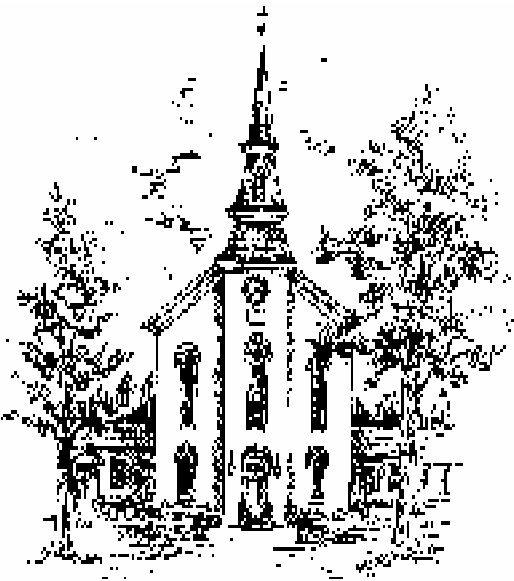


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January 2012



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Happy New Year!



FROM PASTOR TONY



"...you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.'" (Deuteronomy 25:5)

In the midst of making the offering the Israelites were to remember their history. These words were spoken to remind the Hebrews that God had brought them to the Promised Land out of the bondage they had experienced in Egypt. These words were to remind them how God continues to be a part of their experience, even after the Exodus event. These words were to remind them of God's presence in their lives.

We are entering into a year long celebration of our 250 years as a congregation at the locale we call Wentz's United Church of Christ. Throughout the year we will recall our own history, from the beginning days of the first building on this site to the recent celebration of the Christmas season in the sanctuary. We will recognize our own journey as a congregation through two and a half centuries of worship, prayer and service in this special place called Wentz's Church.

This year long emphasis will be a time to remember our ancestors who have gone before us, and who gave us this legacy for celebration. It will also be a time for us to understand our own legacy as a people for our future generations to come. We will be adding to the journey that began when German settlers moved up from Philadelphia into this area, seeking to establish among other things a church home.

Our hope is that this year will be a joyous and wondrous journey. As we remember our past, may we look forward to our future. May we remember our participation will add to the history, the story, of the journey of this congregation for those in the future. May we remember we are walking the footsteps of what is to become history as we live our lives faithfully in this place.

And, most importantly, may we remember, just as those early ancestors of faith, God is with us in this journey! Whatever the future may hold for us as a people of God, let us bravely face the challenges and dreams in the knowledge that God in Jesus Christ is with us, Emmanuel!

Let us make this year of celebration one of joyous remembrance and joyful hope for the future. Let us gather in this anniversary year as God's faithful people, offering our worship, praise and service as our footsteps in the journey of Wentz's Church. What better way to celebrate!



Wentz's Family

Please keep these members and family and friends of members in your prayers:

Nancy Domurat John Drenning
 Virginia Camburn Thelma Wood
 "Ticker" Steward Lynne Moyer
 Wesley Walton Ethel Strohm
 Lorraine Seraika Bev Wilkie

Graham & Midge Fling

Doris & Hiram Brey

Joan Bustard **Nina** (niece of the Weners); **Beth Alcaro** (sister of Allison Cipriano); **Shannon Austin** (friend of the Domurats); **Opal Berly** (Aunt of Laura McLennan); **Scott Black** (Uncle of Jessi & Jake Loburak); **Anne Bourdon** (friend of Roberta Tew); **Laird Bourdon** (son-in-law of Roberta Tew); **Mark Brennan** (friend of Denise Leach); **Becky Collins** (niece of Carl Kurtz); **Hepburn Duncan** (brother of Beverly Wilkie); **Dave Eckhart** (friend of Pastor Tony); **Kathy Evelhock** (friend of Betsy Villareal); **Joe Frock** (friend of Pastor Tony & Betsy); **Susan Fritz** (wife of Rev. Sterling Fritz); **Neal Gallagher** (friend of Marian Thomas); **Marge Gambeni** (friend of Nancy Domurat); **Jessica Jannenga** (Laura McLennan's sister-in-law); **Richard & Mary Lou Johnson** (parents of Craig Johnson); **Dennis Kearney** (husband of Rev. Leslie Kearney); **Jeanette Kelley** (friend of the Andersons); **Sue McCallum** (friend of the Wisler's); **Bill McFarland** (husband of Hilda McFarland, father of Laura Bickle); **Donna Mengel** (friend of Connie Fretz); **Nicholas Mincarelli** (friend of Niki Rose); **Jennifer & Elizabeth Miller** (friend of the Ostrowski's); **Nathan Morton** (Nephew of Stacy Morton); **Mia Nguyen** (friend of June Wright); **Lauren Poust** (friend of Jennifer & Robert Reeves); **Chuck Roberts** (friend of Gregg Politz); **Tyler Robertson** (friend of the Raders); **Laurie Ronan** (friend of Denise Leach); **David Roper** (nephew of Bev Wilkie); **Dill Schlesman** (friend of Bill & Arlene Rubery); **Joe Schoendorf** (Kathy Wells' brother-in-law); **Sonia Spence** (godparent of Zoe Jones); **Jodi Tansey** (friend of Jennifer & Robert Reeves); **Mabel Weidman** (friend of Bob & Betty Wilkie); **Willaim Wright** (father of June Wright); **Connie Wysock** (friend of Jane Cutler-Long); **Rebecca Zickgraf** (friend of Allison Vogt); **Dawn Zehner** (friend of Allison Vogt)

Baptisms ~ December 25, 2011

Chloe and Olivia Lauman, Daughters of Steve and Audrey Lauman

The Newsletter is published 11 times per year. **The deadline is always the 15th of every month.** To ensure communication throughout the entire Wentz's family, please contact the church office with your newsletter articles. Should you need assistance, please call us at 610-584-4855 and we'll take care of you. Your contribution to this newsletter is appreciated.

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JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY!



Please join us the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month for Bible Study. All welcome!



Please note that Sunday, January 1, 2012, we will have only one worship service at 10:45 a.m. and NO Sunday School.

Annual Report



Your reports for the 2011 Annual Report are due by **January 15**. Please have them in the church office by this date. You may also email your reports to the church office. The email address is

WE WANT YOU! The Stewardship Committee would like to have additional members. We meet the 4th Monday of every month at 7:30 and would like very much to have you help us with the ongoing stewardship of Wentz's. Bring your talents, ideas, suggestions, and good will to our meeting, or call Karen Rader for details.



WENTZ'S ANNUAL AUCTION: We are looking for someone to volunteer a secure FREE space to store items for the auction year round. If you are able to do so, please contact Gerald Rader 610.584.8058



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like to have fun and see people who are enjoy themselves? We are looking for two people to coordinate our Fastnacht Covered Dish Dinner on Tuesday, February 21. Entertainment is already taken care of. Guidance from previous chairpersons will be provided. Please contact the church office @ 610-584-4855 or office@wentzsucc.org. Thank you.



FREE MONEY FOR OUR CHURCH! To date you have earned Wentz's UCC **\$177.32** by using **GoodSearch.com** as your online search engine and **GoodShop.com** for your online shopping. And now, **GoodDining.com!!** Please continue to use this tool to help the church. Thank you.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 16 at 7:00 P.M.

Wentz's Women's Guild is seeking someone to be elected President of the Guild. We only have three (3) meetings a year - January, May and September! Please join us for our next meeting. The Agenda for this meeting includes approval of the annual budget and our mission distribution of Bazaar proceeds. For more information please contact Betty Wilkie, Women's Guild Secretary, 610-489-1545.



THE WORCESTER LIONS CLUB continues to collect eye glasses year round. Please place your unwanted or out-dated eye glasses in the designated box in the Guild Room. Thank you.

Offering Envelopes



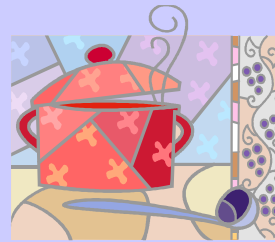
Your 2012 Offering Envelopes are ready and waiting in the Guild Room for you to pick up. If you are unable to do so, please contact the church office. The envelope boxes are expensive to mail and if you could pick them up, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

2nd Annual Wentz's Garden Tour 2012



Please join Kim DuBree and Karen Rader for the 1st meeting of the Garden Tour Committee @ Mal's dinner in Skippack on **Thursday January 5th at 8:30 am**. In addition to the existing committee members we are encouraging more folks to join the fun; even if you have limited time, we still welcome your participation. **Please contact Karen Rader @ 610-613-7443 to share your ideas or to volunteer!**

Super Bowl/ Souper Bowl



On Sunday, February 5th, the youth group will be participating in the annual Souper Bowl offering. Following each service, donations will be received for this annual interdenominational offering to help feed the hungry in the community. As in the past, donations received will be sent to the Manna on Main Street in Lansdale. Please help with this special offering!



