

The Parish Press

OF

PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST MAY 15

**The Boyertown Choir and String
Ensemble will be with us!**

*Come early to be sure to hear
them during the Prelude!*



2016 Graduates

- ★ **Nancy Dennehy** from Arcadia University with a major in International Studies and double-minoring in Studio Art and Spanish. She will be working at Camp Lavigne over the summer.
- ★ **Allison Jordan** from Philadelphia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Graphic Design Communications. After graduation she will be attending the Disney College Program where she will be in Walt Disney World Florida for six months working on networking with designers.
- ★ **Eric Snover** from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering.
- ★ **Randi Lynn Wilson** from Bloomsburg University with a Bachelor of Science in teaching Pre-K through 4th grade and Special Education Pre-K through 8th grade.

*A celebration honoring our Graduates
will be held June 5th. We hope all
Graduates can attend!
Congratulations to you All!*

RETIREES LUNCHEON

May 18

12:00 Noon

Social Hall

Catered by Muffin Man

All Retirees should be getting a call asking if you would be interested in attending. If you do not receive a call by Mar 12th, please call Jeannie Snover at 570-672-3055.

Entertainment by *Jim McClincy and Karin Garner* singing Gospel favorites.

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God

Loves

You

and

So

Do

We!

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Love Envelopes in your packet:
Vacation Bible School

The Adult Discussion Group will continue during the summer at 9:00 AM!

May, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

We are comforted by the texts of John's gospel this month as we move toward Pentecost Sunday. When we think of Pentecost Sunday, we think of the Holy Spirit, the power of God, of the Risen Christ. The paraments will be red, my vestments will be red, we will wear red, as a sign of the fire of the Holy Spirit, we will plant red geraniums. And, we sometimes have Confirmation in Church. This year, there will be no Confirmations at this Church, but we will, perhaps, remember ours, or that of our Children. This year, Tom and I will attend the Confirmation of our twin granddaughters. I know, ahead of time, it will be a joyous event, a celebration as they affirm their baptismal vows, and their spiritual journey.

As we move into the season of Pentecost, our Sunday readings from the Word of God will be predominantly from John's gospel. The church, new members and those who have been here for many decades, will hear the promises of Jesus, and the call to love one another that defines disciples of Christ, a witness to him. This means that we are all called, not just clergy, but all people, retired folks, and men and women who are working at jobs inside and outside the home every day, and students of all ages. Each of you brings a specific gift of yourself to ministry, to the church. Your role in this church should be taken with seriousness and great commitment and joy. It is up to all of us to be role models for our children, grandchildren, and to support one another.

Church membership is more than being able to vote, receiving offering envelopes, and being eligible for serving on Council. How do others see the members of this church living out their call by God to follow Jesus and to serve him? When they see members coming to worship because it is a priority in their lives, when they see and hear members being sympathetic and supportive of one another, they will learn that same compassion and love, generated and powered by The Holy Spirit of God and Christ. And, when there is work to be done on projects, dinners, and other times of need, they will respond as they have seen others respond. The role of leadership in the church is very important for all people, not just council members and staff and pastor, but for every person who calls Pine Street Evangelical Lutheran Church 'my church'.

Remember that every member, You, are vital, because you make up the community of faithful here at Pine Street. The success of opportunities set forth by the Council will depend on all people working together, every generation working in cooperation with each other, Christ is our leader.

Christ said if we are to follow him, we shall love one another. As we celebrate these holy days and seasons of Easter and Pentecost, may you be blessed as you follow Christ by loving one another.

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Lois D. Martin

NEWS AND NOTES

MEMORIALS

Gifts to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Nelena Swank* have been given by:

- Sharon Cashman
- Mary Jane and William Snyder (Restoration)
- Saundra McCarty (Organ)
- Elizabeth and Joseph Schaefer
- Alice and Jerrold Roush
- Anonymous (Restoration)
- Kay Swank
- Ronald W. Metzger
- Ann Elise and Michael Danese
- Judith A. Wary
- Arlene P. Bohner
- Ellen and Dennis Leighow

MAY 22

THE LAST DAY FOR CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE CHILDREN WILL BE PLANTING
FLOWERS AND HAVE A
SPECIAL PROGRAM.

