

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
47 South Whiteoak Street  
Kutztown, Pennsylvania 19530  
610-683-3393

## Our Mission

*We, the family of St. Paul's UCC,  
guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ,  
are committed to carry His good news.  
We celebrate God's presence by shar-  
ing God's unconditional love with fel-  
lowship, worship and service to others.  
We pray for God's wisdom and  
compassion to lead us  
in our endeavors.*

## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kim Adamson..... Pastor  
Barbara Merkel.....Admin Assistant  
Judy Heffley..... Organist  
Currently vacant..... Choir Director  
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Jan Lenich..... Sexton

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Dear St. Paul's Family:

As the evenings become a little crisper and the scent of Fall whispers, I don't think I am alone in wondering where Summer has gone. A certain song from the musical "Porgy and Bess" is meandering through my mind and I wonder if this past Summer was like the song.

"Summertime and the livin' is easy. Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high. Oh, your daddy's rich and your ma is good lookin', so hush, little baby, don't you cry.

There are parts of Summer that felt as though the livin' was easy – picnics, outdoor worship, cookouts, longer days, splashing in the pool, and all those Summer events. But there were also challenging parts to this past Summer – the losses we experienced, the air quality issues related to wildfires 700 miles away, flash flooding, heat waves, and drought.

I know that many of you enjoy fishing and I hope they were jumping. And the crops, well, it started out kind of rough, but once it started to rain, it was astonishing how quickly the corn reached for the skies."

I always got a kick out of the line about daddy being rich and ma being good looking. I always thought my mother was beautiful. She was pretty, but her beauty was a more interior kind. Daddy could be our earthly father, but in our context, God is often like a father pointing us in the right paths of life.

"One of these mornings you gonna rise up singin'. Yes, you'll spread your wings and you'll take to the sky. Mm, but 'til that morning there is nothin' can harm you; yes, with daddy and mommy standin' by."

We have a lot of musical people at St. Paul's and Fall makes official the retirement of our beloved Vocal Choir Director, Carol Reinhard. Under her careful guidance our voices and spirits soared in the sanctuary and upward to the heavens.

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I love the image of daddy and mommy “standin’ by”, ready to help and protect us. This reminds me of the divine presence of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit standin’ by and with us in happy times and during the sad times.

“Summertime and the livin' is easy. Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high. Oh, your daddy's rich and your ma is good lookin', so hush, little baby, baby don't you cry.\*i ”

Perhaps school children need the comforting words “hush, little baby, don't you cry” as they prepare for a new school year commencing after Summer vacation. At VBS when the topic came up, many of the children wanted to avoid talking about it because it was too soon to let go of summer!

Fall brings with it a whirlwind of events. One event that will only be here for a short time is the arrival of The Wall that Heals mobile Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I encourage each of you to experience it if you can.

Young at Heart will be hosting the Elvis impersonator, Jeff Krick, at their November gathering. All are invited to step back in time to the height of Elvis’ music.

These are just two of the many things happening at St. Paul’s and in the Kutztown Community. Let’s gather and enjoy the season together.

Autumn blessings,

Pastor Kim

## Happy Birthday Rejoicing Spirits of Eastern Berks County!

Mark your calendar! **October 1, 2023**, is the first birthday of Rejoicing Spirits of Eastern Berks County! Pastor Kim will lead the service beginning at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary at St. Paul’s UCC. The service will include a brief message, joyous music and prayer.

Following the service there will be a celebratory carnival-themed fellowship time. Join us for a craft, games, prizes, cake and other snacks! Please celebrate with us as we hear God’s word and share in a time of fellowship.

Blessings,

Erin

**Reminder:** The Rejoicing Spirits worship service is held the first Sunday of every month. The service begins at 3:00 pm with fellowship after the service. Please join us!

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### September 4th LABOR DAY



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### National Grandparents Day

September 10, 2023



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### PRAYER LINKS

You are invited to join the Prayer Links ministry. You may pray anytime, anywhere, and in your own way. It is greatly appreciated by those who have requested prayers and is confidential. Please call the church office or June Rung (610-683-6563) for more information.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**  
**September**

- 1 Linda Arndt, Tamara Fitzgerald,  
Caleb Moyer, Kian D'Agusto,  
Layton D'Agusto, Aaron Kulp
- 2 Myles Moriarty
- 3 Nancy O'Neil, Julie Schmoyer
- 5 Lois Beekey, Sandra Scholar,  
Christine Keim,
- 6 Shirley Hartman
- 7 Robert Heffner
- 10 Elizabeth Rarick
- 11 Marilyn Eckert, Larry Seaman,
- 12 April Steltz
- 13 Sherry Leinbach, Kimberly Arndt,  
Donald Bray
- 16 Connie Ashenfelder
- 22 John Printz
- 23 Shirley Stricker, Jan Lenich, Steven Ziegler,  
Jennifer Mccarroll, Kara Reed
- 25 Rebecca Freeman
- 27 Kathryn Landis
- 28 Taylor Fenstermacher, Dylan Geisinger
- 30 Joan Gangewere



SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**  
**October**

- 3 John Schmoyer, Lisa Rarick
- 4 Austin Wuchter, Cynthia Swan
- 5 Christina Richard
- 6 Gail Keim, MacKenna Kalin
- 9 Ethel DeMatteo-Beck
- 10 Dylan Thompson
- 13 Sofia Rocha
- 14 Emily Kalin
- 15 Brent Fenstermacher
- 19 Ann Rollman
- 22 Sean Bray
- 25 Jodi Weaknecht
- 26 Susan Schmoyer
- 27 Keith Boyer
- 28 Brandon Wuchter
- 29 Cheryl Ziegler, Benjamin Rarick
- 30 Kristen Angstadt
- 31 Carly O'Neil



OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS

# HARVEST HOME MUMS

On **Sunday, September 24th** there will be mums decorating the sanctuary. To order contact Barb Merkel in the office at 610-683-3393 or fill out an order form included in the Bulletin and place in the offering plate or in the office mail slot.

The colors for this year are Red, Yellow, Purple and Orange. They are in 9 inch pots and are \$7.00 a piece. Please make your check out to **St Paul's UCC** and return with your order form or place in an envelope in the offering plate.

Please include information as to how you want them listed in the Bulletin. IMO/IHO and print name or names clearly.

Deadline for orders is **September 10, 2023.**

**Thank you in advance for adding to the beauty of the Sanctuary.**

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Hallie Vaughan, a retired 4th grade teacher with an interest in women's history portrays historic women throughout Berks County. For our September Young at Heart gathering, she will portray Ruth Hartman, the Women's League Baseball Player. She dresses in period costumes and fully embodies each character she portrays. \*

**Join us on Wednesday, September 20th at 10:00 AM**

**Young at Heart Seniors  
St. Paul's UCC  
47 S. Whiteoak Street  
Kutztown, PA 19530  
RSVP (610) 683-3393  
Fellowship & Refreshments  
Free Will Offering Accepted**

