



COLLENBROOK UNITED CHURCH LINK 'N' TOWER

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FROM THE PASTOR

This summer has been filled with lots of changes and growth. From the remodeling and renovations taking place at the church to an intensive confirmation class I can say I am tired but ever so grateful for the opportunity to serve this community.

Tired? Did I say tired? Yes I am tired but God restores me in so many ways that I am ready for whatever comes in the next weeks and months. When I look at the smiling faces of our youth I am filled with awe; when I see the grateful mouths that are fed at our community dinners I am humbled; when I sing with our praise band I am filled with the Holy Spirit and reminded of the many ways to worship; when I enter the new office I am excited about the paths this opens up for our seniors and our handicapped. I can go on and on but you get the idea. Tired but energized. Tired but with God's strength and love I am renewed to serve you.

Shalom, Pastor Melanie



CALENDAR

Worship Opportunities:

Sundays 10:30am
1st & 3rd Sundays 7pm

September

8th Handbell Camp 10-4
9th Youth Sunday 10:30
11th Council 7pm
14th Youth Lock-In
15th Karaoke 7pm
27th Community Dinner 5pm
29th Blood Drive 9-2

October

7th Outfest 12-6
9th Council 7pm
13th Drag Show 7-10
25th Community Dinner
27th Halloween Party 6-8
28th UCC Association Meeting
3pm

*Choir Rehearsals every Sunday
at 9:30am; Handbell Choir
rehearsal every Wednesday at
7pm.*

New Experience in Worship

1st & 3rd Sundays Monthly
7:00pm

There are many ways to worship and praise God just as there are many unique and different peoples. Some really like the more traditional filled with liturgy, choirs and organ. Others like quiet and meditative with no music. Some like a more free flowing service with guitars and drums. It usually boils down to what one was raised with or what one may connect with. The whole idea of worship is to get close to God. Our Sunday morning services are on the more traditional side and many people enjoy this type of worship, but as we grow and gain younger members, the need for a more modern approach has become needed. Out of this need was born New Experience in Worship (N.E.W.)

With a group of musicians and Pastor Melanie's guidance Sunday evenings will be filled with music and songs, a more free flowing prayer time and an opportunity for a lesson or conversation. This is meant to be an informal yet a more intimate way of worship and we still are learning as we go. With input from parishioners and Melanie's creativity, this is sure to become a staple here at Collenbrook so please join us on the 1st and 3rd Sundays if you seek something different or just want to be in church worshipping God one more day.

Handbell Choir Camp September 8th 10am - 4pm

Time to get ringing! If you have ever wanted to join a fun but hardworking group and make a little music this is for you! We will start with a Saturday camp to get things going. Lunch will be served so if you are interested please let Pat L. know.

KARAOKE NIGHT SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15th 7PM

This is a fun fellowship event for the whole family. Get those vocal cords ready and start selecting songs to dazzle us with! Even if you don't sing come support those who think they are the next superstar!

YOUTH LED EVENTS

Make sure to come to Sunday morning service on September 9th because our confirmands are leading the worship. They have worked very hard with Pastor Melanie this summer and are ready to help us all in celebrating and worshipping.

On October 27th the youth are hosting a Halloween Party so make sure to get your costumes ready and save the date!

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Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Saturday, September 29, 2018
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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Fall Treasure Sale

November 2nd and 3rd

It is that time of year when we clean out our closets, attics, garages and basements to gather gently used items for our Fall Treasure Sale. Pat L. is our chair so keep an eye out for more information as we get closer to the dates.

COMMUNITY DINNER 5-7 PM

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