(The Adult Discussion Group will
continue during the summer.)

**May Love Offering
Envelope is VBS!**

Vacation Bible School

Join us for

*Deep Sea Discovery Vacation
Bible School will be held
June 26-30th.*

A joint venture of
Trinity, Danville and Pine
Street Lutheran Churches
At Trinity Lutheran Church

5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

*For ages 3 years to 6th grade
Watch for Registration Forms*

A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

*Written by S. William Snover, MD
Financial Secretary*

*"For as I can testify, they
voluntarily gave according to
their means, and even
beyond their means, begging
us earnestly for the privilege
of sharing in this ministry of
the saints...they gave
themselves first to the Lord"
(2 Corinthians 8:3-5)*

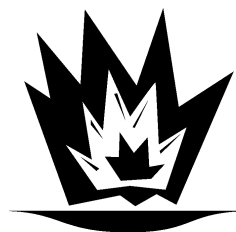
In the prayer of
intercession offered at our
worship on April 10, we
prayed "Holy God, you supply
everything we need and
more. Equip us to do the
work you intend with the
confidence that you will
multiply the outcome..."

Stewardship is not raising
money to pay the bills. It is
investing our time, talents,
abilities and treasure in
gratitude to God for his
abundant gifts to us, and in
magnifying those gifts for the
use of ones who have not
heard the Word, who will
come after us, who are
among us now but in pain or
turmoil. Each week as we
recite our mission statement,
we state our desire to be
ministers. Ministers, as
stewards, give, so that they
might receive.

What can you give? Give
time, ability, treasure, and
always give out of love and
gratitude, not out of
obligation.

May God's blessings be
upon you,
Bill

**The Office will be closed
May 30 in celebration of
Memorial Day!**



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Children will help us
celebrate Pentecost
(Sunday, May 15) by
offering joyful movement
to song. Children and teen
leaders are invited to
prepare by attending Bell
Choir on Mondays at 6:30.
There will also be practice
following worship most
Sundays.

SUMMER MUSIC

Do you have a
recommendation
for summer
worship special music?
Friends? Family? Yourself?
Let Brenda Fischer-Dennehy,
Music Director, know contact
information so that she can
begin planning the summer
calendar. Drop off
information in her mailslot in
the Narthex.



**Bible Study with
Pastor Lois
Wednesdays at
5:30 PM in the
Conference Room
of the Luther House.**

If you would like to purchase
the book for study, please
contact pastor,
but it is not necessary to
purchase the book.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Dennis DiOrio; Karen Dyer
- 4 - Joanne Williams
- 6 - Mary Sticklin
- 9 - Delaney Bloom; Jean Crumb; Glen Leighow; Beverly Troy
- 12 - Sarah Romansik
- 13 - Shirley Riley
- 15 - Cara Bohner
- 25 - Trevor Patterson
- 26 - Corey Brady



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 - Darlis and Jack Dyer
- 10 - Ellen and Dennis Leighow
- 26 - Jeannie and William Snover; Amanda and Barry Troy
- 27 - Tina and Glen Leighow
- 28 - Rachel and Matthew Sticklin

Library

The Library will be a pleasant place for study, meetings, and browsing. Updated and new furniture will bring it back to life. Members are encouraged to look through the many books available for loan. Two computers will be available for use by church members as well.



W/ELCA

Calendar of Events

- ♥ **May 3:** Ruth Circle [Muffin Man] 11:30 AM
- ♥ **May 4:** Martha Circle 6:00 PM
- ♥ **May 26:** Executive Board Meeting 7:30 AM
- ♥ **June 14:** Quarterly Meeting 1:30 PM in the Social Hall. Martha Circle has the program, Pastor Lois; Ruth Circle Hostess.
- ♥ **July 12:** Circles Picnic [TBA]
- ♥ **July 23:** USSWO Convention @ Camp Mt. Luther.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

The Danville-Riverside Food Bank is very appreciative of the donations of food and money given by our church members. You may donate the food of the month below or any other non-perishable food item. All donations are distributed to those in need in our community.

