

St. Paul's Happening

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Making a Difference Through the Love of Christ – to Know God, Love God & Serve God

Easter Continues!

Yes! Resurrection Sunday has come and gone, however, in the church, the Easter season continues throughout the month of May. Some of the scriptural themes for this Easter season are from:

- ◆ Acts, which follows the beginning of the church
- ◆ Revelation, which follows the fulfillment of the prophets and law in Jesus
- ◆ John, which follows Jesus, after His Resurrection, with his disciples, empowering them to prepare for their role in spreading the Gospel once Jesus ascends.

Speaking of Ascension, Ascension Day is on Thursday, May 26. Many of you relate this day as the day that Hilltop Acres Farm Market is closed, as our local Mennonite community keeps this as a holiday to celebrate Jesus' return to His Father after His resurrection. It is a day of rejoicing for Jesus; but is about waiting for the disciples as they await the coming of the Holy Spirit, which we will celebrate on Pentecost Sunday, June 5.

Below is an article from *Homiletics* published first in April 2003 which may help us, Jesus' disciples, with waiting:

There's something better coming

This season of Easter is a special time for Christians to celebrate the ultimate reason for our hope: Christ is risen, and invites us to rise with him to new life.

- ◆ Easter is an invitation to try again with God's help to break that addiction we had given up all hope of ever breaking. There's something better coming. ...

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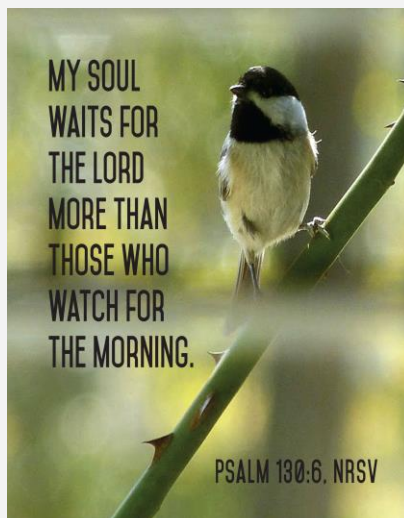
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Easter Continues!

- ◆ Easter is a chance to work at renewing the marriage we had given up all hope of ever saving. There's something better coming. ...
- ◆ Easter is an opportunity to reach out to our neighbors who, in our busyness, we neglect. There's something better coming. ...
- ◆ Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and seek God for compassion. There's something better coming. ...
- ◆ Easter is a chance for all no-hopers to regain their vision of what can be! There's something better coming. ...
- ◆ Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith. There's something better coming. ...
- ◆ Easter is a chance to "renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not faint."

There's something better coming.

Easter Blessings,
Pam Herman



May Scripture Readings

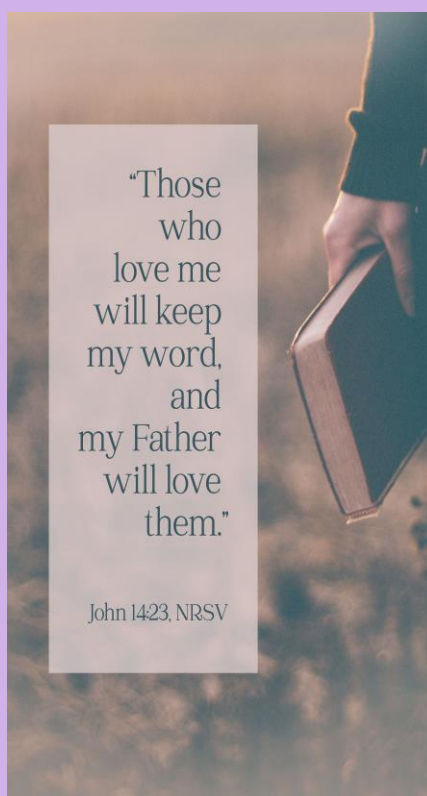
May 1 – Easter 3: Acts 9:1-20/Psalm 30/Revelation 5:11-14/St. John 21:1-19

May 8 – Easter 4: Acts 9:36-43/Psalm 23/Revelation 7:9-17/St. John 10:22-30

May 15 – Easter 5: Acts 11:1-18/Psalm 148/Revelation 21:1-6/St. John 13:31-35

May 22 – Easter 6: Acts 16:9-15/Psalm 67/Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5/St. John 14:23-29

May 29 – Easter 7: Acts 16:16-34/Psalm 97/Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21/St. John 17:20-26



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L I V E S T R E A M



Experience Community @ St. Paul's

St. Paul's UCC invites you to fully experience life in community. Come and taste, see, hear and feel all that God has to offer in these worship and fellowship events during the Easter season:

This month's breakfast will feature eggs and bacon served with fruit and a beverage.

If you'd like to serve at the breakfast, please contact Sandy Bareford at 717.341.5931/sandybareford@gmail.com.



Leviticus Bible Study

We continue our trek through the first 5 books of the Bible by studying Leviticus on Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 pm starting May 4. Again, we'll use Kay Arthur's "Teach Me Your Ways" Inductive Bible Study guide.

All are welcome – get your copy of the study guide on the table outside the church office.

Women's Fellowship:

Women's Fellowship will meet next on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 26 @ 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. See page 4 for more details.

All women are invited to attend!



1st Thursday:

Come see what 1st Thursdays are all about from 5-8 pm on Thursday, May 5.

St. Paul's UCC will have a stand in front of the church along Main Street – you can't miss us!

Stop by St. Paul's stand and get a free bottle of water – children can select an Easter Egg surprise too!

The event is held rain or shine – hope to see you there!

