



Celebrate St. Paul's!



138 years of service

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www.stpaulsucchurch.org Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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“COME AND HAVE BREAKFAST”

The month of May is a time of celebration, recognition, and also transition.

We celebrate many birthdays this month; we recognize our military and veterans with Armed Services Day and Memorial Day; we honor our mothers and mother-figures on Mother's Day;

And as Spring begins its transition towards Summer, we remember the greatest transition that ever occurred:

Forty days after that first Easter, Jesus ascended from Earth into Heaven (this year, Ascension Day falls on May 9th).

On at least one occasion during those 40 days, Jesus personally cooked breakfast on the beach for the very people who had so recently betrayed him and denied him. No wrath; no anger; no bitterness.....just love, and breakfast!

What a beautiful example for all of us.

Have a wonderful May.....I hope to see you all at Pancakes @ Paul's!!

Phil

Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.”

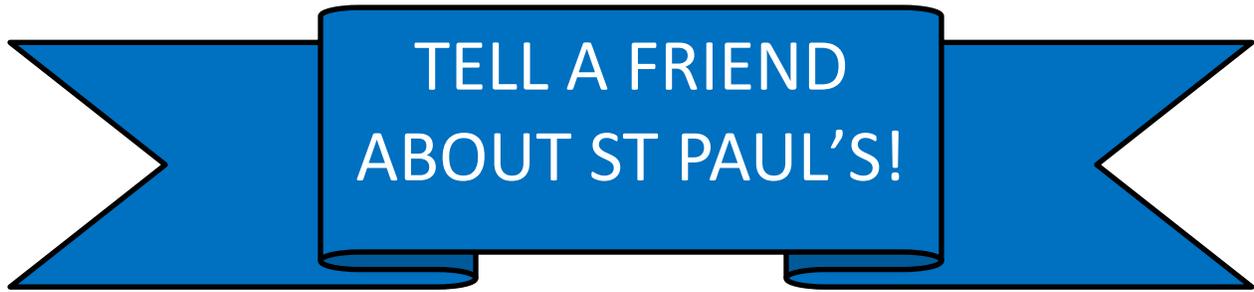
John 21:12



Pancake Breakfast

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
May 6th

1st Monday of every month 6-9am

Pancakes Sausage Coffee Juice Toast & Homemade Jelly
(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



St. Paul’s Game Day!
THEME “Take me out to the Ballpark”

What: Game Day at church with plenty of food and fun games
When: June 2, 2024 immediately following worship service
Where: Fellowship Hall and church grounds

Come join our church family and bring a friend for a fun day at St. Paul’s. Many of the games and food provided will remind you of being at the ballpark! Lunch will be available immediately following church. Games will be outside weather permitting or inside if it rains.

Mark your calendars, dress comfortably, and wear your favorite team attire for a fun day!!



Looking Ahead

May 6	Pancakes @ Paul's
May 9	Ascension Day
May 12	Mother's Day
May 19	Pentecost Sunday Communion Strengthen the Church offering
May 26	Trinity Sunday
May 27	Memorial Day Cemetery Tribute
June 2	Game Day @ St. Paul's
June 8	Community Fun Day
June 16	Father's Day

Consistory News

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



Our breakfast in April was well attended and we collected \$246.00 in donations.

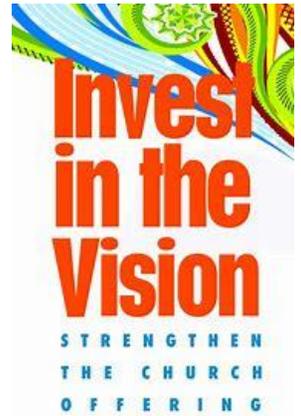
Pentecost Sunday: On Sunday, May 19th during worship, we will celebrate the birthday of the church and also share in communion. Everyone is welcome; bring a friend.



T-Shirts are available for purchase in the church office. They are \$15.00 and come in a variety of sizes. Stop in and take a look. If interested please see Gerri or Dee.



Strengthen the Church Offering: As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults, and support leadership development. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.



This special UCC offering is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. If you would like to participate, please use the special envelopes provided in your mailboxes or pews and place your donations in the plate at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

Memorial Day Tribute: The United Veterans Council will hold their annual pilgrimage to local cemeteries to pay tribute to our Veterans on Monday, May 27th.



Everyone is invited to Bowmansville Union Cemetery to help remember those who served and continue to serve our country. The pilgrimage is scheduled to begin at approximately 8:15 am at the cemetery with the New Holland Veterans Council and the New Holland Band.

We hope many will attend to pay tribute to our Veterans and their families.

