

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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"Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people."

June 7, 2026

8:00 a.m. In Person in Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. In person and Livestream Worship in Sanctuary

We Praise and Confess
The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

**Know that the Lord is God! It is He that made us,
and we are His; we are His people,
and the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Give thanks to Him and bless His name!

**For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures
forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

*Hymn of Praise: No. 307

God of Grace, God of Glory – CWM Rhondda

Invitation to Confession

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will
forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please join me in saying the prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**We confess that we have not consistently sought after
your kingdom and your righteousness in our daily living.
Forgive us.**

**For those times that we have misused your gifts and our
talents to do evil. Forgive us.**

**For those times that we have sinned because we did not
trust you and your promises. Forgive us.**

As your grace and mercy wipes away our sin, restore us to fellowship with you, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Restore us fully so that we will know your perfect will for our lives. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ our only Savior.

Silence - During this silence make personal confession to almighty God.

Declaration of Pardon

Upon this humble confession which you have made, and by the authority of the Word of God, and as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, I do declare to you, that all your sins are forgiven, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

*Song of Praise: No. 643

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, that still are ours today.

*Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Descend upon us, O Lord, with transfiguring power.
Touch our hearts with the awareness of your presence.
Open our ears to the eternal message of your grace,
and waken our minds to the beauty of holiness.
Lift us out of our spiritual poverty with your grace,
our weakness with your strength, and our troubles with your
peace beyond understanding. **AMEN.**

We Hear and Respond

From the Letter to the Romans 4:13-25

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

Thank you, God, for your wisdom!

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Rev. Erick Kern, Jr.

Faith

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

*Hymn: No. 463

How Firm a Foundation - Foundation

Morning Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by scanning the QR code with your camera



Offertory

*Offertory Response: No. 606

The Doxology – Old Hundredth

*Offertory Prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table:

Remembrance and Consecration of the Elements

Receiving of the Elements: To be taken together

The Great Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Dismissal: No. 724

O Jesus I Have Promised – Angel's Story

Following the Light of Christ into the World

***We go. . .
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus
with all people!***

Benediction

Postlude

*Going Forth

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THE FATHER'S DAY CARNATION PROJECT!

REMEMBERING FATHER, GRANDFATHER, UNCLE ON FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 21st

We are pleased to have this opportunity both to honor men and financially support The Veterans' Coalition in Reading, PA.

This year, instead of delivering carnations to a health care facility, we wish for all men of New Goshenhoppen to be remembered. At the conclusion of both services, every man is invited to come to the chancel railing and receive a carnation.

Use a separate form for each carnation ordered.

My gift is: *(check one)* ___In Honor of: or ___In Memory of:

Name (first, last) (Please indicate Father, Grandfather, etc.)

Given by _____

Please mail this completed form, along with **\$5.00**, to
New Goshenhoppen UCC, 1070 Church Road, East Greenville, PA 18041.

Checks should be made payable to New Goshenhoppen Church.

Deadline: Monday, June 15th

JUNE 7, 2026

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers
Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Senior Pastor and Organist
Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, Pastor Emerita
Rev. Erick Kern, Associate Pastor
Rev. Elaine Ely, Minister of Grief Support
Kelly Johannsen, Lay Minister of Visitation
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WELCOME VISITORS ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship! Please sign the visitor card located in the pew rack and drop in the offering plate.

WiFi PASSWORD: Network: NewGoshGuest, password: **wearethechurch**

BRASS BUCKETS: Trinity United Church of Christ, Pittsburgh has a 150-year-old church building that sustained severe fire damage. Fortunately, no one was injured; however, the building sustained major damage. The congregation is in the middle of celebrating their 175th anniversary. Kindly donate generously to this congregation so that they may have the ability to rebuild and gather again for worship in their beloved church.

NEW MEMBERS will be welcomed on Sunday, June 14th at 10:30 a.m. A Welcome Class will be held on June 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage.

BREAKFAST: The Friendship Committee will be serving Breakfast from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 14! All are welcome for "Green Eggs & Ham"! There will be a delightful menu of breakfast food and "graduation cake!" We will celebrate with our graduates at a reception between morning worship and honor them at the 10:30 a.m. service.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, JUNE 14:

We will honor our graduates from high school, college, and post graduate degrees on Sunday, June 14 at the 10:30 a.m. service. If you have a student who is graduating, please call the Church Office at 215-679-2041 to provide information on this life event. Hillegass Scholarship Fund recipients will be recognized that day, as well. Each will be presented with the amount of their award and invited to share about their educational adventure.

CARETAKER: The Personnel Committee welcomes application for the position of Caretaker based on 10 hours per week on a salary basis of \$1,000 per month. Primary duties to include managing cleaning staff, ordering supplies, supervising vendors, and cemetery management. The full job description is available from Donna Fried, the Church Office, or Pastor. Applicants must be able to pass all the required clearances to hold the position. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

COOKBOOK—COMING SOON: Recipes have been collected, typed, and edited. We are almost ready to send it to the printer. Before we do that we need to know an approximate number of books to order. Please sign up to reserve a copy for yourself, friends, and family. The price will be between \$10-\$15 (more orders, lower price) and will be available in early 2027. Sign-up sheet in the Social Room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER BREAK: Youth Sunday School will continue in the Christian Education Building through Sunday, June 14. We will take a break during July and August. We will resume our Rally Day kickoff event on Sunday, September 13!

