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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*

May 26th - Summer Worship Schedule of one Service at 9:15 begins, no Sunday School,

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## FROM THE PASTOR

With Easter being so late this year, it may surprise you but: May 1s HERE! I know for a lot of us that means our thoughts are turning toward summer, different schedules, vacation plans, work around our homes, etc. With the weather getting nicer, our hopes for getting outside more have increased and perhaps have already been realized. Yeah for Spring.

We know that also means for some folks, our thoughts about attending and being around Church are also changing somewhat as we have unique opportunities beginning to occur. We understand. And we hope everyone continues to pay attention to what we are doing at St. Paul's and what you will want to participate in. Some things will be familiar, some will have a slight twist, and some will be new. By keeping up with your emails from us, reading the Epistle and checking in on our website and Facebook page, you will know in advance what is going on and can plan to join in.

Picture taking for our new photo directory is coming right up. Review your appointment dates. If you have not made one yet, there is still time. Check with Mary Runkle if you have questions. You can also call Terry Shaner or myself, and we will do our best to answer. These directories help all of us put faces with names, and particularly help folks who are new to our Congregation. We hope as many people as possible participate.

Activity in our Community Garden is heating up. We need folks to help with planting, weeding, watering and eventually, harvesting. We can always use more assistance. Please look through this Epistle for more details and sign up. And folks who work in our flower beds around the Church building are also welcoming help.

Vacation Bible School will again be in June, but this year Amy and Jim Paulus have generously allowed us to have it at Paulus Farm. This will be a Heifer Project themed VBS which promises to be very fun and informative. Look for more details.

We will be offering some more socially oriented events in order to be better able to enjoy each other's company and invite friends who may be a little shy about coming to a Church Service but want to meet some good people. Look for more details around what will be happening soon.

Graduation events, final Choir Anthems for the season, final Sunday School classes all will be occurring in May. Peace Church and the Penn Central Annual Meeting occur in the beginning of June. Make sure you don't miss these occasions.

We will be continuing to work on our Dreams and Visions and planning for our future. Please look for dates in which we will be having discussions.

We may be adding a reading group this summer or perhaps an Adult Vacation Bible School that focuses on ways of reading the Bible. There are no specific dates for these events yet, but we want you to keep checking so you don't miss them when they are set.

Our Worship schedule changes on May 26, to one Worship Service at 9:15 AM.

St. Paul's does not stop being a part of the Body of Christ at work in Mechanicsburg, in Central Pennsylvania and around the world over the summer. We continue to worship, pray, and serve on Sundays and all the days of the week. For the next couple of months though, things are organized a little differently. Please stay informed and as active as you can be. We always benefit, and the work and service we can offer always benefits when more of us take part.

As Easter remains fresh in our memories, let us embrace the new life of possibilities that open before us, incorporating all that has gone on before.

Peace, Rev. John



*The Summer Worship Schedule* of one worship service at 9:15 am, no Sunday School, will begin on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 1st.



**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:**

**Jim Adams** (Mullin); **Agnes** (Allison); **Kevin Allison**; **Alvis** (Smith); **Kris Amtower**; **Amy** (Gabriel); **Wendy Anderson** (A. Thompson); **Kim & Chris Antonucci** (Grice); **Anya** (Gabriel); **Joe Baker** (W.Wentz); **Jon & Nancy Barto & Family** (White); **Donald Beaver** (Keith); **Joann Bender**; **Jack Benoist** (Ritter); **Rev. Dr. Susan Bertollette** (A. Thompson); **Bill** (P. Miller); **Bill, Bob & Nancy** (Gabriel); **George Bingaman**; **Sarah Blumenschein and family** (Aumiller); **Nadine Boyer**; **Jim Bomberger**; **Chris & Tina Bowers**; **Rev. Betsy Bruaw** (Stork-Whitson); **Joan Brenizer** (Rhoads); **Betty Breon** (S. Miller); **Brian** (Shearer); **Adriana Brice & Family** (Smith); **Missy Brouch** (Myers/Mihmet); **Debby Browning** (S. Miller); **Rev. Betsy Bruaw** (Stork-Whitson); **Tammy Boehm & Betty** (Stork-Whitson); **Anna Burns**; **Sophia Butler** (Knox); **Nancy Cabrera** (Runkle); **Beverly Caley** (Thorpe); **Marge Campbell** (Sharp); **Candace** (Stine); **Carl** (Bender); **Carol** (Riesmeyer); **Caroline** (Rhoads); **Eddie Chandler** (Aumiller); **Kirt Chronister**; **Pat Cleland**; **Frankie Coluntuna** (Eichman); **Darryl** (Carson); **Dorothy & Rev. Robert Davidson** (Layne); **Rita Davidson** (Plymette); **Deb & Ned** (A. Thompson); **Ethan Dixon & Family**; **Jim Dougherty** (Ritter); **Grace Drager**; **Allen Dreibelbis**; **Jeff Drywer** (Grice); **Faye Dunne** (Mitchell); **Eddie** (Kern); **Linda Eichelberger** (Chronster); **Elaysia** (Nalepka); **Jim Erb** (Kern); **Karen Erway** (Rushong); **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); **Mandi Hannah** (Hoehn); **Phyllis Hershey**; **Joshua Holbrook** (Nolan); **Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple**; **Jay Houser** (Haagen); **Michele Hughes** (Murphy); **Chuck Hurley** (Fox); **Jack Hyde** (Fox/Holtzapple); **Jamie** (Dundore); **Jane** (Ritter); **Jenny, Eric & Erica** (Lingenfelter); **Jessica** (Stine); **Joe** (Allison); **Marcia Johnson** (Stork-Whitson); **Jonathan & Karen** (Wirth); **Lily Jordan** (Mullin); **Juliette** (P. Miller); **Kathleen** (Stine); **Rev. Dr. Chris Kennedy** (Ward-Diorio); **Pastor Del Kenney** (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); **Melanie & Jason Long** (M.Dundore); **Naomi Losch** (Endy); **Colin Loy** (White); **Kelly Lynch** (Wirth); **Irene Macconnell-Davinroy**; **Martin Malone** (Riesmeyer); **Cook Mann** (Davinroy); **Mary** (Rhoads); **Phyllis Martz**; **Sean McDonald** (Rushong); **Kristie McGaughey** (Trout); **Linda Meola** (Roush); **Michel & Family** (Fox/Holtzapple); **Michelle & Family** (Mihmet); **Charles Miller** (Lloyd and Matthew's dad); **Mary Louise Miller**;

