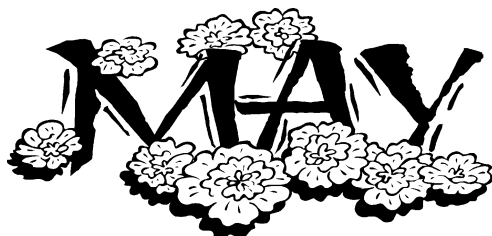


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Sunday School at 9:15 am

Childcare available @ 10:30 am service.

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 2011

A Blessed Easter to one and all. I hope your Easter day was filled with treats and numerous signs of new life. I hope too that your Easter Season, that we are in the midst of right now, provides opportunities for us to move into our new lives and to share with others the possibility that they too might find new life. In small ways and large, we have the chance to become more and more of the people God created us to be, and in doing so find the peace and fulfillment God is offering us.

We each have opportunities to reach out and help others, serve others, and I want to thank all the people who have done that over the past month. So many members of our congregation and some members so many times, provided food, helped serve it or clean up during the many meals we shared over the course of April. The three receptions following the Services for Jack Rhoads, Clyde Miller and Rena Smith were so well stocked with food that we know no one went home hungry, and the families got to bring home food too. Our Maundy Thursday meal and our Easter Breakfast were brimming with the gifts of food. Our Fellowship Times after Sunday Worship have offered wonderful treats. Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!!! The ministry of fellowship and sharing food is a crucial part of what we can do for each other and for others. Well done, good and faithful servants.

Please look carefully at our calendar for the coming month. Our busy lives can seem even busier during the Spring, but we continue to have work to do here within our congregation. We also will have an opportunity to Worship in a special way on Sunday May 15 when we install The Rev. Dr. Thomas Herrold as our Pastor Emeritus. St. Paul's continues to be a vibrant place of lots of life, life continuing

forward and new life. Please join in. Peace, John

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS – March 15, 2011

Treasurer's Report – The total income for February was \$27,104.85. This is \$5,214.85 better than budget. Total expenses for February were \$19,612.82. This is \$99.82 over budget. For the month of February Income minus Expenses = \$7,492.03 (\$5,115.03 better than budget.) Year to date income is \$53,248.27. This is \$4,556.27 better than budget. Year to date expenses are \$42,450.59. This is \$563.59 over budget. Previous suggestion to use the money market account to pay off other internal debts, which would leave us one debt (the money market account) to track. Jim Kinzer is researching this idea. The amount taken from the money market account would be approximately \$12,000. **Stewardship Council** – Kathy Williams – Jane Hall & Kathy Williams met to discuss ideas for fundraising. The committee is meeting next month and they will evaluate and prioritize the ideas. **Christian Ed** – Randy Murphy – There was a meeting on March 2. Becky Thompson has agreed to chair the committee. Sue Ward-Diorio will be the secretary. Shawna Simpson has agreed to coordinate VBS. Sue and Jonneke Dundore are working together on the Sunday School Program. **Property Committee** – Dick Bensel – no formal meeting in Feb. We have come through Winter in fairly good shape, as far as expenses. The surface water run-off situation has improved. There is concern about the water draining properly from the roof as well as occasional leaking around the steeple. Next meeting will be April 14 at 7 PM. **Finance** – Kevin Allison – Committee met and reviewed the budget and Treasurer's Report. Bill Cashman and Jim Kinzer have a good

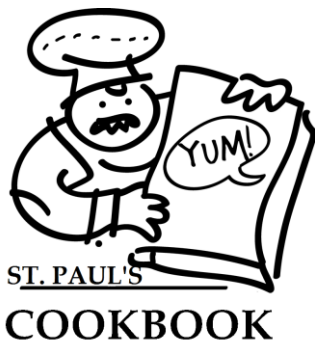
understanding of the budget. The committee is following up on several consistory suggestions. Discussion on getting a church credit card to use when ordering items over the phone or the internet.

Daycare Committee – Dennis Plymette – Daycare is currently paying \$1,776 monthly. Their budget/school year begins in July. The committee recommends an increase of less than 2% to \$1,811 a month (\$35.00 a month increase.) The 2% was chosen as it matches the cost of living increase.

Old Business – Food Service License. We are in the gray area of needing a license. It appears that the only improvement we would need is a hand-wash only sink. This could be installed in the area where the coffee pots are located. The cost for the license is \$85.00 per year. If more than 3 meals per year are served to the public, we are required to have a license. The consistory feels it would be a good idea to have the license in order to be in compliance and also open our options for fundraising dinners. Dave will further investigate the cost of the sink.

Pastor Emeritus – Rev. John – The service will be on May 15th. Invitation have been created and mailed out.

New Business – Copier lease will expire in mid-June. We have a proposal for both a folder and a copier. Proposal sheets to be emailed to consistory. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday April 12 at 7 PM. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

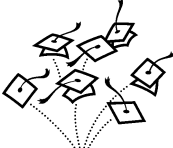


St. Paul's on a Mission Cookbook! We have been gathering recipes from St. Paul's wonderful cooks for 6 weeks. WE NEED MORE RECIPES!! **The deadline has been extended until May 29th. Please submit**, up to 3 recipes, to bkern59@verizon.net or drop your recipe(s) in the pot in the Common by the 29th. Cookbooks will be ready in the early Fall for purchase.



**"ST. PAUL'S PENNIES FOR HEAVEN"
Spare Change Campaign**

Do you, like many families, have a change jar in your house where all the stray pennies, dimes, and nickels get dumped? Those pennies can really add up over time. St. Paul's Stewardship Council has been brainstorming creative and painless ways to raise funds for the church and we thought having a spare change jar in the Commons might be one simple way we can be good stewards and help to refill the accounts we've borrowed from ourselves. So bring in your spare change - and see how much we can accumulate over the next few months. We'll keep you posted on our progress in future Epistles!



Graduation is quickly approaching. All college and high school graduates please turn a wallet size senior picture and graduation information (name, school and degree) into the church office as soon as possible for St. Paul's graduation display. The pictures will be returned.

Thank You for every gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing** that you, the members of this congregation, have given to this special offering for making a difference in people's lives. In addition to this annual offering, individuals and congregations regularly give special OGHs designated gifts during the year as disasters occur. As it was stated in the April 10th Sunday's bulletin Calendar of Prayer, Mission Moments: "Thank you for every gift that you offer in compassion and trust, with hope and love. Together we are sharing resources and changing lives! The total amount collected for this campaign was \$1,296.00. Submitted by Joan Quick.



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER: **Mayme Alfano** (Paula Boyer's mother); **Kevin Allison**; **Judy Aumiller & Family**; **Dee Bachman** (friend of Murphy's); **Mr. Beam** (Zach Davinroy's HR Teacher); **Lisa Benoist** (Dave Ritter's nephew's wife); **Peggy Baum**; **Barbara Bell** (Patty Scott's mom); **Mary Bensel** (Dick's mother); **Betsy** (Friend of Dar Murphy); **Bill & Bob** (Susan Gabriel's cousins); **Norma Bingham** (friend of Connie Sutton); **Geoffrey Biringner** (friend of Velez's); **Pamela Bower** (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); **Betty & Charles Breon** (mother & step-father of Sue Miller); **Tina Bowers-Paris**; **Virginia Brown** (Joy Perry); **Denny Browne** (friend of Sarah Myers); **Julia Bulger** (Heather Miller's Grandmother); **Sandy Buhrman** (friend of Kathy Williams); **Michaela Bushey** (friend of Sara Weaver); **Joanne & Janine Campbell** (relative of Kevin Allison's co-worker); **Kathy & Cassidy Carlis** (friend of Jean & Willard Jones); **Tim Carter** (son of Connie Sutton's friend); **Christ Lutheran Church**; **Ruth Chronister** (Ron's Mother); **Kevin Clancy** (neighbor of Chronister's); **Shannon Collins** (Donna and Ron Chronister's niece); **Catherine Cotton** (Cheryl's grandmother); **Cleason Cromer**; **Alice and Bill Crouse**; **Irene Davinroy** (Tim's mother); **Deana** (co-worker of Anna Thompson); **Debbie** (friend of Velez's); **Ellie Deeble** (great-granddaughter of Jean Myers); **Instituto Dela Toro** (friend of Velez's); **Bill Dietz** (friend of Chronisters); **Julie DeLuca** (Jim and Joan Quick's daughter); **Ethan Dixon** (Sabrina Thompson's son); **Jacque & Grace Drager**; **Lou Donneway** (friend of Mike and Kathy Aumiller); **Edna Dreibelbis** (Anna Burn's mother); **Duane** (friend of Brian Medkeff-Rose); **Duriske Family** (Katelyn Chamberlain's Uncle and Family); **Pat Eakin**; **Stewart Emery** (Sandi Ritter-Butz's father); **Fenton Fox**; **Debbie and Joe Gartland**; **Heather Geraghty** (Linda Alburger's niece); **Nancy Girard** (sister of Belva Garman); **Bob & Liane Gladwin**; **Shirley & Tom Grammer**; **Jane & Dave Hall**; **Ron Hannon** (friend of Tom Stone); **Ellen Harling** (mother of Kevin Allison's co-worker); **Paul Heaney, Sr.** (Dar Murphy's dad); **Bob Heisler**; **Phyllis Hershey**; **Travis Hessom**; **Sue Higgins** (friend of Anna Thompson); **Greg Holley** (friend of Sue Miller); **Galen Holtzapple** (Rick's brother); **Rick Holtzapple**; **Homeless Family**; **Houck Family** (friend of Rick Ayers); **Jim & Diane Hughes** (Jim is pastor of Grace UCC in Greencastle); **Mary Kathryn Hunt** (mother of Kimberly Leonard); **Mary Hunter** (Mary Louise Miller's cousin); **Hunter & Family**; **Betty Hyde**; **Bill Ingraham** (friend of Anna Thompson/Eric Dundore); **Joe** (Dar Murphy's brother); **Dan Jones** (Jean and Willard's son); **Jean and Willard Jones & daughter Sue Worley**; **Julia** (Rick Holtzapple's daughter); **Karen B.** (neighbor of Gabriel's); **Connie & Bob Kayer** (Kris Amtower's parents); **Brian Keefer** (high-school classmate of Christy Aumiller); **Nancy Keith** (Martha and Gene's daughter); **Steven Keith** (Martha and Gene's son); **Megan Kern**; **Kevin** (brother of co-worker of Susan Gabriel); **Sandy & Skip Kline**; **Rev. George Klinefelter** (former pastor of

