



Celebrate St. Paul's!



137 years of service

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“The Man In The Middle”

The story is told of a thief.....by all accounts a very unsavory guy.....who died and promptly passed through the gates of Heaven.

Upon arriving in Heaven, an angel asked the thief, “What are you doing here??”. To which the thief replied, “ I really don’t know”.

And the angel said, “Didn’t you rob, and steal? Weren’t you found guilty by your fellow man?”.

“Yes, that’s all true”, said the thief.

“Can you recite any scripture verses?” asked the angel. “I’m afraid not”, answered the thief.

“Well then how did you get in to Heaven????”.

And the thief answered, with the only answer that really matters:

“The man on the middle cross said I could come”.

Happy Easter, everyone!

The man on the middle cross says we can come.
Phil

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise”. Luke 23:43



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!

Easter Egg Hunt Join the Fun!

Where: St. Paul's UCC

When: April 8th 2:00 pm

What: Egg Hunt, Candy Scramble, and Prizes for everyone



St. Paul's will be hosting their annual Easter egg hunt rain or shine. It is open to all ages young and old alike. Please register by signing up on the sheet located on the bulletin board by the side door entrance or call the church office at 717-445-6256.

Holy Week Schedule

April 2	Palm Sunday	Please join us for our Palm Sunday service at 10:30 am
April 7	Prayer Vigil	On Good Friday, between 9am and 5pm, you may come and sit in the church sanctuary for a quite time in prayer as Jesus was suffering on the cross.
April 9	Easter Sunday	We will have a special service to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with special music and communion. Worship time begins at 10:30am

Looking Ahead

April 2	Palm Sunday
April 7	Prayer Vigil
April 8	Egg Hunt
April 9	Easter/Communion
April 29	Flea Market/Yard Sale
May 14	Mother's Day
May 18	Ascension Day
May 28	Pentecost
May 29	Memorial Day

Consistory News

I am sure everybody knows by now, just how successful our first bingo night was on February 25th. We raised over \$3000.00 and had around 75 people attend the event. We will plan another bingo night for next February.

We had a goal of \$8000.00 by the end of March to help pay for air conditioning in our social hall. We now have over \$7500.00 toward our goal. Once again the members of St. Paul's really come through for our church. If possible please keep giving toward this goal, so we won't have to dip into our savings.

St. Paul's has donated their dough spreader and press to the Bowmansville Fire Company. We had a small offer from Siegfried's Equipment Company for the two pieces, but consistory felt better about donating it to the local fire company.

We still have 9 pews for sale for the past month on market place, but no offers have been made. We will have to look into finding a location or company to help dispose of the pews, if we can't sell.



I want to thank everyone that helped with our first Lenten breakfast in 3 years, on March 15th. I especially want to thank Barry for all his efforts, like getting the food and doing a great job of cooking everything. I also want to thank Phil for getting the grill started and helping Barry with the cooking. I feel for not having a breakfast for 3 years and very little advertising, the breakfast was a success. I don't have a count on the number of people, but we did make \$371.00. Linda as usual, had the hall looking great with the green tablecloths and flowers on every table. We also had help from Cheryl, Pat, Linda, Dee, Mary, and yours truly.

Also, on the same day, March 15th, Phil took part in a Lenten Series at St. Luke's in Lititz from 7 to 8pm. Aaron, Grace, and Gerri accompanied him.

On April 29th, St. Paul's will be holding it's first flea market/yard sale. Hopefully the weather will cooperate, and we can hold the market outside. Kim Evans is helping to organize the event. We are charging \$10 per table for the stand holders. If you would like to register please see Kim or Dee.

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:

April: The Second Mrs. Astor: A Heartbreaking Historical Novel Of The Titanic by Shana Abe.
May: Darling Dahlias and the Cucumber by Susan Wittig.

If you're interested contact Gerri 717- 575-1720 or let her know when you see her at church.



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 March

Diane, Kieran, Kim’s dad, Jackie, Mark’s father, Jim & Sue, the Carter family, the Hoffert family, the Sprecher family, kids with parents struggling with addiction, and everyone who is struggling with mental health.

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

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

Bill 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)**
- Canned corn, peas & fruit**
- 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.

