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St. Paul's Happenings

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Manheim PA

October 2017

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Changes, Changes, Changes

By David Ludwig, Council President

It is said that nothing stays the same. In other words, change is a constant in our lives. Summer has changed to Fall. Students have changed from vacation to back-to-school. Baseball has mostly given way to football. Daylight Savings Time changes to Eastern Standard. The list could go on and on!

St. Paul's is also going through change as Pastor Chris and Kathy have now ended their tenure with us. Yes, we've been through this before, but, as in the past, it will again provide opportunity for reflection, renewal, and change!

So, what will be the imminent changes here at St. Paul's?

There will be several weeks with supply pastors leading our worship. During this time, we will be seeking a full-time interim pastor. Names of potential candidates will be

forthcoming from Penn Central Conference to be followed by an interview process. However, that scenario could also change if PCC desires to appoint an interim pastor for us.

Since much has changed within our congregation and community since the last Church Profile was completed, another one will need to be done. This will give prospective settled pastoral candidates the opportunity to determine if St. Paul's and the Manheim area is a church and community they would feel comfortable serving. A team (whose members will be announced following Church Council approval) will compile the information necessary for the profile. As members / friends of the church and residents of the community, your input into this report will be valued.

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Following the completion of the profile, it will be made available throughout the UCC network. Pastors seeking a position and who feel that St. Paul's might be a good fit will then send their resumes to us. The Search Team (whose members will be announced following Church Council approval) will determine potential candidates to be interviewed. This step would also involve visits, when feasible, to hear them preach.

When the Search Team decides upon a suitable candidate, that person will preach in front of our congregation after which a vote will be taken to accept or reject the Calling.

One item that may not represent change is the amount of time needed for the entire process to play out. Those of you who have been with this church long enough know that past searches have taken as long as approximately two years!

Another is that we will continue, for the foreseeable future, with a single worship service beginning at 9:30. However, you might see some changes within the service.

There are times when change is good and times when perhaps it isn't. One thing that we cannot let change is our commitment to the success of St. Paul's as it strives to serve God, its congregation, and its surrounding community.

Change is NOW! Are you ready for it?



Retirement Celebration

On Sunday, October 1, we'll celebrate the ministry of Pastor Chris & Kathy Nichols beginning in worship @ 9:30 am. This will be the final worship service with the Nichols'.

Following the service, please plan to stay for fellowship, food, and an opportunity to say goodbye to Pastor Chris & Kathy.

Lectionary

Sunday, October 1 – World Communion Sunday: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday, October 8 - Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19; Phil 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 15 - Exodus 32:1-14 with Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 or Isaiah 25:1-9 with Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9 and Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 22 – Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 and Matthew 22:15-22.

Sunday, October 29 - Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Psalm 1, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46

One Worship Continues

Church Council has decided to continue with ONE Worship service.

We'll continue to worship together on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am and there will be some new and exciting ways to worship and also fellowship after worship together!

The focus of ONE Worship and Sunday morning is about how We are ONE together - making a difference through the love of Christ!

Coffee Fellowship

Every Sunday, there will be an opportunity to spend time with friends, drink coffee and enjoy a special snack following worship.



Up In & Out

Up In & Out continues on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. (On October 1, there will be no Up In & Out due to Pastor Chris' & Kathy's Retirement Celebration.)

We start with coffee and snacks in Fellowship Hall @ 10:30 am and then move to the Upper Room to go deeper with the video series from Francis Chan on the book of James.

If you have trouble navigating a lot of stairs – please feel free to use the elevator.





Manheim Farm Show

Come on out to the Manheim Farm Show and be sure to stop by St. Paul's Pork BBQ Stand!

St. Paul's will once again partner with Hemlock Field Archers to sell Pork BBQ Sandwiches & drinks during the week of October 9-13.

For more information on how you can help, contact is Ron Forry.



All Church Events

Get excited for the first ever **St. Paul's Fall Festival. On Sunday, October 29th @ 4-6:30 pm**, we're going to celebrate the change of seasons with food and games right in our own parking lot. Don't forget to invite friends! All are welcome to this event!

Black Light Game Night makes a comeback on Friday, November 17th! We'll play new glow in the dark games and create our own ice cream sundaes. Kids, make sure to wear your best glow gear and bring friends!

Note: White t-shirts glow best under black light.

All are welcome to participate in the **Almost Thru School Community Giveaway on Saturday, December 2nd, 2017!** St.Paul's is giving away school supplies and small winter items (gloves, scarves, hats) to the children of Manheim.

For more information on All Church and Youth Events, please contact Akira Owens at 717.665.2447 or stpyouth@windstream.net



Ephesians Bible Study

The Ephesians Bible Study will be held on Wednesday evenings starting on Wednesday, October 4 @ 6:30 pm – there is no Bible Study on Wednesday, October 11 due to the Manheim Farm Show Parade. The study will then continue on Wednesday evenings through November 15.

