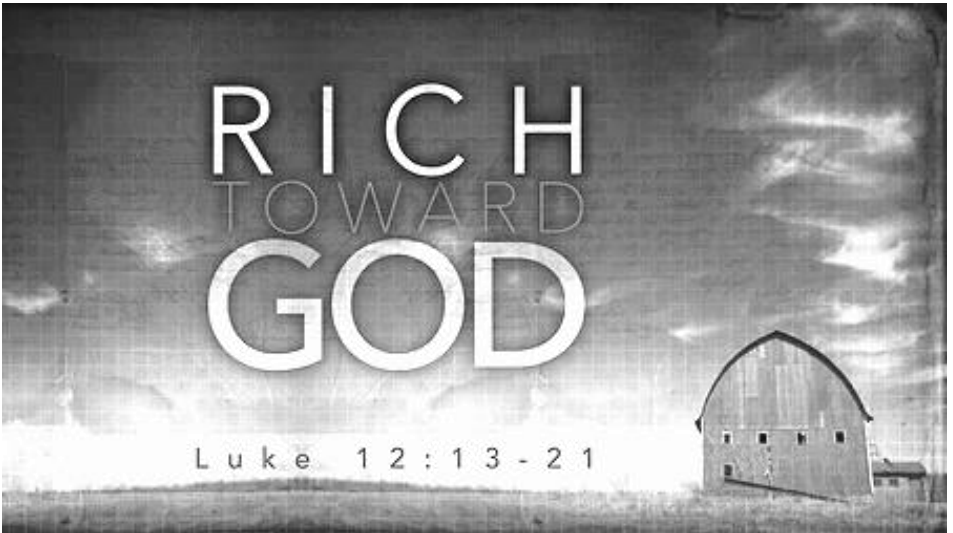


# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST EAST GOSHEN

Rev. Lynice Pinkard, Pastor

We Are a Church of Extravagant Welcome!

August 3, 2025 – 10 AM



The Joy of Enough

We are an Open and Affirming congregation that celebrates  
our LGBTQIA+ kindred

**Inviting the Holy Spirit**

Pastor Lynice

**Ring the Singing Bowl**

Pastor Lynice

**Invocation**

Pastor Lynice

**\*Call to Worship**

*(\*stand as you are able)*

**Leader:**

Come not hungry for more,  
but hungry for meaning.  
Come not to chase what glitters,  
but to gather what matters.

**People:**

We are not what we stockpile,  
but what we share.  
Not the sum of our earnings,  
but the song of our care.

**Leader:**

The world tempts us with never-enough,  
but God invites us into always-enough.  
This is the feast,  
not of riches, but of rest.  
Not of greed, but of grace.

**People:**

So we open our hands  
to the miracle of sufficiency.  
We inhale contentment,  
and exhale thanks.

**All:**

Let us worship—not with clenched fists,  
but with open arms.  
Let us praise—not from scarcity,  
but from the joy of enough.  
This is our song.  
This is our summons.  
  
This is our sacred beginning.

**Hear These Words from the Mystic Howard Thurman:**

Erica Britton

“I abandon all that I think I am, all that I hope to be, all that I believe I possess. I let go of the past. I withdraw my grasping hand from the future, and in the great silence of this moment, I alertly rest my soul.”  
-- Howard Thurman

*\* Take My Life, God, Let It Be*

NCH 448 (1,3,4)

**Pastoral Welcome**

**\*Passing the Peace** *(in a safe and sensitive manner)*

**We Regather in Song:**

*Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*

NCH 393 vs 1

Blessed be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The sharing of a common life  
Is like to that above.

## **Prayers of the People**

Pastor Lynice

Prayer leader, after a prayer: Lord in your mercy

Congregation: Hear our prayers.

**\*All:**

**Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit,**

**who is in Heaven,**

**hallowed be your name.**

**Your Kin-dom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as it is heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our faults, as we forgive the faults of others.**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kin-dom, power, and glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Listening To Our Sacred Text**

Carol Swingle

### **Luke 12: 13-21 (NRSV)**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul, "'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ' 20But God said to him,

‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ 21So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

**Sermon**    Enough Is Enough

Pastor Lynice

## **Time of Silent Reflection**

*[In the silence after the sermon, we allow the sacred text and dialogue of the sermon to settle in our hearts, bones, bodies and souls. We do this by opening our hearts and inviting God to settle the message we needed to hear.]*

## **\*Prayer of Commitment**

Pastor Lynice

### **Leader:**

Yes Spirit,  
we are here.  
Still breathing.  
Still trying.

### **People:**

Teach us that hands clenched tight  
let nothing out but also nothing in.  
We come with hands that have held too much  
and hearts that are still learning  
how to let go.

### **Leader:**

We want to live like enough is enough.  
We want to stop chasing what will not hold us.  
We want to believe  
there is a way to be full  
without taking.

