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“ALL GOOD GIFTS”

We all know the timeless, proverbial phrase: “When life gives you apples, make apple juice” (or something like that).

Well, as summer winds down and we approach September, AKA “Harvest Month”.....the weather cools and those apples fill the trees. True, it’s not as warm, but it is an incredibly beautiful time of year!

And to add to the autumn beauty this year, the September “Harvest Moon” (on 9/10) will be the largest full moon and most spectacular lunar event of the year.

So, as we prepare to leave the summer of ’22 behind (and I hope it was a good one for you), we encounter amazing beauty and bounty.

Our blessings flow in to more blessings.

We approach Fall and are reminded-----we are NOT fallen! No. We have been abundantly blessed, from the very beginning.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and have a great Fall!

Phil

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the Heavenly Lights” James 1:17



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.

The Power of Listening

“The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen,” says Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, author and integrative medicine professor. “Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention.”



Twice in Mark 4, while teaching, Jesus urges, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen” (verses 9 & 23, NRSV). One way we show what Jesus means to us is by truly listening to his word — not just hearing sounds but being attentive and intentional. Likewise, one way we love and serve others is by respectfully listening to them: not assuming we know what they feel or mean or will say; not planning what to say even as they’re still speaking, but listening deeply to learn about them and their experience.

We often think living our faith calls for great accomplishments or worldwide reach. But Remen says, “A loving silence often has ... power to heal and to connect.” Don’t underestimate something as basic and doable as listening as a way to practice Christlike love.

-Newsletter Newsletter

Just Released

“The Sounds of Grace House Blessings”

GHB has released their very first CD with ten original songs.

Featuring:

Aaron Rucker	Brianna O’Connell
Anna Fortuna	Ross Shober
Phil Shober	Dana Cullen
Grace Shober-Smith	

If you would like to obtain a copy please send an email to philipshober@gmail.com



Looking Ahead

September 5	Labor Day
September 15	Fill food bank orders
September 18	Unity of Faith Prayer time
October 2	NIN Offering
October 9	Communion
October 20	Fill food bank orders

Consistory News

I want to begin this report by thanking Steve and Dee for the “above and beyond” time and effort in getting the new system for You Tube working. The picture quality plus the sound system is really so much better than our previous zoom service. We are now operating through You Tube, with the addition of two new cameras. Steve took a day off work to help install the new system using our new console, and Dee and Jeff Sprecher spent many hours working with SL Technologies to fine tune the streaming system.

The men's and ladies restrooms have been completed. We will be making one change in the men's restroom to accommodate the additional room needed for the urinal; with that exception everything has been done.

We held a music Sunday on August 14th, hosting the group “One Step Closer”. Their gospel music was fantastic! We want to thank Aaron, Dana, and Hanna for being part of this music Sunday. Thanks also to Pastor Phil for organizing the show.

I really don't want to fail to mention the special efforts of our three ladies that spend the time to make the beautiful quilts. Renee, Sharon, and Dee really do a great job, in not only helping St. Paul's have a super mission project, but anyone who has received a quilt knows how special the quilt makes you feel.



Some things coming in the near future at St. Paul's are movie night, bingo night, plus we are also discussing hot dogs and smores around a camp fire. We are also working to organize a group from St. Paul's to plan a night to Dutch Apple for dinner and a show. We are planning on seeing Elf for the Christmas season. Plus, let's not forget the T-bone night at Ranck's before bible study one future Wednesday night.

Finally, I would just like to comment how proud I am to be a part of our super congregation. We might be few in number, but I am very proud to show or tell anyone what we have accomplished over the past 5 years. Only the effects of covid-19 has slowed us down. We have new hardwood floors upstairs, plus new carpet up front with the piano. We have a super kitchen that hopefully we can use more in the future. We have central air upstairs, along with a great You Tube service. We have outstanding musicians playing or singing every week, and a new choir once a month. We have a new cafe downstairs with treats, coffee and good looking chairs. Plus, thanks to the efforts of Kieran we have new round tables and new chairs in our social hall. Let's not forget a new sign out front and a beautiful new canvas top over our main entrance. Also, we have once again started up our nursery and Sunday School classes, thanks to the efforts of Gerri, Dee, and Grace.

I hope I did not fail to extend credit to the correct members for the above work. The bottom line is, we have a super congregation, who is responsible one way or another for keeping us moving forward. Pat and Lynda always make sure communion gets prepared properly. Lynda makes sure the church is always decorated. Barry is always making sure we have treats, drinks and supplies in the cafe. I could go on and on, from Phil, to everyone on consistory, to free eggs from Ron, but I hope I got my point across. I am proud of St. Paul's!!!!!!!!!!!!



Tim Lutz
Consistory President



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

Danielle, Deb, Kieran, Jane, Luke, Renee, Sabrina, the Martin family, the Weaver family, prayers for rain in the upper mid-west, the fires in California, and the flooding in Kentucky.