\*Photo courtesy of The Reading Eagle

# SEPTEMBER 2023

Worship: 10:15 AM

Sunday School—9:00 AM (September—May) Adult SS 8:45 AM

Office/Pastor Hours: Monday 9AM-12Noon, Tuesday, Wednesday 9AM-1PM  
(Due to church schedule, appointments suggested for Pastor)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:30 AM Manna at Grace 9AM-1PM Button Club (Lounge)
3 3 PM Rejoicing Spirits	4 LABOR DAY 6 PM Yoga - Cancelled	5 7 PM Bible Study	6	7 6:15 PM Bell Choir	8	9 9 AM Prayer Walk 9AM-2PM Blood Drive 9:30 AM Yoga
10 9-10 AM Rally Day Teacher Dedication Grandparents' Day	11 9 AM—Noon Mice Workshop	12 11 AM Worship Mtg. 6:30 PM Spiritual Council	13 7 PM Consistory	14 6:15 PM Bell Choir	15	16 9AM-10PM Crafting 9:30 AM Yoga
17 Ketchup Sunday Fellowship after Worship	18 9AM-noon Mice Workshop 6:30 PM Fellowship 7:00 PM Missions 7:00 PM Property	19 2:15 PM Prayer Links 7 PM Bible Study	20 10AM—Noon Young @ Heart Seniors 2-8:30 PM H & H Quilters	21 6:15 PM Bell Choir	22 6:30 PM Ladies Night Out—St Paul's Fleetwood—Gianotti's Pricetown Road	23 9:30 AM Yoga
24 Harvest Home Mums in the Sanctuary	25 9AM-Noon Mice Workshop 6 PM Yoga	26 7 PM Christian Ed	27 6:30 PM Women's Guild Meeting	28 9AM Bazaar Crafting 6:15 PM Bell Choir	29	30 8:30 AM—2 PM Leadership Retreat 9:30 AM Yoga – Cancelled

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	September 3, 2023		September 10, 2023		September 17, 2023		September 24, 2023	
	14th Sunday after Pentecost		15th Sunday after Pentecost		16th Sunday after Pentecost		17th Sunday after Pentecost	
Daily Devotions	Exodus 3:1 & Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26		Psalm 149		Exodus 14:19-31		Exodus 16:2-15	
	Romans 12:9-21		Ezekial 33:7-11		Psalm 103:1-13		Phillipians 1:21-30	
	Matthew 16:21-28		Matthew 18:15-20		Matthew 18:21-35		Matthew 20:1-16	
Fellowship/Events	Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service @3:00 PM		Rally Day		Ketchup Sunday			
			Teacher Dedication		w/fellowship			
Worship Leaders	Christine Keim		Ronald Reinhard		Daryn Keim		Keith Wuchter	
Deacons	Tom Lenich		Cindy Swan		Gregg Hartman		Tom Lenich	
	Denise Keim		Ethel DeMatteo-Beck		Sandi Madeira		Denise Keim	
	Daryn Keim		Steve Leinbach		Erin Webb		Daryn Keim	
Flowers-Center	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Reinhard						Denise Keim (Piano)	
	In honor of our parents						In loving memory of my father, Bobby	
							Mums in the Sanctuary	
Flowers-Sides								
Bulletins	Nany O'Neil		Ron & Carol Reinhard				Denise Keim	
	In memory of loved ones		in memory of our parents				In loving memory of my father, Bobby	

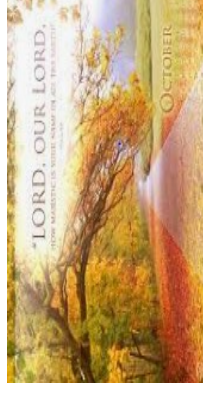


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(Due to church schedule, appointments suggested for Pastor)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PASTOR SUNDAY World Wide Communion Fellowship after Worship 3 PM Rejoicing Spirits	2 9AM-Noon Mice Work- shop 6 PM Yoga	3 7 PM Theology w/a Twist 7 PM Bible Study	4	5 9 AM Bazaar Crafting 6:15 PM Bell Choir	6	7 8:30AM Manna at Grace 9AM-1PM Button Club (Lounge) 9:30 AM Yoga 10AM-Noon Blessing Of the Pets
8 Bible Sunday 9 AM Confirmation Class 2 PM—Ethel Beck Gathering	9 9AM-Noon Mice Work- shop 6 PM Yoga	10 11 AM Worship Mtg. 7 PM Finance Mtg.	11 7 PM Consistory Mtg. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON NOV. 12TH AFTER WORSHIP	12 9 AM Bazaar Crafting 6:15 PM Bell Choir	13	14 9 AM Prayer Walk 9:30 AM Yoga
15 Guest Pastor—Rev. Dr. James Jackson PULSE DEADLINE	16 9AM-Noon Mice 6 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Fellowship 7:00 PM Missions 7:00 PM Property	17 7 PM Bible Study	18 10AM-noon Young @ Heart Seniors 2-8:30 PM H & H Quilt- ers	19 9 AM Bazaar Crafting 6:15 PM Bell Choir	20	21 9AM-10PM Crafting 9:30 AM Yoga
22 9AM Confirmation Class	23 9AM—Noon Mice Workshop 6 PM Yoga	24 7 PM Christian Ed	25	26 9 AM Bazaar Crafting 6:15 PM Bell Choir	27	28 9:30 AM Yoga
29 Reformation Sunday	30 9AM –Noon Mice Workshop 6 PM Yoga	31 6:30 PM Personnel Meeting				

