

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST EAST GOSHEN

An Open and Affirming Congregation

All are Welcome!

May 24, 2020



GOD GLORIFIED

John 17:1-11

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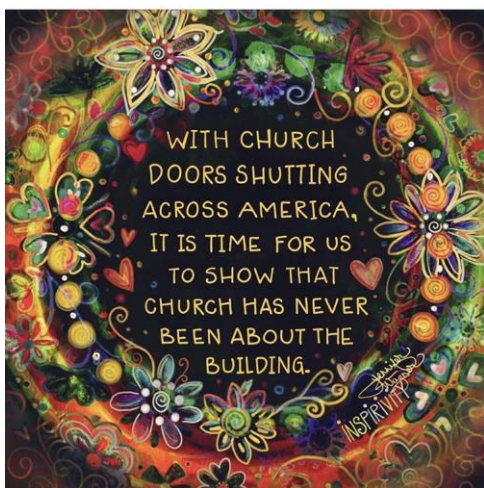
Living In God's Love Together, We Gather

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Today's service was generously provided by UCC as we join with the whole people of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference.

Not to worry – next week we will be back to our 'regularly scheduled pandemic programming.'

Selfies Wanted!



"The Church is not a building. The church is not a steeple. The church is not a resting place. The church is the people!" If this gets you humming, you're familiar with the song, "I am the Church", by Richard Avery and Donald Marsh. It's been more apparent than ever in the past two months that UCC East Goshen is SO much more than the building at Route 352

and Green Hill Road. Most of us haven't been there since the middle of March, but WE are more than ever, the church. It's time to reflect that on our Facebook page, so the "Selfie Project" begins this month. Next time you have the camera out, take a "selfie" picture; take a picture of others in your household; send it to Jen Troutman at office@ucceastgoshen.org. We'll put the pictures into a collage that will serve as our FaceBook Banner. If you have qualms about having your picture on the internet, we sure understand, but if you're willing, please participate in the Selfie Project and we'll use all of us to present a picture of what REALLY makes UCC East Goshen a great spiritual home. You absolutely do not have to be a member to be part of the church, so we could get to 200% participation!



Chalk At Church

Pastor Angelee suggested in her May 3rd sermon that kids (of all ages!) might want to use chalk to draw messages of hope and love on their sidewalks. There is now a box with a number of bags with a few pieces of chalk in each for anyone to pick up. They will be left on the bench outside the church

door for you to take home. Put a message on the church sidewalk before you leave if you wish! There are also bags with some foam shapes to make bookmarks or to use in whatever creative ways you can think of. New craft materials will be placed here each week for a while.

Support UCCEG just by doing your regular Amazon shopping!

With more of our daily necessities coming by delivery, we'd like to remind everyone about an easy way to support UCC East Goshen. Shop with Amazon Smile and use your church as your charity! You get the same deals, and all the information on your current account remains. ***Absolutely nothing changes*** except that part of your purchase goes to UCC East Goshen as a donation from Amazon. It's a Win-Win! [Click here for simple the instructions to get started with Amazon Smile.](#)



Thank You!

A big thank you to those who contributed to serving a meal for the clients of the West Chester shelter, [Safe Harbor](#), who are temporarily housed in a hotel rather than the close quarters of the shelter.

Our Café Script Bible study meets using Zoom at **11 AM on Wednesdays**. All are welcome – please invite your friends and family!

This week's scripture readings are:

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104: 24- 34

John 20:19-23



[Click here to join the Café Script Zoom meeting.](#)



Beth Anne Keates is looking for volunteers to help with the church garden this year. You and/or your immediate family can participate and still observe safe distances. Help is needed to weed, plant, tend and mend.

If you are interested in helping, please send Beth an email to BBKeates@msn.com. Thanks so much! Regular watering and weeding will help our harvest overflow again this year.

Thanks to all our building and grounds volunteers who weekly are cutting, pruning, cleaning, sprucing up and caring for our church building and grounds which need to stay in shape for our return soon! Behind the

scenes are many angels of the church, you know who you are, and God is watching you and smiling! Thank you!



Any way you look at it, there is a LOT going on in the world right now. Of course we are praying for everyone, but is there a specific way we can be praying for you?

If you have a prayer request, please email it to prayers@ucceastgoshen.org and we will be sure to add it to the prayer list!

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OFFICIAL CALL to 2020 Special Meeting**Saturday, August 15, 2020****1:00—4:00 pm****@ Zwingli UCC****350 Wile Ave., Souderton, PA**

Let us joyfully come together for fellowship, praise, healing, and to
conduct a bit of important Conference business!

There is no fee for this meeting, but an offering will be taken.

Agenda

12:30 pm	Registration
1:00 pm	Welcome
1:15 pm	Service of Healing, Praise & Communion
2:45 pm	Business Session
	- Call to Order
	- Credentials Report
	- Adoption of Standing Rules
	- Adoption of Minutes
	- Election of Officers
	- Re-election of Conference Minister
3:50 pm	Closure

Register at: psecspecmtg.eventbrite.com

“Monuments Come and Monuments Go....”

“Monuments come and monuments go but monumental lives linger long into the future.” I don’t know when I first heard that expression but it stuck long ago among the mental treasurers that clutter my cerebral attic. There is no monument of stone or marble that can replace the monuments we build in our hearts to the memory of loved ones. Memorial Day weekend is for both kinds of monuments—ones hewn from hearts the other from marble.

Historically, Christian worship is not a place to celebrate monumental patriotism. It is a place to celebrate Jesus Christ and his call to live in ways not of this world-- to turn the other cheek, to love enemies, to serve one another, to go into the world baptizing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—in other words to live monumental lives.

That said, I’m thankful to be an American citizen. I believe deeply in the unique principles of Constitutional Democracy, our social and economic freedoms and responsibilities that are used for the betterment, and sometimes detriment, of all people. I’ve been in places where the only and most beautiful colors were red, white, and blue. I value the monumental sacrifices that have been made for our country and to them I have added a few small sacrifices of my own.

My Christian obligations include being a good citizen and honoring the memory of other good citizens who’ve encouraged our present and inspired our future. And so, we remember the honored dead of wars past. They should not be driven out of time. And we will not do that. We gather at many monuments to honor their monumental sacrifices.

More importantly, we remember the saints who died to the glory of God. They should not be driven out of time lest we be driven from the grace of God and we will not do that. We Christians gather every Sabbath at one cross to offer honor and praise to the one sacrifice that has made monuments of us all—the living breathing body of Christ.

-Rev. William P. Worley, PSE Conference Minister