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“FAITH OF OUR FATHERS”

What a great time of year!

As I write this, we are still looking ahead to the Memorial Day weekend. And then, it's one fun thing after another throughout the month of June: weddings; the beach; Pentecost; Clint and Lynda's anniversary; Flag Day; the first day of Summer; and a veritable bevy of birthdays (don't check my grammar on that but DO check the birthday roster!).

Did I miss anything?

Oh, yes! it's Father's Day on Sunday June 19th.

Now.....get this: the first known Father's Day service in the U.S. was proposed and organized in 1908 by a minister's daughter named Grace. I kid you not. Thank you Grace. But it didn't become an official national holiday until 1972.

In the bible, is it any wonder that one of the most beloved parables of Jesus features an earthly father? As the prodigal son approached home, "his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him, ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him". Luke 15:20.

The importance, and great honor, of fatherhood, is a biblical truth.

Jesus mentions and refers to his heavenly Father over 200 times in the Gospels and Acts? It's like he can't stop talking about him. Is it any wonder?

Enjoy the month ahead!
Phil

“Hear, children, fatherly instruction; pay attention to gain understanding.”

Proverbs 4:1



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.

The Church Hive

Bees live in a cooperative way described as “eusociality,” or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church’s health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul’s words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts “but the same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:4).



According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect “living illustration of how to walk in unity.” He wrote, “Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that together we ‘may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ’” (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you using your own spiritual gifts to build up your church “hive”?

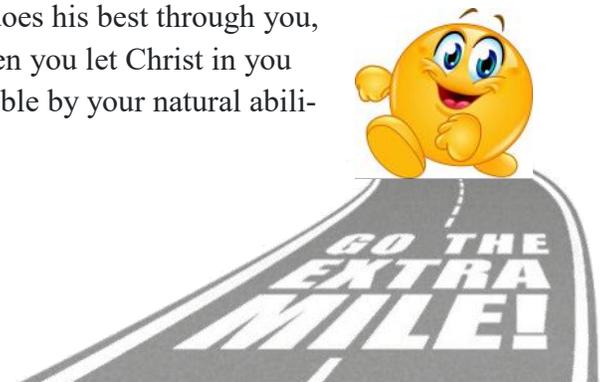
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Going the Second Mile

In Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, he teaches, “If anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile” (Matthew 5:41, NRSV). Back then, Jews were subject to Roman rule and often compulsory service. Commoners could be forced to fetch water, carry baggage and perform other menial tasks. So Jesus suggests that rather than complying with gritted teeth and muttered curses, people offer to carry the pack a second mile as well.

These days, the second (or extra) mile denotes going beyond what’s expected or required, whether in effort or kindness. In *Going the Second Mile*, Mel Blackaby describes the concept as “the difference between living as a good person and enjoying life as a child of God.” He explains, “When you ‘do your best’ for someone, you go the first mile. When God does his best through you, you experience the second mile. This can happen only when you let Christ in you take over and empower you to accomplish what is impossible by your natural abilities. While others see you on the first mile, they see Christ on the second.”

-adapted from *The Wired Word*



Looking Ahead

June 5	Breakfast Pentecost Sunday Strengthen the Church Offering
June 12	Trinity Sunday/Communion
June 19	Father's Day
July 16	Sight & Sound - David
July 31	Communion

Consistory News

I know this might sound like a broken record, but as usual I like to start off my report by thanking members that go beyond.

This was a tough month for Kieran and Steve, drilling holes, removing pew, and clean-up. This job was very hard as Kieran found out trying to drill holes from our parlor to the top floor. This is getting ready for the new sound system and console for zooming service. We will have to wait a little longer for the new and improved zoom service as John did not receive all the necessary parts. It will probably be July until we can have a better zoom service.

Thanks to Ron for getting the flowers for Mother's Day. Thanks Dee for all her extra duties she performs that many people don't realize. I appreciate everyone's help, even if I forget to mention someone by name.

Our cafe is done, and I think this is great!!!!!!!
Thanks to Barry we now have a second coffee maker, plus a microwave. Please come early to Sunday service and join us for coffee, treats, and everyone's company.



Please mark your calendars for **May 22nd** as we will have two guests that day. One will be Carrie Call from the UCC Conference and our very own Bri will be back here to sing.

May 29th we will have Pastor Daniel Lendeh joining our service to talk about the new church in Liberia.

A small lunch will be provided after both Sunday's. Everyone is welcome.

Phil and myself met with Jerry Long, the township supervisor, and the zoning officer on May 12th from Brecknock Township to discuss any possible projects that St. Paul's and the township could work in unity to achieve something that would benefit both parties.

On a good note Terry is starting our upgrade on the ladies restroom on May 23rd. He has also agreed to upgrade the men's restroom, but this will happen later in the year.

Don't forget our free **GHB breakfast on June 5th**. Pancakes and sausage will be on the menu. French toast and eggs will also be available. Kieran and Ron are the cooks. Anyone that would like to help as a server or help with the clean-up is welcomed. Serving will begin at 9am in the fellowship hall.

Tim Lutz
Consistory President



The next consistory meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 1 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 May

Alta, Alvin, Connie, Grace, Linda, Westly, Wyatt, our farmers, our church partners in Liberia, and continued prayers for all the people affected by the war in Ukraine.

