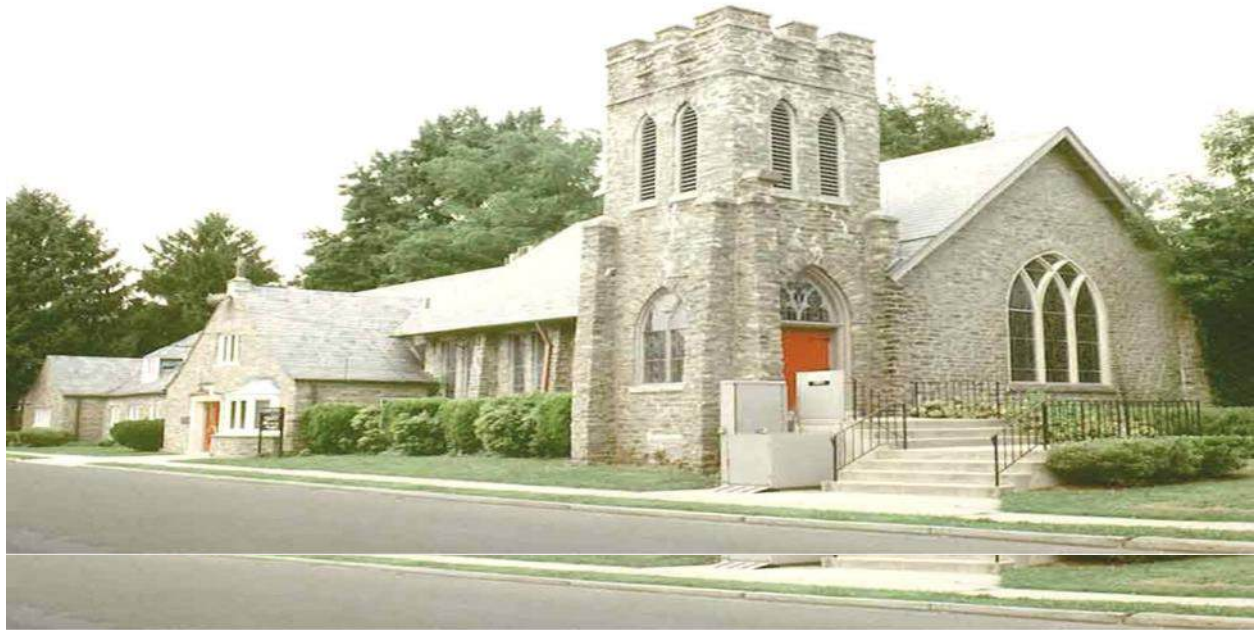


REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF MINISTRY



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Redeemer Herald Newsletter For September 2025

**Visitors and Neighbors:
Welcome to Redeemer
Lutheran Church!**

***Our door is open to you!
We would be happy to
have you join us as a
Partner in prayer, in song,
and in the hearing of
God's word.***



Our Mission:

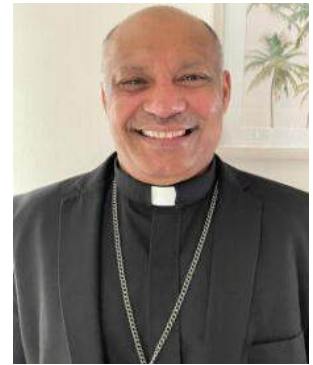
As a community of faith, we worship the Triune God.
We are called to love and serve all God's people and
creation through word and deed.



Pastor's Page

Grace and peace to you from God the Father, and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11



These well-known words from the book of Jeremiah my dear beloved brothers and sisters, are taken from a letter that the prophet Jeremiah wrote to the people of Judah who were living in exile in Babylon. They were living far from their homes, far from their farms and fields, and far from their beloved Jerusalem. Most of the people who received this letter would never see their homeland again; they would die in exile. Yet Jeremiah wrote that God had a plan which gave them hope and a future.

My dear beloved, throughout his ministry, Jeremiah encouraged the people of Judah to repent of their sins and trust in their gracious and merciful God. The faithful had hope and a future because God would, in time, lead their descendants back to the land of Judah. God would, in the fulness of time, send them the Savior who would die and rise from death to secure for them an eternal future in heaven.

As the prophet wrote: *'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.'* Jeremiah 33:14-16.

As baptized and beloved children of God, we too have hope and a future that is centered in God's promised Messiah, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God that Jesus has won for us, His church, the wondrous gifts of abundant mercy, certain hope, and an everlasting future!

As someone once said, "The church's trust in Christ is trust well-placed, for God gives us hope and a future.

