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The BUZZ

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Lower Saucon UCC, a progressive congregation rich in history, exists to:

- Promote spiritual growth in all people of all ages
- Nurture a loving and caring Christian community
- Worship our Living God through faithful service

Lower Saucon UCC: a place to believe, belong and worship together.

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THOSE WHO SERVE FOR JUNE							
	USHER OF THE MONTH Tom Sofka						
DATE	USHERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S SERMON	LAY READERS	NURSERY	
6/7	Barbara Gross	Ed & Barbara	Jacob Klotz	Nancy Gorkos	Diana Severn	Allison Klotz	
	Kirk Lysek	Gross					
	Geraldine Koch						
	Kirk Gorkos						
6/14	Tom Sofka	Alan Byerley	Peyton Markle	Diana Severn	Paul Wilhelm	Caylin Markle	
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	Alan Byerley						
	Paul Wilhelm						
6/21	Carol Reichard	Carol & Rod	Ron Werkheiser	Josh Sanders	Betty Byerley	Sydney Meyer	
	Rod Reichard	Reichard			Jacob Klotz		
	Cael Markle						
	Peyton Markle						
6/28	Lisa Klotz	Ann Goldfeder	Cael Markle	Pastor Becky	Nathan Gorkos	Nancy Gorkos	
	Sue Donchez						
	Ann Goldfeder						
	Allison Klotz						

FROM PASTOR BECKY ...

For most of us, the last couple of months have caused us to slow down. We are not running our children to sporting events and other activities. We cannot run off to the mall when free time has us searching for something to do. Restaurants are only open for pick-up or delivery so we are spending more time at our own dining room tables, eating off our own plates and drinking from our own glasses. Instead of heading out to the movies we are sitting with our families in our own homes where no one will shush our conversations or our laughter. Sunday morning, as I sat at my table with my husband eating breakfast, I took a deep breath and really took in the moment. Soon, we will be worshiping together again and I will be returning to the days of grabbing a snack and running out the door.

In an interview for the Festival of Homiletics, American theologian Will Willimon suggested that we ask our congregations, "What has God revealed to you in this time?" I have learned that, when I stopped looking at this time as a burden and started looking at it as a gift, I began to cherish all of the little moments. Playing games with my family, tossing a ball for my dogs, long phone calls with friends and family members, these are all things I'm learning to cherish. This is our chance to slow down, my friends. This is our chance to really savor the moments with our family and friends. It is a time to reconnect through phone calls, emails, and letters to friends we haven't spoken to in a while. I leave you with that question to ponder. "What has God revealed to you in this time?"

In light and love,

Pastor Becky



Consistory Corner

2020 Consistory

Alan Byerley (President) Sue Donchez (Secretary) **Kirk Gorkos** (Treasurer) Tom Sofka (Vice-President) Nick Spengler Paul Wilhelm

Cheryl Christman Ann Goldfeder **Donna Louder** Pam Wolf



During the past month, Fellowship Hall has been painted by Todd Seifert. Trim needs to be finished and bulletin boards replaced, but it looks great. The entire church has been cleaned by Tiffany

Rodrigues and family and the floors have been waxed and buffed by Tom and Kirk. The vegetable garden has been planted by the Wolf's and Gorkos' and the flower gardens have been weeded and mulched by Tom, April, Nancy, Pam and Kirk. Scott Spengler is continuing the heating system repairs.



A huge and heartfelt thank you to all who have mailed in, or dropped off your offering to support LSUCC. Kirk has been making weekly deposits and Diana has been keeping giving records as usual. You are making a huge difference. Online giving through Tithe.ly is another option for how you can contribute to the continued welfare of our congregation without leaving home. Whatever way you choose to give it is appreciated.

If you are including anything other than current expenses in your giving please be sure to indicate where you wish your funds to be used.



Tithe.ly Giving

An account has been set up with Tithe.ly which allows our church to accept on-line

giving. Download the Tithe.ly giving app

or click

the "give online" button to give. Your gift is safe/secure and goes directly to our church. Plus you'll be able to track all your gifts, set up recurring gifts, and more.





LSUCC has received a loan from the Payroll Protection Program through BB&T Bank. This loan is forgivable by the Federal government and will not have to be repaid if used to keep our staff employed and paid. It is for \$10,600 and is designed to cover payroll and utilities for two and one half months. This will greatly help the church until we get back to normal operation.

Installation of Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, PNE Conference Minister

Bonnie's installation date has been moved from June 28 to November 7 – as part of the fall conference meeting.



Clothed With Power

by Talitha Arnold

"Wait in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high." - Luke 24:49 (WEB)

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is much in the news right now. From grocery clerks to medical staff, bus drivers to nursing home aides, essential workers need protective clothing, goggles, and other gear to ward off the coronavirus and stay safe. The rest of us also need masks and gloves, not just for our protection, but to protect others from ourselves.

