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The Epistle

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

Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome!

2/02, 2/09 & 2/16 - Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 AM

2/23 - Youth Sunday One Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Sunday School @ 9:15 AM

Childcare available at 10:30 service

2/26 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service - Imposition of Ashes and Communion via Intinction

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STAFF

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FROM THE PASTOR

Well now that we are done with the Advent/Christmas/New Year's rush, we can relax, right? Yes, I know, not likely. On some of our colder days I do think bears and other animals that hibernate have gotten the winter thing right but then if we were to sleep that much, we would miss out on much.

I will highlight a few things that are going on, and there are many others as well. Read this Epistle, follow your email and bulletin announcements and listen to some good old word-of-mouth. First though, I want to thank everyone for all the effort, time and work you put in over these last couple of months. On top of our usual Advent and Christmas events and efforts, we have started our building upgrade and renovations. This entails many meetings and much work to stay on top of and plan for next steps. We have seen some good changes already and will continue to see more.

Our Adult 1 and Adult 2 Sunday School Classes are both starting new studies. If you have not yet had the chance to sit in or join one of these classes, now is the time. For younger students, new sections are beginning as well. Anytime is a good time to join in. The same is true for Youth Group. All our choirs are starting new pieces and again, you can join in. Check into the opportunities to help serve meals to people in our Community, either downtown or at Broad Street Elementary School. New Hope can always use assistance and they have some new programs that may well be able to use your particular skills and talents. SPARCC is doing an "off-campus" event on another campus. We are cooking up some of our famous Chicken Pot Pie.

With the current state of chaos and negativity in our country, particularly being played out in our national government, we can become distressed and want to distance ourselves from others. This will not do anyone any good. There are people, and some are right around us, who are working to promote the common good, following Jesus' example. There are efforts being made by people right around us, to care for creation and care for each other, following the examples Jesus'

offered. Despite the chaos, much good is being done and more can be done. Let us choose to engage in such endeavors and let us do so together.

Peace, Rev. John

New Members' Meetings

Calling all faithful and inquiring souls!!! St. Paul's United Church of Christ will be hosting two meetings for people interested in becoming members of our congregation. On Sundays February 9 and 23, after the 10:30 Service, we will meet in the Sanctuary. We will be receiving new members during a Worship Service that works for the most people sometime in March or April.

If you are interested in becoming a member, we ask that you attend one of the two meetings. If you have schedule conflicts, but still would like to join, please speak with me (Rev. John), or if you would prefer to talk first privately. These Sunday meetings are informational in nature, sharing a little bit about who we are as a congregation, what the United Church of Christ is like and what being a member of St. Paul's entails. We also try to answer any questions you might have. We will distribute materials relating to our Congregation and Denomination for your further reference.

If you are curious about, absolutely sure or somewhere in-between in your desire to become a member of St. Paul's UCC, please come, listen and ask questions. If you want to go over anything in advance or after those meetings, please contact me.

Thank you, Rev. John

Rev. John Ward-Diorio; 717 766-7931;
revjohnwd@outlook.com

How to Be an Antiracist

Please join participants in the SPARCC group on February 6, at Dickinson College to hear a lecture by Ibram X. Kendi entitled How to Be an Antiracist. Dr. Kendi will speak about how we move from trying not to be racist to being consciously antiracist. He will speak

about his own journey on this path. Dr. Kendi won a National Book Award for *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas*, and recently released his new book *How to Be an Antiracist*, which the SPARCC group will be reading in the months following this lecture. It promises to be an educational and inspiring evening.

The lecture is free and will begin at 7:00 PM and run roughly till 8:30 PM in the Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium (ATS) on Dickinson College's campus. The address is 360 W. Louthier Street and there is a small parking lot next to the Auditorium. The SPARCC group plans on having dinner out beforehand (beginning at 5:45/6:00 PM) at a local Carlisle restaurant (TBD). All are invited to dinner as well and we will announce where that will be.

No reservations are needed but please let Rev. John or Shirley Keith Knox know if you plan on coming so we can have a sense of how many St. Paul's folks might be there and/or will be eating with us. Hope to see you there!

Lent Book Study (This may sound familiar)

Please join us for our study of *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine. This work is set up similar to her work on Advent that we just read. This time our discussions are spread out over six weeks rather than four. Professor Levine focuses on the Biblical Texts surrounding the last week of Jesus' physical life. She makes connections to the Hebrew Scriptures and to the culture of Jesus' time. She offers in-depth interpretation with humor and clear writing. We will be meeting Mondays March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6. You can attend either at 1:00 to 3:00 PM or 7:30 to 9:00 PM. You can attend all or a few and leave when you need to. The cost of the book will be \$14.00 with our discount from Whistlestop Books. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet ASAP so we can get the books ordered and in your hands. We will want to be ready to go on March 2. Questions please contact Rev. John or Pastor Allyssa.

2020 CONSISTORY

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Bazaar Committee-Wendy Hayden
Chairs-Jenn Martek/Kathy Williams

Worship Committee-Craig Martek
Worship Chair-Eric Dundore
Chancel Chair-Steven Roush

It's a Girl!

Katelyn McKenzie Knox was born on January 19th at Hershey Medical Center. Parents Molly and Ben Knox are super excited, as well as grandparents Shirley and Greg Knox and great grandparents Martha and Gene Keith. Baby and mom are doing great!!!! Our Congratulations to all!



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Kevin Allison; Alvis (Smith); Kris Amtower; Amy (Gabriel); Wendy Anderson (A. Thompson); Anya (Gabriel); Joe Baker (W.Wentz); Barry & Family (A. Thompson); Jon & Nancy Barto & Family (White); Mike & Mary Baptista (Sharp); Donald Beaver (Keith); Barb Bell; Joann Bender; Jack Benoist (Ritter); Rev. Dr. Susan Bertolette (A. Thompson); Denise Biacco & Family (Lill); Bill (Stork-Whitson); George Bingaman; Sarah Blumenschein and family (Aumiller); Bob & Nancy (Gabriel); Joan Brenizer (Rhoads); Brian (Shearer); Brian (Riesmeyer); Adriana Brice & Family (Smith); Missy Brouch (Myers/Mihmet); Debby Browning (S. Miller); Rev. Betsy Bruaw (Stork-Whitson); Tammy Boehm & Betty (Stork-Whitson); Glenda Brown (Aumiller); Annette Burke (Sutton); Anna Burns; David Bush & Family (Trout); Sophia Butler (Knox); Nancy Cabrera (Runkle); Beverly Caley (Thorpe); Marge Campbell (Sharp); Candace (Stine); Caroline (Rhoads); Jack Carr & Family (Williams); Eddie Chandler (Aumiller); Sally & John Chiselko (Martek); Kirt Chronister; Alyssa Claar (A. Thompson); Jon & Kathy Cristofori (Aumiller); Pat Cleland; Mark Clark Coleman (Riesmeyer); Colin & Family (Gabriel); Frankie Coluntuna (Eichman); Stacy Cole (Ward-Diorio); Marc Cooley (Richey); Rich Cowan; Darryl (Carson); Dorothy & Rev. Robert Davidson (Layne); Rita Davidson (Plymette); Hudson Davis (Riesmeyer); Deb & Ned (A. Thompson); Dani DeLellis (Knox); Diane (B. Thompson); Evelyn Diorio; Ethan Dixon & Family; Marian Dornell (Warfield); Jim Dougherty (Ritter); Grace Drager; Ted Drager (Bowers); Allen & Nanci Dreibelbis; Faye Dunne (Mitchell); Dixon Earley (Rushong); Linda Eichelberger (Chronster); Jim Erb (Kern); Karen Erway (Rushong); Bob & Eve Fenner; Tom Figiel (Weiser); Michelle Fox (Knox); Flynn (Burns); Diane Freeman; Anne French (Ward-Diorio); Ron Gabriel; Lenny Gardner (Shearer); Paulette Garrison (Bender); Gary (A. Thompson); George (B. Thompson); George Ann (Davinroy); Joyce Gerstenlauer (Dundore); Gina & Family (Sharp); Gloria (Davinroy); Betty Goodfellow (Ritter); Floyd Gouse; Shirley Grammer; Greenawalt Family; Teri and Dave Guelcher; Jane Hall; Bill Hanna (Shea); Mandi Hannah (Hoehn); Gavin Harris (Cowan); Hayden, Alyson & Laela (Sizemore); Kermit Henning (A. Thompson); Phyllis Hershey; Joshua Holbrook (Nolan); Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple; Jay Houser (Haagen); Michele Hughes (Murphy); Chuck Hurley (Fox); Jerry & Sandy Hutchinson (Burns); Jack Hyde (Fox/Holtzapple); Lee Jackson; Jamie (Dundore); Jane (Ritter); Jenny, Eric & Erica (Lingenfelter); Jim (Rhoads); Joe (Allison); Jonathan & Karen (Wirth); Clariene Jones (MLC); Will Jones; Lily Jordan (Mullin); Karen (Devin Miller); Karen & Margo (Stork-Whitson); Rev. Dr. Chris Kennedy (Ward-Diorio); Pastor Del Kenney (Ward-Diorio); Jeff & Lyle King; Dot Kinzer; Sandy Kline; Shirley & John Knisely; Randy Krepps; Jennifer Lee (Thorpe); Jean & John Layne; Rev. Norma Llewellen (Stork-Whitson); Bonnie Lengle

(B. Thompson); Lenks Family (Carson/Foukes); Larry Linder (Stork-Whitson); Lori (Murphy); Naomi Losch (Endy); Louise, Manny & Larry (Sharp); Colin Loy (White); Kelly Lynch (Wirth); Irene Macconnell-Davinroy; Cook Mann (Davinroy); Mary (Rhoads); Marie (Murphy); Sean McDonald (Rushong); Stephanie McGonigle (Warfield); Linda Meola (Roush); Rob Merentz (Allison); Michel & Family (Fox/Holtzapple); Michelle & Family (Mihmet); Joanne & Charles Miller; Charles Miller (Lloyd and Matthew's dad); Lee & Connie Miller; Linda Miller; Melissa Miller (Bender); Patrice & Gregory Miller; Devon Miller & Family; Mr. Min (Sizemore); Steve Mitchell; Rev. Russell & Ruth Mitman (Eckman); Roxanne & Steve Morgan (Dundore); Trendy Mowery (Aumiller); Tammy Mullen & Family (Allison); Gene & Ruth Ann Myers (Boyer); Patricia Nalepka (Jon Nalepka); Stephen O'Driscoll & Family (Rushong); Ryan Onufer & family (Grice); David Ordonia (Myers); Mary P. (Rhoads); Ann Palazzo (Weiser); Ms. Patterson (Davinroy); Lynne Patton (Taylor); Don Perry (Ritter); Jim Pilsner (Rhoads); Bonnie & Dennis Plymette; Bobby Pfaff (Larue/Short); Baptiste Powlas (A. Thompson); Marion Quinlan (Ward-Diorio); Randy (Bender); Carl Raudabaugh (A. Thompson); Richard Reba (Richenbacher); Reed & Ziegler Families; Robert Reiner (Bender); Amy Rhoads; Jo Rice (Rushong); Joyce Rice (Eichman); Paul Ringenbach (Wirth); Robert (Sack); Lisha Robertson & Family; Adam Rohrbaugh (Bender); Rev. Roben Roof (Stork-Whitson); Rosemary (Simpson); Jerry Roventini & Family (Boyer); Tom Row (S. Miller); Marian Royer; Ned & Rhoda Rupp; Benny Rushong; Sam (Freeman); Irv Sanders; Robyn Scaer (Hoehn); Tom Schiffgens; Rev. Glenn Schultz; Dennis Scouler (Rushong); Joyce Sealover (Sutton); Erin Shane (Thorpe); Maya Shapiro (R. Thompson); Shar & Ann (Gabriel); Linda Shea & Family; Rafe Shearer (P. Miller); Rev. Frank Showers (Aumiller); Holly Sidesinger (Larue/Short); Bill Siemon (Warfield); Mike Siemons (Wood); Conner Snow & Family; Jacob Snyder (Wentz); Sue Snyder (Bowers); James Sowell (Sandy Kline); Clarence, Nancy Steck & Donna Sterner; Barbara Sterner; Jon Still & Family (Ward-Diorio); Tom Stone; Sue (Sizemore); Rev. Bill Swisher (Eckman); Briana Thomas; Cathy Thomas; Tracy Thrush Family; Austin Tichenor (Gladwin); Linda Till; Todd & Family (Morell); Doug Townsen (S. Miller); Craig Triplett (Boyer); Flo Turner (B. Thompson); Tom Tuttle (Trout); Bill Utley (Boyer); Tom Van Hail & Family (Sutton); Roger VanLoan (Ritter); Ceci Viti (Warfield); Evelyn Warfield; Anthony Warner (Simpson); Isabella Waters; Dr. Kenneth Way (Bowers); Amy Wentz; John White; Dave Wightman (Trout); Peg Wightman; Elaine Williams (A. Thompson); Wilton; Rose Fran Wolford; Suzanne Worley (Jones); Alexa, Lacey Worrall & Family (Ward-Diorio); Carl Yohn & Deb Kassahun; Jacqueline Young (Wentz); Kevin Young (A. Thompson); Aimee Yowell (Eichman)

February



Choir Schedule

- 2/02 8:00 am Youth
10:30 am Chancel
- 2/09 10:30 am Chancel
- 2/16 10:30 am Hand Chimes
- 2/23 10:30 am Youth Choir
- 2/26 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

LECTORS

- 2/02 8:00 Vonny Eckman
10:30 John Layne
- 2/09 8:00 Rebecca Drazba
10:30 Kathy Aumiller
- 2/16 8:00 Patty Scott
10:30 Kim Pirtle
- 2/23 10:30 Youth Sunday

USHERS

Head Usher: Melissa Cawley

FLOWER DELIVERY

- 2/02 Dar & Randy Murphy
- 2/09 Jonne & Eric Dundore
- 2/16 George Hopkins
- 2/23 Karen & Kevin Allison

ACOLYTES

- 2/02 8:00
10:30
- 2/09 8:00
10:30
- 2/16 8:00
10:30
- 2/23 10:30

NURSERY

- 2/02 Patty Scott,
- 2/09 Sue Ward-Diorio, Terry Shaner
- 2/16
- 2/23

COMMUNION PREP

- 2/02 Intinction - Mary Runkle
- 2/26 Intinction – Jonneke Dundore



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| 05 Linda Miller | 19 Wyatt Paulus |
| Chris Royer | Fran Wolford |
| 06 Anna Thompson | 20 Zach Davinroy |
| 09 Beth Pirtle | Michael Nolan |
| 10 Jake Jacobsen | Karin Stork-Whitson |
| Phil Reemes | 21 Cathy Thomas |
| Amy Wentz | 22 Jane Hall |
| Barbara Westhafer | 23 Cassidy Sweeney |
| 12 Steve Roush | 25 Christine Chandler |
| 13 Elizabeth Royer | Harriett Grimm |
| 14 Dave Ritter | 26 Donna Sharp |
| 16 Charles Miller | 27 Allyssa Lingenfelter |
| 17 Molly Cowan | Michael Shea |
| 17 Rachel Drazba | 29 Al MacKinnon Jr. |



25 Jean & David Weiss

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



Souper Bowl Sunday



Souper Bowl of Caring — Help St. Paul's youth turn our nation's great day of football into a great day of caring! On February 2nd, following both worship services, youth will be stationed at the doors of the sanctuary to collect donations. The proceeds will go to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. Use your dollars to support your team and tackle hunger!



St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - will meet at 1 PM Tuesday February 11th. The Prayer Shawls will be blessed

at both worship services on Sunday February 16th.

ST. PAUL'S WINTER QUART POT PIE SALE

The cold weather is here regardless if we want it or not. Our Bazaar Kitchen Chairs: Patty Scott and Brenda Kern to the rescue with a winter quart sale of Chicken Pot Pie!! What better way to warm you up on a cold winter's night than a bowl of St. Paul's Famous Chicken Pot Pie?

Quarts can be ordered on the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the commons. \$9.00 per quart or by calling or emailing Terry in the Church Office @ 717-766-7931 or stpaulstaff@outlook.com. We also need help picking chicken on Thursday, 2/13 (9 am to noon), mixing dough on Friday, 2/14 (9 am to noon) & cooking the pot pie on Saturday, 2/15 (8 am to noon.) Please sign up to help if you can. Your pot pie will be available for pickup in the kitchen on Saturday February 15th from noon to 1 pm or after worship services on Sunday February 17th.

Help promote the sale by picking up a poster (s) & order sheet(s) on the table in the commons to ask your local business to post. Final date to order is Tuesday February 11th (please help us out and get those orders in earlier!) Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors!



On Sunday, February 16, 2020, the congregations of Penn Central Conference, including St. Paul's, will be taking a LOVE OFFERING to benefit the program costs

associated with the summer camps at Hartman Center. A full week of camp averages \$575 and there are many campers in the conference who will need their fees subsidized. This offering will go a long way to help youth experience the wonder of Hartman Center. Hartman Center has been a jewel of the conference for many years. Your gift can be placed in the offertory with a notation that it is for the "2020 LOVE OFFERING". Thank you for your support.

Community Dinner Sunday February 16th, 5 pm at Buhrig Gathering Place in Mechanicsburg.

St. Paul's is again participating along with other area churches in providing a community dinner to the residents of Mechanicsburg. We are signed up to provide salad and dressing. If you would like to donate toward this by dropping off a bag of salad mixings and/or a bottle of dressing, please let Terry in the Church office know. Based on the previous dinners, they are expecting to feed 100 people again. If you are interested in helping with the dinner (serving, greeting, clean up afterwards) please let Terry or Gene Shaner know and they will sign you up.



Daffodil Days are Back!! Help Craig Martek raise funds for the "PA Hope Ride" benefitting the American Cancer Society and get some lovely Daffodils (or Tulips) in return! Cost of the Flowers: Bunch of Daffodils - \$10.00; Bunch of Tulips - \$10.00; Mini Potted Daffodils - \$15.00 or Gift of Hope (Flowers are donated to Local Hospitals) - \$25.00. Please see Craig Martek to place your orders, either by e-mail (lizardbiker@gmail.com), phone/text (717-514-6560) or seeing Craig at church/choir. Craig must place the orders by Feb. 24 (payment is due at this time – cash or check payable to American Cancer Society.) If the weather cooperates, Craig will pick up the orders for

delivery on March 23rd (or shortly thereafter.) Welcome Spring in with some lovely flowers and help a good cause at the same time!



Youth Sunday — *There will be one worship service on Sunday, February 23, at 10:30 am, organized and led by St. Paul's Youth Group. We hope that you will join us for this special opportunity to worship together and support our young people.*

A ***Special Treat*** Fellowship Sunday, February 23rd, following the worship service in Fellowship Hall! We're having a **Shrove Sunday** Fellowship time hosted by Parish Ministries. We hope you will stop back after the Youth lead us in worship for some food and fellowship.

Pollyannas will be having their next lunch meeting 11:30, Tues Feb 25th at the Colony House in Mechanicsburg. If you are able to attend please call Bonnie Plymette, 591-8471.



Wednesday February 26th, 7:30 PM – Imposition of Ashes and Communion via Intinction; Gluten free option available.

Saturday February 29th – 5 to 8 PM: Soup & Dessert Cookoff and Trivia Night. See poster in this Epistle for additional information on this Fun-Filled Family Event. Don't miss out – mark this date on your calendar now!

BROAD ST. COMMUNITY DINNER - St Paul's once again has the opportunity to participate in the Broad St Elementary School Community Dinner to be held March 5th, 2020. The Churches who are supporting this have been asked to prepare for 400 people. St Paul's is signed up to provide Mac and Cheese (18 pounds) and cookies (8 dozen.) If you would like to assist with making the mac & cheese (we make this in the Church Kitchen) or donate cookies for the dinner, please let Terry in the church office know. Please note due to the

overwhelming amount of Gluten Free Cookies at the last dinner, they have asked the Churches not to provide these. The Teachers will be making them. Thanks.



My heartfelt thanks to my St. Paul's family for the flowers, visits, cards, food and well wishes I received regarding my knee replacement surgery. I am blessed to be part of such a loving congregation and am sincerely grateful! *Mary Runkle*

To the congregation of St. Paul's UCC, We are deeply grateful for your kind words and caring actions following the death of our mother and grandmother, Nadine Boyer. For your prayers, the cards you've sent, your visits to Nadine, your presence at her funeral, and the white rose of remembrance that adorned the altar—we thank you. It is a blessing to be surrounded by the love of this congregation.

With gratitude, The Boyer Family

To the congregation of St. Paul's UCC, Recently, Paula & Allyssa Boyer brought to me flowers that had been in the Chancel of St. Paul's following the passing of my husband, George Tutino. George and I are the Godparents fo Allyssa & Jim Boyer. Most especially, I thnk you for your prayers, love and good wishes. Our faith assures us that we will see our beloved spouse, father, grandfather, and father-in-law again and what a good reunion it will be. Be assured that all of use truly appreciate your kindness and empathy to us at this time of great sorrow. *Love Carol Tutino, Julia (Tutino) & Casey Fuhrman, Joe & Helen Tutino and Vincent Tutino.*

Mitten Tree Donations: On January 2nd – St. Pauls' delivered: 12 Scarves, 6 Pairs of Socks, 24 Hats, 6 Hat/Glove Sets, 1 Hat/Glove/Scarf Set & 61 pairs of gloves/mittens. This came in really handy before the real cold set in our area. Our Neighbors in Need Thank You for your continued support & generosity!

Dreams & Visions into Reality
“Oh, the excitement!!”

Gold Team:

Watch for campaign mailings & hold March 15 on your calendar!

As plans firm up for the roll-out of the Capital Campaign to help make "Our Dreams & Visions into Reality," you will receive several mailings this winter. One of them will be an invitation to a special luncheon event on Sunday, March 15, 2020 after the 10:30 service...so, please hold that date on your calendar! Inside this newsletter is an announcement about the luncheon and a form to indicate your attendance.

We're pleased to say that momentum has been building for this important campaign. We have already received up-front gifts totaling \$83,075 as of January 23, 2020! Thank you to those who have stepped forward with these advance gifts to help pay for the start of facility repairs -- namely the roofs over Fellowship Hall and the Christian Education facility of our church.

A reminder for Traditional IRA holders:

If you are 70 1/2 in age or older, you can ask your financial firm(s) to send a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your account to the church, and this type of gift will accomplish three things:

1. You won't have to pay any income tax on the distribution amount (and you could gift from your IRA any amount up to \$100,000 annually).
2. Your IRA Required Minimum Distribution for 2020 can be met. You can begin gifting from your IRA this winter, rather than waiting until the year end.
3. You can designate how your QCD gift(s) are to be used by the church: (a) your offerings for the regular fund, and/or (b) your gift(s) for the Capital Campaign.

For more information, please talk with campaign co-chairs Kathy Aumiller and Linda Miller, and seek guidance also from your financial institutions.

Red Team:

THANK YOU! We love St. Paul's overachievers. The goal of refreshing the Parlor was exceeded, and we cleaned/refreshed a portion of the Commons and the Youth Room food area as well! The response on Sunday was overwhelmingly positive. We are looking forward to the next Refresh days for the Commons + Youth Room to be held on February 21 and 22. More details will go out in an all-church email and the church bulletin soon.

NEXT STEPS: Create a Design Team. We do still have the planning/decision making work to do for the Parlor. Specifically, topics for discussion include: name of the room, what furniture should be in the room, what floor covering(s) should be in the room, closed circuit monitor/tv that would have the sanctuary services displayed, a list of items along with a budget for each item, interior design drawing/ideas. After thinking about this, we think that a smaller team who focuses on this would be the best way to move this forward. If you are especially interested in contributing to this group, please let Co-chairs Kathy Williams or Kim Pirtle know.

Green Team:

The members of the new Green Team met recently to discuss what environmental projects and issues should be addressed by St. Paul's at this time. We talked at length about composting, pollinator habitats, permeable pavement, trees, solar panels, motion-sensor light switches, LED bulbs, recycled paper products, dishwashing vs. disposable, funding projects and the UCC Creation Justice movement. See Co-chairs Donna Sharp and Sarah Myers with questions or ideas.



Blue Team:

At our January 9th meeting, the Security (Blue) Team discussed multiple areas of security concern including doors, both exterior and indoor, locks (i.e. key fobs and master keys), cameras, fire alarm systems, and trauma kits. We will be meeting with a local security company about these areas and coming up with options and costs for proceeding with making St. Paul's a safer environment. Anyone with question or concerns should talk to Dennis Plymette or Tim Kern.

Building Committee:

With the Fellowship Hall and Christian Ed roofs almost completed and looking great, St. Paul's Congregation has given its approval to move on to the sanctuary roof and HVAC system. We are in the process of getting bids to replace and update the air conditioning since it is over 20 years old now and new technology is more efficient. As the weather allows you will see the gable ends of the new roof completed, the old sanctuary shingles removed and a new insulated five-inch structure put on there before the new shingles go up. New gutters and spouting on all the buildings will also happen along with any maintenance needed on the steeple area.

Plans are also in the beginning stages for what we want to do in the Christian Ed building with new bathrooms and HVAC. More on that as we get options and costs.

Please don't hesitate to look at the drawings in the Commons and talk to Art Williams and Eric Dundore about future plans.



DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please update your directories with these changes:

Dot Kinzer
 Maplewood at Bethany Village
 5225 Wilson Lane Ste 309
 Mechanicsburg PA 17055-6663
 Wes Rhoads
 Cell # 717-857-4907



Directory Changes: Updated copies of St. Paul's Directory will be available in the common area late February. To make it the most up to date as we can get, please get all address, phone # and email changes into the church office no later than Sunday February 16th. Thanks!

Puzzle!

Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.

colt	denial	kiss	repent
confess	donkey	lots	silver
cross	forsaken	palms	sins
crown	Gethsemane	penance	suffer
crucifixion	Golgotha	Pilate	thorns
death	hosanna	prayer	vigil

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