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## The Epistle

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**Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome!**

11/04, 11/18 & 11/25 Sunday School 9:15, Worship services 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
11/11 Stewardship Sunday, Sunday School 9:15, 1 Worship service @ 10:30 am

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**FROM THE PASTOR**

As we enter the month of November our thoughts turn toward gratitude (or hopefully they do). Thanksgiving is coming, a time we typically try and get together with family and celebrate what we are grateful for over a special meal. This celebration has its roots in the gratitude felt when the harvest comes in, an ancient tradition that goes back thousands of years. In particular, the harvest the Pilgrims had when they finally felt they had survived on these shores, prompts our Thanksgiving Holiday. They were grateful for the sun, rain and soil that allowed their crops to grow and to the Native Americans who guided them in planting things that would grow here and showed them how to fish and hunt in this land for additional food, and how to survive the tough winters in this place.

Gratitude for a harvest often includes gratitude toward God, since we have no control over the sun and rain, and at best can aid the soil. We understand there is something, someone greater than us that we need to thank for the environment and conditions that are present that help produce the food we and our loved ones need to eat to survive. Gratitude for a harvest also recognizes the help we get from others. Rarely are we able to do all we need to do on our own. We need to depend on others in order to have what we need to live and thrive. This is even more true today since the vast majority of us are not farmers, or hunter/gatherers.

However, giving thanks to God and others runs counter to how we are urged to think these days. We are taught we are responsible for our own wellbeing, dependent on no one else, owing nothing to anyone else. We put our needs first, expecting others to do the same, and expecting that it will all therefore work out okay. Gratitude, if expressed at all, is expressed for what we have done "on our own."

As members of this faith community, we know this kind of thinking runs counter to how we are called to live and act through both the witness of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Gratitude for God and for others is

an essential part of both Judaism and Christianity. We express our gratitude to God through Worship, by serving others, and displaying good stewardship of all of creation. We express our gratitude for others by working with each other to help one another meet the needs of those around us. Our faith teaches us of the essential interdependence we have with God, creation and each other.

Our Thanksgiving Holiday celebrates and reminds us our ancestors in this country recognized the importance of gratitude to God and others. In a world in which such gratitude is perhaps mostly now spoken of within religious communities (and unfortunately not all religious communities), we have to more consciously choose to express our gratitude in these ways, despite what we experience around us. The life of faith has always been a call to witness to gratitude to something beyond ourselves. The less we see such gratitude expressed around us, the more we must display it.

We are in the midst of our Stewardship Drive. We are gathering food for New Hope and others. We will be gathering gifts soon for others. Our community here at St. Paul's has expressed its gratitude to God and others in many different ways, through many different seasons and years. Let us continue to be faithful. Our world needs such a witness.

Peace, Rev. John

**Treasurer's Report – September 2018**

YTD income September 2018 was \$320,190.10, total expenses \$262,967.84 leaving a positive balance of \$ 57,222.26 at this point in time. Please note as stated last month, 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.



## Advent Book Group-Advanced Notice

Yes, we are quickly approaching Advent. Though it begins on Sunday December 2, we would like to start our group on Monday November 26, and also then meet on December 3, 10 and 17. Monday December 24 is Christmas Eve and I imagine we will all be busy that day.

We will meet at 7:30 PM so Yoga folks can come if they would like (no change of clothes required). We finish up between 8:30 and 9:00 PM.

We are also running a second reading group with the same book during the day on those Mondays beginning at 1:00 PM and running to about 2:30. If you need to leave earlier, to go meet your child after school for example, that is entirely fine. We hope if that time slot works better for you, you will join us. This worked very well during this past Lent. You can attend either the day or evening session any week. Pastor Allyssa Boyer will be primarily facilitating this group.

We take time to listen to music, center ourselves and pray, both aloud and silently, share what is happening in our Advent lives and discuss the chosen book.

The book title is a mystery. Allyssa and I are investigating but have not settled on one. If you have a suggestion, please forward it to one of us. We will announce the selection in our weekly Worship Bulletin and through our all church email (for those of you who have given us your email). Once the book has been chosen, a sign-up sheet will appear in the Common Area. You can purchase a copy of the book on your own or we often get copies for people, usually at a discounted price from Whistlestop Bookshop in Carlisle.

We hope you will join us this year. We have regular attendees and it is always good to see them, and it would be great to see some new faces. Make this an Advent commitment, so when Christmas comes this year, you will have spent time getting ready not only through shopping and decorating but also by listening, reading and responding.

*Any questions, please contact us.  
Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, John and Allyssa*

## All Saints' Day and Transgender Remembrance Day: Sunday November 4

At both the 8 and 10:30 AM Services, we will be remembering those members of our Congregation who have died over the past year as part of our All Saints' Day observance. As in the past, there will be a candle lit on the Alter Table for each person, and one candle lit in memory of other loved ones who have died but are not members of our Congregation. Families of those who have died are encouraged to take their candle after either Service that they attend.

We will also be remembering those people who are Transgendered who have been murdered over the course of this past year. Similarly, to last year, we will have representations "seated" within the Sanctuary as a way to remind us of these individuals tragically killed for being who they are. Let us joy together in Worship on this day of remembering.

*Peace, Rev. John*



The Divine Fairtrade Milk Chocolate Advent Calendars are In and available for purchase in the church office. Cost of the calendar is \$8.00 each. Quantities are limited.

A delectable Christmas countdown! Each window of the advent calendar reveals a portion of the Christmas story - and yields a scrumptious, melt-in-your-mouth milk chocolate heart. Pick yours up today – cash or check payable to St. Paul's UCC.

### ***Directory Changes - Please update your directory:***

Harriet Grimm  
17 Essex Rd  
Camp Hill PA 17011  
717-737-9572 (Home)

Joanne Stine  
29 Clouser Rd  
Mechanicsburg PA 17055  
717-697-8706 (Home)



**THOSE IN NEED OF**

**PRAYER:**

Jim Adams (Mullin); **Adrienne;** Kevin Allison; Alvis (Smith); Kris Amtower; Larry Anderson (Runkle); **Anthonie & Family** (Trout); **Kim & Chris Antonucci** (Grice); **Donald Beaver** (Keith); **Joann Bender;** Jack Benoist (Ritter); **Bill** (P. Miller); **Bill, Bob & Nancy** (Gabriel); **George Bingaman;** **Geoffrey Biringer** (Velez); **Nadine Boyer;** **Chris & Tina Bowers;** **Forrest Brackbill;** **Joan Brenizer** (Rhoads); **Brett** (Sizemore); **Brian** (Shearer); **Adriana Brice & Family** (Smith); **Missy Brouch** (Myers/Mihmet); **Debby Browning** (S. Miller); **Anna Burns;** **Nancy Cabrera** (Runkle); **John & Marge Campbell**(Reemes); **Candace** (Stine); **Carl** (Bender); **Carol** (Riesmeyer); **Caroline** (Rhoads); **Judy Carlson** (P. Miller); **Ana Carr** (Rushong); **Jamie Cecil** (Wirth); **Eddie Chandler** (Aumiller); **Chase & Family** (P. Miller); **Kirt Chronister;** **Alanna Clark** (Ritter); **Pat Cleland;** **Frankie Coluntuna** (Eichman); **Mary Lou Dallam** (Stone); **Richard Davis** (Jones); **Rita Davidson** (Plymette); **Deb & Ned;** **Ethan Dixon & Family;** **Jim Dougherty** (Ritter); **Grace Drager;** **Allen Dreibelbis;** **Dixon & Peg Earley** (Rushong); **Eddie** (Kern); **Linda Eichelberger** (Chronster); **Elaysia** (Nalepka); **Karen Erway** (Rushong); **Lydia Farrell;** **Bob & Eve Fenner;** **Tom Figiel** (Weiser); **Jane Fleming** (Knox); **Richard Fogel** (Sponsler); **The Fowler Family** (Runkle); **Fenton Fox;** **Anne French** (Ward-Diorio); **Ron & Susan Gabriel;** **Lenny Gardner** (Shearer); **Paulette Garrison** (Bender); **Gary** (A. Thompson); **George** (Gabriel); **George** (B. Thompson); **Joyce Gerstenlauer** (Dundore); **Peggy 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;** **Anne Hambrick-Stowe Rankin** (A. Thompson); **Mandi Hannah** (Hoehn); **Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold;** **Leslie Hocker** (Brown); **Joshua Holbrook** (Nolan); **Jay Houser** (Haagen); **Chuck Hurley** (Fox); **Jamie** (Dundore); **Jane** (Knox); **Will & Jean Jones;** **Jenny, Eric & Erica** (Lingenfelter); **Jonathan & Karen** (Wirth); **Lily Jordan** (Mullin); **Rev. Dr. Chris Kennedy** (Ward-Diorio); **Chuck Kennedy** (Murphy); **Kim** (S. Kline); **Jeff & Lyle King;** **Dot Kinzer;** **Sandy Kline;** **Rich Kline;** **Shirley & John Knisely;** **Roger Krebs** (P. Miller); **Randy Krepps;** **Jean & John Layne;** **Bonnie Lengle** (B. Thompson); **Lee & Connie** (Daly); **Lenks Family** (Carson/Foukes); **Linda** (Bingaman); **Naomi Losch** (Endy); **Colin Loy** (White); **Kelly Lynch** (Wirth); **Irene Macconnell-Davinroy;** **Cook Mann** (Davinroy); **Sean McDonald** (Rushong); **Mary** (Rhoads); **Michel & Family** (Fox/Holtzapple); **Adriana Miller;** **Charles Miller** (Lloyd and Matthew's dad); **Mary Louise Miller;** **Lee & Connie Miller** (Dundore); **Melissa Miller** (Bender); **Roxanne & Steve Morgan** (Dundore); **Wendy Mowery** (Aumiller); **Tammy Mullen & Family** (Allison); **Tommy Mullin;** **Jennifer Muthersbaugh** (Trout); **Patricia**

