

Faith Connection Story – St. Paul's, Sacramento

St. Paul's UCC, Sacramento has an ongoing collection for St. John's Emergency Food Closet, a local food bank. This ongoing collection was begun in 2013 by church member Ashley Heisler, as part of her Girl Scout work toward her Gold Award. To date, the collection has gathered 2464 items, including 129 items from our September 10 Harvest Home Service. Many local people have been blessed through the efforts of Ashley and the church members of St. Paul's.

Looking beyond local needs, St. Paul's encouraged members over the summer to assemble hygiene kits for Church World Service. Under the coordination of Sunday School teacher Ann Strohecker, we collected 26 kits, which were then delivered to Colonial Park UCC for shipment. These kits will help resupply CWS warehouses as they distribute much-needed kits to recent hurricane victims.

Church member Deb Stehr invited Debbie Herb from Diakon Community Services, Pottsville, to come and speak about "Aging Joyfully." On August 29, 15 older and not-quite-so-old church members and friends gathered to learn some of the positive things about getting older. (Hey, aging is not so bad! And it IS inevitable.)

St. Paul's is one of six churches above Peter's Mountain that together form the Northern Cluster of the Harrisburg Association. At this year's annual hymnsing, held at St. Peter's UCC in Lykens, on August 27, St. Paul's Joyful Sound handbell choir shared their ringing talents.

