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The Epistle

is a monthly publication of St. Paul's UCC.

Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome!

Worship Services 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM; Sunday School at 9:15 AM;

Childcare available at 10:30 service

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6:30 am at Simpson Park

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FROM THE PASTOR

On Easter Sunday we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. We rejoice because one of our greatest fears, that when we physically die that is the end of our lives, has been shown to be false. There is life after death, there is eternal life with God, for one and for all. Yes, Jesus' willingness to die so we might know we all live, is worthy of a great celebration. When the fear of death no longer rules our thoughts and emotions, we can live life more fully, be in the world and in relationship with one another, as God created us to live.

There is even more to celebrate. Jesus demonstrates that confronting the powers that often control the world around us, those powers being the people who are only concerned about maintaining their position and wealth, is never done alone. The example of Jesus' actions, throughout his ministry, and in particular during Holy Week, shows us God calls us to confront those who willing harm others in order to protect their status. Jesus' confrontations are not violent in nature but are marked by healing and reaching out to those turned away; they do not invite division but demonstrate inclusion; they are not about putting oneself first but rather putting the wider community, the widest community of all people first. Jesus shows us God will be with us whenever we engage in similar confrontations and experience the consequences of challenging those in power. Jesus shows us the worst that can be done to us, is never the final word. New life awaits us, and the vision of the part we play in bringing God's dream for the world further into reality.

Jesus not only demonstrates that Resurrection occurs at the end of our physical lives but happens throughout our lives. Through the course of our lives, both when we are following God's way more or following it less, we can find ourselves at dead ends. We recognize we need to let something go, give up something, face our fears, if we are to go on. We must "die" to certain ideas about how things are supposed to work, who we thought

we were and where we thought we are going. Our culture teaches us a whole lot of these things that prove to be life-taking rather than life-giving. We need to let go of those "false" paths, "die" to ways that seem beneficial to us at first but prove to be harmful to most overall. Jesus demonstrates there is new life awaiting us, in this life, when we "die" to what keeps us from living as God would have us live.

We celebrate all these Resurrections, this New Life, on Easter. Let us open ourselves up to these great gifts God gives, bearing in mind the cost through which they are offered. God desperately wants us to believe in this gift of New Life, in all its manifestations, and endured much to offer it to us. May our lives reflect the gratitude we feel.

May we each and all have a Blessed Easter.

Peace, Rev. John

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. PAUL'S UCC?

We hope so! For those people interested in becoming members of our congregation, our next meeting is scheduled for April 8 at Noon, after the late Worship Service. Even if you are not sure you want to become a member at this time, please come and participate. We will meet in the Sanctuary, so please feel free to get something to eat or drink if we have Fellowship that Sunday, use the restroom and then return. It will be closer to Noon that we will gather. This is your chance to gather together and ask questions, receive materials, and learn more about St. Paul's and the United Church of Christ. If you are interested but cannot make the meeting, please contact me and we can arrange a time to talk. We will be receiving New Members during a 10:30 AM Worship Service on a Sunday in late April or early May that works best for those interested in joining. If you have any questions, please see or call 717-766-7931 and/or email revjohnwd@outlook.com Thank you.

Peace, Rev. John

Thank you for your Generosity!

Total collected for One Great Hour of Sharing offering was \$815.00.



Check us out at www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org/
Check out the time to signup links under the Serving Others tab & upcoming Events under the Events tab.

St. Paul's also has Instagram and Twitter!

Please follow us @stpaulsuccmech for updates, announcements, and news about church happenings. If you have an idea for social media posts, please contact Chelsey Wirth at chelseyaw@gmail.com.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

4/01 Easter

Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Psalm 181:1-2, 14-24 John 20:1-18

4/08 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2
Psalm 133 John 20:19-31

4/15 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-17
Psalm 4 Luke 24:36b-48

4/22 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24
Psalm 23 John 10:11-18

4/29 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:7-21
Psalm 22:25-31 John 15:1-8

GRADUATION is quickly approaching. All college and high school graduates please turn a wallet size picture, graduation information (name, school and degree) and future plans into the church office by **April 29th** for St. Paul's graduation display. The pictures will be returned. If you can't get all the information in by the 29th, please let Terry Shaner know the basic information and get the rest into the church office as soon as possible.

