



# Celebrate St. Paul's!



135 years of service

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### ***"MAKING EVERYTHING NEW"***

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last chapter of the bible, Revelations 21, Jesus says "Behold, I am making everything new".

He will wipe away every tear. All who are thirsty will receive life-giving water. There will be no more crying or pain.

In the meantime, Jesus calls upon us to further his will, on earth as it is in heaven.

As we enter a new year, I am grateful that we the people of St. Paul's church are committed to finding new ways to answer this Call. Just in the past month we provided financial support to a new church in Liberia; we held a very successful toy drive; we gave gift cards to a local nursing home; and we donated funds to the Red Cross for their tornado response in Kentucky. Modest dollar amounts, but all meaningful, appreciated, and things we simply must do. This in addition to our wonderful legacy outreach programs such as the quilt ministry and Grace House Blessings.

And as we approach this new year.....gathering and worshiping in our beautiful, 135 year old church building.....I am looking forward to new things: a new choir, new outreach, new music, new website, new events, new members!

And much of what is the same: great people, love, support, tradition, and enduring faith. Thank you for all you do.

Happy New Year!  
Phil

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"*

Isaiah 43:19



### Mission Statement

We, the congregation of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, who have accepted the gift of love and salvation through Jesus Christ, strive to take this message into the world through our prayers, words and deeds. We invite all people to accept these gifts with us.

## **Biblical Resolutions**

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)  
Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)  
Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)  
Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)  
Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)  
Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)  
Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)  
Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)  
Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)  
Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

-Gus Nichols (adapted)



## **Be of Good Cheer**

Near the end of every January, stories circulate about “Blue Monday,” supposedly the year’s most depressing day. Factors include broken New Year’s resolutions, Christmas debts and cold weather. But this phenomenon actually originated as a PR gimmick. U.K. marketers invented Blue Monday as “the best day to book a summer holiday,” and a psychologist they enlisted to help later admitted the saddest-seeming day became a self-fulfilling prophecy.

January may lack the excitement of December, but it doesn’t have to be a letdown. Christmas is over, but Jesus isn’t! No matter the season of the year or our season of life, Christians always have reason for joy: God’s promises of forgiveness and eternal victory. As Jesus says in John 16:33, “In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (KJV).

-NewsletterNewsletter.com



## Looking Ahead

January 1	New Year's Day
January 6	Epiphany
February 27	Transfiguration/Communion

## Consistory Update

First, I would like to really thank our past President, Gretchen Martin. Gretchen, along with her consistory members did a great job in helping St. Paul's continue to move forward. Our new team will try to keep the ball rolling forward; they are Tim Lutz as President and Deacon, Sharon as Vice-President and Deacon, Lynda Cooper as Secretary and Elder, Barry Gehman as Trustee, Charlie Storms as Deacon, and Gerri Shober as Elder.



I want to thank Brian and Gretchen for another successful hayride/caroling on December 4<sup>th</sup>. We had around 35 people on the wagon singing their hearts out and having a great time. Thanks to Grace and Kathleen for providing the music for the event.

### **Project Updates:**

Some of the things that are being worked on at St. Paul's are new chairs for our round tables in the social hall. At present Kieran is looking into the new chairs, but we need to get the best price available plus we would need around 72 chairs.

I have asked Barry to begin looking at prices to upgrade the ladies restroom. At present we have 3 stalls with the lower toilets and no access for a wheel chair. We would be looking into cutting down to two stalls with the new higher toilets and making the doorway wider for wheel chair.

Our new website for St. Paul's is now available to view online. We are still tweaking some updates but you can check it out at [www.stpaulsuccchurch.org](http://www.stpaulsuccchurch.org). Dee will be updating the donate button with a church PayPal account for easy donations.

Dee will contact Good's Disposal to check on their prices for pick-up at St. Paul's. Eagle Disposal is increasing prices, so we want to check on getting a better deal.

**One final reminder concerning our Christmas Eve Service.** This will be Bri's final performance at St. Paul's before beginning nursing school full time. I think everyone can agree her beautiful singing, her big smile, and just her mere presence was something that St. Paul's will never forget. So, please take the time to speak to Bri sometime that night and let her know just how much she was appreciated and loved by all at St. Paul's. We hope to have her back during a school break this summer.

