

FRIENDLY VOICE

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LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Greetings from Your Pastor, in the Name of the One Who Brings Us True Peace!!

Oh my goodness! I have been here a month already.

Time often does fly right by. For some, it seems to drag on. In this society of “instant everything,” we either feel that things happen too slowly, or, maybe even too quickly.

Growing up in my world, entering the month of August was a mix of emotions. It was a little depressing and always meant that summer was almost over, even though, technically, that doesn't happen until the third week of September. We based our “summer” on when school ended and began. There was so much we wanted to do and it seemed like there was so little time left. Summer was NOT long enough.

“...remember your baptismal vows to assist in the care and nurture of all members from birth to death as we travel along our faith journeys together, and “faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,... our service (and our witness,) that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ”



It was also exciting! That was when Dad and Mom scheduled their vacation time. That was when we took more day trips to state parks and the shore. That was when we took our big family vacation and went camping for two straight weeks!!

And then, right after Labor Day, the new school year began! The end of August meant finding new things to wear and school supplies. It meant wondering what the new teacher was going to be like and who the other students were going to be. It meant catching up with the friends you missed all summer. And this excitement wasn't limited to public school. It was my church life, too!

Sunday school had the same excitement as weekly school, plus all the other things going on like choir, youth group, pageants, family nights, potluck dinners, picnics, movie nights, game nights, camping, and yes, all those special services and Sunday worship.

As we wind down the summer, we are grateful for the fun and recreation we have had with family and/or friends; and we are grateful to welcome the advent of the fall season, full of possibilities and opportunities as a vital congregation in God's Holy Church!

The summer has, indeed, flown by. But we look forward those exciting possibilities and opportunities God puts before us. We prepare for Sunday school and all the activities of the church for the coming year. To start things off, we will have a

Blessing of the Backpacks and Those Who Wear Them on AUGUST 27th

at BOTH services.

This is for ALL students, no matter what their ages (3 years old to 103 years old!), and ALL those adults who work in school settings as teachers, professors, facilities and kitchen, counselors, and administrators/office staff. Bring your backpacks, book bags, tote bags, and briefcases to church on August 27th and place them on and around the Communion table before the service. Before the scripture lessons, all students and school staff members will be asked to come forward to receive the blessing for the school year.



God has given us this wonderful church family within which to grow in love and faith. As we continue to look forward, I ask you to remember your baptismal vows to assist in the care and nurture of all members from birth to death as we travel along our faith journeys together, and “faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,... our service (and our witness¹),) that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ”²

The more people we have participating, serving, and praying, the lighter the burdens are for all - - weight distributed over an entire church floor is lighter than if concentrated on a few tiles.



Don't forget that Rally Day is coming up along with the ALL-CHURCH Rally Day Picnic on September 10!! What fun we will have!!

Bring family and friends!! Look for the sign-up sheet SOON!!!

Peace, Grace, and Love,

Laurie, your pastor

¹“...and our witness” added to the baptismal vows 2004/2008 General Conferences; <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/new-membership-vows-and-ritual-revised-and-corrected>

²United Methodist Hymnal; Baptismal Covenants I & II, pp. 33-43; The United Methodist Publishing House, ©1989



Girl Scout Silver Award Project

Laura Smigiel is collecting donations of fleece or gift cards as well as personal care items. Laura is making 50 no-sew blankets to be donated to **No More Pain, Inc.**, a local non-profit organization. There will be a box in fellowship hall for any donations you may have. Thank you in advance for all your help and support!



Worship Team

August 2017 Sanctuary Servants

August 6

Worship Assistants 9:00.....Erika Paton
Greeters, 9:00.....Marty & Marlene Kalbach
Ushers,.....Stacy & Tami Lewis
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00Dave & Brenda Tyler

August 13

Worship Assistant, 9:00.....Delores Chemey
Greeters, 9:00Babs Wiley & George Jenca
Ushers, 9:00Paul & Jackie Hansen
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00.....Bev Eick & Carol Annucci

August 20

Worship Assistant, 9:00..... Barbara Jordan
Greeters, 9:00..... ..Ken McAllister
Ushers 9:00Joe & Helen McDonald
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00Raab Family

August 27

Worship Assistant, 9:00.....Linda Rutledge
Greeters, 9:00..... Vince Belmont & Carol Nielsen
Ushers 9:00Vince Belmont & Carol Nielsen
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00Curtin Family

ChoiceOne

Pregnancy + Sexual Health Resource Centers

July 24, 2017

Langhorne United Methodist Church
Attention: Minister Bill Bryan
301 East Maple Ave.
Langhorne, PA 19047

Dear Minister Bryan,

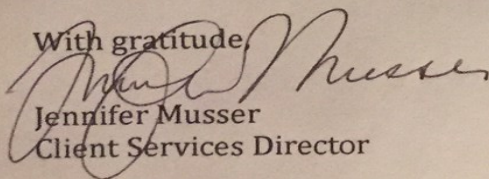
Your church is so gracious and faithful! We are so grateful that you were able to participate in the baby bottle campaign again this year. The total amount contributed from Langhorne United Methodist Church through the Mother's Day Baby Bottle Campaign of 2017 was **\$922.09!** God is so good! We are so blessed by how generously your church family has given to ChoiceOne!