**Nalepka** (Jon Nalepka); **Nathan** (Herrold); **Stephen O'Driscoll & Family** (Rushong); **Oliver & Family** (Velez); **Gordon Olsen;** **David Ordonia** (Myers); **Richard Palazzo** (Weiser); **Julia Paroda** (Gates); **Lynne & Judy Patton** (Taylor); **Jim Pilsner** (Rhoads); **Nancy Prucha** (Hoehn); **Randy** (Bender); **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); **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); **Manny, Larry & Donna Sharp;** **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;** **Joanne Stine & Family;** **Sue** (Sizemore); **Alex Szeles** (Jones); **Briana Thomas;** **Cathy Thomas;** **Jeannette Thorpe;** **Austin Tichenor** (Gladwin); **Tina** (Lois Ritter); **Doug Townsen** (S. Miller); **Tracy** (Guelcher); **Craig Triplett** (Boyer); **Joshua Trout** (Eckman); **Flo Turner** (B. Thompson); **George Tutino** (Boyer); **Tom Tuttle** (Trout); **Bill Utley** (Boyer); **Tom Van Hall & Family** (Sutton); **Roger VanLoan** (Ritter); **Skooter VanKirk** (Wightman); **David Weisal** (Sponsler); **Debbie & John West** (Boyer); **Ceci Viti** (Warfield); **Vicki** (Sizemore); **Jason White;** **John White;** **Rev. Jeff Whitman**(Velez); **Peg Wightman;** **Elaine Williams** (A. Thompson); **Pat Williams;** **Rose Marie H. Williams** (Stone); **Shirley Wilson** (Bomberger); **Fran Wolford;** **Beth & Steve Woods** (Riesmeyer); **Alexa, Lacey Worrall & Family** (Ward-Diorio); **Jacqueline Young** (Wentz); **Kevin Young** (A. Thompson); **Ron & Nancy Young** (Seizemore); **Aimee Yowell** (Eichman); **John Zink** (Thorpe) & *all affected by the flooding in the Carolina's.*

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




**Upcoming Hartman Center Events**  
**Registration due by Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>:**

Women's Retreat - Nov. 16 - 18  
 Middle and High School Retreat - Nov. 16 - 18  
 for grades 7 - 12



**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**

- 11/04 8:00 Donna Sponsler, Becky Thompson  
10:30 Bonnie Plymette, Terry Shaner
- 11/11 10:30 Clarence Solt,
- 11/18 8:00 Victoria Velez, Glenn Kline  
10:30 Karen & Kevin Allison
- 11/25 8:00 Joanne Miller  
10:30

**LECTORS**

- 11/04 8:00 Kathy Aumiller  
10:30 Patty Scott
- 11/11 10:30 Lois Ritter
- 11/18 8:00 Rebecca Drazba  
10:30 Kevin Allison
- 11/25 8:00 Eric Dundore  
10:30 Craig Martek

**USHERS**

- October Head Usher: Dennis Plymette
- 11/11 10:30 Dave Ritter, Dale Thorpe,  
Karen & Kevin Allison
- 11/18 8:00 Lynn Carson, Dale Thorpe  
10:30 Grice Family
- 11/25 8:00 Lynn Carson, Marshall Bender  
10:30 Jenn Martek, Rhoda Rupp  
Bonnie & Dennis Plymette

**COMMUNION PREP**

- 11/04 Pew – Kathy & Mike Aumiller

**FLOWER DELIVERY**

- 11/04 Kathy & Mike Aumiller
- 11/11 Jane Wentz
- 11/18 Patty & Dave Scott
- 11/25 Susan & Ron Gabriel

**ACOLYTES**

- 11/04 8:00  
10:30 Evan June Pineo
- 11/11 10:30 Becca Ward-Diorio
- 11/18 8:00 Evan June Pineo  
10:30 Keira Nalepka
- 11/25 8:00 Lily Ward-Diorio  
10:30

**NURSERY**

- 11/04 Melissa Cawley, Jonneke Dundore
- 11/11 Sue Ward-Diorio, Becky Thompson
- 11/18
- 11/25



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| 04 Jon Nalepka<br>Betsy Rushong         | 19 Lynn Carson<br>22 Stephen Herrold<br>Gene Keith |
| 06 Katelyn Rudisill<br>Susie White      | 23 Clarence Steck Jr.<br>Logan Velez               |
| 07 Norah Elliott                        | 26 Fenton Fox<br>Tom Herrold                       |
| 09 Sandra Heckman<br>Larry Sharp        | Sandy Kline<br>Nicholas Stada                      |
| 11 Amy Hockenberry<br>Kathy Williams    | 27 Ralph Kiner III<br>28 Dot Kinzer                |
| 12 Bradley Thomas<br>Rev. John          | 29 Peter Watson                                    |
| 13 Susan Gabriel                        | 30 Nathan Rhoads<br>Rich Templin                   |
| 15 Betsy Bingaman<br>Carolyn Rutherford | Shannon Trout                                      |
| 17 Ken Malick                           | William Westhafer Sr.                              |
| 18 Melissa Cawley<br>Sydnie Lau         | .  |



- 02 Melissa and David Cawley
- 07 Jonne and Eric Dundore
- 22 Jean and John Layne
- 22 Terry and Gene Shaner
- 23 Betsy and Frank Rushong
- 29 Patti and Pete Watson



Choir Schedule

- 11/04 8:00 Chancel Choir  
10:30 Youth Choir
- 11/11 10:30 Chancel Choir  
Choristers @Children's Message
- 11/18 8:00 Youth Choir  
10:30 Hand Chimes
- 11/25 8:00 Youth Choir  
10:30 Chancel Choir



**New Hope Ministries** is seeking donations of traditional Thanksgiving meal items to be donated for baskets that will be distributed to needy families in our area.

*Please place any donated items in the box in the commons by Monday November 5th.* A list of suggested items is located by the collection box. Donated turkeys and other perishable items may be taken directly to New Hope on Trindle Road. Any questions, contact Karen or Kevin Allison.