**Lee & Connie Miller**; **Linda Miller**; **Melissa Miller** (Bender); **Roxanne & Steve Morgan** (Dundore); **Trendy 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); **Don Perry** (Ritter); **Ron Perry & Family** (Ritter); **Jim Pilsner** (Rhoads); **Dennis Plymette**; **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); **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); **Erin Shane** (Thorpe); **Maya Shapiro** (R.Thompson); **Linda Shea & Family**; **Rafe Shearer** (P. Miller); **Bill Siemon** (Warfield); **Mike Siemons** (Wood); **Andy Sislo** (Aumiller); **Conner Snow & Family**; **Jacob Snyder** (Wentz); **Sue Snyder** (Bowers); **James Sowell** (Sandy Kline); **Clarence, Nancy Steck & Donna Sterner**; **Barbara Sterner**; **Jon Still & Family** (Ward-Diorio); **Joanne Stine & Family**; **Sue** (Sizemore); **Briana Thomas**; **Cathy Thomas**; **Austin Tichenor** (Gladwin); **Linda Till**; **Todd & Family** (Morell); **Doug Townsen** (S. Miller); **Tracy** (Guelcher); **Tam Tran** (Eckman); **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); **Isabella Waters**; **Anthony Warner** (Simpson); **John West** (Boyer); **John White**; **Rev. Jeff Whitman** (Velez); **Dave Wightman** (Trout); **Peg Wightman**; **Elaine Williams** (A. Thompson); **Rose Fran Wolford**; **Beth & Steve Woods** (Riesmeyer); **Alexa, Lacey Worrall & Family** (Ward-Diorio); **Jacqueline Young** (Wentz); **Kevin Young** (A.Thompson); **Aimee Yowell** (Eichman)



5/05 8:00 am Youth  
10:30 am Chancel  
5/12 8:00 am Chancel  
10:30 am Youth, Choristers at  
Children's Message  
5/19 10:30 am Hand Chimes  
5/26 9:15 am Youth

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

### **GREETERS**

5/05 8:00 Lynn Carson  
10:30  
5/12 8:00 Martha Keith  
10:30  
5/19 8:00 Lynn Carson  
10:30 Vonny Eckman  
5/26 9:15

### **LECTORS**

5/05 8:00 Becky Drazba  
10:30 Patty Scott  
5/12 8:00 Craig Martek  
10:30 Evan June Pineo  
5/19 8:00 Becky Thompson  
10:30 Paula Boyer  
5/26 9:15 Eric Dundore

### **USHERS**

Head Usher: Mary Runkle  
5/05 8:00  
10:30 Karen & Kevin Allison  
Patty & Dave Scott  
5/12 8:00 Tracy Nye, Brady Nye  
10:30 Bradley Thomas, Floyd Gouse  
Clarence Solt, Terry Shaner  
5/19 8:00 Colleen Eichman, Joe Eichman  
10:30 Leann & Tim Davinroy  
Craig Martek, Jim Pirtle  
5/26 9:15 Floyd Gouse, Shirley Keith Knox  
Martha Keith,