May we continue to live in that hope and place our trust in Jesus, the one who through his death and resurrection has secured our future.

Blessings always,
Pastor Mukesh.

FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,
DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS TO PROSPER YOU
AND NOT TO HARM YOU,
plans to give you hope and a future
JEREMIAH 29:11



Members:

Lois Hershberger; Winnie Ferguson; Patti Paul; Lynn Leppo; Marty Danielson; David Erdman; Elizabeth Reinas; Jim Reinas; Judy Lamb; Dee Grover; Rich Moulder; Mike Dunn; Heather Palladino; Ilene Kersten; Stephanie Rager; Michelle Morris; Edith Williams; Dolores Danielson; David Short; Bob Winkler; Denise Goccia; Denise Robinson; Liv Simons; John Slaughter; Sandra Weasner, Donald Robinson; Joan Dunn

Relatives and Friends of our Members:

George Rehm; Jim Mosman; Raymond Short Jr.; Terri Rehm; Ann Marie Danieluk; Bill Castelberg Sr.; Wesley Webb; Marie Armitage; Bill Armitage; David Thorsen; Helmi El Senoussi; Jackie Lokitis; Erika Schuette; Mike Parker; Rick Dallara; Jimmy Susko, Jr; Karen Gorleski; Bill Farnham; Major Asay; Butch Krajewski; Diane Van Hise; Merrily Ballantine; Julie Capriotti

Relatives and Friends of our Members Serving in the Military:

Chad Durban; Kelly Cahill; Matthew Brandon Winter; Reid Furman; Julia Furman; Anne Furman; Matt Glaze; John Dichoso; Nicholas Ropars; Danny Parker;

Remember in Your Prayers Pastor and staff of Redeemer, and our Nations Leaders:

Pres. Donald J. Trump,
Vice Pres. J.D. Vance,
Our U.S. Senators,
The Supreme Court,
The House of Representatives.



Prayer Initiative for September 2025

On September 14, 2025 please pray for:

Aubrey Eshelman; Katie Eshelman; Brenda Mellon; Berni Naylor; Norman Smith, Brian Toews; Ashley Vaccaro; Mark Volz;

On September 28, 2025 please pray for:

Jack & Alice Adams; Louis & Jane Affannato; Bill and Diane Anderson; Bill and Stacy Anderson and Family; Chris Balasco and Family, Patti Balasco, Tom Balasco and Family

Prayer List Guidelines

Please continue to pray for all those who are in need of healing. If you or a family member is hospitalized or is in need pastoral care, or if a death takes place in your family, please call Pastor Mukesh at 267-391-8514.

PRAYER LIST GUIDELINES

After discussion, the Worship & Committee supports reinstituting the 4-week rule. When someone asks Jennifer to place a person on the list, she will inform them that name will remain for 4 weeks unless she hears differently from them.

1. We will list all members on the prayer list with no limits.
2. We will list Relatives and Friends of our Members for only 4 weeks.

You need to email the office or call the office to have them remain on longer, and you will have to call or email again in 4 weeks to have it extended again.

We list all Relatives and Friends of our Members Serving in the Military with no limits.

General Information

Check out our website at
<http://redeemerlutheranpenndel.org/>

We are in the process of making the switch from a personal page to an organization page. While this switch will be gradual, we would like to share this post about it with you! This is great news for our congregation, and we hope that this will grow our worshipping community! Please “LIKE” and “FOLLOW” our new organization page! The tech committee thanks you!



Follow us on Facebook at
Redeemer Lutheran Church Penndel
<https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheran1904>

Worship with us on Facebook

While we have a new Facebook organization page, services will continue to stream here:

Redeemer Penndel
<https://www.facebook.com/redeemer.penndel.9>



Articles for this publication must reach Redeemer Lutheran office not later than the 3rd Monday of each month to insure their insertion in next month's issue.

Sponsorships

2025 Weekly Worship Sponsorship

You are invited to sponsor the following items as a meaningful way to honor your loved ones. Your sponsorship helps beautify our worship space and supports our ministry. Consider this special opportunity to remember, celebrate, or give thanks for those you hold dear.

Below is a list of items we generally sponsor and the names and telephone numbers of the person to call. If you are paying by check for the items you are sponsoring, please make the check payable to Redeemer and either place it in the plate during offering or put it in the mail box of those whose names are indicated below. Be sure to indicate the amount, your name and the date of the sponsorship as well as the type of sponsorship.

