

GOOD NEWS NOTES

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From Our Pastor...

God's Voice Speaks

As I write my sermons each week I often remember the conversation one of my seminary professors had with me when I was sitting in his office close to graduation and seeking my first "call" as a pastor. With trepidation, anxiety, curiosity, and some fear, I wondered how I would be able to write a different sermon each week. When it was me who was to come up with a fresh outlook, to ancient scriptures, and speak as a "mouth piece" for God to such a variety of listening ears, I just knew it was going to be an impossibility!! Then the profound words came from my seminary professor, "You always preach to yourself first, then God can do the rest." It seems that some weeks more than others, I find myself longing to hear the message I feel called to preach. I know I am a traveler on this journey with each of you, and I find comfort from the prayers we share, and the reflections we have to a text. I am prodded to act and do and become as God's Holy Spirit calls us through our Holy words of Scripture.

This past Sunday, the day after our Apple Butter day, the lectionary scripture was from the book of Esther. It told the story of the young, beautiful Jewish girl, who became the queen of Persia without anyone in the castle knowing of her heritage, not even her husband - the king. A time came when the Jews, who were deeply hated, were to be annihilated. Queen Esther had the opportunity to be silent and keep herself safe, or be courageous and speak for all the Jews who had no voice and ask for justice, and compassion, and their lives to be spared. She had to risk her own safety for others, Because of her courage in speaking up for her people, they were not killed and the whole race was saved.

The words from the scripture which rang in my head were spoken to Queen Esther, by her cousin Mordecai. He persuaded Esther to speak to the king on behalf of the Jewish people He reminded her of her unique place in history and that silence is not an option

Mordecai speaks of God's purposeful timing: "Who knows but that you have come to a royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14 NIV). In other words, as an article I read suggested, "Mordecai lets Esther know that even her outer beauty was for a reason and would not go to waste!"

For such a time is this..... During my pastorate here at UCC East Goshen, often I have wondered about our congregation, what we are being called to at particular times in the history of our community and our church. But when I heard those words I took them personally. What am I being called to at this time in the history of my life and the needs of the world where I am living? What is the voice of God speaking and nudging me to do? As I mentioned on Sunday, we all have more strength than we can imagine inside. We can do great and wonderful things for God and God's people. Where should my feet, hands and heart be moving?

May this season of harvest and thanks, fill us with a renewal of courage to ask and respond to Mordecai's question: "Who knows but that you have come to a royal position for such a time as this?"

God be with you as you listen to the sermon you have inside.

Pastor Angelee

Our Volunteers for Sunday Service

Where there are open spots, members are encouraged to volunteer. Call Patty Yarnall or use www.signupgenius.com

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS OCTOBER	October 7 World Wide Communion	Oct. 14	Oct. 21- Family	Oct. 28
Greeters	Sue Ogram, Linda Ardao	Michelle & Anna Lubnow	Patty Yarnall, Charity Harter	Char Gosselink, Pam Onyx
Acolyte	Cole Benner-Smith	Eva Yost	Anna Lubnow	Lily Yost
Children's Chat	Kyle Yost	Pastor Angelee	Patty Yarnall	Al Benner-Smith
Scripture	Ann Boohar	Linda Ardao	Lucy Barber	Beth Saylor
Hospitality	Charity Harter & Patty Yarnall	Kathy & Bart Yost	Bailey Family	Barber Family
Counters	Linda Ardao & Patty Yarnall	Patty Yarnall & Al Benner-Smith	Bonnie Yost & Andrei Benner-Smith	Bart Yost & Carol Swingle

10/7 Comm. Servers: Bonnie Yost, Charity Harter, Al Benner-Smith, Tina Larsen, Bob Pauli

"Café Script," the Pastor's discussion group meets on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 12:00 noon beginning. Please come out and share in this opportunity for in-depth discussion. Our time will include prayer, feedback from others in the group, spiritual direction, support and listening for God's insight as we hear each other's stories.



Apple Butter Festival -- a Huge Success

A HUGE thanks to Todd Speece for chairing our Apple butter festival for 2018!! We reached our budgeted goal of \$8,000!! And there is still some apple butter left to buy!! To our MANY members and friends who made the day run smoothly, welcomed the community, sold so many wonderful things, played music for all to hear, cooked in the heat, joyfully

organized games for the children, baked tasty treats, stirred and stirred the apple kettle, washed the jars and made the sauce, walked, ran, smiled and shared the good news of UCCEG, THANK-YOU!!