The Bowmansville Union Cemetery is located at 160 Church St in Bowmansville.

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

Aaron, Adelaide, Amanda, Anna, Dale, Jodie, Kieran, Laura-Jeanne, Mary, Michele, Pete, Sterling, Steve, Brandon’s family, the Sensenig family, and everyone affected by the conflict in the Middle East.

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.

Cereals
Hamburger Helper

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



May

- 1 Paxton Fair
- 4 Harper Smith
- 6 Jami Padden
- 11 Patricia Lutz
- 14 Curt Evans
- 16 Jane Hoshour
- 22 Gretchen Martin
- 31 Joyce Shober



Anniversaries

Charlie & Chris Storms – 35 years on May 6



Bible Quiz



What two rivers that we still know today are named in the Creation account in Genesis 2?

- A. Nile
- B. Yangtze
- C. Jordan
- D. Tigris
- E. Ganges
- F. Euphrates



Financial Report



Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for
March 2024

Checking & MM Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$94,804.30
+ Receipts	8,755.93
- Disbursements	7,293.55
Ending Balance	\$96,266.68

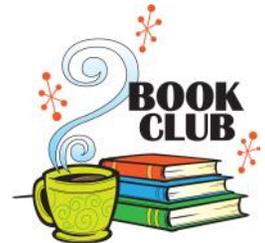
A copy of this information can also be found at
the mailboxes in the slot marked financial reports.

March's offering only total was \$4,870.00.



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 references. Please make sure to bring your Bible.

The ladies will be meeting in the Cafe area.

The next study is Wednesday, May 8th 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.

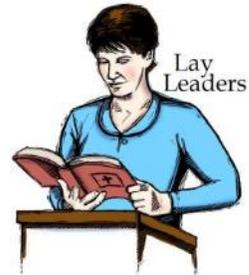
Online Worship: We are holding worship services in person and streaming LIVE on YouTube.

If you would like to watch our service live on YouTube please click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMUzTE3jCqaDyG2WIUzaX9w/live>



Monthly Volunteers



May 5 Gerri Shober
 May 12 Judy Enck
 May 19 Mary Renninger **
 May 26 Dee Sprecher

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 May 26

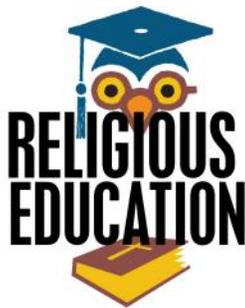
Grace House Blessings
 Gerri Shober
 Barry Gehman
 Mary Renninger

June 2 Cheryl Borja
 June 9 Sara Renninger
 June 16 Gerri Shober
 June 23 Judy Enck
 June 30 Mary Renninger

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Grace House Blessings
 Sharon Blechschmidt
 Kieran Connelly
 Lynda Cooper
 Charlie Storms

** Indicates communion



May 5 GHB Sunday-no class
 May 12 Cheryl Borja
 May 19 Children's Church –Grace
 May 26 Gerri Shober

April 7
 April 14
 April 21
 April 28

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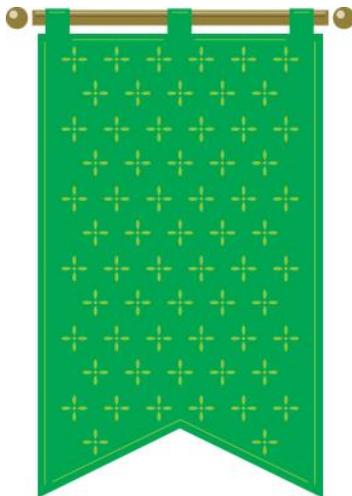
Sponsors



May 5	Chris & Charlie Storms
May 12	open
May 19	open
May 26	open
June 2	open
June 9	open
June 16	open
June 23	open
June 30	open

Christian Symbol

GREEN — Green is the traditional liturgical color for the weeks after Pentecost (as well as the season of Epiphany). The Pentecost season largely overlaps with spring and summer, which is fitting because green symbolizes growth: growth of plant life and crops, and growth of the church in discipleship and faith.



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.



May

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	2 National Day of Prayer	3	4
5 GHB Worship 10:30	6 Pancakes @ Paul's 6-9am	7 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	8 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm Mens/ Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm	9 Ascension Day Choir Practice 7pm	10	11
12 Worship 10:30 Mother's Day	13	14 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	15 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	16	17	18 Armed Forces Day
19 Pentecost Sunday Worship 10:30 Communion Strengthen the church offering	20	21 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	22 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	23	24	25
26 Trinity Sunday Worship 10:30	27 Memorial Day Cemetery Tribute 8:15 am Book Club 6:30	28 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	29 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	30	31	