

The Monthly Newsletter of the East Vincent & First UCC Joint Ministry AUGUST 2016

June 30th marked the end of an era at East Vincent United Church of Christ, when Bill and Eleanor Keller resigned from decades as faithful Music Ministers.

Bill writes:

I would like to thank East Vincent Reformed Church (currently UCC) for the opportunity to serve my Lord in this place for what has been most of my adult life. Reverend Brillhart trusted me with taking over the organist position while I was still in high school. I have always tried to serve to the best of my abilities.

And Eleanor shared with the consistory that:

Bill and I have been so blessed to have been able, for more than thirty years, to use our God-given talents to glorify the Lord and to help with the East Vincent congregation worship and praise. Working with the choir has given me such joy. We always felt so blessed to have the strong support of the congregation.

We will always love and pray for our East Vincent friends and family."

And we will always be praying for the Kellers! We wish them many blessings as they continue on in their journey of faith, knowing that their strong faith will guide them well.

We invite you to join us for a time of sharing stories and celebrating the gifts of Bill and Eleanor after the 9:30am Blessing of the Animals worship at East Vincent UCC on August 28th.

We also invite all members of East Vincent UCC to a special Congregational Meeting after 9:30am worship on August 14th – members will be receiving a separate letter regarding the topics of this meeting.

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Psalm 121

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Summer Worship continues...

The four Sundays in August plus September 4th will be held at East Vincent UCC (282 Hill Church Road, Spring City) at 9:30 a.m. **Worship will be held outside in the pavilion!** Feel free to bring a chair (or benches are provided)!

JOINT MINISTRY COUNCIL

Joint Ministry Council Members welcome any concerns, questions, and feedback...

From East Vincent:

Bill Hoffman, Pres. Elect, 610-246-9369 (2017)
Julie Zimmerman, 610-291-3671 (2017)
Jaime Roach, Secretary, 484-938-7951 (2018)
Linda Theurkauf, (610-659-3000) (2018)

From First Church:

Cathleen Bach, 610-331-8599 (2017)
Carol Hanebury, Treasurer, 610-948-6082 (2017)
Carolyn Shanaman, (610-948-4640) (2018)
Alan Dreibelbis, (610-948-6271) (2018)



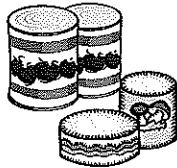
The next Joint Ministry Newsletter Deadline is August 15th!

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

Once again, in conjunction with summer worship, we will be collecting non-perishables for the local food pantry. Each Sunday we will collect a different item.

Church at East Vincent

Aug 7: Peanut Butter & Jelly
Aug 14: Paper Goods (toilet paper, tissues, paper towels)
Aug 21: Beans/Canned Meats
Aug 28: Jello/Pudding
Sept 4: Baby Items (diapers, wipes)



Items collected while at East Vincent will go to PACS.

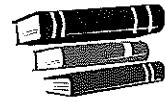
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 7, 2016

9:30 am Joint Worship at East Vincent UCC
With Holy Communion
8 pm Sunset Prayers (also at East Vincent)



Adam Sturges, son of Kristin Zimmerman and grandson of Craig & Carolyn Zimmerman, graduated on June 8th from Technical College High

School Pickering Campus (TCHS). He started July 5th at Universal Technical Institute (UTI), Exton, studying hands on Automotive Technician training.



On July 12th, the **Book Club** met at Jaime Roach's house to discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. We all found the book very entertaining and had a good time examining it and laughing about Ove's antics. As usual we also enjoyed food, drinks, and chatting. Next month we will meet at Carol Hanebury's house on August 16th at 7 pm. We will discuss the book *Keep Quiet* by local author Lisa Scottoline. From the Amazon review: "Scottoline delivers once again with *Keep Quiet*, an emotionally gripping and complex story about one man's split-second decision to protect his son – and the devastating consequences that follow. Powerful and dramatic, *Keep Quiet* will have readers and book clubs debating what it means to be a parent and how far you can, and should, go to protect those you love." As an extra incentive to attend, Carol will be making her summer slush! Her address is 548 Arch Street in Royersford. Book club is always a great time, and whether you read the book or not we hope to see you there! Submitted by Jaime Roach



TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd 5 - 8 pm
It's America's Night Out against crime!

The 7th annual Royersford **National Night Out**, sponsored by the First United Church of Christ, will be held Tuesday, August 2, 2016. Located on Washington Street from Third to Fifth Avenues, National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and take part in local anticrime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnership and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Showing support for the men in blue who are sworn to protect us is especially important in light of what has happened in Dallas, Baltimore, and other cities recently.

This special night, expected to draw hundreds, will have something for everybody. Back by popular demand will be the rock climbing wall and the slide. There will be music of all kinds including blues, gospel, rock and roll, and popular as well as the crowd-pleasing Rocking Rotarians. In place of the puppet show, making his first appearance will be a magician, Ryan the Magnificent. For the younger set there will be face painting, temporary tattoos, and a variety of crafts. Throughout the evening there will be a number of raffles for prizes and gift cards at local restaurants and businesses. Again on display will be a number of antique automobiles and race cars. Joining the festivities will be firemen from various companies with some of their equipment as well as local policemen. Some elected representatives may be present.

Maybe the best part is the fact that there will be a variety of foods available, all FREE. Those in attendance are urged to bring a non-perishable food item which will be donate to the Spring-Ford Food Pantry. Come out to support our local law enforcement officials, enjoy the free food, spend time with your friends and neighbors, and above all, have fun.

A few pictures from Game Night....



And Ice Cream afterward...



**20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 14, 2016**

9:30 am Joint Worship at East Vincent UCC
EV special Congregational Meeting
8 pm Sunset Prayers (also at EV)

Free State of Jones

Movie Review: by Alan Dreibelbis

This movie is about Newton Knight (played by Matthew McConaughey), a Confederate Army deserter who organizes an army of his own to fight injustice in Mississippi during the Civil War. This is a must see movie. Rotten Tomatoes gave it only a 44%, however I gave it an A+. (if you don't see it, google Newton Knight, as it is an interesting read). The film is rated R for some graphic battle scenes.

THE VINCENT VIEW

News from East Vincent UCC



No EV hoagie sales in August! But we'll be starting up again in September!!

Orders will be due on Thursday, September 1st! So watch for an order from to go up at EV the end of August or call/email your orders in!

August Birthdays

- 2 Matt Wosczyzna, Bruce Lipkowitz
- 3 Barbara Quinter
- 6 Deb Hoffman, Bill Hoffman
- 7 Michael Grove, Hartel Haslip
- 8 Ed Jones
- 10 Dale Lynn
- 11 Charlie Cuthbert
- 14 Ed Funk
- 15 John M. Yeager
- 17 Ryan Kowalko,
Daniel Kohansby, Paul Winham
- 19 Marlene Shronk, Robby Varner,
Tiffany Black
- 20 Peggy Grove, Joe Kowalko, Amber Paine
- 22 Quinn Grove
- 24 Nancy McConaghy
- 30 Sarah Davidheiser



Happy Anniversary

- August 1 Joe & Shelly Kelly
- August 20 Don & Tracy Heffentrager

EAST VINCENT CONSISTORY

- Sally Wosczyzna, President, 610-933-0199
- Craig Zimmerman, Vice Pres, 610-935-1088
- John Funk, 610-495-6422
- Bill Hoffman, 610-469-2725
- Dore Dabback, 610-495-7086

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Aug 24th at 7 pm

EAST VINCENT VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Sunday, August 7 – 9:30 am

Greeters/Ushers/Lector the Hoffmans
Communion Prep the Hoffmans
Summer Sunday School Julie Zimmerman

Sunday, August 14 – 9:30 am

Greeters/Ushers/Lector the Yeagers
Summer Sunday School Jaime Roach

Sunday, August 21 – 9:30 am

Greeters/Ushers/Lector Nancy McConaghy
Summer Sunday School Julie Zimmerman

Sunday, August 28 – 9:30 am

Greeters/Ushers/Lector the Dabbacks
Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Sept 4 – 9:30 am

Greeters/Ushers/Lector the Zimmermans
Summer Sunday School Sally Wosczyzna

PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT & CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON YOUR SCHEDULED SUNDAY.

**21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 21, 2016**

9:30 am Joint Worship at East Vincent UCC

Pastor Kate will be on vacation August 18th – August 22nd. During this time, if you or someone in your family has a pastoral emergency, please call either Sally Wosczyzna (610-933-0199), Becky Lafreeda (610-792-0564 or 610-733-1121) or Darlene Canning (610-385-4332 or 610-781-7293).

SMALL GROUP SIGN UPS! We are looking for 2-6 EV folks to commit to meet together 10 times to go through a program of fellowship, spiritual growth, education, and nurture, meeting together outside the church (such as in homes). Groups may meet as frequently as they would like. You are very welcome to ask folk from outside the church to join you on this journey! Contact Pastor Kate if you are interested.



