

# The Caller

SWARTHMORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## ***July 2019***

### **Independence Day Weekend**

#### ***Where is Your Name Written?***

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 7

#### **Living as Disciples**

A Summer Series on Practical Discipleship

July 14 - August 2

#### ***How We Grow in Christ***

Colossians 1:1-14

July 14

#### ***Christ in Y'all, the Hope of Glory***

Colossians 1:15-28

July 21

#### ***The All-Sufficiency of Christ to Save Us***

Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

July 28

#### ***Out with the Old, On with the New***

Colossians 3:1-11

August 2

## **Lead Team News**

### **What is the Lead Team?**

Because of small congregation size, our church began transitioning to a new simplified leadership structure in January 2019. The Lead Team is responsible for ensuring we stay on our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Lead Team carries out the functions of the former Administrative Council, Trustees Board, and the Finance and Staff-Parish committees as a single, unified group. This unified structure allows the church to focus more on ministry.

### **Who is on the Lead Team?**

The initial class of Lead Team members were nominated by Pastor Kevin after consultation with members of the former structure as well as church members. Our current Lead Team members are: Kelly Billig, Janice Ciampa, Pat Francher, Christine Hutchinson, Andy Lewis, Regina Raiford Babcock, and Mark Stewart. We will have three vacancies on the Lead Team that we are hoping to fill on July 1, 2019. To encourage church stability and growth, we are seeking a young adult and a senior member from our church membership and a community member from outside our church who are willing to serve as Lead Team members. Please join in the bright future of SUMC by getting your nominations to Pastor Kevin by June 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have a meeting to elect the Lead Team members immediately following Sunday Service on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **What is the Lead Team Doing?**

The Lead Team meets regularly as well as using email to conduct urgent as well as routine church business. Currently, the team is working on ways to appropriately develop our church into a spiritual, cultural, social, and civic hub for our community given its ideal location in the heart of Swarthmore. Instead of the town's best kept secret, our goal is to become a stable and vital faith community serving as the Town Center's community church. Another goal of the Lead Team is to start addressing some deferred maintenance and landscaping issues to make our church safer and even more inviting and welcoming. Finally, we are also exploring ways to make our church more sustainable and integrated in our community through the strategic use of our church building and property for special events and other rentals.

## **N.O.W. Ministry News**

### Nurture, Outreach, Witness

Our N.O.W. Ministries are where the real action of the church takes place! As part of adapting to our being a smaller congregation, we are moving to this simplified ministry model to keep us grounded in the three essential aspects of being a faith community: Caring for each other, caring for the community, and keeping our focus on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Below is an overview of each ministry area and you are invited to contact the coordinator of any ministries you are interested in joining.

#### **What is Nurture?**

Our Nurture Ministry is responsible for tending to the faith formation and spiritual needs of our church. This is accomplished through three ministry teams: The Faith Formation Team (Education and Discipleship) currently lead by Christine Hutchinson, The Caring Team (Congregational Care/Visitation) lead by Judy Luzak & Carolyn Stephens, and The Fellowship Team (Intentional Christian Community Gatherings) which is in the process of the getting started.

We are in need of a Nurture Ministry Coordinator as Christine Hutchinson, our current coordinator, and her husband, Wes, are moving to North Carolina! We will not only miss them dearly, but we will also miss the valuable service they offered our church over the years. Please join us in celebrating them as they start this new chapter in their life together.

#### **What is Outreach?**

Our Outreach Ministry is responsible for ensuring our church continues to practice the Works of Mercy as mandated by our United Methodist tradition. Our Outreach Ministry Coordinator is Janice Ciampa. You can see all of the awesome work the Outreach Team is doing in this issue's separate Outreach News article.

#### **What is Witness?**

Our Witness Ministry is responsible for worship, evangelism, and proclamation (representing church positions publically). Lead by Pastor Kevin, this ministry ensures the church stays focused on the Gospel of Jesus Christ as well as making the community aware of who we are and what we believe and practice.

## OUTREACH NEWS

Welcome to summer and fewer formal outreach activities. However, this is a time when you can focus on your own individual “outreaches” to persons in your community.

The second ASP team, a joint effort between Swarthmore Presbyterian Church and SUMC, will be leaving for Chavies, Kentucky on July 7 and returning on July 13. Janice and Ralph Ciampa and Linton Stables will be on this trip along with other adult leaders and student volunteers to total 22 individuals. Please be in prayer for their work in Appalachia making homes warmer, safer and drier.

