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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

Ash Wednesday Service, March 6th @ 7:30 pm

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FROM THE PASTOR

Mix and Match items this month.

We have not skipped over Lent. It is late this year. Ash Wednesday is March 6 and formally begins the Season. We will have a Service at 7:30 PM that evening with Communion via Intinction and the Imposition of Ashes. It is a powerful Service and I would strongly encourage you to attend, especially if you have never been. Once people have participated, they tend to return.

There is a full list of Lenten events found in this Epistle. Please mark your calendars.

We are going to try some new things in Worship in order to mark our participation in the forty days of Lent. We are reminded we are in Advent by our Candle Lighting and our beautifully decorated Sanctuary. Our Lenten journeys are intended to be similar to Jesus' forty days in the wilderness and his listening for God's speaking to him as to how he would fulfill his ministry. It is not as clear as to how we might decorate for that. Please pay even closer attention to notes in your Bulletins as we try out some ways to enhance our journeys of listening more closely to God's speaking to us. We will be engaging in our Lenten Reading groups again. Please see that article as well.

How we share our Concerns and Celebrations during the Prayers of the People part of our Liturgy is a much-discussed practice. This is an important part of our Worship in which anyone can participate. For those who are uncomfortable speaking in front of others, you can write out your prayer request and email it to me or hand it to me before Service. I also have a list of people who have asked to be kept in prayers silently, which I offer up during the time of silent prayer.

There are a couple of things to bear in mind when sharing Concerns or Celebrations. Remember this is not a time for announcements. If you have those, please get them to Terry or me before Worship and we will share them with the Lector. If you are raising up someone's name for prayer, please check to make sure they are okay with you doing so. If you are uncertain, then just use

their first name and be more generalized in your request. It is a good rule of thumb to be more general overall. We must be aware of HIPPA regulations. While these generally apply to medical and hospital settings, there is some overlap to our setting.

It is powerful and comforting knowing our Congregation is keeping the world, our friends, our family, and even ourselves in their prayers. I often envision this like a circle of people surrounding a person with care, compassion and love through their prayers to God on the person's behalf. I believe the person senses they are surrounded in such a way. We can trust that God knows who and what we are praying for, even if we don't have all the details. Let us continue to participate in this powerful act of ministry and connection with God.

Lent is a season in which we focus on drawing closer to God, so we might understand to a greater extent that God is with us always and that God has hopes for what we might do on God's behalf. God seeks to share those hopes with us. We engage in particular practices during Lent to facilitate this happening. We seek God through our worship, study, action and prayers and we listen for how God is responding to us. We act consciously through specific words and deeds and watch and listen with more focus during these forty days, in more silence, allowing the Presence of God to become clearer to us. Let us journey together. Peace, Rev. John

Treasurer's Report – January 2019

Total income January 2019 was \$ 44,916.76 total expenses \$ 31,010.28 leaving a positive balance of \$13,010.28 at this point in time. A complete set of the minutes from the last Consistory meeting can be found on the bulletin board in the commons.





THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Jim Adams (Mullin); **Kevin Allison**; **Alvis** (Smith); **Kris Amtower**; **Larry Anderson** (Runkle); **Wendy Anderson** (A. Thompson); **Anthonie & Family** (Trout); **Kim & Chris Antonucci** (Grice); **Joe Baker** (W.Wentz); **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**; **Sophia Butler** (Knox); **Nancy Cabrera** (Runkle); **Marge Campbell** (Sharp); **Candace** (Stine); **Carl** (Bender); **Carol** (Riesmeyer); **Caroline** (Rhoads); **Ana Carr** (Rushong); **Marilyn Cenkner** (Stone); **Eddie Chandler** (Aumiller); **Cheryl** (Gabriel); **Kirt Chronister**; **Pat Cleland**; **Frankie Coluntuna** (Eichman); **Mary Lou Dallam** (Stone); **Dan** (Stone); **Darryl** (Carson); **Dorothy & Rev. Robert Davidson** (Layne); **Rita Davidson** (Plymette); **Deb & Ned** (A. Thompson); **Ethan Dixon & Family**; **Jim Dougherty** (Ritter); **Grace Drager**; **Allen Dreibelbis**; **Faye Dunne** (Mitchell); **Dixon & Peg Earley** (Rushong); **Eddie** (Kern); **Linda Eichelberger** (Chronister); **Elaysia** (Nalepka); **Jim Erb** (Kern); **Karen Erway** (Rushong); **Ann Farrell** (Gabriel); **Lydia Farrell**; **Bob & Eve Fenner**; **Tom Figiel** (Weiser); **The Fowler Family** (Runkle); **Michelle Fox** (Knox); **Anne French** (Ward-Diorio); **Ron Gabriel**; **Lenny Gardner** (Shearer); **Paulette Garrison** (Bender); **Gary** (A. Thompson); **George** (B. Thompson); **Joyce Gerstenlauer** (Dundore); **Peggy & Dave Gilbert** (Sizemore); **Gina & Family** (Sharp); **Gloria** (Davinroy); **Harold Good** (Bomberger); **Betty Goodfellow** (Ritter); **Shirley Grammer**; **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); **Michele Hughes** (Murphy); **Chuck Hurley** (Fox); **Jamie** (Dundore); **Jane** (Ritter); **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**; **Shirley Keith Knox**; **Randy Krepps**; **John Kulik & Family** (Aumiller); **Jean & John Layne**; **Bonnie Lengle** (B.Thompson); **Lenks Family** (Carson/Foukes); **Linda** (Bingaman); **Melanie & Jason Long** (M.Dundore); **Naomi Losch** (Endy); **Colin Loy** (White); **Kelly Lynch** (Wirth); **Irene Macconnell-Davinroy**; **Martin Malone** (Riesmeyer); **Cook Mann** (Davinroy); **Mariah** (Aumiller); **Marie** (Sizemore); **Mary** (Rhoads); **Phyllis Martz**; **Sean McDonald** (Rushong); **Linda Meola** (Roush); **Michel & Family** (Fox/Holtzapple); **Charles Miller** (Lloyd and Matthew's dad); **Dayne Miller**; **Mary Louise Miller**; **Lee & Connie**

Miller; **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); **Ron Perry & Family** (Ritter); **Jim Pilsner** (Rhoads); **Nancy Prucha** (Hoehn); **Marion Quinlan** (Ward-Diorio); **Randy** (Bender); **Carl Raudabaugh** (A. Thompson); **Richard Reba** (Richenbacher); **Reed & Ziegler Families**; **Robert Reiner** (Bender); **Carol 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); **Samantha** (Rushong); **Irv Sanders**; **Sarah & Tom** (Guelcher); **Tom Schiffgens**; **Rev. Glenn Schultz**; **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**; **Jacob Snyder** (Wentz); **Sue Snyder** (Bowers); **Harry Sommers** (Stone); **James Sowell** (Sandy Kline); **Clarence, Nancy Steck & Donna Sterner**; **Barbara Sterner**; **Joanne Stine & Family**; **Sue** (Sizemore); **Briana Thomas**; **Cathy Thomas**; **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); **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)



- 3/03 8:00 am Youth Choir
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 3/06 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
- 3/10 8:00 am Chancel Choir
- 10:30 am Youth Choir
- 3/17 10:30 am Hand Chimes
- 3/24 10:30 am Youth Choir, Choristers at Children's Message time.
- 3/31 8:00 am Chancel Choir



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

GREETERS

- 3/03 8:00 Donna Sponsler, Connie Sutton
10:30 Clarence Solt, Jenn Martek
- 3/06 7:30 pm Terry Shaner
- 3/10 8:00 Joanne Miller, Floyd Gouse
10:30 Mary Runkle, Melissa Cawley
- 3/17 8:00 Merikay & Don Wood
10:30 Bonnie & Dennis Plymette
- 3/24 8:00 Terry Shaner,
10:30
- 3/31 8:00 Betty & Tom Olsen
10:30

LECTORS

- 3/03 8:00 Eric Dundore
10:30 Kathy Williams
- 3/10 8:00 Craig Martek
10:30 John Layne
- 3/17 8:00 Lynn Carson
10:30 Lois Ritter
- 3/24 8:00 Gene Shaner
10:30 Rick Ayers
- 3/31 8:00 Joanne Miller
10:30 Chris Bowers

USHERS

Head Usher: Chris Cowan

COMMUNION PREP

- 3/03 Pew – Lois Ritter
- 3/06 Intinction – Terry & Gene Shaner

FLOWER DELIVERY

- 3/03 Leann & Tim Davinroy
- 3/10 Bonnie Plymette
- 3/17 Chris & Dave Grice
- 3/24 Colleen Eichman
- 3/31 Betsy Rushong

ACOLYTES

- 3/03 8:00 Ava Drazba
10:30
- 3/10 8:00
10:30 Lily Ward-Diorio
- 3/17 8:00
10:30
- 3/24 8:00
10:30 Becca Ward-Diorio
- 3/31 8:00
10:30 Evan June Pineo

NURSERY

- 3/03 Janet Bargh, Becky Thompson
3/10
- 3/17 Art Williams, Jonne Dundore
- 3/24 Sue Ward-Diorio, Melissa Cawley
- 3/31 Becky Thompson, Bonnie Plymette

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!



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| 01 Patty Scott
Jennifer Sheaffer | 20 Jeff Dundore
Donna Sterner |
| 02 Josette Grice | 22 Kay Huber |
| 03 Jill Morell | Bill Mullin |
| 04 John Layne | 24 Alexis Kayer |
| 05 Bill Sack | Glenn Schultz |
| 07 Jessica Obrock | 25 Julie Scott |
| 08 Kevin Allison
Jenn Martek | 26 Chris Bowers
Tim Davinroy |
| 11 Gerald Stada
Susan Thorn | Wyatt Gates
Richard Hoffman |
| Darryl Wentz | Lois Ritter |
| 12 Slater Ward-Diorio | 28 Mike Brown |
| 14 Doug Haas | Ben Eichman |
| 15 Beth Mihmet
Nancy Steck | 29 Sue Ward-Diorio
30 Amanda Smith-Miller |
| 18 Luke McCorkell
Kyle Miller | Elizabeth Miller |
| Jason Rhoads | 31 Aaron Miller
Tom Olsen |



- 02 Anita and Lloyd Miller
- 03 Janet and Charles Wotring
- 05 Connie and Herb Sutton
- 11 Chris and Tina Bowers
- 21 Theresa and Raymond Krouch
- 21 Leroy & Jane Wentz
- 31 Becky and Tim Drazba

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.* 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!

The United Church of Christ Homes is holding their annual Helping Hands Dinner & Auction on Saturday, May 4. *This year, St. Paul's will contribute a Fair Trade 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, March 31st.** Contact Melissa Cawley with any questions.

United Church of Christ Homes 24th Helping Hands Dinner & Auction – Saturday, May 4th, 2019 at the Hershey Country Club. Proceeds benefit the Benevolent Endowment Trust Fund. \$85.00 per person (\$45.00 charitable gift.) 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Silent Auction & Social Time. 7:00 pm – Dinner – Live Auction to follow dinner. For reservations call 717-303-1502.

Invitation from the Auxiliary of the United Church of Christ Homes - Looking for men & women of all ages to become part of the Auxiliary's ministry as they serve the residents of the homes. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Auxiliary, check out the brochure on the table in the commons for additional information.

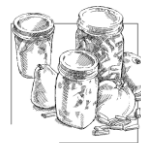
MECHANICSBURG MEALS ON WHEELS is looking for Assistant Cooks to help lead Cook. MOW serves Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you are interested in volunteering any of these days please contact Joanne Miller @ jmmiller14@comcast.net .

New Hope Geranium Sale - The Final opportunity is here for you to enjoy some beautiful flowers while helping to raise money for New Hope Ministries (sadly this will be the last year for the flower sale.) Order now until April 7th with pick up at New Hope Ministries in Mechanicsburg on Saturday May 11th. Order forms are on the New Hope Bulletin board in the commons. Order form & payment (cash or check payable to New Hope Ministries) should be returned to Karen or Kevin Allison by April 7th.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



One Great Hour of Sharing® is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee, and development activities. The suggested offering date for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is March 31st, 2019. St. Paul's will continue to accept donations for this special mission offering thru Sunday April 7th.



Did you enjoy the canned goods you bought at the bazaar?

