



The Messenger



Chalfont United Methodist Church * 11 Meadowbrook Lane, Chalfont, PA 18914-2810
Phone: (215) 822-2807 * e mail: office@chalfontumc.org

Fall 2019



Breaking ground are Jeff Warren, Greg Ehrenzeller - Long-time members Betty Gendall and Audrey Michener cut the ribbon for the path

GROUND BREAKING for MEMORIAL GARDEN

On June 30 we had a ground breaking ceremony for our Memorial Garden. Work began the following week. The path is in place to make the garden accessible from the parking lot. The garden area has been dug and the stones have been laid. Water lines are being installed for a fountain. Special thanks to Greg Ehrenzeller for his hard work.

Chalfont UMC's property is a place of beauty and tranquility. The purpose of the garden is to offer the community an alternative to the traditional cemetery for the commitment of cremated remains of loved ones. The Memorial Garden can also be used as a place for meditation and prayer. The garden is located near the pavilion. Be sure to check it out.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

New Address: Dorothea Barndt's new address is Kyffin Grove, 1419 Horsham Road, North Wales, PA 19454. Her phone number: (215) 287-4049.

In Memory: Of the passing of **Steven Gendall**, the son of **Betty Gendall**.

In Memory: **Esther Lerch** passed away in June, soon after celebrating her 100th birthday on April 1.

Farewell: June 30th was Deacon, **Rev. Erin Maurer's** last Sunday at CUMC. A good-bye, good-wishes celebration was held for her after church. We wish her success in her new position.

Greetings: On the first Sunday in July we welcomed our new Deacon, **Rev. Debra Neild**. We are very glad to have her as part of our church family.

New Members: We welcome as official members **Mary Busch, David Hubler** (*who was also baptized*), **Marion Kitty, Mary-Fay Nagel**. Congratulations

THANK YOU

Many thanks to **Barbara Speer and her daughter, Sharon**, for their presentation on **Native American Sunday**. They are both board members of a local Native American ministry - Americans for Native Americans - that supports several projects with tribes in the Southwest.

Red Bird Mission thanks CUMC for our donation of \$165.00. "It will help us towards our goal of building sustainable communities in the mountains of Kentucky."

Thank you to all of our members who support the several work days that are held during the year. Thanks to Sue Gadeletta and her workers, we had an unofficial clean-up recently; and individually members lend a hand in weeding and planting. Thank you whenever you help.

Betty Gendall would like to offer her sincere thanks to the CUMC community for the cards, prayers and sympathy she received after the passing of her son, Steven.

Thank you to **The Way** for their **\$2000.00 contribution to our boiler fund**. "You helped us meet our goal."

Thank you to **Cub Pack's Bear Den** for cleaning up branches and debris along Meadowbrook Lane as a community service project.

"Thank you for the lovely "going away" breakfast on **June 30**. Your kindness touched me deeply...and I am grateful for the years that we have had together...Yours in Christ, Erin"

Rev Green thanks CUMC for a gift of \$60.00 that will go towards helping children in the Republic of Moldova.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Despite a slow start, the United Methodist Women hosted a successful Community Tea in May with a rainbow theme. Everyone who has attended this event over the years has raved about the quality of tea, food and service. And they managed to do it again! The profit this year was nearly \$920.00, and will be used by the UMW for mission work.

Remember that Saturday monthly meetings will be starting again. We look forward to seeing you there.

BOILER REPLACEMENT

It is hard to believe that last spring we were looking for money to replace our warn out boiler. We "chugged" along on one boiler when the 2nd boiler failed. It would be a lot of money (*that we didn't have*) to replace it.

So, we made a plea to the congregation. And in true form.... you came through with flying colors. By August we had officially raised **\$19,815.36**, and that is enough for the boiler and installation. Now we look forward to getting the work done. And we anticipate a nice "warm" winter at CUMC.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men's fund-raisers in the spring were very successful, and helped fund the new Boiler. The hoagies alone made a profit of \$928.00.

The men will be sponsoring another Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, October 26 at Applebee's in Lansdale from 8:00-11:00 am.

Tickets will be available soon.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our Community Garden has been producing all summer, and there have been several donations to the New Britain Food Larder. The total contribution as of August 13 consisted of 164 pounds of fresh garden produce.

It is a lot of work to prep, plant and pick in a garden. We need to thank the church members who have been doing this outreach (*in the name of CUMC*) for several years.

GIANT FOOD CARDS

Our profit from these cards for the month of July was \$72.50, and so far in 2019 we have raised over \$778.00.

This is easy money towards the expenses of CUMC. So, if you haven't already purchased gift cards for shopping at our local Giant store, then consider doing it. *For information see Dave Hubler following worship.*

THE SEASON OF AUTUMN AND HARVEST IS HERE

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,*

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2 (NIV)

September 2019 is nearly here, and on September 3rd (the Tuesday after Labor Day) everything returns to "normal." The season of summer is a relatively lazy time, especially for teachers and children in school. Here at Chalfont United Methodist we take on a more casual look in our summer services, and take advantage of our air-conditioned Family Life Center. No choir. No Sunday School. But, the coffee fellowship workers unfortunately have a year-round job. (*Thank you, thank you.*) That is also true of Pastor Barb, Music Director Cris Frisco and Church Administrator Ed Hoehing. Responsibility never ends for them.

For the congregation it all changes in September. Back to the Sanctuary we go - and pray that hot weather doesn't return. The choir is back in business, and the children return to Sunday School. Cris anticipates that the choir members will be at rehearsal with renewed enthusiasm following their summer vacation.

Our dedicated Sunday School teachers anticipate children! Sue Cody and Laurie Warren look forward to seeing the younger children in the congregation. And Marcia Weikert, Louise Peardon and Janet Boylan will have their "room" in the Family Life Center all ready to welcome the older "kids" back to classes. (*All the teachers hope that the parents will support their efforts throughout the year.*)

There is a time for everything, and Autumn is the time for all of us to renew our commitment to Chalfont United Methodist Church. And if you get involved, you will reap the harvest that you sow.

WALKING WITH: AN AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

On Saturday, September 21 Chalfont UMC will be hosting the East District event: Walking With; "An African American Experience." Our district Superintendent, The Rev. Tracy Bass is facilitating the event.

The program will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (with lunch included). There will be a showing and discussion of "Stranger Fruit," a 2017 documentary about the killing of Mike Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

The cost to attend will be \$15.00 a person.

We at Chalfont are the hosts of this event.

We need church members to volunteer to be greeters and hosts.

Please contact Pastor Barb 610.310.8249, bjseekford@gmail.com if you are able to attend. Also let us know if you are willing to be a greeter/host for the event. Thank you.

The Messenger

CHALFONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
11 Meadowbrook Lane
Chalfont, Pennsylvania 18914-2810
(215) 822-2807
Web Page: www.chalfontumc.org

STAFF DIRECTORY

REV. BARBARA SEEKFORD	Pastor
REV. DEBRA NEILD	Deacon
CRIS FRISCO	Director of Music
ED HOEHING	Church Administrator

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, August 25

(Family Life Center)

Sunday, September 1

(Last Service in Family Life Center)

Sunday, September 8

(First Service in Sanctuary; Sunday School begins)

Sunday, September 15

(Morning Worship)

Saturday, September 21

(CUMC hosting -

“Walking With: An African American Experience”)

Sunday, September 22

(Morning Worship)