**Christmas Gift Drive for UCC Homes Residents** - It's that time of the year again - time to think about our friends at Sarah Todd and Thornwald Homes and what would brighten their days during the holidays. In order to provide each resident with a meaningful gift this coming Christmas, they are asking for donations of gift cards/certificates to be used towards purchasing desired gifts, making Christmas a little more special for the residents.

Requested gift cards for Sarah A. Todd Memorial Home is: Amazon, Apple/iTunes, CVS, Dollar Tree, Giant, Michael's, Netflix, Target, Visa/MC, Wal Mart & Weis Markets.

Requested gift cards for Thornwald Home is Amazon, Dollar Tree, Dunkin Donuts, Giant, Michael's, Papa John's, Target, Visa/MC & Wal Mart.

Please drop off your gift cards (in an envelope marked for Sarah Todd or Thornwald) to the church office no later than Sunday November 25th so that we have the time to get these gifts to the Homes. Thank you for your support.

New Hope Ministries will soon host their **"Christmas Blessings Express"**, providing clients the opportunity to select gifts for their family members. Check out the Christmas tree on the bulletin board in The Commons for specific gift suggestions, along with a full wish

list. Many ornaments on the tree represent the items that are needed most. These general items are always appreciated: Winter clothing and pajamas for all sizes, all ages; Books, toys and games for all ages, infant through adult. Slow cookers and electric skillet are especially useful. *Please place your new, unwrapped gifts in the marked boxes in the Commons no later than Sunday December 2nd.*

### Upcoming Events



**Sunday November 4th** – Don't forget to set your clocks back!

**Save the Date – Stewardship Sunday, November 11th.** We will have Sunday School at 9:15 followed by one worship service this day at 10:30 am.

*Following worship, we hope you will join us in Fellowship Hall for a Harvest Dinner and the final Sunday of bidding on the Stewardship Auction items.*



Parish Ministries will supply roast turkey, beverages and place settings.

### Harvest DINNER

*There is no charge for this dinner, instead we are asking you to bring non-perishable food items, which in turn will be given to our Food Banks.*

**Signup sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the commons for the dinner and also for helpers to set up and clean up.** Bring your favorite side to share! Suggestions of sides: stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, baked corn, cranberry salad, pie, cake, rolls, etc. Please signup so we have a count to plan on. *The Harvest Dinner has become a St. Paul's Annual Favorite Dinner of wonderful fellowship & delicious food!*



### THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

- will meet at 1 PM Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor. The Prayer Shawls will be blessed at both worship services on Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>

Join with area churches on November 13<sup>th</sup> for **United In Love: Christian Churches United's (CCU) 2018 celebration banquet.** Our congregation is a member in CCU, a partnership of churches running programs to help single moms and dads, families, and individuals facing homelessness, poverty and incarceration. Your support unites with many others to love thousands of our neighbors each year with crisis, mentoring or housing support. The banquet starts at 5:30pm at the Best Western Premier, 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg with an interactive reception featuring hands on fun and a silent auction, following by dinner with program featuring stories of lives changed and special guest speaker Tony Campolo. Join CCU for this fun, meaningful evening! More details: [www.UnitedInLoveBanquet.org](http://www.UnitedInLoveBanquet.org)

**Called to Care Team Meeting,** Sunday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 worship service in the Youth Room (7/8.)



All Young Adults, are invited to come to breakfast at St Paul's on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:15

AM. Enjoy a chance to visit with your friends at St Paul's while you are in town for Thanksgiving! If you are the parent of a young adult, please invite your son or daughter to attend, and sign up to donate a breakfast item. If you have any questions, please email Martha Brown at [vbrown5325@aol.com](mailto:vbrown5325@aol.com).

**Advent Book Reading Groups** – Mondays starting November 26<sup>th</sup> thru December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm & 7:30 pm in the Parlor. All are Welcome!

**Pollyannas** will be having their next lunch meeting 11:30 am, Tuesday, Nov 27 at CC's Kitchen. Please call Bonnie Plymette, 697-2938, if you are planning to attend or have any questions.