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	October 1, 2023	October 8, 2023	October 15, 2023	October 22, 2023	October 29, 2023
	18th Sunday after Pentecost	19th Sunday after Pentecost	20th Sunday after Pentecost	21st Sunday after Pentecost	22nd Sunday after Pentecost
	Worldwide Communion		Rev. James Jackson, Supply Pastor		Reformation Sunday
	Neighbors in Need Offering				
Daily Devotions	Exodus 17:1-7	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23	Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17
	Philippians 2:1-13	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 4:1-9	Isaiah 45:1-7	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
	Matthew 21:23-32	Matthew 21:3-46	Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:34-46
Fellowship/Events	Fellowship after Worship	Bible Sunday	Pulse Deadline		
	Rejoicing Spirits Worship 3:00 PM				
Worship Leaders	Denise Keim	Kathy Landis	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Karen Rhode	Donna Sheaffer
Deacons	Cindy Swan	Gregg Hartman	Tom Lenich	Cindy Swan	Gregg Hartman
	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Sandi Madeira	Denise Keim	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Sandi Madeira
	Steve Leinbach	Erin Webb	Daryn Keim	Steve Leinbach	Erin Webb
Flower Sponsors					
Center	Brian & Ethel Beck		Cynthia Schaeffer & Family		
	In honor of		in Loving memory of		
	Christine & Tom Luckenbill's		John Schaeffer		
	32nd Anniversary				
Sides					
Bulletins	Gene & Sandi Madeira	Brian & Ethel Beck	Cynthia Schaeffer & Family		
		In honor of	In loving memory of		
		Chris and Tom Luckenbill's	John Schaeffer		
		32nd anniversary			





## ***GETTING TO KNOW...***

During the pandemic, Kathy Landis and June Rung decided to feature new members in the PULSE. We wanted to bring these people “alive” to you, to see where you might find common interests or just learn something new so that when communication became easier, there would be things to converse about. Even though the pandemic is over, we would like to continue our interviews. This is an opportunity for you to get better acquainted with our newest member, Dave Abel. Many of you may have already met Dave when he joined St. Paul’s a few weeks ago.

### ***Q: WHERE ARE YOU FROM?***

After living my first twelve years in the country near Conrad Weiser, I have lived in Kutztown and now in Lyons.

### ***Q: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?***

I have a daughter Kirsten who lives in South Carolina and a son Alan who lives in Alaska. Kirsten is a pediatrician and Alan is a chemist for an oil company. Also, I have three grandchildren, a twelve-year old boy and a 2 1/2 -year old girl of Kirsten’s, and another granddaughter of two years from Alan.

My father was an electrical engineer and my grandfather was mechanically skilled and worked on cars. My mother was an excellent office administrator, requested for her skills, especially shorthand. My parents were members at St. Paul’s, and I was confirmed here in 1960. I had three siblings, one brother and two sisters. One sister is still living in Florida.

### ***Q: WHERE DID YOU ATTEND SCHOOL?***

I attended Kutztown High School, and then enrolled in Lincoln Tech where I majored in electronics. After serving in the military, I took advantage of the GI Bill and attended Kutztown University where I graduated with a degree in secondary education.

### ***Q: WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE MILITARY?***

Before attending Kutztown University, I was drafted into the Army and served from 1967-69. I was sent to Germany where I worked for the Army Signal Corps. My job was to set up communication with artillery outfits from the headquarters battalion. I felt very fortunate to be able to use my electronic skills there.

### ***Q: TELL US ABOUT YOUR EMPLOYMENT***

Before graduating from Kutztown University, I worked for the Reading Railroad as a systems technician. After graduation I worked for a short time at Robb Junior High in Allentown and at Lincoln Tech. About then Kutztown University was starting up a TV and Communication program. They needed someone with electronics knowledge to set it up. I was hired as Chief Engineer, Telecommunications, and worked there for 35 wonderful years serving students, faculty, and others. I now serve as VP of Lyons Borough and Chairman of their municipal authority.

### ***Q: WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES/INTERESTS?***

I stay active playing tennis, pickleball, bicycling, attending a gym. When I was married, my wife and I completely redid two older houses, including my current residence built in 1869.

From my parents, I learned to play bridge, and now for the past year and a half, I have been playing duplicate bridge. I keep studying to improve my playing. I also enjoy pinochle which I learned from my grandparents. In addition to bridge, I like to challenge my mind with games like Scrabble and reading.

For many years, I spent hours working on cars, such as a Mazda Miata, Triumph TR7, MG and MGB, Mercedes SLK 350, all bought as used vehicles. Now I have two cars with antique license plates.

I also enjoy traveling. I made trips to China, Scandinavia, Iceland, Panama Canal, France, Hawaii, and other trips for snorkeling and kayaking.

*\*As you can see, Dave has led a very full and energetic life feeling very fortunate for his blessings. You may find you share some similar interests with Dave. Take time to ask about his many exciting travels and experiences.*



By Judy Heffley

When I asked Linda Merkel what her favorite hymn was, she said she likes many of them. But if she had to narrow her choice down to just one, it would be “I Surrender All,” #596 in our hymnal. It is usually sung during Lent, but the words have special meaning to Linda all year long. It is said that “Only in the Christian life does surrender bring victory.”

In 1896 the words to this hymn were written by Judson W. VanDeVenter and the music is by Winfield S. Weeden. Judsen was born in 1855 in Michigan and grew up interested in art and music. He was converted to Christ at age 17. After surrendering himself to God, he gave up teaching art to enter full-time music evangelism. It is interesting to note that Billy Graham was a student of Judson’s and said that Judson influenced his early preaching.

Source: Then Sings My Soul by Robert J. Morgan

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### Colin’s Quips

by Colin Heffley

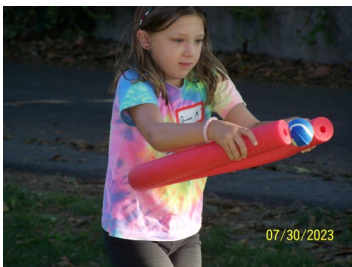
1. Which elf is the best singer? ELFish Presley
2. What does a spy do when he gets cold? He goes undercover!
3. Where do people who pass gas sit in church? In p-ews
4. What do they serve at birthday parties in heaven? Angel food cake
5. Why do we tell actors to “break a leg?” Because every play has a cast



Congratulations to Jennifer Silberman and Eddie Mccarroll on their wedding July 1, 2023. Your church family sends their best wishes and blessings for a long and happy life together.

## MONUMENTAL VBS

The combined Trinity/St. Paul's VBS Program ran from July 30-August 3 at Trinity with 40 children in attendance and many adult and older youth volunteers supporting. Thank you to everyone who helped to make VBS a huge success! Next year's VBS: Stellar (Outer Space Theme) will be held at St. Paul's.



