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A Note from RA

Spring break week just finished for me and wow did I ever need it! I did enjoy Lent this year and felt like I worked on the trellis of my spiritual disciplines which will support me as I bear fruit! How about you?

We are now in that time between Easter and Pentecost. Can you imagine how it must have been then? What is it like for us now?

We will all share some of the power of the Holy Spirit when we gather a group to Rise Against Hunger! But there is more for all of us! We continue to be active in mission; indeed our mission given to us by Jesus was to make disciples to transform the world! We will hear from our Disciple Bible Study as they share their experiences from this year! And that does bring us to Pentecost! The Holy Spirit pouring out on the disciples, pouring out on us!



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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Meal Packaging Event

Sunday, May 4, 2025

10:00-11:30AM

(check-in by 9:45AM)

Volunteers will be needed
for set-up and clean-up.
Invite your neighbors and friends!
It's all hands on deck!

Skyline Church

Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
food • community • sustainability

Everyone welcome
Free & Accessible
Questions? office@skylinechurch.net

Mission meeting updates

**Calling All Animal Lovers –
Pet Supply Drive Starts June 15!**

We're thrilled to announce our upcoming **Pet Supply Drive**, running from **June 15 to July 13**, benefiting three incredible organizations dedicated to making a difference in the lives of dogs and people in our community:



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- **House of Hope Animal Rescue:** Rescues dogs from high-kill shelters, particularly in the Southern United States, and finding them loving forever homes.
- **PAWS for People:** Provides individualized, therapeutic visits with specially trained volunteers and their certified gentle, affectionate pets.
- **Renee's Rescues:** Rescues and cares for dogs and puppies, many who are saved from puppy mills, providing them with the medical care and love they need before placing them into forever homes.

Clothing Drive

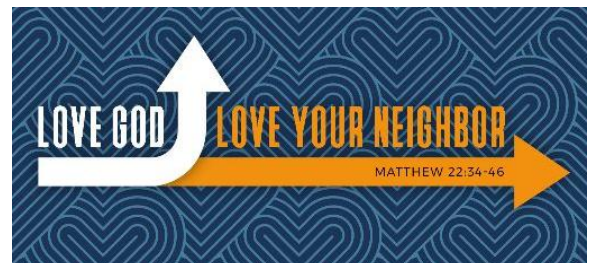


Some of the collection from one of the Saturdays partnering with the community! Two of our smallest helpers provided lots of giggles! Then, see how Sue and Nora organized the donations for pick up! What a blessing for all involved!



We'll be collecting items such as **leashes, collars, dog food, treats, toys, dog beds**, and more. In addition to collecting supplies, we'll also be sharing information about each organization, including ways to **donate financially** and how you can **support their missions year-round**. These groups rely on the generosity of people like you, and every gift—large or small—can make a big difference.

More details will be shared as we get closer to the start date. In the meantime, feel free to reach out with questions to **Kim McWatters, Sue Good, or Lorie Laws**. Let's work together to show a little extra love to our four-legged friends this summer.



Lent Missions!




Thank you all for contributing to this project! Look for these improvements to arrive soon!

S.A.F.E. SAFETY AND FACILITIES ENHANCEMENT

- Handrails and adhesive safety tape for step edges for the worship platform and sound booth
- Restriping the parking lot and adding three accessible parking spots
- Four armchairs in the sanctuary for people needing extra support
- Reflectors or solar lighting for parking lot entrances
- New water fountain with a bottle-filling station
- Directional and elevator signage
- Emergency lighting in stairwells
- Closet lighting



ONGOING MISSIONS

 <p>Deliver Dinner to Men in Transitional Housing: Saturdays February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20 Questions? Jenn Fisher or Dave Fisher ANDREW'S PLACE</p>	 <p>Deliver Meals @ Noon to the Elderly: Weeks of March 3-7, April 7-11, May 12-16, June 16-20, July 21-25, August 25-29, September 29 - October 3, November 3-7, December 8-12 Questions? Liz Stoklosa MEALS ON WHEELS</p>	 <p>Donations Accepted Anytime: Non-perishables, such as canned food, pasta sauce, noodles, mac & cheese granola/protein bars, PJ, jelly oatmeal, cereal, shelf-stable milk instant potatoes, rice. Questions? Norm Holt or Emily Ilyas VA MEDICAL CENTER</p>
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We will continue our current, recurring missions:
 Meals on Wheels – **Liz Stoklosa, Coordinator** (2025: M-F Week of 5/12, 6/16, 7/21, 8/25, 9/29, 11/3, 12/8)
 Clark House – **Jenn and Dave Fisher, Coordinators** (3rd Saturday each month)
 Veteran's Administration food closet – **Norm Holt and Emily Ilyas, Coordinators** (monthly)



Bookgroup!

Skyline Church Bookgroup

Book Selections

May 6, 2025

6:30 PM Potluck

7:30 PM Choose Books for Jun - Nov

Zoom & In Person

Questions? office@skylinechurch.net

Blood Pressure Checks

In the foyer, after the
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service

KEEP YOUR HEART IN CHECK

See Natalie After Church
for a Quick Blood Pressure Check!

Next Date!

