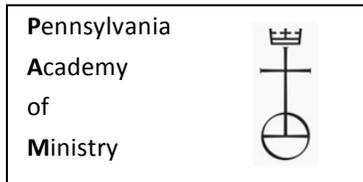




July 31, 2016



The Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry (*formerly Lay Ministry of the 21st Century*) is beginning its NEW curriculum with ALL classes being held at First UCC in Schuylkill Haven on specified Saturdays below from 9am to 4pm with each class being LIVE-STREAMED and recorded.

We begin our Fall curriculum with:

CARE GIVING

Part of Christian discipleship, both within and outside the church, revolves around sharing Christ's care with others. This session will consider ways to develop listening skills, visitation guidelines, and compassionate presence.

and THEN a **3 Session Series: Sept. 17, Oct. 8, and Nov. 19, 2016**

UCC HISTORY AND POLITY

"Who are we? Where did we come from? What do we value? How do we work together? Participants in this class will not only journey through the founding and history of the United Church of Christ, but will develop an understanding of how we live in covenant together, from the local church to Associations and Conferences to General Synod."

and on **October 15, 2016** -

STEWARDSHIP

As God's stewards, we are called to make use of all God's gifts for the growth of God's reign on earth. How do we deepen our own sense of stewardship and encourage good stewardship practices within our churches?

GO TO THE LINK PROVIDED FOR OUR CLASS REGISTRATION OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE (that is under construction) BUT CONTINUING AT www.lm21c.com.

Getting to Know :

New Goshenhoppen UCC

1070 Church Rd., East Greenville, PA 18041

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ is one of the oldest congregations in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. We will be celebrating our 290th anniversary in 2017. We may be old but we are very young at heart.

Our church activities include the normal: Sunday School; Bible School; and two Sunday morning services of worship. During the summer months our 10:30 a.m. service is held outdoors in our own park facility. We also run a Day Camp for children as well as overnight mission/ camping for teens on our 100 acres of property.

Devotional opportunities include: Bible Studies; Fireside Chats; special activities on Epiphany, All Saints, and Ascension Days; and retreats.

The New Goshenhoppen Nursery School has been helping little ones grow for over 25 years.

Our seven choirs take turns offering their talents to praise God on Sunday mornings.

Rejoicing Spirits, a special worship experience for persons with special needs, is offered once every month.

We reach out into the community by participating in providing hot meals to the needy, holding support groups for those families struggling with addiction issues, and for those coping with grief.

We invite residents of various nursing homes and our congregation's elderly to share in banquet fun and provide a free holiday feast to anyone on Christmas Day.

Our facility has become the site for the PSEC Spiritual Life Committee's "Quiet Days". Our meditation wall and natural walking trail provide visitors a space for relaxation and meditating.

We have big plans for celebrating our anniversary along with the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by producing historical plays. We are always working at being more open and welcoming.

Most of all, we are thankful to Jesus Christ our Lord for all of our blessings and we hope to continue servicing him as disciples and ministering on in faith.



Prayers are requested for New Goshenhoppen UCC in East Greenville and Rev. Dr. Deborah R. Clemens.