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The Epistle

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

Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome!

Worship Services 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM; Sunday School at 9:15 AM;

Childcare available at 10:30 service

Maundy Thursday Service, March 29th @ 6:30 pm, Good Friday, March 30th @ 7:30 pm

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STAFF

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FROM THE PASTOR

Lent is intended as a season of reflection, modeled on Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. As such, looking at Jesus' time "away" can help us to frame our time.

Jesus' Baptism marks a change in his life. Jesus publicly acknowledges that he is a Child of God and his desire to live as God created him to live. The Holy Spirit then leads him into the wilderness, so he can discern or figure out what God wants him to do and how God wants him to do that. Since he is in an unfamiliar place, he is not tied down to things he needs to do or obligations he has. Jesus seeks to further reduce distractions by fasting while out there. Through prayer and meditation, walking and sitting, Jesus has conversations with God where he both speaks and listens. His call becomes clearer, and how he will go about doing it is further illuminated. Toward the end of this process, Jesus is tempted to change his understanding of his call or how he will go about fulfilling it. Whether we say it was the devil or the demands of the world, the temptations are intended to alter, pull Jesus off track from the call from God he had embraced. He is able to resist, and then begins his ministry.

Jesus, being Jesus, does not need to do another forty-day stint in the wilderness. He gets it the first time and is able to maintain his focus. We also know he often takes time for prayer, and will set himself apart for a night or day or so, in order to recharge and refocus. He maintains his connection with God, his commitment to his calling and the way he does his ministry, throughout the rest of his life, including his death and resurrection.

Since none of us are Jesus, very few of us develop the clarity of call and commitment to how we will fulfill it, after one try. This is why we need Lent. Lent offers us a set time in which we can seek to put ourselves in places, physically and/or spiritually, in which we are away from all that we are normally involved with. We seek to minimize that which distracts us. We realize we have numerous responsibilities, good and appropriate ones as

well as more trivial ones, that require our attention and therefore distract us from being fully present to God. So, for this set period, forty days, we work extra hard at finding times when we minimize those distractions as best we can. In those moments, we seek to speak and listen to God, asking what God is calling us to do and who God is calling us to be. We work to figure out how we will fulfill these calls and become more of the people God created us to be. We will be tempted, by whoever or whatever, to let the world's values speak louder and exert more control upon us than God, therefore changing what we had come to understand as our calling. We too must fight off such temptations. Then we go out and engage in our ministries, wherever we are.

Since none of us are Jesus, we will need to do this over and over again, each year in fact. It is no disgrace. Rather it is an opportunity to focus or refocus on our relationship with God and God's calls to us. We are always being shaped by the things we do, the people we meet and the circumstances that occur around us; shaped by life. We bring all these experiences into our conversations with God, and new insights often emerge. Lent is our opportunity to speak and listen, focus and commit. How exactly we do that, is up to us. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to lead us and follow Jesus' model for discerning our calling, once again this year.

Peace, Rev. John.

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. PAUL'S UCC?

We hope so! For those people interested in becoming members of our congregation, we have one meeting scheduled for March 18 at Noon, after the late Worship Service. We will be scheduling another meeting for April. Even if you are not sure you want to become a member at this time, please come and participate. You only need to attend one of these meetings. We will meet in the Sanctuary, so please feel free to get something to eat or drink if we have Fellowship that Sunday, use the restroom and then return. It will be closer to Noon that we will gather. This

is your chance to gather together and ask questions, receive materials, and learn more about St. Paul's and the United Church of Christ. We will be receiving New Members during a 10:30 AM Worship Service on a Sunday in late April or early May that works best for those interested in joining. If you have any questions please see or call 717-766-7931 and/or email revjohnwd@outlook.com *Thank you. Peace, Rev. John*

Treasurer's Report – January 2018

Total income January 2018 was \$ 40,485.71, total expenses \$ 28,350.79 leaving a positive balance of \$12,134.92 at this point in time. A complete set of the minutes from the last Consistory meeting can be found on the bulletin board in the commons.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Thank you for your Generosity!



Hartman Center Love Offering - Total Collected to be sent on to Hartman Center from the Love Offering is **\$1,637.00!**



Our Youth collected a total of \$922.00 at the doors of the Sanctuary on Super Bowl Sunday. \$461.00 was sent to New Hope

Ministries and the other \$461.00 went to UCC Disaster Relief.



Sunday March 11th – don't forget to set your clocks ahead when you go to sleep on Saturday the 10th

LECTIONARY TEXTS

3/04 Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Psalm 19 John 2:13-22

3/11 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 John 3:14-21

3/18 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10
Psalm 51:1-12 John 12:20-33

3/25 Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Mark 11:1-11

3/29 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

3/30 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 10:16-25
Psalm 22 John 18:1-19:42





THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Adriana Brice & Family (Smith); **Amy Adam** (Lill); **Jim Adams** (Mullin); **Kevin Allison**; **Alvis** (Smith); **Kris Amtower**; **Anna** (Stone); **Janie Atland** (Warfield); **Rev. Laura Bair**; **Phil Barletta** (Rhoads); **Jack Benoist** (Ritter); **Louise Bergstresser** (Sutton); **Bill, Bob & Nancy** (Gabriel); **George Bingaman**; **Geoffrey Biringier** (Velez); **Jeannie Books**, **Walter Alvarez & family** (Rhoads); **Chris & Tina Bowers-Paris**; **Nadine Boyer**; **Baron Bretzman & Family**; **Brittany** (Murphy); **Kevin Broniak**(Cowan); **Debby Browning** (S. Miller); **Nancy Cabrera** (Runkle); **John & Marge Campbell**(Reemes); **Carl** (Bender); **Carol** (Riesmeyer); **Judy Carlson** (P.Miller); **Gladys Cashman**; **Jamie Cecil** (Wirth); **Eddie Chandler** (Aumiller); **Dick Charles** (Tom Stone); **Kirt Chronister**; **Ruth Chronister**; **Alanna Clark** (Ritter); **Pat Cleland**; **Libby Coldsmith** (Rhoads); **Frankie Coluntuna** (Eichman); **Jewel Cooper & Woody Shaull** (Ward-Diorio); **Mary Lou Dallam** (Stone); **Theo Davies** (Cowan); **Richard Davis** (Jones); **Rita Davidson** (Plymette); **Dawn** (Mullin); **Cindy Debellis** (Murphy); **Donna Delfava**(Mihmet/Myers); **Dennis & Kristy** (Murphy); **Denise & Family** (A. Thompson); **Diane & Kitty** (Murphy); **Jim Dougherty** (Ritter); **Grace Drager**; **Allen Dreibelbis**; **Dixon & Peg Earley** (Rushong); **Eddie** (Kern); **Linda Eichelberger** (Chronster); **Elaysia** (Nalepka); **Ira & Candy Evans** (Bingaman); **Ms. Gloria Fitz** (Simpson); **Jane Fleming** (Knox); **Ron Flory** (Keith); **The Fowler Family** (Runkle); **Fenton Fox**; **Anne French** (Ward-Diorio); **Ron Gabriel**; **Lenny Gardner** (Shearer); **Paulette Garrison** (Bender); **Ashten Gentzle** (Boyer); **George** (B. Thompson); **Gina & Family** (Sharp); **Gloria** (Davinroy); **Harold Good** (Bomberger); **Betty Goodfellow** (Ritter); **Floyd Gouse**; **Shirley Grammer**; **Earl Grimm** (Murphy); **Tim Groller & Family** (Mullin); **Jennifer Grove** (Ward-Diorio); **Jane Hall**; **Bill Hanna** (Shea); **Lynn Hannon** (L.Miller); **Terri Harter** (Haagen); **Mike Hatz**; **Leslie Hocker** (Brown); **Joshua Holbrook** (Nolan); **Pam Hurley** (Mullin); **Jacob** (Murphy); **Jay** (Murphy); **Will & Jean Jones**; **Jenny, Eric & Erica** (Lingenfelter); **Deb & Gary, Sean Johnson-McNutt** (Ward-Diorio); **Jonathan & Karen** (Wirth); **Lisa & John** (Mullin); **Lily Jordan** (Mullin); **Wally Kahn** (Mullin); **Nancy Keith**; **Terry Keller** (Gabriel); **Kim** (S. Kline); **Ralph Kiner Jr.**; **Dot Kinzer**; **Dave Kirkwood** (Ward-Diorio); **Sandy Kline**; **Rich Kline**; **Shirley & John Knisely**; **Roger Krebs** (P. Miller); **Randy Krepps**; **Laurie & Family**(Murphy); **Lenks Family** (Carson/Foukes); **Linda** (Bingaman); **Erin Lively & Family**

(A.Thompson); **Naomi Losch** (Endy); **Colin Loy** (White); **Kelly Lynch** (Wirth); **Irene Macconnell-Davinroy**; **Austin Malone** (Trout); **Manny & Louise** (Sharp); **Margie** (Haagen); **Marie** (Murphy); **Sean McDonald** (Rushong); **Mary** (Rhoads); **Melissa McCord** (Gabriel); **MaryAnn & George McManus** (Aumiller); **Michel & Family** (Fox/Holtzapple); **Charles Miller** (Lloyd and Matthew's dad); **Mary Louise Miller**; **Melissa Miller** (Bender); **Miller Family** (Mihmet/Myers); **Jean Mogel**; **Roxanne & Steve Morgan** (Dundore); **Tammy Mullen & Family** (Allison); **Tommy Mullin**; **Randy Murphy**; **Patricia Nalepka** (Jon Nalepka); **Nathan** (Herrold); **Noah** (Sue Miller); **Marty & Samantha O'Driscoll & Family** (Rushong); **Oliver & Family** (Velez); **Tony Olseski** (Cowan); **Jack Oren** (Trout); **Owen** (Ditorio); **Richard Palazzo** (Weiser); **Cheryl Parsons** (Dundore); **Lynne & Judy Patton** (Taylor); **Jim Pilsner** (Rhoads); **Rev. Dr. Anabel Proffitt**(A.Thompson); **Marian Quinlan & Bert Carlson** (Ward-Diorio); **Alan Rearick** (Haagen); **Richard Reba** (Richenbacher); **Reed & Ziegler Families**; **Robert Reiner** (Bender); **Amy Rhoads**; **Joyce Rice** (Eichman); **Mike Riesmeyer**; **Robert** (Sack); **Lisha Robertson & Family**; **Adam Rohrbaugh** (Bender); **Bill Ross** (Mullin); **Kate Roventini & Family** (Boyer); **Marian Royer**; **Benny Rushong**; **Emily Russo** (Mullin); **Sam** (Freeman); **Irv Sanders**; **Tom Schiffgens**; **Dennis Scouler** (Rushong); **Joyce Sealoover** (Sutton); **Erin Shane** (Thorpe); **Maya Shapiro** (R.Thompson); **Rafe Shearer** (P. Miller); **Bill Siemon** (Warfield); **Mike Siemons** (Wood); **Andy Sislo** (Aumiller); **Conner Snow & Family**; **James Sowell** (Sandy Kline); **Clarence Steck**; **Barbara Sterner**; **Steven** (MLC); **Derek Stull** (Rhoads); **Sue** (Sizemore); **Alex Szeles** (Jones); **Cathy Thomas**; **Jeannette Thorpe**; **Austin Tichenor** (Gladwin); **Tina** (Lois Ritter); **Craig Triplett** (Boyer); **Joshua Trout** (Eckman); **Flo Turner** (B.Thompson); **George Tutino** (Boyer); **Tom Van Hall & Family** (Sutton); **Roger VanLoan** (Ritter); **Skooter VanKirk** (Wightman); **Vicki** (Sizemore); **Noah Weaver** (Haagen); **Joe Weidel** (Murphy); **Jason White**; **John White**; **Rev. Jeff Whitman**(Velez); **Peg Wightman**; **Bob Williams** (Donna Sponsler); **Rose Marie H. Williams** (Stone); **Eleanor Witt**; **Fran Wolford**; **Beth & Steve Woods** (Riesmeyer); **Alexa, Lacey Worrall & Family** (Ward-Diorio); **Jacqueline Young** (Wentz); **Aimee Yowell** (Eichman); **Keith Zimmerman**; **John Zink** (Thorpe)

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



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ACOLYTES

3/04 8:00
10:30 Ward-Diorio
3/11 8:00
10:30 Evan Pineo
3/18 8:00
10:30 Evan Pineo
3/25 8:00 Evan Pineo
10:30

GREETERS

3/04 8:00 Joan & Ernie Moyer
10:30 Karen & Kevin Allison
3/11 8:00 Betty & Tom Olsen
10:30 Shirley Keith Knox, Kay Ohrin
3/18 8:00 Glenn Kline, Tom Stone
10:30 Donna & Ron Chronister
3/25 8:00 JoAnn & Marshall Bender
10:30
3/30 7:30 pm

LECTORS

3/04 8:00 Jane Wentz
10:30 Chelsey Wirth
3/11 8:00 Lynn Carson
10:30 Jim Pirtle
3/18 8:00 Becky Thompson
10:30 Kathy Aumiller
3/25 8:00 Becky Drazba
10:30 Megan Riesmeyer

USHERS

Head Usher: Melissa Cawley

COMMUNION PREP

3/04 Pew Merikay & Don Wood

FLOWER DELIVERY

3/04 Jane Wentz
3/11 Martha & Gene Keith
3/18 Jonne & Eric Dundore
3/25 Terry & Gene Shaner

NURSERY

3/04 Sue Ward-Diorio, Martha Keith
3/11 Liane Gladwin, Becky Thompson
3/18 Chelsey Wirth, Jenn Martek
3/25

3/04 8:00 am Chancel Choir
10:30 am Youth Choir
3/11 10:30 am Hand Chimes
3/18 10:30 am Chancel Choir
3/25 8:00 am Youth Choir
10:30 am Chancel Choir & Choristers
3/30 7:30 pm Chancel Choir



01 Patty Scott	20 Jeff Dundore
Jennifer Sheaffer	Donna Sterner
02 Josette Grice	22 Kay Huber
03 Jill Morell	Bill Mullin
04 John Layne	24 Alexis Kayer
05 Bill Sack	Glenn Schultz
07 Jessica Obrock	25 Julie Scott
08 Kevin Allison	26 Chris Bowers
Jenn Martek	Tim Davinory
11 Gerald Stada	Wyatt Gates
Susan Thorn	Richard Hoffman
Darryl Wentz	Lois Ritter
12 Julie Schick	Arlene Sealover
Slater Ward-Diorio	28 Mike Brown
13 Diane Davis	Ben Eichman
14 Doug Haas	29 Sue Ward-Diorio
15 Beth Mihmet	30 Amanda Smith-Miller
Nancy Steck	Elizabeth Miller
18 Luke McCorkell	31 Aaron Miller
Kyle Miller	Tom Olsen
Jason Rhoads	



02 Anita and Lloyd Miller
03 Janet and Charles Wotring
05 Connie and Herb Sutton
11 Chris and Tina Bowers
21 Theresa and Raymond Krouch
21 Leroy & Jane Wentz
31 Becky and Tim Drazba

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES NEWS:

Hartman Center Summer Camp - Shake off those winter blues and jump into summer by registering for Summer Camp at Hartman Center! Go to www.hartmancenter.com to learn about camps and to register. *Remember to register before March 31 to receive the early bird discount of 10% off.* Please check out the bulletin board near the church office for a camp schedule and Hartman Center fun, as well as paper registration forms if needed! St. Paul's believes so much in the power of the Hartman Center experience, we will reimburse 25% of the cost per child (and up to 50% for active youth members grades 6-12) for one week of camp. Consider participating in this Christian community nestled in the midst of God's creation. Questions? Feel free to contact Pam MacKinnon at p.mackinnon@yahoo.com or 717-796-1064. See you at camp!



Burr...It's cold outside! It's a great time to make those knitted, crocheted, sewing, cross stitched and other needle work projects for the bazaar. Wood items are welcome too! Need a pattern or help deciding what to make? Please call Betty Olsen 717-903-5800 cell or email sew2am@hotmail.com

St. Paul's now has Instagram and Twitter!

Please follow us @stpaulsuccmech for updates, announcements, and news about church happenings. If you have an idea for social media posts, please contact Chelsey Wirth at chelseyaw@gmail.com.

The United Church of Christ Homes is holding their annual Helping Hands Dinner & Auction on Saturday, May 5. *This year, St. Paul's will contribute a Coffee Lovers gift basket.* If you'd like to make a monetary donation towards the cost of the basket items, please place in an envelope in the offering plate marked for UCC Homes Basket, cash or checks payable to St. Paul's, no later than **Sunday, April 8th**. Contact Melissa Cawley with any questions. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

New Hope is having its annual geranium sale. Enjoy some beautiful flowers while helping to raise money for New Hope. ***Order now until April 8th*** with pick up at New Hope Ministries in Mechanicsburg on Saturday May 12th. Order forms are on the New Hope Bulletin Board in the commons and should be returned to Karen or Kevin Allison

New Hope's annual Walk for Hope is being held ***Sunday April 22nd at 2 pm at Hampden Twp. Park.*** All monies donated benefit New Hope Ministries in their effort to fight hunger and poverty in our community. Anyone wishing to walk to represent St. Paul's should contact Karen or Kevin Allison. If unable to walk, please consider being a sponsor for a walker. Walker registration and sponsor forms are on the table by the New Hope Bulletin Board. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need through Walk for Hope!

ST. PAUL'S ON A RUN

Put on your running (or walking) shoes and join St. Paul's on the Run at the Race Against Racism. The race supports the YWCA's mission to eliminate racism, empower women and girls, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The 5K run/walk, which begins and ends at Soldier's Grove behind the State Capitol Building, will be held Saturday, April 28, 2018 beginning at 8:30 AM. Registration fee \$26 but receive a discount if you register prior to March 31st. Register at <http://www.ywcahbq.org/events/2018-race-against-racism#.WpA0-yOZO-p>. Make sure you select St. Paul's on the Run as your team when you register. Contact Kathy Aumiller (717-580-6292 or kaumiller56@gmail.com) with any questions.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



One Great Hour of Sharing® is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee, and development activities. The suggested offering date for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering is March 11, 2018. St. Paul's will continue to accept donations for this special mission offering thru Sunday March 18th.



St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry

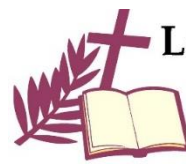
THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - will meet at 1 PM Tuesday March 13th in the Parlor. The Prayer Shawls will

be blessed at both services on Sunday March 18th.

Pollyannas will be having their "Spring has Sprung" lunch meeting 11:30 am, Tuesday, March 27th at Pepper Mill Restaurant. If you are planning on attending please call Bonnie Plymette (717-697-2938).



Everyone is Welcome and Invited to the Following Events



Lenten Reading Group

Lenten Group: Mondays March 5th thru March 26 – 1:00 PM & 7:30 PM in the Parlor.

Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion, by Father Gregory Boyle



Palm Cross Workshop- Thursday March 22nd, 5:30 pm in the Commons. Come join us and assist in making the crosses

that will be handed out on Palm Sunday. If you would like to practice on paper before coming, check with Terry in the office for the directions. No problem if you would rather wait till you come on the 22nd. Come out, learn something fun to make and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments with your church family. This is something all ages will enjoy!

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday March 29th at 6:30 PM. Entire Service will be in Fellowship Hall focusing on the Last Supper. Light Meal served



Good Friday Service: Friday March 30th 7:30 PM Similar to the Tenebrae; light and shadow, readings, prayer and reflection



Easter Egg Hunt: Holy Saturday March 31st, 9:50 AM – meet in Fellowship Hall. Hunt will start promptly at 10 AM. All children, toddlers through 5th grades, are invited to come out and hunt Easter eggs. Don't forget your bag or basket to carry your eggs in. Youth 6th Grades and older, if you would like to help with the hunt, please let Allyssa Boyer know!

Easter Egg Stuffers Needed:

If you would like to help the Easter Bunny by donating candy or other stuffers (small enough to fit inside an Easter egg), please place your donations inside the box on the table in the commons by Tuesday March 20th. CE will be meeting Wednesday March 21st at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall to stuff the eggs. If you would like to help stuff the eggs, please let Becky Thompson know – we appreciate the help!

Easter Sunday April 1st



Sunrise Service: 6:30 AM at Simpson Park Pavilion.

Directions to Simpson Park: the park is in Upper Allen Township, 4.5 miles from St. Paul's where the Yellow Breeches meets South York Rd. From Mechanicsburg, take South Market St. (Route 114) to where it intersects with Lisburn Road, at the bottom of the steep hill in Bowmansdale, continue straight through intersection (do not turn left onto RT 114 Lisburn Rd), you are now on South York Rd. Go under the railroad overpass and immediately make a left into Simpson Park's parking lot. The Pavilion is up the path on your right.



Easter Services at St. Paul's:

Early Service: 8:00 AM
Worship with Pew Communion
(gluten free available)

Late Service: 10:30 AM
Worship with Pew Communion
(gluten free available)



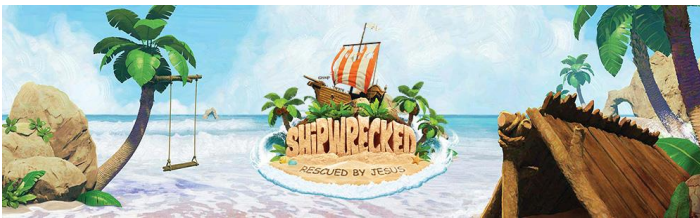
Easter Breakfast 9:15 AM St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

We hope you will join us at 9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall for our annual Easter Morning Breakfast. Everyone is invited!

Signup sheets are on the bulletin board in the commons. Please sign up so we have a count to set up for. We will need some volunteers to help with set-up of the tables, cooking/serving and clean-up. Drinks and place settings will be provided. Ovens will be available to cook or warm hot items during the Early Service.

This year we are going to try something new. In order, to allow our clean-up crew enough time to get to the 10:30 worship or to go to family events elsewhere, we will be using paper plates and utensils therefore eliminating the need to wash anything. We ask that you bring your food in a disposable container or place your name on your container. After the breakfast – the cleanup crew will clear the tables and move the dishes to the kitchen. If there is food remaining in the dish, it will be placed in the Fridge. Please remember to pick up your dish following the service.

Sunday April 15th - A Movie “Gender Revolution”, Pizza & Conversation, 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm at St. Paul's UCC. **Gender Revolution explores the societal conflict brought on by evolving gender identities and roles. Katie Couric sets out across America to meet with leading scientists, physicians, and experts to answer questions about gender and gender identity. Couric speaks with everyday people who find their lives and bodies on the front line of a changing world. This documentary examines the roles of science, society, and culture with regard to gender. The DVD sheds light on stories of struggle, understanding, ignorance and LOVE. Rated PG-13 due to language. RVSP via the web at: <https://www.timetosignup.com/stpaulsucc/form/9364> or let Terry in the Church office know and she will sign you up. RSVP's requested, not required.**



Save the Dates - St. Paul's 2018 VBS Program
"Shipwrecked" June 18th – June 21st



The Christian Education Committee is looking to recruit male helpers as Sunday School Teacher Assistants and Youth Group Chaperones, to help show our kids that teaching and learning are life-long activities for all Christian people, regardless of gender.

Our hope is to recruit 8 men total to help cover Sunday School classes for 4 weeks, in the same classroom (April and May 2018). This will give him and the kids a taste of what it's like to have a regular male presence in the classroom. We'd also like to recruit men to help with a Youth Fellowship night, helping Allyssa run the 2-hour program.

Anyone interested can talk to Allyssa or Shawna Simpson.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE OPEN POSITIONS

The Chancel Committee has opportunities for three members to join the committee. We need an individual to schedule greeters, another individual to schedule lectors and a third individual to fill the altar candles and change the worship banners. If you are interested in joining this committee and take the responsibilities of one of these openings, please contact Steven Roush at either scroush2@gmail.com or 717-460-2206. Thank you. Steven Roush, Chairperson

Our new Website is up! Check us out at <http://saintpaulsucc-mech.org/> **Check out the time to signup links for nursery helpers and fellowship time under the Helping Others tab.**

If you don't have internet and wish to sign up to help in the Nursery, please see Terry in the Church Office and she will sign you up. Our desire is to offer the Nursery during the 10:30 worship service. We need two non-related adults with their clearances for each Sunday. Help us to keep the Nursery available by signing up for a Sunday or two.



We are considering creating an updated St Paul's picture gallery, either in book form or online. Anyone who has interest in serving on the planning committee, please see Mary Runkle. We are looking for a group of 4 or 5 to research options.

The Auxiliary of the United Church of Christ Homes is looking for members – This is open to men & women of all ages. The members of the UCC Auxiliary may participate in a wide range of activities, allowing each member to share his/her own special abilities with resident in ways that bring great satisfaction to both Auxiliary members and the residents. Currently the Auxiliary is running their annual membership drive. The money raised by this membership drive goes directly to the homes to be used for needs identified by the Executive Director at that home.

In the past, St. Paul's has had members who served on the Auxiliary and kept us informed on what was going on at the homes and how we may help. Are you interested in serving in that role? As St. Paul's liaison with the Auxiliary? If so, please let the Church Office know.



Dear Friends at St. Paul's: Thank you for all of the prayers, thoughts, and well wishes. A Special thank you to those who have provided meals for my family. I am truly blessed to have you in my life. I am recovering, very slowly. It's been a difficult few weeks. *Thank again, Kris Amtower*

Thank you for the alter flowers in memory of my father. Also, thank you for the prayers and cards. *Dennis and Bonnie Plymette.*

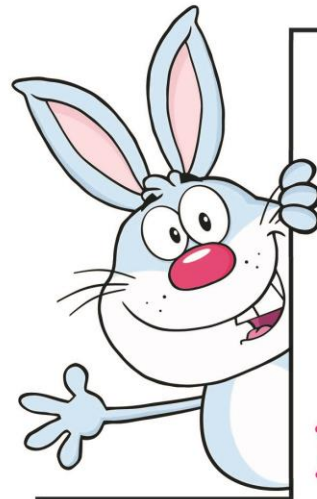
Dear Friends: Thank you for the flowers and cards upon the death of my sister, Jean Hasler. The sympathy and kindness are greatly appreciated. *Herb and Melba Bomberger.*

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the St. Paul's Winter Pot Pie Sale. While it takes a lot of hands and hours to put it all together, the fellowship and camaraderie makes it all worthwhile. For all the kitchen workers and those who helped fill the order sheets, many many thanks for another successful sale. *Patty Scott and Brenda Kern*

And we would be remiss if all of us here at St. Paul's didn't extend a big "Thank You" to Patty, Dave, Brenda & Tim. They put in numerous hours getting this done in a short period of time. Thank You!

Broad Street Community Dinner:

My thanks go out to all who assisted in making the 18 lbs. of Macaroni & Cheese, to all who made cookies and those who helped at the dinner. Approx. 240 were fed at this dinner and leftovers were delivered to New Hope Ministries to be given to those in need. Thank you again, *Gene Shaner.*



ST. PAUL'S
ON A MISSION
**Easter
Egg Sale!**

**Peanut Butter &
Coconut Cream**

MILK OR DARK CHOCOLATE AVAILABLE

\$1.00 EACH

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED
BY MARCH 11TH PLEASE!**

**Eggs will be available for
pick up Sunday, March 18 &
25th (Palm Sunday)
after both services.**

**Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin
board for orders and egg making helpers!!**

**Egg making will be Saturday,
March 17th & 24th - starting at 8:00 AM**

**If you would like to make a
monetary donation to defer the cost,
please see Brenda Kern.**

**Consider taking outside orders! Order
sheets are on the table in the Common.**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BRENDA KERN.

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
MAKING STRIDES AGAINST
BREAST CANCER!**