



Celebrate St. Paul's!



138 years of service

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www.stpaulsucchurch.org Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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"FREEDOM IS NOT FREE"

"Without our military, we could not enjoy the incredible blessings that we do in this greatest country on earth".

-President Barack Obama 4th of July, 2015

"Each Founding Father knew the penalty for high treason. Their courage created a nation where every man, woman and child has a right to a future of freedom."

-President Ronald Reagan 4th of July, 1986

"We must all hang together, or assuredly, we will all hang separately."

-Benjamin Franklin 4th of July, 1776

This 4th of July, and every day, let's be grateful.....not that we live in a perfect country, but that we live in the freest country the world has ever known.
God bless America.

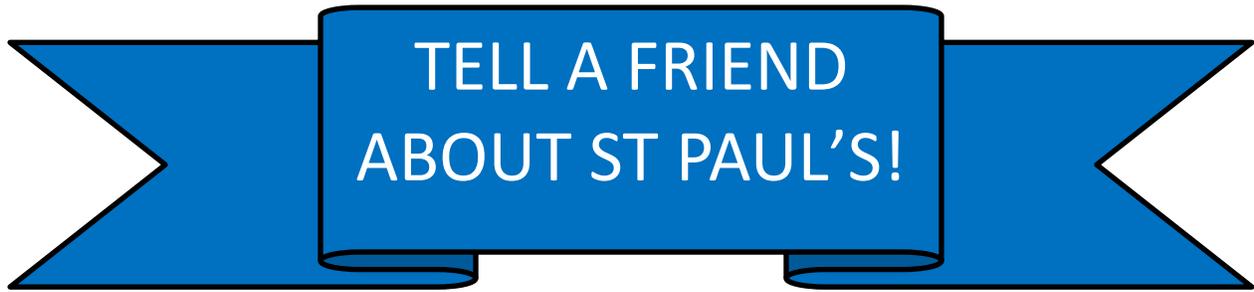
Phil

"It is for Freedom that Christ has set us free!" our own St. Paul, Galatians 5:1



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
CANCELLED FOR JULY !!**

Unfortunately, due to various scheduling conflicts we have to cancel our July breakfast.

Our next breakfast will be held on Monday, August 5th.

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



Finding Freedom

What does freedom look like to you? In *GraceLaced*, Ruth Chou Simons lists examples such as running unhindered, viewing a mountaintop overlook and enjoying iced tea with lemon. Because our good, creative God made us each different, our descriptions of freedom vary too. I think of deep breaths, an unhurried pace, genuine smiles, lack of regrets and deep belly laughs.

I love to laugh. Recently, during a demanding season of family celebrations, hardships and surprises, I realized I was laughing less. I felt bound to the next task on my long to-do list, but even good efficiency can shackle our spirits.

A good laugh — beyond a quick chuckle — offers many physical and emotional benefits. According to the Mayo Clinic, laughter relieves stress and pain, boosts the immune system and stimulates organs and endorphins. So today I’m determined to laugh loudly and joyfully while remembering my freedom in Christ. —Janna Firestone



Looking Ahead

July 4	Independence Day
July 28	Summer Communion
August 4	Church Picnic @ Woodcrest
August 5	Pancakes @ Paul's

Consistory News

The next “**Pancakes at Paul’s**” for July has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. If you know of someone that attends please pass the word.



We will be having our next breakfast on August 5th.

Our breakfast in June was well attended and we collected \$226.00 in donations.

Thank you to everyone who helped and attended our “Game Day” at St. Paul’s. We had plenty of ballpark food, great weather, and lots of fun games. We can’t wait to do it again next year.

Another big thank you to everyone who helped at the “Community Fun Day” at Bowmansville Park.



Church Picnic

Mark your calendars....
our annual church picnic is approaching!



Where Woodcrest Retreat
Cedar Lane Pavilion

When August 4th 11am

Outdoor worship will begin at 11am followed by a picnic lunch. The water slide will be available from 12:30 to 3:30 pm and the pool opens at 1pm. Lots of fun guessing games and yard games will also be available.

If you plan on attending please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board by the side door entrance. We need to have a head count for the pool area. If you would like to bring a covered dish to share please indicate that on the signup sheet.

