



Celebrate St. Paul's!



138 years of service

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What's Inside?

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“WE NEED AN ADJUSTMENT”

Every 4 years, we need an adjustment.



Relax-----I'm not talking about politics. I'm talking about----Leap Year!

Our planet takes about 365 and ¼ days to orbit the sun. (OK.....to avoid being corrected, the actual time is 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 56 seconds.....as always, feel free to set your timers to check me on that).

That extra almost quarter of a day needs to be adjusted for on our calendars, otherwise over the course of a few hundred years our seasons would be completely out of kilter.

And so, after “careful, thoughtful consideration” (like the “discernment” we’ve talked about in church recently) it was decided that an extra day would be added to our shortest month, once every 4 years (as a rule).

This year, we will in fact have a February 29th. And guess what.....there’s a Lenten Luncheon that day! Try not to miss it.

Discernment. Lent. Making sacrifices.....

And making adjustments. It’s as natural as the earth orbiting the sun.

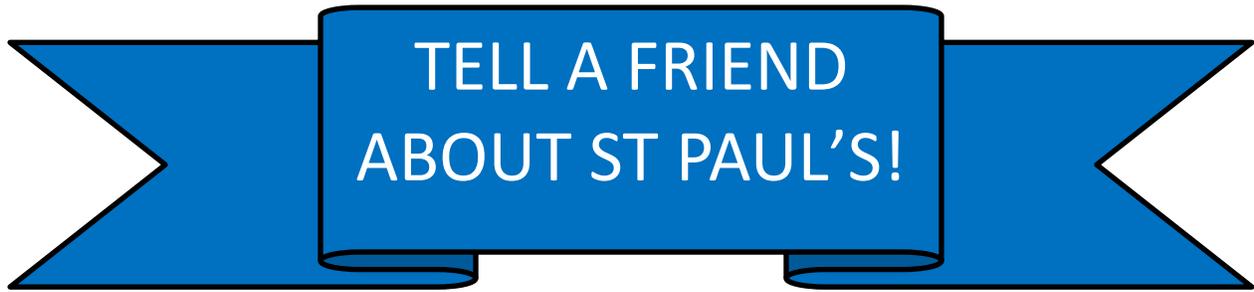
Have a great February everyone.

Phil

“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to discern what God’s will is”. Our own St. Paul, Romans 12:2

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.



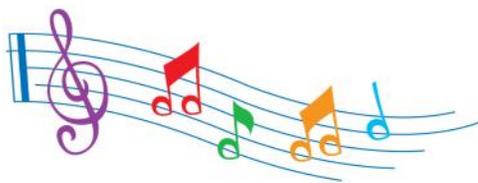
“Pancakes at Paul’s”
FREE Community Breakfast
at St. Paul’s UCC Church
February 5th

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



Music Fair
February 4th, 2-4pm

at Church of the Apostles, Lancaster

At 2pm come enjoy snacks and fellowship time.

The program will begin at 2:30pm with our very own GHB Musicians!

The event is FREE and open to the public.

Come and celebrate the gift of music in our congregations!



Looking Ahead

February 4	Baptism/Luncheon/Music Fair
February 11	Communion
February 14	Ash Wednesday Valentines Day
February 15	Lenten Luncheons Begin
February 17	Basket Bingo
February 19	President's Day
March 3	Carrie Call visiting/Luncheon
March 10	Pastor Dan visiting/Luncheon OGHS Offering Daylight Savings Time begins
March 12	Spring LA Assn meeting
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 19	First day of Spring
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 31	Easter/Communion

Consistory News



The next “**Pancakes at Paul’s**” will be on Monday, February 5th between 6 and 9am. Stop in for some great pancakes and the worlds best sausage.

Our breakfast in January was well attended and we collected \$186.00 in donations.

Lenten Luncheons will begin on February 15th at St. John’s UCC begin at noon. It will include a light lunch and a short sermon. They will be held every Thursday with the last one on March 21st.



On February 22nd we will be responsible for preparing the lunch and Pastor Phil will be delivering the sermon.

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.

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



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

Alta, Bill, Callen, Curt, Davon, Doug, Emily, Fran, Heather, Jack, Joe, Kara, Marlin, Mary, Mike, Nancy, Pat, Sherry, Steve, Tim, Tripp, Wyatt, Yvonne, April & Jacob, Oliver & Harlo, the Good family, the Halsey family, the Sterling family, and Marlins 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.