St. Paul's); **Shirley Knisely**; **Doug Knox** (Greg's dad); **Emily Koontz** (great niece of Donna & Bud Sponsler); **Carrie Kramer** (Rochelle Rhoads grandmother); **Lynn Lawler** (Peg Wightman's cousin); **Casey Little** (Gabriel); **Cindy Long** (friend of Sue Mullin); **Barbara Lumby** (Betsy Rushong's friend); **Marla** (Shawna Simpson's cousin); **Kim Martin** (co-worker of Leann Davinroy); **Jerry McCartney** (Jen Martek's dad); **Brian McIntyre** (friend of Missy Gates); **Shawn McClintic** (friend of Brian Medkeff-Rose); **Melodie** (colleague of Randy Murphy's); **Deb Milford** (co-worker Carol Sizemore); **Alice & Larry Miller** (Rev. John neighbor from NJ); **Sue Miller**; **Treva Miller & the entire Family & Friends of Clyde Miller**; **Ryan Miller** (Patrice and Greg Miller's son); **Steve Mitchell**; **Monica** (Friend of Anna Thompson); **Ally, Erin, Joan & Ernie Moyer**; **Tyler, Hayden & Stacy Mustico** (Layne Thompson's cousin); **Jean Myers**; **Patricia Nalepka** (Jon Nalepka's mother); **Nancy** (friend of the Chronister family); **Virginia O'Connell** (Elizabeth Miller's aunt); **Josh Oxford** (friend of Sara Weaver); **Pap** (Chelsey Wirth's Grandfather); **Craig Parker** (Ruth Wrightstone's nephew); **Julia Paroda & Family** (friends of the Shaner/Gates Family); **Ann Patch** (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); **Donna Perry** (Friend of Lois Ritter); **Kristen Pike** (sister-in-law of Christal Pike-Nase & Jonathan Nase); **Ursula R. Pike** (Christal's mom); **Rev. Yvonne Rey**; **Carol & the entire Family & Friends of Jack Rhoads**; **Emily Rieger** (Patrice Miller's niece); **Sandi Ritter-Butz**; **Lynn & Bea Row** (Sue Miller's parents); **Tom Row** (Sue's brother); **Candice Rush** (friend of Phyllis Hershey); **Donald Rynard** (son of former co-worker of Anna Thompson); **Samantha** (Elizabeth Miller's niece); **Rev. Glenn Schultz & the entire Family & Friends of Nicholas Kipp Jr.**; **John Scott**; **Don and Peggy Seiler**; **Joyce Sealover** (Connie Sutton's SIL); **Grace Sennett** (Linda Alburger's Grandmother); **Zachary Shade & Family** (Ward-Diorio); **Pete & Linda Shea**; **Rev. Thomas C. & Lorna Simcox** (co-worker of Brenda Kern); **Gracie Simpson**; **Clara Sizemore** (Bill's mom); **Bob & Valerie Smith** (friend of Anna Thompson); **Mike Snyder** (friend of Velez's); **Sue Stada**; **Clarence & Nancy Steck**; **Clyde Strock** (Becca Strock's grandfather); **Kent Strock** (Becca's Dad); **Alex Szeles** (friend of Jean and Willard Jones); **Tom Stone**; **Tamara** (friend of Rachelle Rhoads); **Tashana Taylor** (V. Velez); **Dave Thomas** (friend of Julie Scott); **Anna Thompson & the entire Family & Friends of Rena Smith**; **Stu Tompkins** (co-worker of Kevin Allison); **Bob & Carol Torpey** (Kathy Aumiller cousin); **Al & Deloris Tucker Sr.** (friend of Kevin Allison); **Debra Urich** (friend of Dot and Jim Kinzer); **Rosalie Utley** (Paula Boyer's cousin); **Leah van Olden**; **Judy Ward** (Sue's mom); **Vivian Ware** (Terry Shaner Aunt); **Doris Washam** (Sandy Kline's sister); **Wayne & Sandy** (Friends of Kinzers); **Eric Weiner & Family**; **Brian Wickard** (brother of co-worker of Leann Davinroy); **Ruth Wrightstone**; **Ruth Wunderly** (friend of Bonnie Plymette's daughter); **Angie Young & Family** (friend of co-worker of Becky Lingenfelter); **Pat Zitzman** (Anna Thompson's Friend.)

