



# Celebrate St. Paul's!



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## ***“PEAK PICKING”***

There aren't a whole lot of holidays in the month of August---other than “Kiss And Make Up Day” on the 25<sup>th</sup> (which all of the men of St. Paul's should have on their calendars).

But I'm guessing that August is a favorite month for the gardeners among us! If I'm not mistaken (and if I am, I know I'll hear about it!), August is peak picking time for corn, tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant, peppers, watermelon, peaches.....all those great fresh fruits and veggies to offset the donuts and oreos in our café'!



What a wonderful reminder of how God provides for us, and how blessed we really are.

We need to do our part, that's true! God requires us to work the soil by the sweat of our brow. (Gen 3:19)

But God provides the seeds. (2 Cor 9:10)

And He feeds and waters them with the sun, the rain, and even the melting snow. (Is 55:10)

So.....enjoy every bite; every kiss; every blessing; every day. Really.

Love,  
Phil

“He has shown you kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy”.

Acts 14:17

### 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.

## *God Among the Rubble*

The nonprofit **World Central Kitchen** provides fresh meals for communities in need following natural disasters or during humanitarian crises. After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, WCK fed millions of people in the country and refugees at border crossings.



When I feel discouraged by tragic news and ask where God is, I'm reminded that God shows up precisely in people such as the WCK teams. They are God's hands serving healthy food to people fleeing home. They are God's heart and arms welcoming those in need to be nourished.

Often in the Bible God shows up around meals: Sarah and Abraham host the Lord in the form of three visitors; God rains manna from heaven for the Israelites; an angel provides food for exhausted Elijah; Jesus eats with "tax collectors and sinners" and feeds crowds with a few loaves and fish. Supremely, Jesus gives to all the meal of Holy Communion, the bread and wine that are his very body and blood.

In our broken world, God is among the rubble, among the helpers, among us.

Heidi Hyland Mann  
*NewsletterNewsletter*

Founded in 2010 by celebrity chef José Andrés, World Central Kitchen (WCK) is a not-for-profit non-governmental organization devoted to providing meals in the wake of natural disasters. If you would like to read more about the World Central Kitchen please visit their website at this link:

[World Central Kitchen](#)



## Looking Ahead

August 7	Picnic @ Woodcrest Retreat
September 5	Labor Day
September 15	Fill food bank orders

## Consistory News

Everyone probably knows by now, but just in case, our planned music Sunday had to be rescheduled.

The outside group that we booked had a mix up in their schedule and could not play that Sunday. We will reschedule and they have apologized to me several times for the mix up.

The men's restroom will start to be upgraded on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July. This should be completed within the week; plus the ladies room should then get completed. We are changing out both restrooms to push button door openers.

The upgrade to our zoom service will also begin the week of the 25<sup>th</sup>. We will keep everyone updated with our progress.

I hope everyone that attended, enjoyed the show David, at Sight and Sound on July 16<sup>th</sup>. We may plan more trips in the future.



Just a reminder that on August 7<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our annual church picnic at Woodcrest Retreat. We will be under the Cedar Lane pavilion and the service will begin at 11.00 am. Afterwards we will share a picnic lunch with hamburgers and hot dogs. The pool and the water slide will be available in the afternoon with plenty of other fun and games. We hope to see many of you there. If you haven't done so already, please sign up.



There will not be a community service held this year on August 14<sup>th</sup>. It was cancelled since there will not be a Bowmansville Days event. We will have our regular church service that day at St. Paul's at 10:30 am.



*Tim Lutz*  
Consistory President



## Consistory Meeting

No consistory meeting was held in July, our next meeting is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7pm.

**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 July**

Aiden, Alta, Amanda, Cleo, Cooper, Greg, Kieran, Mike, Tom, Janes family, the families that were affected by the car accident on route 897, and all of our service men and women.

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 | 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.

**Mary Tamerius**  
Faithful Living  
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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 at 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 summer upon us, below is a list of things the Grace House ladies could use.