In Luke's final resurrection story, the risen Christ reminds his disciples of their need for another kind of PPE, too. "Wait in Jerusalem," he tells them, "until you are clothed with power from on high."

Like the disciples, we need to be clothed with God's power, especially in this time. Whether we're on the front lines in a hospital ICU, stocking groceries at a supermarket, or sheltering in place in our apartments or homes, we need to be clothed with the power of God's love that overcomes despair. Clothed with the power of God's peace that calms our anxious spirits. Clothed with the power of God's compassion to stay open to the needs of others. Clothed with the power of God's wisdom to know what we must do, and clothed with the power of God's courage to do it. Most of all, we need to be clothed with the power of God's presence that holds us, comforts us, connects us even in isolation and quarantine.

We need God's PPE right now. Whether at home in our pajamas or clad in scrubs, masks, and gloves, we need to let God wrap us in power and hope, love and wisdom this day. Every day.

Prayer

God, remind us to pray every morning for you to clothe us all with your power, wisdom, and love. Amen.



AMONG OUR MEMBERS



Richard Lee Kantor, 88, passed away May 10, 2020. He was the beloved husband of Elaine (Nothstein) Kantor. Born in Hellertown, he was a son of the late Joseph and Edith (Koch) Kantor. Richard received a BA in History from Moravian College, and an MA in

History from Lehigh University. He taught history for 35 years at the Saucon Valley Junior High School (now Middle School), where he was a member of the Schoolmen's Club. For many years, he and fellow teacher, Ed Zamiskie were regulars in the ticket booth at Saucon Valley High School sporting events. He was active in both the Hellertown and Lower Saucon Historical Societies. He often lectured on local history and included it in his school curriculum. During the borough's centennial celebration in 1972, he authored a booklet about Hellertown. Dick was an avid fisherman and a member of the Delaware River Shad Fishing Association. He was a circus model builder for many years and displayed at Castle Gardens in Dorney Park among other local venues. He was an avid Yankee's fan. Dick was a member of Lower Saucon UCC, Hellertown. Surviving with his wife, are daughters: Cindy, wife of Michael Morley, of Williams Township; and Susan, wife of Paul Pugliese, of Wyndmoor; and a grandson, Nic Pugliese; a sister-in-law: Mary Jo, widow of David Kantor, of Chantilly, Virginia; a nephew, Joseph and his wife, Grier and their children, George and Alice; as well as nieces and nephews in Minnesota; and his beloved cat, Sylvia. Due to the pandemic, services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Lower Saucon UCC, 1375 Third Avenue, Hellertown, PA 18055. To offer on-line condolences, please visit his "Book of Memories" at falkfuneralhomes.com.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 5 Meghan Galvin June 11 Jackie Verba June 26 Richard Kuhns June 30 Alan Byerley



If you, or a family member, were omitted from the birthday list please accept our apologies and contact the church office to see that the information is updated.



Congratulations to all our 2020 Graduates



Meghan Marie Galvin

is a 2020 Graduate of Eastern York High School in York County, PA. Meghan will be continuing her education this fall at Harrisburg Area Community College. Meghan is still undecided on a career. She is the daughter of Michael & Jennifer (Gardner) Galvin and the granddaughter of Howard Gardner.



Nicholas Alexander Giove

is a 2020 graduate of Saucon Valley High School. He plans to move to Texas in the next few weeks where he plans to work and attend college. He is the son of Rocky and Cathy (Koch) Chunko.



Allison Shaye Klotz

is a 2020 graduate of Saucon Valley High School. She plans to attend Bloomsburg University to study business and see where life takes her after that. A confirmed member of LSUCC, she is the daughter of Tim and Lisa (Quier) Klotz and the granddaughter of Ann Goldfeder.

Graduate,

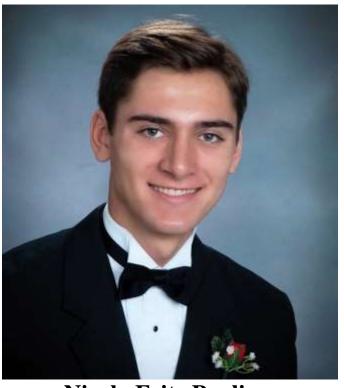


You worked hard and persevered, showing that you believed in the power of your potential - And look at all you achieved! Good luck and best wishes, with prayers that God will bless your journey with rewarding joy and your life with true success.



Caylin Madison Markle

is a 2020 graduate of Saucon Valley High School and Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School. She plans to have her cosmetology license by June 2020. She has been working at Trendz since July 2019, as an assistant. She plans to continue furthering her career in both cosmetology and nursing. Caylin plans to attend Northampton Community College for nursing. A confirmed member of LSUCC, she is the daughter of Leon and Chrystal Hill.