### **COMMUNION PREP**

5/05 Pew – Steve Roush

### **ACOLYTES**

5/05 8:00 Ava Drazba  
10:30  
5/12 8:00  
10:30 Grace Simpson  
5/19 8:00  
10:30 Grace Simpson  
5/26 9:15 Evan June Pineo

### **NURSERY**

5/05 Terry Shaner, Janet Bargh  
5/12 Sue Ward-Diorio  
5/19 Jonneke Dundore  
5/26

### **FLOWER DELIVERY**

5/05 Martha Keith  
5/12 Becky Thompson  
5/19 Patty & Dave Scott  
5/26 Merikay Wood

*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!*



02 Cameron Burns	15 Brynn Bergstresser
03 Creedin Paulus Milo Stavely	Mary Runkle Ezra Thrush
04 Valerie Lill Martha Spong	16 Allyssa Boyer Linda Shea
05 Emily Pineo	Liam Urmston
07 John Knisely Gregory Miller	17 Mackendra Shea 18 Glenn Kline
08 Andrew Wentz	Joan Moyer
09 Kathryn Amtower Joy Perry	20 Leo Garman Rick Holtzapple
10 Bruce Perry	23 Rachael Cashman
12 Clarence Solt Cassidy Westbrook	24 Kathi McConnell 25 Linda Alburger
13 Rhonda Jacobsen Becca Strock	Lloyd Miller 27 Michael McCorkel
14 Katelyn Chamberlain Gail Parthree	28 Deena Davis 29 Sue Mullin 30 Ned Rupp



02 Chris and Dave Grice  
03 Susan and Ed Thorn  
03 Michael Nolan & Karin Right-Nolan  
04 Bridget & Phil Reemes  
06 Joy and Bruce Perry  
08 Cheryl and Ken Malick  
09 Kristine and Richard Amtower  
11 Barbara and William Westhafer Sr.  
13 Anna and Dale Burns  
19 Leann and Tim Davinroy  
19 Mary Jane & Al Huebner  
21 Amy and Milo Stavely  
24 Brenda and Tim Kern  
25 Merikay and Don Wood  
28 Winnie and Darryl Wentz  
31 Tracy and Michael Shea

## New Hope News

Reminder to all who ordered geraniums – pick up is Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 11 am at New Hope Ministries, 5228 E Trindle Rd in Mechanicsburg. \$475.00 worth of geraniums were purchased by St. Paul's folk! Thank you for your orders and enjoy your beautiful flowers!

Heartfelt Thanks to anyone who donated money towards New Hope's \$100,000 challenge. The goal was reached in record time and now the Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Foundation will grant New Hope a \$100,000 gift – What an amazing blessing! Thank you all for your continued support of New Hope – Karen & Kevin Allison.



**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.*

**Can't wait till the Bazaar to replenish your supply of "Ernie's Canned Goods?"** The Moyers will be selling their leftover inventory of jams, salsas, spaghetti sauces, relishes and pickles after both services on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>. Stop by the table in the commons and check it out. May 12<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day – buy Mom some Jam! All proceeds will be donated to the Bazaar fund.



## **Spring Clean-up Day –**

We are calling all volunteers to come and help us get the grounds here at St. Paul's spruced up on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to noon. Please wear your best clean-up clothes and bring your rakes and gloves along to get our exterior looking fresh and clean for the new season!! Look forward to seeing you!



## **Sunday School News**

**May 12** – last day of Sunday School in classrooms (Nursery through 12<sup>th</sup>)

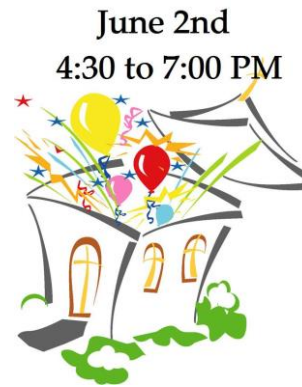
## **End of the Year Sunday School Celebration- May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15am**

Let's head outside for fun and games on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour! All Sunday School students are invited to celebrate another wonderful year of Christian education. We'll all meet at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall and then head out to the church yard for FUN! Come on out RAIN or SHINE. (We'll move the celebration inside if needed.)



**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - will meet at 1 PM Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor. The Prayer Shawls will be blessed at both services on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm** - the Mechanicsburg Area Council of Churches is pleased to present the 32nd Annual Mechanicsburg Area Ecumenical Choir Concert featuring 139 voices from 38 area churches. The concert will be held at *St. Joseph Catholic Church*, 410 E. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg. ***The Musical Director is our own Eric Dundore!*** Free will offering - Proceeds to benefit New Hope Ministries, Inc.



**St. Paul's Spectacularly Sweet Summer Stewardship Celebration**

*Why:* Celebrate St. Paul's, Stewardship, and the start of summer schedule!  
*Where:* Fellowship Hall  
*Who:* All are invited! This is an event for all ages, with activities and food for all.  
*Cost:* No cost - although donations are welcome. There will be a table set up to accept donations of canned goods, toiletries, etc. The lists of items that New Hope ministries needs are posted in the Commons.  
*RSVP:* This is not required! If you are planning to come, it's great if you sign up (signup sheets coming soon.) However, if you make up your mind on June 2, that is excellent too. The more, the merrier!

*What:*

1. Sweets! There will be home-baked and not home-baked cookies, cakes and all sorts of delicious delights for dessert and also for prizes. (Note: If you can donate a cake, or any dessert-like item, please see the signup sheet or talk to Kim Pirtle if you have questions).
2. DJ! We have an excellent DJ who will be spinning tunes in Fellowship Hall. There will be interactive games, a cake walk, freeform dancing if you want, perhaps an easy DJ-led line dance if you are interested.
3. Food. Pizza and salad will be available, along with the previously mentioned dessert items.
4. Meet, mingle, and hang out with your St. Paul friends!

Contact Kim Pirtle with any questions, 717-796-1647 or [kim.pirtle@aol.com](mailto:kim.pirtle@aol.com)



**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 **May 20th** for St. Paul's graduation display. The pictures will be returned. Or if you prefer, email the information & pictures to [stpaulstaff@outlook.com](mailto:stpaulstaff@outlook.com).



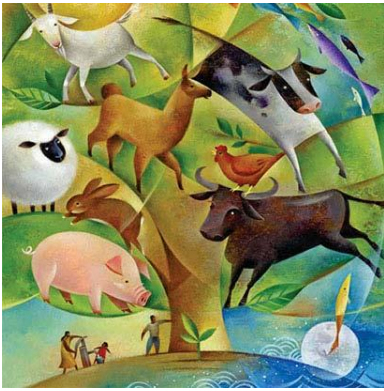
**SUNDAY MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>** - We hope you will join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday May 26th following our one worship service that day at 9:15 am for a time of refreshments and celebration of St. Paul's Graduates!

***Pollyannas*** will be having their next lunch meeting 11:30 am, Tuesday, May 28 at Brother's Family Diner on Gettysburg Pike. Please call Bonnie Plymette, 697-2938, if you are planning to attend.



**Peace Church, Sunday June 2nd, 9:15 am.** - Our Worship Service will be held at Peace Church, Intersection of Trindle & St.

Johns Roads in Camp Hill this Sunday.



**Dear St. Paul's Family** – We thank you for the kind gift of the Altar flowers sent to us after Benny's sister died early in April. Both we and family members who visited enjoyed these flowers; we placed them in various locations around our home. Thank you very much.  
*Sincerely, Betsy & Benny Rushong.*

**ANNUAL MEETING SERVICE PROJECT -  
 School Supplies for Snyder County  
 Children and Youth Services (CYS)**

*Snyder County Children & Youth's Annual Back to School Fair* in August provides backpacks for children of all ages. *This year Penn Central Conference will help supply and fill backpacks with school supplies.* St. Paul's is part of the Mercersburg Assn who is being asked to donate backpacks. If you are willing to donate a backpack, please place in the box in the commons by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Our delegates will take them to the Annual Meeting starting on the 7<sup>th</sup>. If you prefer you could also donate a monetary donation, cash or check payable to St. Paul's, marked for backpacks, and we will pool together and purchase backpacks. Please place your donation in the offering plate no later than May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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 at 1216 S. York St. in Mechanicsburg! 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 19<sup>th</sup> (rain date June 20<sup>th</sup>), 6:30-8:00 pm; preschool-5th grade.** The last night of VBS will include a family celebration and will be extended to 8:30 PM.

Older kids are welcome to participate as youth helpers. Adult and youth leaders are needed to help. Please contact Jonne Dundore at [jonnekev@aol.com](mailto:jonnekev@aol.com) or (717)460-8303 if you are interested in volunteering. Registration forms can be found on the table in the commons, on our website or email Terry in the Church office, [stpaulstaff@outlook.com](mailto:stpaulstaff@outlook.com), and she will email you one.

Please mark these dates in your calendar now; your kids won't want to miss this incredible VBS on the farm!

**Thank you for your Generosity!**

Total collected for UCC Homes Basket Donations \$200.00.

Total collected for OGHS \$715.00

**Reminder on Church Property Borrowing Policy:**

Consistory is aware that church owned items are borrowed by church members for personal use. When this occurs, Consistory asks that church members follow this procedure.

**Church members can make arrangements to borrow church property by contacting Terry in the church office, 717-766-7931 or [stpaulstaff@outlook.com](mailto:stpaulstaff@outlook.com).**

Indicate the items to be borrowed, the expected pick up and return dates. This listing will be available for review in the church office.

*Following this procedure will assure that items are available for church use.*