First Church's Jottings

A reminder that **The Upper Room** and **Our Daily Bread** daily devotional guides are available on the table in the Social Hall. Donations to help defray costs are accepted.

**Financial Assistants for
Sept: Dick & Nancy Fisher**

FIRST UCC CONSISTORY

Darlene Canning, Deacon, Jan 2017
Donna McFarland, Deacon, Jan 2018
Alan Dreibelbis, Deacon, Jan 2019
Jackie Miller, Deacon, Jan 2020
Jim Lafreeda, Elder, Jan 2017
Becky Lafreeda, President, Elder, Jan 2018
Cathy Bach, Elder, Jan 2019
Deb Theisen, Elder, Jan 2020

Highlights from the July meeting:

- Cliff Seewagon has begun the work to fix the issues with the leaking water in the church & the sidewalks
- The Royersford Library used the social hall for a few of their summer programs, and are very happy with the facility. They will be using the building five more days throughout the month of August.
- The game night held in June was a big success, and sunset prayer (vespers) services will be held a couple times in August at EV.
- Phase 3 of the Church of the Future project will be beginning soon. More information will be coming regarding this.
- Consistory will not meet in August.

Next meeting: Sunday, Sept 11th after worship

FIRST UCC: **CELEBRATING 125**

Church History Continued - World War II

December 7, 1941, a day President Franklin D. Roosevelt said "would live in infamy," air and naval forces of the empire of Japan attacked the US Pacific fleet anchored at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The United States was suddenly plunged into what would be the worst war in the history of mankind. Life would change for all Americans but especially those living in Royersford who were members of First Church.

In his annual message to the congregation on January 20, 1942, the Reverend Charles D. Rockel said, "We gather for our annual meeting of the congregation amidst the darkness of the world's greatest tragedy. While we have been saved from the horrors of bombing, our sons and loved ones are in the armed services of our country in many corners of the far-flung battle line. Twenty boys have gone from our congregation. We ask God's protecting hand."

Change came almost overnight. In addition to the appearance of black out curtains and air raid wardens, the shelves at the local American store and A & P and the nearby J.J. Newberry store were no longer full of the items we had always taken for granted. Many stores would be forced to close leaving behind a sign in the window which said "Closed for the duration." Food, gasoline, clothing, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, new cars, cheese, butter, sugar and bicycles had either completely disappeared or were in very short supply. When people took out their frustration on the store clerk, the butcher, the automobile salesman, or especially the gas station attendant, they were greeted with a phrase that would be a big part of the next four years, "Don't you know there's a war on?"

In order to be as fair as possible and conserve valuable resources, the federal government instituted a system of rationing. Every man, woman, and child was issued a ration book of stamps needed to purchase items like meat, sugar, butter, gas, tires, and fuel oil. Stamps were placed on the rear windows of automobiles telling the gas station attendant how much gas the driver was allowed each week. While the

average was three gallons, the law permitted doctors, ministers, defense workers, farmers, and members of Congress to buy more. Not only did rationing save much-needed gasoline, it was also effective in cutting back the need for tires, saving rubber for the war effort. To save more gasoline, drivers were encouraged to drive the old family car more slowly.

More than 20 million "Victory Gardens" sprouted up as private citizens tried to supplement the food they could buy while living up to Uncle Sam's slogan, "Grow your own, can your own." By the time the war ended, these gardens would produce more than 8 million tons of food.

One of the most significant changes affected the role of women. Before the start of the war, women's place was in the home raising kids, taking an active part in the local PTA, and putting three square meals on the table every day. Now the manpower shortage changed all that. Gone was the housewife and in her place was the symbol of the new woman, "Rosie the Riveter." In addition to serving in the armed forces, women would make up nearly one-third of the work force, driving taxi cabs and buses, working in defense plants making ships, airplanes, tanks, guns, and bombs of all sizes and shapes. Patrolling our nation's streets after dark as air raid wardens, serving up coffee and donuts to servicemen at Red Cross centers and canteens, and educating America's school children. Working outside the home for the first time in their lives and getting a regular paycheck would make a major change in the lives of women which continues to this day.

A major sacrifice for women occurred when they had to give up their nylon stockings for the war effort. Going without stockings and painting their legs became a fact of life. Kids of all ages also became involved in the war effort. In addition to taking part in frequent scrap drives, they collected balls of aluminum foil from the wrappers of a stick of chewing gum as well as rubber band balls.

Defeating the Axis powers while at the same time supplying our allies cost the United States more than \$300 billion. To help raise the needed funds school students were encouraged to buy war bonds. One day a week, students across the United States would bring in a quarter from home to purchase a war stamp. These stamps were then pasted into a war bond booklet. When the

book was full it was worth \$18.75. Seven years later when it had matured, it was worth \$25.00. For many young Americans, this would be the first bond they had purchased in their life. Other changes would see many high school seniors give up their last year and join the military. Lucky Strike cigarettes went to war by changing their packaging from green to white. Many of the movies kids were watching at the Penn Theater reflected the war including classics like "Casablanca," "A Yank in the RAF," "Mrs. Miniver," and "This Is the Army" starring Lieutenant Ronald Reagan. Every family had a radio to help the folks on the homefront follow the allies on the road that would lead to ultimate victory. A poignant reminder of the effects of the war were the banners hanging in the windows of many homes. Consisting of a white field with a red border, a blue star would be placed in the middle for each family member on active duty. A gold star trimmed in blue signified heartbreak for it meant a husband, son, or brother had died for his country.

And then, after four long years, the war was over with the defeat of the Axis. World War II ended officially with the Japanese surrender to General Douglas MacArthur aboard the USS Missouri anchored in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945. More than 400,000 Americans would die including 33,000 from Pennsylvania. Like the American Revolution, the world had indeed been turned upside down. As Royersford joined communities around the nation in giving thanks that the war was finally over, little did we know that more trying times lay directly ahead with the "Cold War," "Mccarthyism," and the Vietnam War.

125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

4pm Worship Service
 Followed by dinner in the Social Hall

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:
 Clark & Gloria Gaynor – August 14th
 Bob & Jane Miller – August 20th
 Mike & Rochelle Weidman – August 20th
 Dave & Arlene Landes – August 30th

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 28, 2016

9:30 am Joint Worship at East Vincent UCC
 Blessing of the Animals
 Celebration of the Keller's Music Ministry



August 1	David Dubost
August 2	David Landes
August 3	Susan Gutshall
August 8	C. J. Henry
August 10	Emma Shanaman
August 15	Jayce King
August 17	Rachael Shaffer
August 17	Sharon Davidheiser
August 23	Megan Pletcher
August 25	J.R. Bach
August 26	Betty Dengler

ROYERSFORD LIBRARY UTILIZES
FIRST CHURCH'S SOCIAL HALL

Another Family Program will be held at First UCC on Wed, August 10 at 10:30 AM – "The Amazing Spaghetti" – Silliness, Comedy & Cartooning, recommended for age 3 & up.

August 15th – 19th, the Community Music School of Trappe will be offering a Musical Theater Camp for the Royersford Library. The Camp is being funded by a grant from the Royersford Area Community Chest. Camp will be held from 9:30 – Noon at First UCC on Monday - Thursday. On Friday, Aug. 19, the campers will perform on the stage at the Community Music School. It will be for children from age 7 -12.

Have a fun-filled, safe summer!!
 But remember: Church bills don't go on vacation. Please bring your weekly envelopes when you return.

Meetings & Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, Aug 2 – National Night Out

Sunday, Aug 7 – 9:30 am Joint Worship at East Vincent, Holy Communion, 8pm Sunset Prayers at East Vincent

Tues, Aug 9 – 1pm Communications Team meeting

Wed, Aug 10 – 9:30-12:30 Royersford Library using the Social Hall

Sunday, Aug 14 – 9:30 am Joint Worship at East Vincent, 8 pm Sunset Prayers at East Vincent

Monday, Aug 15-Thurs, Aug 18 – 9:30-12:30 Royersford Library using the Social Hall

Thurs, Aug 18 – Mon, Aug 22 – Pastor Kate on vacation

Sunday, Aug 21 – 9:30 am Joint Worship at East Vincent

Sunday, Aug 28 – 9:30 am Joint Summer Worship at East Vincent, Blessing of the Animals, Celebration of the Kellers Music Ministry

Thurs, Sept 1 – EV Hoagie Orders due

Sunday, Sept 4 – 9:30 am Joint Worship at East Vincent

Tues, Sept 6 – 7pm JMC meeting at EV

Thurs, Sept 8 – Hoagie Day!



For **Erica Quigley** and her mother, Patty, it was the strong sense of family that brought them to First UCC.

