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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 at 9:15 am

11/03, 11/17, 11/24 Worship Services 8 am & 10:30 am

11/10 Stewardship Sunday Sabbath – one worship service at 10:30 am

Childcare provided at the 10:30 service

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STAFF

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FROM THE PASTOR

Is it really November? I imagine that is one of the many questions we will be asking each other over the next month. And please ask those questions because there is a lot happening. Our answers more than likely will be more detailed than the "Yes!" we offer to the above question, so please, please ask those questions.

The folks from Kirby-Smith Associates have been asking a number of questions and we are grateful for everyone's responses to their survey and to their requests for interviews. Our Congregation's response rate was higher than many others. This definitely helps us with our planning as we go forward. Our Dreams and Visions' responses continue to guide us, and these replies put even more flesh on them. We will be getting a report back from Kirby-Smith regarding their Feasibility Study the end of October. This study will guide us in estimating how much money we can raise for all our Dreams and Visions' projects and help us to prioritize.

We will be presenting this information on Sunday November 10 as part of our Stewardship Sunday activities (which include our Harvest Dinner and the final bidding on our Stewardship Baskets). You may certainly ask questions before that date, but this will be a time when we gather together to ask questions and plan the next steps forward. If at all possible, please plan on being here Sunday December 10.

We will be replacing the roof over our middle section or Sunday School wing of our Church. Bids were due in this week and work may well start in December. We recognize this is a less than ideal time, but the work needs to be done. The funding for this was previously okayed by our Congregation. Any questions you have about this roof, why it will look the way it will, why are we doing this one first, etc., please ask. We will fill you in.

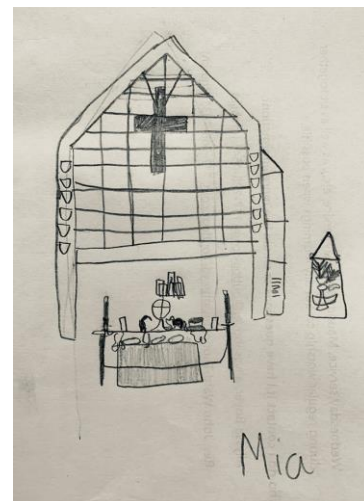
I am sure you have other questions as well. Here are a few examples. Does Parish Ministries need help with decorating the Sanctuary for Advent? Yes, and Jonne

Dundore and others would be glad to talk with you more about that. May I still volunteer for the Green Team? Yes, and Eric Dundore or I would be glad to answer questions about what this entails. May I really go on some of the Confirmation "field trips" to other places of Worship? Yes, and Allyssa Boyer would be glad to answer questions about the when and where of those events. Is there going to be another Adult Bible Study like the Adult VBS this summer? Yes, on November 24 and you can speak with Allyssa or I about it. See what I mean, questions abound.

No matter how long you have been a part of St. Paul's or how new you are to our Congregations, it is crucial to ask your questions. No one here knows everything about everything that is going on, that is not how Congregations work. Someone knows more about specific goings-on, and they will be glad to share. One of the great skills we learn throughout our life is learning where to go and to whom to ask our questions. And then, to ask them. This is really a Biblical model. Just think, we probably would not have learned half of what Jesus had to teach us, if people did not ask him questions. Please ask away.

Peace, Rev. John

We love this illustration of our altar table and chancel adorned for World Communion Sunday! Thank you to artist, Mia, for sharing your drawing with us!





THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Agnes (Allison); **Chris Ahrens** (Mullin); **Kevin Allison**; **Alvis** (Smith); **Alyson** (Sizemore); **Kris Amtower**; **Amy** (Gabriel); **Wendy Anderson** (A. Thompson); **Kim & Chris Antonucci** (Grice); **Anya** (Gabriel); **Joe Baker** (W.Wentz); **Barry & Family** (A. Thompson); **Jon & Nancy Barto & Family** (White); **Donald Beaver** (Keith); **Barb Bell**; **Joann Bender**; **Jack Benoist** (Ritter); **Rev. Dr. Susan Bertolette** (A. Thompson); **Denise Biacco & Family** (Lill); **Bill** (Stork-Whitson); **Bob & Nancy** (Gabriel); **George Bingaman**; **Sarah Blumenschein and family** (Aumiller); **Tina & Chris Bowers**; **Pastor Allyssa Boyer**; **Nadine Boyer**; **Joan Brenizer** (Rhoads); **Brian** (Shearer); **Adriana Brice & Family** (Smith); **Missy Brouch** (Myers/Mihmet); **Debby Browning** (S. Miller); **Rev. Betsy Bruaw** (Stork-Whitson); **Tammy Boehm & Betty** (Stork-Whitson); **Glenda Brown** (Aumiller); **Anna Burns**; **Sophia Butler** (Knox); **Nancy Cabrera** (Runkle); **Beverly Caley** (Thorpe); **Marge Campbell** (Sharp); **Candace** (Stine); **Carol** (Riesmeyer); **Caroline** (Rhoads); **Jack Carr & Family** (Williams); **Eddie Chandler** (Aumiller); **Kirt Chronister**; **Pat Cleland**; **Frankie Coluntuna** (Eichman); **Stacy Cole** (Ward-Diorio); **Marc Cooley** (Richey); **Darryl** (Carson); **Dorothy & Rev. Robert Davidson** (Layne); **Rita Davidson** (Plymette); **Deb & Ned** (A.Thompson); **Diane** (B.Thompson); **Evelyn Diorio**; **Ethan Dixon & Family**; **Doris** (S.Kline); **Marian Dornell** (Warfield); **Jim Dougherty** (Ritter); **Grace Drager**; **Ted Drager** (Bowers); **Allen Dreibelbis**; **Faye Dunne** (Mitchell); **Dixon Earley** (Rushong); **Linda Eichelberger** (Chronster); **Jim Erb** (Kern); **Karen Erway** (Rushong); **Bob & Eve Fenner**; **Tom Figiel** (Weiser); **The Fowler Family** (Runkle); **Michelle Fox** (Knox); **Flynn** (Burns); **Diane Freeman**; **Anne French** (Ward-Diorio); **Ron Gabriel**; **Lenny Gardner** (Shearer); **Paulette Garrison** (Bender); **Gary** (A. Thompson); **George** (B. Thompson); **Joyce Gerstenlauer** (Dundore); **Gina & Family** (Sharp); **Gloria** (Davinroy); **Betty Goodfellow** (Ritter); **Floyd Gouse**; **Shirley Grammer**; **Teri and Dave Guelcher**; **Jane Hall**; **Bill Hanna** (Shea); **Mandi Hannah** (Hoehn); **Gavin Harris** (Cowan); **Phyllis Hershey**; **Joshua Holbrook** (Nolan); **Holly & Bobby** (Larue/Short); **Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple**; **Jay Houser** (Haagen); **Michele Hughes** (Murphy); **Chuck Hurley** (Fox); **Jack Hyde** (Fox/Holtzapple); **Lee Jackson**; **Jamie** (Dundore); **Jane** (Ritter); **Jenny, Eric & Erica** (Lingenfelter); **Jim** (Rhoads); **Joe** (Allison); **Jonathan & Karen** (Wirth); **Clariene Jones**(MLC); **Will Jones**; **Lily Jordan** (Mullin); **Karen & Margo** (Stork-Whitson); **Rev. Dr. Chris Kennedy** (Ward-Diorio); **Kim** (S. Kline); **Jeff & Lyle King**; **Dot Kinzer**; **Sandy Kline**; **Rich Kline**; **Shirley & John Knisely**; **Randy Krepps**; **Jennifer Lee** (Thorpe); **Jean & John Layne**; **Rev. Norma Llewellen** (Sotrck-Whitson); **Bonnie Lengle** (B.Thompson); **Lenks Family** (Carson/Foukes); **Kim Lidzynski** (Hoehn); **Larry Linder** (Stork-Whitson); **Naomi Losch** (Endy); **Louise, Manny & Larry** (Sharp); **Colin Loy** (White); **Kelly Lynch** (Wirth); **Irene Macconnell-Davinroy**; **Martin Malone** (Riesmeyer); **Cook Mann** (Davinroy); **Mary**

