



June 2010 newsletter of First United Church of Christ, Easton
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June 2010

Weekly Worship Schedule

Join us Sunday
mornings for...

Sunday
morning worship
at 10:30 a.m.

til...

Sun.,
June 27th
when our
9:30 a.m.

Summer
Worship in the
Parlor begins

Our
Sunday School is
in Summer Recess!

But you know God
never takes recess from
caring for us!

Everyone is invited to
all our worship
services!
(And bring a friend!)

Visit our
Historic
Sanctuary on
Heritage Day,
Sun., July 1st
for a tour!

Trust

Do you trust anyone? I mean totally. What does that mean anyway? This trust thing came to my mind recently as I held a friend's toddler in my arms in the balcony of a church. She fully put herself in my arms, totally trusting that she was safe. As she leaned out over the balcony edge, she (& her mom) had total faith that I would keep a tight grip on her, even as she stretched to see what was below. That is trust. It seems easy for a young child to have trust like that when they are held. Somehow it seems that the further away we get from being held like that, the harder we find it to truly trust. I have to say that I don't think I'd trust anyone to hold me over the edge of a balcony now (even if they could!).

Trusting someone is not only feeling secure with them, in your relationship, but knowing that person would never do anything to hurt or harm you & they would stand behind you, beside you & even in front of you to help or protect. With trust like that comes the freedom to be honest, even when it hurts - to say or to hear - but knowing that the truth is wrapped in love makes it bearable.

Truly having even one human being in your life that you can totally trust (or be that person for someone else) is a rare, sacred & awesome thing.

Trust is always ready & waiting for us though in The One who will never leave us or forsake us, even when we are untrustworthy. If you do not know Jesus as your Savior, read The Word of the one who says nothing in all creation can separate us from His love. Trust Him

Blessings, Marg.

Upcoming June Events...

Fri., June 5th - FIRST LADIES SWAP MEET & BRUNCH
10:30 a.m. at the Amore's

Sun., June 6th ~ MORNING WORSHIP in the Sanctuary at
10:30 a.m.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY - Everyone is encouraged to bring
some nonperishable food or other household need to
help restock the local Food Pantry.

Sun., June 13th ~ MORNING WORSHIP in the Sanctuary at
10:30 a.m.

Mon., June 14th - CONSISTORY meets at 7:30 p.m.

Tues., June 15th - STEEPLE NEWS Deadline (July/Aug. issue)

Sun., June 20th - FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST at 9:00 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP & BETHANY CHILDREN'S
HOME SUNDAY in the Sanctuary at
10:30 a.m. (last til Sept.)




Mon., June 21st ~ FIRST DAY OF SUMMER!

Sun., June 27th ~ SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS!
MORNING WORSHIP at 9:30 a.m.
in the Air-Conditioned Parlor

Sun, July 4th - INDEPENDENCE DAY! SUMMER
WORSHIP in the Air-Conditioned Parlor
9:30 a.m.



 Sun., July 11th - HERITAGE DAY! COMMUNITY
WORSHIP will be held at St. John's Lutheran
Church on Ferry St. There will be a brunch followed
by the Community Worship service (times will be announced).
Help is needed for our Heritage Day event (tours, refresh-
ments, etc.), please see Denise Cardinali.

Musical Notes



Everyone is invited to join any of our choirs, no experience is necessary. Our Senior Choir has begun their summer schedule & will practice on Sun. mornings before church. Please see Sheila Cooke for more info.

2010 Choir Appreciation Sunday May 30th

Senior Choir

Sopranos

Linda Wright
Denise Cardinali
Mae Rapp
Kathleen Dowd
Wendy Wandersee
Shirley Galante

Altos

Belva Fuhr
Marjorie Harron
Nancy Amore

Bass

Carl Lunger
Christian Kmetz

Tenor

James Harron
James A. Wright III

Praise Choir

Belva Fuhr
Linda Wright
Carl Lunger
Nancy Amore
James Harron
Denise Cardinali
Marjorie Harron
Mae Rapp
Wendy Wandersee
Kathleen Dowd
Christian Kmetz
Shirley Galante
Lauren Skillinge
Jenna Skillinge
Cheyenna Wright
James A. Wright III

Guitars

Rich Heller
David Kmetz

Adult Hand Bell Choir

Marjorie Harron
Sue Beling
Wendy Wandersee
Bill Arnold
Kim Kmetz
Carl Wandersee
Barbara Dailey
Warren Corr
Leslie Kmetz
Christian Kmetz
Linda Rush
Kerri Tolan
Bob Arnold



Youth Hand Bell Choir

Bradley Corr Kelsie Hilsenbeck
Jenna & Lauren Skillinge Keeghan Tolan Cheyenna Wright

Thank you all for sharing your musical gifts to bring glory to the Lord!

