



Celebrate St. Paul's!



135 years of service

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“WHAT WILL WE ASK FOR?”

In sort of a funny story (Matthew 21:18-19), Jesus approaches a fig tree (apparently looking for an early morning snack) and finds that it has no fruit on it. Frustrated, Jesus says to that tree: “May you never bear fruit again!”. Ouch.

But, in that moment, Jesus goes on to tell his disciples this incredible promise: “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.” Wow.

So.....what will we ask for??

Well, that list could be long and worthwhile....I know that. But, here's something that should always be at the top of that list: we should always ask, in prayer, that God's will be done through us.

And we can be certain that His will includes bearing Good Fruit:

Building His Church (Matthew 16:18);

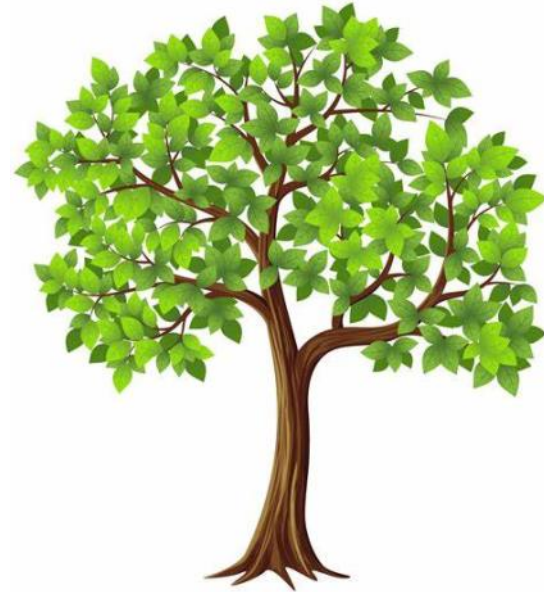
Caring for His sheep (John 21:16);

Sharing the Good News (Matthew 28:19)

This is a beautiful, holy time of year. Share the Good News. Tell a friend!

Phil

“On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hades will not overcome it”.
(Matt 16:18)



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.

TELL A FRIEND ABOUT ST PAUL'S!

Home of Grace House Blessings

Many of you may be surprised to know that this November marks the 4th anniversary of the first Grace House Blessings held at St. Paul's.

What a privilege it has been to open our doors to so many amazing people. It has been our pleasure to get to know you, worship with you, and enjoy many fellowship activities together.

We look forward to many more years of supporting the Grace House and hope to continue developing lasting friendships.

HAPPY
Anniversary
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

Operation Christmas Child

Through the samaritanpurse.org we are participating in "Operation Christmas Child". Each child will receive a shoebox filled with a variety of items. Each box contains gift suggestions for an age and gender of your choice to fill with wonderful gift options for the holiday season.



If you would like to help, shoeboxes can be picked up from the table next to our café. We would like all the boxes filled and returned to us by November 20th. We will take care of mailing them and sending any necessary fees.

If you have any questions please see Phil Shober, Cindy Hoffer or Dee Sprecher. If you would like to read more about Samaritan Purse please visit their website mentioned above.

Pack a Shoebox Gift for a Child in Need.
Thank you!

Christmas Toy Drive

CrossNet Ministries is sponsoring a toy drive to benefit children ages infant–12th grade who live in the Elanco School District.

A collection bin will be located in our café area for you to place your unwrapped donations. There will be a list of suggested items there for your information.

All donations must be received by November 27th. If you have any questions please see Phil or Dee. Thank you!



Looking Ahead

November 9	T-Bones
November 13	All Saints Remembrance
November 19	Craft Show @ St Paul's
November 20	Annual Congregational Mtg Communion
November 24	Thanksgiving
November 27	First Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens
December 1	Elf Dinner show
December 17	Xmas Caroling
December 24	Xmas Eve Service
December 25	Christmas
December 31	New Year's Eve

We are having a congregational meeting on November 20th. This meeting will be to approve the new consistory members, and next year's budget.



We will also have communion during worship on November 20th.

Hanging of the Greens is scheduled for November 27th.



Hope everyone has a great fall, and enjoy the Halloween season.

Tim Lutz
Consistory President

Consistory News

I want to start off by thanking Barry and Kieran for being the cooks at our Grace House breakfast on October 2nd. Several other members helped either served or cleaned up, such as yours truly, Pat, and Linda. If I forgot anyone, please forgive me. I also want to thank everyone for a successful movie night on October 8th, especially, Grace, Kathleen, Mark, Dee, and Barry, plus anyone else that helped with the event.



Our bathroom contractors returned to finish the men's restroom. This work involved moving the urinal to the correct position on the wall.



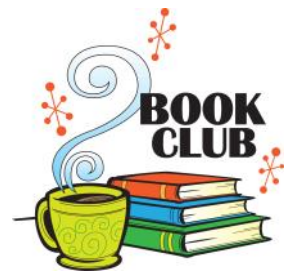
We are also checking into what it would take to install electric out front, especially at our sign. We would like to install brighter lights to show off our sign better. Then, if possible, install an outlet close to our front door to help highlight our front door; possibly wreaths at Christmas time.



All Saints Remembrance: On November 13th we will be remembering our members and friends who went on to be with our Lord this past year. If you have anyone you would like us to include as part of this remembrance please see Phil or Dee.