Hartman Center Summer Camp - Shake off those winter blues and jump into summer by registering for Summer Camp at Hartman Center! Go to www.hartmancenter.com to learn about camps and to register. *Remember to register before March 31 to receive the early bird discount of 10% off.* Please check out the bulletin board near the church office for a camp schedule and Hartman Center fun, as well as paper registration forms if needed! St. Paul's believes so much in the power of the Hartman Center experience, we will reimburse 25% of the cost per child (and up to 50% for active youth members grades 6-12) for one week of camp. Consider participating in this Christian community nestled in the midst of God's creation. Questions? Feel free to contact Pam MacKinnon at p.mackinnon@yahoo.com or 717-796-1064. See you at camp!

Hartman Center Golf Outing on May 12 - Join the fun at Fairview Golf Course in Lebanon County while raising funds for our beloved facility and camper scholarships! Greens fees, cart, golf, gifts, and dinner are \$80. per golfer. Shotgun start, with a scramble format, begins at 1:30 pm. See our Hartman Center bulletin board or visit www.hartmancenter.cm for more details!





THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Adriana Brice & Family (Smith); **Amy Adam** (Lill); **Jim Adams** (Mullin); **Kevin Allison**; **Alvis** (Smith); **Kris Amtower**; **Anna** (Stone); **Janie Atland** (Warfield); **Phil Barletta** (Rhoads); **Jack Benoist** (Ritter); **Louise Bergstresser** (Sutton); **Bill** (P. Miller); **Bill, Bob & Nancy** (Gabriel); **George Bingaman**; **Geoffrey Biringer** (Velez); **Jeannie Books, Walter Alvarez & family** (Rhoads); **Chris & Tina Bowers-Paris**; **Nadine Boyer**; **Brett** (Sizemore); **Brittany** (Murphy); **Kevin Broniak**(Cowan); **Debby Browning** (S. Miller); **Nancy Cabrera** (Runkle); **John & Marge Campbell**(Reemes); **Carl** (Bender); **Carol** (Riesmeyer); **Judy Carlson** (P. Miller); **Gladys Cashman**; **Jamie Cecil** (Wirth); **Eddie Chandler** (Aumiller); **Dick Charles** (Tom Stone); **Kirt Chronister**; **Ruth Chronister**; **Alanna Clark** (Ritter); **Pat Cleland**; **Libby Coldsmith** (Rhoads); **Frankie Coluntuna** (Eichman); **Mary Lou Dallam** (Stone); **Theo Davies** (Cowan); **Richard Davis** (Jones); **Rita Davidson** (Plymette); **Dawn** (Mullin); **Cindy Debellis** (Murphy); **Donna Delfava**(Mihmet/Myers); **Dennis & Kristy** (Murphy); **Diane & Kitty** (Murphy); **Jim Dougherty** (Ritter); **Grace Drager**; **Allen Dreibelbis**; **Dixon & Peg Earley** (Rushong); **Eddie** (Kern); **Linda Eichelberger** (Chronster); **Elaysia** (Nalepka); **Lydia Farrell**; **Bob & Eve Fenner**; **Ms. Gloria Fitz** (Simpson); **Jane Fleming** (Knox); **Ron Flory** (Keith); **The Fowler Family** (Runkle); **Fenton Fox**; **Anne French** (Ward-Diorio); **Ron Gabriel**; **Lenny Gardner** (Shearer); **Paulette Garrison** (Bender); **Ashten Gentzle** (Boyer); **George** (B. Thompson); **Peggy Gilbert** (Sizemore); **Gina & Family** (Sharp); **Gloria** (Davinroy); **Harold Good** (Bomberger); **Betty Goodfellow** (Ritter); **Floyd Gouse**; **Shirley Grammer**; **Earl Grimm** (Murphy); **Tim Groller & Family** (Mullin); **Jennifer Grove** (Ward-Diorio); **Jane Hall**; **Bill Hanna** (Shea); **Lynn Hannon** (L. Miller); **Terri Harter** (Haagen); **Mike Hatz**; **Leslie Hocker** (Brown); **Joshua Holbrook** (Nolan); **Pam Hurley** (Mullin); **Jacob** (Murphy); **Jane** (Knox); **Jay** (Murphy); **Will & Jean Jones**; **Jenny, Eric & Erica** (Lingenfelter); **Deb & Gary, Sean Johnson-McNutt** (Ward-Diorio); **Jonathan & Karen** (Wirth); **Lisa & John** (Mullin); **Lily Jordan** (Mullin); **Wally Kahn** (Mullin); **Nancy Keith**; **Terry Keller** (Gabriel); **Kim** (S. Kline); **Ralph Kiner Jr.**; **Dot Kinzer**; **Dave Kirkwood** (Ward-Diorio); **Sandy Kline**; **Rich Kline**; **Shirley & John Knisely**; **Roger Krebs** (P. Miller); **Randy Krepps**; **Laura, Father & family** (Riesmeyer); **Laurie & Family**(Murphy); **Bonnie Lengle** (B. Thompson); **Lenks Family**