A BIG THANK YOU also to

Sheila Cooke, our Music Director, for her dedication in bringing these musicians together to bless our congregation with beautiful music!

Every Sunday Coffee Hour Takes a Summer Break!

It seems we just got started with our "Every Sunday Coffee Hour" & now that the summer worship months are upon us, we will be taking a break from that. So, please use the summer months to think about a Sunday that you, your family, your group, or you & your friends could provide after church refreshments during fellowship time. It could be a Sunday that has special meaning to you or in honor of someone or just to "share the love" with your church family!



Accessory Swap Meet & Spring Brunch 10 a.m., Sat., June 5th

Don't forget the First Ladies accessories Swap Meet and brunch on Saturday, June 5 at the Amore home. This new event

should be lots of fun for all. The idea is to bring along a few clothing items that are new or in great shape, jewelry or other fashion accessories that we can auction off to the highest bidder. Selling items for change only is encouraged, but any money we raise will go toward the mission fund.



Just search out any new or gently used jewelry items, scarves, hats, blouses, gloves...you get the idea. Any "good clothing or accessory item" that you just never got around to wearing, but its too good to throw away. We all have them ladies, so lets see what ya got. Come with an appetite, and a friend if you'd like. It promises to be a fun morning! See you around 10am, and plan to try something new....literally! All ladies and children are welcome.

Father's Day Breakfast Sun., June 20th, 9:00 a.m.

Doreen Arnold and her band of merry helpers, will be hosting the Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 20 at 9 am. There are no tickets needed, but PLEASE, sign up in Memorial Hall, or let Doreen know if you plan to attend so she can get an adequate count. We wouldn't want to run out of any goodies, you know! All of our families & our guys are welcome & bring your dads!



Bethany Home on Father's Day

BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME - On Father's Day Sunday, June 20th, we will host a guest speaker & collect a free will offering for Bethany Children's Home.

Bethany Children's Home provides a loving & Christian home environment to children who have no family support. Please give generously. Envelopes are enclosed in this newsletter for your special Bethany offerings.



Prayers of Sympathy Go Out To...

Gordon & Carolee Lowe & their family who experiences the loss of both Gordon's father, Gordon Sr. & Carolee's mother, Bessie Earnhart within a two day period.

Bessie was a long time & devoted member of First Church, died on Saturday, May 1st at the age of 104 at Alexandria Manor. In her long & beautiful life she was, among other things, a teacher, a mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, a gardener, a 54-year member of the Delaware Chapter #50 Order of the Easter Star, a 20-year volunteer at the Phillipsburg Free Public Library & a long time & devoted member of First Church.



Please continue to keep Gordon, Carolee & their family in your prayers.



BINGO Thanks!

The First UCC Men's Club would like to thank all of the Bingo participants and especially those who donated baskets. They were all outstanding!! We had a great crowd (around 88 people) & lots of fun! So thank you all for helping make this event successful!



AND, Don't Forget About
Our...

Phillies Bus Trip · July 24th

We have **only about 18 tickets left** for the Phillies vs. Colorado Rockies game on JULY 24th. So please, if you are interested in securing a spot or spots, please reserve it with payment.

- The cost for the bus, game ticket, "tailgate food", and beverages is \$65 per person.
- We will be leaving the Sam's Club parking lot (Northampton Crossings) at 11 a.m., game time is 4:10 p.m.
- Please make checks payable to "First UCC Men's Club"
- Please see Bob Arnold for more info or tickets

ProJeCt Wish List

The First Sunday of every month is Food Bank Sunday here at First UCC. Everyone is invited to bring along a non-perishable food item or other household need (toilet paper, laundry detergent, etc.) to help restock ProJeCt's food pantry. Items on their latest wish list include...