We hope so! Ernie's garden has turned us into 'canning-aholics.' We were able to donate numerous jars of jams, pickles, sauces, salsas, etc. to the bazaar again this past year. Due to the rising cost of jars and as a way to recycle, if you have no need for your empty jars and rims, please

consider returning them to us for us to re-fill for next year's bazaar! There is a box under the table in the commons marked 'Canning Jars' for returns. *Thank you, Joan and Ernie Moyer.*



THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the St. Paul's Winter Pot Pie Sale. While it takes a lot of hands and hours to put it all together, the fellowship and camaraderie makes it all worthwhile. For all the kitchen workers and those who helped fill the order sheets, many many thanks for another successful sale. Thanks to all of you, we profited \$1,646.67 from the quart sale! *Patty Scott and Brenda Kern*

To my Church Family: Thank you so much for the beautiful Altar Flowers that I received Sunday April 17th. They really helped to pick up my spirits. Today I am putting together an arrangement out of the still living flowers and giving them to a dear friend down the hall. So, they will continue to spread cheer. **Love you, Mary Louise Miller.**

Members of St. Paul's: Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards and the flowers. All are a reminder of the love you have for me and others! I am recovering well – because of the love that surrounds me. **Shirley Keith Knox.**



Hartman Center Love Offering – Thank you to all who donated to the Love Offering. Total Collected to be sent on for the Hartman Center is \$710.20!!



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Youth Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser on Super Bowl Sunday. The Patriot's pot raised \$134.00 and the Rams \$319.00 for a grand total of \$453.30 collected. Donations were sent off to Gather the Spirit for Justice and Trans Kids Purple Rainbow Foundation.



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.

A ***Special Treat*** Fellowship Sunday, March 3rd, 9:15 am in the Commons! We're having a **Shrove Sunday** Fellowship, in lieu of our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Parish Ministries will be hosting Fellowship time in the commons between the early and late service. Whether you're leaving after the 8AM Service or arriving early for the 10:30AM Service, or just on your way to Sunday School, stop by and grab some goodies.



Sunday March 10th – don't forget to set your clocks ahead when you go to sleep on Saturday the 10th



THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

- will meet at 1 PM Tuesday March 12th in the Parlor. The Prayer Shawls will be blessed at both services on Sunday March 17th.

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. Let Terry in the Church Office know if you are attending at stpaulstaff@outlook.com or 717-766-7931.

SPOOF (ST. Paul's on our Feet) is hosting another hike leaving the church after late service on Sunday, March 24. This time we are hiking King's Gap State Park, which is 22 miles southwest of St Paul's. Jen Martek is familiar with the terrain, and will lead the group on a series of trails that climb through the park. Wear sturdy footwear, bring water and trail snacks. This is a 4-mile hike with elevation Questions? Contact Artwilliams7@gmail.com

Pollyannas will be having their next lunch meeting 11:30 am, Tues, March 26 at Brothers Family Diner on Gettysburg Pk. Please call Bonnie Plymette, 697-2938, if you are planning to attend.

St. Paul's on the Run is at it again!!

Our team is joining with the Harrisburg YWCA in their annual Race Against Racism on Saturday, April 27th. As an Open and Affirming Church, we have fielded a team for this 5k race for the past few years with some of our members even winning medals. Join with us this year as we help the YWCA support this cause.

Register at: <https://endurancecui.active.com/event-reg/select-race?e=59445153&rf=m6vU7Zrlr>

Hartman Center 12th Annual Golf Outing – Saturday May 11, 1:30 pm, Fairview Golf Course, Lebanon PA. Benefits Hartman Center Church Camp and Retreat Ministries & Camper Scholarships. \$80.00 Fee per golfer includes: 18 holes golf, power cart, hole contests and dinner. Register by April 26th @ www.hartmancenter.com or www.pccucc.org.




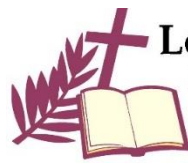
Save the dates! Summer will be here before you know it, and with it, **Vacation Bible School!** This year's VBS will be unlike anything we've ever done before. Our entire VBS will be off-site at the Paulus family's real working farm! Kids will get to interact with cows, pigs, goats, sheep, chickens, and more, all while learning about our faith and the ministry of the Heifer Project, an organization that helps to provide families across the world with the training and resources for sustainable farming in their own communities. **VBS will be June 17, 18, and 19th**, 6:30-8:00 pm; preschool-5th grade. Older kids are welcome to participate as youth helpers. Please mark these dates in your calendar now; your kids won't want to miss this incredible VBS on the farm!





