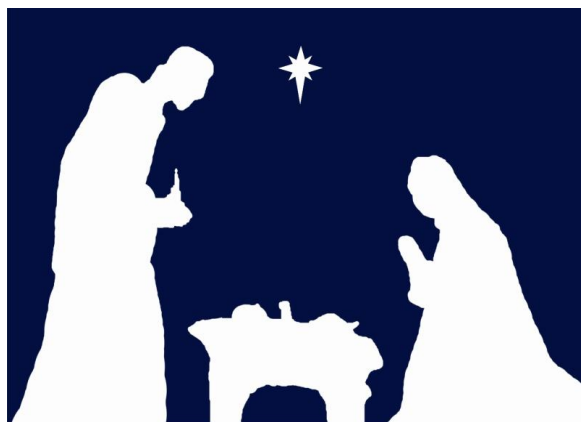


The Sounding Board

P.O. Box 145, Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356

November 2017



Greetings in the Name of the LORD!

“Thank you!” I and my family, Hope, Katie and John, want to say, “Thank you!” We thank you for welcoming us to Shawnee Presbyterian Church with open arms and hearts, with big smiles and ready laughter. We are loving being here, whether it’s worshipping together in our beautiful church, visiting you wherever you may be, living in the handsome Manse, which y’all worked so hard and lovingly on, enjoying a meal or cup of coffee together, or getting out in the community and God’s gorgeous Creation around the Gap. Some black bears have even made sure to come by and say, “Hey!” I am truly humbled and excited, all at once, that y’all have elected me to be the pastor of this amazing church family. I hope and pray each day to serve our God well by serving this church well. Amen!

The First Sunday in Advent is December 3. It is that deep and rich time of year when we prepare for the birth of the Lord and Savior of the World, Jesus Christ. From a humble manger in a small corner of the vast Roman Empire, the Good News of Jesus Christ, of God’s gift of grace and faith, of justice and love, of the Kingdom of God on Earth as it is in Heaven, of salvation and eternal life, has gone out to all the world. God’s Promise became life, God became fully human and fully divine. And the world has never been, nor will be, the same, as the Good News has spread around the globe. Advent Devotionals for your use at home will be available in the Narthex or by request; just let me know what you need.

Speaking of Christmas, we will have the opportunity to worship TWICE on December 24, as Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. So we will have our regular 11 am Sunday worship service and our Christmas Eve service at 7 pm. What a wonderful day it will be!

Home Communion. Starting on Communion Sunday, November 5th, each month we will be offering to share Home Communion with those folks of our church family who cannot make it to church for the Lord’s Supper because of illness and the like. I and one or two Deacons will take Communion out to them and share in this gift of our Lord. Please let me know if you, or someone you know, would want us to come and share it. God Bless the Session and the Deacons for making this possible!

Turning to news of our church, the Fall has flown by, hasn’t it?! And what a wonderfully full Fall it has been at Shawnee Presbyterian Church. Worship each Sunday continues to be a time of joy, of glorifying God and enjoying God — and one another’s fellowship! Our Scripture readings from the Gospel of Matthew have been

particularly rich, as we read and hear of Jesus' teaching and ministry. We were treated to an amazing musical worship experience in October: Fred Waring's Young Pennsylvanians were in town for a reunion and blessed us with their beautiful music and presence. Rally Sunday honored new members in the past year and kicked off Sunday School. The kids and teachers are enjoying learning together about The Living, Loving God. Our important outreach mission via the Food Pantry continues to help those in need. Tricky Tray, one of our annual fundraisers, is around the corner, on Nov. 18 and is eagerly looked forward to by church and community alike. Y'all are welcoming me and Hope through "Pastor Chats", small group meetings hosted by different church family members, helping us get to know y'all and the church better. We welcomed Debby and Kevin Mays as new members; Praise God! And that's just some of the highlights!

I will close by once again saying how grateful I am to be here, to be serving you and God at Shawnee Presbyterian Church. Please stop by and "say hey!"

In God's Love and Peace,
Pastor Anthony

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**Stewardship**

It is the time of year that we ask you to pledge your tithe for the coming year, a portion of what God provides for us. This year's theme is "Give Generously". During the month of November, our Stewardship Program, under the direction of Stewardship Chairperson Linda Jennings, will begin on Sunday, Nov.5th.

You will be receiving a letter with information and commitment card in church on Nov. 5.

We appreciate your gifts to our Church, and thank you for your generous support.

May God bless you!

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Nominating Committee

In preparation for our November Congregational meeting on November 26th, 2017 for 2018 nominations, the nominating committee (chairperson: Nancy Fish) will be meeting soon to identify new Elders and Deacons as well as a member of the Audit committee and Members at Large. If you would like to know more about being an Elder or Deacon, or any of the other nominated positions, please contact Nancy Fish.

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**Pastor Chats - Hosts**

Do you like to host get-togethers? Then you are perfect to host a *Pastor Chat!*

What is a *Pastor Chat*? It's an opportunity to invite about six other people over to your home and chat with Pastor Anthony. Have some refreshments, maybe even a potluck meal together. Get to know him and him us. Perhaps even for us to get to know one another a bit better, too. And enjoy some good fellowship.



Feel free to host one or more, as long as different people are invited each time.

But please attend only one *Pastor Chat*, if you're not hosting. We want everyone to have a chance.



If you want to host, please send an email to Barb Ross with your name and contact info and let her know when the chat will be and who is coming. Barb's email is [barb514@ptd.net](mailto:barb514@ptd.net).

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Shawnee Presbyterian  
Church Tricky Tray**

**Where:** Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort,  
Waring Room (lower level)  
**When:** Saturday, November 18, 2017  
**Doors open @:** 11:00am.  
**Drawings begin @:** 12:30pm  
**Cost:** \$5.00 includes entry and 1 Sheet of  
Tier 1 (white) tickets. Extra sheets and  
Value Packs of tickets will be available as  
well!

**Over 100 themed baskets and gift  
certificates to win including two Deluxe  
Wine Baskets!**

**Food, Snacks and Drink available for  
purchase in Buckwood Café (lobby  
level)!**

**2017 SPC Tricky Tray Ticket Prices:**

**Entrance Fee:**

\$5.00 includes 25 Tier 1 (White) tickets

**Tier 1: White Tickets (extra sheets):**

Items valued up to \$25.00

1 sheet for \$5.00, 3 sheets for \$12.00

**Tier 2: Pink/Burgandy Tickets:**

Items valued from \$26.00 up to \$50.00

Pink tickets are 3 for \$1.00, 10 for \$3.00

**Tier 3: Green Tickets:**

Items valued from \$51.00 up to \$100.00

Green tickets are \$1.00, 6 for \$5.00

**Tier 4: Yellow/Gold Tickets:**

Items valued over \$100.00

Gold tickets are \$2.00, 6 for \$10.00

**Value Packs:**

\$20.00 (10% discount) and \$35.00 (20%  
discount).

**Winners Insurance:**

\$2.00 for two hands



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Radio Station News

The radio ministry continues as a vibrant
and important mission of Shawnee
Presbyterian Church!

Session met with Vince Della Fera and
Cathy Klingler of the Radio Committee
at Session's meeting on October 18th to
review current status, needs and plans for
the future.

The committee reported that at the end of
September our radio station successfully
participated in the FCC EAS test, an
important technical and licensing
accomplishment.

To improve the efficiency of
programming and format changes on the
station, the committee is exploring
options to make changes to programming
via internet connections between the
studio computer and the transmission
computer.

Plans to link our radio station to our
website were explored but, alas, require
an ongoing expense for a duplicate set of
annual music licensing fees. For now,
we will stay a "terrestrial" station.

If you would like to be part of this
vibrant ministry and join the Radio
Station Committee, contact Vince Della
Fera.

Birthday List

Jim Auriemma	11/01
Ken Siptroth	11/02
Annie DellaFera	11/04
Debbie Mays	11/10
Bob Holland	11/15
Sue Hickman	11/19
Linda Siptroth	11/23
Renee Salamone	11/24
Sharon Murphy	11/26
Mark Klingler	11/26
Henry Albert	11/27

Anita Arencibia	12/10
Iris Rooth	12/12
George Fuller	12/13
Nicolas Holland	12/17
Monica Walter	12/19
Mark Pollack	12/22
Nicola Kirkwood	12/27
Donald Fuller	12/29

Bette Holland	01/01
Mary Resh	01/02
Stephan Poci	01/02
Daniela Poci	01/13
Rev. Andy Rienstra	01/14
Lenny Cimino	01/16
Mickayla VanWhy	01/21
Kathleen Kirkwood	01/28

If we don't have your birthday, please contact the Church Office at 570-421-5518. Or, send an e-mail to the church office: shawneechurch@verizon.net.
Thank you and Happy Birthday to all!

2017 POINSETTIA ORDERS



Poinsettias will again grace our sanctuary this Christmas season. To order your Christmas Poinsettia, please complete the form on the right and give it to the Church office, P.O. Box 145, Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356 or call at 421-5518. The poinsettias are \$8.50 for one or \$8.00 each for two or more. Checks may be made out to "SPC Deacons" and the deadline for ordering is Tuesday, December 5th.

Please Print Clearly

Dedication:

In Memory of

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Plant _____

From _____

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Plant _____

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Total "In Memory" ordered: _____

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Total "In Honor" ordered: _____

Total Poinsettias Ordered: _____

Total Amount of Money Attached:

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