MAY: Tuna & Canned Meats

Place food donations in the basket in the narthex near the coat room. To make a monetary donation, please use a blue pew envelope and mark it **Food Bank**.

Pine Street Prayer List May, 2016



HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST: Kathy Thomas; Sherry Achey; Burrnell Metzger; Anna and Carl Rice; Eleanor Wray; Sam Harrison; Shirley Gamble; Charles (Sonny) McWilliams; Marie Adams; Lillian Stahl; D. Jean Cope; Paul Gemberling; Lois Oberdorf and Jane Beagle.

CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Viola DeWald; Mary Ann Landi; Joan Greely; Hunter Beasley; Jack Dyer; Aggie Oyster; Charlotte Mitchell; Pauline Nedrow; Jennifer O'Brien; Nikki Morgan; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Marvin Fry; and Art Sticklin.

FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

Theresa Conrad Norman; Gladys Wetzel; Irvin Reibsome; Connie Reich; Albert Churm; James Bergenstock; J.T. Stoker; Jeff Anselmo; Linda and Gary Inch; Pauline Snyder; Tara Redcay; Caleb Shingara; Keith Knorr; Lucille Appleman; Charlie Dutt; William Kauwell; Idita Dennehy; Lois and John Clark; Josiah S.; Pat Whitenight; Benny Bordner; Bert Williams; Lew Riley; Gary Leighow; Brandon Cooper; Steve Treon; Roxanne Kerr; Pastor Brian Moyer; Brenda Kile; Connie Gibbs; Patsy Berns; Mike Shoemaker; Rhonda Brouse; Terri Beyer; Tim Raup; John Stoker; Daymon Davis; Ralph Reedy; Elroy Neitz; Emily Stookey; Cathi Flanagan; Charlie Meginley; Pastor Robert Loughborough; Nancy Curry; Kathryn DiOrio; Mark Pontiac; Abby Thomas; Cindy Gearhart; Rod Vincent; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Spencer Vincent; Autumn Kern; and Emily Sue Nillson.

SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:

Cody Harper; Matthew Clark; Johnathan Babb; Nate Hughes; Nicole and Alejandro Hernandez; Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; Sgt. Levi Gearhart; Sgt. David Gregory; Jeremy Weikel; Robert Carpenter; Trevor Stone; Charlie Reedy; Shawn Dyer; Shane Bergenstock; SSGT Andrew Bauman; CPL Jason Lee Smith; B.J. Dellinger; Tim Mekosh; CPT Barry Troy; CPT Steven Black Barr; Tristan Winter.

Please use an orange pew card for Prayer requests & removals.

Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of March 31, 2016)

Total cost of the exterior restoration project: \$78,643

Donations received in February: \$340 from giving

Total on hand: \$ 4,790

Loan balance: \$14,318

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

To activate the Prayer Chain, contact numbers are: 387-1795 or 441-5643. No Emails please. (To have someone's name included on the weekly Prayer List, please email or call Deb separately at the church office at 275-2110 or pinestch@ptd.net).

Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the Newsletter is **MAY 15 for the JUNE, 2016 Newsletter**. All articles submitted are subject to editing; typewritten or e-mailed articles are especially appreciated. It may be necessary to hold articles submitted after the deadline date until the next month.

THRIVENT CHOICE

We thank *Jack Dyer, Paul Ezdebski, Audress Hinkle, Irene Hinkle, Ralph Hinkle, and Thomas James* for directing Choice Dollars to our church through the Thrivent Financial Choice Program. We appreciate your generosity!

Fellowship Hours

The various ministries of the church are providing meals for Fellowship Hour. Feel free to grace the table with any food donations. The 1st Sundays in June, July & August will be picnic food. Thank you to all!

Pastor's office hours:

Monday: 10:00 – 1:00

Tuesday: Afternoons by appointment

Wednesday: 10:00 – 1:00

Other times can be arranged with Pastor Lois.