Everyone is Welcome and Invited to the Following Events

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

 **Lenten Reading Group** **Lenten Reading Group:** We will be reading Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited* in our Lenten Reading groups this year. We will begin on Monday March 11 and conclude on Monday April 15. Two groups will meet each Monday, one at 1:00 PM and the other at 7:30 PM. You can go to either group. The Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman, among many notable achievements in his lifetime, met Mahatma Gandhi whose non-violent approach he embraced; helped establish **one of the first inter-racial parishes** in the United States, The Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, where he was co-pastor; became the first African-American Dean of March Chapel at Boston University which made him the first African-American Dean of a majority-white university in the US; also served on the Boston University School of Theology's Faculty. While there he mentored The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his associates. Along with his Bible The Rev. Dr. King carried one book with him everywhere: *Jesus and the Disinherited*. All are welcome to participate. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the commons. Please indicate if you want us to order you a book (estimated cost \$13.00.) Questions, please speak with Rev. John or Pastor Allyssa



Palm Cross Workshop (tentative) Thursday April 11th, 5:30 pm in the Commons. Looking for a co-chair to assist Anna Thompson with the Palm Cross Workshop. If you can assist, please let Anna or Terry in the office know.



Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday April 18th at 6:30 PM. Entire Service will be in Fellowship Hall focusing on the Last Supper. Light Meal served



Good Friday Service: Friday April 19th 7:30 PM Similar to the Tenebrae; light and shadow, readings, prayer and reflection



Easter Egg Hunt: Holy Saturday April 20th, 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. Bring a friend! 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 Egg Stuffers Needed: If you would like to help the Easter Bunny by donating candy (individually wrapped please) or other stuffers (small enough to fit inside an Easter egg), please place your donations inside the box on the table in the commons by Tuesday April 9th. CE will be meeting Wednesday April 10th at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall to stuff the eggs. If you would like to help stuff the eggs, please let Becky Thompson know – we appreciate the help!



Easter Sunday April 21st



Sunrise Service: 6:30 AM
at Simpson Park Pavilion
Directions to Simpson Park:
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:

Early Service: 8:00 AM Worship with Pew Communion (*gluten free available*)

Late Service: 10:30 AM Worship with Pew Communion (*gluten free available*)

Easter Breakfast



Easter Breakfast 9:15 AM 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! Drinks and place settings will be provided. Ovens will be available to cook or warm hot items during the Early Service. Watch for the signup sheets coming soon to the bulletin board in the commons. Please sign up so we have a count to set up for. *We will need some volunteers to help with set-up, cooking/serving and clean-up.*

Again, this year, in order, to allow our clean-up crew enough time to get to the 10:30 worship or to go to family events elsewhere, we will be using paper plates and utensils therefore eliminating the need to wash anything. We ask that you bring your food in a disposable container or place your name on your container. After the breakfast – the cleanup crew will clear the tables and move the dishes to the kitchen. If there is food remaining in the dish, it will be placed in the Fridge. Please remember to pick up your dish following the service.

Don't Miss Out – Our 1st Annual Chili Cookoff/Game Night is right around the corner – Saturday March 9th. We are up to 18 pots of chili. Come out and have a fun evening raising \$\$ for St. Paul's on a Mission "Making Strides against Breast Cancer."

We are pulling together an assortment of games: Left Center Right, Uno, Phase 10, Monopoly, Clue, Clue Jr., Disney Meme, etc. Bring your favorite to play.

Please sign up so we have a *count to set up for!*

This Event is for all Ages. All are Welcome!



An evening of extreme FAMILY FUN!

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

5:00 - 8:00 PM

ST. PAUL'S UCC

GAME NIGHT

- Bring your favorite game(s); other games will be provided.
- Game playing starts at 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM.
- Please sign up if you plan to attend.

CHILI COOKOFF

- St. Paul's cooks (we know there are many) break out your favorite chili recipe!
 - Sign up to participate in the cookoff.
 - A Chili Cookoff instruction sheet will be posted for participants to take under the signup sheet.
 - Judging/tasting will begin at 5:00 PM
- Cost to taste and judge: \$1.00 per taste or \$10.00 to taste all chilis.
Proceeds from the Chili Cookoff benefit St. Paul's on a Mission.

AFTER THE WINNER IS ANNOUNCED PLEASE ENJOY A BOWL OF CHILI, HOT DOGS, BEVERAGES & DESSERT PROVIDED BY PARISH MINISTRIES.