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> Sunday, August 31, 2025 10:30 am Worship

Adapting, Welcoming, Serving, Growing in Faith

One United Church of Christ

Pastor	Reverend Tammie Wisniewski
Director of Music	Jeff Miller
Administrative Assistant	Stacy Delinko

Bold face type indicates optional congregational responses.

Gathering

Welcome & Greetings

Call to Worship (responsively)

Jesus Said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."

Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.

Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.

Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.

As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits, and prepare us for service.

Amen.

^{*} Indicates you are invited to rise in body and/or spirit.

*Hymn "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?" Hymnal #539

Won't you let me be your servant Let me be as Christ to you Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey We are travelers on the road We are here to help each other Go the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ-light for you In the shadow of your fear I will hold my hand out to you Speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping When you laugh, I'll laugh with you I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey through

When we sing to God in heaven We shall find such harmony Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony

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Call to Confession

Friends, we have been given many gifts but have failed so often to use them to help others and therefore, to serve God. Maybe we have not yet discerned the way we should share our gifts. This is the time to turn to the Lord to ask for forgiveness and direction.....(silence is observed for personal reflection and confession).

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We confess, dear God, that we love attention. We are pleased when people single us out for something good that we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit. We revel in the light; but the seductive light too often captures us, and we seek its brightness and glory and turn our backs on others in need. Forgive us for our vanity. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace and hope that is your way to true and meaningful life. Amen.

Musical Response (unison, singing)



Words of Assurance (responsively)

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Beloved, the Lord has lifted us and has dusted us off. God has claimed us as God's own. We should celebrate God's love for us by living lives of service to others. **Thank you, God!**

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Musical Response (unison, singing)



Listening

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7 (NIV)

⁶Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among his great men; ⁷ it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (CEB)

¹⁴One Sabbath, when Jesus went to share a meal in the home of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When Jesus noticed how the guests sought out the best seats at the table, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding celebration, don't take your seat in the place of honor. Someone more highly regarded than you could have been invited by your host. ⁹ The host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give your seat to this other person.' Embarrassed, you will take your seat in the least important place. ¹⁰ Instead, when you receive an invitation, go and sit in the least important place. When your host approaches you, he will say, 'Friend, move up here to a better seat.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. ¹¹ All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

¹² Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, "When you host a lunch or dinner, don't invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. ¹³ Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they can't repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected."

Children's Moment

*Song "Here I am, Lord"

(please see attached sheet)

Sermon "The Seating Chart" Pastor Tammie Wisniewski

*Statement of Faith (unison)
(rise, if able, and join in the UCC Statement of Faith-adapted by Robert V. Moss)

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer followed by Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending

*Song

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly" Contemporary Hymnal

It all comes down to this What you require of me Love my neighbor as myself And You above all things

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

It all comes down to this To be Your hands and feet Good news to all the world The truth will set us free

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see The fruit our hands have sown Faith just like a seed The only way it grows

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

*Blessing

The Liturgist for today is: Izzy Hertzog

The greeters for today are: Laurie Biehl and Christy Hylton

The flowers on the altar today are sponsored by the congregation to welcome Pastor Tammie to our church.

REMINDER.....Next Eat Pray Meet meeting will be held on September 21st following worship. Please plan to attend to find out the next steps in deciding One UCC's future.

Copyright Information for Today's Service:

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?" By Richard Gillard

"Here I am, Lord" Written by Daniel L. Schutte

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly" By Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Pat Barrett

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Welcome our new Bridge Pastor, Reverend Tammie Wisniewski!!!



Rev. Tammie Wisniewski is excited to join One UCC as a bridge pastor. Pastor Tammie grew up in Bern Township and still resides there today. She is married to Scott for 45 years. They had two sons, one son passed away in 2015, and two 19-year old granddaughters.

Previously Pastor Tammie served New Jerusalem Zion UCC in Lenhartsville for 10 years as a part-time pastor, and most

recently served St. Paul's UCC in Exton as a bridge pastor for 3 1/2 months until their full-time pastor was called.

She is also a CPA who works part-time with an accounting firm in Lebanon County, mostly from her home.

Pastor Tammie has a very flexible schedule and is available for pastoral calls/emergencies. Please reach out to her either at revtammiewisniewski@gmail.com OR by her cell phone, 484-651-4166. She is available for appointments most evenings and Mondays through Wednesdays, during the day, if needed.

Welcome to worship with One UCC! We're glad to share this time of prayer and praise together!

Please check our website (www.oneucc.org), weekly email news, and Facebook page for updates to our ministry. The contact information for the church is found on the front cover of the bulletin. Videos of our church life together and Sunday worship can be found on One UCC's YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHUua_X9q0AuoI1gEn7vah Q?view_as=subscriber



Stacy Delinko's office hours for the week of August 31st are as follows:

Tuesday, 9/2, 5:30 pm to 8:15 pm, Wednesday, 9/3, 9:30 am to 1:15 pm, and Thursday, 9/4, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Please call the office before you stop by to make sure there is someone available.

In case you need the contact information:

 We are on Facebook and search for One United Church of Christ! Like our page!

Please keep in your prayers the following people and situations:

Amanda, Sheldon Ash, Gavin Baker, Gwen Baker, Gene Bare, Dan Brouse, Parker Burkert, Randy Bond, Diane Clouser, Colleen, Catherine Conkey, Andrea Curtis, Margaret D'Amico, Dan, John and Liz Dumond, Renee and Phil Ferraro, Frankie, Jim Geiger, Catherine Good, Adam Griffin, Joy Himmelmann, John Hoover, Katie Hoover, Ken and Cathy Hoshauer, Nate Hosler, Joan, Grace Kauffman, Jane Keener, Kevin and Nancy, Alice Kline, Cheryl Kohl, Spencer Kohl, Josh Knarr, Larry, Kenneth Lausch, Maggie and Skyler Lutz, Ashley Long Malvern, Susana Matthews, Sissy McCaffery, Lois Merrill, Becky Miller, Brittany Nelson, Laura Perry, Sally Pierson, Nancy Ritter, Izzy Rivera, Gleniz Rodriguez, Rosie, Noel and Kathie Roy, Ray Saylor and family, Steven Sharp, Caitlyn Sine, Sam Snyder, Stephanie Sowers, Katie Szajek, Bonnie Szajek, Carol Thomas, Nancy and John Troutman, Brenda Walker, Gary Winters, Holly Wood, Clarence Yoh, Zach, those with addictions and those who love them, and our U.S. military personnel.

Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Following the Worship Service (Rain or Shine)

Items to be provided: Paper plates, napkins, plastic ware, hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and drinks

Items to Bring: Friend, chairs, Bingo prizes, and food to share with others (such as salads, snacks, or dessert)

OFFICIAL CALL

Covenant Association Fall Meeting October 26, 2025

Good Shepherd UCC, 170 Tuckerton Road, Reading, PA 19605

2 p.m. Choir Practice 2 p.m. Registration 3 p.m. Worship

At the spring Association meeting held at St. Paul's in Amityville, I heard your comments regarding our meetings. Many wrote on their cards that it was boring, why should they attend. Others thought that having different choirs or music would be appreciated.

Well, I have exciting news regarding Covenant Association's Fall meeting! Your Executive Committee is hard at work to make this a new and an inspiring time to gather as the body of Christ. Our meeting will be in the form of a worship service. All of the items that the Association needs to legally take care of, will be done in a way that glorifies our Lord and Savior.

We are also making time for all of us to make connections with people from other churches. Be thinking about what exciting ministry is taking place in your congregation. We want to know how you are providing for the people in your community. We want to know all those events that are outside the walls of your building. So be thinking about that and be ready to share.

We will also have a combined choir. We will have inspirational music that praises and gives thanks for all that God is doing in our lives. PLEASE email me with the number of singers that your church will be sending. Also send me your mailing address and I will mail the music to your church. Your folks can practice on their own or with your minister of music's help. Then we will gather at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of Good Shepherd UCC in Tuckerton to practice as one choir.

