



# SEPTEMBER



# St. Paul's Happenings

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Manheim PA

September 2018

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

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## See you in September

By Rev. Bill Long, Interim Pastor

We are back together again! As the song goes "...when sunny skies are blue..." may not always be but in Christ it is! As your Interim Pastor there will be a time coming when I will be leaving, but *not yet!* Both the Profile and Search Committees are doing their work and St. Paul's is moving toward the future. But these committees are working so that there will be a tomorrow.

*"I press on toward the goal of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."* This is what we are about here at St. Paul's. The Church belongs to Christ Jesus; it is not my Church or your Church. So, the question is: *what can I do for Christ and His Church?*

- Pray
- Attend
- Serve

How are we to pray?

1. Pray from the heart.
2. Acknowledge our need and misery in sin.

3. Rest upon this foundation: God hear our prayers because of the Lord Jesus Christ: *"I will do whatever you ask in my name so the Son will bring glory to the Father."* – John 13:13-14.

Why attend?

*"The Son of God through the Holy Spirit and the Word gathers, protects, preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith and of this community I am a living member."* – Ephesians 4:1-6.

So, we pray, attend, and serve. Why do we do this? From true faith what we do is for God's glory.

What is true faith?

It is the conviction that what is revealed in God's Word is true but it is also a deep rooted conviction created in me by the Holy Spirit out of sheer grace earned for me by Christ.

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- My sins are forgiven.
- I am made right with God.
- I am granted salvation.

*Thanks be to God. Amen!*

Think on these things!

In Christ,  
Pastor Bill

## Sept. Sermons

### September 2:

Holy Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16  
Hymn #720 "Come Everyone Who Is Thirsty"  
Sermon: "Are We Family"

### September 9:

Holy Scripture: Mark 3:31-35  
Hymn #454 "Family Prayer Song"  
Sermon: "Who Is My Family?"

### September 16:

Holy Scripture: Mark 8:22-26  
Hymn #640 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"  
Sermon: "Prayer: Fast Food or The Will of God"

## September Lectionary

**September 2:** Song of Solomon 2:8-13, Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Psalm 15 James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**September 9:** Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125 or Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146; James 2:1-17, Mark 7:24-37

**September 16:** Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19 or Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1 or Isaiah 50:4-91a, Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

**September 23:** Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1 or Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

**September 30:** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22, Psalm 124 or Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50



## Pastoral Search Update

According to the Council Highlights (page 8), it won't be long until the Profile Committee wraps up their work preparing the Church Profile to have available for potential candidates and the work of the Pastoral Search Committee will begin.

In this time, it is important for all of us to have this process wrapped in prayer as calling a pastor will only be successful if God works in the hearts and lives of the search committee, the leadership and congregation of our church and the pastor we will call.

Consider the example of Jesus. In Luke 6, Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them. Without much prayer, our search committee will not achieve success. Oh, we may find someone, even someone the church can be excited about, but God will not be in unless there is work done by the Spirit in hearts.

In Matthew 9, Jesus tells his disciples that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. We can "*Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.*" Jesus challenged the disciples that the workers are few and that in response they ought to pray. His point applies today as gifted and qualified pastors are rare. The right strategy in the face of this need is for us to cry out to the Lord to do a work in hearts and beseech the Lord to send out a particular worker into the harvest field that is St. Paul's.

In calling a preaching pastor, our search committee will make hundreds, if not thousands of decisions. How often should we meet? How do we go about the process? Each of these decisions will require wisdom. Pray that God will grant it to our search committee, the church and potential candidates.

Finally, if we, the church is aware that people are really praying, there will be an increased confidence in the entire process of calling our pastor. In turn, this will convince our people in their hearts that this is God's choice for the church and they

will therefore, treat the new pastor accordingly.

Let us take the steps to immerse this process in prayer and to be disciplined about prayer. Below are some specific ways we can pray through this process:

Prayer for our search committee:

- Pray for patience to commit to God's timing.
- Pray that the search committee keeps an attitude that is the same as that of Christ Jesus (Philippians 2)
- Pray for wisdom to choose the right person (Romans 12)

Pray for our next pastor:

- Pray that God would increase this person's passion for preaching the Word of God.
- Ask God to begin to place a calling on this person's heart to serve @ St. Paul's UCC, Manheim.
- Pray for the next pastor's family. Pray that God, who knows who they are, would give them the strength as they consider leaving their current setting.

Pray for the people in our church:

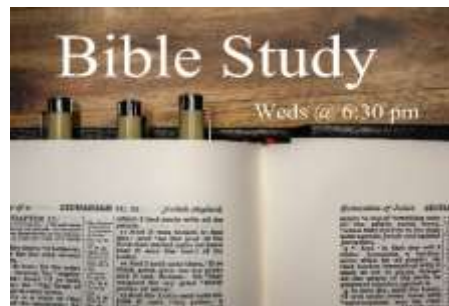
- Pray for patience and that people will trust the leadership as the process takes place.
- Pray that the people would place a priority on biblical preaching. It is easy to gravitate to personality, programs or a particular age. Pray that, above all, we

would call a pastor who will proclaim the Word of God.

- Pray that we would not react to previous pastors, but to be open to the gifts and calling of the candidate.

Please feel free to Stay & Pray in the Sanctuary following worship on Sunday mornings.

(Adapted from "Praying as a Pastoral Search Committee" blog by Chris Brauns. October 3, 2007.)



## Titus Bible Study

All are welcome to "Walk in Power, Love, and Discipline", an inductive Bible study by Kay Arthur on the book of Titus held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings in **September starting September 12**. This session is only 3 weeks long, so if you've thought about trying a study, this one would be ideal! Contact Pam Herman at 717.665.2447 or email at [stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net](mailto:stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net) if you'd like a copy of the study guide.

Upcoming Bible Studies include:

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

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



## Beginnings

The month of September brings many changes for a variety of people. Students of all ages go back to school and many adults drive school buses to transport them. Football returns with all the teams having high hopes for the new season.

The fall months mark the return of many events at St. Paul's such as the Ladies Fellowship 'Turkey Dinner' and the food stand at the farm show along with many other happenings. The first Wednesday after Labor Day highlights the return of the Chancel Choir. Singers are needed in every section with the first rehearsal in the Sanctuary scheduled for September 5<sup>th</sup> from 8-9 pm.

Usually the director lists some of the music schedule to be performed at this time, but you will have to be at the first rehearsal to see the wide variety of music in store for the fall months.

**September 5 – Be There!**



## Bell Choirs

St. Paul's UCC's Handbell Choirs will begin rehearsals on Wednesday evenings starting on September 12. The Kids Bells begin @ 7 pm and the Adult Bells begin @ 7:30 pm.

All are welcome to be part of the bell choirs – contact is Jim Hoffman at 717.898-8452.

## FREE Community Breakfast

The FREE Community Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 15 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](mailto:smiles4u@dejazzd.com).



## Turkey Dinner

Come out to St. Paul's Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 22 @ 6 pm for a scrumptious turkey dinner with all the fixings!

Women's Fellowship hosts the dinner that features turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread and butter, ice cream and cake for

dessert. Following the dinner, Piercing Word will perform their Romans Highlights skit. (See more on page 5)

Please RSVP in Fellowship Hall or call the church office at 717.665.2447 by Friday, September 14.



## Fall Fest

Am I the only one who feels like summer went by just a little too fast? Well, be that as it may, it's time to get enthused for fall! There's lots to prepare for because our second Fall Fest is around the corner... and it's going to be big! This year, our autumn celebration is going to be held outside in the Saint Paul's parking lot (weather permitting) and the kids, staff, and volunteers of Teen Central will be joining us to kick off the school year! We'll grill some burgers and hot dogs, play music, make crafts, and play a bunch of games, like corn hole, glowing ring toss, and 9 – Square in the Air (again, weather permitting).



Teen Central students: you really want to be there because you just might get to wrap your volunteers in toilet paper...just saying.

Also, we're going to need a great effort from our Saint Paul's and TC family to make Fall Fest great! So if you can help to decorate, donate, set up, clean up, or chaperone a game station, please let me know by giving me a call (717) 665-2447, or signing up at the bulletin board at Fellowship Hall

So come out, bring family and friends, and let's make Fall Fest an evening to remember. Contact is Akira Owens ([amowens@ptd.net](mailto:amowens@ptd.net) or 717.665.2447).

## Save the Date

Save the Date for the Manheim Farm Show to be held on Monday, October 8 through Friday, October 12.

Once again, St. Paul's will be selling Pork BBQ at the Manheim Farm Show. 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](mailto:ronforry@ptd.net)



## 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](mailto:stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net).

## Fellowship Breakfast

**The Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, September 26 8:30 am at Kountry Kitchen Family Restaurant, Manheim.**

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

## Altar Flowers

Please contact Bonnie Myers at [717.626.7307](tel:717.626.7307)/[tlmyers@ptd.net](mailto: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.



## Women's Fellowship

Greetings All,  
Women's Fellowship is always buzzing, finding ways to contribute to our church. This season's Sub Sale was such a success with 127 subs sold, as well as a number of monetary donations from those who did not purchase subs! The proceeds of these fundraisers contribute to projects that help to build up St. Paul's, the community, and the world, so we are grateful for all of those who supported the sale financially, in prayer, and in time and organization. Thank you!

Speaking of our community efforts, everyone knows about our **Annual Turkey Dinner, here at church, on September 22nd, at 6:00 PM.** The Lord has blessed this event already, as so many of our needs for the dinner have been met. Our entertainment for the evening is just icing on the cake! Piercing Word will perform their Romans Highlights skit for us after the meal. Piercing Word

is a gifted group of actors and crew who have memorized Bible Scripture, and use it to produce fun, relevant, meaningful plays to bring God's Word to life. We are excited to welcome Piercing Word to St. Paul's and hear the message they bring to us.

If you want to contribute to the Turkey Dinner by serving food, setting up, or cleaning up, please contact June Smith. Also, please see June Smith's article below titled, "*Thank You for Our Blessings.*" This is June's heartfelt letter of gratitude to the amazing ladies of Women's Fellowship, and the men who also work alongside this group. I too, have been touched by our ladies and their tireless efforts and generosity. Read June's article to find out about the wonderful things that Women's Fellowship accomplishes behind the scenes, and the heart behind it all.

**Women's Fellowship will meet next on Thursday, September 27 @ 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.**

His Love, Peace, and JOY be upon you,

Akira May Owens,  
Women's Fellowship Secretary



# Thank you for Our Blessings

Women's Fellowship has regular monthly meetings because we like the fellowship and catching up with each other and our lives and we plan all kinds of projects. Our usual attendance is between 12 and 18. I just wanted you to be aware of the blessings that these women bestow on our beloved St. Paul's Church and how others are being blessed by them.

Regarding the **Turkey Dinner to be held on Saturday, September 22 @ 6 pm**, we are preparing to serve 150 people. All of the following items have been donated by these ladies:

- ◆ 10 turkeys
- ◆ Bread for filling
- ◆ Ice cream cups
- ◆ Table cloths
- ◆ Plates/cups/utensils/napkins
- ◆ 10 more serving bowls
- ◆ Cranberry sauce
- ◆ Several \$50 gifts to defray costs of our entertainment and food

However, we can't forget about Joe Raia and his crew, who cook for us, those who set up the tables, as well as the clean up crew.

Some of these ladies knit and crochet baby blankets, hats for premature babies, prayer shawls, and serve funeral luncheons upon request; prepared lunches for the Manheim Project, prepared and served suppers for Vacation Bible

School; support a young boy in Africa, removed cleaned and rehung the curtains in Fellowship Hall; and help to transport homebound members and parishioners who are no longer able to drive to various doctor appointments. These women do so many labors of love on your behalf.

I just wanted you to be aware that these are not a group of "old" women, who no longer have anything to give or contribute to St. Paul's. A lot of these ladies are the ones who sit quietly in the pews, who love the Lord and want to and still do make a difference in many unseen and quiet ways. They are a true blessing and are always ready to serve the Lord. Let us be thankful for their many blessings on our behalf.

The Women's Fellowship is not a "private" club and our doors are always open to anyone else who would like to be a part of wonderful women who care!

In His Love,  
June Smith

## Mission of the Month

**The September Mission of the Month is St. Paul's Mission Team.**

This past July, St. Paul's Mission Team was one of the 11 churches that participated in the Manheim Project which included weeding, painting, tree trimming, cleaning, and a door installation as well.

Several local projects are in the works for next year.

Please use your September special envelopes to support St. Paul's Mission Team.



## 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:

- Cereal
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Chicken
- Peanut Butter

In June the pantry served 122 households for a total of 365 individuals. There were 2 new households for a total of 8 individuals.

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.

Thanks for supporting the Manheim Food Pantry. For more information, check out their website at [www.manheimcentralfoodpantry.org](http://www.manheimcentralfoodpantry.org).



## Manheim Project Update

11 churches took part in the Manheim Project which took place during a two week period at the end of July. Approximately 150 house projects were completed in those two weeks. This was despite an exceptionally rainy week of July 23-27!

The projects included a wide range of work:

- ◆ Painting (interior & exterior)
- ◆ Cleaning
- ◆ Weeding
- ◆ Tree trimming
- ◆ Fenced installation
- ◆ Roofing
- ◆ Window & door repairs and replacements
- ◆ Ramps for handicap access
- ◆ Concrete work
- ◆ Many others

Nate Minnich from White Oak Church of the Brethren ably headed up the overall organization between all the churches. And Love INC in Lancaster handled the initial inquiries, not only for us in Manheim but for two other Lancaster County communities (Ephrata & Lititz). Sandy Bareford & Akira Owens were the coordinators for St. Paul's UCC.

We're grateful for this practical outreach to our community! Thanks for all who participated!

- Bill Melone, Manheim BIC



## Assistance Update from Manheim Ministerium

In the first 6 months of 2018, the following assistance has been provided to Manheim Families through the Manheim Ministerium:

- ◆ 195 calls received
- ◆ Assistance provided to 89 individuals/families
- ◆ Gas vouchers – 42
- ◆ Rent/security deposit – 36
- ◆ Groceries/gift cards – 26
- ◆ Gas & Groceries – 10
- ◆ Utilities – 15
- ◆ Water & Sewer – 5
- ◆ Heating/Fuel – 4
- ◆ Medical/Prescriptions – 3
- ◆ Furniture/Household – 3
- ◆ Handyman – 3
- ◆ Insurance – 3
- ◆ Transportation – 2
- ◆ Tax bill – 1
- ◆ Other requests – 3

(These are the requests that came with the calls, not everyone received actual assistance.)

Referrals were made to other organizations for those outside the Manheim Central area, most often to the United Way call number (2-1-1).

Only 2 people were homeless or facing eviction during this period.

A total of \$9,565.76 has been distributed over the first six months of 2018. The majority of that amount comes from the Manheim Churches Assistance Fund, but it also includes Salem Family Ministries, Salvation Army, and a few churches.

- Bill Melone, Manheim BI

## From Trials to Triumphs

British evangelist Smith Wigglesworth (1859-1947) was impoverished and illiterate during childhood. He also stammered, which embarrassed him greatly. When he married a Salvation Army preacher, she taught him how to read using the Bible.

Wigglesworth recognized that all the adversities he'd faced were key to his ministry's effectiveness. "Great faith is the product of great fights," he said. "Great testimonies are the outcome of great tests. Great triumphs can only come out of great trials."

*Great is Thy Faithfulness!*



## Council Highlights

Church Council met on Tuesday, July 17 & again on Tuesday, August 21 @ 7 pm. Highlights of the meetings include:

### Memorial Gifts & Endowment:

Eric Myers reported:

- ◆ Endowment Fund value is \$958,910.26.
- ◆ \$34,583.31 of the \$150,108 approved has been withdrawn so far this year.

### Treasurers Report:

Eric Myers reported:

- ◆ Capital: Income is almost at the yearly budget amount.
- ◆ Benevolence: OCWM income is coming in at \$100 over budget. Shepherd's Fund income was \$400 over budget.
- ◆ Operating: expenses for administration/benefits for full-time pastor are about \$30,000 under budget. All other income/expenses are as expected.

### Pastor's Report:

- ◆ Council approved 4 days of paid vacation time for Pastor Bill.
- ◆ One baptism coming up in early fall.

### Committee Reports:

- ◆ Farm Show Committee has begun preparations for the Farm Show Stand for October 8-12.
- ◆ Property Board: Received a quote from Rufus Brubaker re: air condition unit replacements.
- ◆ Self-Study: The results of the CAT survey are being used in the profile with both demographic info as well as emotional responses. Hearth & Home, looking for a shepherd to lead the congregation, looking for a relational pastor that is a good preacher seem to be the themes throughout the answers in the profile. Gretchen shared that the first draft of the church profile is done and has been sent to Penn Central Conference for review. Next step is to incorporate PCC's feedback, and then present the profile to council for approval.

