



2024 Newsletter

A Note from RA

We do have some exciting worship themes coming up in October (and November and December!) Look for more info and a schedule with dates in this newsletter! We will kick off October by observing World Communion Day. The Worship Design Team wanted to focus on the “world” aspect of this date. So, we will hear the scriptures read to us in Spanish, Portuguese and Italian. The next Sunday we will get the chance to meet our new District Superintendent Rev. Tom Pasmore! Plan to stay after for a meet and greet thanks to our hospitality team providing some snacks! The next week is Laity Sunday, and we will get to hear Scot proclaim some Good News! And finishing the month will be Pastor Tom also proclaiming some Good News!

We have just finished a sermon series called “uncommon wisdom” and we looked at wisdom literature in the Bible. We also kicked off some bible studies.

As always if you have an idea or want to connect, let me know! The best way to reach me is to call or text my cell: 302-333-2135.

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Sept. 22nd
- Oct. 6th

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Youth
TOY DRIVE

Gift a toy, light up
a child's world

BOXES ARE LOCATED IN
THE FOYER FOR
NEW/GENTLY USED TOYS

BENEFITS KIDS IN CHRISTIANA HOSPITAL PEDIATRICS

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Wednesday Evening
Covenant Discipleship
Group has partnered
with the VA Medical Center
(Elsmere) to help bring food
assistance to local Veterans!

October focus for giving:

- Peanut Butter | Jelly, Marmalade, Preserves
- Sugar-Free: Jelly, Marmalade, Preserves
- Cereal (Kellogg's Corn Flakes, Honey Nut Cheerios, Cheerios)
- Individual Fruit Snacks | Individual Chips/Peanuts/Pretzels Bags
- Instant Potatoes | Instant Rice (e.g., Near East Brown Rice Pilaf)
- Pet Nourishment

Questions: Norm Holt, Ivan Turner, Scot Stetka, or Emily Ilyas.

Dropoff container in the Involvement Center

We celebrated women who lead especially in the area of missions! Celebrating Debbie M and Sue who led our missions team these past 3 years, Madison who is leading the toy drive, Jenn who leads Clark House and Liz who leads Meals on Wheels. Please feel free to connect with any of them for more info!



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Friendship House
A Way Home



deliver a difference



Save the Date! Meal packing event 5/4/2025
Fund raising will be a project of the Sunday School class!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER
save the date
05.04.25
Skyline Church
3100 Skyline Drive Wilmington, DE 19808

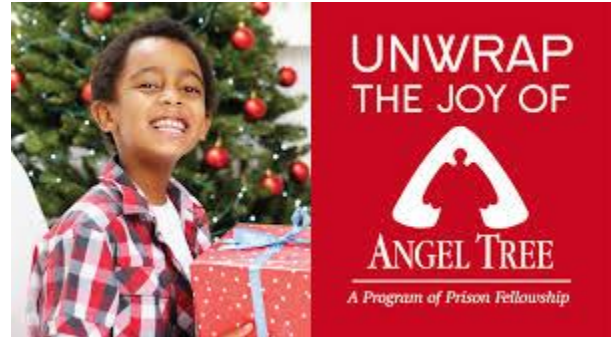
Help Eliminate Hunger
Pack → Ship → Provide

Logan shares what happens at an event here:

Learn more from Annabelle here:

Join the packing event or donate to purchase supplies at: SkylineChurch.net

Warm things collection to benefit DE clothing bank during Advent! Clean out our closets and share with those in need.



Maybe also an Advent mission? RA will be attending some training in early October to learn more. Is this an area of interest for you? Please let Pastor Ruthann know!

Upcoming Worship Themes!

| | |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Oct 6 | World Communion Day! |
| Oct 13 | Needles and Camels |
| Oct 20 | Laity Sunday |
| Oct 28 | Walking with Jesus |
| Nov 3 | The Home of God |
| Nov 10 | Year of Jubilee |
| Nov 17 | Do Not be ashamed |
| Nov24 | To Testify to the Truth |

Worship Design Team

What a great meeting with lots of ideas! You will see many of them here with planned mission activities, fellowship events and preliminary planning for Advent!

One idea is a way to grow our prayer support for each other, weaving us together in comfort and in joy! I am praying that God will raise up a leader who is called to this important work! Weekly we are collecting your expressed written prayer requests, and still striving to discover how to honor these prayers by sharing them with Skyline's prayer warriors. Stayed tuned as the way we should go becomes more clear!




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Bible Studies!