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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
717-209-0509

Betty Musser
566 Springville Rd
Apt 106
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 juice boxes**
- Spaghetti Sauce**
- Assorted Cereal**
- Canned Potatoes**

Below is a list of everyday 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



February

- 3 Jacob Cooper
- 5 Gerri Shober
- 6 Larry Klaassen
Kathi Moyer
Kim Evans
- 7 Kaitlyn Sprecher
- 11 Lynda Cooper
- 16 Mary Tamerius
- 19 Dee Sprecher
- 28 Phil Shober

Anniversaries



None this month



Bible Quiz



Use one word (perhaps in different forms) for all the blanks to complete this Scripture passage: "Dear friends, let us ____ one another, for ____ comes from God. Everyone who ____ has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not ____ does not know God, because God is ____."

- A. believe
- B. help
- C. love
- D. forgive



Treasurer's Report

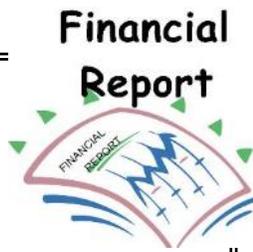
The monthly report for
December 2023

Checking & MM Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$96,532.03
+ Receipts	10,651.59
- Disbursements	16,375.08
Ending Balance	\$90,808.54

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

December's offering only total was \$5,880.00.



Guest Vocalist,

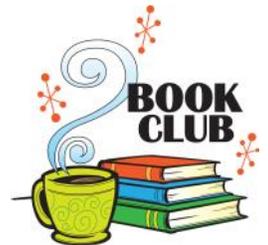
Shellen Weaver, will be
singing during worship on
February 25th at St. Paul's.



We hope you can all attend
so you don't miss this special appearance.

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.

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMUzTE3jCqaDyG2WIUzaX9w/live)



Bible Study Update

The ladies recently began a new
study, *The Sermon on The Mount*.

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

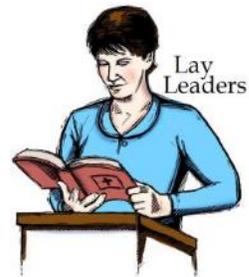
The ladies will be meeting in the Cafe area.
The next study is Wednesday, February 14th from
6:30-7:30.

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



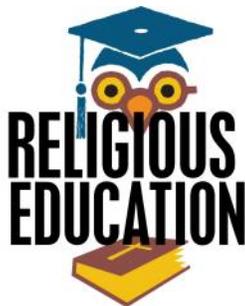
February 4 Sara Renninger
 February 11 Gerri Shober **
 February 18 Judy Enck
 February 25 Mary Renninger

February 4 Grace House Blessings
 February 11 Grace Shober
 February 18 Gerri Shober
 February 25 Barry Gehman

March 3 Dee Sprecher
 March 10 Cheryl Borja
 March 17 Sara Renninger
 March 24 Gerri Shober
 March 31 Judy Enck **

March 3 Grace House Blessings
 March 10 Mary Renninger
 March 17 Sharon Blechschmidt
 March 24 Kieran Connelly
 March 31 Lynda Cooper

** Indicates communion



February 4 GHB Sunday-no class
 February 11 Gerri Shober
 February 18 Cheryl Borja
 February 25 Barry Gehman

February 4 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
 February 11 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
 February 18 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
 February 25 Laura-Jeanne Iacono

March 3 GHB Sunday-no class
 March 10 Jane Hoshour
 March 17 Cheryl Borja
 March 24 Barry Gehman
 March 31 Easter—no class

March 3 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
 March 10 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
 March 17 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
 March 24 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
 March 31 Laura-Jeanne Iacono

Sponsors



February 4	open
February 11	open
February 18	open
February 25	open

March 3	open
March 10	open
March 17	open
March 24	open
March 31	open



February 4	Tim Lutz
February 11	Nancy Connelly
February 18	Ron Frederick
February 25	Chris Storms

March 3	Steve Enck
March 10	Naomi Martin
March 17	Jane Hoshour
March 24	Sue Kuzniar
March 31	Cindy Hoffer

Altar Flowers

A new flower chart for 2024 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. 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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Deadline for article submissions: The third Sunday of each month.

FEBRUARY

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 GHB Worship 10:30 Baptism Lunch Music Fair	5 Pancakes @ Paul's 6-9am	6 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	7 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	8	9	10
11 Worship 10:30 Communion Consistory mtg	12	13 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	14 Valentines Day Ash Wednesday Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm Mens/ Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm	15 Lenten Lunch Choir Practice 7pm	16	17 Basket Bingo 5pm
18 Worship 10:30	19 President's Day	20 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	21 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	22 Lenten Lunch	23	24
25 Worship 10:30	26 Book Club 6:30	27 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	28 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	29 Lenten Lunch		