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"SO SEND I YOU"

In a recent UCC newsletter, Rev. Dwight Hein made an interesting observation:

He noted that the Gospel of Mark uses the Greek word "apostello" (which means "to send forth") in two ways. One is when Jesus sends forth his disciples, 2 by 2, to preach and to heal. And the other, is when Herod sends forth a soldier, to kill John the Baptist.

Two men, with power and authority—and the ability to choose good versus evil. And two completely different choices made.

We, too, have the ability to make choices each and every day.....good or bad.

Jesus sends us forth as his apostles to love, shed his light in the darkness, and to heal the world....one person, one interaction, at a time.

The choice is not always an easy one, I am well aware of that. But the distinction and the choice---
-Jesus versus Herod----is a choice we have to make.

Phil

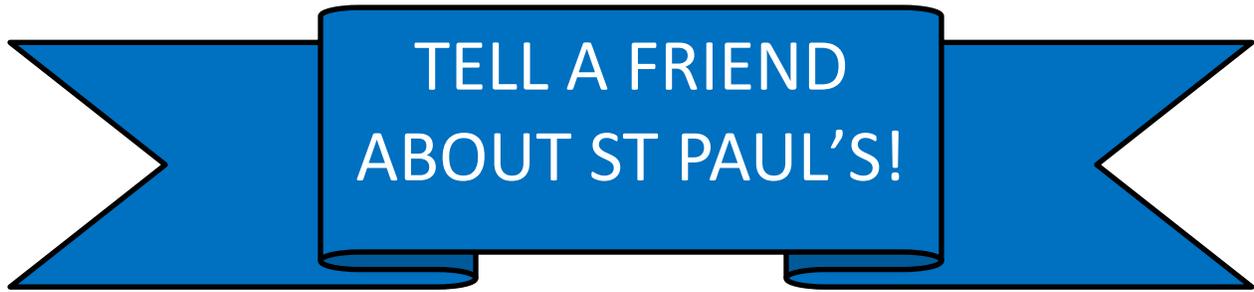
"Calling the 12 to him, he began to send them out, 2 by 2, and gave them authority over impure spirits". Mark 6:7



DO NOT imitate what is evil
but what is GOOD.

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
August 5th

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



What’s Your Oasis?

As the gospels make clear, even the Son of God needed an occasional break. For Jesus, a solitary place reached by boat served as an oasis.

Although an oasis might make us think of a beach-like vacation spot in the middle of a desert, it’s simply “something that provides refuge, relief or pleasant contrast” (Merriam-Webster).

So, what’s your oasis? For someone who recently lost a spouse, it could be a break from the newfound silence. For a young parent, it could be a block of solitude and silence to complete a thought.

I haven’t found any definition of oasis that includes a timeframe. Such an experience could last 30 seconds or a full week. Work within your circumstances so you can get away for a time with Jesus.

As you identify and pursue an oasis, consider your answers to these questions:

- What circumstances in life cause you to desire an oasis, or break?
- What will it look like to create a personal oasis or sanctuary at home?
- When you spend time with Jesus, what do you want to do?

Janna Firestone

Looking Ahead

August 4	Church Picnic @ Woodcrest
August 5	Pancakes @ Paul's
September 2	Labor Day
September 19	Fill Food Bank Orders

Co-Laborer's With Christ

Rusty Stevens, a ministry leader in Virginia, described trying to finish mowing the lawn before dinnertime. His 6-year-old son darted in front of him and grabbed the mower handle. But when Stevens stopped pushing, the mower soon stopped.



The busy dad fought the urge to tell his son to get out of his way and instead offered to help. Stevens began pushing again, leaning over and walking awkwardly to accommodate his eager assistant. Although the mowing commenced, it was slow-going and not as efficient as the solo effort.

That's when Stevens realized a ministry parallel: "This is the way my heavenly Father allows me to 'help' him build his kingdom!" The church leader pictured God busy "seeking, saving and transforming the lost, and there I was, with my weak hands 'helping.'"

Although God surely can tackle all the work of ministry and evangelism alone, he "chooses to stoop gracefully to allow me to co-labor with him," said Stevens. What a blessing and privilege that God lets us work alongside him!

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Church Picnic

Mark your calendars....
our annual church picnic is
almost here!



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 and have not signed up yet please tell Phil or Dee so we can add you to the list. You may bring a covered dish to share if you like. Any questions please see Phil or Dee.

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.

Alta, Deb, Emily, Gina, Grace, Jayden, Pete, Tripp, Ashley & her family, Bethany and her friends, Donald Trump and the innocent victims in the shooting.

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 Soup
Macaroni & Cheese
Juice

Below is a list of everyday needs the Grace House ladies could use.

Toilet paper
Tissues
Paper towels

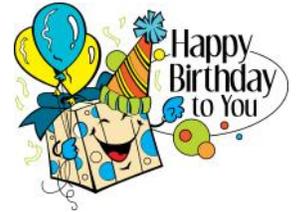
Any donations can be placed on the table in the parlor room.