MAY LECTIONARY TEXTS

1 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9
Psalm 16 John 20:19-31

8 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23
Psalm 116:1-4, 2-19 Luke 24:13-35

15 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25
Psalm 23 John 10:1-10

22 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 John 14:1-14

29 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22
Psalm 66:8-20 John 14:15-21

- 22 8:15 Connie & Herb Sutton
- 10:30 Amanda & Scott Endy
- Allyssa & Paula Boyer
- 29 8:15 Marshall Bender & Richard Gray
- 10:30 Joan & Ernie Moyer
- Julie Patton &

FLOWER DELIVERY

- 01 Darryl & Winnie Wentz
- 08 Don & Merikay Wood
- 15 Brandon & Catherine Thomas
- 22 Joan & Jim Quick
- 29 Joan & Jim Quick



MAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ACOLYTES

- 01 8:15 Katelyn Chamberlain
- 10:30 Kevin MacKinnon
- 08 8:15 Kevin Rudisill
- 10:30 Chelsey Wirth
- 15 10:30 Jeff Dundore
- 22 10:30 Amy MacKinnon
- 29 10:30 Ally Moyer

GREETERS

- 01 8:15 Carolyn & Jere Rutherford
- 10:30 Jim & Joan Quick
- 08 8:15 Betty & Tom Olsen
- 10:30 Shawna & Dave Simpson
- 15 10:30 Bonnie & Dennis Plymette
- 22 8:15 Becky Thompson & Family
- 10:30 Winnie & Darryl Wentz
- 29 8:15 Mary Louise Miller & Tom Milletics
- 10:30 Martha & Vic Brown

LECTORS

- 01 8:15 Mary Runkle
- 10:30 Dennis Plymette
- 08 8:15 Ron Chronister
- 10:30 Deb Cashman
- 15 10:30 Allyssa Boyer
- 22 8:15 Rhonda Jacobsen
- 10:30 Paula Boyer
- 29 8:15 Joanne Miller
- 10:30 Kevin Allison

Head Usher: Dick Bensel

- 01 Consistory
- 08 8:15 Carolyn & Jere Rutherford
- 10:30 Brenda & Tim Kern
- Deb & Bill Cashman
- 15 10:30 Mike Aumiller & Betracy Nye
- Betty & Tom Olsen

- 01 - 8:15 am Youth Choir
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 08 - 10:30 am Handchimes
- 15 - 10:30 am Chancel & Youth Choir
- Choristers will sing @ Children's Message
- 22- 10:30 Chancel Choir
- 29 - 10:30 am Youth Choir



