



Celebrate St. Paul's!



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www.stpaulsucchurch.org Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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Paul's

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“THE LEAST OF THESE”

As I write this, grandson Tripp is about one week from his 1st birthday (and he's napping right beside me at this very moment!).

One of my most vivid memories from the time of his birth was when a “SWAT team” of medics came to the Ephrata Hospital to transport him to the Hershey Medical Center. About 4 very serious professionals arrived with elaborate gear, and then with military precision but also incredible care, they loaded Tripp up for the....well, the trip.

You see, Tripp had been born prematurely and with an aortic heart deformity that was causing him trouble breathing and swallowing.

The image of all those people and all those resources being focused on saving the life of this one small, helpless child---that is a powerful statement about all that is good in our society and our people.

And the opposite is also plainly true.

I am well aware that there are times and circumstances when an unborn life may need to be tearfully and prayerfully returned back to Jesus. And I personally trust that Jesus will be there, for those painful moments, with mercy and grace. And so should we. But those are times for a society to take very seriously and solemnly, not to celebrate.

Tripp was an unexpected and, if we're being honest, in many ways a very challenging addition to our family. And I thank God every day for entrusting him to us.

Phil

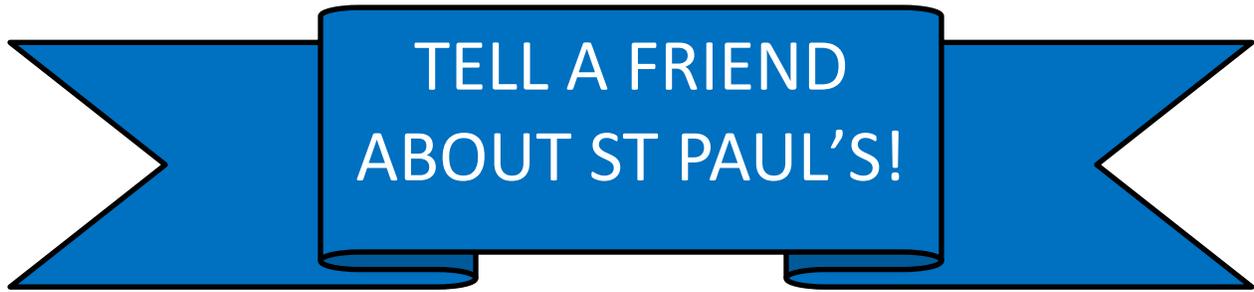
“whatever you did for one of the least of these....you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40



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
September 2nd

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



Remembrance

On September 11, Patriot Day gives all of us time to reflect on the devastating terror attacks that took nearly 3,000 lives. We commemorate those who we lost and give thanks to the brave first responders who put their lives on the line. On this day, U.S. flags are lowered halfway, and there is a country-wide moment of silence at 8:46 am (Eastern Daylight Time), which is when the first plane crashed into one of the Twin Towers. Although the attacks were in the U.S., Patriot Day is recognized worldwide as the news devastated and impacted people all over. Take a moment today to consider what we stand for as a nation and how we can work together to make the world a better place for all.



Looking Ahead

September 2	Labor Day Pancakes @ Paul's
September 19	Fill Food Bank Orders
September 29	"Music" Sunday
October 6	100th GHB Spaghetti Luncheon NIN Offering
October 13	Communion
October 17	Fill Food Bank Orders
October 31	Halloween

Young at Heart

I like to walk with Grandpa and Grandma,
Their steps are short like mine.
They don't say, "Now hurry up."
They always take their time.

I like to walk with Grandpa and Grandma,
Their eyes see things like mine do ...
Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud,
Half-hidden drops of dew.

Most people have to hurry,
They do not stop and see.
I'm glad that God made
Grandpa and Grandma
Unrushed and young like
me.

Author Unknown

National Grandparents Day
September 8, 2024



Consistory News

Music Sunday is scheduled for September 29th during our regular worship hour.

We will be welcoming back Shelleen Weaver to hear some of her amazing songs. She is an accomplished author and musician. You can read more about Shelleen by visiting her website www.shelleenweaver.com.

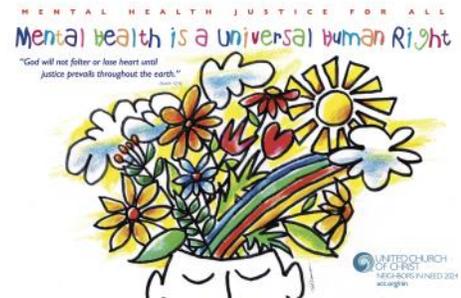


Mark your calendars and bring a friend, We are looking forward to having her back!

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States.

This year, the theme is "Mental Health Justice For All!" In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.

If you would like to make a donation, offering envelopes will be provided for your convenience. Please join us in promoting this year's NIN "Mental Health is a Universal Human Right" campaign at your church on October 6th.



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 recent prayer concerns.