Thank you for your continued support.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays



August

- 3 Cindy Hoffer
- 13 Gina Harada
- 26 Brian Martin
Naomi Martin
- 28 Grace Shoher
- 30 Tripp Shoher

Anniversaries



- Steve & Judy Enck - 20 years on August 14
- Tim & Pat Lutz – 49 years on August 22



Bible Quiz



What kind of birds does God use to supply Elijah with food at the Kerith Ravine?

- A. quails
- B. ravens
- C. eagles
- D. doves



Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for
June 2024

Checking & MM Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$99,229.58
+ Receipts	6,857.87
- Disbursements	5,776.35
Ending Balance	\$100,311.10

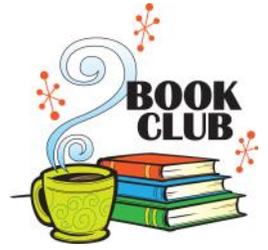
A copy of this information can also be found at
the mailboxes in the slot marked financial reports.

June's offering only total was \$4,774.00.



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 taking a break for the summer and
will plan on starting again in September.

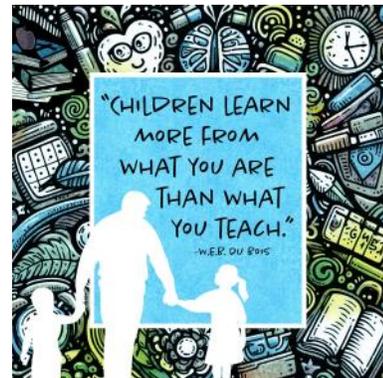
The men also started their new series titled "*The
Twelve Disciples*". They are meeting in the fellow-
ship hall area on the second Wednesday of the month
at 6:30pm.

Anyone is welcome. If interested or you have any
questions please see Gerri or Phil Shober.

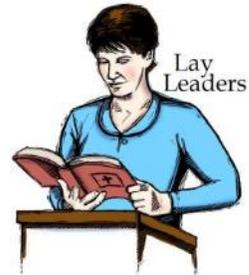
Online Worship: We are holding worship ser-
vices in person and streaming LIVE on YouTube.

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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Monthly Volunteers



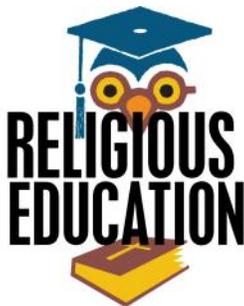
August 4 Picnic
 August 11 Dee Sprecher
 August 18 Mary Renninger
 August 25 Judy Enck

August 4 Picnic/GHB
 August 11 Barry Gehman
 August 18 Mary Renninger
 August 25 Sharon Blechschmidt

September 1 Cheryl Borja
 September 8 Sara Renninger
 September 15 Gerri Shober
 September 22 Judy Enck
 September 29 Mary Renninger

September 1 Grace House Blessings
 September 8 Kieran Connelly
 September 15 Lynda Cooper
 September 22 Charlie Storms
 September 29 Tim Lutz

** Indicates communion



August 4 Picnic
 August 11 Gerri Shober
 August 18 Children's Church –Grace
 August 25 Cheryl Borja

August 4 Laura-Jeanne/Kailyn
 August 11 Laura-Jeanne/Kailyn
 August 18 Laura-Jeanne
 August 25 Laura-Jeanne/Kailyn

September 1 GHB—no class
 September 8 Jane Hoshour
 September 15 Children's Church –Grace
 September 22 Gerri Shober
 September 29 Jane Hoshour

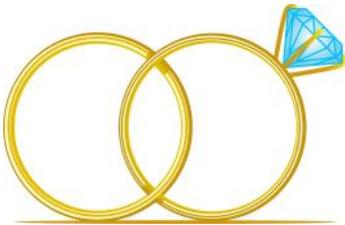
September 1 Laura-Jeanne/Kailyn
 September 8 Laura-Jeanne/Kailyn
 September 15 Laura-Jeanne
 September 22 Laura-Jeanne/Kailyn
 September 29 Laura-Jeanne/Kailyn

Sponsors



August 4	open
August 11	open
August 18	open
August 25	open
September 1	open
September 8	open
September 15	open
September 22	open
September 29	open

Christian Symbol



WEDDING RINGS — The exchange of wedding rings isn't found in Scripture. It came into practice among Christians in the late ninth century. The unending circle profoundly symbolizes a couple's mutual promises of ongoing love and commitment, as well as God's promise of eternal love that surrounds all — including each couple and marriage.

Altar Flowers

A 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.



2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Church Picnic @ Woodcrest Retreat 11:00	5 Pancakes @ Paul's	6 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	7 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	8	9	10
11 Worship 10:30 Consistory Mtg	12	13 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	14 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	15 Choir Practice 7pm	16	17
18 Worship 10:30	19	20 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	21 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	22	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	30	31