



Celebrate St. Paul's!



140 years of service

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www.stpaulsucchurch.org Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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Starting

"This is the Life"

Do we love birthdays at St. Paul's? I think so! And despite being the shortest month of the year, I'm pretty sure our church family celebrates more birthdays in February than any other month.

This February we will be holding a special "Everybody's Birthday Bash" on February 28th. (Do NOT think that I had any input in selecting that date—I did not!!).

Birthdays are special and important because LIFE is so important! Jesus talked about life all the time. In John 10:10 he said "I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly!".

Abundant, joyful life! Yes, Jesus wants that for us. And not only eternal life in heaven—oh yes, he wants that too and lived and died to ensure that we'll have it! But first, we were knitted together in our mothers' wombs (Psalm 139), and we experienced our first birthdays, in order to experience life on earth.

And Jesus showed us the way. He is the way! Both to eternal life, and abundant, joyful life in the here and now.

Happy birthday everyone!
Phil

"I am the way, and the truth, and the LIFE!"
John 14:6



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”

February 1st

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

Everyone is welcome and bring a friend!

“Pancakes at Paul’s”

***FREE Community Breakfast
at St. Paul’s UCC Church
February 2nd***



1st Monday of every month 6-9am

Pancakes Sausage Coffee Juice Toast & Homemade Jelly

St. Paul’s UCC Fellowship Hall

133 Church Street, Bowmansville, Pa. 17507

more info call 717-445-6256

Basket Bingo

When: April 25th, 2026
Where: St. Paul’s Church fellowship hall
133 Church St, Bowmansville, Pa.
Ticket Price: \$40 to play for 35 plus theme baskets

Doors Open at 11:00 am Bingo starts at 12:30 pm
Limited Seating
Food Available

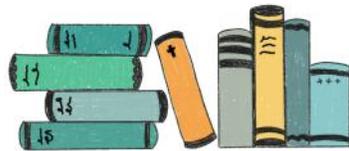
Call 717-445-6256 for more information



Looking Ahead

February 15	Communion
February 14	Valentines Day
February 16	President's Day
February 18	Ash Wednesday
February 22	First Sunday in Lent
February 26	Lenten Luncheons Begin
February 28	Birthday Bash
March 3	Flower Show
March 5	Lenten Lunch we prepare meal
March 6	World Day of Prayer
March 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 15	One Great Hour of Sharing
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 29	Palm Sunday

Church Library; Book of the Month



This month's featured book is *"These Are the Generations by Mr. and Mrs. Bae"*.

This book is incredible to read. I would have thought that there are no Christians in North Korea. I was wrong. This book is about one North Korean family that received and passed on the gospel from generation to generation. They passed it on in labor camps, prisons, through interrogations and through the greatest challenge of all - everyday life in North Korea.

Jane Hoshour

Consistory News

Communion will be shared on Sunday February 15th during worship. Everyone is welcome to participate.



The Lenten Luncheons will begin on February 26th at St. John's Center church beginning at noon. They serve a light lunch and have a brief sermon.



Our turn to prepare the lunch will be on March 5th and Pastor Phil will be preparing the sermon. If you would like to help with the lunch please see Phil.

Our Birthday Bash is set for February 28th in the church fellowship hall. We will begin at 4pm by decorating our birthday month table. Please bring whatever fun decorations you may have to use for your table. We are also asking everyone to bring a covered dish, dessert, or snack to share that remind you of your month. We will eat at 5pm. Afterwards we will have a few fun games and prizes.



If you have not signed up and would still like to, please do so on the sign up sheet located on the bulletin board downstairs.

If you have any questions please see Gerri or Dee.

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.

Aggie, Alex's family, Alta, Barb's family, Carol, Chelsea, David, Emily's dad, Harper's grandmother, Jeremy, Karen, Kieran, Laurie, Leroy's family, Pearl, Penny, Philip, Roy, Ron's sister, Ross, Tim, Titus, Tripp, Uncle Gordy's family, Mrs. Burket's family, the Good family, all caregivers, our leaders, the people in Venezuela & Iran, guidance & peace for the new year., and everyone affected by the snow and ice storm.



