



Celebrate St. Paul's!



138 years of service

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www.stpaulsucchurch.org Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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Carrie Call Visiting

Pastor Dan is Back

Prayer Vigil



“THE LONG WALK TO THE CROSS”

Based on the detailed accounts of his comings and goings as recorded in the gospels, it is estimated that during his 3 years of ministry, Jesus walked at least 3,125 miles.

No Ford Mustangs; no Chevy Silverados. Just sandals.

Jesus had to walk.

Except one time.

As we approach Holy Week in the last week of March, we remember that Jesus entered Jerusalem, riding on-----a donkey.

The only time, as far as we know, during his 3,000+ mile journey to the cross, that Jesus didn't walk.....he rode very briefly on the back of a donkey.

Humble. Willing. Fulfilling the ancient prophecy. And knowing full well what awaited him in the days ahead.

He saw it all----still he chose the cross.

And then, after that final grueling walk, less than half a mile to the cross.....he conquered it.

Happy Spring/St. Patrick's Day/Holy Week/Easter!

Have a great March everyone.

Phil

“Behold your King is coming, gentle and riding on a donkey” Zechariah 9:9



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
March 4th

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

What: *Annual Egg Hunt*
Where: St. Paul’s UCC
133 Church St
Bowmansville, Pa
When: Saturday, March 30
2pm



rain or shine **RSVP at 717-445-6256**

Looking Ahead

March 3	Carrie Call visiting/Luncheon
March 4	Pancakes @ Paul's Quilt Blessing
March 10	OGHS Offering Daylight Savings Time begins
March 12	LA Assn Ministerium meeting
March 17	Pastor Dan visiting/Luncheon St. Patrick's Day
March 19	First day of Spring
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 29	Prayer Vigil
March 30	Egg Hunt
March 31	Easter/Communion
April 14	Consistory Meeting
April 18	Fill Food Bank Orders

Consistory News

The next "**Pancakes at Paul's**" will be on Monday, March 4th between 6 and 9am. Stop in for some great pancakes and the worlds best sausage.



Our breakfast in February was well attended and we collected \$158.00 in donations.

Lenten Luncheons continue through March at St. John's UCC . They begin at noon and consist of a light lunch and a short sermon. They are held every Thursday with the last one on March 21st.



Carrie Call, our area Conference Minister, will be visiting with us on Sunday, March 3rd for worship. This is also a GHB Sunday and a quilt blessing. Afterwards please stay and share in a light lunch with us in the fellowship hall.



Pastor Dan will be visiting with us again on Sunday, March 17th for worship. He will update us on the progress they are making with the new church build in Namibia. Please stay afterwards and share in a lunch with us in the fellowship hall.

One Great Hour of Sharing

(OGHS) is a special UCC offering to help support disaster, refugee, and development ministries throughout the world. If you would like to make a donation, please use the special offering envelopes provided in the pews. The official offering date is March 10th.



Prayer Vigil. The church will be open once again for reflection and quiet time in the sanctuary on Good Friday, March 29th from 9am to 5pm. Anyone is welcome to stop in.



Easter Sunday we will celebrate our risen Savior with a special service and include communion. Please come out and join us for worship at 10:30am.



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 January

Curt, Judy, Kieran, Lori, Mary, Pete, Sara, Tripp, Vicki, Janet’s family, the Martin family, everyone affected by the fire in Ephrata, peace in the Middle East and for all Americans.

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**
- Bottled Juice**
- Pasta Sauce**
- Canned Chicken**
- Canned red beets**
- Instant Mashed 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.

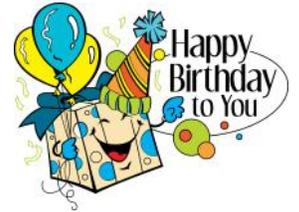


Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

March

- 26 Barry Gehman
- Alex Estrada



Anniversaries



- Curt & Kim Evans - 45 years on March 3
- Steve & Mary Renninger - 47 years on March 12
- Pete & Naomi Martin - 44 years on March 29



Bible Quiz



The "Christ hymn" in Philippians 2 proclaims that after Jesus humbled himself even to the point of death, God exalted him, and that eventually all will worship him. What two body parts are named as part of that worship?

- A. knee; tongue
- B. hands; feet
- C. arms; lips
- D. heart; mouth



Treasurer's Report

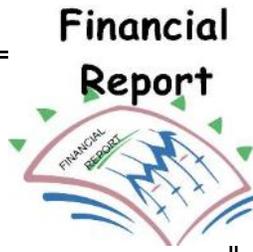
The monthly report for
January 2024

Checking & MM Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$90,808.54
+ Receipts	7,975.14
- Disbursements	7,622.64
Ending Balance	\$91,161.04

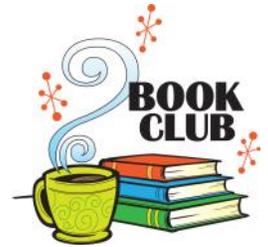
A copy of this information can also be found at
the mailboxes in the slot marked financial reports.

January's offering only total was \$5,195.00.



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

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



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

The ladies will be meeting in the Cafe area.

The next study is Wednesday, March 13th 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.

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/
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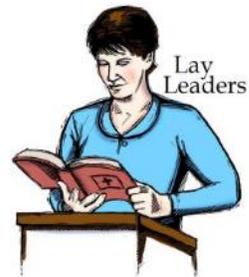


Spring Forward

Daylight Savings time
begins on March 10th.



Monthly Volunteers



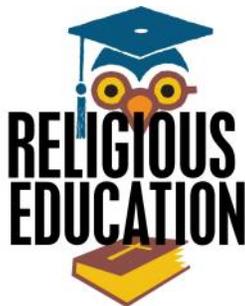
March 3 Dee Sprecher
 March 10 Cheryl Borja
 March 17 Sara Renninger
 March 24 Gerri Shober
 March 31 Judy Enck **

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

April 7 Mary Renninger
 April 14 Dee Sprecher
 April 21 Cheryl Borja
 April 28 Sara Renninger

April 7 Grace House Blessings
 April 14 Charlie Storms
 April 21 Tim Lutz
 April 28 Grace Shober

** Indicates communion



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

April 7 GHB Sunday-no class
 April 14 Gerri Shober
 April 21 Cheryl Borja
 April 28 Jane Hoshour

April 7 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
 April 14 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
 April 21 Laura-Jeanne Iacono
 April 28 Laura-Jeanne Iacono

Sponsors



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

April 7	open
April 14	open
April 21	open
April 28	open



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

April 7	Tim Lutz
April 14	Chris Storms
April 21	Dee Sprecher
April 28	Judy Enck

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.

MARCH

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Day of Prayer	2
3 GHB Worship 10:30 Carrie Call Visit Luncheon Quilt Blessing	4 Pancakes @ Paul's 6-9am	5 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	6 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	7 Lenten Lunch	8	9
10 Worship 10:30 OGHS Offering Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	12 LA Ministerium Mtg 9-11am Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	13 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm Mens/ Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm	14 Lenten Lunch Choir Practice 7pm	15	16
17 Worship 10:30 Pastor Dan Visit Luncheon St. Patrick's Day	18	19 1st Day of Spring Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	20 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	21 Lenten Lunch	22	23
24 Worship 10:30 Palm Sunday	25 Book Club 6:30	26 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	27 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	28 Maundy Thursday	29 Good Friday Prayer Vigil 9-5	30 Egg Hunt 2pm
31 Easter Sunday Communion Fellowship Hall Reserved						