Please extend our deepest gratitude to all those who participated. We are most grateful for all the prayers extended on behalf of the young women and men we serve as each person filled these bottles. We also ask you pray for young people to make the call; many are so alone, feel ashamed and are fearful, we would love to reach them before they make any decision.

Our main desire for serving the young people of our community is that they would be touched by Christ. Your baby bottle donation will nourish a life for eternity! By helping us with this campaign you continue to give opportunity to share real hope and life.

Thank you on behalf of those we serve. We look forward to your participation in future baby bottle campaigns. You and your church are an encouragement to all who are a part of ChoiceOne.

With gratitude,



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Client Services Director

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Remember How Blessed You Are!

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We are now in our 9th year of this Encouragement Ministry

**Every Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. at the
Great American Diner, Route 1, Langhorne, PA.**

**A group of men come together to encourage
and share each other's lives
in a special way. A way that brings glory to
God!**

**All Men are invited to attend the Men's Break-
fast Club!!**



Since June 2009 the Men's Ministry of Langhorne United Methodist Church has been meeting for breakfast as a way to touch base during the week for some mutual encouragement, Scripture reading, devotion and prayer. Guided by the Apostle Paul's tutelage of Timothy to "devote yourself to the public reading of scripture" we sought to leave the comfort of our church building so that we could meet more publicly. So in addition to ministering one-to-another we sought to be a public witness, after all we are members of Langhorne United Methodist Church, A Fellowship of Believers Reaching Out That All May Know Christ as Lord!

Pray always in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit
... expecting God to answer with grace and mercy.

~Bill Bryan

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**ALL Children are Welcome to come and EXPERIENCE the
LOVE of GOD!**

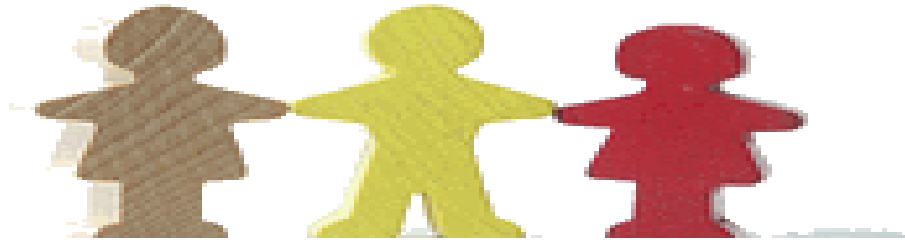
**Children will experience social interactions with children
their own age**

**Children will learn Bible Stories through interactive les-
sons, crafts and games**

**Children will learn quickly that they are an important part
of our church family**

**Sunday School begins September 17th at 9:30am during the
Traditional Worship Service**

Children's Sunday School



1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

What are your gifts?

Are you using them to share the Word of God?

Sunday School teachers mentors and helpers are needed

Please prayerfully consider teaching, helping, or mentoring, others who want to share the Word of God with our children. The only requirement is to love God and want to spend time with our children. We have a great curriculum ready to go!

Join us on Tuesday 8/22/17 to meet the Sunday School team, see the curriculum, ask questions. We will meet in the Lounge at 7pm. Come and talk with us!

Save the Date! Saturday 9/9/17 from 9-11am.

Orientation and Training for Sunday School Teachers

Fall 2017 Adult Sunday School Classes

Here is a bit of information about our first study entitled *The Dark Side*:

The battle is on. Join the fight!

Few people want to be in a battle. As followers of Christ, however, we're in the middle of a conflict that has been raging for thousands of years—whether we know it or not. Ours is a spiritual battle, and it's critical for us to know the stakes.

Anyone with military experience will tell you the value of knowing your enemy and determining what you're up against. In *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis identified two wrong attitudes people often hold about evil: "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them."

In this study, "The Dark Side," we'll take a deeper look at the truth about Satan, demons, and the pervasive evil in the paranormal world. Yes, those are dark subjects, but they're also critical for those of us who need to know what we're up against.

Thankfully, this study will also examine everything we've been given in Christ to stand against the forces of evil. We don't need to be afraid! In fact, through the truth of who we are in Christ and the armor He has made available to us, we can stand confidently against the devil's schemes.

Yes, Satan is mighty, but our God is Almighty!

There will be two time slots offered this Fall:

10:00 to 11:00 Led by Bill Bryan in Classroom #5, Education Wing

10:30 to 11:30 Led by Ron & Louise Cookson in the Church Lounge

Please consider pre-registering so that we can be sure to have sufficient study materials available for all.

To register just email any of the class leaders to let us know:

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Ron Cookson cwo5gunner@gmail.com

Louise Cookson porthlevengirl64@gmail.com

Quick Notes from the Office

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS'S HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:



Laurie Pfahler: Pastor	laurie@langhornechurch.org
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Amy Hansen: Treasurer	amy@langhornechurch.org
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Kerry Fenton: Organist	kerry@langhornechurch.org
Anthony Vigile: Contemporary	Anthony@langhornechurch.org

Sunday's Hymn Sing only has a few more weeks before summer services end. SO MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR FAVORITE HYMN in before the summer's over.



GOOD NEWS: The Choir will resume in September!

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Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!

Sunday Worship Hours:

Traditional Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship, 11:00 a.m.

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