



Celebrate St. Paul's!



137 years of service

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www.stpaulsucchurch.org Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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“LOVE AMERICA.....AND JESUS!”

Question: Is it OK to celebrate the 4th of July, love this great country, and also be a good and devoted Christian??

Answer: You better believe it!

Love Jesus, love your church, and love your country----absolutely!!!

Does that make you the dreaded “Christian Nationalist”?-----Of course not. That is a term that has emerged in the past year or so and is almost always misused by people with a very unpleasant agenda. Ignore them.

This great country (“great”, not perfect) was founded on the bedrock principle of Freedom of Religion-----we are free to be Christians! And other people are free to believe as they choose, or not believe anything at all.

Our forebearers at the UCC escaped the religious persecution of Europe, where government-established religion was the norm. That is something that no true American would ever want to return to.

So, yes! By all means, celebrate this 4th of July, and every other day-----we live in the freest country the world has ever known.

Thank you, Jesus.

Phil



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.



“Pancakes at Paul’s”

FREE Community Breakfast at St. Paul’s UCC Church July 3rd

*1st Monday of every month 6-9am
Pancakes Sausage Coffee Juice*

St. Paul’s UCC Fellowship Hall
133 Church Street
Bowmansville, Pa. 17507
For more info call 717-445-6256



Literary Ladies Bookclub meets once a month via zoom on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

Upcoming Books and special movie event at the church.

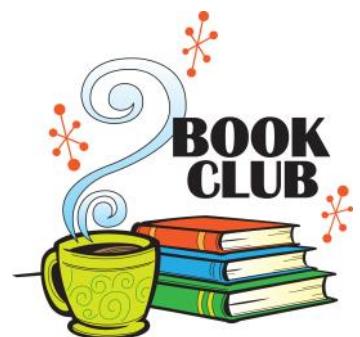
June 2023- Burning Justice (Callie Justice Mystery Series Book 1) Leighann Dobbs

July 2023- Girls and Their Horses by Eliza Jane Brazier.

August 2023- Fredrik Backman, A Man Called Ove: A Novel

Movie Night in August. We will be watching, A Man Called Otto which is based on the book, A Man Called Ove.

If interested please see Gerri Shober for more information.



Looking Ahead

July 3	Pancakes at Paul's
July 4	Independence Day
July 20	Fill Food Bank Orders
July 23	Communion
August 6	Church Picnic @ Woodcrest
August 7	Pancakes @ Paul's

Consistory News

Our social hall has been upgraded and really looks great. The windows have been cleaned by professionals, the walls have been painted, and our new vertical blinds have been installed. The painter will return at a later date to paint the radiators. I spent a Monday morning pressure washing our shed, with the help of Charlie's pressure washer. Dee and I spent a Thursday morning cleaning Phil's office. This included making the back room upstairs into a music room. We took all the music items from Phil's office and arranged them in the back room. We also went through several other rooms and cleaned up things we no longer use or need. I want to thank Dee and Jeff for all their help in cleaning up.

Dee is working with a local landscaper in getting some landscaping done on the side of our church along the road. When Dee gets a final design and price, consistory can make a decision on moving forward.



On June 5th we had our first pancakes at Paul's. As expected the crowd was not large for the first breakfast, but we expect it will get better as the word spreads. I want to thank Barry and Phil for providing the food and cooking. Pat and I provided the supplies and made the coffee. We also had help from Mary, Linda, and Cheryl. If I missed anyone, I am very sorry. Our next breakfast is July 3rd.



Fun day in the park took place on June 10th. St. Paul's helped with the cotton candy and tractor ride. The Grace House/ St. Paul's band also played on stage at noon. The band led by Phil, Aaron, Jamie, Dana, and Amanda put on a great performance with 10 songs, some original songs never played before except at our little church. I really hope every member of St. Paul's appreciates the talent that we hear in church every Sunday. This special talent will probably not last forever at St. Paul's, so please support, enjoy, and appreciate them while we can. The band also provided the music at a special service at the tabernacle in Mt. Gretna on June 23rd. Thank you to Phil and his group for another outstanding performance.



Our next consistory meeting will be Sunday, July 9th, following the church service.

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 June

Gary, Gretchen, Harold, Kerry, Renee, April's mother, Bridgett's family, Gerri's family, Kim's family, and all of the high school and college graduates as they plan for their future.

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

It will be our turn to help at the food bank in Terre Hill on Thursday, July 20. If you would like to spend some time helping, please contact Nancy Connelly.