How about having your monthly newsletter emailed to you? It will save the church money on postage and is more environmentally friendly. Please contact the church office with your email address. We will also be able to email you important announcements and reminders of events at Wentz's. Email to: office@wentzsucc.org



The Stewardship Committee has given us an additional way to volunteer. You can now go online to SIGNUPGENIUS.COM. And then follow these steps.....

1. In the top section, 2 tabs from the **HOME** tab, click on the green tab "FIND A SIGN UP".
2. Enter the creator of the signup—stewardship@WentzsUCC.org—click **Search**.
3. In the **ACTIVE SIGN UP** section, click on
4. **Event Title** (for example "Wentz's Bakers").
5. Enter the password: **stewardship250**
6. Read the details for each volunteer request and click the **sign-up button** to signup for the item that works for you.
7. It is preferred that you join SignUpGenius.com; you are also more than welcome to sign-up for the **Event Volunteers!** You can include family members when signing up by increasing the number attending &
8. adding names in the comments.

*FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD...
WENTZ'S FOURTH ANNUAL DESSERT COMPETITION AND
LUNCHEON!*



The congregation of Wentz's are invited to come together for fun and fellowship in a dessert competition and lunch to benefit Wentz's Youth Group on **Sunday, February 12** following the 10:45 am service !

WHAT IS THE DESSERT COMPETITION?

Everyone is welcome to make a dessert that will be judged in each of these categories: Most Beautiful, Most Artistic, Most Original, Cutest, And Best Tasting

Voting is done by purchasing tickets, and placing them in a container labeled with each judging category. Winners are selected by how many tickets are collected in each category.

Following the judging, and lunch, we eat the dessert entries and vote on Best Tasting in the same manner as the other categories. The dessert with the most votes wins! Ribbons will be awarded for each winning category.

A lunch of sandwiches, salad, chips and pickle will be served for \$5.00 per person
Children 2-5yrs pay only \$2.00
No charge for those under 2 yrs

This event is sponsored and organized by Wentz's Youth Group

Look for Dessert Competition entry forms in the Guild Room. Please place entries in the marked basket in the Guild Room by Sunday, February 5

Questions?? Contact Tom or Donna Broderick at 610-584-8850

250 YEARS AGO.....

January 2, 1762 ~ 2 acres of ground was given to the Skippack Congregation by Jacob Wentzs & John Lefeure for a church and cemetery.

200 YEARS AGO.....

In 1814 services in English were first introduced by Rev. Wack

150 YEARS AGO.....

Rev. Wm. G. Hackman accepted and commenced his labors at Wentz's.

100 YEARS AGO.....

January 1912 ~ Wentz's kicks off their 150th anniversary. On display is the original communion set and two collection bags on the end of long poles called klingelsaecks or jingle—bags, which will be introduced again on January 8, 2012.

50 YEARS AGO

January 1962 ~ Celebration of our 200th anniversary begins with a revised edition of our Church History Book and many special events throughout the year.

TODAY.....

January 8, 2012 ~ Kick-off for the 250th Anniversary and year-long celebration. Join Wentz's in our celebration of serving God.

WENTZ'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WENTZ'S 250th ANNIVERSARY HISTORICAL CELEBRATION
CONTINUING OUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

January 8, 2012 through December 30, 2012

(Proposed Schedule - Subject to Change)

January 8 - "250th Anniversary History Kick-off Sunday" - Rev. Antonio L. Villareal & Rev. Dr. Albert Teske. Rev. Teske will conduct the Communion services in the GERMAN dialect. Coffee Hour to follow the 8:30 a.m. service - Luncheon immediately following the 10:45 a.m. service

February 5 - "Scouting Day"

February 12 - "Music/Choirs/Musicians of Wentz's" - Rev. Charlene Brunt Burch

March 18 - "One Great Hour of Sharing" - New PSEC Minister

April 8 - "Easter Sunday" - First Holy Communion of Wentz's Youth

April 15 - "Confirmation Reunion" - Rev. Hilary Barrett

April 22 - "Rededication of Elevator" - "Wentz's Make A Difference" project

May 6 - "Decoration Day" - Wentz's Guest Speaker, Art Bustard

May 20 - "Rededication of Education Building" - Family members of the Rev. D. Wilson Jaycox

June 3 - "YOKE Sunday" - Summer Communion

June 24 - "Welcome Home" - Revs. Martha and Howard Kriebel

July 15 - "Memories" - Special Guests, Gwen Deardorff, daughter of Revs. Jesse & Evelyn Deardorff—
Special Flute Choir - Rev. John Grebe, Speaker