(Carson/Foukes); **Linda** (Bingaman); **Erin Lively & Family** (A. Thompson); **Naomi Losch** (Endy); **Colin Loy** (White); **Kelly Lynch** (Wirth); **Irene Macconnell-Davinroy**; **Austin Malone** (Trout); **Margie** (Haagen); **Marie** (Murphy); **Sean McDonald** (Rushong); **Mary** (Rhoads); **Melissa McCord** (Gabriel); **MaryAnn & George McManus** (Aumiller); **Michel & Family** (Fox/Holtzapple); **Charles Miller** (Lloyd and Matthew's dad); **Mary Louise Miller**; **Melissa Miller** (Bender); **Miller Family** (Mihmet/Myers); **Family & Friends of Jean Mogel**; **Roxanne & Steve Morgan** (Dundore); **Tammy Mullen & Family** (Allison); **Tommy Mullin**; **Randy Murphy**; **Patricia Nalepka** (Jon Nalepka); **Nathan** (Herrold); **Noah** (Sue Miller); **Marty & Samantha O'Driscoll & Family** (Rushong); **Oliver & Family** (Velez); **Tony Olseski** (Cowan); **Jack Oren** (Trout); **Owen** (Ditorio); **Richard Palazzo** (Weiser); **Cheryl Parsons** (Dundore); **Lynne & Judy Patton** (Taylor); **Jim Pilsner** (Rhoads); **Rev. Dr. Anabel Proffitt**(A. Thompson); **Marian Quinlan & Bert Carlson** (Ward-Diorio); **Alan Rearick** (Haagen); **Richard Reba** (Richenbacher); **Reed & Ziegler Families**; **Robert Reiner** (Bender); **Amy Rhoads**; **Joyce Rice** (Eichman); **Mike Riesmeyer**; **Robert** (Sack); **Lisha Robertson & Family**; **Adam Rohrbaugh** (Bender); **Bill Ross** (Mullin); **Kate Roventini & Family** (Boyer); **Marian Royer**; **Benny Rushong**; **Emily Russo** (Mullin); **Sam** (Freeman); **Irv Sanders**; **Tom Schiffgens**; **Dennis Scouler** (Rushong); **Joyce Sealover** (Sutton); **Erin Shane** (Thorpe); **Maya Shapiro** (R. Thompson); **Rafe Shearer** (P. Miller); **Bill Siemon** (Warfield); **Mike Siemons** (Wood); **Andy Sislo** (Aumiller); **Conner Snow & Family**; **James Sowell** (Sandy Kline); **Clarence Steck**; **Barbara Sterner**; **Steven** (MLC); **Derek Stull** (Rhoads); **Sue** (Sizemore); **Alex Szeles** (Jones); **Cathy Thomas**; **Jeannette Thorpe**; **Austin Tichenor** (Gladwin); **Tina** (Lois Ritter); **Craig Triplett** (Boyer); **Joshua Trout** (Eckman); **Flo Turner** (B. Thompson); **George Tutino** (Boyer); **Tom Van Hall & Family** (Sutton); **Roger VanLoan** (Ritter); **Skooter VanKirk** (Wightman); **Vicki** (Sizemore); **Noah Weaver** (Haagen); **Joe Weidel** (Murphy); **Jason White**; **John White**; **Rev. Jeff Whitman**(Velez); **Peg Wightman**; **Rose Marie H. Williams** (Stone); **Eleanor Witt**; **Fran Wolford**; **Beth & Steve Woods** (Riesmeyer); **Alexa, Lacey Worrall & Family** (Ward-Diorio); **Jacqueline Young** (Wentz); **Aimee Yowell** (Eichman); **Keith Zimmerman**; **John Zink** (Thorpe)