*Tim Lutz*  
Consistory President



Beginning in January we will be ing our very own choir sing in church on the third Sunday of every month. Practice will be held once a month on the Thursday before at 7:30 pm. If you would like to join please talk to Phil for more information.



The next consistory meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 5 at 7:00 pm**

**Prayer Concerns:** We will be updating our prayer list monthly by starting a new list at the beginning of every month. Please continue to review the list and if there are any updates during the month please contact Phil Shober or Dee Sprecher. We also have prayer request cards located in the parlor room and in the pews upstairs for your convenience. You can fill out the request and turn it in to the church office or place it in the offering plate.



As you continue your own prayers and concerns outside of the sanctuary this week, please remember the concerns we have raised as a community.

**Our list of prayer concerns from December**

Alta, Carrie, Cassie, Jack, Jeff, Kasey, Henry & Lori, Linda, Liz, Mike, Renee, Shawn, Tony’s family, the Bashore family, the Di Marino family, the Hernandez family, the Lessley family, families dealing with addictions, all the victims affected by the tornados and everyone during this holiday season.

Suggested Prayer... “Most gracious and loving God, we lift up our list of prayer concerns this day and every day that all who are listed might know and feel your presence with them in their time of need. God, continue in your support for all of our friends and family listed and those who are forever in our hearts so that they might feel you with them each day, Amen.”



If you would like to ask for prayers for someone please contact Kieran Connelly. Below is a list of the individuals on our Prayer Team that will pray for you throughout the week.

- |                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Kieran Connelly | 717-471-5018          |
| Lynda Cooper    |                       |
| Gretchen Martin |                       |
| Gerri Shober    | Nancy Caffrey-Schafer |
| Steve Renninger | Chris Storms          |
| Phil Shober     | Donna Ozga            |

**Caring for Our Members**

Please remember our members and friends in your prayers. Many in retirement villages and their homes are unable to attend church due to the pandemic and other health concerns.

**Mary Tamerius**  
 Faithful Living  
 2015 N. Reading Road  
 Room 156  
 Denver, Pa. 17517

**Alta Hoshour**  
 Manor Care  
 100 Abbeyville Rd  
 Room# Fulton 009A  
 Lancaster, Pa 17603  
 717-553-7242

**Jane Storms**  
 118 Raybil Drive  
 Narvon, Pa. 17555

**Bill & Grace Sprecher**  
 Fairmount Homes  
 2312 Wheat Ridge Drive  
 Ephrata, Pa. 17522

**Pastoral Visits or Emergencies**

If anyone is in need of pastoral assistance please contact Phil Shober anytime via text or call 610-780-3915 or email philipshober@gmail.com. You can also call the church office at 717-445-6256 or email the church secretary at dee@stpaulsuccchurch.org.



**Linda Summers**  
 101 South 2nd Street  
 Denver, Pa 17517

**Harold Good**  
 Garden Spot Village  
 433 S Kinzer Ave  
 Apt. 117GW  
 New Holland, Pa. 17557



# The People's Pantry

The Boy Scout food drive collected **2609.5** lbs of items for the food bank in Terre Hill!! Thank you to everyone for their support. There current needs are:

**Socks- men, women, children**

**Gloves-men, women, children**

**Dish soap**

With the cold weather coming there is always a need for some items to help keep us warm. We are hoping to collect some donations for the Grace House ladies to help fulfill those needs. Below is a list of suggestions:

**Winter scarves and gloves**

**Hot Chocolate KCups**

**Tissues**

Any donations can be placed on the table in the parlor room. Thank you.



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays

### January

- 12 Charlie Storms
- 13 Betty Musser
- 23 Sharon Blechschmidt
- 31 Harold Good



**Happy Birthday!**

## Anniversaries

None this month



## Bible Quiz



After Sarah died, Abraham remarried. What was his second wife's name?

- A. Miriam
- B. Keturah
- C. Bathsheba
- D. Tamar



## Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for November 2021:

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$84,765.75
+ Receipts	8,595.89
- Disbursements	5,878.76
- Transfers	0
Ending Balance	\$87,482.88

A copy of this information can also be found at the mailboxes in the slot marked financial reports.