ALTAR FLOWERS \$30 per Sunday
ORGAN FLOWERS \$10 per Sunday
Deb Farnham 267-566-0043 or dgfteach@yahoo.com

ALTAR CANDLES: \$5.00 per Sunday
COMMUNION HOSTS: \$5.00 per Sunday
Kim Overbagh 215-499-7556 or IronsidesGirl@gmail.com

SANCTUARY LAMP \$6.00 per Sunday
BUILDING MAINTENANCE A contribution amount of your choosing
TECHNOLOGY FUND A contribution amount of your choosing
Gail Blinstrub at 215-891-1388 or gailaa@verizon.net



Council Highlights

August 2025

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL MEETING ON 8-12-25

WORSHIP AND MUSIC TEAM – As is our tradition, we have asked the congregation to submit the names of their favorite hymns and we have been singing them in our worship services this summer. Both our Bell choir and Vocal choir provided beautiful anthems on June 8th, which was Pentecost Sunday. Both groups are on summer break and will resume in September. We celebrated Redeemer's 121st Anniversary on July 20th. We acknowledged Jason Green during the service and thanked him for his ongoing support of our Shared Meal Ministry. Our picnic was held inside due to uncertain weather conditions. Pastor and Gail met on July 11th to begin discussing our upcoming worship services for the fall. Blessing Backpacks and School Supplies will take place on August 24th. Commissioning our Faith Formation Leaders and Teachers will be on September 7th, which is also God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. A committee meeting will be held later this month to begin planning events for the fall.

FAITH FORMATION – During the summer, we held our annual Vacation Bible School. We did have fewer kiddos than usual, but the ones that came enjoyed themselves. In total, we had about 15 kids throughout the week. We ended up doing more of a one-room VBS. We did have dinner available daily, and we had amazing volunteers, who, without them, VBS would not be possible. We were unable to use the upstairs due to the air conditioner not working at all. Backpack tags are printed and will be laminated and ready for August 24th. Invitations have been sent to all VBS participants via email to invite them to the August 24th service.

EVANGELISM TEAM – We discussed the prayer chain and decided that the church wide email alert system that we are currently using was sufficient, and if there are people who do not have email, we can address that issue. We asked Jennifer to print out about 100 trifold brochures for the summer flea market. The Evangelism Team would like to partner with the Fun Committee to do the Halloween Party/Haunted House this year. Blessings of the backpacks and school supplies will be on 8/24/25.



Council Highlights August 2025

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL MEETING ON 8-12-25

Continued

STEWARDSHIP – STILL LOOKING FOR A LEADER!!! Please see Pastor if you would like information on being a Stewardship leader.

SHARED MEAL MINISTRY – June Shared Meal – the AHTN buses brought 19 guests. Additionally, over 20 guests arrived on their own. They were served sliced ham with pineapple stuffing, green beans, and the usual fixings. Thank you to all who served and worked in the kitchen. Thank you to Jay Green, who sliced and warmed the ham for us.

July Shared Meal – We served burgers and dogs with pork and beans. Since Jason Green was away with his food truck, Don Solt cooked the burgers and dogs. For the August 5th shared meal, we hope to serve corn on the cob, BBQ chicken, roasted potatoes, and the usual salad, along with drinks and dessert.

SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM – Collection of cleaning goods has been suspended temporarily due to the collection of school supplies and socks. We will resume in September.

A case of laundry soap was delivered to our food pantry. A case of single-pack laundry packs was also delivered for use at the Reach Out facility. Four laundry bags were collected by Mena Green of the BCHA for distribution to families at the Penndel Shelter. Each bag contained a bottle of Liquid Tide and dryer sheets. A case of water was donated to the Reach Out facility for distribution to the homeless.



IN LOVING
Memory

MEMORIAL DONATIONS
JULY 2025

*To the Glory of God and in
Loving Memory of:*

Arlene Shecter

A Memorial was presented by:

Tom & Beth Bowe

Daniel Vile

Edwin S. Vile Jr.

Offerings:

A reminder to please send your offering to Redeemer. You can mail it to the church office directly at 239 Fairview Avenue, Penndel, PA 19047), or drop it off to the office Monday through Friday from 9 am-1 pm.

Electronic giving by credit/debit card or direct bank transfer is also available on Redeemer's website at: <http://redeemerlutheranpenndel.org>, or by scanning the QR code on your smart phone:



Contacting Pastor Mukesh

Pastor is always available should anyone need to speak with him. His cell phone number is 267-391-8514.

Give him a call if you need him.