Please note that meetings or pastoral calls may interrupt this schedule.

Partners in electronic giving since 1998.



Simply Giving is:
.....the most convenient way to send your tithe to the church.

See Bill Snover to answer your questions.

No more checks to write!
It's all done for you!



Picture of the stained glass window at the rear of the sanctuary. From the outside, it is in the front of the church.

HOAGIES

The next Hoagie making day will be **MAY 26** with the deadline to **order and pay by MAY 22**. The cost is \$4 for regular; \$5 for Tuna (90% of the proceeds goes to our Restoration Project and 10% goes to a charity or community project).

Thank you to all who purchase, take orders, and deliver hoagies!!

Please make sure all the doors are locked (try them after locking) and lights out when leaving the buildings!
Thank you.

GLScrip Gift Cards

make great gifts and for everyday use!

You can earn money for the church when you buy gas, school supplies, or any purchasing you need to do by purchasing gift cards. **Consider using gift cards when shopping for essentials and extras.** Weis and Giant are now only available through GLScrip. *Mostly everyone dines out and buys gas—consider getting gift cards to use.*

They work same as cash!!!

ORDER DEADLINE MAY 8

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE! CHECK IT OUT AT WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG

The Thank You Corner

- ♦ **Jeannie & Bill Snover and other Volunteers** – for placing and caring for the Easter Lilies.
- ♦ **All Worship Helpers** – for serving as Worship Helpers and for filling in so many times in March! Thank you all!
- ♦ **I give thanks to God for all** who actively participated in the Holy Week Liturgies. I have heard many people express their thanks for the meaningful worship services for the Triduum, the Three Holy Days, and for Easter celebrations. Thanks go to everyone who helped in so many ways, including musicians who graced our worship with beautiful music, everyone who served in various duties, the cooks and servers for Easter Breakfast, all who beautified the church by tidying up after worship, donating and arranging flowers inside and outside. A special thanks to Deb for the extra office work, Brenda for the extra work, the Choir and Soloists, Bill for working with the Bell Choir, and Ron who gave accompaniment for all of us. May the Risen, Living, Christ bless you.

Pastor Lois

June Events

June 5: Honoring our Graduates

June 12: GLScrip Order Deadline (will arrive before Father's Day)

June 14: W/ELCA Quarterly Meeting 1:30 PM (SH)

June 17 & 18: Synod Assembly [Susquehanna University]

June 19: Father's Day

June 26-30: Vacation Bible School [Trinity, Danville]

Ministry Meeting Times

(subject to change; some ministries are on hiatus during summer)

- **Administration:** As Needed
- **Caring:** Varies
- **Christian Education:** 1st Tuesday @ 6:00 PM (LIB)
- **Council:** 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 PM (CR)
- **Finance:** 3rd Monday @ 7:00 PM (LIB)
- **Hospitality:** 2nd Wednesday @ 11:00 AM (LIB)
- **Property:** 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM (LIB)
- **Worship & Music:** 2nd Monday @ 11:00 AM (LIB)