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| 02 Cameron Burns | 16 Allyssa Boyer |
| Jessica Paulus | James Boyer |
| 03 Creedin Paulus | Jacque Drager |
| Bud Sponsler | Linda Shea |
| Milo Stavely | 17 Mackendra Shea |
| 04 Esther Kline | 18 James Beistline |
| Valerie Lill | Kelly Costello |
| 06 Ruth Wrightstone | Glenn Kline |
| 07 Jim Kinzer | Joan Moyer |
| John Knisely | 19 Karen Paulus |
| Gregory Miller | 20 Leo Garman |
| 08 Jocelen Baine | Rick Holtzapple |
| Cyndi Watson | 22 Donald Dye |
| Andrew Wentz | 23 Rachael Cashman |
| 09 Kathryn Amtower | Abby Miller |
| Jane Frymark | 25 Linda Alburger |
| Joy Perry | Lloyd Miller |
| 10 Bruce Perry | 26 John McMillan Jr. |
| 11 Melissa Walter | 26 Anthony Simpson |
| 13 Becca Cramer | 27 Michael McCorkel |
| Rhonda Jacobsen | 28 Deena Davis |
| 14 Katelyn Chamberlain | 29 Sue Mullin |
| Gail Parthree | 30 Judy Aumiller |
| 15 Brynn Bergstresser | Ned Rupp |
| Mary Runkle | |



- 02 Chris and Dave Grice
- 03 Sue and Ed Thorn
- 06 Joy and Bruce Perry
- 08 Cheryl and Ken Malick
- 08 Sonya and Lance Snow
- 08 Becca and Dan Cramer
- 09 Kristine and Richard Amtower
- 11 Barbara and William Westhafer Sr.
- 13 Anna and Dale Burns
- 16 Marshall and MaryJane Bender
- 17 Marcy and William Brymesser
- 19 Leann and Tim Davinroy
- 20 Dot and Jim Kinzer
- 21 Amy and Milo Stavely
- 24 Brenda and Tim Kern
- 25 Merikay and Don Wood
- 28 Winnie and Darryl Wentz
- 28 Melissa and Lee Walter
- 31 Peg and Don Seiler
- 31 Tracy and Michael Shea

Volunteers Needed for Communion Preparation

The Chancel Committee invites any and all new volunteers to help prepare communion. Some of our “experienced” folks have needed to “retire.” This has really put an extra burden on those who have faithfully prepared our Communion for many years now. The current volunteers would love to share the wealth of this work. This duty happens once a month, with the exception of the Christmas and Easter holiday seasons. This is not a time intensive process - it usually takes about an hour for set up and then approximately 30 minutes on Sundays for clean up.

Any new volunteers would be paired with an experienced preparer for instruction. No one would be asked to try and do the preparation on their own initially, though we are faithful that our fellow members will pick up the intricacies quickly.

Please prayerfully consider helping in this ministry of our church community. There is nothing like preparing a “meal” for 100 or more people to help you feel like you have really accomplished something. And you get to say you are fulfilling Jesus’ request to ‘feed his sheep.’ Thank you!!!

Coming soon: Chair Yoga!!

St. Paul’s Yoga Club will soon offer Chair Yoga to the members and friends of St. Paul’s UCC! Chair Yoga is a modified version of our “traditional” Vinyasa classes currently offered on Tuesday nights, 6:30-7:30pm. Most of our yoga poses in this class are done while sitting in a chair or using the chair for added stabilization during standing poses. We’ll use various props (such as yoga blocks and straps) to help everyBODY get the fullest benefit from each posture. This modified class format serves a wide spectrum of people: those recovering from a past injury, those experiencing less mobility as they age, and those who are challenged by the “up and down” transitions of a general yoga format.

Our plan is to begin offering these classes in June! Classes will be on Monday or Wednesday nights. More information will be coming soon!!



Reach out to those in need

PERISHABLES NEEDED BY NEW HOPE -



Milk, eggs, hot dogs and butter are needed by families in the Mechanicsburg area. These are needed in addition to the nonperishable foods that many of you have been

bringing into the church for delivery to the food pantry and to New Hope. Bruce Perry has agreed to make purchases on our behalf and deliver these perishable foods to New Hope on a monthly basis. **If you'd like to contribute a couple of dollars (cash or check made payable to St. Paul’s UCC with New Hope in the memo line) for this ministry, there are envelopes in the pews, as well as on the table in the commons marked New Hope.**

HARTMAN CENTER is in need of the following items for Crafts: Embroidery Floss, Colored Duck Tape and 11 ounce empty water bottles (Aqua pod) with lids. If you have any of these that you are willing to donate, please put in the box on the table in the commons.