Please review the above prayer list and let Terry in the Church office know if anyone is able to be removed.



Choir Schedule

- 4/01 8:00 am Youth Choir
10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 4/08 8:00 am Chancel Choir
10:30 am Youth Choir
- 4/14 Chancel Choir at American Composer Festival
- 4/15 10:30 am Hand Chimes, Choristers at Children's Message
- 4/22 8:00 & 10:30 Am Youth Choir (Youth Sunday)
- 4/29 8:00 am Youth Choir
10:30 am Chancel Choir

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ACOLYTES

- 4/01 8:00 Grace Simpson
10:30 Grace Simpson
- 4/08 8:00 Joe Eichman
10:30 Grace Simpson
- 4/15 8:00
10:30 Evan June Pineo
- 4/22 8:00 Grace Simpson
10:30
- 4/29 8:00 Evan June Pineo
10:30 Keira Nalepka

GREETERS

- 4/01 8:00 Carolyn Rutherford, Martha Keith
10:30 Susan Gabriel,
- 4/08 8:00 Donna Sponsler,
10:30 Jean & John Layne
- 4/15 8:00 Jean & Willard Jones
10:30 Bonnie & Dennis Plymette
- 4/22 8:00 Dale Thorpe & Don Dupes
10:30 Lynn Carson, Judith Clovsky
- 4/29 8:00 Colleen Eichman, Joanne Miller
10:30

LECTORS

- 4/01 8:00 Tom Stone
10:30 Kathy Williams
- 4/08 8:00 Mary Runkle
10:30 Dennis Plymette
- 4/15 8:00 Joanne Miller
10:30 Paula Boyer
- 4/22 8:00 & 10:30 Youth Sunday
- 4/29 8:00 Rick Ayers
10:30 Patty Scott

USHERS

Head Usher: Deb Cashman

COMMUNION PREP

4/01 Pew Donna Sterner, Nancy Steck, Brynn Bergstresser, Terry & Gene Shaner

FLOWER DELIVERY

- 4/01 Chelsey Wirth
- 4/08 Molly & Chris Cowan
- 4/15 Joan & Ernie Moyer
- 4/22 Merikay & Don Wood
- 4/29 Patty & Dave Scott

NURSERY

- 4/01 Sue Ward-Diorio, Becky Thompson
- 4/08 Liane Gladwin, Martha Keith
- 4/15 Melissa Cawley,
- 4/22 Terry Shaner,
- 4/29 Kim Nalepka,



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| 02 Bill Cashman
Taylor Garman
Peg Wightman | 17 Heather Alison
19 Thomas Stavely
20 Megan Kern
Xavier Sufrin |
| 07 Deb Kassahun
Suzanne Sentman | 22 Herb Sutton |
| 10 Shannon Laughery
Joanne Miller | 23 Timothy Kiner
Victoria Velez |
| 11 Becky Drazba
Jennifer McCorkel
Kim Pirtle | 24 Bridget Reemes
Jordan Thompson |
| 12 Julia Patton
Matt Stumpf | 25 Sarah Murphy
28 Danielle Baker
Ron Gabriel |
| 14 Eleanor Witt | 30 Krista Bensel
Ally Moyer |
| 16 Herb Bomberger
Jim Paulus | |



- 08 Sandi & Bill Sack
- 10 Rhonda and Jake Jacobsen
- 19 Shirley and Greg Knox
- 23 Mary and Jack Runkle
- 24 Jennifer and Mike McCorkel
- 27 Gail and Butch Parthree

Adult 2 Updates - All are invited to attend.

