

NEWS FROM THE CENTER

Church and Community News

Sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Shelburne

Second Saturday Suppers

Saturday, July 8

Ham & beans, homemade ice cream with brownies

In July we are honoring members of the military and veterans with half-price meals.

Saturday, August 12

Oven barbecued pork, corn on the cob, blueberry desserts.

In August we are honoring First Responders, your meal will be half-price!

\$12 for adults and \$6 for age 10 and under

As always, first time diners pay half-price.

For reservations call

413-625-0127 or

413-625-2343; or reserve

ONLINE at

www.shelburnechurch.org



The First Congregational Church of Shelburne, on the Mohawk Trail, welcomes you.

Are you seeking good old-fashioned community events? Find some right here in Shelburne Center...

Summer Events

Band Concert and ice cream social!

The Shelburne Falls Military Band will perform at the Fellowship Hall on July 5, 7 p.m. Come enjoy the music and the **homemade** ice cream and toppings. Perfect summer evening event!

Summer Jubilee, held on the evenings of July 25th, 26th and 27th, 6-8 p.m. at Fellowship Hall. Crafts, games, food, and fun for the entire family.

Shelburne Grange Fair, Saturday August 26

It's Fair Season Again!

What does "Fair Season" mean anyway? To most It means scrambling to gather up exhibits the week before the fair. There

Shelburne Grange

Weds. July 5: No meeting, come to the band concert and ice cream social

Weds. July 19: Progressive supper and business meeting

Weds. August 2: Band concert and pie sale to benefit the Grange Fair

Weds. August 16: Business meeting and short program

Sat. August 26: Grange Fair!

Shelburne Grange #68 meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Everyone welcome!

4-H Fair time!

The Franklin County 4-H Fair will be held at the Heath Fairgrounds on June 24, beginning at 10 a.m.

Highlights include exhibits; sheep, poultry, rabbit shows; goat education demonstrations; horse-drawn wagon rides; K-9 demonstration; working Border Collie demonstration; food booth.

Admission and parking are free.

Come support our youth!

is not one exhibitor over the years that hasn't said, "I wish I had thought of creating/growing/baking that months ago...". Well here is your chance!

"Fair Season" starts for the Shelburne Grange Fair Committee in January when reorganization begins. So this may be a bit extreme for the average exhibitor but if you think about it, this might be the time when you take that cute picture or start a cross-stitch project. Just think if you print and frame a picture within a couple of days of taking it, how much more organized you would be come the time to enter!

So, why talk about this now? Is it too late? Of course not! Now is the time gardens are being planted, summer plans are being made, and children are wrapping up art projects at school. Take a look at last year's premium list online (shelburnegrange.org) and make a list of items you might plant in hopes of entering them in the fair. Maybe plant something new! The premium list has hundreds of items to choose from and you never know, you might just find a new favorite flower or vegetable.

Do you recall all of the art projects that have come home this year? Have your child (or grandchild - a great inter-generational project - take a look at the Art or Handcrafts section of the premium list to see what they might like to enter. There is always a category for every project imaginable. Is your child a 4-H member? We have categories for their sewing or canning project too! The committee has seen a decline in youth and children's exhibits and it is so easy to just set a project aside to enter.

Are you new to the world of exhibiting? Don't worry! The committee members have been exhibitors for years and we love to help! Shelburne Grange Fair has very friendly competition where everyone can learn something by entering. Not sure of a rule? Ask! Not sure if you have double or single marigolds? Ask! Not sure what age category your child belongs in? Just ask! Don't be afraid of not knowing what to do. The committee can help. See <http://www.shelburnegrange.org/committee-members.html> for contact information.

The committee has been hard at work to make August 26th a fun day so even if you don't enter, save the date. There are going to be activities from gold panning to "Curious Creatures" (a reptile exhibit) to a Yo-Yo demonstration. Don't forget the children's games with a Prince and Princess theme and the craft/flea market (forms at the fair website for anyone who wants a space). Then there is always the Chicken BBQ and the auction of exhibits at the end of the day. And... back by popular demand, Backtrack is the lunchtime entertainment!

So when does "Fair Season" begin? Now! See the world through a new lens - take a picture of the red sky at sunset... the enter it in August!

For more information about this year's fair as it unfolds, go to shelburnegrange.org and click on the fair link! See you at the fair... with exhibits!

Opportunities to serve the community

Our Church is regularly involved in the ***Cathedral in the Light***. This outdoor service is held every Sunday, in any weather, at 2 p.m., across from the Greenfield Town Common on the grounds of the Second Congregational Church. There is music, prayer, communion, and love...all of which you are welcome to join in, watch from a distance, or even just come for the meal. A safe and unconventional way to worship. Area churches take turns providing a hot meal, dessert, and sandwiches to go. Our church will be providing a meal on June 25 and July 23. The most important part of the service is your presence..to be a part of a caring community. Interested in more information, or helping to provide food? Contact Martha Wholey at 625-6846. Let your little light shine.

Community Meals at Trinity Church in Shelburne Falls

Our church will be coordinating, preparing, and serving three meals this summer, on June 23, July 14, and September 1. These dinners are for everyone, every Friday night!