(Rhoads); **Marie** (Murphy); **Phyllis Martz**; **Sean McDonald** (Rushong); **Kristie McGaughey** (Trout); **Stephanie McGonigle** (Warfield); **Linda Meola** (Roush); **Rob Merentz** (Allison); **Michel & Family** (Fox/Holtzapple); **Michelle & Family** (Mihmet); **Joanne & Charles Miller**; **Charles Miller** (Lloyd and Matthew's dad); **Lee & Connie Miller**; **Linda Miller**; **Melissa Miller** (Bender); **Steve Mitchell**; **Roxanne & Steve Morgan** (Dundore); **Trendy Mowery** (Aumiller); **Tammy Mullen & Family** (Allison); **Patricia Nalepka** (Jon Nalepka); **Stephen O'Driscoll & Family** (Rushong); **David Ordonia** (Myers); **Mary P.** (Rhoads); **Ann Palazzo** (Weiser); **Ms. Patterson** (Davinroy); **Lynne Patton** (Taylor); **Don Perry** (Ritter); **Jim Pilsner** (Rhoads); **Marion Quinlan** (Ward-Diorio); **Randy** (Bender); **Carl Raudabaugh** (A. Thompson); **Richard Reba** (Richenbacher); **Reed & Ziegler Families**; **Robert Reiner** (Bender); **Jo Rice** (Rushong); **Joyce Rice** (Eichman); **Mike Riesmeyer**; **Paul Ringenbach** (Wirth); **Sandi Ritter-Butz**; **Lisha Robertson & Family**; **Adam Rohrbaugh** (Bender); **Rev. Roben Roof** (Stork-Whitson); **Rosemary** (Simpson); **Jerry Roventini & Family** (Boyer); **Marian Royer**; **Carolyn Rutherford**; **Benny Rushong**; **Sam** (Freeman); **Irv Sanders**; **Robyn Scaer** (Hoehn); **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); **Rev. Frank Showers** (Aumiller); **Bill Siemon** (Warfield); **Mike Siemons** (Wood); **Conner Snow & Family**; **Jacob Snyder** (Wentz); **Sue Snyder** (Bowers); **James Sowell** (Sandy Kline); **Clarence, Nancy Steck & Donna Sterner**; **Barbara Sterner**; **Sue** (Sizemore); **Briana Thomas**; **Cathy Thomas**; **Tracy Thrush Family**; **Austin Tichenor** (Gladwin); **Linda Till**; **Todd & Family** (Morell); **Doug Townsen** (S. Miller); **Craig Triplett** (Boyer); **Flo Turner** (B.Thompson); **George Tutino** (Boyer); **Tom Tuttle** (Trout); **Bill Utley** (Boyer); **Tom Van Hall & Family** (Sutton); **Roger VanLoan** (Ritter); **Ceci Viti** (Warfield); **Evelyn Warfield**; **Anthony Warner**(Simpson); **Dr. Kenneth Way** (Bowers); **John White**; **Dave Wightman** (Trout); **Peg Wightman**; **Elaine Williams** (A. Thompson); **Wilton**; **Rose Fran Wolford**; **Beth & Steve Woods** (Riesmeyer); **Suzanne Worley**(Jones); **Alexa, Lacey Worrall & Family** (Ward-Diorio); **Jacqueline Young** (Wentz); **Kevin Young** (A.Thompson); **Aimee Yowell** (Eichman)

DIRECTORY UPDATE – Please update your directory with this address correction:

Jody Biss and Wendy Hayden
15 Cicada Dr (not 13)
Mechanicsburg PA 17050-7805



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



Choir Schedule

- 11/03 8:00 am Chancel
10:30 am Youth
- 11/10 10:30 am Hand Chimes
- 11/17 8:00 am Youth Choir
10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 11/24 8:00 am Youth Choir
10:30 am Chancel Choir/ Choristers sing at Children's Message