**Sanctuary Decorating December 1st-** Decorating for Advent and Christmas. Let Jonne Dundore know if you can help, 766-2601 or [Jonnekev@aol.com](mailto:Jonnekev@aol.com).

**Family Advent Workshop – Sunday, December 2, 9:15-10:15 am.** Bring your whole family to Fellowship Hall where everyone can create a host of Advent and Christmas-themed crafts! There will not be any Sunday school class that day for children, so we hope that you and your family will choose to come celebrate Advent with our church family instead! Put this on your calendar now-We hope you will join us.

**St. Paul's college students have been studying hard this semester,** and the Youth Group think that they deserve some TLC. Help support their academic efforts by donating snacks for care packages: hot cocoa, microwave popcorn, trail mix, etc. Please place your items in the box in the commons marked "Student Care Packages" by Sunday morning, December 2nd. Or, consider a monetary donation to offset the cost of cookie dough and postage. And, if you know a college student who attends St. Paul's, please email their postal address to Allyssa Boyer at [allyssaboyer@outlook.com](mailto:allyssaboyer@outlook.com) or drop it off in the church office. Thanks!

**Advent/Open House Saturday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 2 to 6 pm** at the Ward-Diorio's.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on **Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to hold a discussion and vote on the 2019 budget. Please plan now to attend.

**Blue Christmas Service - Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup>- 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. This service recognizes that not everyone feels jolly and joyful throughout Advent and Christmas. We may be facing our first Christmas without a loved one; past unpleasant Advent seasons may cause us anxiety this year; the increased darkness may decrease our energy; all these reasons and others may cause us to be blue. We want folks

to know they are not alone in feeling that way, and that God is with us as we struggle with our blues, especially in the face of the joy of so many others.

**Christmas Musicale - Sunday December 23rd – One Worship Service this day at 10:30 am** – All choirs participating -Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle (no Sunday School) **This is a popular service – be sure and come early!**

**Christmas Eve - 4:00 & 11:00 pm** - Candle Light Christmas Eve Services of Readings, Hymns and Carols, Lighting the Christ Candle

**Sunday December 30th – One Worship Service at 9:15 am** - Service of Carols (no Sunday School)



**Sending many thanks and words of appreciation** for opening your doors to our Summer bereavement support group. Many participants not only received support but commented on how friendly St. Paul's is. Hope we can have another group here again. *Thanks Brian Medkeff-Rose*

**Dear St. Paul's Family:** Thank you for sharing the Altar Flowers with me. They were really appreciated. Thank you also to Joanne Miller for delivering the flowers to me and staying to visit. To Pastor Allyssa – Thank you for sharing your time with me while I was a patient at Holy Spirit Hospital. *Blessing to all, Joanne Stine.*

**Donna and I** would like to express our gratitude for the prayers and cards we received following the passing of my mother. The visit from the Dundores with the altar flowers was a pleasant and unexpected pleasure. The outreach and caring in our congregation is such a blessing at times like this. *Ron and Donna Chronister*

**Thank you to everyone** who prayed, called, and sent cards following the passing of my step father. Thank you for praying for my mother as well. She is doing great, taking a

day at a time adjusting to living alone. We were also grateful for the beautiful altar flowers. *Brenda and Tim Kern*

**Dear Members of St. Paul's-** I wish to thank everyone for the prayers, flowers, cards and offers to help for my recent cataract surgery. I was quite scared about the surgery as I have poor vision in my right eye. It was such a blessing to me that my surgery went well and my vision is 20/20 though I do have to wear a mild prescription glass to read. We are so fortunate to belong to St. Paul's. Again, thanks to you at St. Paul's as I have so much to be thankful for. *Fenton Fox*

**To the people of St. Paul's UCC;** Sincere thanks to those of you that sent me greetings on my birthday. Some of you I know, others, out of the goodness of your heart, sent greetings and special notes. All have been very much appreciated and meaningful. Thank you for helping make my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday a day of wonderful memories. *In Christian Love, Margueritte Myers* (Sarah's mother)

A HUGE THANK YOU!!! to all from St. Paul's who donated to the *Central Pennsylvania Food Bank's Hunger Action Month's peanut butter drive in September*. A total of 400 lbs. of peanut butter was delivered to the the Food Bank. Many, many individuals and families, children, youth, veterans, seniors and others will benefit from these wonderful donations. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!**

Total collected for "The Neighbors in Need" special mission offering was \$648.00. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the UCC Special Mission offerings!