This is an Inductive Bible Study using Kay Arthur's "*Freedom from Bondage God's Way*" book. This is the same book used for the Galatians Bible Study. If you'd like a copy to follow along, please contact Pam Herman at 717.665.2447.

Upcoming Bible Study: Luke – January 3 – March 28.

Stay & Pray

We are one when we are united in prayer! It's one of the ways that the disciples stayed connected, both to God and to each other – and it's still true for us today!

A time of prayer for the church is held after the Ephesians Bible Study in the Bright Library starting at 7:30 pm on Wednesday evenings.

All are welcome to come as you are able.

Contact is Ruth Raia at 717-299-1430 or raiaruthann46@gmail.com.

FREE Community Breakfast

The next FREE Community Breakfast will be held from 9-10:30 am on:

➤ **Saturday, October 21**

For more information or to volunteer, contact Rhonda Raia at 717.808.6868 or by email at smiles4u@dejazzd.com.

Fellowship Breakfast

The Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, October 25 @ 8:30 am at Corner House Grill (formerly Lintia's).

The Fellowship Breakfast is open to everyone! Contact is Claire Reed at 717.951.4325.



Women's Fellowship

What a great time we had at the Community Turkey dinner!

The Women's Fellowship would like to thank everyone who attended. Your participation made the evening a big success.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to all of those behind the scenes who donated, cooked, planned, set up, served, and cleaned.

Zion Lutheran's Creative Ministry also graced us with an outstanding puppet show program and we couldn't be more thrilled with the performance and the impact of their message.

Thanks to everyone for making the turkey dinner a memorable one!

June Smith would also like to thank all those who pitched in for her to prepare for the dinner while she attended her brother's funeral. It's such a wonderful feeling to know that the show can go on without their fearless leader's presence!

Our next Women's Fellowship meeting will be on Thursday, October 26 @ 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. See you there!

Secretary,
Akira Owens

Sharing Our Success

If you regularly go to Park City Diner, Lancaster or Knight & Day Diner in Lititz, 10% of your bill could be donated to St. Paul's UCC!

For more information, see the brochures found in Fellowship Hall. Stop by and get your Scan card today!



Hartman Center Fall Festival

Hartman Center will hold a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 7 (rain or shine).

The Festival begins at 10 am with a hike to the knob. A Fishing Tournament and Raffle will be held as well as hayrides and other group games. Children can stop by the Craft Building to make something special and there will be live music at the pavilion as well as plenty of good food to purchase.

Amazing Silent Auction Baskets will be available as well in the dining hall for you to bid to benefit Hartman Center.

315 campers, counselors, directors, and SST's populated the camp this summer. So far \$72,000 of the \$105,000 cost has been received for the new pool which was a fantastic addition to the camp this summer.

For more information, go to hartmancenter.com.

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 us at least 48 hours' notice.

If you wish to serve or have questions, please contact Bev Leibold.





Church Council Highlights

Church Council

Church Council met on September 19 @ 7 pm. Highlights of the meeting are:

Memorial Gifts & Endowment:

Eric Myers reported:

- \$2,000 has been faithfully submitted from the rental properties each month.
- In August, a deposit of \$11,375 was made which represents donation received from the congregation and gifts in memorial.
- \$939,381.01 is the value of the Endowment Fund as of August 31, 2017.
- Cash draw year to date is \$95,728 – this is as anticipated.

Treasurers Report:

Eric Myers reported:

- Operating current income for August was \$8,745 which is lower than expected – likely due to attendance.
- Operating Report – expenses are pretty much as expected.
- Agency Account report is now accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Pastor's Report:

As this was his last official council meeting, Pastor Chris would like to say thanks to the church leadership for being so supportive of he and Kathy, especially during the times of his illness.

Spiritual Council and Jim Haun held an exit interview with Pastor Chris just before the council meeting.

Committee Reports:

Farm Show: Ron Forry & Joe Raia have been working to find the best price on the pork bbq and the rolls to increase potential profits. Please sign up to serve during the week of October 9-13 – contact is Ron Forry.

Old Business:

A new kitchen manager position and job description was approved by council. Joe Raia was appointed to this new volunteer position. A Kitchen Use Agreement was also approved by council.

A new missions of the month list for 2018 was proposed. The new schedule reflects an attempt to balance giving in four main areas which is more in line with St. Paul's mission/vision: self (St. Paul's), community, church and/or denomination, and the world.

New Business:

Worship Recommendations: A draft order of worship was approved to use during the supply/bridge pastor time.