Capital Campaign Progress!

We are happy to announce that the remaining monies from the missions component of the Capital Campaign have been distributed. \$3500 to the Shelburne Senior Center to be used for prescription assistance and \$1500 to the Shelburne Center Volunteer Firefighters Association to be used for a portable defibrillator. A \$5000 donation to the Student Assistance Fund through the Mary Lyon Foundation had already been distributed. Again, we thank everyone for their contributions to the Capital Campaign that afforded our church to financially help the folks in our communities.

Sock-A-Thon

The annual Dick Bole Sock-a-thon begins in September! The church collects socks in memory of Richard (Dick) Bole who made it his own mission to provide warm, dry socks for many in need. This year we are also collecting: underwear in all sizes for children and adults; and hygiene kits with a toothbrush, washcloth, trial/travel size toothpaste, soap, deodorant, lotion, mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner. All of these will be distributed throughout the area, to schools and to the homeless or under-housed. Financial support is also welcome, and checks can be mailed to the

First Congregational Church of Shelburne, 21 Common Rd., with “socks and kits” in the memo line.

HELP!! The church is looking for volunteers to do grounds work around Fellowship Hall and the church itself. Anyone with some time to spare for this endeavor can contact Jim Stacy at 413-320-3129. For your efforts you will be blessed with a gift certificate for two to a Second Saturday Supper of your choice!

From the Pastor:

I am writing this on the day of the local Relay for Life event. I am thinking of others who are buying cards and pondering which gifts they buy for their fathers. Two years ago, in the span of six weeks, my father and step-father died of cancer. My son shared with me a story he was able to hear John Mellencamp tell. He was presenting a songwriting award for John Prine. He apologized to Prine. They were friends for many years, but when John Prine received his cancer diagnosis, John Mellencamp stopped calling. Why? He didn't know what to say, and as time passed, it only became harder. I thought, if two of the great American songwriters can't find the right words- how will we ever do it?

I was given an article that addresses this- with just the right words. I hope that you find this helpful.

What your friends with cancer want you to know (but are afraid to say)

These are tips from Kim Helminski Keller, mom, wife, teacher and journalist. She is currently receiving treatment for thyroid cancer...

1. **Don't wait on me to call you if I need anything.** Please call once in a while and set up a time to come over. I probably won't ask for help, because it makes me feel weak and needy.
2. **Let me experience real emotions.** If I'm angry or upset, accept that something made me mad and don't write it off as the disease.
3. **Ask me “What's up” rather than “how do you feel.”** Let's talk about life and what's happening.
4. **Forgive me.** I may be forgetful, abrupt or hurtful- it's not deliberate, or personal.
5. **Just listen.** I'm doing my best to be brave and strong- but there will be times when I fall apart. Don't offer solutions. A good cry releases a lot of stress and pressure.
6. **Take pictures of us.** A photo is a reminder that someone thinks I'm important and worth remembering. Embrace the now with me.
7. **I need a little time alone.** Sometimes, I need a little solitude. It gives me a chance to take off the brave face I've been wearing too long.
8. **My family needs friends.** Children still need to go to school, do homework, play sports and hang out with friends. Grab lunch or play a round of golf with my spouse.
9. **I want you to reduce your cancer risk.**
10. **Take nothing for granted.** Enjoy the life you have right now. Marvel at this amazing world that God created, and thank God for bringing us together.

I pray that you will find this helpful. If you would like to read the entire article, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/CancerTalk>.

Blessings to you!
Rev. Will Sencabaugh

SUMMER WORSHIP NOTES

JUNE 25- we will worship **AT Robbins Memorial Church** in Greenfield
(Rev. Will will be offering the message at Cathedral in the Light, in Greenfield at 2 pm)

JULY, every Sunday- we will have our regular worship services in our sanctuary- same time, same place.

AUGUST 27- we will worship **AT Second Congregational Church** in Greenfield
Plans for the other Sundays in August are being discussed

Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department

We have a very respectable and respected fire department here in rural Shelburne and, if you did not know, the department is entirely staffed by volunteers. The department has some experienced members, nice facilities and equipment, does useful training and works cooperatively with other Town departments.

What the department is seeking is new members! Everyone from 14-64 should consider joining and the group is particularly hoping for those 18-35 years old who'd like to get some training and help their neighbors. Community volunteers are aging in many organizations and the fire department is no exception. Training is an excellent way to challenge yourself, can be extremely interesting and is a great way to get to know Shelburne, and have some fun. If you already have some fire department, first responder, and/or EMT training, that's even better.

If you are interested in learning more contact Fire Chief John Taylor at 834-3111 or leave a message at the fire station at 625-6796. The FD is organizing times to meet with people who are interested, join in for a training exercise, and/or get a tour.

The First Congregational Church of Shelburne, on the Mohawk Trail holds services every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Our pastor is the Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh

Our website is shelburnechurch.org, where you will find up-to-date information on Church, Grange, and community events. Find us on Facebook too.

Contact the newsletter: newsfromthecenter@comcast.net

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