The Literary Ladies of St. Paul's meet via Zoom the last Monday of every month from 6:30-7:30 PM. Come join in on a fun and relaxing time as we discuss a variety of genres.



Upcoming books

- Oct.-The Stranger in a Lifeboat by Mitch album.
- Nov.-The House on Traad Street by Karen White
- Dec.- Dachshund Through the Snow: An Ande Carpenter mystery by David Rosenfelt.

If you are interested in joining please contact Gerri Shober at 717-575-1720.

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 September

Arlin, Ben, Dolly, Glenn, Hannah, Kieran, Linda, Marcy, Marty, Natalie, Pete, the Intoccia family, the Lauden family, Ross and his family, people struggling with addiction and everyone affected by the storms in Puerto Rico, Florida and Alaska.

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.

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

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

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

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

Toilet Paper
Laundry Detergent (unscented)

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

Crew socks
Gloves
Lip Balm

KCups
Toilet paper
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

November

3 Nate Grubb
15 Kallie Lutz
18 Hazel Minier



Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries

Kieran & Nancy Connelly –16 years on Nov 18



Bible Quiz



Which of the following is not called a “fruit of the Spirit” — but probably could be?

- A. love
- B. faithfulness
- C. self-control
- D. gratitude
- E. gentleness



Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for September 2022:

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$57,368.03
+ Receipts	10,399.90
- Disbursements	5,435.64
- Transfers	0
Ending Balance	\$62,332.29

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

September's offering only total was \$8,126.00.

Financial Report



Art & Craft Show

When: Saturday November 19th

Time: 10am-3pm

Location: St. Paul's UCC

133 Church St, Bowmansville

All types of vendors welcome!

FREE to setup Donations appreciated

For more information contact Grace Shober at
717-715-3002 or graceshober@gmail.com



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

November 6	Tim & Pat Lutz
November 13	Gerri Shober & Barry Gehman
November 20	Charlie & Chris Storms
November 27	Sharon Blechschmidt & Lynda Cooper

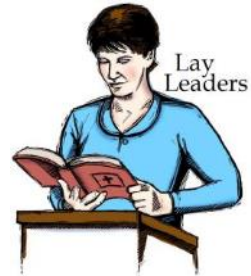
Online Worship: We are holding worship services in person and streaming LIVE on YouTube.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMUzTE3jCqaDyG2WlUzaX9w/live>



Monthly Volunteers



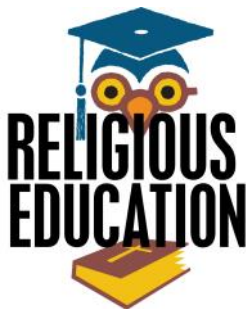
November 6 Gerri Shober
 November 13 Mary Renninger
 November 20 Sara Renninger**
 November 27 Cheryl Borja

November 6 Grace House
 November 13 Sharon Blechschmidt
 November 20 Kieran Connelly
 November 27 Lynda Cooper

December 4 Sara Renninger
 December 11 Gerri Shober
 December 18 Mary Renninger
 December 24 Dee Sprecher**
 December 25 Cheryl Borja

December 4 Grace House
 December 11 Charlie Storms
 December 18 Tim Lutz
 December 25 Gerri Shober

** Indicates communion



November 6 GHB Sunday-no class
 November 13 Gerri Shober
 November 20 Kathleen Shober
 November 27 Barry Gehman

November 6 Gretchen Martin
 November 13 Megan Hennigan
 November 20 Lynda Cooper
 November 27 Megan Hennigan

December 4 GHB Sunday-no class
 December 11 Cheryl Borja
 December 18 Kathleen Shober
 December 25 Barry Gehman

December 4 Gretchen Martin
 December 11 Megan Hennigan
 December 18 Naomi Martin
 December 25 Megan Hennigan

Sponsors



November 6	open
November 13	Tim & Pat Lutz
November 20	open
November 27	open
December 4	open
December 11	open
December 18	open
December 24	open
December 25	open



November 6	Gretchen Martin
November 13	Barry Gehman
November 20	Sharon Blechschmidt
November 27	Sara Renninger
December 4	Cindy Hoffer
December 11	Brian Martin
December 18	Naomi Martin
December 24	Chris Storms
December 25	Troy Cooper

We will be taking poinsettia orders for the Christmas season to place in the church on Christmas Eve.



The options are red or white glitter flowers with 3 to 4 blooms in each pot for \$7.20 each.

If you would like to place an order please email Dee Sprecher at dee@stpaulsuccchurch.org

The deadline to order is November 27th.

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



NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	2 Consistory 7pm	3	4 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	5
6 GHB Worship 10:30 Daylight Savings time ends	7	8 Election Day Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	9 T_Bones @ Rancks 5:30 Mens & Ladies Bible Study 7pm	10 Choir 7:00	11 Veterans Day Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	12
13 Worship 10:30 All Saints Remembrance	14	15 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	16	17	18 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	19 Craft Show 10am-3pm @ St Pauls
20 Worship 10:30 Communion Annual Meeting Unity of Faith Prayer Mtg @ St. Johns 7pm	21	22 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	23	24 Thanksgiving Day 	25 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	26
27 Worship 10:30 1st Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens	28 Book Club 6:30	29 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	30			