**CONNECTING
WITH YOUR
PASTOR**



Monday	9/1		<i>Labor Day - Office Closed</i>
Tuesday	9/2	6:00 PM	<i>Shared Meal</i>
Wednesday	9/3	6:00 PM	<i>Evangelism - Zoom</i>
Sunday	9/7	9:20 AM	<i>Worship - Rally Day</i>
Sunday	9/7	10:30 AM	<i>God's Work, Our Hands</i>
Sunday	9/7	10:30 AM	<i>Nourish, Ignite, and Propel Our Faith</i>
Tuesday	9/9	7:00 PM	<i>Council Meeting</i>
Thursday	9/11	6:45 PM	<i>Bell Practice</i>
Sunday	9/14	9:00 AM	<i>Worship</i>
Monday	9/15	7:00 PM	<i>Bible Study</i>
Monday	9/15		<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
Thursday	9/18	6:45 PM	<i>Bell Practice</i>
Sunday	9/21	9:20 AM	<i>Worship</i>
Sunday	9/21	10:30 AM	<i>Nourish, Ignite, and Propel Our Faith</i>
Sunday	9/21	1:00 PM	<i>Book Club</i>
Monday	9/22	7:00 PM	<i>Bible Study</i>
Monday	9/23	7:00 PM	<i>Stewardship Meeting</i>
Thursday	9/25	6:45 PM	<i>Bell Practice</i>
Friday	9/26	6:00 PM	<i>Wheel of Fortune</i>
Sunday	9/28	9:00 AM	<i>Worship</i>
Sunday	9/28	10:30 AM	<i>Mission Festival</i>
Monday	9/29	7:00 PM	<i>Bible Study</i>

Check our website calendar and/or Facebook page for a current list of the events.
Please feel free to call or email the Church Office with any questions.



Deans Installation



National Night Out





**Redeemer's
120th Anniversary
Sunday
July 20, 2025**

Fellowship, food & fun
CHURCH
Picnic





Flea Market!

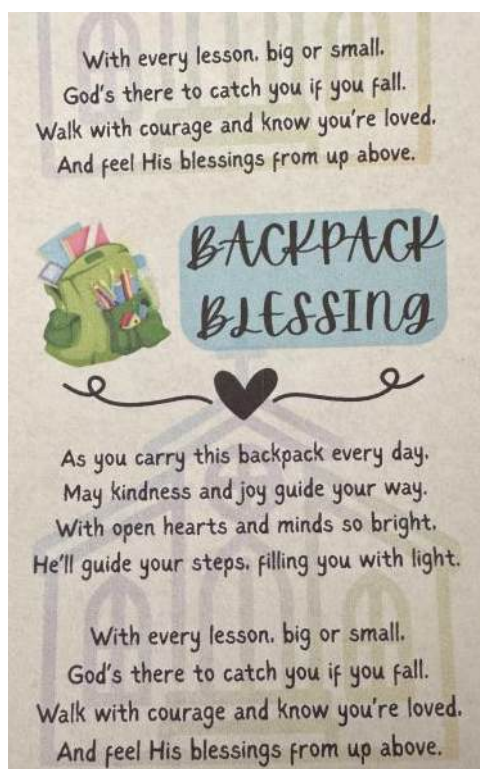
July & August Flea Markets A Wonderful Success!

Our July and August flea markets were a great success! Thank you to everyone who came out to shop, volunteer, and support this community event. Lots of treasures were found and plenty of bargains were enjoyed by all.





As a new school year begins, we sent our students and teachers back to school with encouragement, prayers, and love! Each participant received a small token to carry with them—a reminder of God's presence and the support of their church family. Our teachers were gifted with the supplies they requested, and the remaining donations will be shared with the local shelter for distribution. We are so grateful for the generosity of our congregation in making this ministry possible.



Social Ministry Update

Thanks to your generosity, Social Ministry was able to spread care and comfort in meaningful ways this past month.



For our food pantry, we donated liquid laundry soap (6-load bottles), helping families keep up with an essential but often costly need. We also provided single-use laundry pouches to the Reach Out organization in Penn del, so that our homeless neighbors could benefit from clean clothes and a little extra dignity.

In addition, each of the four families currently living at the Bucks County Housing Authority emergency shelter in Penn del received a large 64-load bottle of Tide liquid detergent and a box of 120 dryer sheets. These gifts were received with joy and deep gratitude.

Mena Green, of BCHA, shared her sincere appreciation for the many ways Redeemer continues to bless and support her clients. Thank you, Redeemer family, for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community!



Mission Festival Auction Sunday, September 28th After Worship

The Mission Festival Auction is a long-standing tradition at Redeemer Lutheran! During worship on the morning of the Auction, we will dedicate the “gifts” that will be bid on to raise funds in support of Doctors Without Borders and local community members in need.

Donations may include:

- Cooked or baked goods
- Arts and crafts
- New or gently used items

Let your imagination—and the guidance of the Holy Spirit—be your inspiration as you consider what to contribute.



Fellowship (Coffee Hour)

We hope you're loving the goodies we put out on Sunday mornings! While bagels are our trusty standby, we like to mix things up with a little something different each week to keep it fun.

Don't forget to drop a dollar in the donation jar—it helps us keep the coffee hot, the bagels fresh, and the treats coming!



Our food pantry has been overflowing with blessings lately, and it's all thanks to some very generous hearts. There have been several weeks that our friend Bruce makes the trip to Bensalem to pick up fresh produce for us—everything from cucumbers and potatoes to tomatoes, scallions, eggplant, and peppers. When our pantry friends open their bags to find these fresh, healthy items, their smiles say it all. As a special bonus, Bruce

also brings us TastyKakes from the local 7-Eleven when they are nearing their sell-by date. Those sweet treats are always a hit and bring a little extra joy to the day.

Meanwhile, Carole, Mike, and Lew have been faithfully heading down to Dietz & Watson to collect frozen meats for us. Thanks to their efforts, our freezers are full, and we can be sure that families have not just food on their tables, but hearty meals to share together.



And then there are the surprises—random items that come to us from different organizations. We never quite know what will show up, but it always feels like a little gift from above, and everything we receive is met with gratitude.

**“God’s Work, Our Hands”
2025 Sock Drive
Sunday, September 7th**

For this year’s *God’s Work, Our Hands* project, Redeemer will be collecting **warm winter socks** for those in need.

Last year’s sock collection was a wonderful success after we learned how deeply our homeless neighbors needed warm, dry socks. Your generous response made a big impact—thank you! This year, we are continuing that effort by making the sock drive our official “God’s Work” project. Any warm winter socks are appreciated—**please avoid wool**.

A collection container will be placed in the narthex throughout the next month to receive your donations.

Thank you for being a part of Redeemer’s “God’s Work” Sock Drive and for sharing warmth with others this winter.



SOCKTEMBER!
**‘NEW SOCKS’
DONATION DRIVE**



**Thank you for donating winter
socks for the
God’s Work Sock Project!**

As part of our *God’s Work, Our Hands* Day project, we invite you to join us during Fellowship hour on September 7th to help package the socks. Together, we can share warmth and care with those in need!

**Sunday, September 7th
Rally Day
9:20 am**



Join us for a very special Rally Day Worship Service! As we kick off the fall and return from summer, we will celebrate with:

The Commissioning of all Faith Formation leaders and Educators

Come share in this joyful beginning to a new season of faith and learning!



Bell Choir Practice Resumes September 11th 6:45 pm

Bell Choir will begin rehearsals again on Thursday, September 11th, at 6:45 pm. We look forward to gathering together to make a joyful noise to the Lord! New ringers are always welcome—no prior experience is needed, just a willingness to learn and share in fellowship.

Come and be part of this special ministry of music!



Remarkably Bright Creatures

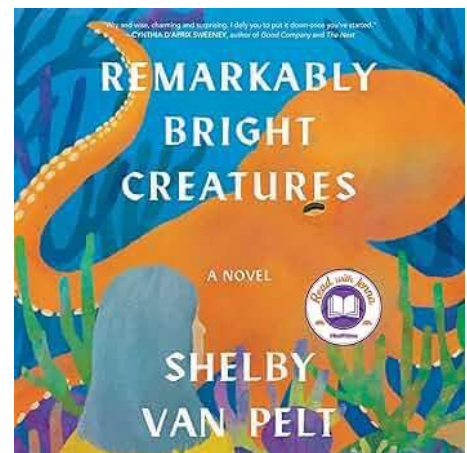
By
Shelby Van Pelt

The book club will meet Sunday, September 21st, at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

The book is available on Amazon and several used bookstore sites, and from the Bucks County library.

All are welcome to participate!

**Sunday
September 21st**



WELCA Kick-off Meeting

We are excited to begin the 2025–26 WELCA program year with a special kick-off gathering on **Tuesday, September 16 at 5:30 pm**. We'll enjoy fellowship around a bonfire complete with hotdogs and s'mores. WELCA will provide the hotdogs, rolls, and all the s'mores supplies—just bring along your lawn chair and get ready for a relaxed evening of food, fun, and friendship.

This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect after the summer, share in conversation, and learn more about what's coming up in WELCA this year. Everyone is welcome—we hope you'll join us!



COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



I started the library with good intentions. I was hoping people would visit the library and take out a book. Not too many people do that but I still have hopes. I would like to just have books that are fiction or non-fiction. I have been getting too many other types of books. They do not sell at the yard sales and I have no way of getting rid of them as I do not drive. Last year a person

gave me \$40.00 for Love Inspired books. I don't know how many books she took, but now I save them for her. I hope to see her at Community Day again.

