



May 8, 2016

Happy Mother's Day!

Upcoming Events for and at Our Local Churches

Details: psec.org/category/local-events and * psec.org/category/conference-wide-events

- May 10** – Quilting for a Cause in Pottstown
- May 13** – Elder Diner in Philadelphia
- May 14** – Trinity UCC Pottstown Area Homeless Outreach
- *May 14** – Seeing the Unjust Structures of Racism Workshop in Womelsdorf
- May 14** – Open Golf Outing at Mainland Golf Course in Harleysville
- May 14** – Flea Market at St. Peter UCC in Knauertown
- May 18** – Salem Prime Timers & lunch in Doylestown
- May 21** – Jamie Anderson Live in Concert at Collenbrook United Church in Drexel Hill
- May 21** – Brotherly Love Outreach Concert at Reformed Church of the Ascension in Jeffersonville
- May 21** – Steinway Piano Celebration at Salem UCC in Doylestown
- May 25** – Simple Gifts Music Program at Calvary UCC in Barto
- May 28** – Huge Plant Sale at St. John's in Auburn
- Jun 4** – Strawberry Festival at St. Peter's Tohickon UCC in Perkasio
- Jun 4** – Informal Church Service in Leesport
- *Jun 13** – Boundary Training through the Lehigh Presbytery at East Stroudsburg
- Jul 9-Aug 5** – Summer Camp 2016 at New Goshenhoppen Park in East Greenville

Classified Ads from Our Local Churches

Details: psec.org/category/classified

- Organist/Choir Director at Church of the Good Shepherd, Alburtis
- Piano player at First UCC in Royersford
- FREE Choir Robes Available at St. Luke's UCC in Ottsville
- PT Minister of Music at Zion Blue Mountain UCC in Strausstown
- PSEC Seeking Volunteer Conference Treasurer
- PT Music Minister and Choir Director at Tabernacle in Philadelphia
- New Goshenhoppen UCC Seeking Camp Counselors for 2016 Season

Getting to Know :

First Reformed UCC

Third & Pine Streets, Hamburg PA 19526



The First Reformed Church of the United Church of Christ was erected in 1898 though the membership existed since the 1700s when it was part of a Hamburg union church. A friendly church, nestled at the base of the Appalachian Mountains, we endeavor to live daily in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The German tradition of community and helping one another is a hallmark of our church. One example of that is our Fretz Mission House. The house, purchased in 1998 with monies donated by Mrs. Fretz of Hamburg, exists to provide an opportunity for citizens down on their luck to get back on their feet. Specifically, occupants live rent free for one to one-and-a-half years. Upon entry, their pantry, medicine cabinet and closets are already stocked, and they pay no utilities or phone bills during their stay. During their residence, they are provided any counseling, financial and social services needed to promote their eventual independence. At Christmas, the congregation ensures a present-filled holiday. To date we have had 15 different families in the house.

The broader Mission and Purpose of this congregation shall be to provide for its members: 1) preaching of the word, 2) administration of the sacraments and rites of this Church, 3) constructive Christian fellowship and instruction, and 4) nurturing opportunities for Christian service in the community and throughout the world in accordance with the teaching of Christ. It shall also pursue growth as a member of the United Church of Christ while maintaining a harmony with the spirit, teachings, and customs of the Reformed Church.

As an inclusive church, we heartily invite all to join in our 9 am Sunday School classes and 10:15 worship service.



Prayers are requested for First UCC
in Hamburg and Rev. Darryl A. Hamm.