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.



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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Kieran Connelly | 717-471-5018 |
| Lynda Cooper | |
| Gretchen Martin | Jane Hoshour |
| 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.

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Room 156
Denver, Pa. 17517

Alta Hoshour
Ephrata Manor
99 Bethany Rd
Room# 127A
Ephrata, Pa 17522
717-738-7465



Jane Storms
118 Raybil Drive
Narvon, Pa. 17555

Linda Summers
101 South 2nd Street
Denver, Pa 17517

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

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

Betty Musser
566 Springville Rd
Apt 106
New Holland, Pa. 17557

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.



The People's Pantry

Below is a list of items requested for the food bank in Terre Hill.

- Canned peaches & fruit cocktail
- Kids juice drinks
- Spaghetti sauce & Macaroni & cheese

With spring here and summer approaching, below is a list of things the Grace House ladies could use.

- Crew socks
- Baseball caps
- Suntan lotion
- Lip balm
- Face moisturizer
- KCups
- Toilet paper
- Tissues
- Paper towels

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

Thank you for your continued support of these ministries.

Updated Needs

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

June

- 6 Pearl Renninger
- 18 Pete Martin
- 19 Chris Storms
- 28 Cheryl Borja
- 30 Clint Cooper
Troy Cooper



Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries



Clint & Lynda Cooper - 52 years on June 13



Bible Quiz



Jesus was known for using a certain type of speech in his teaching. What was it?

- A. soliloquy
- B. parable
- C. lecture
- D. riddle



Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for April 2022:

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$75,861.21
+ Receipts	7,935.97
- Disbursements	17,143.81
- Transfers	0
Ending Balance	\$66,653.37

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

April's offering only total was \$5,187.00.

Financial Report

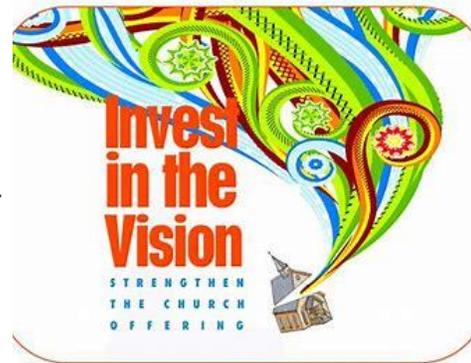


Strengthen the Church Offering

This special offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United

Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. It supports leaders, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. Together, we can all grow stronger.

If you would like to participate, you may place your donations in a special plate at the back of the church on June 5th. Thank you.



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

June 5	Tim & Pat Lutz
June 12	Gerri Shober & Barry Gehman
June 19	Charlie & Chris Storms
June 26	Sharon Blechschmidt & Lynda Cooper

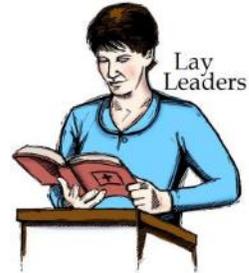
Online Worship: While we are currently holding worship services in person following the CDC guidelines, we also continue to stream our services online.

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

<https://stpaulsuccchurch.org>



Monthly Volunteers



June 5	Gerri Shober
June 12	Sara Renninger **
June 19	Mary Renninger
June 26	Cheryl Borja
July 3	Dee Sprecher
July 10	Gerri Shober
July 17	Mary Renninger
July 24	Sara Renninger
July 31	Cheryl Borja **

June 5	Grace House
June 12	Lynda Cooper
June 19	Charlie Storms
June 26	Tim Lutz
July 3	Grace House
July 10	Gerri Shober
July 17	Grace Smith
July 24	Barry Gehman
July 31	Mary Renninger

** Indicates communion



June 5	Sharon Blechschmidt
June 12	Kieran Connelly
June 19	Ron Frederick
June 26	Mary Renninger
July 3	Barry Gehman
July 10	Chris Storms
July 17	Ron Frederick
July 24	Cheryl Borja
July 31	Larry Klaassen

June 5	Barry Gehman
June 12	Megan Hennigan
June 19	Naomi Martin
June 26	Megan Hennigan
July 3	Lynda Cooper
July 10	Megan Hennigan
July 17	Gretchen Martin
July 24	Megan Hennigan
July 31	Gerri Shober

Sponsors



June 5	open
June 12	open
June 19	open
June 26	Tim & Pat Lutz
July 3	open
July 10	open
July 17	open
July 24	open
July 31	open



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June 26	open
July 3	open
July 10	open
July 17	open
July 24	open
July 31	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 **\$35.00**. 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.

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



JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm Consistory 7:00 pm	2 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm	3 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	4
5 Breakfast Grace House Worship 10:30 Pentecost Sunday Strengthen the church offering	6	7	8 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm Ladies/Mens Bible Study 7pm	9 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm	10 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	11
12 Worship 10:30 Trinity Sunday Communion	13	14	15 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm	16 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm Choir 7:00	17 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	18
19 Worship 10:30 Father's Day Newsletter Due	20	21	22 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm	23 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm	24 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	25
26 Worship 10:30	27 Book Club 7:00	28	29 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm	30		