News

Synod Office Closed

The Upper Susquehanna Synod Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020, in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 for appointments only. If you have an emergency, please call the synod office (570-524-9778) and the voicemail will give you phone numbers that you can call.

Next Zoom: September 2

The next bi-weekly Zoom meeting with the bishop will take place on August 19, at 11:00 a.m. Here’s the login information: https://www.uss-ELCA.org/bi-weekly-zoom-instructions/

Weekly Online Gathering for ELCA Leaders

On August 26, join us as Vicar Michelle Knight shares her stories of addiction, recovery, and community, as well as ways our faith leaders and churches can respond. https://wp.me/p9Ggqg-1kk

Home Utility Assistance is Available but Apply by August 31

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) Secretary Teresa Miller reminds Pennsylvanians of the availability of assistance in paying certain utility bills through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Recovery Crisis program ahead of the program’s end on August 31. LIHEAP helps with home energy bills, ensuring continuity of utility and other energy services for low-income Pennsylvanians. LIHEAP normally runs from November through April, but the Recovery Crisis program,
running through August, can help with Pennsylvanians’ home energy bills, ensuring continuity of utility and other energy services for low-income Pennsylvanians. Assistance is available for both renters and homeowners.

The LIHEAP Recovery Crisis Program will offer a crisis benefit made directly to utility companies or fuel providers to help offset costs for home utilities. Learn more and spread the word among your networks.

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Prayers

For the following congregations in our synod and their pastors: Holy Spirit, Turbotville (Pastor Don Snyder); St. John’s, Lewistown (Interim Pastor Allen Huslander); Christ, Brick and White (Pastor Gary Owens); St. Matthew, Bloomsburg (Pastor Joel Zeiders); St. John, Leck Kill (Vicar Jodi Ellis); and the Southern Clinton County Parish (Pastor Karl Runser).

We randomly list congregations from our synod each time in Headwaters.

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Links

Stewardship Kaleidoscope

The 2020 conference is going virtual! Please mark your calendars for September 22, 23, and October 6. Hear from leading thinkers exploring the opportunities for growth in stewardship even in the midst of profound social change.

https://wp.me/a9Ggml-1o9

Continuing Education

- Check out the latest offerings from the Stevenson School for Ministry here: https://diocesepu.org/ssfm
- Check out the latest offerings from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center of their course and webinars at https://impeacecenter.org/ including a September series of webinars called, “Casting the First Stone: Mimetic Contagion and Church Conflict”

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North Branch: Fourth Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Site TBA

Tulpehocken: First Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Site TBA

West Branch: Second Tuesday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Messiah, South Williamsport

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