For additional information, please email Shirley Keith Knox at skeithknox@comcast.net.

Sunday, April 8th, 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Gender Conversations with Children taught by Dr. Molly Cowan

Gender is something everyone thinks they understand, but most people really don't. In fact GENDER is a tough subject to tackle. There are many facets to consider, a lot of pressures at play, and we have all been conditioned in such a way that our first instinct is often wrong. It's difficult to understand it ourselves, and explaining it to our children can present additional challenges. Join the Adult 2 Sunday School class to learn more about Conversations with Children. Molly is a clinical psychologist specializing in working with clients on issues around gender and sexuality.

Sunday, April 29th, 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Understanding Islam & the Hadee Mosque Community in Harrisburg

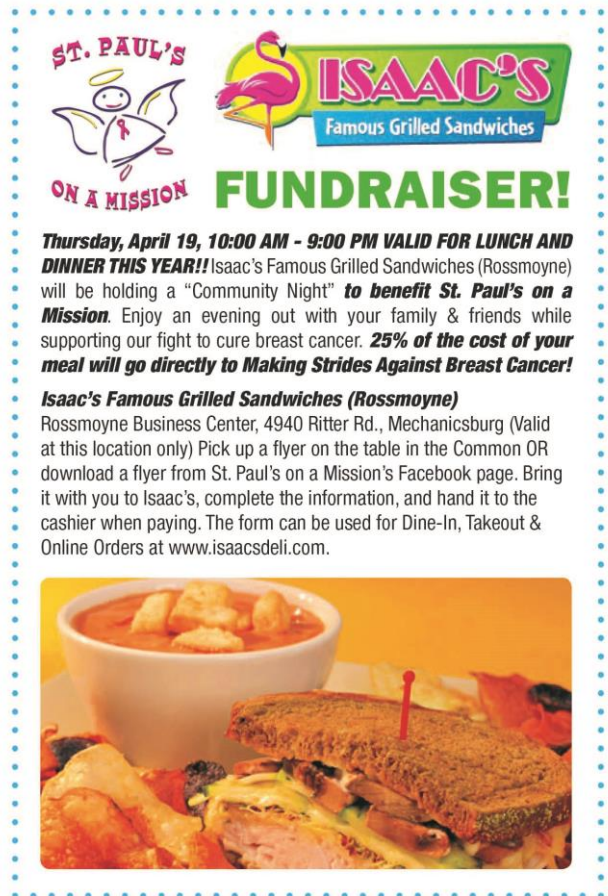
Guests from the Hadee Mosque in Harrisburg will join the Adult 2 for discussion about Islam. Our conversation will include the following topics: 1) What does your faith teach about compassion, love, and community? 2) How do you read your holy book - the Koran - in a literal sense? We look forward to learning more about the Islam faith and the Hadee Mosque community.

The United Church of Christ Homes is holding their annual Helping Hands Dinner & Auction on Saturday, May 5. *This year, St. Paul's will contribute a Coffee Lovers gift basket.* If you'd like to make a monetary donation towards the cost of the basket items, please place in an envelope in the offering plate marked for UCC Homes Basket, cash or checks payable to St. Paul's, no later than **Sunday, April 8th**. Contact Melissa Cawley with any questions. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES NEWS:

New Hope's annual geranium sale – just a few days left to order geraniums! Order forms are on the New Hope Bulletin board in the commons and should be returned to Karen or Kevin Allison by **April 8th**. Flower pick up is at New Hope Ministries on Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg on Saturday May 12th between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

New Hope's annual Walk for Hope is being held **Sunday April 22nd at 2 pm at Hampden Twp. Park**. All monies donated benefit New Hope Ministries in their effort to fight hunger and poverty in our community. Anyone wishing to walk to represent St. Paul's should contact Karen or Kevin Allison. If unable to walk, please consider being a sponsor for a walker. Walker registration and sponsor forms are on the table by the New Hope Bulletin Board, and on the website. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need through Walk for Hope!



