- Find something purple.
- Find a bug.



Kids, looking for something to do this summer? Try this Backyard Scavenger Hunt. Send us pictures of things you find.

## Staff

Rev. Becky Thomas, Pastor	610-297-2295
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Pat O 'Connell, Minister of Music	484-357-9764
Phyllis Scherer, Administrative Asst.	
Tammie Vosburg, Church Treasurer	
Budd Frankenfield, Sexton	

## Consistory Members

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Sandy Panick	hygienist2000@msn.com	

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Wayne Packer	wayne.t.packer@gmail.com	
Chip Wagner	rdmax723@hotmail.com	



June Birthdays			
6/3	Minga Ferencin	6/22	Logan Weaver
6/3	Chris Reilly	6/22	Charles Weaver
6/4	Nancy Heintzelman	6/23	Melissa Mullen
6/6	John Harvey	6/24	Melissa Mills
6/6	Cindy Searfoss	6/24	Helen Ross
6/7	Michael Mullen	6/25	Elena Yonney
6/8	William Mills	6/27	John Chapman
6/10	Matthew DeLade	6/28	Gretchen Diehl
6/10	Jody Miller	6/28	Diane Matey
6/12	Richard Shook	6/29	Justin DeRenzis
6/13	Ory Ball	6/30	Phyllis Heil-Henry
6/16	Carlann Broglie	6/30	Morgan Mixa
6/16	Greta Geisinger		
6/16	Emma Rose Petruno		
6/17	Robert Scherer		
6/19	Owen Ross		



June Anniversaries	
6/10	Terry & Rebecca Snyder
6/11	David & Susan Moran
6/11	Dave & Georgie Stuempfle
6/17	Glenn & Ann Brown
6/18	Nick & Joan Kiak
6/19	Albert & Jane Parenti
6/21	Curtis & Tammie Vosburg
6/22	Joseph & Heather Searfoss
6/23	John & Becky Harvey



Stewardship of God's People at First Church				
Date	Contributions	Attendance		
April 6	\$3,357.00	85		
April 13	\$2,722.39	89		
April 20 (Easter)	\$6,093.18	105		
April 27	\$962.53	55		
Total	\$13,135.10			
Budget	(\$16,000.00)			
Over/Short	(\$2,864.90)			

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



**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 [REDACTED]  
 Elsie Stout [REDACTED] Jane Joyce [REDACTED]



## June 29 Youth Group—grades 4 through high school

At Lucky Strokes Golf and Isabella's Pizza, Airport Rd., Bath  
**Cost: \$9.00 for golf. Pizza is free!**  
**Meet at church following worship (11:30am)**  
 If you're not riding with your parent you will need a permission slip  
 No church affiliation is required. Bring your friends! Questions:  
**Pastor Becky** - [pastorbecky1121@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbecky1121@gmail.com) 610-297-2295  
**Ashlynn Mixa** - [REDACTED]  
**Marji Hughes** - [mphughes22@gmail.com](mailto:mphughes22@gmail.com) 610-984-5053  
**Please let one of the leaders know you will be coming!**

### Join us Online!

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>.

## First United Church Hellertown Consistory Minutes

**Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Wimmer Room**

Call to Order: Keith Lentz, President 6:30pm

**Present:** Sandy Bender, Diane French, Jane Joyce, Keith Lentz, Joan Kiak, Doug Major, Amy Mixa, Ashlynn Mixa, Wayne Packer, Sandy Panick, Tammie Vosburg, Karen Frankenfield

**Absent:** Marji Hughes, Rebekah Thomas, Chip Wagner

Minutes: Date: 4/12/2025 - Motion: Approval of Minutes: 6:30 PM. Motion made by Sandy Panick. Second Amy Mixa

### **Treasurer's Report: Tammie Vosburg**

Highlights:

- ☐ Operating Shortfall of \$7749.00 - Our contributions continue to be below budget and the previous year's giving
- ☐ Under Budget on giving for last 3 out of 4 months
- ☐ "Adopt a Fire Extinguisher" program to raise funds for 14 Total units within the confines of the Church Building. This program was well received by Consistory members and planning is underway in accordance with Stewardship/ Fundraising.
- ☐ Discussed Qualified Charitable Distribution for church giving from 401K/IRA
- Insurance Cost: Guide One our current carrier has come back with some credits and is still evaluating other possible credits.