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

- Paper Towels**
- Cereal**
- Unscented Laundry Detergent**

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 .



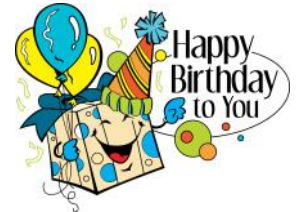
Updated Needs

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

July

- 7 Ross Shober
- 8 Steve Enck
- 11 Nancy Connelly
- 15 Ron Frederick
- 16 Alta Hoshour
- 18 Van Burkholder
- 19 Chuck Eckenroth
- 31 Kathleen Shober



Anniversaries

- Jeff & Dee Sprecher - 32 years on July 12
- Ron & Renee Frederick - 54 years on July 19
- Edward & Sharon Blechschmidt - 43 years on July 26



Bible Quiz



In what land and at what age did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Financial Report



Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for
May 2023:

Checking Account

Beginning Balance \$68,265.48

+ Receipts 10,208.38

- Disbursements 9,739.33

Ending Balance \$68,734.53

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

May's offering only total was \$7,349.00.

Independence Day by Debra L. Brown

When we think about the birth
of this great nation,
Congress declared July the 4th 1776
and issued a proclamation.

With this decree, the thirteen colonies
are now free.

We will no longer live
under England's Monarchy.

Five great men
were given the task
to draw up papers
for freedom at last.

Thomas Jefferson,
we can remember.
A founding father,
Patriot and a Continental member.



Together these men
drafted the amendments.
Franklin, Livingstone, Sherman and Adams,
united they authored the Declarations of Independence.

Battles were fought,
and blood was shed.
Life was lost,
and men were dead.

"FREEDOM" came with
A heavy price.
War is not pretty,
nor is it nice.

We can thank
the Lord above.
He gave us these United States,
a country we can love.

Men fought for our freedom,
and with their lives they did pay.
That's why we celebrate
Independence Day.

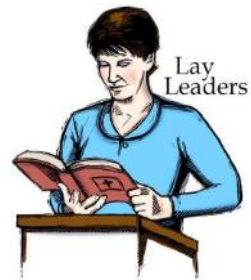
Online Worship: We are holding worship ser-
vices in person and streaming LIVE on YouTube.

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



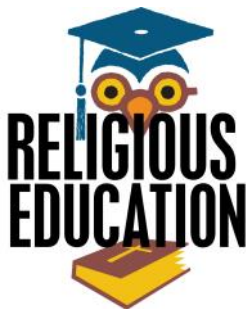
July 2 Gerri Shober
 July 9 Mary Renninger
 July 16 Dee Sprecher
 July 23 Cheryl Borja **
 July 30 Sara Renninger

July 2 Grace House Blessings
 July 9 Mary Renninger
 July 16 Sharon Blechschmidt
 July 23 Kieran Connelly
 July 30 Lynda Cooper

August 6 Picnic
 August 13 Gerri Shober
 August 20 Mary Renninger
 August 27 Dee Sprecher

August 6 Grace House Blessings
 August 13 Charlie Storms
 August 20 Tim Lutz
 August 27 Gerri Shober

** Indicates communion



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

July 2 Naomi Martin
 July 9 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
 July 16 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
 July 23 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
 July 30 Laura-Jeanne Iacono

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

August 6 Picnic
 August 13 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
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 August 27 Laura-Jeanne Iacono

Sponsors



July 2	open
July 9	open
July 16	Ron & Renee Frederick
July 23	open
July 30	Phil & Gerri Shober

August 6	open
August 13	open
August 20	open
August 27	open



July 2	Jane Hoshour
July 9	Larry Klaassen
July 16	Judy Enck
July 23	Ron Frederick
July 30	Sharon Blechschmidt

August 6	Picnic
August 13	Kieran Connelly
August 20	Naomi Martin
August 27	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 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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 GHB Worship 10:30	3 Pancakes @ Paul's 6-9am	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	8
9 Worship 10:30 Consistory Mtg	10	11 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	12 Mens & Ladies Bible Study 7pm	13 Choir Practice	14 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	15
16 Worship 10:30	17	18 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	19	20 Fill Food Bank Orders	21 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	22
23 Worship 10:30 Communion	24 Book Club 6:30	25 Piano lessons 5:30-7:30 pm	26	27	28 Piano lessons 8:30-10:00 am	29
30 Worship 10:30	31					