I can't wait to see you on Sunday, October 26, 2025. If you have been saying, why do we have to go to the Association meeting, or what does the Association do for us? Then you need to attend this time! Because we are going to talk about how we are stronger when we work together. AND we will be talking about how our Association can help you, your pastor, and your church. SO you do not want to miss this new event!!!!

All reports and documents will be posted on the Covenant Association website 30 days prior to the gathering. PLEASE Make sure to read those ahead of time! The website is covenantassociation.org.

SEE YOU SOON!

Sharon S. Morris Moderator



Things You Need to Know This Week at One UCC

The Remembrance Candle! A candle is placed in the sanctuary that we will light to remember our loved ones who now live in the eternity of God's care. If you would like to sign up for the Remembrance Candle, please do so



on the sheet outside of the sanctuary or contact the church office. On your week for the Remembrance Candle, you are welcome to bring in a picture of your loved one to place next to the candle. There is no fee to sponsor the Remembrance Candle.

One UCC is officially a partner with CommunityAid! Going forward, we will be collecting clothing, shoes, accessories, linens, etc. in good and sellable condition at church. These



items then will be taken to CommunityAid for resale, and One UCC directly receives financial credit for any donations made under our name and with our partner number. The Mission Ministry team has set up a collection container in the church building. If you wish to take items directly to CommunityAid (any location), you can donate them under One UCC's name and partner number, and our congregation will get credit for your donation. Our partner number is 50161. For more information about CommunityAid and types the of donations thev accept, please visit www.communityaid.org.



**We're so excited to tell you we have an online giving platform, easyTithe! If you would like to set up a gift on the new platform so you can become familiar with it and



help our donors as we move forward, please use this link: https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/oneucc

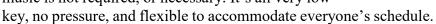
You can set up an account or contribute without setting up an account. (If you think you would like to regularly give to One UCC online, you might wish to set up an account.) When you donate online, you can select what category in which you would like your contribution to be designated. All physical envelope offering categories are included. If you have no idea where you would like your contribution to go, please select "General Fund" or other category. We are continuing to test easyTithe, and so any feedback you have is most appreciated. If online giving is not your thing, that's perfectly fine. One UCC will continue to receive your financial contributions as we always have.



**Want to sing in choir, or be in the bell choir? Or want to try it to see if you enjoy it? No commitment! Simply talk to Jeff, or contact him via cell (610-406-1664), or email (jeff@simonapple.com). For now,

rehearsals are as needed, not weekly. Choir rehearsal is occasional, at 10:10 am on Sundays, prior to the service. Bells are also occasional, typically on a Wednesday, for 45 minutes starting at 6:30 pm or 7:00 pm. Reading

minutes starting at 6:30 pm or 7:00 pm. Reading music is not required, or necessary. It's all very low-



Also, anyone who would like to perform special music in the service at any time, please contact Jeff.

Help Both Our Church and Our Planet at the Same Time!

Recycle your used printer ink cartridges through Planet Green Recycling! Drop off used ink cartridges at church and we will submit to "Planet Green Recycling." The church will receive funds directly from Planet Green Recycle, \$1.00 for every cartridge (commonly used cartridges).

If you choose to mail in your cartridges yourself, it is very important to make sure to include the church's Organization Program Code so we receive credit for your cartridges. See the

weekly church email for details about how to send in cartridges yourself.

Thank you so much for your support!!!

The Little Food Pantry is getting good use in front of the church! It is now that time of year when it's warmer outside and we need to make sure any donations to the Little Food Pantry will not melt. We appreciate all your donations!





We are still collecting aluminum cans for recycling
- ONLY aluminum cans.
No other trash is accepted.
Thank you for your consideration!



CHURCH CALENDAR: August 31 through September 7

Sunday (8/31)

10:30 am Worship

Wednesday (9/3)

6:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday (9/6)

6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday (9/7)

10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

^{*}Note: If you have an event or meeting that is scheduled at the church, please let the church office know (oneucckenhorst@gmail or 610-777-5211) so that it can go on the calendar for the bulletin. Thank you!