



# Celebrate St. Paul's!



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## “ ‘TIS A PUZZLEMENT”

Have you ever seen the classic movie “The King and I”?

There is a moment during that story when the king is really struggling. Faced with the clash of his ancient traditions and the modern world, the king is trying to figure out how to “guide his son to the truth”.

He says.....“ ‘Tis a puzzlement, what to tell a growing son”. (or daughter....no kidding!).

We’ve been talking recently about The Holy Spirit. Our dear friend Carrie Call says, “The Holy Spirit is deeply mysterious to me”. (in other words....’tis a puzzlement!).

And that is certainly true. But, one thing we can be sure of, is that The Holy Spirit will help “guide us to the truth”. We know that, because Jesus said so. It was a promise he made to all of us.

And so, just like the King of Siam, we should struggle, and ponder, and discern....and then we need to allow space and time for The Holy Spirit to guide us to the truth.

Phil

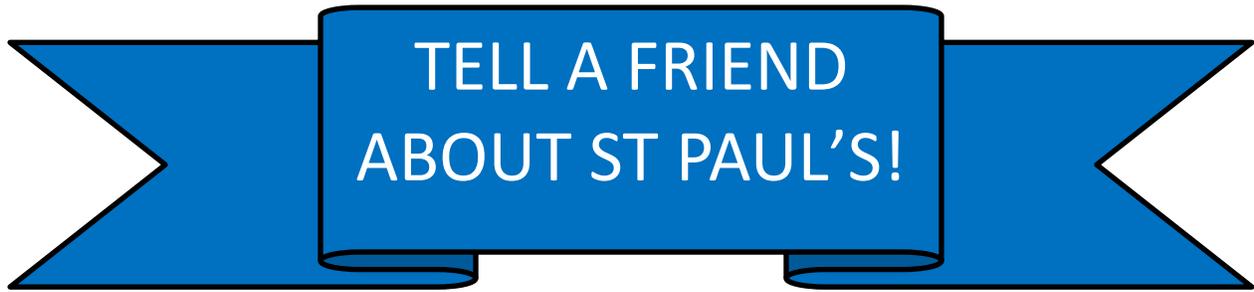
PS. Speaking of puzzles---please don’t miss the fabulous framed jigsaw puzzle which I’ll keep on display in the sanctuary for a few weeks. Completed and presented by Tim Lutz, it depicts the healing miracles of Jesus and is absolutely beautiful.

Thank you, Tim.



### 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***  
***June 3rd***

*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

June 2	Game Day @ St. Paul's
June 3	Pancakes at Paul's
June 8	Community Fun Day
June 16	Father's Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 28	Summer Communion
August 4	Church Picnic @ Woodcrest

## Consistory News

The next **"Pancakes at Paul's"** will be on Monday, June 3rd between 6 and 9am. Stop in for some great pancakes and the worlds best sausage.



Our breakfast in May was well attended and we collected \$182.00 in donations.

**Church Improvements:** We have been working on replacing the lights in the upstairs hallway and Sunday school rooms. These were the initial lights when the addition was built in the seventies and have not been in very good

working order.

They look great, much brighter, and more energy efficient. When you get a chance stop up and take a look.



## **Community Fun Day...featuring the GHB Band**

When: Saturday, June 8  
10am until 8pm

Where: Bowmansville Park

The annual "Community Fun Day" is back. St. Paul's will be participating with St. John's Center and Bowmansville Mennonite churches to bring a fun day of games, food, and great music; all FREE.

Our church is responsible for the cotton candy stand and the tractor pull ride. If you can help by filling in for a two hour time slot please sign up on the bulletin board by the side door entrance.

Our very own **Grace House Blessings Band** will be performing on stage beginning at 6pm. Featuring Aaron, Anna, Dana, Emily, Grace, Austin, and Phil. Bring your family and friends and come out and show your support for our fantastic band!

**Sunday Worship**, on June 9th, will also be held at the park beginning at 10am. Pastor Phil and our musicians will also be participating. An offering will be taken during the service to support our local food bank and CrossNet Ministries in New Holland.

Please do not come to the church as we will not be holding a service there.

Hope to see everyone at the park.



**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 Shoher 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 recent prayer concerns.**

Andrew, Clair, Dale, Danielle, Grace, Kieran, Mary, Pete, Ronald, Steve, Morgan & Tony, Delores' family, peace in the middle east, prayers for the freeing of hostages, and peace on our college campuses.