Indeed, 580 golf balls were dropped from atop East



Goshen Fire Dept.'s ladder truck again this year! With balls bouncing everywhere, which three were be closest to the pin? Here are the lucky winners:

Grand Prize - Bob Pauli

2nd place - Bill

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3rd place - Dawn

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THANKS to all who helped make this event so

successful! ~ Steve Yost,

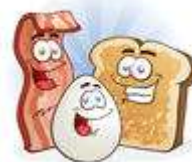
Golf Ball Drop

Committeeman



BREAKFAST

Tuesday, October 9



From 8:30 to 10:00 am, join others of all ages for breakfast and fellowship. We meet at the West Chester Senior Center on East Union Street to enjoy a full breakfast. Price is \$4.00 per person.

Please join others for this fun outing!

Confirmation Year!

Confirmation is beginning this month, with our first meeting for confirmands and their parents on Sunday, October 7 at 11:30 in our choir room in the Sunday School wing. This year we have four students: Cole Benner-Smith, Anna Lubnow, Eva

Yost and Aidan Pryor. These young people will be on a wonderful journey of faith and personal discovery as we learn, question and act our faith in the world. Please keep them in your prayers!

Our Saturday Worship Service

United Church of Christ East Goshen has been enjoying an additional service on Saturdays at 5:30 pm. We pray that folks seeking a Saturday evening worship experience can come to know the unconditional love of God that is presented every Sunday morning from our pulpit!



For all those looking for a new time of day to sing God's praise; a more informal setting (we gather in Fellowship Hall), a new experience of refreshing spiritual uplift, come and give our Roots & Roofs a try. You will be welcomed with a UCC East Goshen extravagant welcome!

Follow us on Facebook: Roots and Roofs

Greetings from Growth Committee!

As we write this, Apple Butter Festival (our biggest event of the year) is 4 days away. When you read this, it will be a pleasant memory. Apple Butter Festival marks the beginning of autumn, the arrival of shorter days, Halloween for families with kids, starting of Christmas lists, and beginning to plan for the holidays. We also mark the first anniversary of our Saturday service, Roots and Roofs. Perhaps you would like to give this “new way to worship” a try some Saturday at 5:30. There is singing, discussion, and wonderful food. You will be most welcome. Since October is not a common time for vacations, it's an excellent opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to church; they are more likely to be available. If you love UCC East Goshen and would like to share its message of love, universal acceptance, and joyful worship without guilt, please invite a friend or neighbor to join you some Sunday. You and they will most likely be glad that you did.

Start with the simple ways! If you haven't – make sure you “Like” our Facebook pages.

facebook.com/UnitedChurchOfChristEastGoshen/
and, facebook.com/rootsandroofs/

It's a great way to keep up with the news from a whole variety of our ministries. When something you see strikes your fancy, put it on your calendar,

but also put it on your page. When you share UCCEG events to your Facebook page, it's a quick and easy way to give a shout out to your church and also to SHOUT, “I love my church!” Let it be a conversation starter among your friends, an opportunity to share the good news of what you've found here.

The LGBT Equality Alliance of Chester County is hosting a health fair at West Chester University this month. We've secured a table for their October 14 exhibition. Contact Pam or Al if you would like to help share our extravagant welcome. 3:30 to 5:30 on Sunday the 14th.

Wishing you the opportunity to appreciate all the beauty of autumn—*Pam Onyx & Al Benner-Smith, Co-Chairs, Growth Committee*

Christian Education Committee Meets

The CE Committee will meet on November 4 following church. All teachers and anyone from the congregation are invited. We will be discussing Sunday School and plans for Advent. Please join us!



Equal Exchange for the Holidays

Thanks to everyone who supported our pop-up sale on Rally Day! We are planning an advanced sale for the holidays. We would like to have orders submitted by **Sunday,**

October 28th. You will have your items in time for Thanksgiving (and Christmas). We know many of you are interested in hot cocoa mix. There are many items available, so please let us know if there are any other items you may be interested in. One item we have been thinking about is baking cocoa, especially since we are ordering early. Thank You!

Denise Casey & Caroline Dunleavy



Musical Tea Following October 21st 10 AM Service

Hopefully you have already marked your calendar and plan to stay after the October 21st service for a musical tea featuring Bette Halberg and Ethel Olsen, otherwise known as Duo Festivo! A light lunch in the style of a “tea” will be served, and there may be a few surprises, too. All ages are encouraged to attend!