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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

LECTORS

- 11/03 8:00 Kathy Aumiller
10:30 Aaron Riesmeyer
- 11/10 10:30 Craig Martek
- 11/17 8:00 Becky Thompson
10:30 Kim Pirtle
- 11/24 8:00 Eric Dundore
10:30 Shirley Keith Knox

FLOWER DELIVERY

- 11/03 Sue & Dayne Miller
- 11/10 Joan & Ernie Moyer
- 11/17 Susan Gabriel
- 11/24 Jill Morell

ACOLYTES

- 11/03 8:00
10:30
- 11/10 10:30
- 11/17 8:00
10:30
- 11/24 8:00
10:30

Nursery

- 11/03
- 11/10 Jonne Dundore, Becky Thompson
- 11/17 Sue Ward-Diorio, Terry Shaner
- 11/24

USHERS

- Nov Head Usher: Dennis Plymette
- 11/03 8:00 Fenton Fox, Melissa Cawley, Art Williams, Mary Runkle
10:30 Dennis Plymette, Gene Shaner, Deb Cashman, Chris Cowan, Eric Dundore
- 11/10 10:30 Dave, Chris, Josette & Kateri Grice
- 11/17 8:00 Joann & Marshall Bender, Connie & Herb Sutton
10:30 Karen & Kevin Allison, Paula Boyer
- 11/24 8:00 Terry Shaner, Will & Jean Jones
10:30 Mike Aumiller, Vonny Eckman, Tim Kern

COMMUNION PREP

- 11/03 Pew Communion - Chris Grice



COMPOST BUCKET - A compost bucket has been placed in the kitchen with a list of "Do" and "Don't" items for composting.

Please consider what you are throwing away before you put it in the trash can. That orange peel is compost-able! Those coffee grounds (and the filter too) are like gold to a compost bin! Help us reduce waste and create compost for our garden. Questions? See Mary Runkle.

2020 Community Garden News

While we just recently put the garden to bed, we are hard at work preparing for next year's season. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following businesses, which have already donated products to support the Community Garden next season:

- Paulus Farm Market
- Ashcombes Farm & Greenhouses
- Highland Gardens
- Home Depot - Mechanicsburg
- Lowe's – Mechanicsburg
- Stauffers of Kissel Hill
- Walmart – Mechanicsburg
- Walmart - Etters

These business partners have donated items like straw to keep the weeds down, plants, compost/manure, Miracle Gro potting soil, tomato cages and gift cards to purchase items we will need for next season. We can't thank them enough for their willingness to donate already for next year!



Do you have any Straw you want to get rid of? If anyone is using a bale of straw for decorations for the Halloween or Thanksgiving Season and would like to donate it to St. Paul's Community Garden after the holidays, please contact Mike Aumiller at aumiller@ptd.net or 717-599-2102 and he will be glad to pick it up at your home. Thanks.



Planning for Spring

St. Paul's Members: If anyone would like to donate any Spring Bulbs for the Church Garden beds, I would be willing to do the planting. Also, if you have a preferred area you would like to see the bulbs planted in just include a note with the bulbs when dropped off in the commons. *Please place your donated bulbs in the box in the commons between Nov. 15th and 30th.* Your generosity is very much appreciated. *Respectfully Floyd Gouse.*



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 11th.* 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 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 are: Amazon, Apple/iTunes, CVS, Dollar Tree, Giant, Michael's, Netflix, VISA/MC, and Wal Mart.

Requested gift cards for Thornwald Home are: Amazon, Dollar Tree, Giant, Michael's, Papa John's, Target, VISA/MC, and 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 24 so that we have the time to get these gifts to the Homes. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS EXPRESS:

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 bulletin board in The Commons for specific gift suggestions, along with a full wish list. Last year we learned that teen boys receive the fewest number of donations for this event. Please consider donating a \$25 gift card to one of the following stores: Target, Wal-Mart, Game Stop, Best Buy, movie theaters, Barnes & Noble, Dave & Busters. Gift cards should be marked for "New Hope" and placed in the offering plate or turned into the church office. 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. *Please place your new, unwrapped gifts in the marked boxes in the Commons no later than Sunday December 8th.*



Sunday November 3rd – Don't forget to set your clocks back!