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
Zerbe Sisters
Nursing Center
2499 Zerbe Road
Room 10
Narvon, Pa. 17555

Alta Hoshour
Ephrata Manor
99 Bethany Rd
Room# 117A
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
Canned Fruit

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

Thank you for your continued support.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays



February

- 3 Jacob Cooper
- 5 Gerri Shober
- 6 Larry Klaassen
Kathi Moyer
Kim Evans
- 7 Kaitlyn Sprecher
- 8 Philip Harada
- 11 Lynda Cooper
- 15 Kristy Kuzniar
- 16 Mary Tamerius
- 19 Dee Sprecher
- 28 Phil Shober



Anniversaries

Carol & Sterling Smith - 33 years on February 14



Bible Quiz



The New Testament uses several Greek words to describe love. Which of the following best represents the **selfless, sacrificial love** that God shows to humanity?

- A. Eros
- B. Phileo
- C. Agape
- D. Storge



Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for
December 2025

Checking & MM Accounts

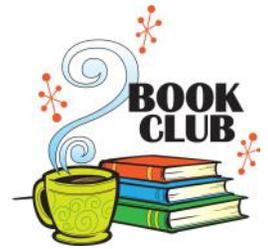
Beginning Balance	\$128,294.39
+ Receipts	11,438.68
- Disbursements	5,816.62
Ending Balance	\$133,916.45

December's offering only total was \$9,300.75.



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.

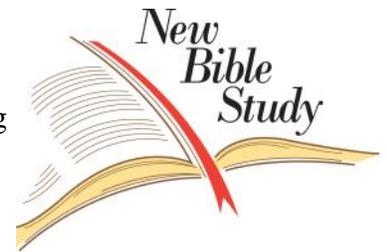
If you're interested in joining contact
Gerri at 717-575-1720.

Bible Study Update

The Ladies will be starting
a new study titled,
Heaven, Finding Our

True Home. In this eight-

session study book by LifeGuide, it provides a bibli-
cal perspective on heaven--something richer and
more exciting than we can imagine. If you would like
to take a peek, please pick up a book in the church
office. They ladies meet in the café area.



The men recently started a new series titled, "***Angels
Standing Guard***". This study explores what the Bible
really says about angels, including their service to
God and their ministry to people.
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.

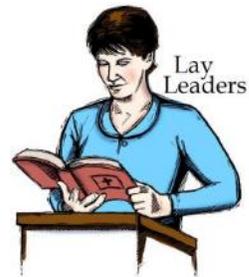
Online Worship: We are holding worship ser-
vices in person and streaming LIVE on YouTube.

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



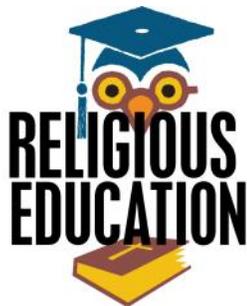
February 1 Judy Enck
 February 8 Mary Renninger
 February 15 Dee Sprecher **
 February 22 Cheryl Borja

February 1 Charlie Storms
 February 8 Tim Lutz
 February 15 Grace Shober
 February 22 Gerri Shober

March 1 Sara Renninger
 March 8 Gerri Shober
 March 15 Judy Enck
 March 22 Mary Renninger
 March 29 Dee Sprecher

March 1 Barry Gehman
 March 8 Mary Renninger
 March 15 Sharon Blechschmidt
 March 22 Kieran Connelly
 March 29 Lynda Cooper

** Indicates communion



February 1 FSB—no class
 February 8 Gerri Shober
 February 15 Children's Storytime –Grace
 February 22 Jane Hoshour

Nursery available as needed

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 March 8 Cheryl Borja
 March 15 Children's Storytime –Grace
 March 22 Gerri Shober
 March 29 Jane Hoshour

Sponsors



February 1	open
February 8	open
February 15	open
February 22	open
March 1	open
March 8	open
March 15	open
March 22	open
March 29	open

Christian Symbol

CORNERSTONE — The cornerstone is a symbol for Christ. It has Old Testament roots in Isaiah’s prophecy (Isaiah 28:16). In the New Testament, Christ is called the cornerstone in Ephesians 2:20. The IHC and XP on the stone’s sides are abbreviations for “Jesus” and “Christ” in Greek.



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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Sunday Blessing 10:30	2 Pancakes @ Paul's Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship 10:30	9	10	11 Men's & Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm	12 Choir Practice 7pm	13	14 Valentines Day
15 Worship 10:30 Communion	16 President's Day	17	18 Ash Wednesday	19	20	21
22 Worship 10:30 1st Sunday in Lent	23 Book Club 6:30	24	25	26 Lenten Luncheon	27	28 Birthday Bash