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AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

The Epistle

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

Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome!

Sunday School @ 9:15 AM

Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 AM .

Childcare available at 10:30 service

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STAFF

Pastor The Rev. John J. Ward-Diorio
Pastor/ CE & Youth Dir.....Allyssa A. Boyer
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SextonMichael W. Hatz
Consistory PresidentArt Williams
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Ministers.....The Entire Congregation of St. Paul's



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FROM THE PASTOR

Just so you know, we have not forgotten about Lent. Easter is late this year and Ash Wednesday does not occur until March 6. We will be having both afternoon and evening Lenten Reading groups, starting March 11. Please keep your eyes and ears tuned for what book we will be reading.

We are trying at least a couple of new events in the near future. Given how busy everyone is, we try and find some new or different activities, at various times, so we might have more opportunities for fellowship with each other and offer a chance to invite friends of ours from the wider Community.

We will be having on-going discussions about implementing some of our Dreams and Visions. As you heard at our Annual Meeting, we will be proceeding with work on all three of our roofs, including deliberations about the use of greener materials, and possibly solar panels. Such discussions need wide input, since they involve making choices that will affect costs and how well we are reflecting our calls to be more environmentally conscious and committed.

We are constructing our future. We have been blessed with a wonderful and functional building. In its planning, forward thinking was implemented, and we have benefited. We want to pass on to future Congregations, future members of the Body of Christ, a building that allows us to follow our calls to love our neighbors, love our children and love the earth. We want to create space that enhances our ministries and does not drain resources or attention from them.

Talking about our physical building does not preclude talking about how else we might engage in serving God by serving others. We have Dreams and Visions about that as well. We don't need to limit sharing ideas and hopes to formal meetings. Please talk with me or Art Williams or with others in the Congregation and bring those thoughts forward. The best ideas come from folks who are involved in our life together. Offer them up.

I know talking about such plans can be scary in that it means something different or new, and it

necessitates a whole lot of money. So, let us talk about those fears too. Our fears can warn us about danger, which is appropriate, but they can also hold us back from stepping into the unknown, even when that is what we are called to do. Talking together helps us view our fears more clearly.

We are in the midst of an exciting time. Let us journey together.

Peace, Rev. John

New Members' Meetings

Calling all faithful and inquiring souls!!! St. Paul's United Church of Christ will be hosting two meetings for people interested in becoming members of our congregation. On Sundays February 17 and 24, after the 10:30 Service, we will meet in the Sanctuary. We will be receiving new members during a Worship Service that works for the most people sometime in March or April.

If you are interested in becoming a member, we ask that you attend one of the two meetings. If you have schedule conflicts, but still would like to join, please speak with me (Rev. John), or if you would prefer to talk first privately. These Sunday meetings are informational in nature, sharing a little bit about who we are as a congregation, what the United Church of Christ is like and what being a member of St. Paul's entails. We also try to answer any questions you might have. We will distribute materials relating to our Congregation and Denomination for your further reference.

If you are curious about, absolutely sure or somewhere in-between in your desire to become a member of St. Paul's UCC, please come, listen and ask questions. If you want to go over anything in advance or after those meetings, please contact me.

Thank you, Rev. John

Rev. John Ward-Diorio; 717 766-7931;

revjohnwd@outlook.com

St Paul's Building Committee Update:

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Congregational meeting in January and participated in the vote to authorize us to engage an architect firm and to begin the process of getting bids to replace roofs.

By the time you read this, the full Building Committee will have convened Monday, Jan 28 for a kick-off meeting.

As we discussed in the Annual Congregational meeting, we are looking at upgrades that cover things like roofs, bathrooms and HVAC, but also looking at environmentally sustainable changes such as solar panels and geothermal heat. And we are forming a team dedicated to improve the appearance and 'welcoming' look of our building. The Building Committee will meet monthly and work with an architect and vendors. Our plan is to present options and recommendations in a Congregational meeting soon after the Easter holiday. In the meantime, the Building Committee will post all minutes, etc. so everyone can stay informed and engaged. After the Congregational Meeting, we had several people approach us with ideas and suggestions (all of which are being considered); as well as offers to help. We hope to keep everyone in the congregation engaged as we move forward.