Mission Moment - UCC Child Sponsorships

"I swallow my sadness into my heart, which cannot stop me from missing my Mom." Qinghua Wang was eight years old when she lost her mother to AIDS. Her father, who contracted the virus from a contaminated needle when giving blood, cannot take care of himself, let alone his daughter. To be sure, no one can entirely fill the void in Qinghua's life, but the Zhecheng Succor Society in Henan, China, helps children like her to continue the education that is so important for their future. And we contribute to that effort through the Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program, supported by UCC members' and congregations' gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

Our international partners have identified agencies that open their hearts and their arms to children in need. Children who are blind or have impaired vision in Botswana. Street children in Jamaica. Orphaned and abandoned children in the Philippines. Tibetan refugee children in India. Stateless Palestinian children in East Jerusalem. And many others. We, too, open our hearts—and our checkbooks—to them. "For over forty years, more than 3,000 poor and low income children have been embraced by sponsors and their gifts," says Linda Lawrence, administrator of the program. Child sponsorships help provide those children with adequate food, clothing, and health care, as well as a place to live and educational expenses in some cases.

Individuals and congregations in the United Church of Christ that sponsor children know they are well provided for because our Global Ministries area offices are in touch with the agencies that care for them. Donors can also be sure that all the money they commit to a sponsorship goes directly to meet the child's needs because the costs of administering the program are borne by undesignated gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission. And they can transmit their loving concern in personal letters to the sponsored children, and receive word from them or from the center which cares for them.

Without adequate love and guidance, Qinghua Wang might have sunk completely into aimlessness and despair. But, inspired by the loving support of the American couple who sponsor her, she says she made up her mind to study hard to live up to their expectations. "Maybe someday, I will stand in front of you...to express my thanks to both of you," she writes in a letter to them. "May I call you 'Mom and Dad'?"



Thanks to the generosity of the members of St. Paul's we have been able to sponsor 11 children in the past through the Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program, a global children's ministry of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). **THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE 2011 CHILD SPONSORSHIPS** is on the bulletin board in the Common and there are open spaces waiting for you to sign up. It does not matter if a month has gone by, we can still send in the money for it. The cost for a child in 2011 will be \$30.00 per child per month. Please make your check out to St. Paul's UCC or place the cash in an envelope with your name and child sponsorship on it and place in offering plate or drop off in the Church office. **We need your continued support for this ministry.** If you would like to write to the child you sponsor, please contact the Church office for the address and Terry will get it for you. What better way to honor a loved one by sponsoring a child who has so little?

The Council for Extended Ministries is seeking volunteers to fulfill St. Paul's ministry to our community. We hope we are able to continue our ministry in these areas, but need additional volunteers in order to do that. Please prayerfully consider these needs. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Aumiller at aumiller@ptd.net or Shirley Keith Knox at skeithknox@comcast.net.

Volunteers Needed!



As the Transportation Coordinator for St. Paul's United Church of Christ, I am requesting your help to serve as a volunteer to provide transportation for members of our congregation needing assistance with their medical appointments.

The requests for assistance have increased significantly within the past several months adding additional demands for our current volunteers.

If you are willing to share your (free) time and consider being part of our team, contact Judy Aumiller.

Phone: 766-4614

Email: jeaumiller@msn.com

If you enjoy helping others, what a great way to experience a rewarding and satisfying encounter with members of St. Paul's that you may never have the opportunity to meet otherwise.

Thanks so much!

Household Items Needed – Last month we put out a request for some items that the family we supported over the holidays needs now that they are in their apartment. Thanks to all who brought in items. There are still a few things they need. If you have the following items you are willing to donate to this family please put them on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

Curtains for five windows – long as they come – good insulating ones.

Mixing & storage bowls.

VHS Tapes – both kids and Adults.

Food

Personal Items:

Soap

Shampoo

Toilet Paper

Paper Towels

Dish washing liquid

Bleach

We could use a truck to transport some larger items to the Family – if you can help in this area, please let Rev. John or Terry in the Church Office know.

