



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

08/31/2025

- 9/2/25**      **Board of Spiritual Life, 7:00**  
**9/20/25**    **Community Day in Millbrook**  
**9/23/25**    **Board of Trustees, 7:00**  
**10/2/25**    **Lyall Lynch Resumes, 11:30**

### Prayer Requests

Pastor Thom receives prayer requests from members of our church family, our community, the country, and world. Please pray for the family and friends of Jack Drew, Louise Miller, Trish Adams, Corey Phillips, Vincent Pizzimenti, and Charles Drew, and Sharon Topp. We also pray for the healing of Jeffrey Bartow, David Buckley, Rebecca Lyczkowski D'Alessio, Fran Barndt, Colleen Kleinganz, Bernadette Lancevich, Jeremy and Teresa Gould, Dorothy Myler, Jean Armstrong, Jack Auerbach, Mike Murphy, and Eugene C. Akers, Jr. We pray for Rebecca Lyczkowski D'Alessio, who is undergoing testing.

### Choir Practice

Choir Practice will begin this Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. Dan hopes to see you all there. If anyone has thought that perhaps they would like to join the choir, or would like to find out more about it, please come!

### Volunteers Needed

It's time to organize, dust and sort our Library. Kristen Reid is leading this effort. If you are able to help, please contact Kristen.

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We are in the process of creating a formal 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee. There is a sign-up board at the back of the sanctuary.

### Lyall Lunch

Lyall Lynch will resume on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>!

### Special Events Fund

We have received from a member a generous gift to help us fund Special Events here at the church. If you are interested in adding to that sum, we would certainly welcome it!

### Anti-Racist Study Group

We highly recommend *James* by Percival Everett, a fascinating and instructive novel about the conditions of enslaved people, offering us insights

into the ongoing dynamics of race in the United States. We are taking a break for most of August and will return on September 8th. Our book will be *White Poverty: How Exposing Myths about Race and Class Can Reconstruct American Democracy* by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. Rev. Barber identifies poverty as the moral issue of our time and, with others, has been building a “moral fusion movement,” a multi-racial, multi-ethnic coalition of justice-loving people who will stand against the intertwining injustices, false narratives, and old myths undermining the possibility of democracy and worsening the problem of poverty in the United States. With this book Rev. Barber recruits “poverty abolitionists” to help achieve a Third Reconstruction, including living wages, quality healthcare, and educational opportunities for all. *White Poverty* educates and calls us to action, discrediting the myths that help perpetuate poverty and laying out a way forward. Rev. Barber’s analyses and conclusions are passionate, persuasive, data-driven, empowering, and hopeful. Please let Pastor Thom or Cat Greenstreet know if you’d like to join us on Zoom at noon for an hour on Mondays.

#### **Food for Folks:**

For the month of August, we would appreciate your donations of soap (dish, laundry, bath). Diane Moretti, (845) 242-6508.

**Celebration Bags for Food Pantries:** The congregation continues to be generous to the children of our area by providing birthday bags that include cake mix, frosting, and sprinkles.

#### **Meals on Wheels:**

Meals on Wheels is seeking kitchen volunteers and drivers to help deliver meals. If you would like to know more, please contact John Hummel: (845) 677- 4235. [mealsonwheels@lyallcommunitychurch.org](mailto:mealsonwheels@lyallcommunitychurch.org).

#### **Exercise Class, CARs:**

Wednesdays at 2:30 pm, in the Gathering Room (new wing).

#### **Chair Yoga:**

Classes are held at 10:30 am Tuesdays in the Library at Lyall.

#### **Candles**

The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus coming into the presence of the worshiping community. Many congregations use two candles on the alter to point out that Jesus was both a human being and God. At the end of the service the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service carrying out the candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

#### **Our Welcoming & Affirming Statement.**

The statement in the bulletin is the one the Church Council (the Board of Trustees and the Board of Spiritual Life) has adopted for the foreseeable future. We are grateful to those who suggested we needed such a statement and to everyone who took the time to attend the open Council Meeting on March 19, which officially started this process. Thanks to those who edited the longer statement, which now succinctly and beautifully reflects the heart of Lyall Community Church, giving us a touchstone for living into our values as a congregation.

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