ST. PAUL'S
ON A MISSION

ISAAC'S
Famous Grilled Sandwiches

FUNDRAISER!

Thursday, April 19, 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM VALID FOR LUNCH AND DINNER THIS YEAR!! Isaac's Famous Grilled Sandwiches (Rossmoyne) will be holding a "Community Night" **to benefit St. Paul's on a Mission**. Enjoy an evening out with your family & friends while supporting our fight to cure breast cancer. **25% of the cost of your meal will go directly to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer!**

Isaac's Famous Grilled Sandwiches (Rossmoyne)
Rossmoyne Business Center, 4940 Ritter Rd., Mechanicsburg (Valid at this location only) Pick up a flyer on the table in the Common OR download a flyer from St. Paul's on a Mission's Facebook page. Bring it with you to Isaac's, complete the information, and hand it to the cashier when paying. The form can be used for Dine-In, Takeout & Online Orders at www.isaacsdeli.com.



ST. PAUL'S ON A RUN - Put on your running (or walking) shoes and join St. Paul's on the Run at the Race Against Racism. The race supports the YWCA's mission to eliminate racism, empower women and girls, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The 5K run/walk, which begins and ends at Soldier's Grove behind the State Capitol Building, will be held Saturday, April 28, 2018 beginning at 8:30 AM. *Registration fee \$26 but receive a discount if you register prior to March 31st.* Make sure you select St. Paul's on the Run as your team when you register. <http://www.ywcahbg.org/events/2018-race-against-racism#.WpA0-yOZO-p>. Contact Kathy Aumiller (kaumiler56@gmail.com or 717-580-6292) with any questions.



Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday March 29th at 6:30 PM. Entire Service will be in Fellowship Hall focusing on the Last Supper. Light Meal served.



Good Friday Service: Friday March 30th 7:30 PM Similar to the Tenebrae; light and shadow, readings, prayer and reflection



Easter Egg Hunt: Holy Saturday March 31st, 9:50 AM – meet in Fellowship Hall. Hunt will start promptly at 10 AM. All children, toddlers through 5th grades, are invited to come out and hunt Easter eggs. Don't forget your bag or basket to carry your eggs in. Youth 6th Grades and older, if you would like to help with the hunt, please let Allyssa Boyer know!

Easter Sunday April 1st



6:30 AM at Simpson Park Pavilion. **Directions:** the park is in Upper Allen Township, 4.5 miles from St. Paul's where the Yellow Breeches meets South York

Rd. From Mechanicsburg, take South Market St. (Route 114) to where it intersects with Lisburn Road, at the bottom of the steep hill in Bowmansdale, continue straight through intersection (do not turn left onto RT 114 Lisburn Rd), you are now on South York Rd. Go under the railroad overpass and immediately make a left into Simpson Park's parking lot. The Pavilion is up the path on your right.

Easter Services at St. Paul's: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship with Pew Communion (gluten free option available)



9:15 AM in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us at 9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall for our annual Easter Morning Breakfast. Everyone is invited!

We will need some volunteers to help with set-up of the tables, cooking/serving and clean-up. Drinks and place settings will be provided. Ovens will be available to cook or warm hot items during the Early Service.



THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - will meet at 1 PM Tuesday April 10th in the Parlor. The Prayer Shawls will

be blessed at both services on Sunday March 18th.

CHORAL CONCERT featuring: The River City Singers and the Boiling Springs High School Concert Choir

On Saturday evening April 14th at 7:00 PM, all are invited to attend a concert combining these two wonderful choirs. This will be an evening of varied repertoire including several spiritual pieces, a Beatles medley, a version of "In the Mood," and other surprises. A free will or love offering will be received and shared between the two choirs.