August 12 - "Luke 1: 1 - 4" - Rev. Judith A. Meier

August 19 - "Revolutionary War Re-enactors Encampment"

September 2 - "Youth Fellowship Sunday" - Rev. Uble M. Frost

September 9 - "Rally Day" - Rev. Antonio L. Villareal

October 7 - "Missionary Sunday" & "World Wide Communion" - Rev. Dr. F. Russell Mittman

October 14 - "Service Sunday" - Rev. Bonnie Moore

October 28 - "Wentz's will host the Ursinus Association Meeting"

November 4 - "Rededication of Sanctuary" - Rev. Carl Folk - Anniversary Communion

November 11 - "Veterans Day Celebration" - Rep. from the National Chaplains of U.C.C. & at 7:00p.m. "Wentz's Special Military Handbell Concert"

December 1 - Saturday, "Wentz's 62nd Annual Christmas "BAZAAR" - 9:30 ~ 2:00

December 2 - "Marriage Sunday" - All couples married at Wentz's, celebrate your anniversary

December 16 - "Wentz's Christmas Cantata" - We invite all former choir members to join us this year

December 21 - "Longest Night Service" - 7:30 p.m.

December 23 - "Wentz's Children's Christmas Pageant"

December 24 - "Christmas Eve" - Rev. Antonio L. Villareal, Holy Communion served at all three "candlelight" services, Children's Service - 5:00 p.m. - Traditional Service - 7:30 p.m. - Musical (Hymn) Service - 10:45 p.m.

December 30 - "Reflections of Wentz's 250 Years" - Wentz's Guest Speaker - Rick Wilkie

Wentz's Historical Committee cordially invites everyone to participate in our special events and worship services as scheduled. Please contact Wentz's Church office to confirm date and time, if you are planning to attend any of the above services. Phone: 610-584-4855 or e-mail: office@wentzsucc.org

Hebrews 3: 4 - "For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God"

COMING SOON!

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WENTZ'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY
HISTORY BOOK

1762-2012

and

The Story of Wentz's Stained Glass Windows Booklet

Wentz's Historical Committee has rescheduled the publication of our 250th Anniversary Book until March 2012. This delay will enable us to include all the historic festivities taking place in our worship services and our luncheon gathering on Sunday, January 8, 2012.

We have also extended the deadline for those persons wanting to have their names, family or business listed in the historic book as a PATRON DONOR.

Please sign this notice and return with your check before **January 15, 2012** to:

250th Historical Committee
Wentz's United Church of Christ
3246 Skippack Pike
Lansdale, PA 19446

Name: _____
(*\$10.00=One line – name or individual – Bronze Patron*)

(*\$100 = Two lines – names/family – Silver Patron*)

(*\$250 = Three lines – Business, etc. – Gold Patron*)

Thank you for supporting Wentz's 250th Historical Booklet

☼ 8:30am Journey Service, 9:00am Prelude Chimes; 9:30am Sunday School; Allegro Ringers/Cherub Choir/Junior Choir/Youth Choir & Youth Band following Children's Message at the 10:45am Service of Worship; 10:45am church service



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ☼  10:45am Service Only No Sunday School	2 Holiday ~ Office Closed 6:30 pm AA (Women Only)	3 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA "Living Sober"	4 9am Quilters 7:30pm Historical Mtg 8 pm AA	5 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA (Parents)	6 8pm AA (Men)	7
8 ☼ 	9 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Shawl Ministry	10 7:30pm AA "Living Sober"	11 9am Quilters 6:30pm Elders 7:30pm Consistory Mtg 8 pm AA	12 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA (Parents)	13 8pm AA (Men) Youth Group Lock-in 	14 Youth Group Lock-in 
15 ☼  2011 Annual Reports Due	16 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7pm Bell Practice 7pm Women's Guild Mtg	17 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA "Living Sober"	18 9am Quilters 8 pm AA	19 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm AA (Parents)	20 8pm AA (Men)	21 Confirmation Class Trip to Bethany Children's Home 
22 ☼	23 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Stewardship	24 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm AA "Living Sober" 7:30pm Christian Ed	25 9am Quilters 8 pm AA	26 7pm Confirmation 7:30pm AA (Parents)	27 8pm AA (Men)	28
29 ☼	30 6:30 pm AA (Women Only) 7pm Bell Practice	31 7:30pm AA "Living Sober"				