Tomato products (12-15 oz. preferred)	Pancake Syrup
Peanut Butter (12-15 oz. preferred)	Baby Wipes
Jelly (12-15 oz. preferred)	Diapers (various sizes)
Personal Care Items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)	

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. They also need office items & volunteers including tutors for adult literacy & English as a second language. Please call 610-258-4361.



Community Connection

We held our first "Community Connection" event on Wed., May 19th. With the help of Ross Marcus of Northampton County Human Services & our own Rev. Dowd, we were able to arrange to have representatives from over 20 of our local, county & state assistance agencies here to reach out to our friends & neighbors who may find themselves in previously unknown territory - needing help!

Our main focus was on reaching those individuals & families who have normally been self sufficient, often supporting these same agencies, who now find themselves out of work, foreclosed upon or facing other troubles.

Our Parlor was packed with social servants as we welcomed close to 50 people who were seeking info for themselves or others. Easton Hospital was here to offer free health screenings & everyone was offered lunch & a place to sit & eat & rest for a while.

The fact that a number of folks found assistance with housing & other issues made our event a big, life changing success for those people! We thank everyone at First UCC, especially those who came out to assist that day... Nancy Amore (for making barbecue), Doreen Arnold, Carl Cooke, Rev. Dowd, Marge & Jim Harron, Rev. Sue Ruggles (St. John's Lutheran Church), Don Rush, Wendy Wandersee, Rev. & Betty Wightman & Linda Wright. Thanks also for donations from Shop-Rite, Weis & Giant & special thanks to all the agency representatives that came to help others that day.

Pastoral Care & Prayer

If you or someone you know is in need of Pastoral Care, please call Rev. William Wightman at 610-252-8316.



Please pray for all of our young people as they attend proms, graduations & parties that they will make wise choices & decisions about their behavior & their driving & for the Lord to keep watch over them all.



"Summer Worship" In The Parlor Begins ~ 9:30 a.m., June 27th!

We will be moving our worship time to 9:30 a.m. & take to the air-conditioned Parlor on June 27, unless there is a super warm Sunday before then, in which case, we will worship around the tables set up for the Soup Kitchen each Saturday. Bring along a sweater if you mind the cold, and plan on worshipping with us each summer Sunday at 9:30 a.m.



Shop-Rite Rocks!

Unless you are involved in the activities that go on in our kitchen at First UCC, you may not know that ShopRite in Lopatcong Twsp, NJ, has been extremely generous to us as a church both in the past, and presently. Bob Arnold began several years ago, contacting them for a donation for our breakfasts, and they have donated between \$200 to \$400 to our food oriented fundraiser mission activities, and the only thing they request, is that the proceeds be designated to a local charity, which we always do.

They were also very, very generous in their support of our "Community Connection" event. Please, if you are over that way, say a thank you to the manager on behalf of the church, and give them some of your business when you can. They really open their hearts and wallets to us every year, and we are so thankful for their support.

Spring Rummage Wrap-Up

Another Rummage Sale has come and gone. It's sad, really, and rather like a High School drama production: you work your tail off for weeks and then it's over after only two shows! There is a sense of loss that it is over, yet you are exuberant that it went so well. And, boy, did our Sale go well!!

Once again a tiny group of workers produced an incredible amount of work. Agnes Carhart and Doris Fowler set up the new/nearly new table and then ran it for the two days of the sale...a very hard job for two wonderful ladies. Be aware: they will be needing your help in setting up for the Fall Sale.

The Children's Room/Media Room was organized, as usual, solely by Mary Ann Barrett and Sheila Cooke. Two fantastic workers who put their all into a very big job. They could use help, too.

In the main room were constant workers Irene Stotz, Nancy Amore, Fern Turner and Carol Ann Stem, and a new friend, Joyce, who all worked day and night to put together an immense amount of Rummage. Our special evening helpers included Ken Amore, Kim, Leslie and Christian Kmetz, Carl W., and Gary and Mae Rapp...and then there were all the people who came to drop off rummage and stayed to help put it away, and those people who dropped in to help for an hour or two...you made this Sale possible. **Thank You**, all of you.