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 Shoher    | Nancy Caffrey-Schafer |
| Steve Renninger | Chris Storms          |
| Phil Shoher     | 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 Shoher anytime via text or call at 610-780-3915 or email philipshoher@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**  
**Unscented Laundry Detergent**

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



### June

- 6 Pearl Renninger
- 18 Pete Martin
- 19 Chris Storms
- 22 Lucia Shober
- 28 Cheryl Borja
- 30 Clint Cooper  
Troy Cooper

## Anniversaries



Mark & Kathleen Roscioli - 2 years on June 4

Clint & Lynda Cooper - 54 years on June 13



## Bible Quiz



King Ahab, assisted by his conniving wife Jezebel, appropriated for himself something belonging to a man named Naboth.

What did he take?

- A. Naboth's oxen
- B. Naboth's farm
- C. Naboth's vineyard
- D. Naboth's house



## Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for  
April 2024

### Checking & MM Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$96,266.68
+ Receipts	9,049.19
- Disbursements	5,512.24
Ending Balance	\$99,803.63

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

**April's offering only total was \$7,669.60.**



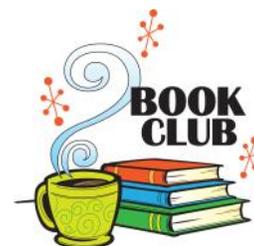
# Happy FATHER'S Day

## 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 passages and refer-  
ences. Please make sure to bring your Bible.

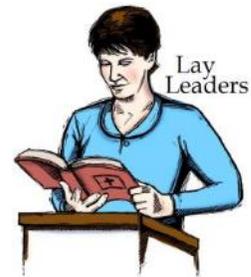
The ladies will be meeting in the Cafe area.

The next study is Wednesday, June 12th 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



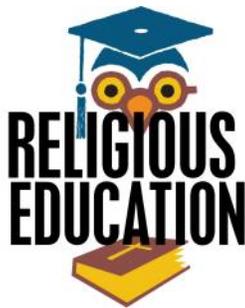
June 2 Cheryl Borja  
 June 9 Sara Renninger  
 June 16 Gerri Shober  
 June 23 Judy Enck  
 June 30 Mary Renninger

June 2 Grace House Blessings  
 June 9 Sharon Blechschmidt  
 June 16 Kieran Connelly  
 June 23 Lynda Cooper  
 June 30 Charlie Storms

July 7 Dee Sprecher  
 July 14 Cheryl Borja  
 July 21 Gerri Shober  
 July 28 Sara Renninger \*\*

July 7 Grace House Blessings  
 July 14 Tim Lutz  
 July 21 Grace Shober  
 July 28 Gerri Shober

\*\* Indicates communion



June 2 GHB Sunday-no class  
 June 9 Jane Hoshour  
 June 16 Children's Church –Grace  
 June 23 Cheryl Borja  
 June 30 Gerri Shober

June 2 Laura-Jeanne/Kailyn  
 June 9 Laura-Jeanne/Kailyn  
 June 16 Laura Jeanne  
 June 23 Laura-Jeanne/Kailyn  
 June 30 Laura-Jeanne/Kailyn

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## Sponsors



June 2	open
June 9	open
June 16	open
June 23	open
June 30	open
July 7	open
July 14	open
July 21	open
July 28	open

## Christian Symbol

**SEED**—The Bible often uses seeds as symbols of faith or God’s Word. In the Old Testament, seeds also refer to offspring. Jesus said people who believe in him can perform mighty deeds with “faith the size of a mustard seed” (Luke 17:6, NRSV). Many of Jesus’ teachings use seed imagery; for example, in the parable of the four soils, he said the seed, God’s Word, can grow only when people hear it, “hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance” (Luke 8:15, NRSV).



## 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.



# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 GHB Worship 10:30 Quilt Blessing Game Day	3 Pancakes @ Paul's 6-9am  Café area reserved 7pm	4 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	5 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	6	7	8 Community Fun Day
9 Worship Service @ the Park 10:00	10	11 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	12 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm Mens/ Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm	13 Choir Practice 7pm	14	15
16 Worship 10:30 Father's Day	17	18 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	19 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	20	21	22
13 Worship 10:30	24 Book Club 6:30	25 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	26 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	27	28	29
30 Worship 10:30						