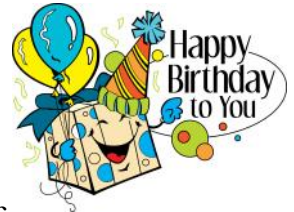
Thank you for your continued support .

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

April

- 7 Katlyn Minier
- 14 Nancy Caffrey-Schafer
- 18 Jeffrey Renninger
- 26 Tim Lutz



Anniversaries



Nick & Nancy Schafer - 25 years on April 4



Bible Quiz



The night before Jesus' crucifixion, he demonstrates humble service by washing his disciples' _____.

- A. hands
- B. feet
- C. hair
- D. supper dishes



Financial Report



Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for February 2023:

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$64,576.34
+ Receipts	16,658.44
- Disbursements	6,493.98
- Transfers	0
Ending Balance	\$74,740.80

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

February's offering only total was \$8,897.00.

Sharing the Load

In 1969 the Hollies released "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother." Do you know the story behind that song title?



Fifty years earlier in Omaha, Nebraska, a boy with polio was abandoned at Father Flanagan's Home for Boys, predecessor to the Boys Town organization. Soon several older residents started carrying young Howard — with his heavy leg braces — especially up stairs. Father Flanagan once saw an older boy, Reuben, doing this and asked if it was hard work. Reuben replied, "He ain't heavy, Father. He's my brother." Years later, these words and the image of one person carrying another became the Boys Town brand.

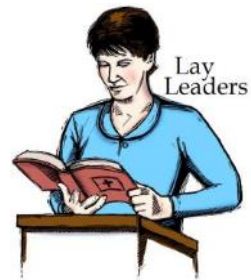
All of us have been "carried" at some point, and we've likely "carried" someone else. The Hollies' song declares: "His welfare is my concern." Jesus said it this way: "Love your neighbor as yourself." The load isn't too heavy to bear because Jesus himself is always carrying us.

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WISHING YOU
Easter Joy

Monthly Volunteers



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

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 April 30

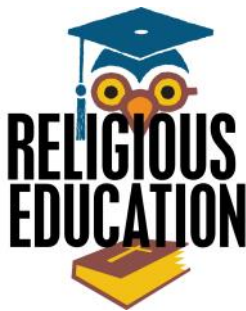
Grace House Blessings
 Barry Gehman
 Mary Renninger
 Sharon Blechschmidt
 Kieran Connelly

May 7 Dee Sprecher
 May 14 Cheryl Borja
 May 21 Sara Renninger
 May 28 Gerri Shober **

May 7
 May 14
 May 21
 May 28

Grace House Blessings
 Lynda Cooper
 Charlie Storms
 Tim Lutz

** Indicates communion



April 2 GHB Sunday-no class
 April 9 Gerri Shober
 April 16 Kathleen Roscioli
 April 23 Barry Gehman
 April 30 Cheryl Borja

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Lynda Cooper
 Megan Hennigan
 Naomi Martin
 Lynda Cooper
 Grace Shober Smith

May 7 GHB Sunday-no class
 May 14 Gerri Shober
 May 21 Kathleen Roscioli
 May 28 Barry Gehman

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 Lynda Cooper
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Sponsors



April 2	open
April 9	Nancy Caffrey Schafer
April 16	Nancy Caffrey Schafer
April 23	open
April 30	open
May 7	open
May 14	open
May 21	open
May 28	open



April 2	Dee Sprecher
April 9	Cindy Hoffer
April 16	Larry Klaassen
April 23	Charlie Storms
April 30	Nancy Connelly
May 7	Judy Enck
May 14	Jane Hoshour
May 21	Troy Cooper
May 28	Sara Renninger

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 \$60. 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.



April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 GHB Worship 10:30 Palm Sunday Bell Practice	3	4 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	5	6 Maundy Thurs Lenten Luncheons @ St. John's	7 Good Friday Prayer Vigil 9-5 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	8 Egg Hunt 2pm
9 Easter Worship Communion 10:30	10	11 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	12 Mens & Ladies Bible Study 7pm	13 Choir 7:00	14 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	15
16 Worship 10:30 Consistory 11:30	17	18 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	19	20	21 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	22
23 Worship 10:30	24 Book Club 6:30	25 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	26	27	28 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	29 Flea Market/ Yard Sale 7am
30 Worship 10:30						