Heeding God’s Call to End Gun Violence will be installing the Tee Shirt Memorial to the Lost at the Darby UMC on July 13. This installation will witness to the easternmost part of Delaware County where we have not been represented before. Please be in touch with Ralph Ciampa or Judy Luzak if you would like to help with this.

We will be serving water ice to the Chester Children’s Chorus during their summer camp on Friday, July 12 at the Lang Concert Hall. We have several volunteers for this already but if you would like to help out, please be in touch with Nanette Tobin. The Chorus’ summer concert will take place there on July 26 and 27.

Donations to City Team are always needed and welcomed. Please leave donations of food and toiletries on the collection table in the narthex.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 6: ASP second team departure—Chavies, KY

July 14: Recognition of ASP teams

*Deadline for the August Caller is July 16th*

### SUMC Book Group 2019-2020

September 11 at Carolyn Stephens's (potluck, meet at 6pm)  
(NF) *The Burglary* - Betty Medsger

October 9 at Beth Carruthers's  
(F) *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* - Mark Sullivan

November 13 at Carol Carr's  
((F) *The Aviator's Wife*- Melanie Benjamin

December 11 at Nanette Tobin's  
(F) *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

January 8 at Sheila Bell's  
(NF-memoir) *Five Stars in the Window: Growing Up during World War Two* -David Komarnicki (local author)

February 12 at Barb Weir's  
(F) *Guests on Earth*-Lee Smith

March 11 at Mary Drott's  
(F) *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*- Gail Honeyman

April 8 at Anne Hansen's  
(F) *Sold on a Monday*- Kristina McMorris

May 13 at Anna Cashion's  
(F-YA) *The Caged Graves* - Dianne Salerni  
Select books for next year

June 10 at Judy Luzak's (potluck, meet at 6pm)  
(NF) *The Mapmaker's Wife: A True Tale of Love, Murder, and Survival in the Amazon* -Robert Whitaker

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

### **Summer is Funner**

As we move into the summer season Pastor Carl is starting some new and fun programs.

On Saturdays, we will be organizing crafts and games on the front lawn to coincide with the Farmers Market. This ministry will provide us a nice way to get to know the people in our community better while having a fun time. We are starting this program on July 6th the first Saturday in July.

On Thursdays, to coincide with Thursday Night Live, we will have teen-oriented activities. These activities may or may not involve lots of water, Nerf games, assorted activities involving nets and flying objects, and old-school Atari. Our first Thursday Night Live program will be on July 11th and will end on August 22nd.

Please contact Pastor Carl through the church office if you are interested in participating (volunteering) in these events.

### **August Adventures**

I am taking some time off in August for rest and relaxation. My family and I haven't gone on a real vacation since 2015. So I'm planning for August to be a time of adventure for both the church and for me and my family. The goal of this is for all of us to discover, explore and experience new and different things. For the church, I am intentionally seeking to book a diverse roster of pastors and speakers to bring you different worship experiences. On my side of the equation, we are going on a week-long family vacation, then the boys will visit both sets of grandparents for a few weeks, and I will be taking a few personal retreats. Pastor Carl will be available to cover any pastoral emergencies while I am away.

Blessings,  
Pastor Kevin

## **Addition to Recent Graduates**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Hallie Snyder Sacchetta	Villanova University, JD/MBA
Gregory Snyder	Harvard University, MBA Brigham Women's Hospital Internal Medicine Residency Completed

## **Summer Flowers**

In the summer our altar flowers come from our members' gardens. On June 30<sup>th</sup> worship service moves to the Chapel and we will need volunteers to bring flowers from their own gardens or to buy them to bring. You will also need to provide your own containers. Look for the Summer Flower sign-up sheet in the Centennial Room.



# **Swarthmore United Methodist Church**

## ***Who We Are***

We are a community of faith, pilgrim people on a spiritual journey to what God would have us be.

We are pledged to prayer, study, worship, and service. We are a communion of sojourners, seeking to live by faith, to do justice, and to strive for wholeness in a broken world.

The foundation of our life in faith is the Bible, which we take seriously but not literally. We find wisdom from Scripture and tradition to guide us in confronting life's deepest questions and uncertainties.

We are a sacramental community gathered around the table of the Lord, where all are welcome; communion is at the heart of what we do and who we are.

We are a community of faith where the sorrowing find comfort, the needy find help, the despairing find hope, the seeker finds a fellow traveler, the lonely find a home, the fearful find calm, and the stranger finds welcome.

We seek to find a middle course between the extremes of secularism and religious fundamentalism through faithful witness to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

We celebrate our spiritual, intellectual, political, and lifestyle diversity. We are a reconciling congregation and welcome all God's children regardless of sexual orientation.

**We invite you to join us on the journey!**