### St. Paul's Bazaar Thank You!

We would like to express our many, many thanks to all that helped set up and serve in the dining room. Everyone was so generous with their time! We were done in record time both Wednesday and Thursday nights and our day together on Friday was delightful. Such a fantastic group of people! *Joan Moyer & Mary Runkle.*



To all the folks who provided food for the Country Cupboard: Thanks for the fudge, the cookies, the canned goods, the apple dumplings, the pies, the candy, the chocolate covered pretzels, the coffee cakes, the fresh pressed apple cider, the bread, and all the other goodies we forgot to mention. We had an exceptional selection of baked goods and canned foods this year. Thanks to all who donated and those that staffed the tables! And all who bought! *Chris Grice & Shirley Keith Knox.*

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to my Parking Helpers for your services in the church parking lot at the bazaar. Thanks *Herb Bomberger*

Many Thanks to those who assisted in setting up our area and helped in the Youth Room Crafts on the day of the bazaar – truly you are the best! A huge thank you to all the wonderful people who donated their beautiful gifts to the Country gifts and crafts shop! We had a very successful day. Your help was very much appreciated! *Betty Olsen.*

Thank you to all who donated Crafts and helped in the Commons Crafts Area - *Anita Miller & Carol Rhoads.*

Words cannot express how grateful and thankful we are for everyone that helped in the kitchen before and during the bazaar. Thank you to all the “before bazaar” prep workers...the chicken pickers, applesauce and pepper slaw makers, dough makers and sheeters. Thank you to everyone that went above and beyond on Thursday and Bazaar day. It was a lot of work, but it is always fun to work together! Thank you all so very much! *Patty Scott & Brenda Kern*

Thank you to all who came out and participated with the Wednesday night setup for the Bazaar. This year had another record-breaking number of helpers that turned out for this effort. Our thanks also to all who provided us with the delicious dinner before we got down to work on the setup. *Allyssa Boyer & Eric Dundore.*

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's Flea Market a HUGE success! It takes a lot of work to sort, price, stage, and sell all of our donated treasures and we cannot do any of it without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Your hard work and good company are GREATLY appreciated!! Can't wait to do it all again next year 😊 -*Dale Thorpe & Becky Thompson*

My Thanks to all who assisted as Cashiers at the Bazaar – *Lloyd Miller.*

MANY THANKS to the Bazaar Clean-up Crew! There's no denying this ranks near or at the bottom of the list of fun jobs to do, yet you all show up anyway. Cleaning it all up is the final piece to having a successful Bazaar. Thank you for all of your hard work! – *Don & Merikay Wood and Craig & Jenn Martek*

Wow-St. Paul's is the Best. From all our wonderful Chairpersons, to all their many (MANY) helpers whom we could not have done it without them. From the many days of Kitchen Prep, Flea Market Sorting, making of crafts, baked goods and delicious home canned items. Then the four-day marathon starting Wednesday with Kitchen Prep, that night with the setup of the tables and chairs, on Thursday the setup of the baked goods, crafts, flea market rooms, the dining room and more Kitchen Prep. To the actual day of the bazaar (so many helpers inside and out) and of course all who helped Friday night after the Bazaar with cleanup and also came back in Saturday morning to put the Church back together again. And of course our Thanks to all who came out and solicited the Bazaar.

This year, we netted a profit of \$12,453.67 at the bazaar. That is \$863.67 more than last year! Thanks again, we could not do it without all of YOU – *Jenn Martek & Terry Shaner,* Bazaar General Chairpersons.