I also have photo albums that I would like to display. They are from the 70's and I think people would like to look at them. See what went on years ago.

I was asking for 25 cents a book. You take a book and leave a quarter in a can on one of the shelves. You can keep the book or when you are finished with the book you can give it to me and I will put it away. All the money goes to the current fund. When I started the library in 2008, I was keeping a record of how much money I received but I don't keep a record anymore. Since I had kept a record, I received \$1,179.91, up until covid. Now between the markets and bazaars, it should be at least \$1,350.00 that went to the current fund. Every little bit helps. So please, visit the library and only donate fiction or non-fiction books.

Thank you.
Edna

Wheel of Fortune
Fun Committee
Friday, September 26th
6:00 pm

FROM REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH...

The famous wheel is spinning, spinning, spinning!
And the players will be winning, winning, winning!
Because there's lots of cash and fabulous prizes to be won on...

\$5

cash
prizes

snacks
and
drinks

play or
watch

WITH OUR HOST...
REDEEMER'S FUN COMMITTEE

Friday, September 26

6:00 pm

Hulmeville and W Woodland Avenues. Penndel, PA.
215-757-2724

Shared Meal



Redeemer served burgers and dogs for the July 1 shared meal. For the Tuesday, August 5 shared meal, Redeemer served ziti with approximately thirty-six (36) guests present. Thank you to all the volunteers who made ziti and to all who helped either in the kitchen or to serve.

The next shared meal will be on Tuesday, September 2. Jason Green, of Jay's Steak and Hoagie Shop in Parkland, will be providing Bar-B-Q chicken and roasted potatoes.



Thanks to Lynn Engel, Thrivent will provide mixed vegetables, rolls, and salad for September and several months more. We very much appreciate Jason Green and Thrivent for helping with the shared meal.

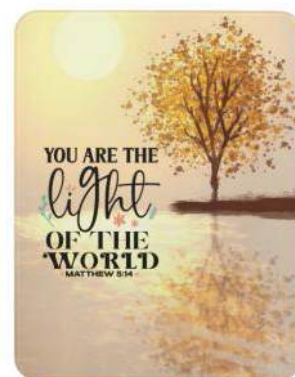
Upcoming shared meals will be:

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Nourish, Ignite, and Propel Our Faith 1st and 3rd Sunday After Worship

At our Leadership Planning Retreat, it was mentioned that some of us may feel the urge to share our faith story with others in our community. But this also raised the question of how to do that when you do not know how. Pastor is offering the opportunity to lead a ministry that can help equip and empower you with the tools to share with others in a setting outside the church community. Whether you would like to engage in leading prayers in a public setting or just nourish your personal spiritual life, join in to ignite your faith and propel you toward God's best.



We're excited to launch this new ministry and would love for you to be part of it! If you're interested in learning more, please reach out to the office or Pastor. We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after Worship in the Martin Luther Room.

We look forward to growing together in faith!

SOCRATES *Cafe*

Socrates Cafe Sunday, TBD Following Worship

Please join us in the parish hall following worship on a Sunday to be determined for another session of Hope through Conversation.

*The Art of Conversation:
Community through Dialogue*

Learning to share thoughts, develop ideas, and explore perspectives can foster civility, humility, and the fruit of the spirit. These discussions aim to illuminate the difference between talk & conversation, exemplify the art of listening, and demonstrate how to employ these arts with others of various ages & backgrounds.

Bible Study



We are happy to announce that Bible Study will begin again on **Monday, September 15th, at 7:15 pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to dive deeper into God's Word, ask questions, and share meaningful conversations with others in our church family. Whether you are a long-time participant or brand new to Bible Study, you are warmly invited to join us. Come grow in faith and fellowship as we study scripture together!

Social Ministry

Social Ministry in Action at Redeemer is committed to fulfilling God's command to "...Love Your Neighbors as Your Selves...there is no commandment greater" (Mark 12:31 NIV), and "...Whatever you did not do for the least of these, you did not do it for me" (Matthew 25:45 NIV).



