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www.stpaulsuccchurch.org Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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"NEWNESS OF LIFE"

My wife and kids would know that my favorite song of all-time is----"Changes".

And in many ways, that could be the theme (certainly a major theme) of the bible.

King Solomon wrote beautifully about the changing seasons of life;

The Prophet Isaiah beckons us (43:18)…."do not dwell on the past; SEE, I am doing a new thing! Do you not perceive it?";

And Jesus said (Rev 21:5)….."Behold, I am making everything new!".

But….notice this: we must "See" it; we must "Behold" it; we must "Perceive" it!

Martin Luther famously referred to our own St. Paul when he said that every morning, when we wash our faces, we should remember that we walk in "newness of life".

As we approach a new year---I feel changes ahead. Newness. So, let's get ready…to see; behold; and perceive it.

Happy New Year!

Phil

"Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life". (Romans 6:4)

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!

"Pancakes at Paul's"

FREE Community Breakfast at St. Paul's UCC Church

January 1st (New Year's Day)

1st Monday of every month 6-9am

Pancakes Sausage Coffee Juice
(featuring the world's best sausage)

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

Teachers Needed!

Our religious Education class is growing and we could use one or two more teachers. We have class once a week on Sunday morning and rotate our teachers monthly. If you think this ministry is for you, please see Gerri Shober for more information.

"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world"

Looking Ahead

January 1	New Year's Day
	Pancakes @ Paul's
January 6	Epiphany
January 13	Fellowship Hall Reserved
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 11	Communion
February 14	Ash Wednesday
February 17	Basket Bingo
February 19	President's Day

Consistory News

The next **"Pancakes at Paul's"** will be on Monday, January 1st, yes, New Year's Day, between 6 and 9am. Stop in for some great pancakes and the worlds best sausage.

Our breakfast in December was well attended and we collected $205.00 in donations.

Our Consistory has elected new officers for the 2024 year. They are as follows:

Charlie Storms	President
Grace Shober	Vice President
Barry Gehman	Secretary
Dee Sprecher	Treasurer
Steve Renninger	Financial Secretary
Phil Shober	Pastor

If you have any questions or concerns please see any one of these members.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11th, immediately following worship.

Basket Bingo is Back!!

February 17th, 2024

We are asking for theme basket donations for the prizes for bingo night. If you would like to have someone else make up your basket, no problem, just see Gerri Shober or Dee Sprecher and we can make that happen.

Cost is $1.00 per card to play regular bingo. We will also have $2.00 specials.

Doors will open at 5pm to view baskets and food will be available.

Spread the word and come on out and have some fun and a chance to win great prizes!

All funds will benefit St. Paul's church.

For more detailed information you may call the church at 717-445-6256.

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 December

Ares, Betty, Curt, Deana, Doug, Fred, Joan, Joe, Mark, Ron, Sue & Cindy, Wyatt, Dorie & her family, Grace and her family, the Shober family and the Sprecher family.

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
717-209-0509

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

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 needs requested for the food bank in Terre Hill.

Small Unscented Laundry Detergent
Assorted juices
Spaghetti Sauce
Pancake Syrup

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

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

January

5	Judy Enck
12	Charlie Storms
13	Betty Musser
23	Sharon Blechschmidt
31	Harold Good

Anniversaries

None this month

Bible Quiz

In the book of Judges, the warrior Barak would go to battle only if a certain female leader went with him. Who was she?

A. Rebekah
B. Jael
C. Michal
D. Deborah

Answer: D (See Judges 4:1-10)

Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for November 2023

Checking & MM Accounts

Beginning Balance	$90,961.45
+ Receipts	11,794.83
- Disbursements	6,224.25
Ending Balance	$96,532.03

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

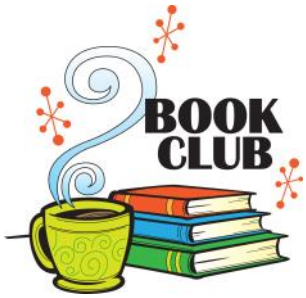
November's offering only total was $6,655.00.

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

Literary Ladies Bookclub



St. Paul's Ladies Literary Bookclub meets the last Monday of each month.

The meeting is held on zoom and begins at 6:30 PM.

If you're interested in joining contact Gerri at 717-575-1720.

Bible Study Update

In December the ladies began a new study, *The Sermon on The Mount.*

Each session involves watching a video clip , group discussion and studying Bible passages and references. Please make sure to bring your Bible.

The ladies will be meeting in the Cafe area.
The next study is Wednesday, January10th from 6:30 -7:30.

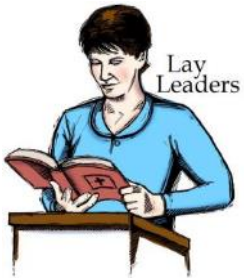
At the same time the men also started their new series titled *"The Twelve Disciples"*. They are meeting in the fellowship hall area.

Anyone is welcome. If interested or you have any questions please see Gerri or Phil Shober.

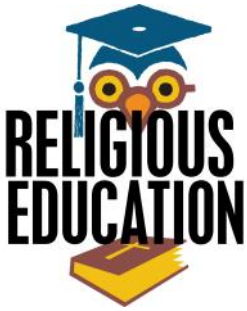
Monthly Volunteers

January 7	Judy Enck
January 14	Mary Renninger
January 21	Dee Sprecher
January 28	Cheryl Borja
February 4	Sara Renninger
February 11	Gerri Shober **
February 18	Judy Enck
February 25	Mary Renninger

** Indicates communion



January 7	Grace House Blessings
January 14	Lynda Cooper
January 21	Charlie Storms
January 28	Tim Lutz
February 4	Grace House Blessings
February 11	Grace Shober
February 18	Gerri Shober
February 25	Barry Gehman



January 7	GHB Sunday-no class
January 14	Gerri Shober
January 21	Cheryl Borja
January 28	Barry Gehman
February 4	GHB Sunday-no class
February 11	Gerri Shober
February 18	Cheryl Borja
February 25	Barry Gehman

January 7	Laura-Jeanne Iacono
January 14	Laura-Jeanne Iacono
January 21	Laura-Jeanne Iacono
January 28	Laura-Jeanne Iacono
February 4	Laura-Jeanne Iacono
February 11	Laura-Jeanne Iacono
February 18	Laura-Jeanne Iacono
February 25	Laura-Jeanne Iacono

Sponsors

January 7	open
January 14	open
January 21	open
January 28	open
February 4	open
February 11	open
February 18	open
February 25	open

January 7	Judy Enck
January 14	Brian Martin
January 21	Lynda Cooper
January 28	Charlie Storms
February 4	Tim Lutz
February 11	Nancy Connelly
February 18	Ron Frederick
February 25	Chris Storms

Altar Flowers

A new flower chart for 2024 will be posted shortly. 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. We are no longer ordering real flowers due to the cost. If you prefer real flowers you must order them yourself, otherwise we will use the artificial flowers we have.

Please place the completed form in the church office a week before your selected date. Thank you.

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JANUARY

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 **New Year's Day Pancakes @ Paul's 6-9am**	2 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	3 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	4	5	6 **Epiphany**
7 **GHB Worship 10:30**	8	9 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	10 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm **Mens/ Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm**	11	12	13 Fellowship Hall Reserved
14 **Worship 10:30**	15 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**	16 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	17 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	18 **Choir Practice 7pm**	19	20
21 **Worship 10:30**	22	23 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	24 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	25	26	27
28 **Worship 10:30**	29 **Book Club 6:30**	30 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	31 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm			