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**St. Paul's
Happenings**

**St. Paul's United
Church of Christ**

Manheim PA

July/August 2018

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Days of Summer

By David Ludwig, Council President

Welcome to Summer or, as the Nat King Cole song put it, "Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer!"

I often find myself trying to recall songs built around certain themes, and I found myself doing it again with songs about summer. An Internet site showed at least 323 songs that mention Summer in their titles along with the countless others that refer to the season within the lyrics.

Possibly for most people, Summer is the favorite time of the year- for a multitude of reasons.

Here at St. Paul's, the Summer season brings to a close some of the church activities and programs that function during the rest of the year. However, it does bring us VBS, the outdoor church service and picnic, mission opportunities, and special music to complement our Sunday services.

Don't think that, just because it's Summer, you can get Lazy, Hazy, and Crazy with your church attendance. St. Paul's remains open for the season and your presence is requested!

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Church News

At its June 19 meeting Church Council approved newly revised Job Descriptions for the Church Staff. This became necessary as some of the descriptions had wording no longer appropriate for the positions and/or shifts in responsibilities that warranted change.

Staff Evaluation Forms have also been updated and are now "job specific" in their wording.

Pastor Bill Long has agreed to remain at St. Paul's for a longer term than originally designated. His time with us as Bridge Pastor was to have been just a few months. However, because Penn Central Conference

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has been unable to recommend an Interim Pastor for us, permission has been granted, along with Church Council approval, to allow Pastor Bill to begin serving in that capacity. This will allow him to remain at St. Paul's until a Settled Pastor can be called. It is the hope of Council that, as a congregation, you will recognize this as a positive step forward for the church.

Regarding the search for a Settled Pastor, our Church Profile is currently being written. Upon completion, it will be made available for all pastors seeking a church to view. As applications are received, the Search Team will undertake the task of examining them for the purpose of recommending a candidate for congregational approval. As you might recall from past searches, this could take a few years! As has been said before- Be Patient!

Work on the stained-glass windows will not be able to be scheduled until sometime in 2019. This work will involve preservation and protection of the glass and the wooden window frames. Funding for this project had been previously approved by the congregation.

It appears that the doors at the Memorial Garden entrance of the church will be replaced within the next few months. If you've ever used that entrance, you are aware of this need!

The fire escape outside the Sanctuary is in need of attention. There appear to be two choices regarding it: the application of a powder coating or complete replacement. The Property Board is gathering the information needed to make a recommendation to the Church Council.



The church organ is scheduled for repair; it now appears that funding for that project is in place!

One of the air conditioning units in the Sanctuary has ceased to function properly. As of this writing, replacement of the unit will be needed. Stay tuned for updates!

The CAT (Church Assessment Tool) that we completed in December and January has been analyzed and the results shared with the Church Council and at two sessions with the congregation. The session on May 20 with David Miron, who worked with the church during the entire CAT process, effectively brought to a close our involvement with him and the Samaritan Counseling Center with regard to it.

David summarized what he sensed about our congregation following his final session with us as follows:

- 1) We have a history of mission activity- both reaching out (mission trips) and inviting in (dinners, etc.)
- 2) The relationship between leadership/authority and the congregation may need further exploration
- 3) There is a desire to have a strong pastoral presence in the congregation
- 4) There has been a history of "fight or flight" in relation to disagreements
- 5) A sense of loss in both persons gone and what the congregation once was

He also noted that good things are beginning to happen at St. Paul's!

As we prepare our church profile and subsequent pastoral search, the CAT document will be an invaluable aid!

Looking Beyond the Days of Summer

I recently came across a St. Paul's Church Directory from 1969. It commemorated the two hundred years of the church's existence- all at our current location! Looking through its pages was quite a trip down memory lane.

There was also a notecard featuring the Sanctuary as it looked at that time. Do you recall the organ being on the opposite side from where it is today, the railing across the front, the steps leading up to the pulpit and altar, choir pews on both sides, the tapestry that hung behind the altar, and the lights that hung from the ceiling?

It didn't take long (although longer than it should have) to realize that this congregation will be turning 250 in 2019, and that sounds like a good reason to celebrate our history here in Manheim serving and worshipping God.

After talking with Pastor Bill, he also agreed that this anniversary needs to be recognized- and so it will be! The New Voices committee has been notified and will be developing ideas. The hope is to establish a separate committee that will be tasked with turning those ideas into reality. If you are willing to serve in such a capacity or have some thoughts regarding our anniversary year, we want to hear from you!

In the meantime, enjoy your summer- whether it be lazy, hazy, crazy- or all three!

See you in church!

July & August Scripture Readings

July 1 – 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130 or Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24 or Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

July 8 – 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48 or Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 15 – 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24 or Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13, Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 22 – 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37 or Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

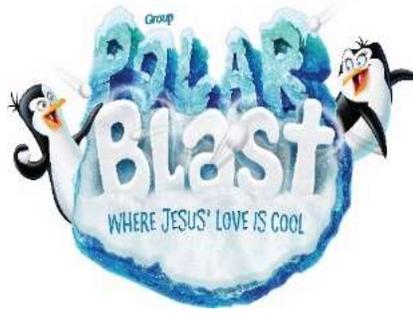
July 29 – 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14 or 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21.

August 5 – 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12 or Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 12 – 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130 or 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 19 – 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111 or Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 26 – 1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; or Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69



Polar Blast VBS

Sled into an *ice* way to spend the ultimate summer weekend! At Polar Blast, kids *chill* with new friends and warm up to Jesus - the coolest friend of all!

At Polar Blast Vacation Bible school, kids experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life! A light meal will be served both evenings prior to VBS from 5:30-6 pm with VBS held from 6-8:30 pm.

Some of the fun things we'll do include:

- Cool Bible Adventures
- Crafts
- Frozen Fun & Games
- Music & More

Save the date – Friday, July 13 & Saturday, July 14 for Polar Blast VBS! Register online from June 4-July 8 at www.stpaulsuccmanheim.org or use the form found on page 4 and bring it with you to VBS.

Volunteers are needed to help out with VBS – no skills required. Contact Rhonda Raia at 717.808.6868 or by email at smiles4u@dejazzd.com.

- Rhonda Raia

Nursery News

Nursery volunteers are needed to staff the nursery on Sunday mornings from 9-10:30 am during worship. Please contact Rhonda Raia at 717.808.6868 or by email at smiles4u@dejazzd.com for more information.

Summer Sunday School

The Polar Blast theme will continue into Summer Sunday School on Sunday mornings @ 9:30-10:30 am for all children on Sundays, July 15, 22 & at Mummau Park on July 29.

Mark Bible Study

All are welcome to come and experience the miracles of Jesus in our Mark Bible Study, held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings **beginning again in August**. 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:

- ◆ 1 Timothy – September 2018
- ◆ Titus – Late October 2018
- ◆ 2 Timothy – January 2019
- ◆ Possible future studies include Psalms & Hebrews

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





REGISTRATION FORM

(ONE PER CHILD)

St. Paul's UCC - 50 N. Main St., Manheim, PA

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____



FREE Community Breakfast

The FREE Community Breakfast will be held on Saturday, July 21 & again on Saturday, August 18 from 9-10:30 am in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall.

Come enjoy a delicious, warm 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

The Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, July 25 & again on Wednesday, August 29 @ 8:30 am at Kountry Kitchen Family Restaurant, Manheim.

The Fellowship Breakfast is open to everyone! RSVP at 717.951.4325.



July Sub Sale



Sub Sale

Beat the heat and don't worry about cooking – order your subs from Women's Fellowship!

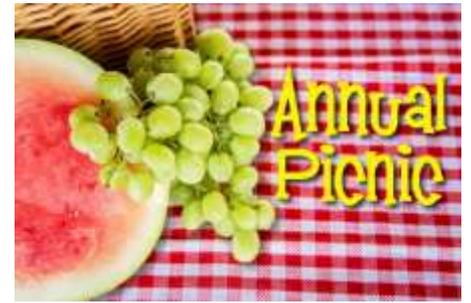
Orders can be placed with Carole Meckley on Sunday mornings, July 8, July 15 & July 22 @ 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Subs will be available for pick-up on Thursday, July 26 from 3-6 pm in Fellowship Hall. The cost per sub is \$4 each; proceeds benefit the many mission projects of Women's Fellowship.

For more information on Women's Fellowship, see page 7.

Pleasant View Communion

Communion will be served at Pleasant View Retirement Community on the following Thursdays @ 1:30 pm:

- ◆ August 9
- ◆ October 11



Annual Picnic

The next Fifth Sunday event will be the Annual Picnic to be held on Sunday, July 29 @ Mummau Park with outdoor worship @ 9:30 am and the picnic to follow.

We'll once again enjoy Andy Ressler's amazing BBQ Chicken. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring a side dish or dessert. Drinks and plates/utensils will be provided.

Plan to stay after the picnic for some family fun activities for all ages!

The picnic is open to all who wish to attend – so invite your friends and family!

Also, save the date for this year's Fall Fest! We had such a great time last year and met so many new people that we're going to have another one on September 30th, as our Fifth Sunday special event – read more on page 6.. Please mark those calendars and invite the kids you know!

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

St. Paul's UCC will celebrate 250 years in ministry in Manheim in 2019!

New Voices, Council and Spiritual Council will be planning several events throughout next year to celebrate this wonderful milestone.

If you have a passion for history - especially our church history, please contact Pam Herman in the church office at 717.665.2447 or by email at stpaulsmanheim2ptd.net to be a part of this exciting planning team.

Mission Moment

Greetings everyone!

We are really moving this summer with our local missions. We've got a week of community service to do through Manheim Project at the end of this month! Thanks to everyone who will participate and contribute through labor, prayer, food, and encouragement. Not only are we connecting with our neighbors, but we're also connecting with other churches and growing spiritually through initiatives like this. Let's continue to be a blessing to our community!

Last year, we had a great time at Fall Fest. This year, Fall Fest is going to be bigger and better as we collaborate with Teen Central to truly make this an outreach event. On **Sunday, September 30th** from **6-8 PM**, St. Paul's, Teen Central staff,



and the kids of Manheim will descend on our parking lot to enjoy games, food, crafts, and music to kick off the school year, and say thanks to the volunteers of TC.

Not only will this event be fun, but it will also be an opportunity to impact kids and their families as the "hearth and home" church right in town. Please keep alert for more updates about Fall Fest. We need your help to make it happen!

Cheerfully submitted,
Akira May-Owens, Youth & Family Minister

New Voices Update

Since its inception, New Voices has been serving as not just a vision team, but as an event planning team for such events like the Earth Day Celebration and the Church Picnic.

Right now, the team is finalizing plans for the Annual Picnic, and preparing for Fifth Sunday Fall Fest to be held on Sunday, September 30 from 6-8 pm and is pulling together a team to plan for St. Paul's 250th Anniversary. The team has also been working on creating a way to welcome our first time visitors –

thanks to Claire Reed who has agreed to serve as a visitor greeter!

While it is great to have such an active group prepare for these events, it has taken away from the original intention of the group – Vision planning.

Proverbs 29:18 tells us that where there is no vision, the people will perish. So, you can see how important it is to seek out God's vision for St. Paul's!

And yes! Our settled pastor will be part of this planning process as well once he/she is called. And the process will include our church leaders in Council and Spiritual Council as well. There will be time to share your input too – much like the May 20 meeting with David Miron and the Church Assessment Tool.

But before these teams can focus on Vision, we need your help with planning special events for 2019. If you would be willing to help coordinate special events and volunteers, provide food/snacks for the events, decorate, set-up and clean-up please contact Pam Herman at 717.665.2447 or by email at stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net.

I know that many of you been blessed with the ability to make wonderful food, help people feel at home (hospitality), and decorate and coordinate (administration). Here is a great opportunity to use your gifts in a meaningful way. By using your gifts, we can work together as one in discerning our next steps.

Blessings,
Pam Herman

Dress in Layers



This summer at St. Paul's we are encouraging everyone to dress in layers

for worship as our air conditioning is having some problems.

One of the three air conditioning units is no longer working and needs to be replaced. Property Board will be looking into pricing for replacement, but until then, there may be some fluctuations in temperature in the Sanctuary. It may be very cold, or even very warm.

We're very sorry about any inconvenience this may cause you and ask for your grace (and prayers) in this situation.

Women's Fellowship

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. That's what we believe at St. Paul's, and Women's Fellowship is putting that phrase into action by creating Welcome Bags for our new members and first-time visitors. Sometimes, it's tough to be the new face in church, or to keep up with all the happenings in the congregation. We can now celebrate our guests and new members with a small gift as well as information about who we are! Thanks to Alison Dyer, who designed the bags and contributes to their content, and



thanks to the New Voices Vision Team which has approved the distribution of these bags.

We are also pleased to announce that **the Annual Turkey Dinner will be held on September 22, 2018.** Our turkey dinner reaches many in Manheim and is a reminder of God's love and heart for giving. Please see June Smith with questions about donating a turkey or serving this event in any way.

Don't forget! The sub sale dates are as follows: **July 8th, 15th, and 22nd.** You may pick up your subs on **Thursday, July 26th** in Fellowship Hall. And lastly, a big thank you to the ladies who agreed to help support Manheim Project by making lunches for the workers from St. Paul's who set out to rehab the community!

We can't wait to see you at the next Women's Fellowship meeting on Thursday, July 26th.

Grace and Peace to you,
Akira May-Owens – Women's Fellowship Secretary

Handbell Festival

St. Paul's UCC's bell choirs will once again participate in A Festival of Handbell Choirs as part of the Mt. Gretna Bible Festival in 2018.

The Festival will take place on Saturday, August 4 at 7 pm at the Historic Tabernacle in Mt. Gretna.

The Festival is directed by Larry Henning and a free-will offering will be received after the festival.

For more information about the Mt. Gretna Bible Festival, please see the posters found in Fellowship Hall or outside the bell choir room or go to www.mtgretnatabernacle.org.

What Spills Out?

Rev. Henry Wingblade once compared the Christian personality to the unseen soup in a bowl carried high over a waiter's head. No one knows what's inside — unless the waiter is bumped or trips. If Jesus is truly living inside us, Wingblade said, what spills out should be the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

When you falter, what do people see? How can your "spillage" better reflect the Holy Spirit, who lives in you?



Mission of the Month



The July Mission of the Month is The Shepherd's Fund.

Money received for the Shepherd's Fund is used to help members of the church during a difficult time of financial need.

In the past the fund has been used to pay heating bills, food, prescriptions and other medical costs.

Please use your July special envelopes to support those in need right here in our church.



The August Mission of the Month is Bible2School.

This is a new mission of the month and supports the ministry of the "release time" program. Students from Burgard Elementary meet in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall 3 days week to learn more about Jesus during their lunch period. Last year 72 students participated – about half did not have a church affiliation. To learn more about Bible2School, go to www.bible2school.com.

Please use your August special envelope to help the kids in Manheim learn more about Jesus.



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 Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Pasta Meals
- Peanut Butter
- Strawberry Jelly

In April, 122 households for a total of 358 individuals came to the Food Pantry. This includes 1 new household and 5 new individuals.

In May, 125 households for a total of 380 individuals came to the Food Pantry. This includes 9 new households and 9 new individuals.

Please note that this is typically the time of year when donations drop a little and the need grows due to students not having school lunches during the summer months.

Fresh vegetables are available at times at the Food Pantry.

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.

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.

Thanks for supporting the Manheim Food Pantry.

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

Homes of Hope

Homes of Hope is returning to Manheim!

Homes of Hope is a Relational Ministry of Love INC. and offers individuals/families a 4-6 month stay in transitional housing. Once in the home, residents are connected to:

1. Church Care Teams offering mentoring and hands on assistance and as needed
2. Tabor Community Services, offering professional case management that continues for 12 months after the resident finds permanent housing and
3. Other Community resources.

Several churches in Manheim are in the process of renting a home on West Ferdinand Street to be ready for a family to occupy in early September. If you are interested in serving as a mentor or for more information about Homes of Hope, please contact Bill Melone at Manheim BIC at 717.655.2133, x207.



Council Highlights

Church Council met on Tuesday, June 19 @ 7 pm.
Highlights of the meeting include:

Memorial Gifts & Endowment:

Eric Myers reported:

- ◆ Endowment Fund value is \$949,550.56
- ◆ \$30,416.65 of the \$150,108 approved has been withdrawn so far this year.

Treasurers Report:

Eric Myers reported:

- ◆ Capital: capital income is above expected amounts
- ◆ Benevolence & Operating: nothing more than usual expenses and income to report

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ Fewer visits this month; 1 wedding
- ◆ Met with Lancaster Association/Church in Ministry; affirmed that St. Paul's is in a good position to find a good candidate for settled pastor
- ◆ Pastor Jim Haun of St. Luke's UCC, Lititz will cover emergency visitation while Pastor Bill is away in June and August

Committee Reports:

- ◆ Property Board: One of the 3 air conditioning units needs replaced. Bids to be sought. Fall replacement of the memorial garden door – cost to be about \$5,000-\$6,000 w/paint & installation; fire escape could either be powder coated or replaced. Stained glass work likely won't be done until Spring 2019.
- ◆ Self-Study: working on going through the documentation required – 11 yr. report and Mission Insight report needed next; one member of the self-study team will attend pastoral search team meetings and one member of the pastoral search teams will attend the Self-Study team to create consistency and overlap in the process.

Old Business:

- ◆ Holy Cow Discernment: David Miron suggested that there be some discussion re: the relationship between the governing body (council) and the congregation. Past comments re: lack of transparency, disagreement with decisions, same people making all the decisions, etc. Council felt the best ways to address these issues is to stay the course, keep lines of communication open, and encourage people to be involved.
- ◆ Job Descriptions/Annual Reviews: New job descriptions were approved by council as well as new annual review forms which are now job-specific. Annual reviews are set to begin.

New Business:

- ◆ Altar & Pulpit Cloth: The green paraments need replacement. Costs will be brought back to council next month. Could be an opportunity for anyone willing to sponsor for 250th anniversary.
- ◆ Designated Interim Pastor: Council approved a motion to make Pastor Bill Long the part-time Intentional Interim Pastor rather than Bridge Pastor.
- ◆ 250th Anniversary Planning: 2019 will mark the 250th anniversary for St. Paul's UCC. See page 6 for more details.

Open Discussion:

- ◆ Homes of Hope Discussion – see page 8.
- ◆ **A State of the Church Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 15 @ 10:30 am in the Bright Library. All are encouraged to attend.**

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 17 @ 7 pm.

June Communion & Church Closer – Eric Myers

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
*Sammi Williams

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

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

In the Military:
Cindy Dieterly

Doug Pearson

Nathaniel Sexton

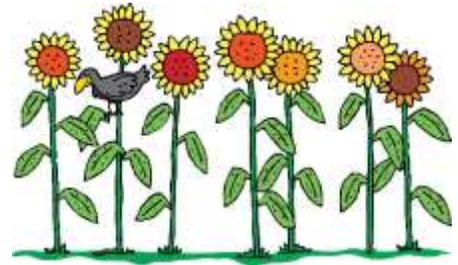
Worship Attendance

May 27 – 70

June 3 – 74

June 10 – 64

June 17 - 66



You've Got Mail!

"What a wonderful thing is the mail," someone has said, "capable of conveying across continents a warm human hand-clasp." I remember the excitement of getting an "aerogram" from a grade-school pen pal in Sweden, or a letter from Mom when I was in college. How different from the instantaneous, typed messages we send today.

Can you imagine, then, how meaningful the letters of Paul, Peter and other apostles were to early Christians? Painstakingly handwritten, carefully delivered by a courier or friend — so different from emails, texts and even postal delivery! Think how elated the recipients must have been to read warm greetings, news from afar, teachings, even reprimands — and then words such as these: "My love be with you all in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 16:24, ESV).

The next time you read or hear a New Testament letter, imagine a time when such communication was rare and precious. Hear the writer's words — which are also God's words to you — from that perspective, and hold them fast.

—Heidi Mann



July & August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

7/2 – Robert Miller
 7/3 – Chelsea Carper
 Lisa Fegely
 Joan Hess
 7/5 – Jackie Ressler
 7/7 – Steve Balmer
 7/9 – Dustin Fair
 7/10 – Kara Myers
 7/11 – Lynn Brewer
 7/12 – Robert Edwards
 Alec Raia
 7/13 – Joan Kauffman
 Phyllis Smeltz
 7/15 – Ryan Bankert
 7/16 – Jason Hess
 7/17 – Valerie Nauman
 7/19 – Linda Rohrer
 7/25 – Adrienne Long
 7/26 – Bonnie Myers
 7/27 – Marsha Parido
 7/28 – Hunter Hess
 Judith Longo
 7/29 – Robert Prince
 Robert Schreiber
 7/31 – Larry King
 8/3 – Marie Durborow
 Claire Reed
 8/5 – Jason Koch
 Karen Shreiner
 8/7 – Lynn Foard
 8/9 – Ryan Fegely
 8/10 – Savannah Bires
 8/11 – Jeffrey Bankert

8/12 - Carole Shank
 8/15 – Kathy Balmer
 8/16 – David Fantom
 8/18 - Nancy Harley
 8/19 – Ralph Paine
 8/20 – Ruth Raia
 8/23 – Doug Longenecker
 Linda Stehman
 8/24 – Karen Brandt
 8/26 – Erica Hoffman
 8/27 – Bruce Ludwig
 8/31 – Jay Bell
 Nicholas Brewer

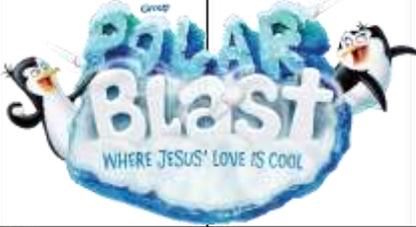
Anniversaries:

7/2 – Chris & Kimberly Raia
 7/8 – Wayne & Noreeta Martin
 7/10 – John & Deb Allen
 7/12 – Glen & Delores Mumma
 7/13 – Brent & Amanda Peiffer
 7/20 – Thomas & Jean Gates
 7/23 – Dave & Judy Palfrey
 7/24 – James & Erica Hoffman
 8/4 – Ron & Delores Forry
 8/14 – Casey & Bobbi Bires
 8/22 – Ralph & Eleanor Paine
 8/27 – Ivan & Amelia Toledo
 8/30 – Eric & Stacy Myers

Special congratulations to Ralph Paine who will turn 90 years young on August 19!

Congratulations to Dakota & Brittany Dart on the marriage on June 9, 2018!

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am One Worship	2 5:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Property Board	3 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm New Voices Vision Team	4 Independence Day - Office Closed 	5 6:00pm Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA Meeting	6	7
8 9:30am One Worship 10:30am Women's Fellowship Sub Sale 	9 5:30pm Weight Watchers	10	11 7:00pm Bell Choir Practice	12 6:00pm Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA Meeting	13 6:00pm Polar Blast VBS 	14 6:00pm Polar Blast VBS
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5 9:30am One Worship	6 5:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Property Board	7 1:00pm Staff Meeting	8 6:30pm Mark Bible Study/Stay & Pray	9 1:30pm Pleasant View Communion 6:00pm Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA Meeting 	10	11
12 9:30am One Worship	13 5:30pm Weight Watchers	14	15 6:30pm Mark Bible Study/Stay & Pray	16 6:00pm Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA Meeting	17	18 9:00am FREE Community Breakfast 
19 9:30am One Worship	20 5:30pm Weight Watchers	21 8:30am The Church Network Meeting 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	22 6:30pm Mark Bible Study/Stay & Pray 	23 6:00pm Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA Meeting	24	25
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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

Team 6 – Jim & Erica Hoffman

Substitutes are: Jane Laube and Wayne Deem

Date	Team	Date	Team
July 1	3	August 5	3
July 8	4	August 12	4
July 15	5	August 19	5
July 22	6	August 26	6
July 29 (Picnic)	1	Sept. 2	1

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

Greeters

July 1 – Jane Laube

July 8 – Jay & Joan Hess

July 15 – Terry & Bonnie Myers

July 22 – Peter & Karen Weiss

July 29 (Picnic) – Deb Griffith

August 5 – Phyllis Smeltz

August 12 – Wayne & Faye Deem

August 19 – Sylvia Shelley

August 26 – Ron & Dee Forry

Contact the Church Office

Please remember to contact the church office at [717.665.2447](tel: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!

Looking Up

World-renowned cosmologist Stephen Hawking (1942-2018) stated: "Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious." His sentiment is especially fitting for August, when many people try to count the falling stars of the Perseid meteor shower.

As a self-proclaimed atheist, Hawking relied on science to answer "what makes the universe exist." Yet many Christians believe that while science shows how things happen or were created, our faith tells who made them so.

Deuteronomy 4:19 (NIV) declares: "And when you look up to the sky and see ... the heavenly array — do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshipping things the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven." We can be grateful for the work of scientists and the wonders their study reveals, but instead of "bowing down" to nature, we worship its Creator and Ruler — the Lord of heaven and earth.





New Church Email Address

St. Paul's changed internet providers in early April and the church now has new email addresses as follows:

Church Office Email is now stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net

Akira Owens' Email is now amowens@ptd.net

As of June 30, the former addresses will no longer be active, so please note these changes in your address book.

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 September 2018 issue deadline is Sunday, August 19, 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
Church Administrator	Pam Herman
Youth & Family Minister	Akira May Owens amowens@ptd.net
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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

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Ministers All Church Members

Danette Fair
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 David Ludwig, President
 Gretchen Miller, Assistant Treasurer
 Eric Myers, Treasurer
 Amanda Peiffer
 Alec Raia
 Ruth Raia, Vice President
 Sylvia Shelley

Non-voting Ex-Officio Member by Position:

The Rev. Bill Long, Interim Pastor
 Pam Herman, Church Administrator & Recording Secretary

Welcome to St. Paul's Happenings!

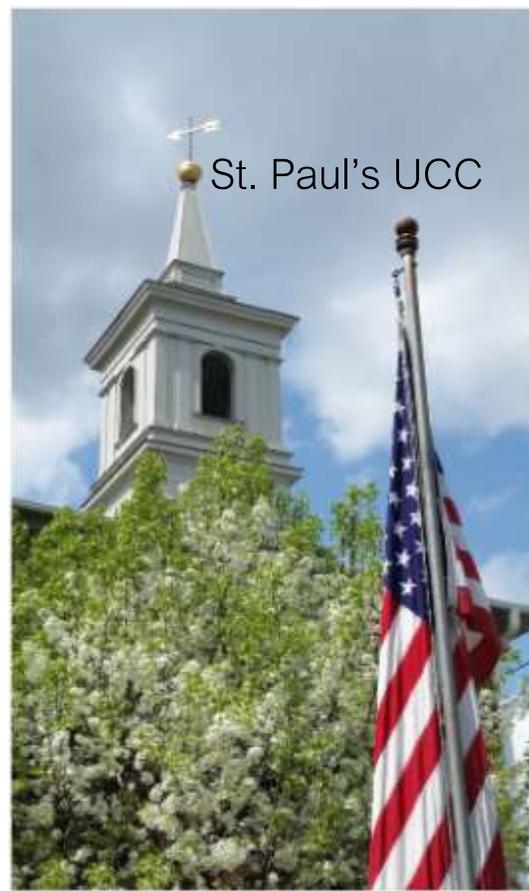
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