Trunk or Treat - November 3rd(rain or shine – we will move inside if it rains) Host vehicles should arrive to set-up between 4:00 and 5:00 pm. No vehicles may enter the blocked-off area after 5:00. The actual trunk-or-treating will begin at 5:30 and go thru 6:15.

After Trunk-or-Treat, join us in Fellowship Hall for hot dogs and other refreshments hosted by Parish Ministries. Questions? Contact Allyssa Boyer. All are Welcome. We hope you will join us!

Save the Date – Stewardship Sunday, November 10th. 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.

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 will be posted on the bulletin board in the commons shortly for both 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! Put that date on your calendar now - We hope you will join us.



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



St. Paul's college students have been studying hard this semester, and the Youth Group thinks 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, November 17th.** Or, consider a monetary donation to offset the cost of postage and cookie dough. And, if you know a college student or young adult who attends St. Paul's, please email their postal address to Pastor Allyssa at allyssaboyer@outlook.com, or drop it off in the church office. Thank you!

Pollyannas will be having their next lunch meeting 11:30 am, Tues, Nov 26 at CC's Kitchen in Mechanicsburg. If you are planning to attend, please call Bonnie Plymette, 697-2938.

You are invited to join St. Paul's UCC's confirmation class on a field trip to visit the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community at Hadee Mosque in Harrisburg. Our visit will include a presentation about Islam, participation in their Friday congregational prayer service, and lunch with members of their congregation.

When: Friday, Nov. 29, 2019

Where: We will meet at St. Paul's at 10:30 am to carpool to the mosque; we will return to St. Paul's around 2:30 pm

Who: Everyone from St. Paul's UCC is invited, but please sign up.

Sign-up on the sheet in the commons and note if you are willing to drive. Questions? Contact Pastor Allyssa (allyssaboyer@outlook.com; 717-798-4541). We hope you will join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn about Islam and meet our neighbors!

Sanctuary Decorating November 30th 8 am- Decorating for Advent and Christmas. Let Jonne Dundore know if you can help, 766-2601 or Jonnekev@aol.com.

Advent Book Reading Groups – Mondays starting December 2nd thru December 23rd, 1 pm & 7:30 pm in the Parlor. All are Welcome!

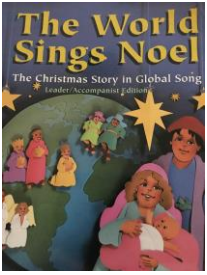
A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on **Sunday December 8th** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to hold a discussion and vote on the 2020 budget. Please plan now to attend.

New support group for parents of transgender and gender nonconforming kids: Grace Church Harrisburg as part of their commitment to being a fully inclusive community supporting local LGBTQ individuals and families is hosting a support group for parents of transgender and gender nonconforming children, teens and adults. This group will bring together parents (and other adult family members) seeking to better understand and support their children dealing with issues of gender identity. Additionally, the group will operate under a policy of confidentiality in order to create a safe atmosphere for open discussion. We plan to meet once a month at Grace Church Harrisburg at 216 State Street, and our initial meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9th at 7 pm. When you arrive, look for the side entrance between the church and Wesley House next door. We will be meeting in the Guild Room parlor. Please come and join us for informal sharing and mutual support! For more information, please call the church office at 717-238-6739.

Advent/Open House Saturday Dec. 14th 2 to 6 pm at the Ward-Diorio's.