Summer Worship in the Park

Beginning July 5 through August 30 the New Goshenhoppen Worship Schedule will be:

9:00 a.m. in the Park

10:30 a.m. in the air-conditioned Sanctuary

Please know that if temperatures are forecasted for 90 or above, both services will be held in the air-conditioned Sanctuary.

THE ROTARY CLUB is hosting the Upper Perk Hometown 4th of July Celebration at the New Goshenhoppen Park. They need volunteers to help in the Concession Stand, Parking Lots, Bounce House, and general helpers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Toback at sarahtoback@gmail.com

SCOUTING NEWS: **Cub Scouts** is for boys and girls Kindergarten to 5th grade. If interested in joining, please call or text Kyle Moyer at 610-360-0924. **Scouts BSA** is for 11- to 18-year-olds. If interested in joining, please call or text Scott Spaar at 484-431-3178. Check out the photos and newspaper clippings on their bulletin board.

VBS needs YOU! Are you available the week of August 3 – 7 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Noon and want to join our VBS kids on a Rainforest Adventure? You could help just one day or all five, whatever fits in your schedule. Do you like to be the leader? You could be a Student Guide helping the children find their way from station to station. Maybe you love to sing or play an instrument ... you could help in the Sing and Play Lagoon. The Imagination Station is always a fun place to be...or Wild games! And of course, snacks ... we'll need fuel to re-energize. No planning required on your part, just join in the fun. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Social Room :) Any questions, please see Lori or Janine Horning.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR 300th ANNIVERSARY YEAR: The Confirmation Class for students who are in the 7th grade and up will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 a.m. in the Confirmation Classroom. This class will be confirmed on Pentecost May 2027 as we are celebrating our 300th Anniversary. Confirmation Classes will meet on Sunday mornings on a schedule agreed between Pastor Dave and the families, understanding that there are a few life events that make it necessary to be flexible. Please call the Church Office to register for the class.

BABYSITTING SERVICE: If anyone is in need of a babysitter this summer and lives in the Upper Perkiomen Valley, please call or text Naomi Bull at 610-972-5615. Naomi is 17 years old and has a driver's license.

BULLETINS are presented in loving memory of the birthday anniversary of Forrest H. Bauman by Dennis, Nicole, Nathan and Westley Harpel.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of mother, Pearl Shirey by Gloria Eidle and family.

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT are presented in loving memory of the birthday anniversary of Dorothy A. Haas by the sons, daughters, and their families.

ATTENDANCE: 5/31/26 – 8:00 a.m. 59; 10:30 a.m. 51; Livestream 86; Sunday School 35.

OPERATING INCOME 5/31/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$3,566; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$387; Brass Buckets to date \$690.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$246,917.08
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$246,917.08
Year to Date Expenses	\$268,929.84
Special Income	\$0.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$3,563.98
Capital Campaign Income	\$5,515.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$18,000.00

Make Music Upper Perk -

a community music festival held annually on June 21 - invites the congregations of the Valley to join for a special day of fellowship and musical performances. With 16 venues in 6 towns, no matter where you are in the Upper Perkiomen Valley, you are never far from the music.



A favorite spot for music lovers has been the New Goshenhoppen Park Bandshell. In the late afternoon and evening, you can enjoy Swing Shift at 5:00 p.m., the Red Hill Band at 7:00 p.m., and a Campfire Singalong at 9:00 p.m.

All performances are free to the public and will feature local musicians, bands, and choirs. The day will be a celebration of music in our local community and will include genres for all ages. All events are free and open to the public, and you are invited! The full schedule will be released in *The Town and Country*, as well as at ValleyArtScene.wordpress.com. Printed programs are also available in church offices and throughout the community.

Celebrate the 1st day of summer enjoying music with your neighbors and friends!

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
Mon.	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Park)
	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (Bible Fellowship)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee (Tosco's-old Eagle Hotel)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	New Member Class (parsonage)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	9:15 a.m.	Friendship Breakfast and Graduate Celebration (FH)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) – Graduates Honored and Scholarships awarded
	1:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts – end of year picnic (Park)

Thank you to our Service Participants

- 8:00 a.m. Narthex: Stacie Miller
 Roberts' Church Office: Will Howe
 Elevator: Janet Weikel
 Upper Narthex: Randy Peterson
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Gene Basara
- 10:30 a.m. Narthex: Denise Fox
 Roberts' Church Office: Soren Mugridge
 Elevator: Doug Atno
 Upper Narthex: Theodore Kutt
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Thomas Bancroft

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his power! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

SERVICE MUSIC

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

**Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.