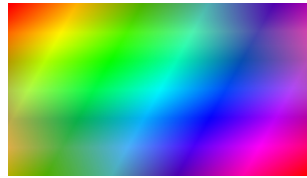




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FROM THE PASTOR

It is with great excitement and honor that I announce our three Confirmands for 2018. They have completed their time of study with me, and will soon embark on the next part of their faith journey. On Sunday, October 21st during our 10:30 am worship, we will Confirm Dylan Havey, Anais Piquion and Angelina Thompson.

Confirmation in young person study, prayer and whether or not to which often took very young. They same questions upon joining the As they are become adult church with all privileges of the exception of (which require old). They have Collenbrook what they believe next step in



our tradition is when a goes through a time of discernment to decide affirm their baptism, place when they were are being asked the each adult is asked church membership. Confirmed, they members of the the rights and adult members, with certain property issues them to be 18 years met with the Council sharing briefly and are ready for the being Confirmed.

While they have “finished” their study with me, this is anything BUT an ending—it marks the beginning of a new part of their faith journey. God isn’t finished with any of us yet, therefore our faith journey continues on for the rest of our lives.

I hope you’re able to join us in this amazing celebration with these three wonderful young people. Each one of them is an amazing and unique gift in our midst. They’re also a whole lot of fun to be around! Come celebrate with us!

Peace, Melanie

CALENDAR

Worship Opportunities:

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

October

7th Outfest 12-6
9th Council 7pm
13th Drag Show 7-10
14th Cropwak 1pm
25th Community Dinner
27th Halloween Party 6-8
28th UCC Association Meeting 3pm

November

2nd/3rd Treasures Sale
17th CUC Thanksgiving Dinner
29th Community Dinner

December

15th Pastor's Annual Open House
3pm>

*Handbell Choir rehearsal every
Wednesday at 7pm.*



CROPWALK (October Mission of the Month)

This is a special MOM for the church since we have been participating in this particular walk for many years. This is how it works: people will gather at Swarthmore Presbyterian Church at **1pm on October 14th** and will walk as a group to bring notice to the very real problem of hunger to others. At the same time, we ask for monetary donations to help bring food to those who need it. So, if you are able to walk on hilly terrain (mostly sidewalks) for about a mile or so, then please join us. We all make a difference.



OUTFEST:

Sunday, October 7th, Collenbrook United is hosting a booth/table at The Philadelphia OUTFEST from 12-5 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for meeting new people, sharing our openness, and connecting with the LGBTQ community in new ways. If you are able to sit with our table at all during this time, we'd love to have you join us. The more the merrier! See Jeff M. or Pat L-C. for more information.



Saturday, October 20th

9 am we'll start with our Annual Fall Creek Clean-up. This is not just a Collenbrook event, but has become a community wide event in clearing out the trash and weeds that clog up the creek. Each time we have a big rain, more trash washes downstream. Each spring and fall we're trying to get as much of the trash out and clear out some of the invasive plants along the creek.

I can't promise you won't get wet. I can't promise you won't break a sweat. I can't promise you won't be physically sore when we're done, but I can promise you'll feel like you accomplished something, you'll meet some new people, you'll work as part of a team, and you'll be fed lunch! Please try to carve out a few hours to help as you're able!

Thanks, Melanie

COMMUNITY CREEK CLEAN UP!



Volunteers Needed to Help
Clean Up Collenbrook Creek!

Lunch Provided to All Workers

October 20, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

COLLENBROOK UNITED CHURCH

PRESENTS

DRAG SHOW CHARITY GALA

Saturday, Oct 13th

TICKETS

\$15 early bird (eventbrite) \$20 at the door

Doors open at 7pm Show starts 7:30pm
5290 Township Line Rd, Drexel Hill, PA

Miss Troy

Cherry St. Cartier

Pixie Perfect



MUSIC DANCE COMEDY

ticket includes show and refreshments (non alcoholic) and appetizers.

All proceeds to benefit the ongoing mission and ministries of Collenbrook United Church, a truly inclusive church where all are welcome, no exceptions!

Tickets are on sale now for the biggest show of the year at Collenbrook. The Drag Show Gala was a great success last year so we are doing it again. There are new entertainers to wow you so bring your dollars and your sense of humor. Tickets are \$15 in advance through Eventbrite or \$20 at the door.

To use eventbrite: go to our facebook page and it will take you there directly or you can just type in eventbrite and when you get to the site just type in Collenbrook. We appreciate advance tickets so we know how many people to plan for. Refreshments will be served as part of your ticket price. Bring your friends and family...you won't want to miss this show!



Fall Treasure Sale is Here

Friday, November 2nd 10 to 5
Saturday, November 3rd 9 to 3

Time to gather all the gently used, clean items you no longer want or need. Time for that "junk" to become someone else's treasure!

This fall there is a new service: house pickup: if you are unable to bring your things to the church Pat L. will come to you! Just give her a call or send her a text at 302.753.3190 to make arrangements.

Drop off will begin on Tuesday, October 30th through Thursday, November 1st from 10am to 4pm. After hours drop off are through arrangement with Pat L.

If you are able to bake goodies please talk with Pastor Melanie. Baked goods are always a great seller.

If you are a vendor and would like to rent a table please talk or call Pat L. at the above number for prices (6 and 8 ft tables available).

Yankee Candle Sale:

It's candle time! We are selling Yankee Candles and other really cool things from their catalog from **September 30 — November 11th**. Please pick up your catalog from either Melanie or in the church office. This is a really excellent fund raiser for the church as we receive 40% of our sales in profit. There are two ways to shop—catalog or on-line. We're asking you to help us sell in two ways as well—order yourself and contact out of town friends and family to order, too. Yankee Candle products are perfect for anniversaries, hostess gifts, housewarmings, birthdays, and a lot more!

For on-line shopping, visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter our **group number: 990088647**



Philadelphia Association of the Southeast Conference UCC

We are hosting the Fall Association Meeting for the Philadelphia Association on Sunday, October 28th from 2:30—5:30 pm. We will need light refreshments and some volunteers to be hosts. If you're available to help that afternoon, we'd really appreciate your time and energy. Please speak with Nancy K. or Pastor Melanie.



COMMUNITY DINNER October 25th 5-7 PM

Halloween Party:

Saturday, October 27th, 6-8 pm, our youth are planning an "ALL CHURCH HALLOWEEN PARTY." This is, of course, for kids, but it's for grown-ups, too! Whose costume will be the biggest surprise? I guess you'll just have to show up to find out.



Annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday November 17th

This is the one time of year when Collenbrook sits down to a wonderful meal together as one big extended family. We get to breathe and relax and enjoy yummy food provided by us. Turkey and dressing is provided but the rest is potluck. Bring whatever your favorite is or share your family specialty. Watch for sign up sheets in the next couple weeks.

FAMILY

Speaking of family...

Save the date: **December 15th**
starting at 3pm is Pastor
Melanie's Annual Christmas Open
House. Melanie and Pat enjoy opening their home to their Collenbrook family. Singing, food, conversation and plain old holiday cheer are in store so please join us as you are able.