Adult Ed is Back – Exploring UCC History, Polity, and Theology

Please plan to attend Adult Ed after the service on October 28 and November 4. We will be taking a look at the refreshed resources available for *Exploring UCC History, Polity, and Theology*. Our national denomination updated this curriculum recently to make our history, polity, and theology more accessible and applicable in the 21st century.

Election Day Bake Sale

I know, I know. We just had a bake sale! But our voting neighbors really do look forward to our wonderful baked goods. Let's not disappoint! Lots of home baked goods needed for the voters. Gluten free, sugar free also needed! Sign up sheet in the Narthex soon!

Lives on the Line

From October 28 through November 25, UCCEG will be the host of a new project by photographer, Christopher Baker Evens. **Lives on the Line** is a photographic and multimedia documentary project focusing on local residents resisting the Mariner East 2 pipeline. Chris Baker Evens will be at our church for an opening reception and later for an Artist's Talk to discuss his photographic display. Plan to spend some time exploring this artist's display and keep in touch as we announce the days the photographer will be here to tell us about his new project.

Food Donations Please remember that non-perishable food items are always being collected for the Chester County Food Bank! Take a red bag from the Narthex home with you and bring it back the next week. No need to completely fill it! Our neighbors in need will be most appreciative!



Lunch Bunch



are welcome!

Sorry, NO lunch in October, but November's gathering will be held November 2 at 1 pm. We will meet at Oriental Pearl and all

CELEBRATE TOGETHER

Come celebrate 25 years of shared ministry. Nov 11 we celebrate Pastor Benner-Smith's 25th Anniversary with the Church! Rev. Bill Worley, our Conference Pastor, will deliver the message at our worship service. Caroline is planning special music and some surprises are in store. Please join Pastor Angelee as we celebrate these years of growth with song, word and joy for God's leading.

UCCEG Rental Space - Spread the Word!

Our building is conveniently located and includes areas for a wide variety of groups and events. Remember, the best advertising is word of mouth! Brochures with this information are available in the Church Narthex. (*Steve Yost and Todd Speece are our church rental contact people.*)

Flowers at the front of the Sanctuary

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an event, please pick a date and sign up on the sheet hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex! The cost is \$15.00 for one vase or \$25.00 for two vases.



Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals are held **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm**. All voices are invited to sing a joyful song to God!

AMAZON SMILE

Thank you to those who have shopped on Amazon Smile and chosen UCCEG as their charity! Please spread the word and encourage your friends and family to choose UCCEG. **Amazon's fundraising program will donate .5% of all qualified purchases directly to UCC EG.** Log on to [smileamazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Select United Church of Christ East Goshen (spell out full name) as your charity, and shop as you normally would to support UCC East Goshen while you shop!

Shop with Scrip

Do you buy gift cards to give as gifts during the Holidays? This year buy those cards through the church's Shop with Scrip program. Throughout the month of October we will be taking orders for gift cards for delivery by November 18 — just in time for your Holiday giving. For more information about this gift card program and how it benefits the church, please talk to Todd Speece or Charity Harter.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 2	10:30 am	Café Script
Oct. 4	by 10:30am	Salvation Army Meal
Oct. 5	1:00 pm	NO Oct. Lunch Bunch
Oct. 6	5:30 pm	Roots & Roofs Worship 1 st Birthday Celebration
Oct. 7	10:00 am	Sunday Worship World Wide Communion
	11:15 am	Fellowship
	11:30-12:30	Confirmation Meeting
Oct. 9	8:30 am	West Chester Senior Center Breakfast
	10:30 am	Café Script
	6:30 pm	Worship & Music Cmte
Oct. 10	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Oct. 11	5:30 pm	Finance Committee
Oct. 13	5:30 pm	Roots & Roofs Worship
Oct. 14	10:00 am	Sunday Worship -
	11:15 am	Fellowship
	1-3 pm	LGBTQ Health Fair-WCU
Oct. 15	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Oct. 16	10:30 am	Café Script
Oct. 20	5:30	Roots & Roofs Worship
Oct. 21	10:00 am	Family Worship
	11:30 am	Musical Tea
	12:00 pm	<i>Duo Festivo</i> - Music Event
Oct. 23	10:30 am	Café Script
Oct. 27	5:30 pm	Roots & Roofs Worship
Oct. 28	10:00 am	Sunday Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship
	11:30 am	Adult Education
	2:30 pm	Ursinus Assn Meeting
Oct. 30	10:30 am	NO Café Script

Every Monday 7:00 pm – AA Meeting

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