Sunday morning and Monday at 7PM by zoom:

Discover the Book of Revelation



Beginning September 8, 2024
Sunday School
 Sunday at 10AM (in person)
repeated
 Monday at 7PM (zoom)
 ~ AGES 8+ ~

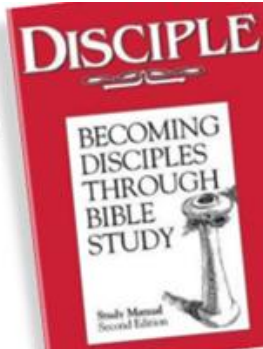
Step into a thrilling and powerful story of visions, battles between good and evil, and the ultimate triumph of hope. Dive into this epic tale where the forces of light overcome darkness, leading to a beautiful and everlasting new world. Perfect for those who love stories of adventure, mystery, and a happy ending.



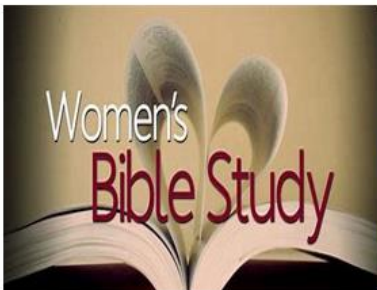

For more information, contact office@skylinechurch.net

Tuesday 7PM fellowship hall


Pastor Tom will lead this study of Disciple starting with an orientation on Tuesday, Sept 10th



Wednesday 6PM in office and zoom:





JOIN US



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Scripture readings in Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian



OCTOBER 6, 2024
 10AM | 3100 Skyline Drive, Pike Creek, Delaware




Stay for fellowship and refreshments after the service

We welcome a Special Guest bringing us the Message


Rev. Dr. Tom Pasmore
 Superintendent of the Delaware District of The Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference

Sunday, October 13, 2024 at 10:00AM

Meet and Greet right after church!

Thank you hospitality team for providing refreshments!

LAITY SUNDAY
 Priesthood of All Believers



Sunday October 20!

We will hear Scot proclaim some Good News!



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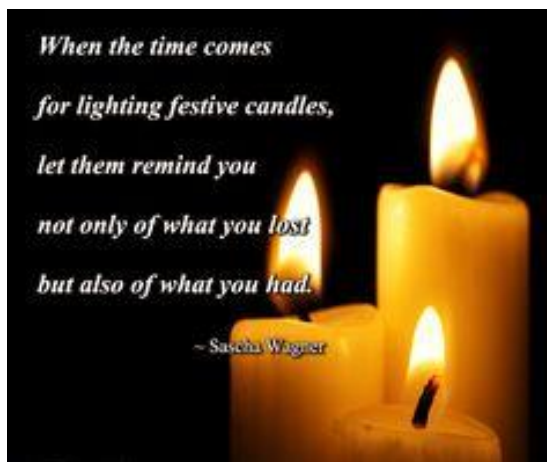
Financial update

A brief summary of our income/expenses paid-to-date for this fiscal year is listed below. If anyone has any questions concerning the report, please email Emily Ilyas at treasurer@skylinechurch.net. If you have any questions about your specific gifts, please email Rosie Wolfe at financesec@skylinechurch.net.

| Skyline Church Revenue/Expenses Summary | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2024-2025 Year-to-Date | | |
| (July 1, 2024 -Aug 31, 2024) | | |
| | 8/31/2024 YTD Actual | % Annual Budget \$248,224 |
| Revenue | \$33,043.37 | 13.3% |
| Expenditures | \$38,344.18 | 15.4% |
| Revenue may include some pledges paid-in-full or quarterly | | |

A time to remember All Saints Sunday 11/3

We are still in the planning phases for a grief share and comfort service to be offered on Sunday November 3rd. The thought is to offer a candle lighting ceremony in our upper parking lot around 5pm which is sunset, and this would be in place of the Blue Christmas service. Interested in helping with this? Let Pastor Ruthann or Mary Sheppard know!



Bookgroup!

SKYLINE CHURCH BOOKGROUP

**October 1, 2024
6:30 PM**

Zoom & In Person

**KRISTIN HANNAH
THE WOMEN**

Questions? office@skylinechurch.net

Skyline Church Bookgroup

What books should we read in 2025?

November 12, 2024
5:30 PM Potluck @ Carole's
6:30 PM Book Proposals - Zoom & In Person

SKYLINE CHURCH BOOKGROUP

December 3, 2024
6:30 PM
Zoom & In Person

Evvie Drake Starts Over
LINDA HOLMES

Questions? office@skylinechurch.net



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Coming Soon! Ways to Connect!

| What? | When? |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Hymns & Hoagies | Tuesday Nov. 26 at 7pm |
| Hanging of the Greens | TBS |
| Chesapeake Brass Band Christmas Concert | Monday Dec. 2 |
| The Rainbow Chorale's 25th Anniversary Concert | Saturday Dec 14 7pm Grace UMC |
| Skyline Christmas Dinner | Sunday Dec 15 |
| Christmas Eve Worship | Tuesday Dec 24 at 7pm |

Welcome to the Skyline Church Door Access Control System

Skyline Church is about ready to roll out the Door Access Control System that was installed under a grant from the State of Delaware to improve the security of commercial buildings. The new system uses key fobs to unlock the doors of the church rather than a physical key during off-hours when the church is normally unoccupied. Key Fobs will be issued to all who frequently need off-hours access to the church.