JUNE SCHEDULE

JUNE 5

Acolyte: Cara Bohner **Crucifer:** William Snover

Lector: Sharron Eyer

Ushers: Sandra Reibsome; **EL ENT:** Luahan and Thomas Herrington

Communion Helper: Sue Neitz

Assisting Minister: Mary Jane Snyder

Offering Counters: Mary Jane Snyder; Elizabeth Baylor

Sound System: Michael Eyer

Altar Care: Sharron Eyer; Christine Koons

Flower Care: Jeannie and William Snover

Greeters: Roberta Recla; Sue Neitz

JUNE 12

Acolyte: Allen Snyder **Crucifer:** William Snyder

Lector: Christine Koons

Ushers: Denny DiOrio **EL ENT:** Nancy Leighow; Thomas Herrington

Communion Helper: Mary Jane Snyder

Assisting Minister: Sharron Eyer

Offering Counters: Michael Eyer; Darlis Dyer

Sound System: Roxanne Patton

Altar Care: Sharron Eyer; Roxanne Patton

Flower Care: Ellen and Dennis Leighow

JUNE 19

Acolyte: Cora Wydra **Crucifer:** Roxanne Patton

Lector: Glen Leighow

Ushers: Denny DiOrio; **EL ENT:** Nancy Leighow; Thomas Herrington

Communion Helper: Sharron Eyer

Assisting Minister: Sue Neitz

Offering Counters: Joanne Fox; Joanne Williams

Sound System: William Snyder

Altar Care: Mary Jane Snyder; Roxanne Patton

Flower Care: Ellen and Dennis Leighow

Greeters: Elizabeth and Richard Baylor

JUNE 26

Acolyte: Thomas Martin **Crucifer:** Devan Beyer **Lector:** Joanne Fox

Ushers: Roxanne Patton; **EL ENT:** Mary Jane and William Snyder

Communion Helper: Jeannie Snover

Assisting Minister: William Snover

Offering Counters: Danielle Sticklin; Michael Dennehy

Sound System: Michael Eyer

Altar Care: Mary Jane Snyder; Roxanne Patton

Flower Care: Elizabeth and Richard Baylor

Greeters: Elizabeth and Richard Baylor



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Camping catalogs are now available on the table in the narthex and also online.

May 9: Bishop's Open Golf Classic [Susquehanna Valley Country Club, Hummel's Wharf

May 14: Spring Work Day 8 AM to 1 PM. Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 6 if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or call 570-922-1587.

Get information online.

June: Camping Seasons begins.

Pine Street Lutheran is a member of the Councilor's Club for gifts totaling between \$250 - \$499. Thank you all for your donations!

Get more information at:

Camp Mt. Luther is online at www.campmountluther.org

WEBSITE

www.pinestreetlutheran.org

And, if you haven't registered on the site, please do so!
Check it out!

FACILITY REQUEST FORMS are available on a clipboard on the narthex bulletin board. Please fill it out for the date of building use and put it in Deb's mailbox or take it to the office.

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### 2016 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Interim Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Lois Martin

Co-Treasurers:

Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla

Richard Baylor

Darlis Dyer

Mary Ann Landi

Nancy K. Leighow

William Snover

Mary Jane Snyder

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Good Samaritan Mission Center

275-2500

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9 AM-4:30 PM



Is May 8th

Bring Mom

(and Grandmom)

to church.

**Available for Pick-up
on the table in the narthex.**

The most recent copies of:

- *Christ in Our Home* Devotional Booklets small and large editions
- *Spark Family-Splash in God's Word* magazine
- Go online to the Upper Susquehanna Synod website for the *USS Ark*, which includes *Currents* and Camp Mt. Luther *Camel Tracks*.

They are free while supplies last—take one for your family. If you would like a copy of the *USS Ark*, please ask Deb.

RIDES AVAILABLE

Rides are available for people for urgent medical care.

Volunteer drivers are:

- ♦ Sue & Dick Baylor (279-4766)
 - ♦ Bill & Mary Jane Snyder (275-4083)
 - ♦ Bill & Jeannie Snover (672-3055)
- Call any of the above numbers or call the church office from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at 275-2110.

SPONSORS

We appreciate your sponsorship of these important items for our Worship Services. It's also special to honor someone or memorialize loved ones and friends.



- **Bulletins** \$20.00 per week-sponsors are filled through June 26.
- **Altar Flowers** \$36.00 per week-sponsors are filled through July 3.
- **Sanctuary Candle** is full. Thank you!
- **COMMUNION BREAD** sponsors are needed for May and June. Bread can be homemade or round store-bought loaves work best.

Monthly Financial Stewardship report for March 2016

In 2016 we need to *average \$2,679* per week in giving to assure that we are able to meet all of our budgeted expenses. Our expense budget is something that we adopted and committed.

Our weekly total church attendance during February was 406. (This includes attendance at our extra services during Holy Week and on Easter morning.) Our total giving to the General Fund totaled \$9,935 an average of **\$2,484** per week.