Eric Dundore & Art Williams, Co-chairs: Building Committee

Treasurer's Report – December 2018 - YTD
income December 2018 was \$425,581.25 total expenses \$352,914.51 leaving a positive balance of \$ 72,666.74 at this point in time. Please note as previously stated, the income includes \$52,522.26 from the Estate of Ruth Wrightstone. A complete set of the minutes from the last Consistory meeting can be found on the bulletin board in the commons.

Parish Ministries Survey

St. Paul's Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner is normally held the day before Ash Wednesday (hence Shrove Tuesday.) We have been holding this in Fellowship Hall that Tuesday evening at 6 pm and the meal consists of pancakes, bacon and sausage. Over the past few years, the attendance has been coming down. We do understand that it is not easy for

anyone who has a job to make it on a Tuesday evening. An idea has come up to have a special Fellowship Time on the Sunday before (March 3rd this year.). Since both choirs' sing that Sunday, the thought is to do it between services in the commons. So, throwing the question out there – should we do the special fellowship? Or do you want to continue to do the pancake dinner that this year would be on Tuesday March 5th. Please respond back to Terry in the Church Office, 717-766-7931 or stpaulstaff@outlook.com by Friday February 15th! Thanks!

2019 CONSISTORY

Officers

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| President | Art Williams |
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Council/Committee Assignments

Stewardship Council–Melissa Cawley
Chair- Kim Pirtle

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Chair-Allyssa Boyer

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Chair-Kevin Allison

Property Committee-Eric Dundore,
Chair-

Called to Care-Carol Sizemore
Chair-Martha Keith

Finance Committee-Art Williams

Daycare Committee-Dennis Plymette

Bazaar Committee-Mary Runkle
Chairs-Jenn Martek/Kathy Williams

Worship Committee-Shawna Simpson
Worship Chair-Eric Dundore
Chancel Chair-Sтивен Roush



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Jim Adams (Mullin); Aimee (Mitchell); Kevin Allison; Alvis (Smith); Kris Amtower; Larry Anderson (Runkle); Wendy Anderson (A. Thompson); **Anthonie & Family** (Trout); **Kim & Chris Antonucci** (Grice); **Jon & Nancy Barto & Family** (White); **Donald Beaver** (Keith); **Joann Bender**; **Jack Benoist** (Ritter); **Rev. Dr. Susan Bertolette** (A. Thompson); **Bill** (P. Miller); **Bill, Bob & Nancy** (Gabriel); **George Bingaman**; **Sarah Blumenschein and family** (Aumiller); **Nadine Boyer**; **Chris & Tina Bowers**; **Joan Brenizer** (Rhoads); **Brian** (Shearer); **Adriana Brice & Family** (Smith); **Missy Brouch** (Myers/Mihmet); **Debby Browning** (S. Miller); **Anna Burns**; **Nancy Cabrera** (Runkle); **Marge Campbell** (Sharp); **Candace** (Stine); **Carl** (Bender); **Carol** (Riesmeyer); **Caroline** (Rhoads); **Ana Carr** (Rushong); **Jamie Cecil** (Wirth); **Eddie Chandler** (Aumiller); **Chase & Family** (P. Miller); **Kirt Chronister**; **Pat Cleland**; **Frankie Coluntuna** (Eichman); **Mary Lou Dallam** (Stone); **Dan** (Stone); **Dorothy & Rev. Robert Davidson** (Layne); **Rita Davidson** (Plymette); **Deb & Ned** (A. Thompson); **Ethan Dixon & Family**; **Jim Dougherty** (Ritter); **Sue Dove**; **Grace Drager**; **Allen Dreibelbis**; **Faye Dunne** (Mitchell); **Dixon & Peg Earley** (Rushong); **Eddie** (Kern); **Linda Eichelberger** (Chronster); **Elaysia** (Nalepka); **Jim Erb** (Kern); **Karen Erway** (Rushong); **Lydia Farrell**; **Bob & Eve Fenner**; **Tom Figiel** (Weiser); **The Fowler Family** (Runkle); **Diane Freeman**; **Anne French** (Ward-Diorio); **Ron Gabriel**; **Lenny Gardner** (Shearer); **Paulette Garrison** (Bender); **Gary** (A. Thompson); **George** (Gabriel); **George** (B. Thompson); **Joyce Gerstenlauer** (Dundore); **Peggy & Dave Gilbert** (Sizemore); **Gina & Family** (Sharp); **Gloria** (Davinroy); **Harold Good** (Bomberger); **Betty Goodfellow** (Ritter); **Shirley Grammer**; **Tim Groller & Family** (Mullin); **Jennifer Grove** (Ward-Diorio); **Jane Hall**; **Ed Haller** (Keith); **Bill Hanna** (Shea); **Gavin Harris** (Cowan); **Mike Hatz**; **Mandi Hannah** (Hoehn); **Phyllis Hershey**; **Leslie Hocker** (Brown); **Joshua Holbrook** (Nolan); **Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple**; **Jay Houser** (Haagen); **Chuck Hurley** (Fox); **Jamie** (Dundore); **Jane** (Ritter); **Jean** (Gabriel); **Jenny, Eric & Erica** (Lingenfelter); **Jessica** (Stine); **Jonathan & Karen** (Wirth); **Lily Jordan** (Mullin); **Juliette** (P. Miller); **Rev. Dr. Chris Kennedy** (Ward-Diorio); **Kim** (S. Kline); **Jeff & Lyle King**; **Dot Kinzer**; **Sandy Kline**; **Rich Kline**; **Shirley & John Knisely**; **Randy Krepps**; **John Kulik & Family** (Aumiller); **Jean & John Layne**; **Bonnie Lengle** (B. Thompson); **Lenks Family** (Carson/Foukes); **Linda** (Bingaman); **Naomi Losch** (Endy); **Colin Loy** (White); **Kelly Lynch** (Wirth); **Irene Macconnell-Davinroy**; **Martin Malone** (Riesmeyer); **Cook Mann** (Davinroy); **Sean McDonald** (Rushong); **Mary** (Rhoads); **Phyllis Martz**; **Linda Meola** (Roush); **Michel & Family** (Fox/Holtzapple); **Adriana Miller**; **Brandon Miller**; **Charles Miller** (Lloyd and Matthew's dad); **Hayden Miller**; **Mary Louise Miller**; **Lee & Connie Miller** (Dundore); **Linda Miller**; **Melissa Miller** (Bender);

Roxanne & Steve Morgan (Dundore); **Wendy Mowery** (Aumiller); **Tammy Mullen & Family** (Allison); **Tommy Mullin**; **Jennifer Muthersbaugh** (Trout); **Patricia Nalepka** (Jon Nalepka); **Stephen O'Driscoll & Family** (Rushong); **David Ordonia** (Myers); **Linda Osborn** (Moore); **Ann Palazzo** (Weiser); **Lynne Patton** (Taylor); **Jim Pilsner** (Rhoads); **Nancy Prucha** (Hoehn); **Marion Quinlan** (Ward-Diorio); **Randy** (Bender); **Carl Raudabaugh** (S. Thompson); **Richard Reba** (Richenbacher); **Reed & Ziegler Families**; **Robert Reiner** (Bender); **Amy Rhoads**; **Jo Rice** (Rushong); **Joyce Rice** (Eichman); **Mike Riesmeyer**; **Paul Ringenbach** (Wirth); **Robert** (Sack); **Lisha Robertson & Family**; **Adam Rohrbaugh** (Bender); **Rosemary** (Simpson); **Colleen Rohlfs** (Grice); **Bill Ross** (Mullin); **Jerry Roventini & Family** (Boyer); **Marian Royer**; **Benny Rushong**; **Sam** (Freeman); **Irv Sanders**; **Sarah & Tom** (Guelcher); **Tom Schiffgens**; **Rev. Glenn Schultz**; **Dennis Scouler** (Rushong); **Joyce Sealover** (Sutton); **Joy Shaefer** (Warfield); **Erin Shane** (Thorpe); **Maya Shapiro** (R. Thompson); **Rafe Shearer** (P. Miller); **Bill Siemon** (Warfield); **Mike Siemons** (Wood); **Andy Sislo** (Aumiller); **Conner Snow & Family**; **Jacob Snyder** (Wentz); **Sue Snyder** (Bowers); **Harry Sommers** (Stone); **James Sowell** (Sandy Kline); **Clarence & Nancy Steck and Donna Sterner**; **Barbara Sterner**; **Joanne Stine & Family**; **Sue** (Sizemore); **Briana Thomas**; **Cathy Thomas**; **Jeannette Thorpe**; **Austin Tichenor** (Gladwin); **Linda Till**; **Todd & Family** (Morell); **Doug Townsen** (S. Miller); **Tracy** (Guelcher); **Craig Triplett** (Boyer); **Shannon Trout**; **Flo Turner** (B. Thompson); **George Tutino** (Boyer); **Tom Tuttle** (Trout); **Bill Utley** (Boyer); **Tom Van Hall & Family** (Sutton); **Roger VanLoan** (Ritter); **Skooter VanKirk** (Wightman); **Ceci Viti** (Warfield); **Vicki** (Sizemore); **Anthony Warner** (Simpson); **John West** (Boyer); **John White**; **Rev. Jeff Whitman** (Velez); **Dave Wightman** (Trout); **Peg Wightman**; **Elaine Williams** (A. Thompson); **Rose Marie H. Williams** (Stone); **Fran Wolford**; **Beth & Steve Woods** (Riesmeyer); **Alexa, Lacey Worrall & Family** (Ward-Diorio); **Jacqueline Young** (Wentz); **Kevin Young** (A. Thompson); **Aimee Yowell** (Eichman)



2/03 8:00 am Youth Choir
10:30 am Chancel Choir
2/10 10:30 am Chancel Choir
2/17 10:30 am Hand Chimes
2/24 8:00 am & 10:30 am Youth Choir
10:30 am Choristers at
Children's Message time.



Please visit the church website to sign up for Acolyte, Flower Delivery, Greeter, Lectors, Nursery and Usher Duties. You will find the individual signup sheets under the "Serving Others" menu heading. Thank you. While there if you want to sign up for fellowship time – please do!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

GREETERS

- 2/03 8:00 Joann & Marshall Bender
10:30 Brandon Thomas, Terry Shaner
- 2/10 8:00 Dale Thorpe & Don Dupes
10:30 Terry Shaner, Susan Gabriel
- 2/17 8:00 Lynn Carson, Tom Milletics
10:30 Melissa Cawley.
- 2/24 8:00 & 10:30 Youth Sunday

LECTORS

- 2/03 8:00 Becky Thompson
10:30 Donna Sharp
- 2/10 8:00 Tom Stone
10:30 Joanne Stine
- 2/17 8:00 Dennis Plymette
10:30 Megan Riesmeyer
- 2/24 8:00 & 10:30 Youth Sunday

USHERS

Head Usher: Pam MacKinnon

COMMUNION PREP

2/03 Intinction – Chris Grice

FLOWER DELIVERY

- 2/03 Winnie & Darryl Wentz
- 2/10 Terry & Gene Shaner
- 2/17 Rhoda Rupp
- 2/24 Jill Morell

ACOLYTES

- 2/03 8:00 Evan June Pineo
10:30
- 2/10 8:00
10:30 Evan June Pineo
- 2/17 8:00
10:30 Grace Simpson
- 2/24 8:00
10:30 Lily Ward-Diorio

NURSERY

- 2/03
- 2/10
- 2/17 Art Williams, Jonne Dundore
- 2/24 Martha Keith,



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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 01 Tom Stone | 17 Rachel Drazba |
| 05 Linda Miller | 19 Wyatt Paulus |
| Chris Royer | Fran Wolford |
| 06 Anna Thompson | 20 Zach Davinroy |
| 09 Beth Pirtle | Michael Nolan |
| 10 Jake Jacobsen | Karin Stork-Whitson |
| Phil Reemes | 21 Cathy Thomas |
| Amy Wentz | 22 Jane Hall |
| Barbara Westhafer | 23 Kassidy Sweeney |
| 12 Steve Roush | 25 Christine Chandler |
| 13 Elizabeth Royer | Harriett Grimm |
| 14 Dave Ritter | 26 Donna Sharp |
| 15 Sandi Sack | 27 Allyssa Lingenfelter |
| 16 Charles Miller | Michael Shea |
| 17 Molly Cowan | 29 Al MacKinnon Jr. |



25 Jean & David Weiss



Hartman Center Update

Upcoming dates for 2019:

- May 2 - 5 Work Weekend
- May 11 Golf Outing
- May 17 - 19 Elementary Retreat
- June 23 - July 27 Summer Camps
- November 15 - 17 Youth and Women's Retreat

St. Paul's will again participate in the annual Love Offering that will be collected on Sunday, February 17. All donations help defray the cost of summer camps.

The Penn Central Conference is looking for people who would like serve on a committee for the Historic Preservation of the Stone House at Hartman Center that was built in the 1830's. The house needs a complete restoration on the inside. Please contact the conference offices at 717-652-1560 for more information.

Hartman Center is looking for a group of people with specialized skills to join their *Legion program*. Members of this task force are needed to execute many services to keep Hartman Center viable, including:

- 1) An annual "Love Offering" gift directly or through their local church.
- 2) Help recruit for the summer camping and other Conference sponsored programs (maybe as a BIG SPLASH visitor...certainly in their home congregation).
- 3) Be willing to attend a WORK WEEKEND the first weekend in May (May 2- 5) to help get camp ready for the summer
- 4) Be part of an elite team with high level construction /handyman skills that could be called upon for special projects (example...upgrading Michaux Lodge after 35 years of great memories).
- 5) Be part of an elite team that seeks to encourage and attract other nonprofit groups to use HC facilities especially year-round and weekly
- 6) Be part of a special project to restore the Stone House for historical purposes and finally,
- 7) Volunteer to be part of an elite team of leaders (Directors, SSTs, Counselors, and nurses) for the summer camping program.

8) Be part of elite teams to plan Hartman Center Fundraising events (like Fall Festival or the Golf Outing).

Contact abushnell@aol.com if you can participate!

The Signup sheets for the 2019 Altar Flowers and Child Sponsorships are on the table in the commons:



Please neatly fill in the information as you want it printed in the Worship Bulletin. The cost to sponsor altar flowers is \$32.00. Payment should be made no later than the Sunday you are sponsoring the Altar Flowers for (check made payable to St. Paul's or cash with your name and altar flowers on it and place in offering plate or drop off in the Church office.) Following worship, the flowers are taken by volunteers to the ill, shut-in's or to other appropriate places. In this manner, the flowers continue their silent reminder of God's love. Thank you in advance for providing flowers for the Altar of St. Paul's.

Your gifts through Global Ministries Child



Sponsorship make a difference! The Child Sponsorship program works closely with partner organizations that have long-established links with the UCC and Disciples. Collaborating with partners, your gifts to Child Sponsorship provide food, basic health care, clothing and in some cases housing, school fees, uniforms, books and training. The cost to sponsor a child is \$30.00 per month (Disciples of Christ). The cost to sponsor a child in 2019 is \$30.00 per child per month. Payment should be made no later than the month you are sponsoring the child (check payable to Paul's UCC or place cash in an envelope and mark it with your name and child sponsorship on it and place in offering plate or drop off in the Church office.) Thank you in advance for sponsoring a child who has so little. If you would like to send a card to the child you are sponsoring, see Terry and she can give you the address.



Souper Bowl of Caring – Let's huddle up and join in the movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Following both worship services Sunday,

February 3rd, our youth will be stationed at the doors of the sanctuary to collect monetary donations for two non-profit organizations that they have chosen: Gather the Spirit for Justice (GTS) and Trans Kids Purple Rainbow Foundation (TKPRF). GTS is an organization that brings together community members, local businesses, churches, and other groups to address issues of social justice and economic equity in Harrisburg. TKPRF provides support for the Trans community, including financial support to homeless Transgender youth. Help St. Paul's youth turn our nation's great day of football into a great day of caring!



THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - will meet at 1 PM Tuesday February 12th in the Parlor. The Prayer Shawls will be blessed at both services on Sunday February 17th.

ST PAUL'S WINTER QUART CHICKEN POT PIE SALE

The cold weather is here regardless if we want it or not. Our Bazaar Kitchen Chairs: Patty Scott and Brenda Kern to the rescue with a winter quart sale of Chicken Pot Pie!! What better way to warm you up on a cold winter's night than a bowl of St. Paul's Famous Chicken Pot Pie

Orders for Quarts, \$8.50 per quart, can be placed on the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the commons or by calling or emailing Terry in the Church Office @ 717-766-7931 or stpaulstaff@outlook.com by Sunday February 10th. We also need help picking chicken on 2/13 (9 am to noon), mixing dough on 2/14 (9 am to noon) & cooking the pot pie on 2/16 (8 am to noon.) Please sign up to help if you can. Your quarts of pot pie will be available for

pickup in the kitchen on Saturday February 16th from noon to 1 pm or after worship services on Sunday February 17th.