**Pastor's Report:** Consideration of church members for Pastor Becky / Pastoral Relations Committee.

Highlights: Total Hours: 86—Breakdown of hours for major responsibilities: *Dedicated to Worship Hours: 35*  
*Dedicated to Pastoral Care Hours: 9, Continuing Education Hours: 5, Office Hours: 23, Meetings: 6*

**Faith Formation Report:** Bibles and Brunch will meet through June, starting up again in the fall

- ☐ Confirmation class finishing our 2 years together, heading toward Confirmation Sunday, June 1.
- ☐ Road Trip VBS August 4-8, registration website is up and running.

### **Elders' Report: Amy Mixa**

- ☐ June Mission is to strengthen the Church

### **Deacons' Report: Sandy Panick**

- ☐ Communion is June 1 instead of June 8.
- ☐ Appropriate Usher Team notification

### **Trustees' Report: Doug Major, Chip Wagner, Wayne Packer, Keth Lentz**

- ☐ The Trustees will walk around the church to evaluate the cosmetic issues that need to be done.
- ☐ Tentative Trustees local dinner meeting to strategize Church upkeep/maintenance concerns/ideas.

### **Correspondence:**

- ☐ June 1 event for Rebecca Pieper. Her group is called The Music Makers. She will need the Wimmer Room for four hours so that light refreshments can be served after the concert.

### **Committee Reports:**

- ☐ None
- ☐ Discussion for Committee Heads – (see Old Business below)

### **Executive Meeting:**

- ☐ The Executive Committee met on May 5, 2025, to plan a Consistory Meeting on May 12, 2025.

### **Music and Worship: (reminder notes from previous April 12 Consistory Meeting)**

- ☐ The new Member Sunday date is pending for June.
- ☐ Confirmation and Communion is June 1 st.

### **Safety and Security: Sandy Bender**

- ☐ Discussion regarding additional safety signs around kitchen.
- ☐ Updates to the accident / incident report procedures have been submitted by Wayne Packer.

### **Stewardship/ Fundraising: Ashlynn Mixa**

- ☐ Puzzle Party planning continues - Teams need to register to compete - ☐ Pizza, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase
- ☐ Week of 6/14/2025 – Ritass and Jersey Mikes Subs in Hellertown will be donate 10% of sales between 3-7pm to First UCC of Hellertown.

## Consistory Minutes (cont.)

### **Altar Committee:**

- ☐ The Advent Wreath banners have been selected and ordered.

### **Tech Committee:**

- ☐ James Rosenberger is transferring data to Phyllis' computer
- ☐ Sound system is scheduled to be completed well prior to VBS so Marji Hughes will have time to familiarize herself with the new system to ensure it is in proper working order.

### **Old Business:**

- ☐ Chip Wagner has secured a \$100 donation from Eastern Medical Safety EMS, which shall include Adult, child and baby CPR and Defibrillator training.
- ☐ Need to secure a date and roughly 25 people (Possibly in September)
- ☐ Continued discussion for the need to have a Consistory representative in communication with respective committees. The need is present to identify additional helpers to ensure that the same few church members who routinely step up during special events are not always tasked with setting up/breaking down for various events.

### **New Business:**

- ☐ Volunteer time/talents bulletins have been collected from several church members and are currently being evaluated by Keith Lentz. This collection may continue for a few more weeks to collect from additional Church members.
- ☐ June 1st Communion Sheet Cake will be ordered and paid for by Jane Joyce. (Many Thanks from the Consistory Members.)
- ☐ Rev. Richard Teitsworth is going to be celebrating 50th Year of Ordinance from Penn Northeast Conference. Consistory identifying a way to celebrate within our Church family.

**Adjournment: 7:50pm** Motion made by Amy Mixa Second by Ashlyn Mixa

Next Meeting: Date: June 9, 2025, in the Wimmer Room at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Major, VP Consistory

## Puzzle Party at 1<sup>st</sup> UCC Hellertown

**All are welcome!**

**Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**Doors open at 11:30, competition starts at 12**

Join us for an afternoon of puzzling fun! Compete to finish a 500 piece puzzle in groups of 2-3 or 4-5. Adults and kids welcome! We'll have optional mini jigsaw, crossword and word search competitions for small prizes during quick breaks! The fastest groups of each size to finish their 500 piece puzzle will win a special prize. (gift card or gift basket). Door prizes, too!



Pizza slices, snacks, drinks and baked goods for sale during the afternoon.

**Registration and payment must be received by June 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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