Year to date we are **\$4,654 behind** in the giving that is needed to meet our budgeted expenses.

If you cannot attend as regularly as you'd like, please consider making regular contributions through the automatic *Simply Giving* program. Intentional regular giving through the *Simply Giving* program demonstrates your commitment and ongoing support of your church. See Bill Snover for enrollment information.

Picture Pages



**Sunday School Class
Easter Egg Hunt**



**First Communion celebration for Allen Snyder and
Angelica Kipp pictured with Pastor Lois.**



Sam Harrison's 93rd Birthday



**Barbara Wintersteen and Joanne Fox
helping with the Chicken & Waffle Dinner**



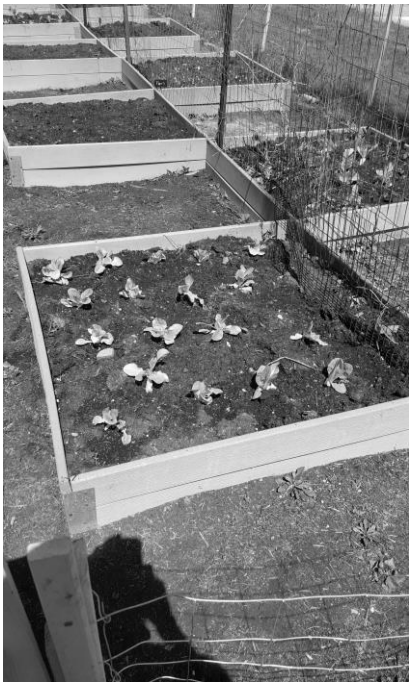
One of our waffle chefs, Michelle Brady.



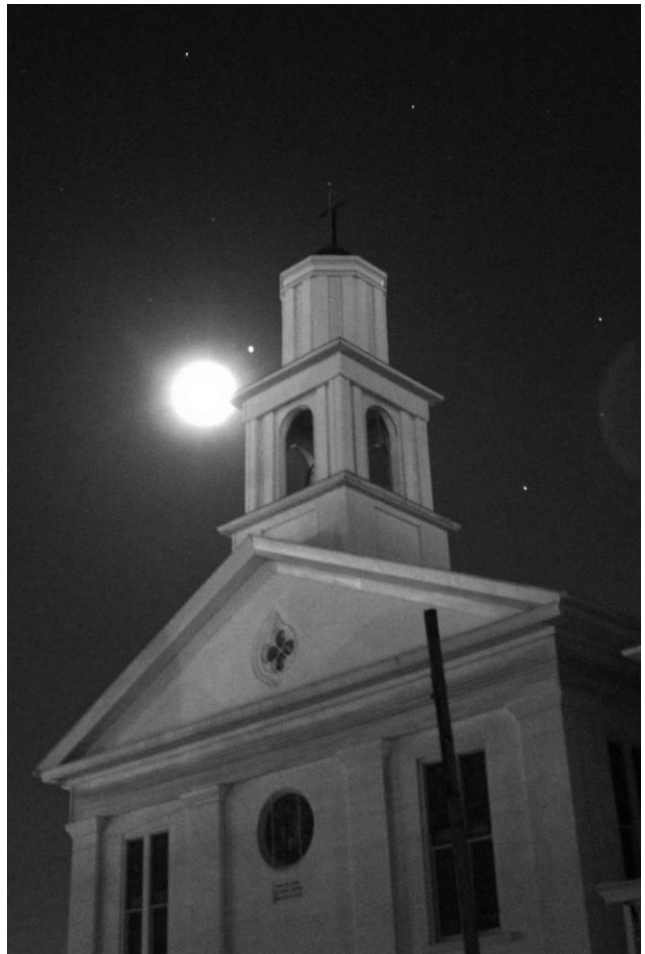
Diners at the Chicken & Waffle Dinner



Barbara Wintersteen and Diane Kiefer



**God's Vegetable Garden
is a work in progress**



**A picture of our steeple with the moon and stars
taken by our neighbor, Bob Linn.**



God's Garden in the morning!