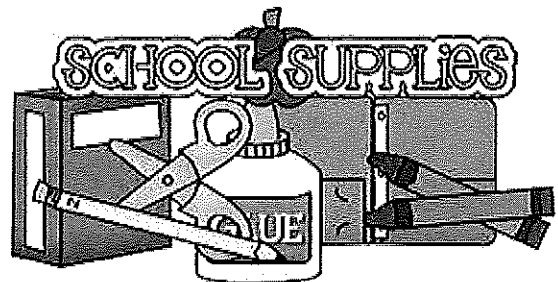
"I'm excited to have a church for my kids to grow up in," she says. A graduate of Virginia Tech with a BS in Apparel Design and Management, Erica lives in Collegeville with her husband Rich Cox, a stay at home dad. Erica's family includes two younger sisters, Britta and Julia. Her interests are many and varied including running, eating waffles, and watching TV's The Office. Her favorite book is one that she enjoys reading very much because "it forces me to look at things in a different way." Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything was written by Steven Levitt, an economist, and Stephen J. Dubner, a New York Times reporter. The book applies economic theory to diverse subjects not usually covered by "traditional" economics. Topics include Cheating Applied to Teachers and Sumo wrestlers, Control Applied to Ku Klux Klan and Real Estate Agents, and the Economics of Drug

Dealing.

The book which has sold more than 4 million copies worldwide has spawned a radio program and a film. The award-winning podcast with 7 million downloads a month explores topics like Does The President Really Matter and the Suicide Paradox. However, that being said, for Erica the best part of any day is spending time with daughter Charlotte. With a new baby due in September, the good times will double. Erica, welcome to the First UCC family!



Project Outreach is collecting School Supplies and Backpacks for the school age children of Royersford and Spring City. Please bring in your donations on or before Sunday, August 21st.



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 4, 2016

9:30 am Joint Worship at East Vincent UCC

The Liturgical Year: What does "Ordinary Time" mean????

The term "Ordinary Time" may be misleading. In the context of the liturgical year the term "ordinary" does not mean "usual or average." Ordinary here means "not seasonal." Ordinary Time is that part of the Liturgical Year that lies outside the seasons of Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas. In Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ not in one specific aspect but in all its aspects. The readings during the liturgies of Ordinary Time help to instruct us on how to live out our Christian faith in our daily lives. The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, a sign of hope.

FOOD PANTRY

The Spring-Ford Food Pantry is an integral part of Project Outreach created in 1987 in large part because of the efforts of Reverend David Crowle, First United Church. Located in the Bard Community Center, 410 Washington Street, Project Outreach sponsors a number of programs to provide aid to those in need. This includes emergency housing and rental assistance, helping with the cost of fuel oil, transporting those without cars to doctors and hospitals as well as hosting the annual community Thanksgiving dinner, free to all. Located in the kindergarten room of the former school, then food pantry is open every Thursday from 11AM to 12 noon providing weekly donations of groceries for individuals and families with limited incomes or for those out of work. Thanks to the generosity of local churches, grocery stores, and individuals, the pantry provides a weekly donation of food items for more than 150 low income families and individuals. Volunteers from 13 local churches, including First United Church of Christ, serve in the pantry twice a year. Shopping bags are filled with groceries according to the number of members of the family. To assist the volunteers, each bag is numbered from 1 to 8. Inside those bags

are packed non-perishable items like soup, pasta, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, bread, and assorted vegetables. Occasionally the bag will include various paper products. Turkeys are always given out just before Thanksgiving as well as Chicken at Christmas and ham at Easter. Volunteers from First Church include Jeanne Lincoln, Sandy Lazorchick, Gloria Gaynor, Al Dreibelbis, and Richard and Nancy Fisher who also serves as a volunteer in the Project Outreach office.

BUILDING STRONG CHURCHES EVENT OFFERED BY THE PSEC

Organizations constantly change. Leaders of strong and healthy congregations know that it's critical to keep asking,

"What is God calling us to do next?"

The Center for Progressive Renewal helps church leaders to ask, discern, and answer that question. In our time together, Carol Howard Merritt, a Senior Consultant at the Center for Progressive Renewal, will introduce us to the Next Level ministry building process as we think about our own goals, challenges, and opportunities. At the end of this workshop, participating churches will be given the opportunity to apply to become one of five churches who will be selected to participate in the full year program.

PSEC is excited to offer this new program. Do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

**Saturday, August 20 9:00a - 3:00p
Church of the Good Shepherd 35 West
Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown**

Online registration is available at psec.org. Please let Pastor Kate or Darlene if you would be interested in attending this event!

Mission Statement: "Our mission is to praise God and serve Christ through hearing and doing the Word of God. As caring and supporting Christian disciples, we offer opportunities for spiritual growth, service, fellowship and friendship, and development of our uniqueness both as individuals and a community of faith. We reach out in love to welcome the stranger, give hope to the hopeless, and share the peace of Christ with our neighbor."

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