

# On the Spiritual Side

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## Quakertown United Methodist celebrates 25th anniversary

Throughout the year, Quakertown United Methodist Church has been commemorating 25 years of ministry from its present location at 1875 Freier Road in Milford Township.

The culmination of the silver anniversary commemoration will be

a celebratory service of worship on Sunday, Sept. 15, followed by a picnic. All are welcome.

Two Quakertown churches, First United Methodist and Bethel United Methodist, located just two blocks apart, merged to form Quakertown United Methodist in 1984. Since nei-

ther of the former locations was conducive to future growth, the decision was made to build a new church.

The sanctuary was dedicated on March 27, 1988. One of the narthex walls contains the cornerstones of the former churches as reminders that the roots of QUMC go back

almost 150 years. A Christian Education wing was added in 1999.

QUMC, presently under the pastoral leadership of the Rev. Russell Atkinson, along with Assistant Pastor Hilary Ann Golden, is active in mission and ministry locally, nationally and globally.

This includes participating in local food pantries and Habitat for Humanity, repairing homes damaged by hurricanes, support of an inner-city Allentown ministry, helping local families needing assistance, and support of missionaries abroad.

## Best-selling radical author speaking at New Hope church

Controversial and popular theologian and writer Matthew Fox will speak at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, New Hope, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Fox is on a book tour promoting his latest work, "Occupancy Spirituality: A Radical Vision for a

New Spirituality."

The author seeks to re-energize and re-imagine the direction of the Occupy Movement by connecting the impulse of young protesters the world over with a spiritual and nonviolent vision of Martin Luther King, Gandhi and Dorothy Day.

St. Phillip's, located 1.5 miles north of New Hope on River Road, where it meets Chapel Road, is the only Philadelphia-area stop at which the author will speak.

Fox is the author of more than 30 books that have sold millions of copies, and is a controversial

writer who re-examines topics of spiritual interest in light of the mystical traditions in the church.

Originally a member of the Roman Catholic Dominican Order of priests, Fox was excommunicated by Cardinal Ratzinger, who became Pope Benedict XVI. He

now works through the Episcopal Church.

Amazon.com touts his new work as "a call to action for a new era of spirituality-infused activism."

The event is free and open to the public.

## Professor speaks at Doylestown Presbyterian Church forum

The DPC Forum in the Celtic Cross Room at Doylestown Presbyterian Church, 127 E. Court St., Doylestown, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, features the Rev. C. Clifton Black, Otto A. Piper Professor of Biblical Theology from the Princeton Theological Seminary.

The title of Dr. Black's Talk is, "The Lord's Prayer-Who's Kingdom, Who's Power, Who's Glory?"

In the Gospels according to Matthew and Luke, Jesus taught his disciples to pray in a brief and basic



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way. Two millennia later, they still do: somewhere in the world, every hour of the day, Christians are praying their Lord's Prayer. Even non-

Christians know its phrases.

Familiarity need not breed contempt, but it can lull into complacency. Why did Jesus address Israel's God as "Father?" How is God's name "hallowed?" What is the "kingdom" for whose coming Jesus prayed? What do the prayer's petitions reveal about being human?

Doylestown Presbyterian Church is wheelchair accessible at the Mechanics Street entrance. Parking is available in the church lot located at Church Street and Selner Lane and/or in the county lots at either

Court Street and Broad Street or North Main Street. There is limited street parking.

For information, contact the church office at 215-348-3531 or dpc@downtnpc.org.

## JEWISH HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

### Darkaynu in Warrington

Darkaynu holds the following High Holiday services at Buxmont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2040 Street Road, Warrington.

Kol Nidre Services are at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13. Yom Kippur Services begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, with a Yizkor Service at about noon, an afternoon study session at 3 p.m., and Open Community Mincha/Yizkor Service (no charge) at 4 p.m.

The Neilah Service is at 5:30 p.m. and Break the Fast is at 7:15 p.m. The meal is \$18 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Reservations at cmwk6@verizon.net are required.