Austin, Brock, Clint, Dale, Emily, Jimmy, Julie, Kieran, Larry, Maryann, Mika, Mike, Pete, Tripp, Pastor Dan, and the Murdock family.

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

It will be our turn to fill the orders at the local food bank in Terre Hill on September 19th. If you would like to help please see Nancy Connelly.

Below is a list of the current needs requested for the food bank in Terre Hill.

Canned Red Beets
Canned Green Beans
Canned Tuna

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.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays



September

- 7 Jeff Sprecher
- 8 Vincent Borja
- 14 Sue Klaassen Kuzniar

Anniversaries



Phil & Gerri Shoher –
43 years on September 12

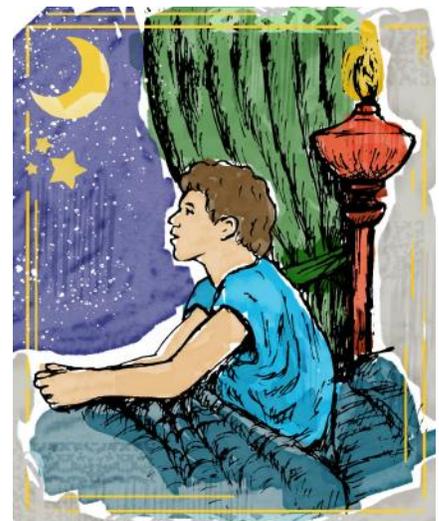


Bible Quiz



Who helped Samuel understand that it was the Lord calling him in the night?

- A. his mother, Hannah
- B. Moses
- C. his father, Elkanah
- D. Eli



Treasurer's Report

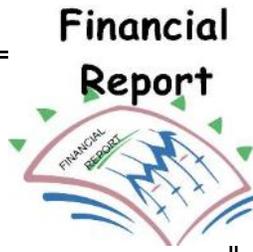
The monthly report for
July 2024

Checking & MM Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$100,311.10
+ Receipts	8,579.66
- Disbursements	5,107.07
Ending Balance	\$103,783.69

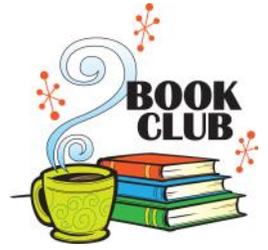
A copy of this information can also be found at
the mailboxes in the slot marked financial reports.

July's offering only total was \$7,216.00.



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 will be continuing the lesson, *The Sermon
on The Mount*. on September 11th.

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

The men are continuing 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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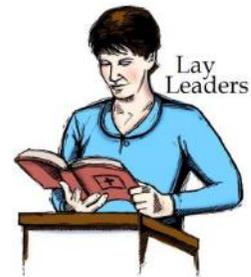


**"Education is the passport to the future, for
tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it
today."**

– Malcolm X



Monthly Volunteers



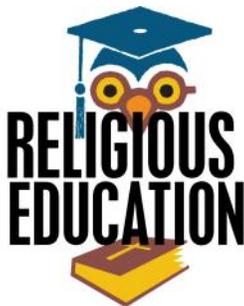
September 1	Cheryl Borja
September 8	Sara Renninger
September 15	Dee Sprecher
September 22	Judy Enck
September 29	Mary Renninger

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

October 6	Dee Sprecher
October 13	Cheryl Borja **
October 20	Sara Renninger
October 27	Gerri Shober

October 6	Grace House Blessings
October 13	Grace Shober
October 20	Gerri Shober
October 27	Barry Gehman

** Indicates communion



September 1	GHB—no class
September 8	Jane Hoshour
September 15	Children's Church –Grace
September 22	to be determined
September 29	Jane Hoshour

September 1	Laura-Jeanne Iacono
September 8	Dee Sprecher
September 15	Laura-Jeanne Iacono
September 22	Laura-Jeanne Iacono
September 29	Laura-Jeanne Iacono

October 6	GHB—no class
October 13	Cheryl Borja
October 20	Children's Church –Grace
October 27	Gerri Shober

Month of October	Laura-Jeanne Iacono
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Sponsors



September 1	open
September 8	open
September 15	open
September 22	open
September 29	open
October 6	open
October 13	open
October 20	open
October 27	open

Christian Symbol



STEEPLE — Steeples are a remnant of Gothic church architecture of the Middle Ages, marked by high open spaces and pointed arches that direct attention heavenward. Nowadays a steeple atop a church small or large serves the same function. Typically topped with a cross, it designates a Christian house of worship. Steeples sometimes double as bell towers, sending out a call to worship high above the surrounding land.

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.

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						2024
1 GHB Worship 10:30	2 Labor Day Pancakes @ Paul's	3 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	4 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	5	6	7
8 Worship 10:30 Grandparents Day	9	10 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	11 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm Men's & Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Patriot Day	12 Choir Practice 7pm	13	14
15 Worship 10:30	16	17 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	18 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	19 Fill Food Bank Orders	20	21
22 Worship 10:30 First day of Fall	23	24 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	25 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	26	27	28
29 Music Sunday Worship 10:30	30 Book Club 6:30					