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is a monthly publication of St. Paul's UCC.

Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome!

Sunday Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:30 am
Sunday School @ 9:15 am
Childcare available @ 10:30 am service.

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FROM THE PASTOR

We are in the middle of getting all our Stewardship Materials ready to send out. We are working on our budget for next year. And for the second time in a couple of months, a Public Radio station I listen to is running their fall fundraiser.

On occasion I imagine what it would be like if we ran our Stewardship Campaigns like the Public Radio stations do their fundraising. I hear myself saying: 'now we are going to interrupt our opening prayers for a fundraising moment. This is how much we need to raise during this break. We have ushers waiting in the back to receive your pledges and time and talent sheets. I will just take a moment to remind you of all that we do here at St. Paul's for our members and other members of the wider community.' A little while later, before the choir begins their anthem, I imagine Eric and Sarah standing up and saying: 'now we are going to interrupt our musical offering to talk to you about how important it is to make a pledge. Your pledge allows us to buy music, keep the organ and piano in tune, upgrade the sound system and lights and pays our salaries' (I can hear the two of them joking about that too). And maybe once more, right before the Benediction, I would interrupt one more time to say: 'we have not quite reached our goal yet for this hour. There is still time to pledge and ushers are still waiting out back to speak with you. Please pledge now so we do not have to do this next week too.' Then, we would have to do the fundraising speeches again the following Sunday, and maybe five more Sundays after that, because we rarely reach our goal of balancing our costs and expenses with our income and pledges.

Fortunately, for all of us, that is not how we engage in our Stewardship program. We do not have to take up lots of each other's time and time we would rather be spending worshipping God or doing God's work, to talk about and hear about all we are doing, in order to convince people to give so we can keep doing our work (yes that is a big circle). We do not have to go out and find people willing to give big gifts so we can offer incentives or matching opportunities.

This is not meant as a criticism of Public Radio stations. I think they are doing what they have to, in order to keep broadcasting. They are being forced to fundraise more often. What used to happen once a year, now happens two to three times a year. I am glad we do things differently. But just like the radio stations, we need your support and without your support we will not be able to do all we want to do, all God is calling us to do. In the same way they do, we depend on your pledges to keep operating.

Please look carefully through the Stewardship materials you will be receiving. Please think carefully and prayerfully consider what you can pledge financially and offer of your time and talent to St. Paul's efforts to be the Body of Christ at work here in Mechanicsburg. Indeed we all benefit from what we do together as a congregation, we benefit from all God has given us, and we are a benefit to others as we serve them as our way of serving God. And now back to our work as disciples of God.

Peace, John

Chocolate Advent Calendars

We ordered our Chocolate Advent Calendars early enough from Serrv this year. We have 25. We will put a sign-up sheet in the Common Area. They cost $10.00 and you can pick them up now; see Terry or John. Checks can be made payable to St. Paul's UCC. Any profit helps fund our Christian Education programs. If we sell out early we can try and buy more, but there is no guarantee we will be able to get any. Don't miss out again this year!!!

Advent Book Study

We will be using *Hallelujah: The Bible and Handle's Messiah* by Carol M. Bechtel and part of the Kerygma Bible Study program. For the four Thursdays in December we will study the pieces related to Advent and Christmas. During Lent in the Spring, we will have a six week study of the

pieces related to Lent and Easter. We have a recording that we will listen to. Our choir will be doing pieces from the Messiah for our Christmas Cantata (Sunday December 18th, one Service at 10:30 AM) this year and then possibly a Lent/Easter Cantata with the choir from Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church in the Spring. These studies will greatly enhance our enjoyment of Handle's beautiful and powerful piece of music and add depth to our Advent and Lenten seasons. We will post a sign-up sheet soon. The cost of the book will be about $17.00 but we will use it for both studies. It is possible some of the Adult Christian Education classes or studies might also use this during those seasons. Check with your instructors and leaders.

Christmas Eve Services/Christmas Day Service

We wanted to give everyone a heads up for those who are planning their holidays now. Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday this year. We will have Services at 4:00 and 10:45 PM. They both will be candlelight, feature readings and carols and the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. On Christmas Day there will be one Service at 9:00 AM that will feature the singing of Christmas Hymns and Carols. Any questions, please contact John, a member of the Worship Committee or Terry.

EPISTLE MAILING – The Post Office has changed some of their processes related to bulk mail. We realize that for some of you the October Epistle was delivered later in the month than you are normally used to. We are working on changing our mail date to allow for the changes at the Post Office. Please let us know if you continue to receive it later than you are used to.

Consistory Highlights – September 20th –
Treasurer's Report – Income for the month of August was $16,777.42. This is $4,980.58 behind budget. Total expenses for the month were $33,856.4. This is $13,663.41 over budget. For the month income less expenses was a negative $17,078.99, $18,643.99 worse than budget. Year-to-date Income less expenses is $4,523.40 ($11,149.40 better than budget.) Regular offering envelopes were under budget for the month of August. This budget line is also under budget YTD. We have paid the $10,000.00 down payment (50%) on the AV/Lighting system. No money has been transferred from other accounts. **Christian Education – Randy Murphy –** The class structure has been re-organized to reflect the current age groups. Allyssa is organizing back up teachers for all regular teachers. October 23rd is Children's Sabbath. Organizing the Confirmation. **Sesquicentennial Sub-Committee – Tina Bowers-Paris** – still in very early planning stages. **Youth Ministries –** Dave Scott – The yard sale was great; youth made more money than ever before. **Property Committee –** Dick Bensel – New carpet was installed. The annual cost for fuel oil for the coming year is up approximately $2,500. This is still a competitive price. **Finance – Kevin Allison –** Will begin work on the budget in October.
New Business – OCWM – Rev. John asked that we seriously consider making the second qtr payment even though cash flow is low. Motion was made and passed to pay the OCWM pledge for the 2nd Qtr. Wi-Fi – A code is need to access and this code was recently changed. We must be careful to prevent illegal use of the internet so that the church is not held liable. Mike will write a policy regarding Wi-Fi access and internet use. Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year. Sarah is willing to play the organ. Motion was made to have one Hymn Sing Service @ 9 AM with no Sunday School. The next regular meeting of Consistory will be held on Tuesday, October 18th at 7 PM. Meeting adjoined at 8:00pm.

"St. Paul's UCC aims to be a fully accessible congregation. Folks having an issue related to accessibility in the church building or a church program should contact the church office or contact a head usher on Sunday mornings."

NOVEMBER LECTIONARY TEXTS

06 21st Sunday after Pentecost	
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Psalm 78:1-7	Matthew 25:1-13
13 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	
Judges 4:1-7	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Psalm 123	Matthew 25:14-30

20 Reign of Christ

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Ephesians 1:15-23
Psalm 100	Matthew 25:31-46

27 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Psalm 80:1-7,17-19	Mark 13:24-37

Our Love & Prayers Go Out To...

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER: **Darlene & Mitch Adams; Tom Alburger; Kimberly Alleman (**Anna Thompson);**Kevin Allison; Dee Bachman (**Murphy); **Mr. Beam (**Zach Davinroy's HR Teacher); **Peggy Baum**; **Barbara Bell (**Patty Scott's mom); **Lisa Benoist** (Dave Ritter relative); **Mary Bensel** (Dick's mother**); Betsy (**Friend of Dar Murphy); **Geoffrey Biringer** (friend of Velez's')**; Diana Bitting (**friend MacKinnons); **Pamela Bower** (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); **Paula, Mark, Allyssa, Jim Boyer & the Family of Mamie Alfano**; **John & Karen Bradshaw (**Gabriel); **Betty & Charles Breon** (Sue Miller);**Dave & Marie Briner(**Westhafer friend); **Bryan (**friend Sabrina Dixon);**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);**Wayne Chapman Sr.** (Valerie Lill's Father); **Ruth Chronister** (Ron's Mother); **Kevin Clancy** (neighbor of Chronister's);**Clement (**Peg Wightman Neighbor); **Shannon Collins (**Donna and Ron Chronister's niece); **Kevin, Bill & Pauline Conwell & Family (**Rev. John);**Jim Coons-Torn; The Corman Family (**Alburger friends); **Catherine Cotton (**Cheryl's grandmother);**Woody Cox (**Joy Perry's BIL);**Cleason Cromer; Alice and Bill Crouse; Bill Dietz (**friend of Chronisters); **Jacque & Grace Drager; Lou Donneway (**friend of Mike and Kathy Aumiller);**Edna Dreibelbis** (Anna Burn's mother); **Duane (B**rian Medkeff-Rose);**Duriske Family (**Katelyn Chamberlain's Uncle and Family); **Pat Eakin; Stewart Emery** (Sandi Ritter-Butz's father);**Kathy Eppley(**friend of Stone Family);**John Fernbaugh (**friend Joan Shearer); **Ferdinand Fromholc (**Allison Co-Worker);**Don and Roseanne Frymoyer(**Allison);**Debbie and Joe Gartland; Heather Geraghty (**Linda Alburger's niece); **Nancy Girard** (sister of Belva Garman); **Bob & Liane Gladwin; Lynn Goldstine(**Friend of Stones);**Floyd Gouse; Shirley & Tom Grammer; Richard Gray; Russell Haas; Jane & Dave Hall; Ron Hannon (**friend of Tom Stone); **Ellen Harling (**mother of Kevin Allison's co-worker);**Colin Hayes & Family**(MacKinnon Friends); **Paul Heaney, Sr. (**Dar Murphy's dad); **Bob Heisler;Clay Henry(**Mike Aumiller BIL); **Phyllis Hershey;Addison Holl (**Becky.Thompson); **Mary Hunter (**Mary Louise Miller's cousin); **Betty Hyde**; **Joe (**Dar Murphy's brother);**Scott Jackson (**Lee Jackson nephew) **Dan Jones** (Jean and Willard's son); **Jean and Willard Jones & daughter Sue Worley; Julia (**Rick Holtzapple's daughter); **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; Mary Kilgore (**Murphy);**Susan Kinzer (**Jim&Dot's niece); **Rev. George Klinefelter** (former pastor of St. Paul's); **Shirley Knisely; Emily Koontz**(great niece of Donna & Bud Sponsler)**; Mateusz Kott & Family (**Moyer);**Carrie Kramer (**Rochelle Rhoads grandmother); **Lynn Lawler** (Peg Wightman's cousin); **Madison Lewis (**Runkle);**Rev. Fred Lewis(**Medkeff-Rose); **Cindy Long** (Sue Mullin);**Barbara Lumby (**Betsy Rushong); **Bob Madden (**Kern); **Marla (**Shawna Simpson); **Kim Martin** (Leann Davinroy);**Jerry McCartney (**Jen Martek's dad);**Brian McIntyre (**Missy Gates);**Shawn McClintic** (friend of Brian Medkeff-Rose); **Melodie** (colleague of Randy Murphy's); **Patrice Miller; Ryan Miller** (Patrice and Greg Miller's son);**Treva Miller; Steve Mitchell;Charles Mowery(**Betsy Rushog son-in-law); **Ally, Erin, Joan & Ernie Moyer; Tyler, Hayden & Stacy Mustico** (Layne Thompson's cousin); **Jean Myers**; **Patricia Nalepka** (Jon Nalepka); **Nancy** (Chronister);**Nancy (Dave Ritter sister); Raymond "Lee" Negley**(MLC);**Bob Neis**(Anna Thompson friend)**;Judy Null (**Sarah Myer's cousin); **Virginia O'Connell (**Elizabeth Miller's aunt); **Josh Oxford (**friend of Sara Weaver); **Julia Paroda & Family** (Gates Family); **Ann Patch** (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); **Al Perreault & Family(**Murphy)**; Donna Perry** (Friend of Lois Ritter); **Kristen Pike** (Pike-Nase);**Mel Pike (**Friend of Tom & Cindy Stone); **Emily Rieger & Bill & Alice Grove (**Patrice Miller);**Guy Romito (**friend of Craig Martek); **Lynn & Bea Row** (Sue Miller's parents); **Tom Row (**Sue's brother);**Candice Rush** (friend of Phyllis Hershey); **Rynne(**Seiler); **Samantha (**Elizabeth Miller's niece); **Judy Saurer(**Rushong); **John Scott; Joyce Sealover (**Connie Sutton SIL);**Don and Peggy Seiler; Grace Sennett (**Linda Alburger's Grandmother); **Pete & Linda Shea; Tom Shrawder (**friend of Kathy & Mike Aumiller);**Rev. Thomas C. & Lorna Simcox (**Brenda Kern);**Gracie Simpson; Clara Sizemore (**Bill's mom); **James Sowell(**Sandy Kline);**Sue Stada; Alex Szeles** (friend of Jean and Willard Jones);**Tamara** (friend of Rachelle Rhoads); **Tashana Taylor** (V. Velez); **Stu Tompkins (**co-worker of Kevin Allison); **Bob & Carol Torpey (**Kathy Aumiller cousin); **Phoenix, Eric, Shannon Trout & Miller Family; Debra Urich** (friend of Dot and Jim Kinzer); **Rosalie Utley (**Paula Boyer's cousin);**Leah van Olden; Judy Ward (**Sue's mom);**Doris Washam(**Sandy Kline's sister); **Danny Watts** (Shaner) ;**Wayne & Sandy (**Friends of Kinzers); **Brian Wickard** (brother of co-worker of Leann Davinroy);**Lucas Wissinger**(Elizabeth Miller Friend); **Ruth Wrightstone; Ruth Wunderly**(friend of Bonnie Plymette's daughter)**; Angie Young & Family (**friend of co-worker of Becky Lingenfelter); **All affected by the Flooding; All in the military and their families and all affected by lost jobs & the economy.**

Please notify Rev. John or the Church Office about any additions or deletions to the above list.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

GREETERS

11/06 8:15 Joanne Miller & Mary Louise Miller
10:30 Jill Morell & Bonnie Plymette
11/13 8:15 Merikay & Don Wood
10:30 Victoria & Martin Velez
11/20 8:15 Joan & Ernie Moyer
10:30 Amanda & Scott Endy
11/27 8:15 Donna & Ron Chronister
10:30 Terry & Gene Shaner

LECTORS

11/06 8:15 Anna Thompson
10:30 Jonathan Nase
11/13 8:15 Patty Scott
10:30 Amy Paulus
11/20 8:15 Mary Runkle
10:30 Dennis Plymette
11/27 8:15 Jane Hall
10:30 Joan Quick

ACOLYTES

11/06 8:15
10:30 Becca Ward-Diorio
11/13 8:15
10:30 Lily Ward-Diorio
11/20 8:15
10:30 Kevin MacKinnon
11/27 8:15
10:30 Slater Ward-Diorio

WORD FOR THE YOUNG

11/06 Kim Pirtle
11/13 Choristers
11/20 Amy Paulus
11/27 Rev. John

Head Usher: Tina Bowers-Paris

FLOWER DELIVERY

11/06 Betsy Rushong
11/13 Dot & Jim Kinzer
11/20 Chris & Dave Grice
11/27 Lois & Dave Ritter

COMMUNION PREP (Intinction)

11/06 Dar Murphy

02 Megan Miller
03 Christian Nase
04 Jonathan Nalepka
Betsy Rushong
05 Christal Pike-Nase
Bethany Shaw
06 Susan White
07 Norah Elliott
08 Norma McMillan
09 Sandra Heckman
Reed Walter
11 Earl Artz Sr.
Amy Hockenberry
Kathy Williams
12 Bradley Thomas
Rev. John
13 Susan Gabriel
Alexis Mattern
15 Carolyn Rutherford
17 Ken Malick
Eric Trout
18 Melissa Cawley
18 Sydnie Lau
19 Treva Miller
21 Don Seiler
Melinda Shaw
22 Stephen Herrold
Gene Keith
23 Clarence Steck Jr.
Logan Velez
25 Dan Paulus
26 Sandy Kline
Nicholas Stada
27 Ralph Kiner III
Susan St. John
28 Claude Frymark
Dot Kinzer
Sonya Snow
29 Pete Watson
30 Natalie Chambersl
Amy Kern
Shannon Trout
Rich Templin
William Westhafer Sr.

02 Melissa and David Cawley
07 Jonne and Eric Dundore
18 Richard Startzel
22 Terry and Gene Shaner
23 Betsy and Frank Rushong

06 - 8:15 am Chancel Choir
10:30 am Youth Choir
13 -10:30 am Choristers @ Children's Message/Hand Chimes @ Offertory
20 - 8:15 am Youth Choir
10:30 am Chancel Choir
23 – No Wednesday Practice
27 – 10:30 am Hand Chimes @ Offertory

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH - Don't forget to set your clocks back

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held in the Parlor on Tuesday November 8th starting at 1 PM. The Shawls will be blessed at both services on Sunday, November 20th.

Are you looking for a way to help the church and get a good meal? Well, look no further! **St. Paul's Youth Group is sponsoring a fundraiser at Hoss's Family Steak & Sea Restaurant,** 61 Gettysburg Pike, Mech. Step 1: Pick up a ticket from the table in the commons. Step 2: Invite your family and friends to dine with you at Hoss's on **Tuesday, November 8th** (lunch or dinner… or both!) Only one card is needed per party. If you have any questions, please contact Allyssa Boyer at allyssaboyer@verizon.net.

POLLYANNA'S will meet at 1 PM on Tuesday November 22nd at the home of Donna Chronister. Please remember your food pantry donations. Any questions, call Donna at 766-2656.

.Mechanicsburg Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service – Wednesday, November 23th @ 7 PM.

The Mechanicsburg Ministerium will once again sponsor an Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service that all members of the community are invited to attend. The Service will be held at the *First Church of God Community Center, 201 East Green Street, in downtown Mechanicsburg, hosted by the First Church of God, Mechanicsburg.* Representatives from various congregations and synagogues will be participating. The Choir from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, all forty plus of them will sing, as well as the Messiah Village Singing Men. All those present get to sing two Thanksgiving Hymns. Also The Bell Choir from First United Methodist Church will play. We will be receiving donations of non-perishable food and goods. A Free-Will Monetary Offering will also be received. New Hope Ministries will be given both of these offerings. A time of fellowship will follow the Service with light snacks. This is a wonderful opportunity to Worship with our friends and neighbors.

The InterReligious Forum of Greater Harrisburg presents the **22nd Annual Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving** on Wednesday, November 23rd from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. This will be held at the AMC/Hadee Mosque 245 Division St in Harrisburg and the speaker will be Imam Nase Mehdi

Attention all recent high school or college grads, or current college students! Come to the 3rd annual Young Adult Breakfast on Sunday, November 27th at 9:15 AM! Enjoy a light breakfast and catch up 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 young person to the breakfast, and sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons to donate a breakfast item. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Brown at vbrown5325@aol.com. Hope to see you there!

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on **December 11th** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to hold a discussion and vote on the 2012 budget. Please plan now to attend.

THE POLLYANNAS will be having their 4th annual **COOKIE WALK** in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 11th after both services. In the past the proceeds have gone towards the purchase of the new choir robes, bell tables and the roof fund. We invite everyone to participate by either baking cookies or purchasing them. This is a fun way to support your Church. Please pack your cookies in baggies priced to sell at $1.00 per bag and drop off in classroom 11/12 on Saturday morning, December 11th. Thank You.

The Called to Care Team is introducing a new support service for St. Paul's UCC. In addition to assisting the elderly and disabled as in the past, we feel a need exists with single parents, new families moving into the community and deployed military members who leave their spouse, children and parents behind to maintain life as close as possible to normal while their loved one is away.

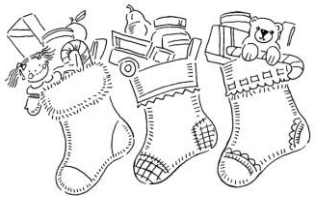
These individuals have many needs that can be met by members of St. Paul's UCC who are willing to volunteer their time and talents. Following are just a few examples of the type of help we could expect to provide.

- Emergency childcare
- Run errands
- Provide transportation
- Prepare and/or deliver meals
- Small household repairs
- Lawn maintenance and simple landscape
- Light housekeeping
- Snow removal

We are officially extending this effort to the members of St. Paul's so you may offer your support and assistance. This service will be added to the Time and Talent Sheet under the title **"Helping Hands."** Often, the most valuable service you can provide is just being there and listening.

Please consider becoming an extension of the Called to Care Team by signing your Time and Talent sheet to provide the services needed. If you have any questions on any of these services, please do not hesitate to contact Judy Aumiller or Martha Keith. Thanks!

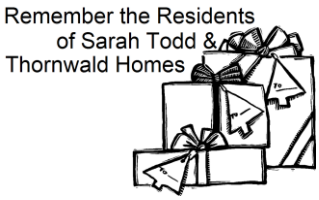
HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING PROGRAM



We realize that it's not even Thanksgiving, but we need to begin to think about the holidays and what our gifts can mean to others in Central Pennsylvania. For the past several years, St. Paul's has sponsored one or more families in New Hope Ministries Adopt a Family Holiday program.

This year, New Hope is preparing for their "Christmas Blessing Express" in anticipation of an even greater need by families in our area. Due to the state of the economy and the joblessness in the region, New Hope has seen a 40% increase in food distribution this year. Because of this increased need, New Hope wants to open up the Christmas giveaway to as many families and individuals as possible. In order to accomplish their goal, St. Paul's will again be a part of this program. We are asking members of St. Paul's to shop for individual gifts for these families. We will be placing on the wall in the Commons, ornaments with gift requests which are made by families who are struggling during the Christmas season. **Take one or as many ornaments as you would like to provide and return them UNWRAPPED to the box in the Commons no later than Wednesday, Nov. 30th.** We will have volunteers take them to New Hope by Friday, Dec. 2nd so that families in need can "shop" for their children, parents and siblings during the Christmas season. There will even be volunteers available at New Hope to wrap the gifts, if the family chooses.

We hope that you will again open your hearts during the Holidays and support again this worthwhile program which helps deserving families. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Kathy Aumiller (580-6292) or Shirley Keith Knox (697-6946).



STARTING IN NOVEMBER – Look in the common area for the designated box to put Christmas Gifts for residents of Sarah A. Todd Memorial Home and Thornwald Home. ***Please remember that gifts are to be new.*** Donations of money will be used for gifts for the residents. **Please make your checks payable to "UCC Homes"** and be sure to indicate (1) that your check is intended as a Christmas gift for a resident(s), and (2) the UCC Homes' facility where the gift is to go. Any questions, please contact Donna Sponsler at 766-3249. See below for gift suggestions. Thank you for your support of this ministry. Please drop off your gifts in the box no later than Sunday November 27th.

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Sarah A. Todd Memorial Home – wrap items and identify "male" or "female"

Suggestions for Women

Liquid Shower Wash (no bar soap), Oil of Olay, Barrettes, Necklaces, Bracelets, Lipstick (Pinks, Reds), Small Pillows, Roll on Deodorant, Book of Stamps, Wheelchair/ Walker Bags, Body lotion or creams, Small mirrors, Boxed greeting cards, Cotton Socks (decorative or white), Packs of Kleenex, Small Flashlights, Inexpensive Watches, Knitted Scarves/Throws.

Suggestions for Men

Playing cards, Men's socks, Handkerchiefs, Inexpensive Watches, Small Flashlights, Key Chains, Small Pillows, Pocket Comb, Baseball caps (corduroy or cotton), Nascar/Hunting/Fishing Magazines.

Suggestions for Men or Women

Large print word searches & crosswords, Note cards (greeting assortment), Portable CD or DVD players w/earphones, Large print word search or romance books, Musical CDs (Spiritual,Classical,Gospel,Patriotic,Country) , Blistex/chapstick, Wall Clocks w/large numerals, Denture cleaner, Book of postage stamps.

Thornwald Home – Please do not wrap items.

Suggestions for Women

Small change purse, Body lotion or creams, Necklaces, clip earrings, Perfume/Body spray, Scarf, Dove soap, Sugar free candy/cookies, scented powder, Holiday decorations, Silk flower arrangements, Sweatshirts (Med, LG, XL), Shower/ body wash gel, Nail Polish, Pin/brooch, Greeting cards, Thigh high/knee stockings, Scented Lotion.

Suggestions for Men

Shaving cream, Handkerchiefs, Aftershave, Undershirts (MED/LG/XL), Socks (white or black), Cologne, Sweat Suits (MED/LG/XL), Irish Spring or Dial soap, Cap/Hat, Deodorant, Large print paperbacks, Shower / body wash gel.

General gift ideas:

Mouthwash, Pens, Stationary, Trinkets, Comb & Brush, Snack Crackers, Picture frame, Nonskid socks, Chapstick, Key ring band, Flameless scented candles (battery operated), Large print word search puzzle books, Music CD's (40's, 50's, 60's, big band, gospel hymns), Stuffed animals, Kleenex (packets or box), Postage stamps (Book of Forever), Shower gel, Powder, Snow Globe, Snuggle, Jigsaw Puzzles (large pieces 500-700), Subscription to Reminisce Magazine, Twin size blanket/comforter set, Handkerchiefs, Diabetic candy/cookies, Socks/footie's, Small plants, Christmas decorations (door hangings), Magnifying Glass, Portable CD player w/headphones, Newspaper/magazine subscription, Wheelchair or Walker bag, Picture album, Calendar.

OR

Donate gift cards in $10 or $20 amounts (Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, Giant, TJ Maxx, Ross, Visa/MasterCard gift card), Wrapping paper, gift bags, gift boxes, bows/ribbons and tags.

Frank and I are looking to create a list of "emergency" babysitters who are willing to watch our nearly 5 year old preschool son, Brendan, when we are in a pinch. My mom normally watches him, but we ran into a situation in which she was very ill and unable to watch him and neither Frank nor I was able to take off from work. We have NO other family in the area and all of our friends work.

We are looking for a list of people who would be willing to watch Brendan for the day (and take him to preschool if need be - Wesley Preschool, Mechanicsburg) if we were in this situation again (mom too sick to watch Brendan, and we can't take off work).

Requirements:
1) Must live on the West Shore, preferably Mechanicsburg area or surrounding townships

2) Must be able to drive and willing to put Brendan's booster into your car/drive him to preschool if need be (though I might be able to be flexible on the preschool thing)

3) Prefer the person has experience with children (possibly their own children)

4) The person would need to be willing to watch him with little notice (the evening before or early that morning).

We'd be willing to drop Brendan off or someone could come to our house to babysit. If you know Brendan, you know he is an easy-going, friendly kid. He is cooperative and gets along with most people.

If interested, don't hesitate to talk to me in person OR email me at vlill@verizon.net . Again, I'm hoping never to need an emergency babysitter again, but I need some people I can turn to just in case. Thank you!! Val.

Dear Rev. John and St. Paul's: I would like to thank everyone at St. Paul for all your prayers and the beautiful cards. I have to get one more shot Oct 27th in my neck or Disc. I'm blessed to have St. Paul's in my life.

I am hoping to plant flowers and bulbs the last week of November and the 1st week of December. **We can always use extra bulbs so if you have any, please drop them off at** the Church and I will plant them. Thank you all, Love Floyd.

Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers that were delivered to us for our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We appreciate you remembering us on this occasion. We've had a wonderful 50 years with many good memories and special events. Finding St. Paul's was one of those good things that happened. Thanks for being such a special church family. JoAnn and Creedin Paulus.

Alison Witmer Thir and Jesse Thir announce the birth of their son Conner Trace Thir at 5:34 am, September 11, 2011 in La Plata, MD. Conner joins his big brother, Tyler Thir. Alison is the daughter of Kathy Witmer and the granddaughter of Frances Wolford.

Thanks go out to **Sue Ward-Diorio,Jonne Dundore** & **Allyssa Boyer** for the extra special activities on Children's Sabbath to help remind us of the plight of children all over. Thank you also to all the participants who helped with the service and to the Youth Choir and Choristers who sang so beautifully together during the Offertory.

Thanks go out to **Pat Eakin** and **Don Wood** for doing a cleanup of the branches that fell down recently.

On Friday Evening, October 21st, the 2012 Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off Party was held at Allenberry. Our Thanks go out to **Co-Chairs Jane Hall and Kathy Williams**, to **Victoria Velez** for all her work on putting together the Auction Sheets and the program for the Gala and to the **entire Stewardship Committee**. Thanks also **to all who donated auction items, to all who bid on them and to all who were able to attend the Gala**. It was a fun filled evening of fellowship and fundraising.

The 2011 Bazaar held on Friday October 7th, was a huge success. **A Big Thank You to Linda Alburger, our General Chairperson & Co-Chair Dar Murphy and to all of our Bazaar Chairs** who put in numerous hours, days and months getting ready for the bazaar, and to **Everyone who donated crafts, baked goods, flea market items and their time! Thanks also to all who came to the bazaar and partook of the meal and/or purchased items at the bazaar**. **The Success of the Bazaar is due to all of YOU!**

Our Thanks go out to our:

The Wednesday Evening Table Set-up Crew: **Linda Alburger, Ashley Bergstresser, Allyssa Boyer, Jeff Dundore, Jonne Dundore, Al, Pam, Kevin & Amy MacKinnon, Clayton Pirtle, Wes Rhoads, Audrey & Mary Runkle, Becky Thompson, Dave Scott and Rev. John.** Thank you to **Mary Runkle** for providing the yummy Lasagna for dinner!

Treasurer Chairs: **Lloyd Miller & Aaron Miller** & their helpers**: Dave Hall, Jim Kinzer & Randy Murphy.**

Country Gifts and Crafts Chairs: **Anita Miller, Betty Olsen, Carol Rhoads, Patty Scott & Sue Thorn** & their helpers: **Barb Bell, Jim Benson, Chris Bowers-Paris, Donna Chronister, Jonne Dundore, Amanda Endy, Belva Garman, Missy Gates, JoAnn Grubbs, Brenda Kern, Becky Lingenfelter, Jen Martek, Aaron Miller, Elizabeth Miller, Mary Louise Miller, Patrice Miller, Sue Mullin, Julie Patton, Jim Paulus, Bonnie Plymette, Barrett & Meghan Rhoads, Doris Rhoads, Chris Royer Family, Mary Runkle, Carolyn Rutherford, Peg Seiler, Becky Thompson, Shannon Trout, Kathy Williams, Ruth Wrightstone** & to anyone who donated crafts and we don't have their names!

Country Cupboard Chairs: **Jane Hall & Sue Miller** & their helpers: **Elaine Daly, Jean Jones, Shirley Keith Knox, Dayne Miller, Betsy Rushong, Nancy Steck, Donna Sterner, Winnie Wentz, Eleanor Witt** and **to ALL** who donated the goodies we sold in this area.

Dining Room Chairs: **Mary Runkle & Terry Shaner** & their helpers: **Melba Bomberger, Bill & Deb Cashman, Leann & Tim "The Drink Meister" Davinroy, Jonne Dundore, Susan Gabriel, Rick Holtzapple, Martha & Keith, Sandy Kline, Becky Lingenfelter, Pat & Greg Miller, Lydia Mogel, Jill Morell, Dar Murphy, Julie Patton, Lois Ritter, Betsy Rushong, Shirley Keith Knox, Connie & Herb Sutton, Cathy Thomas, Sue Ward-Diorio, Don Wood, Merikay Wood.**

Flea Market Chairs: **Becky Thompson** & **Dale Thorpe** & their helpers: **Linda Alburger, Dennis LaRose, Wes Rhoads, Sandy Ritter-Butz, Dave Scott, Gene Shaner, Carol Sizemore, Shannon Trout, Susie White, Wes's friends** and **to all** who donated items for the flea market**.**

Kitchen Chairs: **JoAnn Paulus & Joanne Miller** & to all the Kitchen & Dishwasher helpers: **Judy Aumiller, Kathy & Mike Aumiller, Mary Ann Brymesser, Donna Chronister, Pat Cleland, Pat Eakin, Ron Flory, Ron Gabriel, Gail & Terry Gastrock, Tim Kern, Esther & Glenn Kline, Dayne Miller, Greg Miller, Joanne Miller, Mary Louise Miller, Tom Milletics, Ernie Moyer, Dar Murphy, Sarah Myers, Kay Ohrin, Creedin Paulus, Bonnie & Dennis Plymette, Chris Royer, Dave Scott, Mary Shields, Ed Thorn, Darryl & Winnie Wentz & Don Wood.**

A Special Thank You to the **PAULUS FARM MARKET** for loaning us the dough roller for the 1 ½ days we need to roll the pot pie dough. We could not have had the dinner without the roller. It makes it a lot easier on everyone to not have to roll dough by hand as it was done originally. We also want to thank them for donating the ice for the drinks, etc. We appreciate their help.

Parking: **Herb Bomberger.**

Clean-Up Chairs: **Don** & **Merikay Wood** & their helpers**: Leo Garman, Gene Keith, Dar Murphy, Dave Scott, Tom Stone, Jen & Craig Martek, Kathy & Art Kathy Williams.**

Please forgive us if we missed anyone. As you can see it is quite an extensive list**. Thanks again from all the Chairpersons!**