**People:**

Help our focus to shift  
to the small, good things.  
The smell of baking bread.  
The liquid light of a sunset—spilling gold, amber, rose,  
a child's laughter—permission to be free.

**ALL:**

Holy Spirit  
we commit ourselves  
to live the Sabbath in our souls,  
not the absence of desire  
but the healing of it.

Holy Spirit  
we commit ourselves  
to the peace that comes  
not from having so much  
but from no longer needing so much.

In this sacred moment  
we unclench our lives.  
We drop the hustle and  
pick up the grace,  
freely given to all.

Amen.

**Offertory Music**     *As the Deer*

Nystrom, arr. M. Hayes

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

If you prefer to give electronically, please  
use your cell phone camera to scan this QR code.



## **\*Doxology** *(sung)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

## **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

O God,  
We share our offerings from our resources, that they may be used to  
extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries  
in the days ahead, that each of us may be a part of your answer to the  
cries of the world. Amen

## **Communion Invitation and Prayer**

Come now, beloved of Christ.  
Come from the corners of your sorrow.  
Come with joy and thanksgiving.  
Come from the edges of your aching.  
Come, in the bounty of love,  
Come even if your heart is heavy.  
This table was set for you.

Come.  
Bring your wounds.  
Bring your wonder  
There is grace enough to gather you whole.

## Communion Prayer

O God of the bruised and the beautiful,  
we thank you for this bread—  
broken like our bodies,  
blessed like our names.

We thank you for this cup—  
red as struggle,  
sweet as survival,  
poured out with the faith that we might rise.  
We are your people.  
We are your poem.  
We are your table now.  
Amen.

### And we remember

that Jesus, on the night he was betrayed . . .  
took the bread and broke it saying, **“This is my body broken for  
you. As often as you eat this bread, remember me.”**

And he took the cup and lifted it saying, **“This is my blood poured out  
for you. As often as you drink from this cup, remember me.”**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God in Christ.



*\*\*All three verses sung continuously while the elements (bread/wine) are distributed.\*\**

Verse 1: Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Verse 2: Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Verse 3: Let us praise God together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

## **Sharing the Elements**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

The body of Christ, the Bread of Life.

**Amen!**

The blood of Christ, the Spirit of Life.

**Amen!**

*\*We Gather Together*

NCH 421 (1-3)

**Announcements** (Please read the printed announcements)

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ* Jamaican Folk Tune; Carter

Our worship has ended, and our service has just begun...  
Please join us for fellowship in the Parlor.

**UCCEG Housekeeping**

Communion – The Worship and Music committee has made several changes to our Communion format. Now, the bread and juice will be passed out at the same time with no break in between. When you receive the bread and juice, please hold them until everybody is served.

Passing the Peace – *Blessed Be the Tie that Binds* that will be our re-gathering song, signaling us to return to our seats and prepare to sing the congregational hymn.

Worship Leading – The Worship and Music Committee has requested that we return to the former sign-up sheet format.

## **THANK YOU to ALL helping with Worship Today:**

Beth Sayler and Bunny Watts: Greeters/Offering Collection

No streaming available today : Tech Support

:Lay Leader

Erica Britton, Carol Swingle: Lay Reader(s)

Linda Ardao : Fellowship Hour

Beth Sayler and Bunny Watts: Counters, Communion Servers

## **Worship Volunteers for Sunday, 8/10/25**

: Greeters/Offering Collection

Susan Ward :Tech Support

Lay Leader

: Lay Reader(s)

: Fellowship Hour

Bonnie Yost and Ann Boohar: Counters

## **Church Office Hours This Week**

	<u>Pastor Lynice</u>	<u>Administrator</u>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Day Off</i>	---
<i>Tuesday</i>	10–4PM	<i>Work from home</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	10–4PM	<i>Work from home</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	10–4PM	11AM–1PM
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Day Off</i>	<i>Work from home</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Work from home</i>	---

Lindsay Woessner, Music Director

Marty Meyer, Guest Musician

Carolyn Scherer, Office Administrator

## UCCEG Worship & Events

August 5: 1pm: Cafe Script

August 10 - 10am: Worship

Save the Date:

August 17: Melton Center CommUnity Day

August 19: 6pm: Council Meeting

## Prayer Requests

**Please fill out a prayer request form** (on the table in the Foyer) and place in the offering plate, email [office@ucceastgoshen.org](mailto:office@ucceastgoshen.org), or contact Carol Swingle for any updates or additions to our prayer list.

**We pray for the following members and friends of UCCEG:**



Roy Garlisch, Cliff Keljikian, George Litzke, Family and friends of Susan Morey, Susan Ward, Carol Swingle, Anne Phinney, Ron Rising, Beverly Catt, MaryAnn McCracken, Family of Eric Flicker, Jim Wilson, Family of Eileen Kukoda, Sandy Haymaker, Family and friends of Roxanne, Andy Mahard, Cherri Murphy, Marquita Kinard, Elizabeth Hess, fur baby Annie Watts, Jeff Fletcher and family, Roger Meacham.