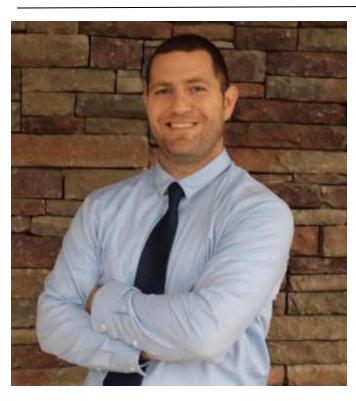
Nicola Fritz Pugliese

is a 2020 graduate of Springfield Township High School. He will be entering the University of Pittsburgh in September, majoring in Architecture. He is hoping to continue working at an ice cream /bake shop this summer (if they are allowed to open). He is the son of Paul and Susan (Kantor) Pugliese and grandson of Richard and Elaine Kantor.



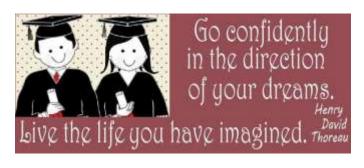
Hailey Madison Rodrigues

is a 2020 graduate of Salisbury High School. She plans to continue to work in a small family business, to attend Lehigh Carbon Community College in order to earn core class credits while planning where to further her education. A confirmed member of LSUCC, she is the daughter of Michael & Tiffany (Seifert) Rodrigues and the granddaughter of Todd & Tina Seifert.



Matthew Alexander Gorkos

has earned a Doctorate of Ministry in Transformational Leadership from Boston University. His official title is now Rev. Dr. Matthew Gorkos. His thesis was on a story-centered approach to local church revitalization. The manuscript is currently being adapted for publication by Fortress Press in spring of 2021. He is the son of Kirk & Nancy (Riegel) Gorkos and currently serves as Pastor of Pennsburg UCC.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS Dan Schantz Fund Raiser Tickets

Remember to take a ticket with you anytime you shop at Dan Schantz. They are open during the Pandemic Wednesday thru Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 9-5. Get the ticket scanned and our church will receive a donation. They are smart phone ready! You can download the APP for Dan Schantz Fundraising for free on ITUNES or GOOGLE PLAY. Show the cashier your phone, they will scan it, and the church will benefit.



ALLIANCE STAMP MINISTRY

Please continue to be on the lookout for the envelopes you receive with stamps. Just trim your used envelope postage so there is 1/3 inch of paper surrounding the stamp, and then drop them in one of the collection containers located in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall. If you want to know more about this ministry visit:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fj0Gl1S3j6E



BAKING

All baking has be cancelled due to virus concerns. If and when

restrictions are lifted we will consider scheduling a baking session. Depending when that is it may be Sugar Cake or Shoofly Pie.

Grocery Gift Cards

Sign up for July Gift Cards by June 21 with delivery



scheduled for Sunday, June 28.
Please order by phoning Gerrie
Koch (610) 838-9350.



OUR QUILTERS



Elaine Kantor has masks that she is making available to anyone who needs them. Please contact her to make arrangements to obtain them. Check with Martha or Elaine for up dates as to when our Quilters will resume quilting. Raffle tickets are attached at the end of the Buzz.

EVANGELISM & MISSION NEWS



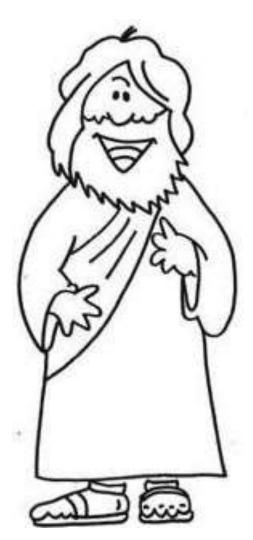
We received a very nice letter from the New Jerusalem Food Bank, thanking us for the funds

that were forwarded from the church. Please continue to support both of our area Foodbanks. Monetary donations can be made through your church offering or directly to:

New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, ATTN: Food Bank, 3233 Apples Church Road, Bethlehem, PA 18015, or the Emergency Food Bank at Word of Life, ATTN: Food Bank, 3221 Bingen Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18055.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

During the Coronavirus crisis, Pastor Becky has been recording her Sermons and loading them to our Facebook page and has been sending a written copy by email. Sermons are now viewable on our church website as well. The past several weeks her sermons have been viewed by more than 150 individuals. We have also had a number of new friends joining our Friday Stop to Pray Events. You can join us as well. If you are a Facebook friend, look for the invitation. If not, just take a few minutes wherever you are at 6:30 PM on Friday evenings to offer prayer. If you are unable to view sermons online or receive written copies by email, paper copies can be mailed. Just leave a message at the church office requesting that we do so.