And then it was time for the actual Sale. Few people realize just how many people it takes to actually run the Sale. To be fully staffed we need 3 at Housewares, 1 at Domestic, 2 at Jewelry/personal items, 2 in the Kitchen, 2 at the Bake Table, 4 at check-out, 3 at the New/Nearly New tables, 1 in Children's, and 2 "floor-walkers." That adds up to 20 people. Going into Friday I knew for certain that we had 8 people, including me. I was freaking out. But God is good, and so are my wonderful church family who changed doctor appointments, who grabbed family members, and a couple who showed up "out of the blue," so that we had *16 helpers* when the doors actually opened. (Lights! Cameras! Action!)

During the two days of the Sale we got to meet lots of old friends and make some new ones. We always have a great time and it shows! I was privileged to hear from our customers that we have the best Sale in the Valley AND how friendly and cheerful our helpers are!! For all of you who helped out for those days, here is a great, big (Virtual) Round of Applause! (Can you hear it?)

The After Sale Clean-Up is always a chore, but many hands make light work, and we were blessed with quite a few extra hands who came in just to help pack up the things that didn't sell. We had so much this time that, even though we sold an incredible number of items, we still had a lot left! Every person was a special blessing! As in the fall, we donated all our left over rummage to Ravens Ministry for distribution in Southwestern West Virginia, in the Appalachian region. This very needy area has been specially blessed by Bonnie and Brian Bartholomew's ministry and we are proud to help them in this crucial ministry.

I can't thank all of you enough. Please know that I am grateful for each and every one of you who came forward to donate, help set up, help at the sale or help with the cleaning up. (Honestly, though, we do need more help, especially with the setting up. After four days of constant working, our dedicated few are EXHAUSTED.) Our next Sale is November 5th and 6th and the week leading up to it. Mark your calendars now and plan to help out. You will be glad you did!

God Bless you all--*Wendy Wandersee*

[Ed. Note - It's true! We start getting calls about our Rummage Sales months before & lots of folks tell us that because of our organization & quality items our sale is THE BEST in the area!]



Rummage Kitchen and Bake Table "Thank You"

I can't let anymore time go by without thanking my two lifesaver helpers in the kitchen on Friday and Saturday of the Rummage Sale. Shirley Galante, and her sister, Mae Rapp were wonderful helping me serve and cook, and I couldn't have gotten through both days without their help. Also, thanks to Kim Kmetz for her scrumptious barbecue, which sold out, and to Carol Stem for that awesome homemade macaroni salad, and for handling the bake goods table, which was brimming this year. Honestly, these four ladies NEVER say "no" to me when I need help, and I appreciate them so much. You are the BEST!



Gratefully Yours,
Nancy Amore

Did You Know?

Did you know that our own dear Naomi Schleicher rounded up a whole truck load of rummage from her friends at Phoebe Terrace? Gary and Mae Rapp picked it up a few Saturdays before the rummage, and Gary said his big truck was stacked to the top, and Naomi helped load it! She placed flyers on the bulletin boards, and collected it for us. She is truly one special woman! Thanks Naomi! You will ALWAYS be a member of our First UCC family, no matter where you live.



Special Thanks!



Special thanks should go out to Bob Arnold & Kevin Arnold for all the work they have done getting the new office computer up and running over the past couple of months.

Files are being transferred & work is now being produced on the new system.

The Parish House has even been wired by Bob & Mark Cooke, & the wireless "network" is in the process of being set up for our Sun. School Staff. So, if you'd like to bring along your laptop for any events or lessons, that will soon be an option! Thanks fellows for sharing your time & knowledge.



Heritage Day Is Fast Approaching ~ July 11th



Heritage Day this year is July 11, and Easton will be a beehive of activity. At First Church, we will again be hosting tours of our sanctuary, which was a huge hit last year, with visitors from all over taking part. In the Parlor, we will be serving hot dogs, cold sodas and ice cream, which can all be enjoyed while children get their faces painted by Denise Cardinalli and Brenda Lisinichia. As always, we need helpers to show off the church, serve the food, and paint the faces, so see Bob or Doreen Arnold, or Nancy Amore if you'd like to help that day. Lets show Easton our cheery, welcoming faces, and celebrate our church's heritage too.

June Bulletins

- 6th - Albert Kuebler in loving memory of his wife, Janice and in remembrance of their wedding day fifty-four years ago on June 2, 1956.
- 13th - Bev & Ed Lambert in loving memory of Bev's father, William B. Leamon & her brother, William C. Leamon.
- 20th - *Father's Day*
Bulletins are sponsored by Ray, Sue, Dann & Tyler Roseberry in loving memory of Ray's father, Raymond T. Roseberry, Jr., his grandfather, Raymond T. Roseberry, and Sue's father, Richard McNamee.
- 27th - Naomi Protyniak in loving memory of her husband, Theodore Protyniak.

If you would like to sponsor the bulletins for one of our services, please contact the church office at 610-258-3361.

Got Juice?

We need large "juice cans" for our altar flowers! Please contact Don Rush or bring them to church. We use them to take our altar flowers to shut-ins or others at home, etc.



June Flowers

- 6th - Gerald & Evelyn Ritter in loving memory of Rae Lee Foose, in commemoration her June 13th birthday.
- 13th - Jacqueline Wogotz in memory of loved ones.
Additional Arrangement ~
Russell & Shirley Galante in memory of loved ones.
- 20th - *Father's Day*
Ed & Bev Lambert in memory of our fathers, William B. Leamon & George M. Lambert.
Additional Arrangement ~
Mrs. Carol Ann Stem in memory of her father George S. Stem.
- 27th - Shirley Krock in loving memory of her husband Sam.

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please contact the church office at 610-258-3361.



Got Graduates?

We would love to congratulate **all** those who have reached an educational milestone (we have only been informed of one & we KNOW there must be others???)

Whether graduating from High School or College, please let us know so we can share the joy of a job well done & lift our students up in prayer for future blessings. We'd love to share some of their future plans with their First Church family so please send some info to the church office!



What's the Score?

On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was. "We're behind 14 to nothing," he answered with a smile.



"Really," I said. "I have to say you don't look very discouraged."

"Discouraged?" the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face...

"Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet."

Angel Food Ministries at St. John's on Morgan Hill



The **June** menu is available in our narthex, in the office or on-line at: www.stjohnsmorganhill.org.

June order dates are:
Wed., June 9th
from 4-6 p.m.

Sat., June 12th
from 9 a.m. til noon

Sun., June 13th - 10:30
a.m. til 12:30 p.m.

June distribution date is
Fri., June 18th - 7-8 p.m.

Cash, Money Orders or Food Stamps are accepted. (Food Stamp orders must be placed in person at St. John's.)

Cash orders can be taken by Margaret in the church office anytime by Fri., June 11th, or call her with any questions.

The Heart of a Child ...

A four-year-old child, whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

~ Attributed to Leo Buscaglia telling of entries for a contest to find the most caring child.



PLEASE NOTE:

If we have omitted a birthday, anniversary or other special day from our newsletter, please call the church office & let us know. We may not have your special date in our records!



A Note to our "Readers" ... If you are a "Reader" and we have your e-mail address, please expect your readings to come via e-mail unless you instruct otherwise. If we do not have an e-mail address for you, we will send the readings to you via regular, U.S. Mail.



Ferne Turner has agreed to enlist readers, greeters, and ushers for the summer months and September. Please let her know if you can volunteer a bit of time before the service to greet or during the service to serve as an usher or reader.

June Greeters, Readers & Ushers

June 6th - Greeters - Ross Forsythe & Jackie Wogotz
Ushers - Ken Amore, Tara Cooke, Jackie Wogotz & Tony Bubba
Reader - Mary Ann Barrett
Acolyte - Jack Rothermel

June 13th - Greeters - Carol Stem & Larry Miner
Ushers - Carol Stem, Larry Miner and Bob & Doreen Arnold
Reader - Beverly Lambert
Acolyte - Kelsie Hilsenbeck

June 20th - Father's Day Greeters - The Dailey Family
Ushers - The Dailey Family
Reader - Barbara Dailey

June 27th - 9:30 a.m. Summer Worship in the Parlor Greeters - Marjorie & Jim Harron
Reader - David Wanderssee