## **Announcements and Community Notices**

### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

The Church Council is looking for a member to volunteer to work with Beth Sayler and Bart Yost on researching local bookkeeping companies. We are exploring the possibility of outsourcing financial tasks and need help identifying the Church's needs, gathering information and identifying options. The commitment would be for approximately the next 2 months. If interested please email the office, [office@ucceastgoshen.org](mailto:office@ucceastgoshen.org). Thank you for your consideration.

### **MORE KINDNESS INTO ACTION**

How do you give kindness? How do you receive kindness?

#### **Kindness suggestions:**

16. Encourage your kids or grandkids to start a piggy bank for a cause.
17. Leave sticky notes with words of encouragement in random places.
18. Donate food to the food bank.

#### **Kindness received:**

11. A kindness conversation – My friend Brenda, who I see only a couple times a year, and I met for lunch. She has a lovely spirit about her. As we were talking she asked me to tell her 2 “highs” in my life and 1 “low.” Although we have been friends for many years I found it so kind of her to ask me such a significant question and then really listen to what I had to say. A.B.
12. My birthday was last Thursday. My neighbor brought homemade chocolate chip cookies to my office for me to share - or not. That was a surprise. M.B.

### **CAFE SCRIPT IS BACK-ALL WELCOME:**

**Café Script is back!** We are having a wonderful time on Tuesdays at the Church House from 1-2pm. We will study all of the Gospels: Matthew,

Mark, Luke and John. We are starting with Mark, and we'll proceed through the other gospels after we conclude our Markan study. See the first and second handouts for our study in the Friday blast. See you Tuesday!

### **JULY/AUGUST OUTREACH FOR SAFE HARBOR**

Safe Harbor (SH) greatly appreciates the items we have donated throughout the year. If you care to donate in July and August, we are asking that you make a monetary donation for SH to use as needed. If you write a check please make it payable to UCCEG and add Safe Harbor on the memo line or put cash in a church envelope, label it for Safe Harbor, and drop it in the collection plate. Thank you for your kind generosity.

### **WEST CHESTER FOOD CUPBOARD (WCFC)**

40,000 people currently are experiencing food insecurity in Chester County. Suggested items to donate are canned meat, canned fish, cereal, peanut butter, non-grape jelly, spaghetti sauce (cans or plastic jars), hearty soups, canned fruit but other non-perishable items are gratefully accepted as well. Also, personal care items including soaps, toothpaste, toilet paper, diapers (sizes 5 and 6), baby wipes, and feminine products. WCFC, at 431 S. Bolmar Street, is adding hours on Thursday evenings from June 19<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup> to provide extra food for children over the summer. More information is available at [westchesterfoodcupboard.org](http://westchesterfoodcupboard.org). Please put your items in the bin in the hallway of the Church House. Grateful thanks.

### **WCFC THANKS YOU!**

The West Chester Food Cupboard fiscal 2025 report shows the following:

- \*\*2.2 million pounds of food distributed – an increase of 23% over last year.
- \*\*30,000 onsite visits – an increase of 36% over the last year.
- \*\*8,600 individuals supported – an increase of 31% over the last year.

WCFC writes: "Every contribution you make helps us create a lasting impact in the community, and we are incredibly thankful for your generosity and commitment. Together, we are making a difference! --- Because no one should go hungry!"

**COMMUNITY DAY IS AUGUST 17th! Put it on your Calendar!**

UCC East Goshen will have a table at the 15th Annual Melton Center CommUnity Day on Sunday August 17, 2025 at the Charles A. Melton Arts & Education Center (Melton Center) in West Chester.

**Date and Time:** Sunday August 17, 2025, 11 AM-4 PM. (Rain or Shine).

**Location:** Melton Center, 501 E Miner St, West Chester, PA.

**Activities:** The event will feature a variety of family-friendly activities, including: Basketball championship games, Community vendors, Food trucks, Live music and dance performances.

Please volunteer to help! We need people to help set up and take down the table, plan activities and/or handouts for our booth/table, and talk with people who attend the day. Our regular church service will be held that morning from 10-11 but we need a few people willing to be "excused from church" in order to be at the Melton Center between 9-9:30 AM to set up. Please look for the sign-up sheets in the Narthex or see Carol Swingle if you have ideas about how UCCEG could use this event to reach out to the community. We want others to know about our Extravagant Welcome and the best way is to demonstrate it live!

*For more information you can visit the Melton Center's official website ([www.westchestercommunitycenter.org](http://www.westchestercommunitycenter.org)) or their event page on Eventbrite.com.*



# Join Us for the **15<sup>th</sup> Annual CommUnity Day**

**When:** Sunday August 17, 2025

**Time:** 11am-4pm

**Place:** 501 E Miner St West Chester. PA

**Basketball, Vendors, Food Trucks and More!**



**This event is held rain or shine**