In an online children's sermon many of us were introduced to Flat Jesus. Flat Jesus is a takeoff of Flat Stanley, a character from a children's book who photo copies himself and mails himself to other places around the world and by so doing has many adventures. In her sermon. Pastor Becky invited all of us to color in our Flat

Jesus and keep him near to remind us that Jesus is always with us. She also invited us to take pictures of what Flat Jesus is doing with us and our families. If you email those pictures to the church office, we can share them with our church members, helping us to keep in contact during the no contact weeks ahead.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Our church registry is now digitized and up to date. More than 100 pages have been added to volume 2 of our record book. I've been keeping up with recording giving, calendar changes and memorial gifts. I've also been able to make some changes to our church website, including calendar changes as well as adding links to Tithe-ly, our online giving service and a link to Pastor Becky's digital sermons. If you have a chance to visit our church website and have any suggestions about content or on making it more user friendly, I'd love to hear from you.

Diana

DAILY DEVOTIONS



The new "These Days" & "Upper Room" are in. If you want one dropped off to you call or email the church. If you are more techno-savvy



and would like a free Stillspeaking daily devotional message delivered to your email inbox visit http://www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/daily-devotional/

A message from our Conference Minister included in "This Week In PNEC"

Hello friends,

A couple things have come into to mind and awareness that I want to share with you this week. The first is the need for us to continue to be cautious about the decisions we make: about gathering, about mission, about our public and private stances on issues. These are really difficult times, but the times are not the same for all of us. One of the UCC Daily Devotionals from Vince Amlin reminded me, and I hope will you, that we all come from different places and perspectives in this time of pandemic. Here are his words: The Same Boat, Vince Amlin, May 18, 2020

"The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners ... but the centurion ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land." - Acts 27:42-44, excerpted (NRSV)

"Some say we're all in the same boat during this pandemic. But as this story from Acts shows, even people in the same boat aren't in the same boat. Some can swim; some can't. Some have decision-making power; some don't. Some have just been saved from death; others are still heading to their executions. Not the same boat.

When I pray with members of my congregations who still have to leave their homes every day to do work that is unsafe, I know we're not in the same boat. When I hear my friends Kaji and Donna describe ministry in New York City, where, as I write, almost 1 in 400 people has died, I know we're not in the same boat. When I see that black citizens of Chicago are dying at 6-times the rate of whites, I know. We are not even in the same storm. Paul himself offers a different model of solidarity. "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." Rather than claiming we're in the same

boat, the gospel tells me to find out about my neighbor's boat. Seek to understand their experience of this storm. And listen when they tell me what I can never understand. It prompts me to ask how we ended up in such different boats. And do something about it. And not stop until everyone is brought safely to land."

This was a good reminder for me. I hope it is for you as well.

A YouTube video reminded me, however, that we are all in this together – even if it's not the same boat or storm. I hope it will lift your spirits, because truly we are all in this together...

https://youtu.be/IR1Hk0FVi_k Blessings, Bonnie

Flag Day June 14



Lord, Our Pledge As A People Means Even More In Today's World On This Flag Day. Fill Us With Promising Hope And Peaceful Unity As We Stare At The Starry Sky. Enable Us To Reach Out Further And Further In The Broad Bands Of Freedom And Compassion To Fellow Citizens Of This World Most In Need.



The flags are out at the Byerley's on Browns Drive and looking impressive. You might want to drive by to take in the view of over 50 flags waving. They'll be out for Flag Day and July 4th then be stored until Labor Day.

Search-A-Word Puzzle

Based on Jeremiah 29:11-12 (NRSV)



Jeremiah 29:11-12
For <u>surely</u> I <u>know</u> the <u>plans</u> I

<u>have</u> for <u>you</u>, says the <u>Lord</u>, plans
for <u>your welfare</u> and <u>not</u> for

<u>harm</u>, to <u>give</u> you a <u>future</u> with

<u>hope</u>. Then <u>when</u> you <u>call upon</u>

me and <u>come</u> and <u>pray</u> to me, I will

<u>hear</u> you.

A special thank you to Betty Byerley for acting as our monthly proof reader.

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	Gift Certificate
6 th Prize	\$50 Ruby Tuesday
	Gift Card
7 th Prize	\$25 CVS Gift Card
8 th Prize	\$25 Lowes Gift Card
9 th Prize	Hamilton Beach
	Personal Blender
10 th Prize	Vegetable Steamer
11 th Prize	7" Clay Critter
	(Victorian Woman)
12 th Prize	Quilted Tote Bag

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Dinner dates to be announced Bangers and Mash Chicken Pot Pie

Thank You! Good Luck!

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