During normal scheduled meeting hours such as Sunday Worship Service, the doors will be set to unlock and stay unlocked for the duration of the scheduled event. They will automatically lock at the end of scheduled time.

A small black Sensor has been installed next to each of the exterior doors on an outside wall. This sensor reads the Key Fob and notifies the Access Control System who would like to enter the building. This Sensor has a small light that will be either red (door is locked) or green (door is unlocked).

Entering the Church, green light is lit –

- Simply pull open the door.

Entering the church, red light is lit -

- Place your Fob near the Sensor. The light will change from red to green momentarily and you may hear a click as the lock mechanism is released.
- Pull open the door before the light turns back to red and the door re-locks. (You have about 3 seconds before the lock is re-locked.)

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- If the door relocks before you can pull open the door, simply place the Fob by the Sensor again. (You can prop open the door if you need to make multiple trips into the church or simply unlock the door with the Fob each time you wish to enter.)

Exiting the church

- Walk toward the exterior door and push it open. (A motion sensor located above the door senses your approach and automatically releases the door lock. You may hear a clicking sound as the lock is released. This occurs even when the door is scheduled to be unlocked.)
- Emergency exit – In the event the motion sensor fails to unlock the door or there is a power failure, there is a green rectangular button located next to the inside of the door marked "Emergency". Press this. This will disengage the lock on the door.

If you have any difficulties or need special off-hours access, contact Tom Good, Ruthann, or



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Emily. They can answer your questions and remotely unlock the door as needed.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who will receive Fobs?

- The Leadership Board has initially identified individuals that frequently need off-hours access to the church due to the functions they perform. Fobs will be issued to these people during initial rollout. Additional Fobs can be requested as the need arises.

How will outside scheduled organizations like AA and Una Esperanza gain access to the church?

- The leader of each organization who currently has a key will be given a Fob. The Fob will be programmed to unlock the necessary doors based upon the normal meeting time of the organization.
- To accommodate meeting attendees, the necessary doors will be scheduled to unlock and re-lock at the end of the meeting.

How does one enter the church at the Handicapped Entrance?

- Place your Fob at the Sensor. As soon as the light turns green, push the large Handicapped Door Entry button. The automated door opener will open the door.

Some additional interior doors also have Fob Sensors. What are they for?

- Access to the church office, Sound Booth, elevator equipment room, and sprinkler room also have locks controlled by the

Access Control System due to the specialized nature of the contents behind these doors.

Anyone wanting more in-depth technical information about how the system works should talk to Tom Good.

Church Leadership

Board Update

The Skyline Church Leadership Board met twice in September. Below are some of the items we're working on. Please reach out to any Board member with questions or suggestions: Deanna Cordova, Bill Everitt, Jim Ford, Tom Good, Mark Hufford, Nora Kohn, Debbie McCauley, Kim McWatters, Scot Stetka, and Pastor Ruthann Turner.

- Board liaisons were assigned to our Ministry Teams to ensure two-way communication and approve expenses. Ministry Team leaders will be informed of their respective liaison.
- We agreed on the next steps for the corner sign: keeping the monument, replacing the LED screen, and replacing or backlighting the church logo. Quotes are being obtained.
- We discussed the status of the new Access Control System, which will replace building keys. A policy has been created, and more information will be shared soon.
- We're planning a fall clean-up day in November, with the exact date to be announced soon.
- We agreed on the following leadership roles: Scot Stetka – Lay Leader/Delegate, Tom Good – Trustee Chair, Kim McWatters – Trustee Secretary.
- We decided to have one Christmas Eve service at 7:00 PM.



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A sneak peek at Advent:

Advent begins Sunday December 1 which is the Sunday after Thanksgiving this year. If you are looking ahead, Christmas will be on a Wednesday.

You will see in the Save The Date section some of our traditional fellowship events where we get together to enjoy each other and the time of year!

The theme this year will be focused on Angels watching over us!

Would anyone be interested in an Advent bible study in addition to the bible studies that are ongoing? Please let me know!

We usually gather to decorate together, but we have not set a date so let me know if you would like to participate here and we can find that date!

Question for the parents of our young disciples: I know they have patterns to be in church that pull them in different directions. I will be reaching out to you all to see when we can gather the whole group so they can lead us in worship in some way! A Drama, or some other thing. I know it starts with getting a date!

Begin thinking about Advent; the place where we remember God With Us: Emmanuel. We sing Joy to the world the Lord has come! Let every heart prepare him room! How can that work for us and the community around Skyline this year? Be in prayer for those who have no church home to hear the sweet, whispered invitation to joy this year! Then this year, every heart will prepare him room!