Council approved the recommendation from The Rev. Betsy Bruaw, Conference Associate Minister from Penn Central Conference, and Spiritual Council to move forward with securing a bridge pastor for the next 3-4 months and then appoint a pastor designated by the conference until our search team completes the call process for a settled pastor. An interim pastor would simply fill the pulpit, while a designated pastor would be chosen specifically to work through needs/issues with the congregation. This will help in determining the best fit for a candidate to be the settled pastor for St. Paul's.

Nominations and Budget Committees will be ramping up in October.

The Search and Profile Teams will be finalized and approved by council soon.

Council adjourned.

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.



Mission of the Month

The October Mission of the Month is **Teen Central**.

Teen Central is a non-profit organization, incorporated as Oasis Youth Services, providing Spiritual Development and Quality Life Experiences for the Youth of Manheim.

The mission of Teen Central is to proclaim a life of purpose and hope to each generation of youth, through Jesus Christ, by providing positive activities, mentoring relationships and promoting social, intellectual, emotional and spiritual growth.

Teen Central offers Manheim teens a safe place to drop in, hang out and connect with other teens, to share joy and struggles with adults that want the very best for them. Adult mentors are willing to listen and connect youth with God, and walk beside them in their journey through life.

Please use the special envelope for October to support the ministry of Teen Central.



Food Pantry Update

In August, the Food Pantry served 136 households for a total of 402 individuals. In July, 120 households or 344 individuals were served.

During the summer, the Food Pantry received a lot of produce from peoples' gardens, farmers, and the group that "gleans the fields" (last week we received over 200 pounds of gala apples from that group; they came from an orchard in Stevens and the clients were thrilled with them).

Items needed are:

- strawberry jelly
- canned fruit
- canned pasta meals
- soup
- spam
- egg noodles.

Items may be placed in the downstairs hallway area marked for Food Pantry Donations.

Thanks for your continuing support of the Food Pantry which serves families in the Manheim Central School District.

Thank you Note

Dear Members and Friends @ St. Paul's,

Thank you for the many cards, calls, and well wishes on the recent death of my brother, Ralph Adams.

Your support and care mean so much to me and my family. What a blessing it is to have such caring church friends to help my family and I through this difficult time.

June Smith & Family



Advice from a Pumpkin

- ◆ Be well-rounded
- ◆ Get plenty of sunshine
- ◆ Give thanks for life's bounty
- ◆ Have a thick skin
- ◆ Keep growing
- ◆ Be outstanding in your field
- ◆ Think big!

- Ilan Shamir

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:

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| Miriam Bargo | Anna Mae Barto | Martha Bricker | Hannah Good Fisher |
| LaVerne Haas | Dawn Hoffman | Nancy Lishman | Gail Ober |
| Anna Mary Peters | Marie Rhodes | Linda Rohrer | Burt Savitz |
| Carole Shank | Michael Shelley | Phyllis Smeltz | Everett (Tim) Stauffer |
| Polly Stoner | Doris Stroud | Robert Swayne | Lisa Weaver |
| Helen Webb | *Nancy Brosey | *Ralph Givler | *Betz Klopp |
| *Addie Lotito | *Carrie Mathiot | *Linda Osborn | *Donna Rhodes |
| *Connie Shirk | *Cindy Zdradzinsk | *Judy Longo's granddaughter, Maya | |

In the Military:
Cindy Dieterly

Doug Pearson

Nathaniel Sexton



A Prayer for Neighborliness

O God, we pray for a broader vision of the needs of humanity, and a deeper compassion to fill those needs; for a planting of the seeds of concern for all humanity in our hearts; for a tapping of the wells of generosity. May we live together as people who have been forgiven a great debt. May we be gentle, walking softly with one another. May we be understanding, lest we shall add to the world's sorrow or cause to flow needless tears. May we be as anxious for the rights of others as we are for our own. May we be as eager to forgive as we are to seek forgiveness. May we know no barriers of creed or race or sex, that our love may be like Yours — a love that sees all people as Your children and our kin. May we be ministers of humanity.

—Peter Marshall



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 10/1** – Lloyd Byers
- 10/2** – Elaine Hollinger
Adam Ricketts
- 10/4** – Betsy Robinson
- 10/5** – Donna Givler
Lynn Fantom
Matthew Kleinfelter
- 10/9** – Jean Gates
- 10/11** – Margie Herneisen
- 10/12** – Steven Young
- 10/14** – Marilyn Christ
- 10/15** – Tom Brewer
Erin Givler
- 10/18** – Peggy Reeder
- 10/19** – Katherine Ruhl
- 10/24** – Kurt Shreiner
- 10/25** – Ron Forry
Molly Young
- 10/29** – Glenna Bell
Beth Bryant
- 10/30** – Noreeta Martin
Shelby Huber

Anniversaries:

- 10/3** – John & LaVerne Haas
- 10/4** – Mike & Jenn Givler
- 10/10** – Peter & Karen Weiss
- 10/12** – Randall & Cheryl Gross
- 10/14** – Andy & Jackie Ressler
- 10/15** – Marland & Danette Fair
- 10/18** – John & Jessica Feldmann
- 10/19** – Alan & Kathy Bucher
- 10/21** – Doug & Tammy Byers
- 10/22** – Mark & Betsy Robinson
- 10/26** – Donald & Brenda Faulhaber

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following:

Aaron & Amy Kopp on the birth of their son, Remington Harvey Kopp born in early September. Grandparents are Ed & Sue Kopp and Great Grandma is June Kopp.

October 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 World Communion Sunday 9:30am One Worship 10:30am Up In & Out 10:30am Sunday School  | 2 5:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Property Board | 3 1:00pm Staff meeting 6:30pm Women's Club | 4 6:30pm Ephesians Bible Study 7:00pm Children's Bells 7:30pm Adult Bells 8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 5 1:30pm Pleasant View Communion 6:00pm Simply Yoga 6:30pm Manheim Women's Club 7:00pm AA Meeting | 6 | 7 |
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9:30 am Usher Schedule

September-October 2017

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

Team 2 – New Team Needed – contact Gail Ober

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

Team 4 - *Ed Kopp & Jay Hess

Team 5 – *Dave Ludwig, Gail Ober, Menno Stoner & Tom Brewer

Substitutes are: Jane Laube and Wayne Deem

If you are not able to serve, please contact your team captain and let them know the name of your replacement.

| Date | Team | Date | Team |
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| October 15 | 5 | November 19 | 1 |
| October 22 | 1 | November 26 | 3 |
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During the offering, if there are any yellow prayer requests, please be sure to hand them to the Pastor as you return to the front of the Sanctuary with the offering plates.

Greeters

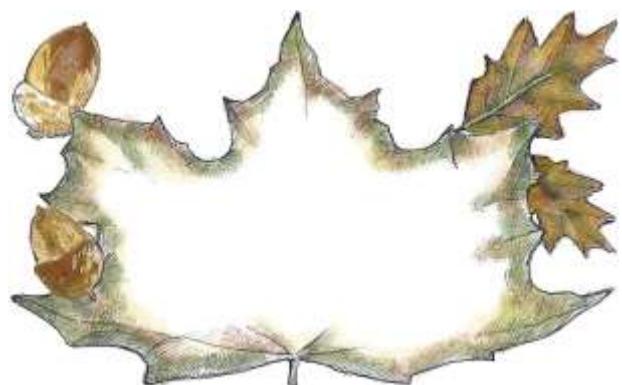
October 1 – Marilyn O'Connor

October 8 – Phyllis Smeltz

October 15 – Elaine Hollinger

October 22 – Leon & Deb Kleinfelter

October 29 – Phyllis Smeltz



What's your rule?

J. Wilbur Chapman, a traveling evangelist in the late 19th century, practiced what he called a rule for Christian living: "Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it."

St. Paul offers similar advice — presented in positive terms — for Christians: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8, ESV).

What guidelines do you follow in your daily walk with Jesus?

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 issue deadline is Sunday, October 15 2017.**

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 stpaulsucc@dejazzd.com.

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St. Paul's Staff

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| Chancel Choir Director | John Degler |
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| Custodian | Mark Lowe |

Council Members

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| Ministers | All Church Members |
| Danette Fair | |
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| Eric Myers, Treasurer | |
| Gail Ober, Secretary | |
| Amanda Peiffer | |
| Alec Raia | |
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| Sylvia Shelley, Assistant Treasurer | |
| Non-voting Ex-Officio Member by Position: | |
| Pam Herman, Church Administrator & Recording Secretary | |



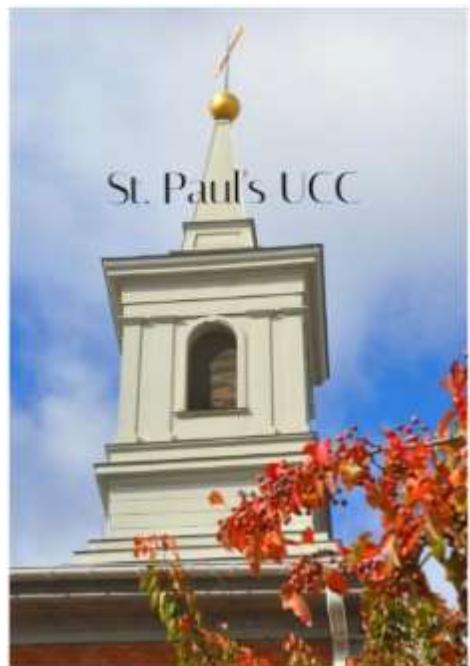
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Sunday Worship:
ONE Worship @ 9:30 am
Up In & Out @ 10:30 am



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