<b>Crew socks</b>	<b>KCups</b>
<b>Baseball caps</b>	<b>Toilet paper</b>
<b>Suntan lotion</b>	<b>Tissues</b>
<b>Lip balm</b>	<b>Paper towels</b>
<b>Face moisturizer</b>	

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

### August

- 3 Cindy Hoffer
- 26 Brian Martin  
Naomi Martin
- 28 Grace Shober Smith



## Happy Birthday!



## Anniversaries

- Aaron & Sue Weinhold – 49 years on August 3
- Steve & Judy Enck - 18 years on August 14
- Tim & Pat Lutz – 47 years on August 22
- Jim & Joyce Shober - 69 years on August 23

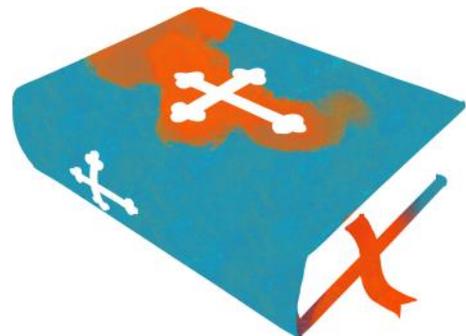


## Bible Quiz



A few Bible books have only one chapter. Which of the following is not among them?

- A. Obadiah
- B. Philemon
- C. 1 John
- D. 2 John
- E. 3 John
- F. Jude



## Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for June 2022:

### Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$54,467.63
+ Receipts	11,412.85
- Disbursements	6,016.49
- Transfers	0
Ending Balance	\$59,863.99

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

**June's offering only total was \$8,467.00.**

## Financial Report



## *Bible Studies*

Our Ladies and Men's bible studies will continue this month on August 10th at 7pm.

The ladies will continue their DVD series "The Chosen" in the fellowship hall.

The Men will meet in the café and continue their study of the book **1st Thessalonians. ???**

Anyone is welcome to attend. If you would like more information please see Phil or Gerri.



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

August 7	Tim & Pat Lutz
August 14	Gerri Shoher & Barry Gehman
August 21	Charlie & Chris Storms
August 28	Sharon Blechschmidt & Lynda Cooper

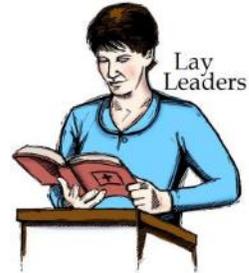
**Online Worship:** We are holding worship services in person and continue to stream online.

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



August 7 Picnic  
 August 14 Dee Sprecher  
 August 21 Dee Sprecher  
 August 28 Gerri Shober

August 7 Picnic  
 August 14 Barry Gehman  
 August 21 Sharon Blechschmidt  
 August 28 Kieran Connelly

September 4 Mary Renninger  
 September 11 Sara Renninger  
 September 18 Cheryl Borja  
 September 25 Dee Sprecher

September 4 Grace House  
 September 11 Lynda Cooper  
 September 18 Charlie Storms  
 September 25 Tim Lutz

\*\* Indicates communion



August 7 Picnic  
 August 14 Gerri Shober  
 August 21 Tim Lutz  
 August 28 Dee Sprecher

August 7 Picnic  
 August 14 Megan Hennigan  
 August 21 Lynda Cooper  
 August 28 Megan Hennigan

September 4 Grace Shober Smith  
 September 11 Barry Gehman  
 September 18 Sara Renninger  
 September 25 Larry Klaassen

September 4 Lynda Cooper  
 September 11 Megan Hennigan  
 September 18 Naomi Martin  
 September 25 Megan Hennigan

## Sponsors



August 7	open
August 14	open
August 21	Tim & Pat Lutz
August 28	Phil & Gerri Shober
September 4	open
September 11	open
September 18	open
September 25	open



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August 14	open
August 21	open
August 28	open
September 4	open
September 11	open
September 18	open
September 25	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.



# AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm <b>Consistory 7pm</b>	4 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm	5 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	6
7 <b>Church Picnic 11am Woodcrest Retreat</b>	8	9	10 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm <b>Mens &amp; Ladies Bible Study 7pm</b>	11 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm <b>Choir 7:00</b>	12 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	13
14 <b>Worship 10:30</b>	15	16	17 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm	18 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm	19 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	20
21 <b>Worship 10:30 Newsletter Due</b>	22 <b>Book Club 7:00</b>	23	24 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm	25 Piano lessons 5:30-6 pm	26 Piano lessons 8:00-10:00 am	27
28 <b>Worship 10:30</b>	29	30	31 Piano Lessons 6-7 pm			