Blue Christmas Service - Thursday December 12th- 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.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! We have an amazing story to tell you! On December 15, "The World Sings Noel, the Christmas Story in Global Song", will be presented by our Sunday School program. ALL AGES, young and "mature" are invited

to take part. We meet in the choir room (5) on Sundays from 9:15-9:30 learning the music, which includes infectious melodies from around the world. If you are interested in participating in any way; speaking parts, singing, dancing, costumes/props, advertising, (it is not too late to join!) please come on Sundays or contact Jonneke Dundore at 717 460-8303 or jonnekev@aol.com. We hope to make this a fun filled inter-generational event! If you don't want to participate – no problem. We have one Worship Service this day at 10:30. Hope you will join us to see the pageant!

Christmas Musicale - Sunday December 22nd – One Worship Service this day at 10:30 am (no Sunday School) – 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 29th – One Worship Service at 9:15 am (no Sunday School)- Service of Carols (no Sunday School)



A HUGE THANK YOU!!! to all from St. Paul's who donated Peanut Butter to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank's Hunger Action Month in September. Our thanks also to Sue Ward-Diorio for transporting the peanut butter

to the food bank. *A total of 487 lbs. of peanut butter* was delivered to the the Food Bank on September 30th.

I would like to thank my St. Paul's Family for the prayers, kind words and cards during my recovery from knee replacement surgery. It is still a work in progress but going quite well! *Blessings to you! Carolyn Rutherford*

St. Paul's Bazaar Thank You!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Wednesday night setup for the Bazaar. With your help we set up/arranged 43 tables, and 141 chairs, in 11 rooms and hallways, and moved all the donated items from the stage to the Flea Market classrooms. We couldn't have done it without you! We are also grateful to all who provided us with the delicious dinner before we began the setup. Thank you so much; you all are an amazing team! *Allyssa Boyer & Eric Dundore*

Joan and Mary wish to thank all of our helpers in the dining room for bazaar! To those who helped set up on Thursday night and those who worked on Friday, we give our sincere appreciation. Your tireless efforts, your smiles and laughter and your friendship make this a successful event we look forward to each year. Thank you! *Joan Moyer & Mary Runkle.*

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! It was so wonderful to see new faces volunteer to help in the kitchen this year! Thank you all so very much! *Patty Scott and Brenda Kern*

I would like to Thank!! all the folks who gave up their time to assist in the Cashiers area. *Lloyd Miller*

I would like to say Thank You to all the people who took the time to make/grow the donations for the Crafts/Plants for the Crafts Common area. *Anita Miller*

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 and Shirley Keith Knox.*

Parking Staff - Thanks very much for all of your help. A great job and a beautiful day to enjoy. Thanks again - *Tom Olsen*

MANY THANKS to the Bazaar Clean-up Crew! Cleaning it all up is the final piece to having a successful Bazaar. Thank you for all of your hard work! – *Craig Martek*

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 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 is GREATLY appreciated!! Can't wait to do it all again next year 😊 -*Dale Thorpe & Becky Thompson*

WOW! St. Paul's is the best. It started with the many days of kitchen prep, flea market sorting, making of crafts, baked goods and delicious home canned items. Then we kicked into high gear starting on Wednesday with more kitchen prep, setting up tables and chairs, and moving flea market items. Work continued Thursday

with setup of the baked goods, crafts, flea market rooms, the dining room and more kitchen prep. Finally, it was the actual day of the bazaar, with so many helpers inside and out. It all wrapped up Friday night and Saturday morning, with cleaning up and putting the Church back together again. THANK YOU, we could not do it without you! We also want to send a special thank you to each of the chairs of the various areas; your capable leadership is key to making such a large event do-able for a group of volunteers.

We netted a profit of \$ 13,309.86 at this year's bazaar. That is \$ 4,309.86 better than budget!

A sincere THANK YOU to you ALL! - *Kathy Williams & Jenn Martek, Bazaar General Chairpersons.*

Congratulations to ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION TEAM! The team that participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk was a small one, but we are SO VERY MIGHTY! To date we have turned in \$5,448.00 to the American Cancer Society! That is so amazing and due to the very generous donations we received after church services and the support we had for our Chicken Corn Soup and Easter Egg Sales. Thank you everyone!!

Total collected for "The Neighbors in Need" special mission offering was \$702.00. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the UCC Special Mission offerings!

