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"That's The Spirit!"

The month of June is loaded with great events! We celebrate everything from Flag Day (6/14) to Father's Day (6/15) to National Weed Your Garden Day (Ron's favorite on 6/13), and then Summer officially arrives (6/20).

But also in June, on the church calendar, we celebrate the event known as "Pentecost".

The Christian holiday of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after Easter, which this year is June 8th. It commemorates the events described in the Book of Acts, chapter 2, where the Holy Spirit descended on the small group of believers gathered together in Jerusalem. When you go back and read this very brief story, take special note of 2 things: The Holy Spirit filled the PLACE where they were; AND, the Spirit filled THEM!

This is a good reminder that whether we are alone in prayer or together in church, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would be with us and within us, to give us the strength we need to endure here on earth.

Have a great summer!

Phil

"I will ask the Father and He will give you another advocate, The Holy Spirit, to help you and be with you forever." John 14:16

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.

TELL A FRIEND ABOUT ST PAUL'S!

"First Sunday Blessing"

June 1st

A special service of music and devotions to start off our month.

Featuring musical guest Shelleen Weaver.

Everyone is welcome and bring a friend!

"Pancakes at Paul's"

***FREE** Community Breakfast*
at St. Paul's UCC Church
June 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 more info call 717-445-6256

Thoughts for Father's Day

A careful man I ought to be; a little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray, for fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes; whate'er he sees me do, he tries —
Like me, he says, he's going to be, the little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine, believes in every word of mine:
The base in me he must not see, the little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go, through summer's sun and winter's snow,
I'm building for the years to be, for a little fellow follows me.

Looking Ahead

June 2	Pancakes @ Paul's
June 8	Pentecost Sunday
	Communion
	Strengthen the Church Offering
June 14	Bowmansville Family Fun Day
June 15	Worship in the Park
	Trinity Sunday
	Father's Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 7	Pancakes @ Paul's
July 27	Communion

Consistory News

Thank you to Pastor Dan for visiting with us in May. He provided an update on the progress they are making in Liberia with the new church and the supplies needed for the school children. Great strides have been made and are still ongoing to bring the good news to so many people.

Strengthen the Church Offering: This special UCC offering is celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. 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.

Bowmansville Family Fun Day

When: Saturday
June 14th
10am to 4pm

Where: Bowmansville Park

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

Our church is responsible for the cotton candy stand this year. 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.

Sunday Worship, on June 15th, will be held at the park beginning at 10:30am. Pastor Phil will be participating. An offering will be taken during the service to support our local food bank and Bowmansville Fire Company.

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 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.

Faye, Kieran, Patty, Gina's neighbor, Grace, Gretchen's family, Naomi's sister-in-law, Pat and her husband, Hayden & Brighton, the Grace House ladies, Immigrants, all caregivers, and the firefighters everywhere.

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 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.

Assorted Soups
Canned Tuna

Any donations can be placed on the table in the café area.

Thank you for your continued support.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

June

6	Pearl Renninger
19	Chris Storms
22	Lucia Shober
28	Cheryl Borja
30	Troy Cooper

Anniversaries

Mark & Kathleen Roscioli - 3 years on June 4

Bible Quiz

Who said to the prophet Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD"?

A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother's birthright
C. Rahab, a prostitute
D. David, considered Israel's greatest king

Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 12:13)

Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for April 2025

Checking & MM Accounts

Beginning Balance	$109,508.33
+ Receipts	11,552.31
- Disbursements	7,633.76
Ending Balance	$113,426.88

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

April's offering only total was $9,178.00.

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/UCMUzTE3jCqaDyG2WlUzaX9w/live

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 started a new series, *Jesus and Women In the First Century and Now,* byKristi McLelland (https://www.lifeway.com/en/contributors/kristi-mclelland)
This series includes a short video followed by a lesson and discussion. If you are interested in joining this study, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

The men also started a new series titled, *"Twelve Voices for Truth"*, covering each of the 12 minor prophets from the Old Testament. They meet in the fellowship hall area.

Both groups gather on the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Anyone is welcome. If interested or you have any questions please see Gerri or Phil Shober.

Monthly Volunteers

June 1	Mary Renninger
June 8	Sara Renninger **
June 15	Cheryl Borja
June 22	Dee Sprecher
June 29	Gerri Shober
July 6	Judy Enck
July 13	Mary Renninger
July 20	Dee Sprecher
July 27	Cheryl Borja **

** Indicates communion

June 1	Barry Gehman
June 8	Mary Renninger
June 15	Sharon Blechschmidt
June 22	Kieran Connelly
June 29	Lynda Cooper
July 6	Charlie Storms
July 13	Tim Lutz
July 20	Grace Shober
July 27	Julie Schulz

June 1	FSB—no class
June 8	Cheryl Borja
June 15	Children's Storytime –Grace
June 22	Gerri Shober
June 29	Jane Hoshour
July 6	FSB—no class
July 13	Cheryl Borja
July 20	Children's Storytime –Grace
July 27	Gerri Shober

Month of June	Laura-Jeanne Buck
Month of July	Laura-Jeanne Buck

Sponsors

June 1	open
June 8	open
June 15	open
June 22	Naomi Martin
June 29	open
July 6	open
July 13	open
July 20	open
July 27	open

Altar Flowers

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers on a particular Sunday, please see Dee Sprecher.

Forms are available in the church office for you to fill in your dedication information at least one week prior to the Sunday you would like to have it included.

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.

Thank you.

Christian Symbol

RIVER — In the Bible, rivers (and other bodies of water) often represent deliverance, salvation, freedom and cleansing. The Jordan River is especially prominent: The Israelites crossed it to enter the Promised Land after God delivered them from slavery, and John baptized Jesus (and many other people) there. The image of crossing the Jordan River has long been a metaphor for death — crossing from earthly to heavenly life, from worldly struggles to the bliss of God's kingdom, from physical ailments to the wholeness of a resurrection body.

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Deadline for article submissions: The third Sunday of each month.

2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **1st Sunday Blessing 10:30**	2 **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 Pentecost Communion Strengthen the church offering**	9	10 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	11 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	12 **Choir Practice 7pm**	13	14 **Bowmansville Family Fun Day @ the Park 10-4pm Flag Day**
15 **Worship @ the Park 10:30 Father's Day Trinity Sunday**	16	17 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	18 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm **Men's & Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm**	19 **Juneteenth**	20 First Day of Summer	21
22 **Worship 10:30**	23	24 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	25 Piano lessons 5:30-6:30 pm	26	27	28
29 **Worship 10:30**	30 **Book Club 6:30**					