**November's offering only total was \$5,416.00.**

## Financial Report



Outreach

# MINISTRY

We are continuing to reach out locally and worldwide to help support the following:

Ephrata Manor's Christmas Giving Program to support their residents - \$100.00

To help complete God's house in Liberia - \$200.00

Disaster relief efforts to help the victims affected by the tragic tornados in Kentucky through the Red Cross - \$100.00



## OFFERING COUNTERS

The following individuals are responsible for counting the offering after worship;

January 2	Tim & Pat Lutz
January 9	Gerri Shober & Barry Gehman
January 16	Charlie & Chris Storms
January 23	Sharon Blechschmidt & Lynda Cooper
January 30	Tim & Pat Lutz

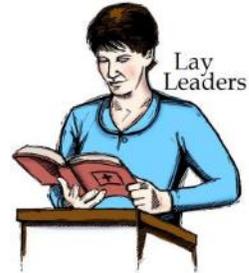
While we are currently holding worship services in person following the CDC guidelines, we also continue to stream our services online.

If you are more comfortable watching from home please use the following link and enter the code 225210 to join the service.

<https://gracehousepa.com/grace-house-blessings/>



# Monthly Volunteers



January 2	Cheryl Borja
January 9	Dee Sprecher
January 16	Gerri Shober
January 23	Mary Renninger
January 30	Sara Renninger
February 6	Cheryl Borja
February 13	Dee Sprecher
February 20	Gerri Shober
February 27	Mary Renninger **

January 2	Grace House
January 9	Charlie Storms
January 16	Tim Lutz
January 23	Gerri Shober
January 30	Grace Shober
February 6	Grace House
February 13	Barry Gehman
February 20	Mary Renninger
February 27	Sharon Blechschmidt

\*\* Indicates communion



January 2	Larry Klaassen
January 9	Nancy Connelly
January 16	Charlie Storms
January 23	Naomi Martin
January 30	Steve Renninger
February 6	Pat Lutz
February 13	Clint Cooper
February 20	Brian Martin
February 27	Chris Storms

January 2	Gretchen Martin
January 9	Gerri Shober
January 16	Lynda Cooper
January 23	Grace Shober Smith
January 30	Barry Gehman
February 6	Lynda Cooper
February 13	Gretchen Martin
February 20	Naomi Martin
February 27	Gerri Shober

## Sponsors



January 2	Barry Gehman
January 9	open
January 16	open
January 23	open
January 30	open
February 6	open
February 13	open
February 20	open
February 27	open



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February 13	open
February 20	open
February 27	open

## Flower and Bulletin Sponsor Sheet

The flower and bulletin charts for 2022 are posted. If you would like to sponsor a week please sign your name on the chart for any Sunday you wish. Please fill out the appropriate form and see that Dee gets your dedication information at least one week prior to it going in the bulletin. The cost for the flowers is **\$30.00**. We will place silk flowers in the sanctuary and place your dedication information in the bulletin. If you wish to purchase real flowers you may still do so on your own. The cost of the bulletins is **\$10.00** each week. Payments can be given to Dee Sprecher. Thank you in advance for your support.

## St Paul's UCC Celebrate

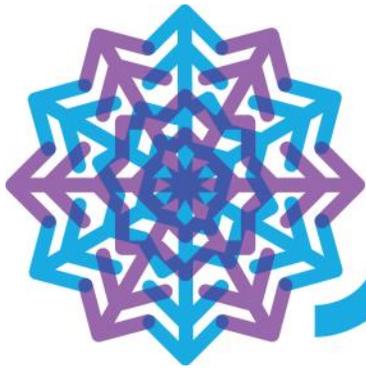
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Deadline for article submissions: The third Sunday of each month.



# JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Grace House Worship 10:30	3	4	5 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm Consistory 7:00	6 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm	7 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	8 Fellowship Hall Reserved
9 Worship 10:30	10	11	12 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm Ladies/Mens Bible Study 7pm	13 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm Choir 7:30	14 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	15
16 Worship 10:30 Newsletter Due	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18	19 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm	20 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm	21 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	22
23 Worship 10:30	24 Book Club 7:00	25	26 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm	27 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm	28 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	29
30 Worship 10:30	31					