If we get more items than are needed we will deliver them to New Digs Ministry in Mechanicsburg. Thanks for supporting families in need.



Tour de Cure

St. Paul's on Wheels Tour de Cure Update - The Tour de Cure

for the American Diabetes Association is only a month away, but it's still not too late to

join in for a fun ride in Boiling Springs on June 11. Our St. Paul's on Wheels team is up to 22 riders. There are ride options from 5 miles to 60 miles to meet everyone's riding abilities, as well as indoor spinning sessions. All rides are well supported by volunteers and have rest stops with food and a bonus hot meal at the finish.

The number of people doing the 5 mile family ride is increasing, so if you were thinking of riding with your family, or just prefer a nice flat ride, there will be many friends to keep you company! The reduced fee of \$5.00 will be coming to an end sometime soon, so if you're sitting on the edge of whether or not to ride, hop off the fence and join us - invite some friends too!

You can join on-line on our team website at <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/StPaulsUCC>. For the reduced registration fee of \$5.00, enter "tricounty" for the promotion code.

Many thanks to those who have already offered support with contributions. If you'd like

to help our team with a donation, there is a donation jar in the common area (tax deductible checks can be made out to The American Diabetes Association), or you can make a donation on-line at our team web site. You can also see all the members of the team and track our progress towards our goal of raising \$5000.

For more information about the Tour de Cure or joining St. Paul's on Wheels, you can contact Craig Martek at 717-514-6560 or e-mail at lizardbiker@hotmail.com



St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – The May meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held Sunday May 8th at 9:15 in the Parlor. Prayer Shawls will be blessed at both services on Sunday May 22nd.

IS THERE ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE HELP LEARNING TO KNIT?

There are persons who are knitting prayer shawls that would be willing to help anyone needing a refresher or just learning to knit that are part of our prayer shawl ministry.

If you are interested in getting help, contact Martha Keith at 258-0591 for her to set a time to have someone available to help you get started. Our prayer shawls are not complicated and anyone can learn.

The Chronic Pain Support Group has changed its name to Support for Your Health Journey. – Our goal is to encourage and support wellness in those who are dealing with ongoing health issues of any kind.

We invite you to come to our next meeting at Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, 15 State Rd. on Monday May 9th at 7:00 PM. We will be talking about how traumatic health issues impact our lives and the four stages of coming into wholeness.

If you are interested in attending this group but were unable to attend the last meeting, please call Lynne Neibert at 697-1538. If there is no interest I have decided that my monthly commitment cannot continue as no one attended the April meeting. I hope that this ministry can continue but if there is no longer a need then the group will be disbanded. Lynne.

BAZAAR NEWS!!! - Please plan to attend the **2011 Bazaar Planning Meeting on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.** All ideas would be greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome! **We need lots of help to make this event successful.** Thank you in advance for your support of this event. Please contact General Chairperson, Linda Alburger, talburger@comcast.net or 796-2097 if you have any questions. Hope to see you at the Meeting!

We hope you will join us Sunday May 15 for our one service that day at 10:30. We will be honoring the Rev. Dr. Thomas Herrold with the title of Pastor Emeritus. After the service we will gather together in Fellowship Hall for a time of further celebration and fellowship.

Sunday May 15th at 3 PM - The Mechanicsburg Area Council of Churches is pleased to present the *24th Annual Mechanicsburg Area Ecumenical Choir Concert.* This concert featuring 110 voices from 30 area churches will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 410 E. Simpson St. in Mechanicsburg. The musical director is Kathie Bittenbender and the accompanist is Bill Ingraham. Free will offering – proceeds to benefit New Hope Ministries.

Pollyanna's will be meeting 1 pm Tuesday May 24th at the home of Dot Kinzer. Please remember your food pantry donations. Any questions call Dot at 697-1620.



The Summer Worship Schedule will begin with one service at 9 AM on Sunday, June 5th (Peace Church) through Sunday, September 4th.



Peace Church, Sunday June 5th – 9 AM – Our Summer worship schedule will begin with this special service held at Peace Church, Intersection of Trindle & St. Johns Roads in

Camp Hill. Please note, Peace Church has been changed to the first Sunday in June not the second.



Save the Dates – ST. Paul’s VBS – Monday evening July 11th – Thursday the 14th!



St. Paul’s Church Goes to the Ball Park!

Sunday, July 31st

Please join us for the Youth Group’s Annual Senators Baseball Game!

All St. Paul’s members and friends welcome!

