



# Celebrate St. Paul's!



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### ***“WELCOME TO IRELAND!”***

In case you haven't noticed.....my wife, Gerri, is a little bit Irish. And so, in our family, St. Patrick's Day (March 17<sup>th</sup>) is sort of a big deal.

Here's some history for you----St. Patrick was born into a prominent religious family, in England, in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. At age 16 he was kidnapped, thrown in to the belly of a pirate ship, and hauled across the Irish Sea.

The pirate ship landed somewhere on the North West coast of Ireland (which is exactly where the photo, off to your right, was taken just a few months ago). When the pirates dragged young Patrick out onto dry land, I can only imagine them tauntingly saying: “Welcome to Ireland!”.



For the next 6 years, Patrick was a slave. But, he later wrote, “the time spent in captivity was critical to my spiritual development.”

Through prayer, faith and perseverance, Patrick strengthened his relationship with God; and then, in a vision, God revealed to him a pathway to freedom. After escaping, Patrick later returned and became the founder of the Christian Church throughout Ireland. He is said to have baptized thousands of people there, and today is known as the Patron Saint of Ireland.

Have you ever had a “Welcome to Ireland” moment? Is life, perhaps, different than what you had planned? Maybe God has a different plan? So....stay strong, persevere, look for God's pathway.....and follow it.

Phil

“I am a slave in Christ to a foreign nation, for the unspeakable glory of the eternal life which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Saint Patrick

### 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.



## ***Lenten Breakfast***

*Where: St. Paul's UCC Fellowship Hall*

*When: March 15 6-9 am*

*What: Buffet Breakfast*

*bacon, scrambled eggs, and potatoes  
coffee, tea, and orange juice*

**FREE**

Open to the public

Donations accepted benefit St. Paul's ministries



**Lenten Breakfast**

## **Lighthearted Blessings**

- May the hinges of your friendship never grow rusty.
- May the luck of the Irish lead to happiest heights and the highway you travel be lined with green lights.
- As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way.
- May you be in heaven a full half-hour before the devil knows you're dead!
- May good luck be your friend in whatever you do, and may trouble be always a stranger to you.
- May the good saints protect you and bless you today, and may troubles ignore you each step of the way.



## Looking Ahead

March 3	World Day of Prayer
March 5	Visit from Carrie Call Covered dish luncheon
March 9	Prepare Lenten Luncheon @ St. John's
March 12	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 15	Lenten Breakfast Lenten Series @ Lititz
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	First Day of Spring
April 2	Palm Sunday
April 8	Egg Hunt
April 9	Easter/Communion

One of the things that consistency is working on, is cleaning out our back rooms and under the steps in our social hall. We have 9 pews for sale on Facebook's marketplace. We also have a love seat that needs to be cleaned, but this anyone can have for free, if they need a piece of furniture. Please let me know if you're interested.



A covered dish luncheon will be held on March 5th immediately following worship. Carrie Call, our area Conference Minister, will be worshipping with us and attending the luncheon. If you would like to provide a dish to share please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board by the side door entrance.



## Consistory News

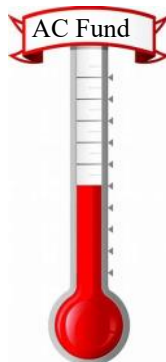
Good morning St. Paul's!!!!!! I hope everyone is feeling great and enjoying this spring weather. I don't miss shoveling the snow, but I usually enjoy one good snowstorm, just because it's neat looking for a few days.



St. Paul's is having a basket bingo night on February 25<sup>th</sup> as everyone should know by now. The baskets I have seen so far look great, plus Phil has acquired two American Music Theater tickets as prizes. I really hope this becomes a very successful night filled with fun and fellowship, but also one way for St. Paul's to raise money.



Please don't forget that we now have a mission for St. Paul's to get air conditioning in our social hall. Dee has posted a bar graph in our cafe showing the goal of \$8000.00 and our progress to date. To date we have around \$3000.00 toward our goal.



St. Paul's will be providing a Lenten lunch on March 9<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Center and Pastor Phil will be speaking. Hot dogs and chili has been suggested. If you would like to help with the meal please see Phil.

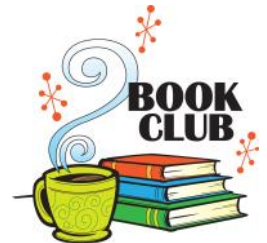


Also, on March 15<sup>th</sup>, Phil will take part in a Lenten Series at St. Luke's in Lititz from 7 to 8pm. Aaron, Grace, Tim, and Pat will be accompanying him.

Tim Lutz  
Consistory President

## **Ladies Literary Book Club**

Please join our bookclub that meets, on Zoom, the last Monday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30.



Upcoming Books:

March: BYOB Bring Your Own Book.

April: The Second Mrs. Astor: A Heartbreaking Historical Novel Of The Titanic by Shana Abe

**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 February**

Aggie, Beth & family, Butch, Diane, Don & Lucy, Donna, Jim & Sue, Kieran, Mark’s father, Marty’s family, Mary, Renee, Naveh, the Carter family, the Kissler family, the Klaassen family, Gretchen’s family, the folks affected by the shootings and the victims & their families from the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

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          |



**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

**Harold Good**  
Garden Spot Village  
433 S Kinzer Ave  
Apt. 117GW  
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 the current need requested for the food bank in Terre Hill.