Help promote the sale by picking up a poster on the table in the commons to ask your local business to post. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors!



Daffodil Days are Back!! Help Craig Martek raise funds for the "PA Hope Ride"



benefitting the American Cancer Society and get some lovely Daffodils (or Tulips) in return! Cost of the Flowers: Bunch of Daffodils - \$10.00; *New this year:* Bunch of Tulips - \$10.00; Mini Potted Daffodils - \$15.00 or Gift of Hope (Flowers are donated to Local Hospitals) - \$25.00. Please see Craig Martek to place your orders, either by e-mail (lizardbiker@gmail.com), phone/text (717-514-6560) or seeing Craig at church/choir. **Craig must place the orders by Feb. 15 (payment cash or check payable to American Cancer Society is due by this date.)** If the weather cooperates, Craig will pick up the orders for delivery on March 20th(or shortly thereafter.) Welcome Spring in with some lovely flowers and help a good cause at the same time!

Pollyannas will be having their next lunch meeting 11:30am, Tuesday, Feb 26 at Hoss's on Gettysburg Pike. Please call Bonnie Plymette, 697-2938, if you are planning to attend.



March 1, 2019, 6 am to 6 pm. 2019 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian

women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. If you would like to participate in this prayer vigil at St. Paul's, please reserve your time(s) on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the

Common Area. You can come to our Sanctuary to pray or if you prefer, you can sign up for a time and note that you will be doing it outside—this way we will know that the time slot has been filled. Let us join with churches around the world in prayer on this day.



Wednesday March 6th, 7:30 PM
 – Imposition of Ashes and Communion via Intinction; Gluten free option available.

BROAD ST. COMMUNITY DINNER - St Paul's once again has the opportunity to participate in the Broad St Elementary School Community Dinner to be held March 7th, 2019. The Churches who are supporting this have been asked to prepare for 400 people to attend. St Paul's is signed up to provide Mac and Cheese (18 pounds) and cookies (8 dozen.) If you would like to assist with making the mac & cheese or donate cookies for the dinner, please let Terry in the church office know. Thanks

Saturday March 9th – Family Game Night, Chili Cookoff 5 to 8 pm. Check out enclosed poster for more details.

In The Executioner's Shadow – **Movie/Conversation/Pizza Dinner** here at St. Paul's UCC – *Sunday March 17th* 4 pm to 7 pm. “*In the Executioner's Shadow*” casts a penetrating look at the consequences of the death penalty through three powerful stories – the rare perspective of a former state executioner who comes within days of executing an innocent person; a Boston Marathon bombing victim who struggles to decide what justice really means; and the parents of a murder victim who choose to fight for the life of their daughter's killer. As the battle to overturn capital punishment comes to a head in the U.S., this provocative film challenges viewers to question their deepest beliefs about justice. Guest Speaker; Kathleen Lucas from Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. There is no cost to attend. Freewill donation will be taken to offset the cost of the pizza & the speakers fee.

Dear friends,

My heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people from St. Paul's—and that really includes about everyone—who called me, visited, sent notes, dropped off flowers, and/or prayed for me during this past month and a half when I've been sick. Whatever disease took me down is still undiagnosed, but slowly I am getting better and my strength is returning. Life is good, and one of life's biggest blessings is to be part of a caring community like St. Paul's. I look forward to joining you all for worship again very soon.

With deepest appreciation, Jake Jacobsen

Members, Friends of St. Paul's Congregation & Called to Care:

Our thanks for your cards, flowers, prayers and expressions of sympathy upon the death of my mother – Marcella Gouse. Thank you to all – ***Sincerely Floyd Gouse & Rosemary Porta.***

To my Church Family,

I would like to thank you for the prayers, visits, cards and poinsettia that I received after my hip replacement surgery! Rehab is still part of my daily routine but each day I see progress! ***Blessings to all! Carolyn Rutherford***

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that were delivered to me on Sunday, January 13th. So nice to be remembered! Thank you to Joan Moyer for the delivery service and the nice visit. ***Sincerely Dot Miller***