- 11:00 Miniature Golf at City Island
- 12:30 Lunch at the Senators Game -- ALL YOU CAN EAT!
- 2:00 Senators vs. Binghamton (Mets)

Cost for lunch and game: \$22 adults; \$12 child (13 and under)

Checks made out to **St. Paul’s UCC** (This is not tax deductible)

(For golf, you pay a discounted rate the day of)

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the commons. Please sign-up and give your check to Sue Ward-Diorio or leave in the church office with Terry Shaner no later than Friday July 15th! Any questions, feel free to contact Sue at 525-4690 or swdiorio250@comcast.net



Dear Rev. John and Church Family,

Thank you for the lovely flower arrangement and the many comforting cards we received during this difficult time. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. We are truly grateful for your love and support. Betty & Tom Olsen

We all would like to thank our church family for participating with us in such a celebration of Jack's life. He loved his church family as his own. He knows you all will carry on remembering the times he spent with you. As his family, we are ever thankful that he had you all to share life with. Through all the stages of Jack's illness you helped him to succeed in his passion for cooking for people and in his wishes to involve all in working for their church. May the young & old whose lives he touched go forward and work in their churches wherever that may be. That would be the ultimate celebration of Jack's life. That and when you "just smile".

Thanks to all & especially to the "kitchen help" and the people who donated the food (what great food!). We know will always hold a special place in his heart. We feel you arms around us all. Hallelujah! Love, Carol, Jason, Rachelle, Wes, Barrett, Meghan & McKenna.

Dear Rev John, and all that helped with Jack’s Service,

I would like to take a moment to THANK all that helped and showed support for The Rhoads Family and Friends during the services on April 6th. Knowing that we were in your thoughts and prayers helped make the

ceremony special. Thanks for your time and donations. God Bless, Anita Miller

To our St. Paul's Family:

Our heartfelt thanks for all the cards, hugs, prayer shawls, thoughts and prayers offered to us during my dad's illness and passing. The care and concern expressed to us has been a great source of comfort and strength at this difficult time. God bless you all! Love, Karen & Kevin Allison.

Thank you to the loving, compassionate family of St. Paul's UCC. Your kindness and thoughtfulness at the death of my mother, Rena Smith, is deeply appreciated. The cards, words and acts of care, nourishment of body and spirit that we received have made this time a true celebration of her life. As Rev. John noted, Rena's devotion to St. Paul's was evident throughout her 92 years. Now we, her family, are the grateful beneficiaries of the Christian love that blesses this congregation. As we begin our Easter journey and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we rejoice in the promise of eternal life given to us all. He is risen, indeed! Anna, Sonya, Sabrina, Scott and family.

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION made over 1,000 peanut butter and coconut eggs, making a profit of over \$1,000.00!! Thank you to everyone who helped mix, form, dip and wrap the eggs. What a team we had this year, young and us "older" folks!! Thank you to all who support our mission, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer!

THANKS TO ALL:

On April 6th, 16th & the 24th, Thanks to all who donated and/or helped, we were able to sponsor three funeral gatherings for members who died in April. We put out a request for donations and help at these gatherings and the response was truly amazing.

On April 14th, a group of us got together to make the palm crosses that were handed out on Palm Sunday. We had a great time of fellowship and laughter at this event and

thanks to the huge turnout of help; we were able to finish them up in less than two hours.

Maundy Thursday, April 21st about 80 of us gathered together in Fellowship Hall sharing communion and some other goodies before proceeding to the Sanctuary for the rest of the service. Our Thanks to those who set up for this service both in the FH and Sanctuary, prepared the munchies and assisted with the clean-up afterwards.

On Holy Saturday our younger youth were treated to an Egg Hunt complete with eggs filled with candy and prizes afterwards. This hunt sponsored by the Youth Group Parents & Youth was a fun filled time for all who attended. Afterwards the older Youth Group had their own egg hunt and lunch afterwards thanks to the Youth Group Parents.

During the Sunday school hour on Easter Sunday, we gathered together in Fellowship Hall to share Breakfast together and enjoy all of the absolutely delicious dishes that folks brought in. There was lots of help at this event setting up, serving and cleaning up afterwards.

There are so many who helped in one way or another this month, it is impossible to list everyone so to all of you:



Check out all the beautiful flowers around our Church. Our Thanks go out to Floyd Gouse Jr. who has been busy planting and taking care of them.