May 11
June 8

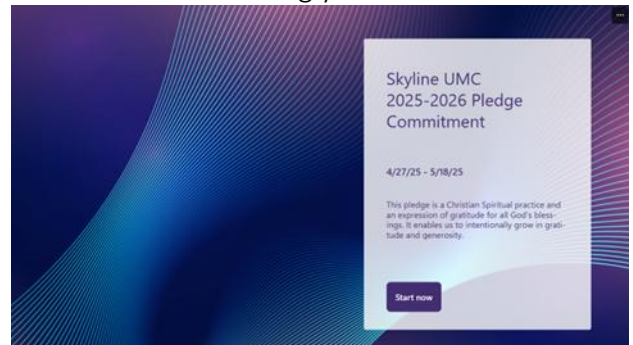
Stewardship Campaign

The stewardship campaign started this Sunday April 28 and will conclude on Sunday May 18. We ask everyone to prayerfully complete a pledge form using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/QnxKmK5W7F>

Or QR code:



Which will bring you to this form:



The Leadership board uses this information to help us set a balance budget for the next ministry year. We thank you for providing your pledge information so that we can plan! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Scot or Rosie!

Upcoming Worship Themes!

Date	Scripture	Theme
May 4	Isaiah 58: 10a	Rise Against Hunger
May 11 Mother's Day	Matt 6: 25-34	Ask for Anything!
May 18	Isaiah 58: 6-11	Earn.Save.Give
May 25 Memorial Day Weekend	Pastor Tom	
June 1	Disciple Bible Study Shares	Discipleship Testimony
June 8 Pentecost!	Acts 8: 4-17	Spiritual Gifts
June 15 Father's Day	Isaiah 6: 1-8	Send Me!
June 22	Mary Sheppard	Romans 5: 1-5
June 29	Pastor Tom	



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THE RAINBOW CHORALE OF DELAWARE
25th Anniversary Season Final Concert

PHOENIX RISING

**Saturday
May 31
7pm**



Jon M. Timmons • Artistic Director
Kevin Mucchetti • Collaborative Pianist

Skyline UMC
3100 Skyline Dr • Pike Creek

Tickets
\$20 adult and live-stream
\$5 youth (2-18)

Delaware Division of the Arts

therainbowchorale.org

Celebrating 25 Years

Fellowship Events!



Join us for dinner, to learn why attending the women's retreat will be the best present you can give yourself.
Join us even if you can't go to the retreat!

Women's Dinner

Sunday, May 18, 2025 ~ 6:00-8:00 PM
The dinner is at church and you don't need to bring anything!
Sign up in the foyer.

Contact Sue (susanggood@gmail.com) with questions

May 18th Women's Retreat midyear gathering

- **Note the date change!**

Ice Cream Social for our Graduates! End of School year. To be scheduled!

Church Leader Board Update

Skyline Church Leadership Board Update

The Leadership Board met in March and April 2025. Here are the key highlights. If you have questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out to any Board member: Deanna Cordova, Bill Everitt, Jim Ford, Tom Good, Mark Hufford, Nora Kohn, Debbie McCauley, Kim McWatters, Scot Stetka, or Pastor Ruthann Turner.

New Pastor: Pastor Sean Lee will begin July 1. He met with the Board for introductions and discussion, facilitated by the District Superintendent.

Stewardship Campaign: Campaign dates have been set. Scot Stetka will lead a team to organize and plan.

Financial Accounts: A brokerage account has been opened to receive stock donations. Mark and Emily are preparing donation instructions. A portion of savings will be moved into a high-yield savings account.

Bible Studies!

Didn't get to join this year? We hope to offer Disciple 1 AND Disciple 2 starting next fall!

Wednesday Women's Bible Study 6PM, office & zoom (and always zoom in on bad weather Wednesdays!)

- We will complete our series on prayer using this resource: [The Prayer Course](#)
- No books to buy! No homework! Kind of like an old-fashioned adult Sunday school class!
- This course will finish at the end of May, and we generally take a break over the summer



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Corner Sign: Installation is complete—thank you to Tom Good for managing the project.

New Members: We've welcomed several new visitors interested in joining. A new member class date will be set soon.

Nominations: We are seeking one new Board member and one Nominations Committee member to begin July 1.

Lenten Mission Projects: Plans are underway to install a new water fountain, reseal and stripe the upper parking lot, and order new handrails for the worship platform.

Safe Sanctuary: The updated team will include the pastor, Kim McWatters, Bill Everitt, Deanna Cordova, and Janet Butts. Policy updates are expected next month.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we lead Skyline Church forward.

Leadership Board Meetings *open to all*

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM

May 14

Join us to hear what's going on and share your thoughts



In person ~ Upstairs Foyer

Contact Pastor Ruthann or Kim McWatters with questions



June 11 via zoom

Classifieds! Help wanted!

The leadership development team will be meeting soon to fill some opportunities! Below are some of the areas we could use some help; if you see something you would like to do, please let me know! But, if you have been feeling like you would like to participate somewhere, we should chat!

Opening the church Sunday Mornings

Setting up communion (team)

Building care team

VBS team summer 2025

Children's Education Ministry Leader

Adult Education Ministry Leader

Sound Booth Worship Visuals

Prayer Chain Leader(s)

Hospitality team

What comes next?

The Peninsula Delaware Annual Conference will be May 20-May 22 in Ocean City MD.

Skyline Charge Conference will be June 11 via zoom

Grove worship? How do you think we should use our beautiful grove chapel this summer?

In June, we will begin a transition away from weekly communion as we begin our pastoral transition!

Thank you everyone for all you do to share the Love of God with our neighbors! This is how we will change the world!