**Laundry Detergent (unscented)**  
**Assorted soups & Ramen noodles**  
**Juice packs for children**

Below is a list of every day needs the Grace House ladies could use.

**Toilet paper**  
**Tissues**  
**Paper towels**



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

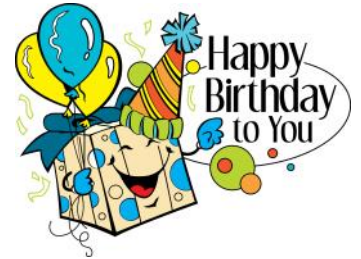
Thank you for your continued support .

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays

### March

22 Renee Frederick  
26 Barry Gehman  
Alex Estrada



## Anniversaries



Curt & Kim Evans - 44 years on March 3  
Steve & Mary Renninger- 46 years on March 12  
Pete & Naomi Martin - 43 years on March 29



## Bible Quiz



In the Gospels, Jesus raised several people from death. Which of the following was not one of them?

- A. Tabitha
- B. Jairus's daughter
- C. A widow's son
- D. Lazarus



## Financial Report



### Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for January 2023:

#### Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$68,863.89
+ Receipts	19,216.97
- Disbursements	23,504.52
- Transfers	0
Ending Balance	\$64,576.34

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

**January's offering only total was \$7,275.00.**

## Food Bank Requesting Financial Aid

The number of families visiting our local food bank in Terre Hill has increased over the past several months and is not expected to decline. As a result they are in need of financial aid to support this increase. If you can help and would like to make a donation, checks can be made payable to the Northern Lancaster County Food Bank and mailed to P.O. Box 611, Terre Hill, Pa. 17581. Thank you.



**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>



## One Great Hour of Sharing

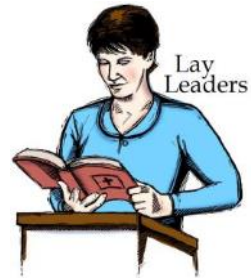
Thank you for your past support of the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering! The UCC's Wider Church Ministries ability to provide Disaster Ministries, Refugee Ministries, and Sustainable Development initiatives are a result of your generosity.

This year, we will be receiving the OGHS on **Sunday, March 19** using the theme *"It's Time to Share,"* based on Galatians 6: 9-10. While thousands of congregations will receive the OGHS offering on this day, we are grateful for your generous gifts whenever they are received throughout the year.

Please use the envelopes provided in your mailboxes and pews.



# Monthly Volunteers



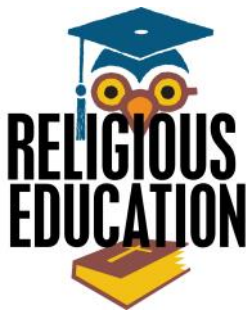
March 5 Cheryl Borja  
 March 12 Sara Renninger  
 March 19 Gerri Shober  
 March 26 Mary Renninger

March 5 Grace House Blessings  
 March 12 Tim Lutz  
 March 19 Grace Shober Smith  
 March 26 Gerri Shober

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

April 2 Grace House Blessings  
 April 9 Barry Gehman  
 April 16 Mary Renninger  
 April 23 Sharon Blechschmidt  
 April 30 Kieran Connelly

\*\* Indicates communion



March 5 GHB Sunday-no class  
 March 12 Gerri Shober  
 March 19 Kathleen Roscioli  
 March 26 Cheryl Borja

March 5 Lynda Cooper  
 March 12 Megan Hennigan  
 March 19 Naomi Martin  
 March 26 Grace Shober Smith

April 2 GHB Sunday-no class  
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## Sponsors



March 5	open
March 12	open
March 19	Ron Frederick
March 26	open

April 2	open
April 9	open
April 16	open
April 23	open
April 30	open



March 5	Jane Hoshour
March 12	Sharon Blechschmidt
March 19	Chris Storms
March 26	Sara Renninger

April 2	Dee Sprecher
April 9	Cindy Hoffert
April 16	Larry Klaassen
April 23	Charlie Storms
April 30	Nancy Connelly

## Altar Flowers

A new flower chart for 2023 is posted. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers on a particular Sunday please sign up. Forms are also available next to the



chart to fill out your information. The cost for real flowers is approximately \$40. Please place the form, along with your payment, in the church office a week before your selected date. Thank you.

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





# March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <b>Lenten Luncheons @ St. John's</b>	3 <b>World Day of Prayer</b> Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	4
5 GHB <b>Worship 10:30</b> Special Guest Covered Dish Luncheon	6	7 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	8 <b>Mens &amp; Ladies Bible Study 7pm</b>	9 <b>Lenten Luncheons @ St. John's</b>	10 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	11
12 <b>Worship 10:30</b> <b>Consistory 11:30</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	15 <b>Lenten Breakfast 6-9 am</b> <b>Lenten Series @ St. Luke's Lititz 7pm</b>	16 <b>Lenten Luncheons @ St. John's</b> Choir 7:00	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	18 <b>Hall Reserved</b>
19 <b>Worship 10:30</b> OGHS Offering Bell Practice	20 <b>First Day of Spring</b>	21 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	22	23 <b>Lenten Luncheons @ St. John's</b>	24 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	25
26 <b>Worship 10:30</b>	27 <b>Book Club 6:30</b>	28 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm				