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FROM THE PASTOR

If we are fortunate, our lives include both concerns and celebrations. The potential richness of life is risked if we minimize the reality of either of these two. God is found, God is present both in our sufferings and in our joys. To fully embrace our Faith, to fully embrace life, we must be present as well to the range of our experiences. To experience God's compassion for ourselves and others, as well as God's delight, is to live as we were created to live.

It is appropriate for us to be concerned about the rise of Christian Nationalism, particularly White Christian Nationalism. We are seeing this influence in our politics in very negative ways and to a greater and greater extent. By making use of Christianity, and twisting its meaning and appropriate practice, certain politicians have made who we vote for a test of one's loyalty to Christianity. The problem is it is their version of Christianity. It is a version of Christianity that is exclusive, authoritarian, and violent. It bears little resemblance to Jesus' words and ways.

As Christians, we must be very careful not to be swayed by those who claim their version of Christianity is the only authentic one and should therefore be the only way Christianity is practiced. As Americans, we must also be very careful and remember that our country was founded by those who were seeking to flee from Christian religious persecution, attempts to force everyone to be Christian in the same way those in power were. We were founded not as a Christian nation but as a nation in which the practice of one's faith, Christian or otherwise, was not to be controlled or dictated by any one version of Christianity or any Faith. Christian Nationalism ignores that history, as it also ignores other parts of our history that critique the harm Christians have done or participated in. Their words and actions are not a return to some forgotten past but rather an attempt to create a future which is antithetical to Democracy and seeks to impose both the religious and economic will of some upon the many. This reflects the ideals and practices of neither American Democracy nor Christianity.

Rather than pretending this is not a concern, we need to look honestly at what is going on and decide who and what we will support. We need to vote. Voting is a right and a responsibility. May we each exercise it carefully. And may we know, that unlike the exclusive vision and practice of Christian Nationalism, St. Paul's will continue to welcome one and all.

In the midst of this concern and others, we have celebrations to engage in. Our Stewardship Drive is in full swing which means we will have the opportunity to contemplate our financial and volunteer-time pledges and offer them to God on Stewardship Sunday November 13. Our creative and wonderful Stewardship Baskets have been readied for auction and bids begin on Thursday November 3. Harvest Dinner will be offered as a sit-down gathering again this year, a chance for us to share a meal together following our Service on November 13. We will host Pastor Allyssa Boyer's Ordination Service on Sunday November 27 at 3:00 PM, where we and members of the Mercersburg Association and Penn Central Conference will join together in celebrating the culmination of this part of Allyssa's journey, which our Congregation has been an intricate part of, and the beginning of a new journey for her as an Ordained Pastor. We will begin our Advent Reading group on Monday November 28. All this just in November, which ushers us further into the Advent Season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Christmas, where we rejoice that God came into the world as a vulnerable baby and lived as the person Jesus, who came to know our concerns and celebrations, and who continues to be with us in all of them to this day. May we indeed embrace the fullness of our lives and God's presence, which never leaves us.



Peace, Rev. John



GET TO KNOW ST. PAUL'S CONSISTORY!

In a continuing effort to get to know your Consistory, please let me introduce:

Rebecca Drazba



I came to St. Paul's in 1978 or 1979.

My family lived next door to Eleanor and Don

Witt from 1977 to 1981, Eleanor was a long-time member of St. Paul's and invited my twin sister and me to Sunday school with her when we were pre-schoolers. I remember attending Sunday School under the tutelage of Treva Miller and Joanne Miller and many other generous volunteers. It wasn't long before my parents started attending and became members for most of my childhood. I loved when Gloria Hoffman would do Children's time in church because she usually gave us candy at the end of the lesson.

😊 I sang in the choristers and the youth choir for several years and it has been a joy to see my own daughters, Ava (17) and Rachel (14) grown up at St. Paul's. I'll always look back on their very first year of Sunday school with "Miss Joan" Moyer with such fond memories!

Term Started: 2022

Term Ending: 2025

Committee Liaison to: Christian Education

I like working with Christian Education Committee since my children have been active in these programs. It's been very informational to be part of consistory to learn more about how decisions get made and what information gathering is involved in the process, as well as all the many generous volunteers that help with all program and infrastructure of the church to make this a wonderful gathering place for members and visitors alike.

DECEMBER EPISTLE SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Wednesday, November 23rd. 2022

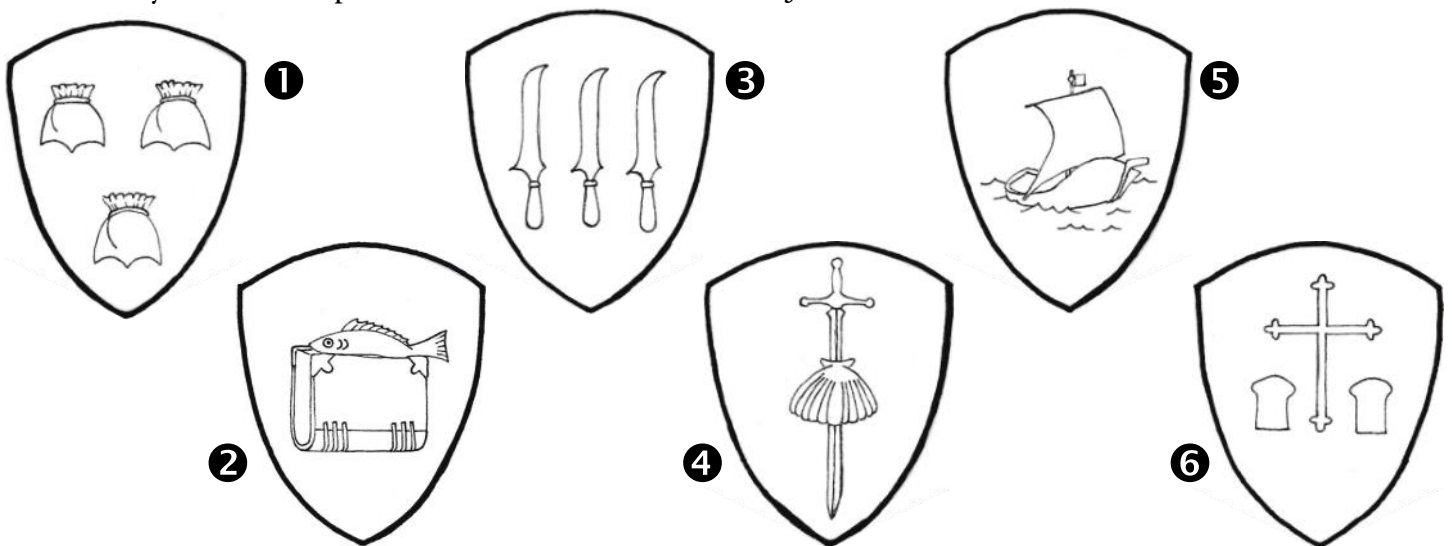
Church Calendar - The most up to date calendar is on the Church website. Help us keep it current by scheduling your events at the Church thru the Office at stpaulstaff@outlook.com or 717-766-7931.
Thank you!

Spotlight on Sacred Art

In this feature of our monthly epistle, we highlight symbols, emblems, and other aspects of our church's art and architecture, explain their meaning, and reveal a little about their history. This month, our spotlight is on six of the **shields of the apostles**.

The word *apostle* is from a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." In the Gospels, Jesus chooses twelve apostles from among his disciples whom he sends on a mission of preaching and healing. Each of the apostles is represented by a shield on the chancel wall of our sanctuary. The six apostles' shields on the northern/left side of the chancel wall are (top to bottom):

1. **Matthew:** Three moneybags represent Matthew's work as a tax collector before Jesus's call. He is the patron saint of accountants, bankers, and civil servants.
2. **Simon:** A fish lies on top of a bible. Simon, originally a fisherman, became a "fisher of people" by sharing the Gospel message.
3. **Bartholomew (a.k.a. Nathaniel):** Curved flensing knives represent the manner of Bartholomew's martyrdom; he was flayed alive. Bartholomew is the patron saint of leathermakers.
4. **James the Great:** The scallop shell represents pilgrimage. According to legend, James's remains are held in Santiago de Compostela in Spain. The traditional pilgrimage to James's grave is known as the "Way of St. James" and it has been one of the most popular pilgrimages for Western Christians from the Early Middle Ages to today. Shells have come to symbolize pilgrimage because there are so many along the Spanish coast.
5. **Thaddeus (a.k.a. Jude):** A ship; Thaddeus sailed to many ports on his journeys as a missionary. Tradition holds that Thaddeus preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea (present-day Jordan), Syria, Mesopotamia (present-day Iraq), Libya, Lebanon, and Turkey.
6. **Philip:** The loaves of bread on either side of the cross remind us of Philip's comment to Jesus in the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (John 6:5-7).



Are you curious to learn more about a particular symbol, artwork, or other feature? Let us know by contacting Pastor Allyssa or Rev. Anna Thompson. We would love to hear from you!



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Addie (Stork-Whitson); **Kevin & Karen Allison**; **Ann**; **Barb**; **Barb Bell**; **Joanne Bender**; **Cindy Bensel**; **Mary Bensel**; **Beverly** (Hayden); **Bill & Bob** (Gabriel); **Barbara Blust**; **Melba Bomberger**; **Brendan and Family** (Richey); **Brian** (Shearer); **Jenny & Erica Budd** (Lingenfelter); **Anna & Dale Burns**; **Nancy Cabrera** (Runkle); **Jeff Carlson** (P. Miller); **Mario Chandler** (Aumiller); **Charlyn and Family** (P. Miller); **Cheryl** (Freeman); **Ron Chronister**; **Alyssa Claar** (A. Thompson); **Pat Cleland**; **Mary Clark Coleman** (Riesmeyer); **Heather Connelly** (Bomberger); **John & Sheri Conner** (Layne); **Rita Davidson** (Plymette); **Evelyn Diorio**; **Dotty** (Richey); **Gail Dougherty** (Ritter); **Allen Dreibelbis** ; **Nancy Dreibelbis**; **Richard Ecks** (Plymette); **Harry Felton** (Sponsler); **Bob & Eve Fenner**; **David Fetterman** (Aumiller); **Jerry Foulke & Lynn Carson**; **Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple**; **Diane Freeman**; **Steven Freeman**; **Ron Gabriel**; **Jack and Jean Gatesman** (Richey); **Bill Gladstone** (Aumiller); **Floyd Gouse**; **Shirley Grammer**; **Harriet & Mark Grimm**; **Dr. Mark Hagenbuch** (Bomberger); **Jane Hall**; **Mike Hatz**; **Noah Helwig** (Trout); **Jim and Leslie Hoehn**; **Brenda Hoffer** (Stork-Whitson); **Beth Hough**; **Michele Hughes** (Murphy); **Ingrid** (Richey); **Jane Leader Janeczek** (Aumiller); **Janie** (Biss); **Dan & Will Jones**; **Josh** (Ritter); **Julia** (Fox/Holtzapple); **Elaine Kansy** (Hoehn); **Martha & Gene Keith**; **Stephen Keith**; **Rev. Dr. Chris Kennedy** (Ward-Diorio); **Jesse King**; **Dave Kirkwood**; **Glenn Kline**; **Sandy Kline**; **Deb Korhut**; **Kristine and Family** (Ward-Diorio); **Audra Kucharick** (Aumiller); **Jean & John Layne**; **Debbie Lever** (A. Thompson); **Larry Linder** (Stork-Whitson/Williams); **Lori** (Murphy); **Luca**; **Taran M.** (Taylor); **Manny** (Sharp); **Marie** (Murphy); **Michael & Ernie** (Richey); **Michelle & Family** (Mihmet); **Charles Miller** (Lloyd and Matthew's dad); **Linda Miller**; **Melissa Miller** (Bender); **Sue & Dayne Miller**; **Tasha Misner** (Trout); **Ernie Moyer**; **Randy, Dar & Sarah Murphy**; **Beth Myers** (Richey); **Gene & Ruth Ellen Myers** (Boyer); **Susan Myers** (A. Thompson); **Nyugen, Thu** (P. Boyer); **Ryan Onufer & family** (Grice); **Jim & Mary P.** (Rhoads); **Paula Padget** (P. Miller); **Panker Family** (Richey); **Eric Potts** (A. Boyer); **Randy** (Bender); **Anne Rankin**; **Richard Reba** (Richenbacher); **Robert Reiner** (Bender); **Carol Rhoads**; **Jason & Rachelle Rhoads**; **Wes Rhoads & Family**; **Nancy, Tom & Dan Richey**; **Dave and Lois Ritter**; **Franklin, Andrew, Levi Roth**; **Rhoda & Ned Rupp**; **Betsy & Benny Rushong**; **Sam** (Freeman); **Jane & Tom Scott & Family**; **Scott & Tracey** (Davinroy); **John Shandra**; **Sharon and Family** (Lingenfelter); **Sherry** (Short); **Corky Short & Candy LaRue**; **Siemons Family** (Wood); **James Sowell** (Sandy Kline); **Barbara Sterner**; **Dory Szeles** (Sterner); **April Thomas** (Bomberger); **Cathy Thomas**; **Tracy Thrush Family**; **Tiberius** (A. Thompson); **Kathy (Wolford Witmer) Toth**; **Shannon & Phoenix Trout**; **Bill Utley** (Boyer); **Rosalie Utley** (Boyer); **Vickie** (S. Miller); **Suzy Weeks** (Richey); **Jean and David Weiss**; **Leita Wentz**; **Geri Williams** (A. Thompson); **Ryan Wilson** (Bomberger); **Chelsey Wirth**; **Fran Wolford**; **Mitchell Worley** (Jones); **Suzanne Worley** (Jones); **Kevin Young** (A. Thompson); **Russell Young** (Rushong)

Do you have an update to the prayer list? Let us know in the church office.

**Thanks
for Your
Help!**

Worship Leaders - November 2022

TimeToSignUp.com - Online Sign Up Sheets

| November 6, 2022, 10:30 A.M. | November 13, 2022, 10:30 A.M. | November 20, 2022, 10:30 A.M. | November 27, 2022, 10:30 A.M. |
|---|--|--|--|
| Acolyte | Acolyte | Acolyte | Acolyte |
| Lector | Lector | Lector | Lector |
| | Paula Boyer | Karin Stork-Whitson | Rebecca Drazba |
| Worship Welcome Team Member - Common's Table - Consistor | Worship Welcome Team Member - Common's Table | Worship Welcome Team Member - Common's Table | Worship Welcome Team Member - Common's Table |
| Paula Boyer | | Rebecca Drazba | Steven Roush |
| Worship Welcome Team Member - Electronic Door - Consistory | Worship Welcome Team Member - Electronic Door | Worship Welcome Team Member - Electronic Door | Worship Welcome Team Member - Electronic Door |
| Chris Grice | | | |
| Welcome Team Member - Sanctuary Exterior Door - Consistory | Welcome Team Member - Sanctuary Exterior Door | Welcome Team Member - Sanctuary Exterior Door | Welcome Team Member - Sanctuary Exterior Door |
| Steven Roush | | Corky Short | |
| Welcome Team Member - Consistory | Welcome Team Member - Consistory | Welcome Team Member - Consistory | Welcome Team Member - Consistory |
| Wendy Hayden | | Dale and Don Thorpe and Dupes | |
| Welcome Team Member - Consistory | Welcome Team Member - Consistory | Welcome Team Member - Consistory | Welcome Team Member - Consistory |
| Sherry Spencer | | | |
| Altar Flower Delivery | Altar Flower Delivery | Altar Flower Delivery | Altar Flower Delivery |
| Chris Grice | Patrice Miller | | Martha Keith |
| Nursery Attendant | Nursery Attendant | Nursery Attendant | Nursery Attendant |
| | | | |
| Counting Team Member | Counting Team Member | Counting Team Member | Counting Team Member |
| Sherry Spencer | | | |
| Counting Team Member | Counting Team Member | Counting Team Member | Counting Team Member |
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WANTED!!! ARTIFICIAL XMAS TREES!!!

Do you have an old artificial tree that you'd like to get rid of? Do you have more trees than you need this season and would allow us to borrow? We need artificial trees of all sizes to create a special winter wonderland in our sanctuary. Please let Jonne Dundore know if you can lend us or donate a tree this year. Thank you! (jonnekev@aol.com or 717-460-8303).

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
|-------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| 11/02 | Stacee Dickensheets | 11/18 | Sydney Lau |
| 11/04 | Elizabeth Rushong | | Melissa Cawley |
| | Jonathan Nalepka | 11/19 | Lynn Carson |
| 11/06 | Katelyn Rudisill | 11/21 | John Bordash |
| | Susan White | 11/22 | Eugene Keith |
| 11/07 | Norah Elliott | | Stephen Herrold |
| 11/09 | Sandra Heckman | 11/23 | Logan Velez |
| | Larry Sharp | 11/26 | Tom Herrold |
| 11/11 | Amy Hockenberry | | Fenton Fox |
| | Kathy Williams | | Sandra Kline |
| 11/12 | John Ward-Diorio Jr. | 11/27 | Ralph Kiner III |
| | Bradley Thomas | 11/29 | Peter Watson |
| 11/13 | Susan Gabriel | 11/30 | Richard Templin |
| 11/15 | Carolyn Rutherford | | William Westhafer Sr. |
| | Betsy Bingaman | | Shannon Trout |
| 11/17 | Kenneth Malick | | Nathan Rhoads |

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|-------|---------------------------|
| 11/02 | Melissa & David Cawley |
| 11/07 | Eric & Jonneke Dundore |
| 11/22 | John & Jean Layne |
| 11/23 | Elizabeth & Frank Rushong |
| 11/29 | Peter & Patti Watson |

Dear St. Paul's,

What a lovely surprise to receive the beautiful fall flowers from church on Sunday! Helping to put on the Bazaar is such a good project to work on; I really appreciate the acknowledgment from everyone.

Thanks so much,

Kathy Williams

Events & Announcements

NEW HOPE THANKSGIVING BASKETS

New Hope Ministries is seeking donations of traditional Thanksgiving meal items to fill baskets that will be distributed to needy families in our area. Suggested items include stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetables, fruit, yams, pie ingredients, etc. Donated items should be placed in the box in the hallway by Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday November 6th. Donated turkeys and other perishable items may be taken directly to New Hope

at 5228 East Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg. Any questions please contact Karen or Kevin Allison.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXPRESS

New Hope Ministries will soon host their "Christmas Blessing Express," providing clients the opportunity to select gifts for their family members. These general items are always appreciated: Winter clothing and pajamas for all sizes and all ages, toddler-adult; Books, toys and games for all ages, toddler-adult. For more specific gift ideas, grab a tag off the Christmas

tree in The Commons. Please consider donating \$20 or \$25 gift cards to Target, Kohl's or Wal-Mart. These are used to supplement the program in categories where donations are lowest. Gift cards should be marked for "New Hope" and placed in the offering plate. New, unwrapped gifts may be placed in the marked boxes in the Commons. The deadline for donations is Thursday Nov 30. A full wish list from New Hope can be found on their website: <https://nhm-pa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Christmas-Wish-List-2021.pdf>. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry!

UCC HOMES CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

To provide each resident of Thornwald and Sarah Todd Homes with a meaningful gift this coming Christmas, St. Paul's has been asked to consider donating a monetary donation or gift cards/certificates to be used towards purchasing desired gifts for the residents, making Christmas a little more special. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are asking you to consider making either a monetary donation (**check made out to UCC Homes**) or a donation of gift cards to any of the following retail outlets: Giant Food Stores, Michael's, CVS, Papa John's, WalMart, Amazon, Target, Dollar Tree, Apple/iTunes, or Visa/MasterCard. The church will plan for these to be delivered to the UCC Homes' communities at Sarah Todd and Thornwald Homes. Please mark your donations as either Sarah Todd, or Thornwald and have them into the church office by December 1st.

STEWARDSHIP

November 13 is Stewardship Sunday. In our continued efforts to be good environmental stewards of God's Earth, St. Paul's is planning to have many of the stewardship materials available in On-line format this year (Time and Talent sheet, Letters from Reverend John and the Stewardship team, Financial Options letter). The 2023 Financial Pledge card will remain in paper format and all the online materials will also be available in paper format upon request. Thank you for your continued support of St. Paul's UCC. Through our actions and financial contributions to St. Paul's, we make a difference in our community.

If you have questions or would like to be involved in the Stewardship Team, please contact Renee at the church office and she'll get the info to the Stewardship team.

Thursday 11/3 – Online Auction is open for bidding
Sunday 11/6—Auction baskets are on display and available for bids.

Thursday 11/10 at 7PM – Auction is closed. Get your bids in before it closes...

Sunday 11/13 – Stewardship Sunday

Auction baskets can be picked up by the winning bidders.

Please bring your 2023 pledge card to worship.

- Please submit your time and talent form electronically (or if you prefer a paper copy, there are copies available at church)

- For members who receive all church information by mail:

- Please bring your Time and Talent sheet to worship also.

- You can also send the 2023 Pledge card and Time and Talent sheet via Mail, or you can call Renee.

COMING SOON - THE FALL STEWARDSHIP ONLINE AUCTION

It's back.... with some fan favorites and new twists!! Watch for the All-Church email on Nov 3 and click the link to start your bidding. See the auction baskets on display (and enjoy some tasty snacks) in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, Nov 6.

Bidding on items will close on Thursday, November 10th at 7pm. Winners of auction items will be notified on Friday, Nov 11th. All bidding will be done online. Contact Melissa Cawley at 215-531-4257 if you need to have your bid entered for you.

Good luck and have fun supporting St. Paul's UCC during our Fall Online Auction!

PPRC UPDATE

The PPRC (Pastor Parish Relations Committee) met with Rev. John and Pastor Allyssa on October 6, 2022. The committee members are Shirley Keith-Knox, Martha Keith, Megan Riesmeyer, Becky Thompson, Karin Stork-Whitson and Mary Runkle. Our next

meeting is scheduled for 1/5/2023. If you have any questions, please speak with any committee member.

YOUNG ADULT ADDRESSES

Our youth group is planning to bake cookies and prepare care packages to send to the young adults in our congregation this holiday season. If you are the parent or guardian of a young adult, please give us their mailing address so we can send them a care package. Please call or email Pastor Allyssa with their address. Thank you.



PRISM

Adventuring life on your own and looking for a fun night out? PRISM (People Rallying in Singles Ministry) is gathering for our first casual supper on December 11th at 5:00. We'll be enjoying chili and cornbread and evening of getting to know each other and sharing how we'd like PRISM to serve our community. RSVP or Questions? Talk to Carol Sizemore at 717-858-3105.

MECHANICSBURG COMMUNITY DINNER

St. Paul's UCC, along with four other churches, participated in hosting the Mechanicsburg Community Dinner on October 16. A free meal was provided to all who attended. Volunteers are encouraged to dine with our neighbors and engage in conversation. Live music was provided as well. Several members of St. Paul's donated tossed salads and dressing as well as helping to serve the meal. The next community dinner is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 2023.

POLLYANNAS

Pollyannas will be having their next lunch meeting 11:30 am, Tues, Nov 22 at Perkins on Erford Rd.

Please let Bonnie Plymette (591-8471) if you are planning to attend.

TRANS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

God created humankind in God's image. A spark of God's spirit lives inside all of us, people of every gender. Trans and nonbinary people help us to see the beauty, mystery, and complexity of God's infinite creative imagination. We give thanks for people who are willing, with courage, to be true to themselves, living as they were created and called to live by God. Tragically, the transgender community continues to face violence, bigotry, and even death. On Sunday, November 6th, we will name and lament the trans and nonbinary people in our country who have been murdered this past year, and we will recommit to raising our voices for justice, equality, and freedom for trans and nonbinary people. Please join us.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Reading, reflecting, and discussing a book in a small group is a wonderful spiritual practice for the Advent season. We are planning to meet every Monday during Advent: November 28, and December 5, 12, and 19 in the Welcome Room. Please stay tuned for more details about the book and our meeting times. If you are interested, please contact Rev. John or Pastor Allyssa. We hope you will join us!

PASTOR ALLYSSA'S ORDINATION

The United Church of Christ believes that God calls every Christian to be a servant of God, a minister, living and serving in God's name. And the church also recognizes a specific need for representative servant leaders to equip people of faith for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ. The UCC, recognizing the tradition of the church universal throughout the ages and throughout the world, affirms God's call to some individuals to be such leaders who help the church to be what God intends it to be. These persons are set apart through prayer and the laying on of hands in the rite of ordination. All are invited to attend Pastor Allyssa's ordination service on Sunday, November 27, at 3 PM. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall following the service. If you plan to attend the reception, please let Paula Boyer or Pastor Allyssa know. Thank you!

QUEER BIBLE STUDY

Don't let the 'Q' word scare you, Queer Bible Study is open to all people who wish to go deeper into scripture. You are invited to join us as we explore scripture in relation to sexuality and gender. We welcome older teenagers and adults of every gender and sexual orientation. We meet on select Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM. Our upcoming meetings are November 1 and November 22. For more information, contact Pastor Allyssa or call the church office. We would love for you to join us!

NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED

Children are a vital part of our church community. Each child in our congregation is a blessing to us and to the world, and we have the privilege of getting to be a part of their childhood. You can help us care for children by serving in our nursery during worship. We need two unrelated adults to serve as nursery attendants each Sunday. You can get in touch with your inner child by coloring, cutting paper shapes, telling stories, playing games, and having fun with our youngsters. Unsure if you can serve as a nursery helper? We can arrange for you to shadow a nursery attendant to see what it's like. To sign-up in the nursery, go to the sign-up page on our website. For more information, to arrange to shadow, or to apply for Safe Church clearances, please contact Pastor Allyssa.

BAZAAR 2022

We have such an amazing congregation. Thanks to everyone who worked, made copies, baked, cooked, set up flea market items, made and sold beautiful crafts, parked cars, sold mums and goodies, cleaned up, counted proceeds, and did all the other things that made this day a wonderful event. We are so blessed! There will still be money trickling in for pot pie sales, but our total net profit at this point is \$13,445. This exceeds our goal of \$12,000 - YAY!!!

FREEDOM EXPRESS BUS TOUR

Join us in rallying for the restoration of faith in democracy! A diverse group of interfaith clergy from around Pennsylvania are on a bus tour, the "Freedom Express," to inspire people of all faiths to defend democracy, denounce White Christian Nationalism,

and get out the vote. The bus departed from Independence Hall in Philadelphia in October. It is traveling to Scranton, Allentown, Pittsburgh, Gettysburg, York, Reading, and Lancaster. The final stop will be in Harrisburg on November 4th, at the corner of 3rd and State Streets. People of faith in Central Pennsylvania are all invited to a rally there at 10 AM. The Clergy that have been on the bus will share remarks, as well as some local Clergy. We will be witnessing that the words and ways of Jesus are not promoting nationalist or authoritarian views or actions. Following the rally, we will hold an interfaith worship service at a nearby church. Participants will also have the opportunity to have lunch together. If you are planning to attend, please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the commons (this helps us to make plans for lunch) (you do not need to put your cell phone number down). The Freedom Express is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, POWER Interfaith, and Thriving Together: Congregations for Racial Justice. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. John.

BAZAAR CANNED GOODS

We hope you are enjoying your canned goods you bought in the Country Cupboard at this year's Bazaar. If you don't want your empty jars, just a reminder that there is a box in the Fellowship Hall hallway for you to return them. We will use them again next year!! Thanks, Joan and Ernie Moyer

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSGIVING

Church World Services (CWS) is sponsoring a fundraiser on Saturday, November 26th, 2022. Families from Guatemala, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Congo, and Syria will be sharing their culinary delights in a to-go box of food. The cost is \$20.00 per box. Please email or call Don Dupes to place your order by Sunday, November 6th. (717.497.3999 or wieknot2@verizon.net) Boxes can be picked up at St. Paul's before or after church services on Sunday, November 27th or delivered to your home later that day. Payment is due when you receive your boxes. Checks can be made payable to Don Dupes. All proceeds go to CWS sponsored families.

HARVEST DINNER

November 13th
following the 10:30 service

- Parish Ministries will serve roast turkey, a side-dish of roasted vegetables, and beverages. Place settings will be provided.
- No charge for this dinner, instead bring a non-perishable food item or two, which in turn will be given to New Hope Ministries.
- A sign up sheet is posted in the Common to list a side-dish or dessert you wish to bring. A sign up for set-up and clean-up helpers is posted also. Online sign-up sheets will be available too.



It's that time of year...

HOLIDAY COOKIE WALK



Sun., December 11!
Sale Hours 9:00 AM - 12Noon
in Fellowship Hall

**PLEASE PACKAGE YOUR COOKIE OR
CONFECTION DONATIONS IN BAGS TO SELL
FOR \$1.00 OR MARK OTHERWISE.**

Drop off your cookies Saturday, December 10th
8am to 4pm (Cart will be outside kitchen door)
OR Sunday, December 11th by 8:30 AM
See Jonneke Dundore or Mary Runkle
with any questions.

The proceeds will be split between
St. Paul's General Fund and
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

ST. PAUL'S



ON A MISSION

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION TEAM UPDATE

AS OF OCT. 19 SPOM AS RAISED \$5,215.00.
OUR TEAM IS RANKED #5 IN FUNDRAISING.
20 YEAR GRAND TOTAL IS \$125,267.77!!

Thank you everyone for your continued generosity and
support for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.