Social Ministry holds their meetings quarterly at 6:00 pm prior to Bible Study. Next meeting date to be determined. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Financial Ministry

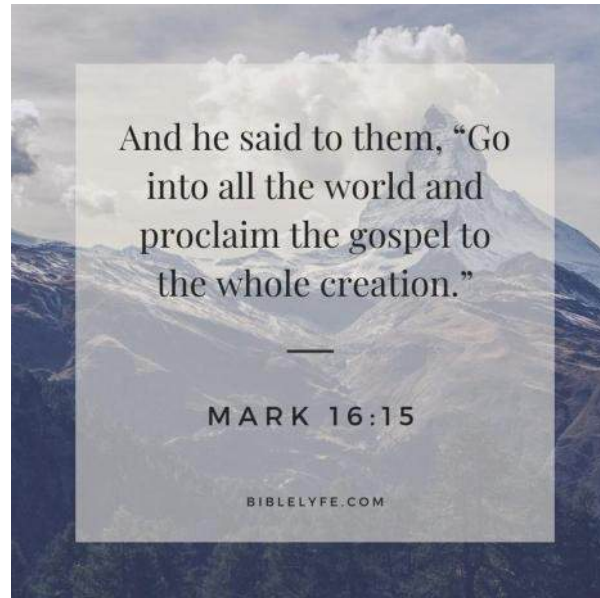
We continue to collect tapes from Redner Supermarkets and Brown's Shop Rite Stores. We do receive a percentage of money from these tapes which goes to the Current Fund.



Please try to keep them current. You can drop off your tapes Monday through Friday 9:00 am—1:00 pm or mail them to the church using the address of 239 Fairview Avenue, Penn del, PA 19047, or you can drop them in the basket in the narthex.



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September 2025



Thrivent cards

We need to be more active in recruiting new members. Everything we do should be using them. You can be an associate member for \$19.95 per year as long as you are 16 or older and still qualify for a \$250.00 action card. To sign up, please see the link below or ask Chris Ryan for help.

<https://onboard.cotribute.co/flows/55931fb6-5804-46a3-afb5-9542ecb2b996?web=1&wdLOR=cD45FA516-FD47-453B-94DB-CEE2E5715CDF>

Evangelism meets via zoom at 7pm on the first Wednesday of the month.. If you are interested in joining please see Chris Ryan, Patti Finn, or just call or email the church so Jenn can send you the link.

Our Next meeting will be on Wednesday September 3rd, 2025 7:00 pm via ZOOM .

Chris Ryan

Sharing God's Bounty

September 2025

Why We Struggle in Giving

Jesus gave us all ... his one and only Son (John 3:16). Just as Jesus gave, we are enabled by God's grace to be giving people. For Christians, giving is not an option. We are to give our firstfruits generously and joyfully out of gratitude for who God is and what he has done and continues to do for us. So why don't Christians give as they should?

The following are some reasons people don't give more:

Spiritual problems. People act as owners of their things rather than stewards. They readily acknowledge God as the owner with their lips but not with their hearts and actions. Those lacking an intimate relationship with Jesus do not make giving a priority.

Financial problems. The average credit card debt per household is approximately \$8,000. Many don't manage their money wisely. Until we spend less money than we make, we will find that money is tight and unavailable for giving generously.

Compartmentalization. We compartmentalize when we divide our lives into competing parts. If we disconnect God from the managing of our money, he is not in control, and we are prone to hoard money rather than give it.

Limited vision. We are apt to give less than we are capable if we do not understand all that our church or other Christian organizations are doing. If we understand and relate to the vision and mission of the church or organizations seeking our contributions, we will give generously.