### Old/New Business:

- ◆ Altar & Pulpit Cloth Replacement: The green paraments need to be replaced. Pam and Dani have been investigating options and an anonymous donor will likely cover the cost.
- ◆ Air Conditioning: Council agreed with Property Board's decision to suggest two units be replaced at the congregational meeting on Aug. 26. Payment options would include using the capital funds to basically swap out the stained-glass windows for the air conditioning in the budget as the windows likely won't be done until next year.
- ◆ Pastor-Parish Resource Committee: Council agreed to establish a PPRC to support the pastor and his/her call to the church. Pastor Bill suggested that the pastoral search team could act as the committee now and for the first six months once a settled pastor is called. The future PPRC would be a process that the settled pastor would appoint.
- ◆ Membership Issue: For the newsletter, birthdays and anniversaries listings will only include active members in good and regular standing and in 2019 the status of current members is to be determined.
- ◆ Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Ruth Raia from council and the pastoral search committee. Council will need to reappoint someone for the remainder of Ruth's council term and vice presidency.
- ◆ VBS Recap: VBS was great – 15 children attended!

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18 @ 7 pm.

September Communion & Church Closer – Dani Fair

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Herman, Recording Secretary

### Congregational Meeting Recap:

At the August 26, 2018 congregational meeting, a motion was made and seconded to accept the quote from Rufus Brubaker to replace two malfunctioning air conditioning units with two Goodman units at a cost of approximately \$12,000 to be paid with funds from the capital account. Motion carried.

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



# Thank You Notes

To all my compassionate members and friends of St. Paul's Church,

Thank you so much for all the comforting cards, phone calls, visitations and prayers for our family with the passing of Lloyd. Thank you to Pastor Long and Bev Leibold for their comforting words and prayers. What a loving, caring congregation we have!

God Bless All of You!  
Sandy Byers & Family



I want to thank all my friends at St. Paul's for all my get well and birthday cards and phone calls.

Thank you Pastor Long and June Smith for the home visit.

Many thanks,  
Phyllis Smeltz



A special thank you goes out to Women's Fellowship. Ladies, thank you for taking the time to take down, clean, and then rehang the curtains in Fellowship Hall. Thank you too to Mark Lowe who cleaned the windows just before the curtains were rehung. With the recent carpet cleaning, the clean windows and the clean curtains, Fellowship Hall looks like a warm, caring place to gather. Perfect for our Hearth & Home feel! Again, thank you!



Marsha and I wish to express our gratitude to our St. Paul's Family for your support during the time of my mother's passing. Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Thanks again,  
Ed & Marsha Parido



St. Paul's UCC,

Thank you for your previous support of the mission of Bible2School – where we teach the Bible to children attending public school and show them their unique value in Christ during their school day.

In the last 24 months, we have seen God at work in children's hearts and His hand in our growth! This school year alone, Bible2School served 696 children in 6 school districts, that is 17% more than 2016-2017 or about 100 new children. Close to 350 children were from families that do not regularly attend church. We consistently had stories of children connecting with Jesus and joyfully inviting their friends. We know God is moving in the hearts of our children through Bible2School!

Blessings,  
Kori Pennypacker, Executive Director  
Bible2School

(Bible2School children from H. C. Burgard Elementary School meet @ St. Paul's UCC 3 days a week from late September-April. Bible2School was the August mission of the month and thanks to you, \$661 was donated to help support this wonderful program that helps kids learn more about the Bible and Jesus!)



## 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

June 24 – 74  
July 1 – 88  
July 8 – 87  
July 15 – 79  
July 22 – 74

July 29 – 62  
August 5 – 80  
August 12 – 68  
August 19 – 68  
August 26 – 49



## Living Sacrifices

In Romans 12:1, Paul urges Jesus' followers to perform spiritual worship by being "a living sacrifice." For Old Testament believers, that concept would have been an oxymoron. A sacrifice, after all, required bloodshed and death to absolve sins.

New Testament believers — us included — may squirm at the idea too. "The problem with a living sacrifice," as D.L. Moody noted, "is that it keeps crawling off the altar."

Living for Jesus is an all-in commitment. Being a living sacrifice involves forsaking the world and our own desires. But through God's grace and Jesus' sacrificial love, we can alter our attitude and stay on the altar.



## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

- 9/1 – Remington Kopp
- 9/2 – Melissa Burkhart  
Nancy Lishman  
Kenneth Long
- 9/3 – Alan Doyle
- 9/10 – James Hoffman
- 9/11 – Stephen Durborow  
Delores Mumma
- 9/12 – Thomas Gates  
Betty Miller
- 9/13 – Colton Faulhaber  
Olivia Faulhaber
- 9/14 – Julia Shreiner
- 9/15 – Larry Shelley
- 9/16 – Luke Peiffer
- 9/18 – Marland Fair  
Andre Ressler
- 9/20 – Debra Kleinfelter
- 9/21 – Stacy Myers  
Lori Roseberry  
Adrienne Wetzel
- 9/23 – Dave Palfrey
- 9/26 – Allyson Givler  
Gretchen Miller
- 9/27 – Peter Weiss

**Special birthday wishes go out to Tom Gates who is celebrating his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 12!**



### Anniversaries:

- 9/10 – Leon & Debra Kleinfelter
- 9/11 – Tom & Lynn Brewer
- 9/16 – Stephen & Marie Durborow
- 9/23 – Doug & Kathy Longenecker
- 9/26 – Steve & Pam Herman  
Andrew & Megan Rhen
- 9/27 – Larry & Sylvia Shelley

## September 2018

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday  |
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| <h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">SEPTEMBER</h1>   |  |  |  |  |        |   |
| 2<br>9:30am One Worship   | 3<br>Labor Day - Office Closed<br>5:30pm Weight Watchers                             | 4<br>1:00pm Staff Meeting<br>7:00pm New Voices<br>Vision Team Meeting  | 5<br>10:00am Bible2School<br>Volunteer Training<br>8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  | 6<br>6:00pm Simply Yoga<br>6:30pm Manheim Women's Club<br>7:00pm AA Meeting                        | 7      | 8   |
| 9<br>9:30am One Worship<br>12:00pm Manheim VFW Auxiliary District Meeting   | 10<br>5:30pm Weight Watchers   | 11<br>11:00am Bible2School<br>Volunteer Training<br>7:00pm Manheim Women's Club Mtg.                                       | 12<br>6:30pm Titus Bible Study<br>7:00pm Kids Bells<br>7:30pm Adult Bells<br>8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  | 13<br>11:00am Bible2School<br>Volunteer Training<br>6:00pm Simply Yoga<br>7:00pm AA Meeting        | 14     | 15<br>9:00am FREE Community Breakfast<br> |
| 16<br>9:30am One Worship  | 17<br>5:30pm Weight Watchers   | 18<br>7:00pm Church Council Meeting<br> | 19<br>6:30pm Titus Bible Study<br>7:00pm Kids Bells<br>7:30pm Adult Bells<br>8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  | 20<br>6:00pm Simply Yoga<br>7:00pm AA Meeting  | 21     | 22<br>6:00pm Turkey Dinner<br>           |
| 23<br>9:30am One Worship  | 24<br>5:30pm Weight Watchers   | 25<br>10:00am Bible2School   | 26<br>8:30am Fellowship Breakfast<br>10:00am Bible2School<br>6:30pm Titus Bible Study<br>7:00pm Kids Bells<br>7:30pm Adult Bells<br>8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 27<br>10:00am Bible2School<br>1:30pm Women's Fellowship<br>6:00pm Simply Yoga<br>7:00pm AA Meeting | 28     | 29  |
| 30<br>9:30am One Worship<br>6:00pm Fall Fest<br> |  |  |  |  |        |   |

## 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 |
|----------|------|---------|------|
| Sept. 2  | 1    | Oct. 7  | 3    |
| Sept. 9  | 3    | Oct. 14 | 4    |
| Sept. 16 | 4    | Oct. 21 | 5    |
| Sept. 23 | 5    | Oct. 28 | 1    |
| Sept. 30 | 1    | Nov. 4  | 3    |

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

## Greeters

September 2 – Wayne & Faye Deem

September 9 – Doug & Kathy Longenecker

September 16 – Julia Shreiner

September 23 – Glen & Delores Mumma

September 30 – Phyllis Smeltz

## Contact the Church Office

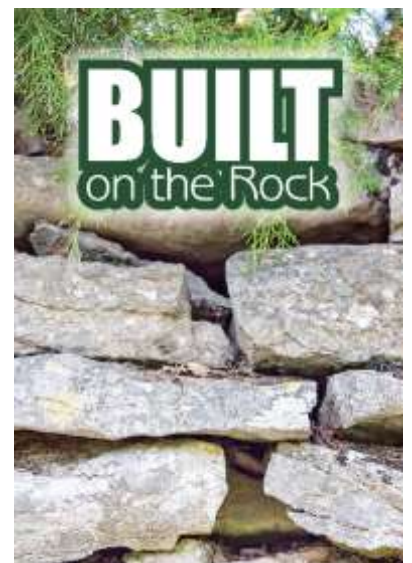
Please remember to contact the church office at [717.665.2447](tel:717.665.2447)/[stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net](mailto:stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net) if you or your family member from St. Paul's will be hospitalized or needs pastoral care. For **emergency** weekends, please call Pastor Bill directly at 717.228.0949.

