



St. Paul's Happenings

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Manheim PA

October 2018

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE - THROUGH THE LOVE OF CHRIST - TOGETHER!

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Living for Christ

By Akira May-Owens,
Youth & Family Minister

St. Paul's Family,

This article is written in a different vein than most. I hope you'll allow me to share from a place of intimacy. I've asked the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance in putting this message together.

I am not perfect.

I've served St. Paul's for almost two years now, and in that time, I've grown to realize that the Christian life is one that is always on display. Whether you serve the church in a visible capacity or not, you'll find yourself under a finely tuned microscope. I stand before the children of this town weekly, and lead discussions about the Word of God, and what kind of people the Lord wants us to be, but during the drive home, I ask myself,

*"Who am I to do this?"
"Should I be the one representing Christ to these children?"*

"If only they knew how often I fall short."

Once, I had an emotional meltdown in our very own parking lot on a Sunday morning, no less, and it was **ugly**. After my display, I questioned whether I was fit to minister to kids anymore. After making my apologies to those who witnessed my weak moment, I also confessed to the children at Teen Central, making them aware that their Bible Study leader is still learning to apply the lessons that I often shared with them.

You might say, "Get a grip, Akira. Everyone messes up." But Friends, what was in question here was my **integrity**. While it's true that everyone makes mistakes and that there is grace for those moments, this experience taught me just how costly sin is.

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Living for Christ

Lashing out in anger (my personal vice), or any sin, even privately done can cost me my public testimony. Backbiting and gossiping are spoken at the expense of trust and friendships. Constant grumbling about our woes paints the picture for the world that our God isn't so powerful after all.

After soul searching, I found that in my flesh, I'm not a good ambassador for Christ. But in that painful realization, God reminded me of something amazing. *"Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."* (1 Peter 2:9)

Here was my Eureka! I don't want to be an angry, gossipy, complainer anymore, and I don't have to be! I want to be a shining testimony of Jesus Christ to the world! Don't you? Our inheritance as the Body of Christ is rich, and God has commissioned us to wear it proudly and draw the world to Him!

Christ's death on the cross purchased grace for us, but also power and authority to become new on the inside and overcome our internal struggles. This Christian walk is one of growing pains, sacrifices, and loving correction from the Father, so that we can emerge from life's tests reflecting the image of Jesus.

He died to make us **new**. Paul is emphatic about this in his epistles. In Romans 12:2, he prompts us not to conform to the world, but to be **transformed** inwardly by changing our thinking. In Romans 6:6, we're

encouraged by knowing that our "old man" was crucified with Christ, and now we can "put on the new man."

I was so uplifted to know that none of us has to be enslaved by old vices that don't honor God or serve others. In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Paul lists a number of behaviors and traits that grieve God, but at the end he says, *"And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."* Paul is telling this group of people, and us, that who we were before Christ, is not who we have to be today. We are free **from** our flesh, and supernaturally empowered to live **for** God. I'm learning daily what godly integrity looks like and am excited to walk that out alongside each of you.

In our Wednesday Bible Study, we're examining what a godly leader and lifestyle of integrity looks like. What a great opportunity for you – all of you – to come and learn more about what it means to Live for Christ! Or else 😊

October Lectionary

Starting in late September, we began using the Celebrate lectionary inserts in worship on Sundays.

The inserts have the prayer of the day, the scripture readings with a responsive psalm, prayers for intercession and readings to help you prepare for the week. Please take the insert home with you to continue your worship of God each and every day.

October 7: World Communion Sunday: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Psalm 8; Mark 10:2-16

October 14: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 21: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 28 Reformation Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday, November 4, we will once again recognize our Saints who have departed from us this past year.

If you would like to remember your loved one who passed away since last All Saints' Sunday (November 5, 2017), please contact the church office with the name of your loved one, their birthdate, their date of death and the relationship to you.

The deadline to include your loved ones is **Sunday, October 28**.



Pastoral Search Update

At their September meeting, Council approved the Local Church Profile for St. Paul's UCC!

Penn Central Conference will first validate the profile and then the profile will be available online for all potential candidates!

Great work Profile Committee!

In early October, the Pastoral Search Committee will begin to meet to prepare for the upcoming search process.

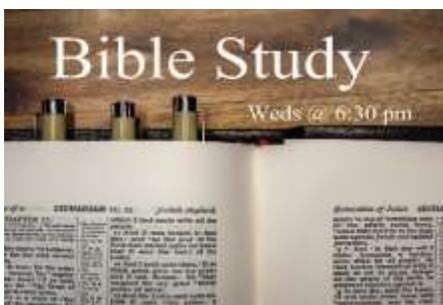
Please continue to keep this committee, our church leaders, the candidates, and our church in your prayers.

Organ Repair Update

It's official! The organ has been fully repaired and the \$4,340 bill to repair the organ has been paid in full!

As of September 16, \$4,400 has been collected to cover the cost of the repair!

Thank you to all who gave generously for our organ to sound heavenly once again!



1 Timothy Bible Study

All are welcome to "Walk in Power, Love, and Discipline", an inductive Bible study by Kay Arthur on the book of 1 Timothy held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings **starting Wednesday, October 17!**

In this study, you are about to begin a study that will revolutionize not only your approach to the Bible (the Word of God), but also your understanding and comprehension of the Word.

What can be gained by a study of the personal letters of a first-century missionary to his two most trusted disciples? A knowledge of what it means to walk in truth. What Paul shares goes beyond the bounds of personal remarks to define sound doctrine (real truth) and sound discipline (right behavior) for the church of all ages.

Contact Pam Herman at 717.665.2447 or email at stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net if you'd like a copy of the study guide.

Upcoming Bible Studies include:

- ◆ 2 Timothy – January 2019
- ◆ Possible future studies include Psalms & Hebrews

Stay & Pray follows the study @ 7:30 pm.

Up In & Out

The Sunday morning small group, Up In & Out, will be held on Sunday mornings, starting October 7 following Coffee Hour @ 10:45 am.

We'll be studying either "The Struggle is Real." - Nicole Unice explores why life's a struggle and what to do about it. How our lives can be defined by redemption instead of struggle or "Brand New" - how every brand has a shelf life, even church brands. Andy Stanley tells us how we can return Christianity to the brand Jesus intended in this study.

Both studies can be found on RightNow Media. If you'd like to check them out or follow along in our study and need access to Rightnow Media, please contact Pam Herman at 717.665.2447 or by email at stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net.

Cantata Rehearsal Starts

Christmas in October? Not quite yet, but rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata will begin on Wednesday, October 24 @ 8:00 pm.

Even if you don't read music or sing in the chancel choir regularly, you can still participate – all parts are needed.

For more information, please contact John Degler at 717.653.4053 or by email at degler@comcast.net.



Farm Show Stand

Everything is in place for St. Paul's to once again sell Pork BBQ sandwiches at the Manheim Farm Show. The Farm Show will be held on Monday, October 8-Friday, October 12.

Volunteers are needed to "man the stand." If you're interested, please contact Ron Forry at 717.665.6903 or by email at ronforry@ptd.net

Be sure to stop by and see us when you visit the Farm Show!

FREE Community Breakfast

The FREE Community Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 20 from 9-10:30 am in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious, warm French Toast breakfast with even warmer friendships!

If you'd like to help serve at the breakfast, please contact Rhonda Raia at 717.808.6868 or by email at smiles4u@dejazzd.com.

Fellowship Breakfast

Come out to Kountry Kitchen Family Restaurant on Rt. 72 north of

Manheim for a fun and filling Fellowship Breakfast.

The Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, October 31 @ 8:30 am. Please RSVP to Claire Reed at 717.951.4325. All are welcome!



Women's Fellowship

Thanks be to God for another year to share the love of the Lord with our neighbors in Manheim through our annual free turkey dinner. With grateful hearts, we all united to enjoy a delicious meal, commune together, and be spiritually nourished by Piercing Word, who performed their Sermon on the Mount Musical. There are so many people to thank for their commitment to bring this event together, it may not be possible to name everyone.

- To the ladies of Women's Fellowship, Joe Raia, and all of those who bought, donated, transported, cooked, and served dishes, thank you.
- To Piercing Word, for such an impactful and sincere

delivery of God's Word, thank you.

- To those who set up, cleaned up, and decorated, thank you.
- To those who enabled sound and media for the Piercing Word performers, thank you.
- To Alison Dyer, who handmade each table centerpiece, thank you.
- To Pastor Bill and Cheri Long, as well as the entire St. Paul's family, thank you for making our neighbors feel at home.
- Last, but certainly not least, thanks to the community of Manheim for dining with us, and allowing us to show love to you.

Keep our church and efforts for outreach in prayer, as we strive to uplift this community every year through the turkey dinner.

Also, it's almost time for the Gift Card Fundraiser, where you can essentially one-stop-shop for your Christmas gift cards right here at the church. So, get ready to participate, and keep alert for more details!

Our October Women's Fellowship meeting will take place on Thursday, October 25th, 2018, at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Women's Fellowship accomplishes a lot behind the scenes, and if you want to be a part of it all, we'd love to see you at our meetings!

Cheerfully submitted,
Akira May-Owens,
Women's Fellowship Secretary



Mission of the Month

The October Mission of the Month is Church World Service's Blanket Appeal.

In 2017, CWS distributed thousands of blankets around the world. St. Paul's can be part of an even greater response in 2018. We'll reach families fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster and more.

Each blanket costs only \$10, but these blankets can be a vital resource for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement!

Learn more online at www.cwsblankets.org.

Please use your October special envelope to help cover those in need with warmth.



Food Pantry

The Manheim Central Food Pantry supplies families in need right here in the Manheim Central community.

Immediate needs for the Food Pantry include:

- Canned Vegetables including mixed vegetables
- Canned Fruit including pears
- Applesauce
- Saltines/crackers
- Egg Noodles
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Soup including cream of chicken

Please feel free to drop off your donations at the Food Pantry located at 334 W. Gramby Street or drop off at the Food Pantry display located near the kitchen.

In August, the food pantry served 114 households for a total of 350 individuals. There were 2 new households for a total of 4 new individuals.

If you need food assistance and live in the Manheim Central School District, please call Carol Sumner at 717.665.2331, ext. 13 Monday-Thursday 9 am-2 pm to register.

The Food Pantry is open to all registered clients on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays and Thursday of the month. Hours for clients are 11 am-1 pm.

Food Pantry volunteers are needed. There are various tasks on Mondays and/or Thursday of each week, including the third Thursday

of the month in the evening. Most volunteers serve once a month. For more information, please contact Cathy Knittle at 717.665.3404.

Thanks for supporting the Manheim Food Pantry.

For more information, go to www.manheimcentralfoodpantry.org.

Altar Flowers

Please contact Bonnie Myers at 717.626.7307/tlmyers@ptd.net if you would like to sponsor the altar flowers. The cost is \$25 per week. Please make your check payable to St. Paul's UCC.

250th Anniversary Committee

Next year, 2019, is St. Paul's UCC's 250th Anniversary! And we're preparing to celebrate!

The Anniversary Committee will meet on Sunday, October 7 following worship in Fellowship Hall to begin preparing for a year of celebration!

Members on the committee are: Joe Raia, chair; Joan Hess, Bob & Fay Doster, and June Smith.



Council Highlights

Church Council met on Tuesday, September 18 @ 7 pm. Highlights of the meeting include:

Memorial Gifts & Endowment:

Gretchen Miller reported:

- ◆ Endowment Fund value is \$963,246.51
- ◆ \$53,749.97 of the \$150,108 approved has been withdrawn so far this year

Treasurers Report:

Gretchen Miller reported:

- ◆ Operating: Miscellaneous income is up due to money received for the organ repair and CAT survey. This was also a quarter that insurances were paid.
- ◆ Benevolence & Capital: nothing more than usual expenses and income to report

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ Pastor Bill will be away September 24-28. Jim Haun will cover for emergencies
- ◆ A baptism will be held on October 21
- ◆ A Hurricane Relief collection will be taken on September 23 & 30

Committee Reports:

- ◆ Property Board: Did not meet in August or September. Doug Longenecker reported that the parts for the air conditioning repair have been ordered and the work will be scheduled soon. A new front door at the memorial garden has been ordered as well.
- ◆ Farm Show: Ron Forry reported that everything is in place for the Farm Show Pork BBQ stand.
- ◆ Self-Study/Pastoral Search Committees: Self Study – see new business. Pastoral Search Committee will begin meeting in early October. The team consists of Lynn Brewer, Andy Ressler, Claire Reed, Karen Brandt and Dani Fair.

Old Business:

- ◆ Altar & Pulpit Cloth Replacement: Swatches for the parament were ordered - this would be for the green paraments only.

New Business:

- ◆ Local Church Profile: The Self Study Committee presented the final Local Church Profile for council approval. The profile was approved by council and will now go to Penn Central Conference for validation and then will be available online for potential candidates.
- ◆ Letter of Resignation: A letter of resignation was received by council from Alec Raia. Council regretfully accepted his resignation. Sylvia Shelley has agreed to be the liaison for property board.
- ◆ Sandy Bareford was approved to fill the remainder of Ruth Raia's term.
- ◆ Staff evaluations will be conducted next month.

Open Discussion:

- ◆ The budget process will begin soon.
- ◆ Ron Forry booked the Santa for the Santa Breakfast to be held on December 1.

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16 @ 7 pm. The October Communion & Church Closer is David Ludwig.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Herman, Recording Secretary

Church Council Minutes/Packets are posted in Fellowship Hall, in the 2nd floor hallway and are also available to you in the church office by request.



Requests for Prayer

If you have a prayer request, please contact Joan Hess at 717.665.4705 to add a name to the prayer list. Names of those in retirement and nursing home facilities, as well as our homebound members, will remain on the list permanently as a reminder to keep these individuals wrapped in prayer and to remember them with your cards, phone calls, and visits:

Miriam Bargo
Dawn Hoffman
Linda Rohrer
Polly Stoner
*Ralph Givler
*Connie Shirk
*Judy Longo's granddaughter, Maya

Anna Mae Barto
Nancy Lishman
Burt Savitz
Doris Stroud
*Betz Klopp
*Cindy Zdradzinsk

Martha Bricker
Anna Mary Peters
Carole Shank
Lisa Weaver
*Carrie Mathiot

Hannah Good Fisher
Marie Rhodes
Michael Shelley
*Nancy Brosey
*Linda Osborn

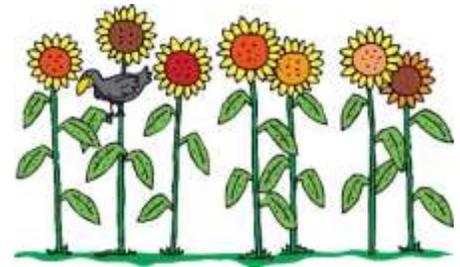
In the Military:
Cindy Dieterly

Doug Pearson

Nathaniel Sexton

Worship Attendance

September 2 – 69
September 9 – 72
September 16 – 80



Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor (or Clergy) Appreciation Month, reminding church members to thank their hardworking ministry leaders. But the people in the pews — though they might lack official church titles — also play important roles in doing God's work.

In *User Friendly Churches* (Regal Books), researcher George Barna compares the behavior of people in growing vs. stagnant or declining churches. Members of growing churches actively participate in the church's ministry. "They did not divorce their faith from their lifestyle; their faith was their lifestyle," Barna writes. "They took seriously the classical Reformation doctrine of the priesthood of all believers."

By contrast, laypeople in stagnant churches tend to observe rather than participate. "They perceived their role as being in the audience in the stands," Barna notes, "nodding approvingly in efforts to demonstrate religious behavior as the clergy went through their paces."

Appreciate your pastors, but then follow their example by living out your beliefs!



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 2 – Elaine Hollinger
 Adam Ricketts
- 4 – Betsy Robinson
- 5 – Lynn Fantom
 Donna Givler
- 9 – Jean Gates
- 11 – Margie Herneisen
- 12 – Steven Young
- 14 – Marilyn Christ
- 15 – Tom Brewer
 Erin Givler
 Akira Owens
- 18 – Peggy Reeder
- 19 – Katie Ruhl
- 20 – Carole Sheffield
- 25 – Ron Forry
 Molly Young
- 29 – Glenna Bell
 Elizabeth Bryant
- 30 – Noreeta Martin



Anniversaries:

- 4 – Mike & Jenn Givler
- 10 – Peter & Karen Weiss
- 14 – Andy & Jackie Ressler
- 15 – Marland & Danette Fair
- 21 – Doug & Tammy Byers
- 22 – Mark & Betsy Robinson
- 26 – Donald & Brenda Faulhaber

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 5:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Property Board</p>	<p>2 10:00am Bible2School 1:00pm Staff Meeting</p>	<p>3 10:00am Bible2School 7:00pm Kids Bells 7:30pm Adult Bells 8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 10:00am Bible2School 6:00pm Simply Yoga 6:30pm Manheim Women's Club 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 9:30am One Worship 10:30am 250 Anniversary Committee Mtg. 10:30am Up In & Out</p>	<p>8 Manheim Farm Show 5:30pm Weight Watchers</p>	<p>9 Manheim Farm Show</p>	<p>10 Manheim Farm Show 10:00am Bible2School</p>	<p>11 Manheim Farm Show 10:00am Bible2School 1:30pm Pleasant View Communion 6:00pm Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>12 Manheim Farm Show</p>	<p>13</p>
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9:30 am Usher Schedule

Team 1 - *Steve Balmer, Terry Myers, Ron Forry

Team 2 – New Team Needed

Team 3 - *Lynn Brewer, Dottie Boger, Eric Myers & Wayne Deem

Team 4 - *Ed Kopp & Jay Hess

Team 5 – *Dave Ludwig, Rick Conley, Menno Stoner & Tom Brewer

Substitutes are: Jane Laube and Wayne Deem

Date	Team	Date	Team
October 7	3	November 4	3
October 14	4	November 11	4
October 21	5	November 18	5
October 28	1	November 25	1

If you are unable to serve, please contact your team captain and let him/her know the name of your replacement.

Greeters

October 7 – Lori Roseberry

October 14 – Claire Reed

October 21 – Bob & Kat Prince

October 28 – Dave & Judy Palfrey

Contact the Church Office

Please remember to contact the church office at 717.665.2447/stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net if you or your family member from St. Paul's will be hospitalized or needs pastoral care. For **emergency** weekends, please call Pastor Bill directly at 717.228.0949.

Please also contact the church office if your address, email, or phone number changes. Thanks!

Hartman Center Fall Fest



Hartman Center will hold a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 13 from 10 am- 3 pm.

Hikes, crafts, group games, hayrides, and raffles will be part of the many activities held that day.

To support Hartman Center or for more information, go to www.hartmancenter.org.



Called to Care

If you need transportation to a doctor appointment or to church, please contact Bev Leibold, Called to Care Ministry Leader, at 717.627.3425 or the church office at 717.665.2447. Please try to give at least 48 hours' notice. If you wish to serve or have questions about Called to Care, please contact Bev Leibold.



A Well Shaken Tree

For several years I have read the Bible through twice in 12 months. It is a great and powerful tree, each word of which is a mighty branch. Each of these branches have I well shaken, so desirous was I to know what each one bore and what it would give me. And the shaking of them has never disappointed me.

—Martin Luther

Communication Deadlines

St. Paul's Happenings is printed monthly with the exception of the combined issues in December/January and July/August. The deadline to submit articles is typically by the 3rd Sunday of the month before publication. **The November 2018 issue deadline is Sunday October 21, 2018.**

Bulletin information/announcements are due to the church office no later than Wednesday morning @ 8 am. Typically, announcements in the bulletin run no more than 2-3 weeks. Submit your information by dropping off in the church office or by email at stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net

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St. Paul's Staff

Interim Pastor	The Rev. Bill Long
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Chancel Choir Director	John Degler
Bell Choir Director	Jim Hoffman
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Custodian	Mark Lowe
Kitchen Manager	Joe Raia

Council Members

Ministers	All Church Members
Danette Fair	
Ron Forry, Secretary	
David Ludwig, President	
Gretchen Miller, Assistant Treasurer	
Eric Myers, Treasurer	
Amanda Peiffer	
Sylvia Shelley	
Non-voting Ex-Officio Member by Position:	
The Rev. Bill Long, Interim Pastor	
Pam Herman, Church Administrator & Recording Secretary	



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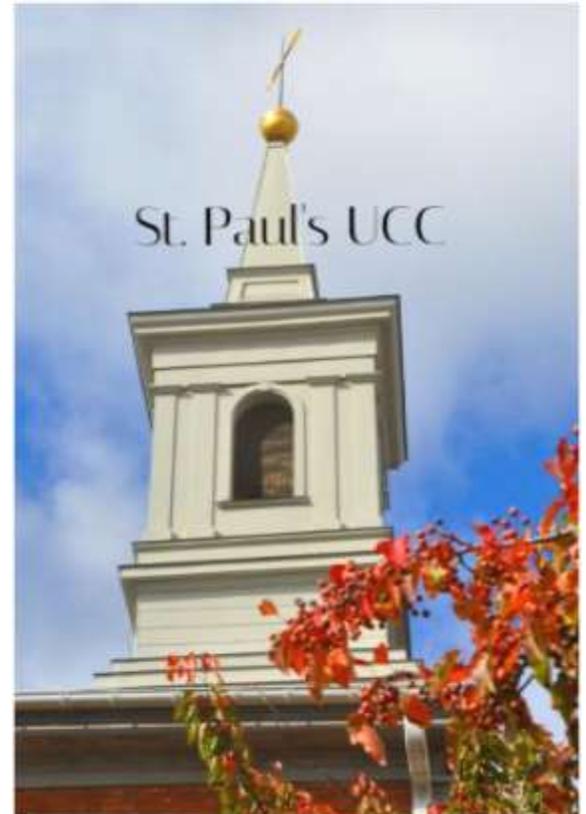
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Sunday Worship:

ONE Worship @ 9:30 am; Small Groups @ 10:30 am

For the most up to date information, go to
www.stpaulsuccmanheim.org.



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