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
2015 N. Reading Road
Room 156
Denver, Pa. 17517

Alta Hoshour
Ephrata Manor
99 Bethany Rd
Room# 123A
Ephrata, Pa 17522
717-738-7697



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

It will be our turn to fill the orders at the food bank on September 15th from 1-6pm. It is very helpful to have several folks volunteer for different time slots so no one person has to be there all afternoon. If you can volunteer for a few hours please see Nancy Connelly.

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

Laundry Detergent

With fall approaching, below is a list of things the Grace House ladies could use.

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|------------|--------------|
| Crew socks | KCups |
| Gloves | Toilet paper |
| Lip Balm | Tissues |
| | Paper towels |

Updated Needs

Any donations can be placed on the table in the parlor room. Thank you for your continued support.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

September

- | | |
|----|----------------------|
| 6 | Jane Storms |
| 7 | Jeff Sprecher |
| 8 | Vincent Borja |
| 14 | Sue Klaassen Kuzniar |



Happy Birthday!



Anniversaries

Phil & Gerri Shoer –
41 years on September 12



Bible Quiz



Besides being known for his proverbs about wise living, King Solomon was knowledgeable in other fields, including which of the following?

- A. zoology, including ornithology and ichthyology
- B. botany
- C. herpetology
- D. songwriting
- E. A and C
- F. B and D
- G. All of the above



Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for July 2022:

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$59,863.99
+ Receipts	10,848.73
- Disbursements	6,265.98
- Transfers	0
Ending Balance	\$64,446.74

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

July's offering only total was \$5,775.00.

Financial Report



Unity of Faith Prayer Time

We will be gathering at Bowmansville Mennonite Church on September 18th for a "Unity of Faith Prayer Time". It is a community event to come together and pray for our friends and community, and any other concerns we may have. It will begin at 7pm and lasts for about one hour. Anyone is welcome to attend.



The Power of Prayer



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

September 4	Tim & Pat Lutz
September 11	Gerri Shober & Barry Gehman
September 18	Charlie & Chris Storms
September 25	Sharon Blechschmidt & Lynda Cooper

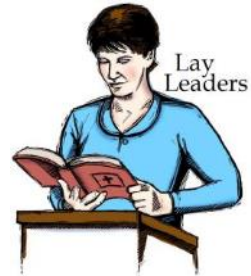
Online Worship: We are holding worship services in person and streaming LIVE on YouTube.

If you would like to watch our service live on YouTube please click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMUzTE3jCqaDyG2WIUzaX9w/live>



Monthly Volunteers



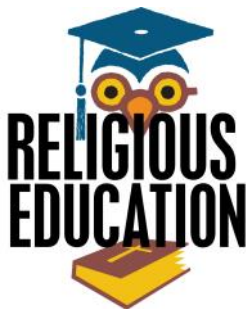
September 4 Mary Renninger
 September 11 Sara Renninger
 September 18 Cheryl Borja
 September 25 Dee Sprecher

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

October 2 Mary Renninger
 October 9 Gerri Shober **
 October 16 Sara Renninger
 October 23 Cheryl Borja
 October 30 Dee Sprecher

October 2 Grace House
 October 9 Gerri Shober
 October 16 Grace Shober Smith
 October 23 Barry Gehman
 October 30 Mary Renninger

** Indicates communion



September 4 GHB Sunday-no class
 September 11 Gerri Shober
 September 18 Kathleen Shober
 September 25 Barry Gehman

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

October 2 GHB Sunday-no class
 October 9 Gerri Shober
 October 16 Kathleen Shober
 October 23 Barry Gehman
 October 30 Gerri Shober

October 2 Gretchen Martin
 October 9 Megan Hennigan
 October 16 Naomi Martin
 October 23 Megan Hennigan
 October 30 Grace Shober Smith

Sponsors



September 4	open
September 11	open
September 18	open
September 25	open

October 2	open
October 9	open
October 16	open
October 23	open
October 30	open



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

October 2	Brian Martin
October 9	Charlie Storms
October 16	Nancy Connelly
October 23	Cheryl Borja
October 30	Ron Frederick

Flower Sponsor Sheet

The flower chart for 2022 is 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. Payments can be given to Dee Sprecher. Thank you in advance for your support.

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SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	3
4 Grace House Blessings Worship 10:30	5 Labor Day Hall Reserved	6 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	7 Consistory 7pm	8	9 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	10
11 Worship 10:30 Patriot Day	12	13 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	14 Mens & Ladies Bible Study 7pm	15 Fill food bank orders Choir 7:00	16 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	17
18 Worship 10:30 Newsletter Due Unity of Faith Prayer 7pm	19	20 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	21	22 First day of fall	23 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	24
25 Worship 10:30	26 Book Club 7:00	27 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	28	29	30 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	