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

## On Firm Foundation

During his childhood on the Atlantic Coast, Gregory Elder devoted much time to creating elaborate sandcastles. "Whole cities would appear beneath my hands," he writes. One year, when bullies repeatedly crushed his handiwork, Elder finally placed large rocks and concrete chunks at the base of his kingdoms. The returning bare-footed thugs soon learned a lesson.

Many people consider today's church under attack from secularism, heresies and sin, Elder writes. "They forget that the church is built upon a Rock (Matthew 16:18), over which the gates of hell itself shall not prevail."



# Kid's Page



## Miracles happen!

Create this colorful reminder of God's wondrous works.

**What you need:**

- white cardstock
- white wax crayon
- paintbrush
- water
- watercolor paints

**What you do:**

1. Across the paper horizontally, write with the white crayon "Miracles happen!" (or a Bible verse such as Job 5:9; Psalm 77:14; Jeremiah 32:27; or Matthew 19:26).
2. Wet the paintbrush and paint over the words with different colors.
3. Let dry and then hang up.

## IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

*Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.*

|         |          |
|---------|----------|
| blind   | hear     |
| leprosy | walk     |
| lame    | raised   |
| deaf    | sight    |
| dead    | cleansed |

The \_\_\_\_\_ receive \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, those who have \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised ... Matthew 11:5, NIV





## 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](mailto:stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net)  
 Akira Owens' Email is now [amowens@ptd.net](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month before publication. **The October 2018 issue deadline is Sunday, September 16, 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](mailto:stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net)

| September 2018 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| S              | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 9              | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| <b>16</b>      | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23             | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30             |    |    |    |    |    |    |

## St. Paul's Staff

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Interim Pastor          | The Rev. Bill Long  |
| Church Administrator    | Pam Herman  |
| Youth & Family Minister | Akira May Owens<br><a href="mailto:amowens@ptd.net">amowens@ptd.net</a>       |
| Organist                | June Smith  |
| Chancel Choir Director  | John Degler   |
| Bell Choir Director     | Jim Hoffman   |
| Praise Team Coordinator | Steve Smith   |
| Nursery Coordinator     | Rhonda Raia<br><a href="mailto:Smiles4u@dejazzd.com">Smiles4u@dejazzd.com</a> |
| 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   |                    |
| Alec Raia  |                    |
| 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!

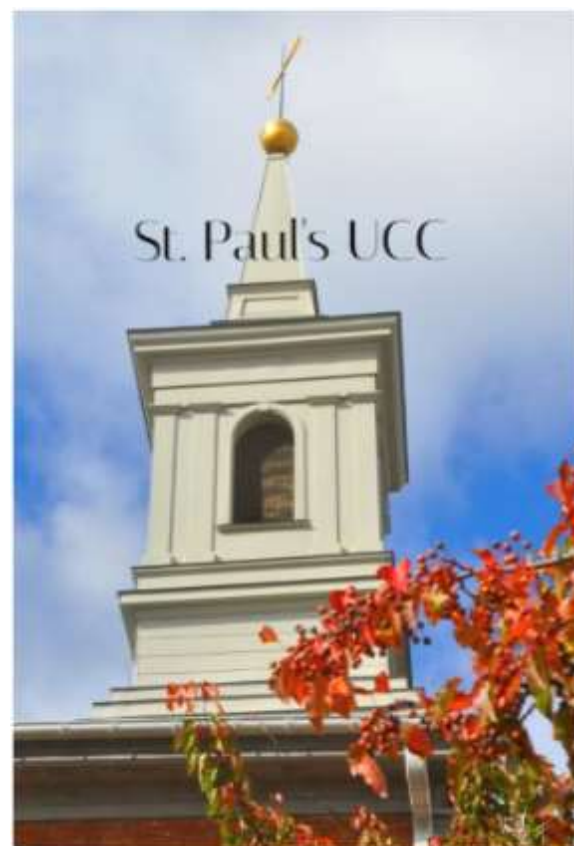
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ONE Worship @ 9:30 am**

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