The River City Singers are a community chorus with a mission: *To serve our community by sharing choral music through high quality performances. To welcome volunteer singers and instrumentalists from all ages, faiths, ethnicities, and gender identities. To provide distinctive and dynamic entertainment in the Susquehanna Valley and*

beyond. To dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of musical excellence through our performances and programs. To nurture and develop the skills of our choral musicians, to increase community appreciation for the choral arts and to encourage support through public performances and collaboration with other artists and arts organizations. To strive to sing for those who have no voice.

The Boiling Springs High School Concert Choir has sung at various events and locations and includes two familiar faces from our Youth Choir.

This promises to be a wonderful evening of music. Please come join us.

Sunday April 15th - A Movie “Gender Revolution”, Pizza & Conversation, 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm at St. Paul’s UCC.

Gender Revolution explores the societal conflict brought on by evolving gender identities and roles. Katie Couric sets out across America to meet with leading scientists, physicians, and experts to answer questions about gender and gender identity. Couric speaks with everyday people who find their lives and bodies on the front line of a changing world. This documentary examines the roles of science, society, and culture with regard to gender. The DVD sheds light on stories of struggle, understanding, ignorance and LOVE. Rated PG-13 due to language. RVSP via <https://www.timetosignup.com/stpaulsucc/form/9364> or let Terry in the Church office know and she will sign you up. RSVP’s requested, not required. Questions, see Shirley Keith Knox.

St. Paul’s Youth are excited to plan, prepare, and lead worship on **Youth Sunday, April 22, 2018**. This year’s theme is “Earth Justice for Each Generation.” We would love to worship with you at both the 8:00 am or 10:30 am services. If you would like to help provide breakfast for the youth, please sign up at <https://goo.gl/Ub5ZhK>.

Pollyannas will be having this month’s lunch meeting 11:30 am, Tuesday, April 24 at Brother’s Family Restaurant. Please call Bonnie Plymette (697-2938) if you are planning to attend.

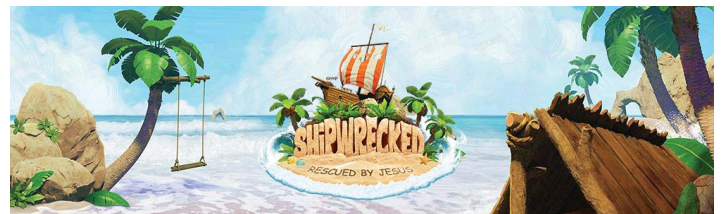
Youth loving God and fighting hunger – that’s what **30 Hour Famine** is all about! While fasting for 30 hours, youth join in fun activities to learn about, and advocate for, food justice. The fast begins at 12 noon on Friday, April 27. Youth will gather at church that evening at 7:00 pm, sleep over in the church, and do local food aid mission work on Saturday. We’ll break our fast with a meal at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Adults, we could use your help: supervising youth on Friday evening, sleeping over at the church, driving youth Saturday morning and afternoon, or bringing a covered dish to share with us Saturday evening. If you can help in any of these ways, or if you are a youth who would like to participate, please contact Allyssa Boyer at allyssaboyer@outlook.com.

Property Corner - Saturday, May 5th.

Property clean-up and mulch spreading. Help is needed and greatly appreciated! We will start at 9 am. The more helpers, the quicker we will get done! Thanks Don Wood.

Sunday, May 20th - 15th Year Anniversary of St. Paul's ONA Vote

Fifteen years ago, members of St. Paul's took a bold step! We became the first Open & Affirming church within the Penn Central Conference of Pennsylvania. Our journey continues as we reach out with love to the LGBTIQ+ members of our community, raise awareness and understanding, and work to end oppression and discrimination. Join us on May 20th to remember the covenant we took on May 18, 2003 and commit ourselves to continuing this amazing journey. Stay tuned for further details!



Save the Dates - St. Paul’s 2018 VBS Program “Shipwrecked” June 18th – June 21st