The cost for nonmembers is \$50 for Yom Kippur services. Payment will be accepted at the door.

### Tzedek v'Shalom

Congregation Tzedek v'Shalom in Newtown hosts the following

events and services for the High Holidays, and all are welcome to attend.

Kol Nidre and Evening Service takes place 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13 at Newtown Friends Meeting House, 219 Court St., Newtown. Bring your tallit.

Yom Kippur Services on Saturday, Sept. 14 also are held at the Meeting House. Morning services are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Yizkor is 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.; Afternoon Breakout Sessions are 2 to 5 p.m.; and Neilah/Concluding Service is 6 to 7:30 p.m. Bring your shofar.

Break the Fast will follow services. Contact Elana Braz about what you are able to bring at elanabraz@verizon.net.

For information, contact tzedekevshalom@gmail.com.

### Kehilat HaNahar

Kehilat HaNahar, The Little Shul by the River, 85 W. Mechanic St., New Hope, offers

High Holy Days services, led by Rabbi Diana Miller.

Kol Nidre Service takes place at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13 and Yom Kippur Services begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

For information, call 215-862-1912, or visit kehilatnahar.org.

### Lubavitch Chabad

The Yom Kippur schedule at Lubavitch Chabad of Yardley, 1444 Yardley Newtown Road, Yardley, is as follows.

Friday, Sept. 13, 3 p.m., Mincha; 6:55 p.m., light candles and fast begins; 7 p.m., Kol Nidrei and evening services.

Shabbat, Saturday, Sept. 14; 9 a.m., preliminary services begin; 11 a.m., main service begins; 12:30 p.m., Yizkor Service; 5:20 p.m., Mincha; 6:45 p.m., Neilah; 7:51 p.m., Shofar sounding and Maariv.

Services are free of charge, but an RSVP is appreciated. Call 215-259-8440.



### Camp comes to a close

Children perform a closing program July 26 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Bedminster Township, following a week-long JaMM (Jesus and Musical Me) Camp for children age 4 through sixth grade. The camp featured a variety of music activities, Bible stories, games and crafts, based on the theme "Amigos de Cristo," friends of the Lord.

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## HAPPENINGS

### Rally Day held for Christian educations

Ascension Lutheran Church, 900 Washington Crossing Road, Newtown (Upper Makefield), participates in National Back to Church Sunday and Rally Day for Christian Education on Sunday, Sept. 15, when Sunday School resumes.

During worship, which begins at 10 a.m., the Sunday School staff will be installed, the choir will sing and the children and their backpacks will receive a blessing. Breakfast bags will be assembled for the food ministry Aid for Friends.

Bible study begins again on Sept. 17. The adult bible study class will examine what it means to be a community church through Paul's letters to the Corinthians. All are welcome.

Women of Ascension and/or the Prayer Shawl Ministry meet every other Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. For information, call 215-497-0447 or visit the church online.

### Peace Pilgrimage events held

The InSpiral Group holds an International Day of Peace Pilgrimage. Attend any number of the following three events at St Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem.

From 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, explore and discuss the film, "The Power of Forgiveness," with author Ken Briggs.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, visit, keep vigil at the peace monument or walk a prayer path for peace. This includes group

sharing at 11 a.m.

From 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, discuss and explore the film, "Beyond Right and Wrong" and Five Attitudes of the Heart from "Healing the Heart of Democracy" by Parker Palmer.

To register, visit the center online, call 610-867-8890, or e-mail strfranciscenter@gmail.com.

### Cathedral's healing service resumes

The Wednesday Healing Service and Holy Eucharist at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 801 W. State St., Trenton, resumes at 12:10 p.m. Sept. 18.

Registration for Sunday School continues through Sunday, Sept. 22. Classes will resume on Sunday, Sept. 30.

## Worship Directory

### SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, September 15, 2013

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9:30 am Worship / Baptism / Sunday School

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