Please bring a friend and join us for our annual church picnic at Woodcrest Retreat.



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.

Aaron, Curt, Colleen, Grace, Jaden, Jerimiah, Kathi, Kim, Mike, Nathaniel, Steven, Gina's neighbor, Marilee's family, Michele's brother, Peter's family, Lauren's family, Andrew & Donald's family, the Hernandez family, the Keiser family, the Weinhold family, the Midwest from all the tornados and storms, and all our First Responders.



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.

Canned Chicken
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



July

- 7 Ross Shober
- 8 Steve Enck
- 11 Nancy Connelly
- 15 Ron Frederick
- 16 Alta Hoshour
- 18 Van Burkholder
- 19 Chuck Eckenroth
- 31 Kathleen Shober

Anniversaries



- Jeff & Dee Sprecher - 33 years on July 12
- Edward & Sharon Blechschmidt - 44 years on July 26



Bible Quiz



What musical instrument is mentioned in the final poem of Psalms as a means to praise the Lord?

- A. brass
- B. percussion
- C. strings
- D. woodwinds
- E. all of the above



Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for
May 2024

Checking & MM Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$99,803.63
+ Receipts	9,182.21
- Disbursements	9,756.26
Ending Balance	\$99,229.58

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

May's offering only total was \$7,114.00.

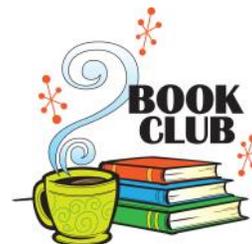


Literary Ladies Bookclub

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.



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.

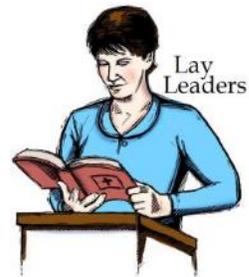
The ladies will be meeting in the Cafe area.

The next study is Wednesday, July 10th 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



July 7
July 14
July 21
July 28

Dee Sprecher
Cheryl Borja
Gerri Shober
Sara Renninger **

July 7
July 14
July 21
July 28

Grace House Blessings
Tim Lutz
Grace Shober
Gerri Shober

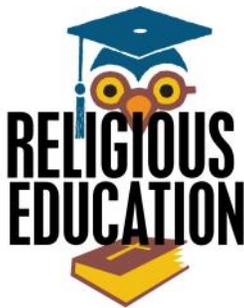
August 4
August 11
August 18
August 25

Picnic
Judy Enck
Mary Renninger
Dee Sprecher

August 4
August 11
August 18
August 25

Picnic/GHB
Barry Gehman
Mary Renninger
Sharon Blechschmidt

** Indicates communion



July 7
July 14
July 21
July 28

GHB Sunday-no class
Cheryl Borja
Children's Church –Grace
Jane Hoshour

July 7
July 14
July 21
July 28

Laura-Jeanne/Kailyn
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Sponsors

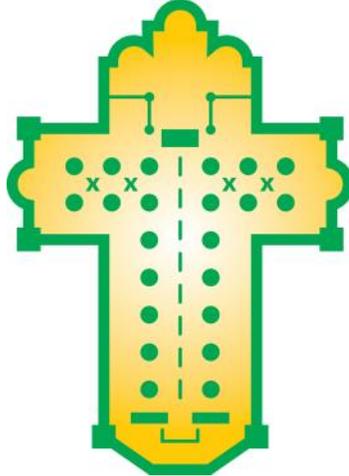


July 7	open
July 14	open
July 21	open
July 28	open
August 4	open
August 11	open
August 18	open
August 25	open

Christian Symbol

CATHEDRAL FLOOR

PLAN — Traditionally, a cathedral is laid out in the shape of a cross. The lower section or nave (from Latin for *ship*), along with the transepts (the arms of the cross), is where the congregation sits. The choir sits on either side of the chancel. Despite our common terminology, the sanctuary (from Latin for *holy*) isn't the full worship space but the area right before the altar. The location of the lectern, from which Scripture is read, and pulpit, used for preaching, may vary.



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.



July

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	3 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	4 Independence Day	5	6
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
14 Worship 10:30	15	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 Communion	29 Book Club 6:30	30 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	31 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm			