



Celebrate St. Paul's!



139 years of service

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“TAKE A CHILL PILL”

The recent heat wave has brought dangerously high temperatures across the East Coast (heading back up to 92 degrees today!).

And it seems to be true that there is a correlation between high temperatures during the summer months, and higher levels of anger and even violence among people (as measured by crime statistics).

It's something for us to be mindful of—Heat can put a lot of stress on our bodies and, potentially cause us to get....well, a little hot under the collar.

The Bible talks often about the natural human emotion of anger. Although not necessarily a sin, anger is something that must be controlled. And it is certainly not something that should define us.

Our own St. Paul said this:

“be angry, but do not sin!”.....

And by all means, please,

.....”do not let the sun go down on your anger.” (Ephesians 4:26)

Phil



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.



“First Sunday Blessing”

August 3rd @ Woodcrest Retreat

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

Everyone is welcome and bring a friend!

“Pancakes at Paul’s”

***FREE Community Breakfast
at St. Paul’s UCC Church
August 4th***

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

Need a Vocation Vacation?

“It is not more vacation we need,” said Eleanor Roosevelt. “It is more vocation” — in other words, something that God calls you to do. God uses his people to accomplish amazing things, even during the summer! Call it a “vocation vacation.”

If you’re planning a trip, call ahead and offer to serve at a local homeless shelter or urban ministry. If you want to be outdoors, ask a Bible camp or recreation department if it needs volunteers. Other possibilities include assisting with programs that help elderly residents or people with special needs enjoy outdoor activities.

You’ll enjoy summertime fun (vacation) *and* the knowledge that God is working through you (vocation).



Looking Ahead

August 3	Church Picnic @ Woodcrest
August 4	Pancakes at Paul's
September 1	Labor Day
September 18	Fill Food Bank Orders

Consistory News

Church Library:

For anyone who doesn't know, we have a church library on the second floor in the last Sunday school room. These books are available for anyone who wishes to look through and read them. We also have some books located in the café area on the bookshelf for your reading enjoyment.

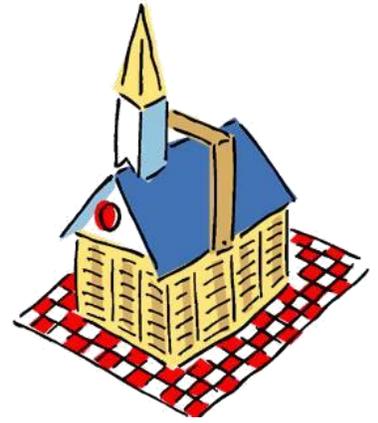
Jane Hoshour has been kind enough to suggest some books from our library to be included from time to time in our newsletter.

This month's recommendation is titled "*Amazing Coincidences—Hidden Hand of God*". It is a compilation from Guideposts Magazine. It is a little gem and includes great and inspiring true stories that are beyond belief. If you are interested in discussing the book or having trouble finding it, please see Jane.



Church Picnic:

Our church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 3rd beginning at 11:00am at Woodcrest Retreat in Ephrata. We will meet under the Cedar Lane pavilion. There is a parking lot next to our area for our use.



Following the service we will share in a picnic lunch including hamburgers and hot dogs. You may bring a covered dish to share.

After lunch you can participate in some guessing games or just sit around and enjoy fellowship with one another. At one o'clock the pool and waterslide will be available to anyone who would like to cool off and have some fun swimming. You must get a wrist band to use the pool and waterslide. We will distribute these after lunch.

This is a picnic so please dress comfortably. One piece swimsuits are required. We have the pavilion and pool area for the whole day for everyone to relax and enjoy!

If anyone has any questions or needs directions, please see Dee Sprecher. Hope to see you there!



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.

Barb, Chris, Dianne, Gretchen, Jackie, Kathy, Marian, Mary, MaryJean, Tim, Sara's family, the Middle East, all the families in the south affected by the floods, and prayers for unity for our country.

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

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

Toilet Paper
Toothpaste
Unscented Laundry Detergent

Any donations can be placed on the table by the side door entrance.

Thank you for your continued support.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays



August

- 3 Cindy Hoffer
- 13 Gina Harada
- 26 Brian Martin
Naomi Martin
- 28 Grace Shoer
Nancy Bell
- 30 Tripp Shoer

Anniversaries



Steve & Judy Enck - 21 years on August 14

Tim & Pat Lutz – 50 years on August 22



Bible Quiz



For years, King David showed special kindness to the son of King Saul's son Jonathan, because David and Jonathan had been dear friends. Which of the following statements is *not* accurate?

- A. The name of King Saul's grandson was Mephibosheth.
- B. He was lame in both feet.
- C. His feet had been injured when he was 5.
- D. He was injured while playing with his brothers.



Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-7; 21:7)

Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for
June 2025

Checking & MM Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$117,085.32
+ Receipts	11,597.15
- Disbursements	3,648.12
Ending Balance	\$125,034.35

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

June's offering only total was \$4,260.00.

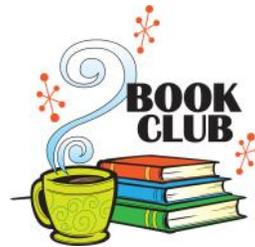


Literary Ladies Bookclub

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

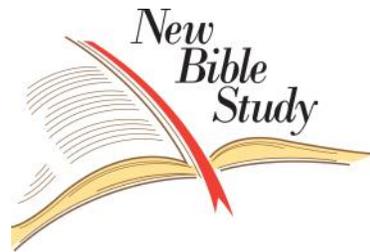
The Ladies have begun a
series, *Jesus and Women
In the First Century and
Now*, by Kristi McLelland

(<https://www.lifeway.com/en/contributors/kristi-mclelland>)

This series includes a short video followed by a lesson and discussion. They meet in the café area.

The men will be starting a new series titled, "*Exploring Sacred Music*". This study will explore how traditional and modern Christian music is rooted in scripture. The series is expected to run from August to December. 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.



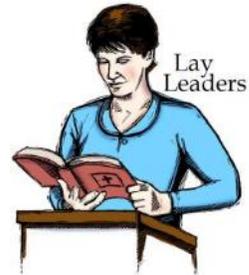
Online Worship: We are holding worship services in person and streaming LIVE on YouTube.

If you would like to watch our service live on YouTube please click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMUzTE3jCqaDyG2WIUzaX9w/live>



Monthly Volunteers



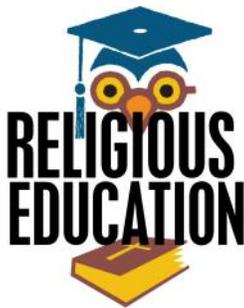
August 3	Picnic
August 10	Sara Renninger
August 17	Gerri Shober
August 24	Judy Enck
August 31	Mary Renninger

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August 10	Barry Gehman
August 17	Mary Renninger
August 24	Sharon Blechschmidt
August 31	Kieran Connelly

September 7	Dee Sprecher
September 14	Cheryl Borja
September 21	Sara Renninger
September 28	Gerri Shober

September 7	Lynda Cooper
September 14	Charlie Storms
September 21	Tim Lutz
September 28	Grace Shober

** Indicates communion



August 3	FSB—no class
August 10	Jane Hoshour
August 17	Children’s Storytime –Grace
August 24	Cheryl Borja
August 31	Gerri Shober

Nursery available as needed

September 7	FSB—no class
September 14	Jane Hoshour
September 21	Children’s Storytime –Grace
September 28	Cheryl Borja

Sponsors



August 3	open
August 10	open
August 17	Tim & Patty Lutz
August 24	open
August 31	open
September 7	open
September 14	open
September 21	open
September 28	open

Christian Symbol



ALTAR —
This central furnishing in a Christian worship space is usually large, with a solid

front that may be decorated with symbols or words. The flat surface, often covered with a cloth, is where the Communion elements are prepared and placed, reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice as the Lamb of God. In some churches, the altar looks more like a table, with open legwork. We remember that Jesus invites us into fellowship with God now and to the heavenly banquet for eternity. We place offerings on the altar to symbolize our sacrificial response to God's redeeming love.

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.

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



AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Church Picnic @ Woodcrest Retreat 11:00 am	4 Pancakes @ Paul's	5	6 Piano lessons 4:30-5:30 pm	7	8	9
10 Worship 10:30	11	12	13 Piano lessons 4:30-5:30 pm Men's & Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm	14 Choir Practice 7pm	15	16
17 Worship 10:30	18	19	20 Piano lessons 4:30-5:30 pm	21	22	23
24 Worship 10:30	25 Book Club 6:30	26	27 Piano lessons 4:30-5:30 pm	28	29	30
31 Worship 10:30				31		