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## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 10

All of the Youth Sunday School Teachers are looking forward to welcoming back our youth, their families, and their grandparents for Sunday School on September 10 from 9:00-10:00! More details will be communicated by email, but please save the date and all extended family members should plan to join in this annual kickoff celebration, We look forward to seeing you on September 10!





## **ST PAUL'S UCC HOMEBOUND LIST**

### **ANGSTADT, Erma**

Birthday: 01/12/1925  
The Heritage at Green Hills  
400 Tranquility Lane, Room 240  
Shillington, PA 19607  
(610) 927-8795  
(Women's Guild Contact – Mandy Boyer)

### **BEEKEY, Lois**

Birthday: 09/05/1933  
2730 Pine Grove Road #2204  
York, PA 17403-5167  
(973) 803-9512  
(Women's Guild Contact – Marjorie Weida)

### **BURROWS, Bruce & Ann**

Birthday – Bruce 06/20/1939  
Birthday – Ann 04/18/1945  
26 Cloverstrip Lane  
Bowers, PA 19511  
(610) 682-6565  
(Women's Guild Contact – Shirley Hartman)

### **DELCAMP, Shirley**

Birthday: 03/24/1937  
517 College Boulevard  
Kutztown, PA 19530  
(610) 683-3065  
(Women's Guild Contact – Ethel DeMatteo-Beck)

### **DIEHL, Charlotte**

Birthday: 03/28/1949  
475 W Walnut Street  
Kutztown, PA 19530  
(610) 683-6206  
(Women's Guild Contact – Erin Webb)

### **FOX, Dorothy**

Birthday: 06/01/1939  
419 A Hottenstein Road  
Kutztown, PA 19530  
(Women's Guild Contact – Fern Kline)

### **FREDERIC, Catherine "Kitty"**

Birthday: 04/10/1941  
171 Folk Road  
Breinigsville, PA 18031  
(610) 682-7417  
(Women's Guild Contact – Pastor Kim, Barbara Merkel)

### **LEINBACH, Shirley**

Birthday: 11/14/1932  
Lutheran Home at Topton  
HHCC—Room C-169  
One South Home Avenue  
Topton, PA 19562  
(Women's Guild Contact – Nancy O'Neil)

### **LOBB, Pat**

Birthday: 11/06/1941  
317 S Whiteoak Street  
P.O. Box 159  
Kutztown, PA 19530  
(610) 207-5144  
(Women's Guild Contact – Carol Reinhard)

### **STRAUSS, Marlene**

Birthday: 11/24/1963  
7 SW Railroad Street  
P.O. Box 302  
Lyons Station, PA 19536  
(610) 682-4961  
(Women's Guild Contact – Pal Eckert)

### **WEISER, Doris**

Birthday: 03/05/1931  
Topton Lutheran Home, D1 Wing, Room 104  
One South Home Avenue  
Topton, PA 19562-1317  
(610) 641-1891  
(Women's Guild Contact – Marcia Keiser)



## **Double-Decker Drive-Thru Burgers**

From “The Ultimate Burger”

### **Ingredients**

Use frozen hamburgers or make your favorite hamburger recipe.

### **Toppings**

Cheese, shredded iceberg lettuce, finely chopped onion, and dill pickles.

### **Burger Sauce**

½ cup mayonnaise

¼ cup ketchup

2 tsp. sweet pickle relish

2 tsp. sugar

2 tsp. white vinegar

1 tsp. pepper

Spread burger sauce over all buns. Top with ingredients.

Assemble your Burger: Roll, Burger, Toppings, Roll, Burger, Toppings, Roll



## **CORN BREAD From Boyd Lenich’s Kitchen**

### **Ingredients:**

2 boxes (8.5 oz.) Jiffy Corn Mix

1 cup mayonnaise

2 eggs

1 stick melted butter

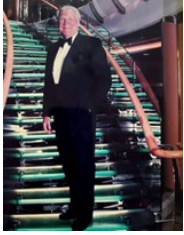
2/3 cup milk

### **Directions:**

- Mix egg and mayonnaise
- Add melted butter, mix.
- Add milk
- Stir in Jiffy Corn Mixes
- Pour into a greased 9 x 13 pan
- Bake at 400 degrees, 30-35 minutes.



## In Loving Memory



**James Edward Snook, 78, of Escondido, California, passed away Saturday, May 13, 2023 at home. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania. Jim was a graduate of Kutztown High School and was inducted into their Athletic Hall of Fame, helping the Cougars win three straight Berks County Conference championships from 1961 - 1963 and District 3 titles in 1961 and 1963. Named All-Berks three times and All-State twice, he was inducted into the Berks County Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017.**



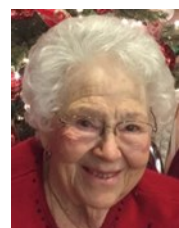
**Tina M. Burkos, 59 years, of Allentown, passed away on Monday, July 3, 2023, at Lehigh Valley Hospice, Inpatient Unit. She was the wife of John G. Burkos for 16 years this month. Born in Kempton, she was a daughter of the late Shirley (Ziegler) Printz and John Printz of Kutztown. She was an Administrator for Faust Hauling in Trexlertown for 20 years and worked at Segan's Bloomin' Haas in Allentown for 20 years.**



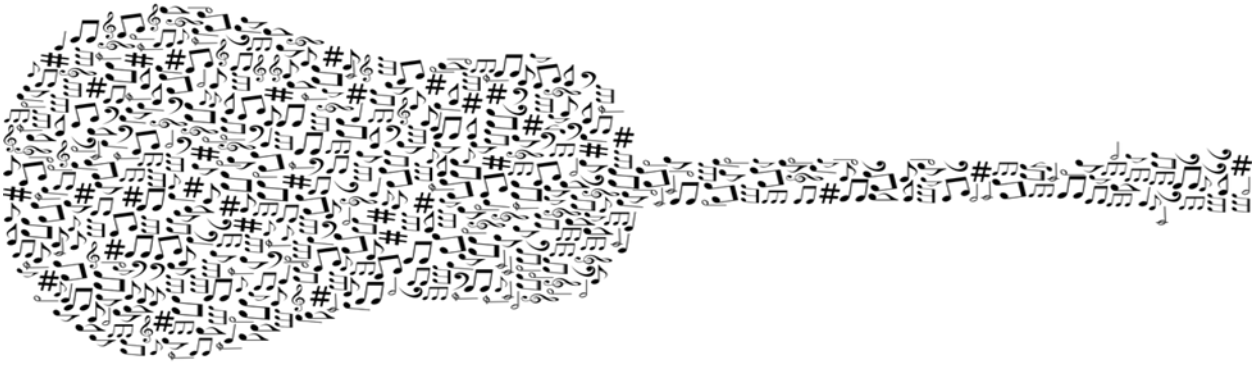
**Rodney D. "Rod" Barrell, 65, of Kutztown, passed away peacefully at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest, on Friday, July 14, 2023. He was the husband of Gretchen M. (Besler) Barrell, whom he married on May 14, 1994 in St. Thomas. Born in Kutztown, Rod was the son of the late Elmer A. and Helen M. (Ketner) Barrell. He was a 1975 graduate of Kutztown Area High School and later, Penn State University - Berks Campus, where he received his associate degree in hydraulic engineering and drafting.**



**Keith James Leinbach, 62, of Kutztown, died unexpectedly Wednesday, July 19, 2023, in the residence of his mother, Shirley M. Leinbach, Kutztown. Keith was a graduate of Kutztown Area High School, Class of 1979, where he graduated as class valedictorian. Keith was very active with his church, have previously served on the choir and many committees. Keith was active on the Saint Paul's Relay for Life Team since its inception.**



**Fern A. (Schlegel) Kerchner, 97, formerly of Kutztown, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 22, 2023 in Church of God Home, Carlisle. She was the widow of Lester L. Kerchner, who died October 2, 2012. Born in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, PA. Fern was a daughter of the late Edmund and J. Susan (Herbein) Schlegel. She was employed as the Head Cook by the Kutztown Area School District for 12 years, retiring in 1989.**



**Kutztown Folk Music Society-**  
**The Season of the Fiddle**  
**Second Friday of each month 7:30 PM**

**October Concert: Friday, October 13:**

**The Druckenmillers - also known as the First Family of Folk! Tom, Betty, and (filling in for Nate) Norm Williams**

**\$9.00 - Adults**

**\$7.00 - Seniors (62 plus), Students, and  
Veterans/Active Duty Military,**

**Free - Children 12 and under**

**St. Paul's UCC**

**47 S. Whiteoak Street Kutztown, PA 19530 - please enter in  
the rear of the building from Lambert Alley.**

**Call Barb at the church office for more info 610.683.3393**



## YOUNG AT HEART

*“Wonders of the Shell”* was featured at the July 19<sup>th</sup> Young at Heart meeting with Kathy Landis as the guest speaker and Dave Abel as technical resource. A total of nine people attended including Pastor Kim. She opened the day with a poem entitled Sea Shell by Amy Lowell.

Kathy displayed numerous seashells from her collection and the largest one from Dave being the Horned Helmet shell. Some shells were displayed in large shadow boxes made of walnut created by her brother-in-law who also brought her a large green abalone shell from the Marshall Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

### Many topics of interest were covered:

- *Zoology relating to mollusks* (seashell animals) about their life and shell-building activities considered “architectural miracles”
- *Stories of man’s relationship* with seashells over time
- *Spiritual meaning* attached to mollusks in Christianity and other religions
- *Symbolism* of shells throughout the world

*The group participated in an original Japanese way to appreciate seashells through a method called “Inspiration.”* Each person expressed their visual experience of a seashell and related it to something familiar in their daily life. The Horned Helmet was observed as an example due to its unusual shape and size. Also, Ethel shared her story of the polished shell fragment she had brought with her. Following the talk, everyone enjoyed the *delicious refreshments* offered by Fern and Pastor Kim with the help of Ethel and Barbara.

After refreshments, the group created some *shell art designs* from the large selection of shells and decorative items. Some decorated cross and angel shapes while others created imaginary designs including gifts for our homebound friends. Fun was had by all attending.

Frank Lloyd Wright, famous architect, exclaimed about the seashell animals, “in these...small beings who themselves built [their] houses, we see a quality called invention. The beauty of their variations is never finished. *Certainly, Divinity is here.*”



Next Young at Heart will be on **Wednesday, September 20th** at 10:00 AM featuring Hallie Vaughan portraying Ruth Hartman, Woman’s Baseball League player from Reading. October’s gathering will be The Great Pumpkin Festival—more news to come. Please sign up outside the church office. Come and enjoy another exciting time and bring a friend.



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**September 3rd**  
**Rejoicing Spirits Service—3pm**

**September 9th**  
**Blood Drive—9am—2pm**

**September 10th**  
**Sunday School –Rally Day—9am**  
**Teacher Dedication**  
**Grandparents Day**

**September 17th**  
**Ketchup Sunday**  
**Fellowship Hour after Worship**

**September 20th**  
**Young at Heart—10am**

**September 21st to September 24th**  
**The Wall that Heals Mobile Vietnam Veteran's**  
**Memorial**

**September 24th**  
**Harvest Home Mums**

**October 1st**  
**World Wide Communion**  
**Fellowship After Worship**  
**Neighbors in Need Collection**  
**Rejoicing Spirits Service—3pm**

**October 7th**  
**Blessing of the Pets 10am—Noon**

**October 8th**  
**Bible Sunday**

**October 18th**  
**Young at Heart—10am**

**October 29th**  
**Reformation Sunday**