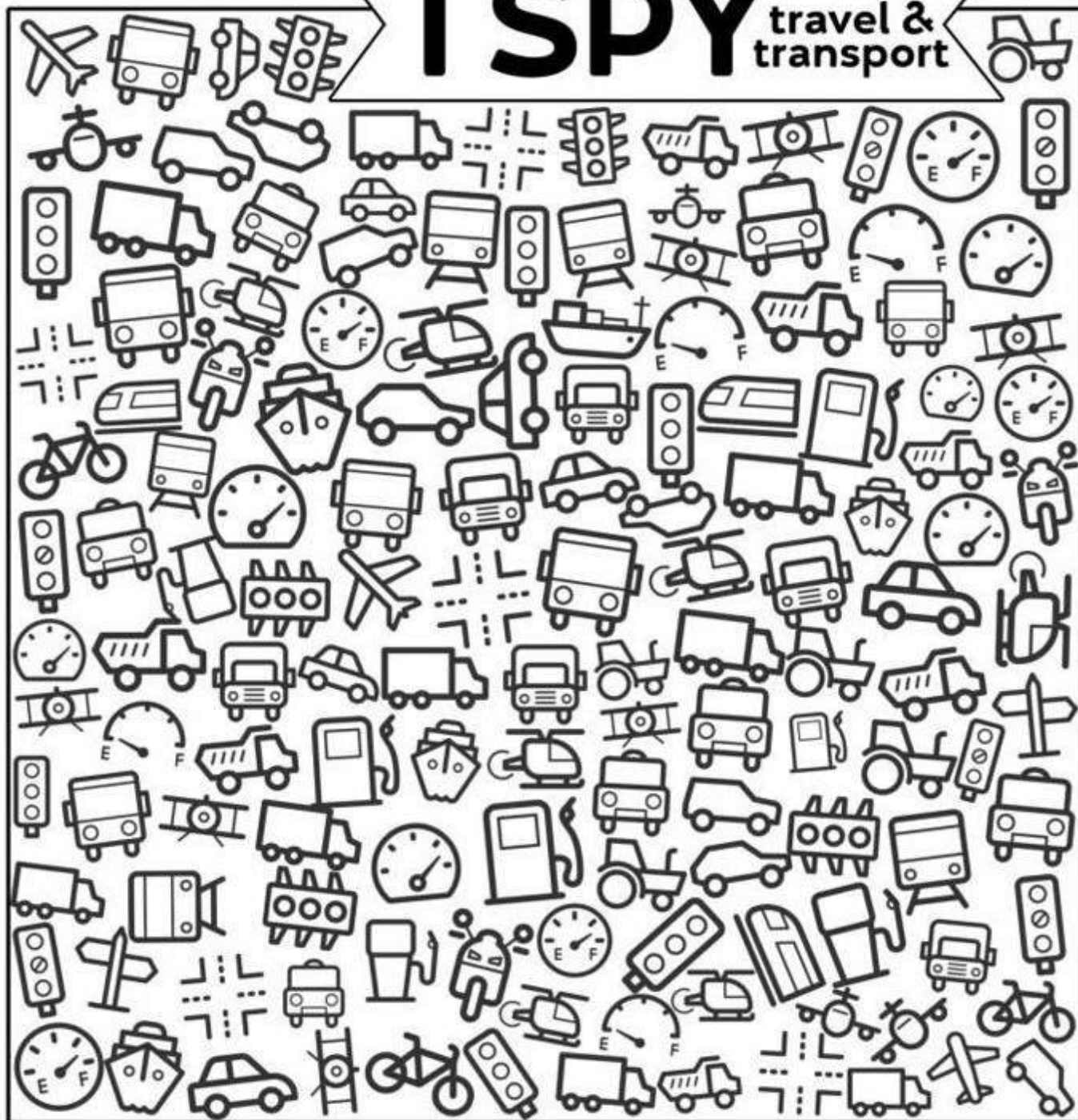
Limited relationships. People give more when they are connected to the church or Christian organization through relationships. If good relationships exist with the pastor or church leaders or even other members, people tend to be more generous.

If we are struggling in our giving, we need to seek God's strength to grow in our faith and trust in him. It is only by God's grace that we can be empowered to grow in the grace of giving.

May God help us all grow in his love and grace so we become the generous givers he wants us to be.

We own nothing. We are simply stewards of our lives, our goods, and our relationships. A basic understanding of Christian stewardship is that we are set in this world as caretakers, as stewards, not as possessors. To be wise, is, in one sense, to be a good steward. The gospel story of the tal-ents constitutes a plea for us to use what has been entrusted to us, but it is grounded in the truth that we own nothing, not even our lives.

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September Celebrations

9/1	<i>Donna Kistner</i>	9/19	<i>Brian Woodford</i>
9/1	<i>Pearl Ward</i>	9/25	<i>Isabella Palladino</i>
9/4	<i>Michelle Brownlee</i>	9/27	<i>Lynda Jones</i>
9/5	<i>Edna Schwenk</i>	9/27	<i>Trevor Davis</i>
9/6	<i>Michael Leppo</i>	9/28	<i>Tyler Mecutchen</i>
9/10	<i>David Feldbauer</i>	9/29	<i>Amy Meola</i>
9/11	<i>Michelle Seyferhelt</i>	9/29	<i>Julie Short</i>
9/14	<i>Gail Pulsinelli</i>	9/30	<i>Mike Ruth</i>
9/15	<i>Ilene Kersten</i>	9/30	<i>Tracey Crouse</i>
9/18	<i>Cindy Oser</i>		



9/3/1994	<i>Michelle & Garnett Morris</i>
9/14/2004	<i>Sean & Amy Schuette</i>
9/16/2017	<i>Jessica & Richard Hotalen</i>
9/20/2003	<i>Angelique Defeo & Jim</i>
9/29/1979	<i>Dave & Cindy Short</i>
9/29/2009	<i>Gary & Kim Overbagh</i>
9/30/1972	<i>Joan & Mike Dunn</i>

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