Memorial Day:

On Monday, May 30, the church office will be closed in honor of Memorial Day.

Thank you to all who have served in the military – we will never forget you and your service to your country.



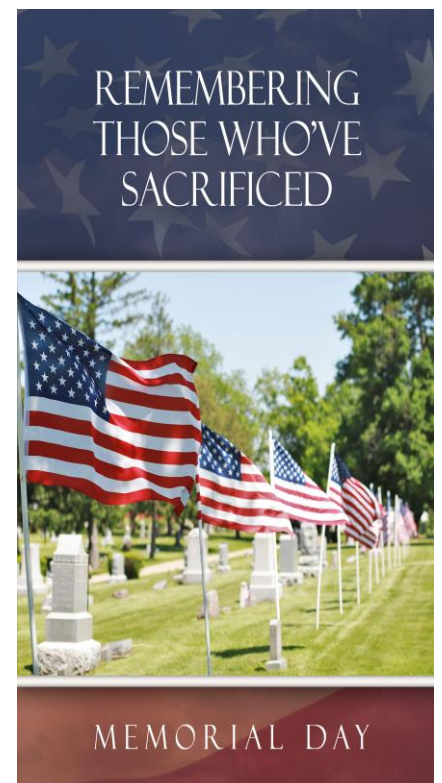
Mother's Day

St. Paul's will honor all women on Mother's Day, May 8 at the 9:30 am worship service.

We honor all women since not every woman is a mother, but many of our women care and nurture many in the congregation. All women will receive a special treat that day!

FREE Community Breakfast:

St. Paul's FREE Community Breakfast will be held as a takeout breakfast on Saturday, May 21 from 9-10 am.



Women's Fellowship

The first meeting of the Women's Fellowship for 2022 was held on March 31, 2022, in Fellowship Hall. Unfortunately, due to having to change the date for several reasons and the rainy weather, we did not have a large turnout. Things happen that we have no control over and we have to deal with it, just like in other phases of our life.

However, we did get some business taken care of – we are having a Sub Sale. Orders will be taken on Sundays, May 1, 8 & 15. The pick-up date is Thursday, May 19 from 4-6 pm. Make your plans for a “no-cooking night” for a change and it is also another way in which our Women's Fellowship helps others in need through our donations.

Again, we remind you that we have been asked to help with 1st Thursday at the front of St. Paul's on May 5 from 5-8 pm. This is a monthly “meet and greet” event in coordination with other downtown Manheim businesses. There is a sign-up sheet for you to sign up with a date that you will be available. I will have a sheet and more information about this at our meeting.

After the Spring rains we will see the beautiful flowers of the season, our yards will give us another way to thank the Lord for His continued beauty all around us. Another way to appreciate our “Living Lord.” How thankful we are that we can freely worship and serve our Lord.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26 @ 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there, as we have more events in the works.

In His Love,

June Y. Smith & Dorothy Drumheller



Geraniums for Pentecost

It's time once again to blanket the church in **RED** for Pentecost Sunday, June 5!

If you would like to blanket the Sanctuary in **RED** for Pentecost with geraniums, please complete an order form in your weekly bulletin or contact the church office at 717.665.2447 or by email at stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net.

The cost is \$7.50 for a 6.5" pot of red geraniums, which may be placed in honor or in memory of loved ones.

The deadline to place your order is Sunday, May 15.



Pentecost Sunday & Church Picnic!

Pentecost Sunday is Sunday, June 5 and St. Paul's is celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit in a big way!

Pentecost was once as important as Christmas and Easter in Christian churches. Today, congregations still observe it in special ways, using the color **RED** to symbolize the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, everyone is encouraged to wear **RED** on Sunday, June 5. The Sanctuary will be saturated in **RED** as well! There's even a few surprises being planned for this day as well!

Our church picnic will follow the worship service and will be held in St. Paul's parking lot. We'll start with some games and then eat at approximately 11 am. We'll serve Andy Ressler's world-famous BBQ Chicken again this year - paper products, drinks and dessert will be provided.

So be sure to save the date for this exciting celebration – Sunday, June 5! You won't want to miss it!

Missions

The May Mission of the Month is the Manheim Ministerium Assistance Fund.

The Manheim Ministerium is a group of Manheim churches committed to helping others in the Manheim community.

The Manheim Central Food Pantry and Community Connections are both Manheim Ministerium programs.

Manheim Ministerium also provides emergency assistance to those living in the Manheim Central school district for transportation, medical, prescription, emergency housing, and food needs.

The number to call for assistance in the Manheim Central school district is 717.618.9777.

Please use your May special envelope to make a difference through the love of Christ for those families needing assistance from the Manheim Ministerium.



Help a Neighbor

Food Pantry Update

119 households were served by the Manheim Central Food Pantry in March – that's a total of 320 individuals. New Households in March totaled 6 for a total of 10 new individuals served. Current needs for the Food Pantry are:

Spam, Canned Fruit, Tissues, Crackers, Baked Beans, Canned Beets. No rice is currently needed.

Please drop all donations off directly at the food pantry at 334 W. Gramby Street, Manheim. Drop off times are Monday & Thursdays 9 am-1 pm or call Ruth Ellen Brown at 717.664.1097.

Coming Soon

Book Club will be held on Monday, June 6 @ 6 pm. Up for discussion is the book "At Home in Mitford" by Jan Karon, which is the first in the Mitford series. This book revolves around the life of young, single Father Tim and his adventures in the little town of Mitford. See how his life is about to be turned upside down! Books are available on the table outside the church office.

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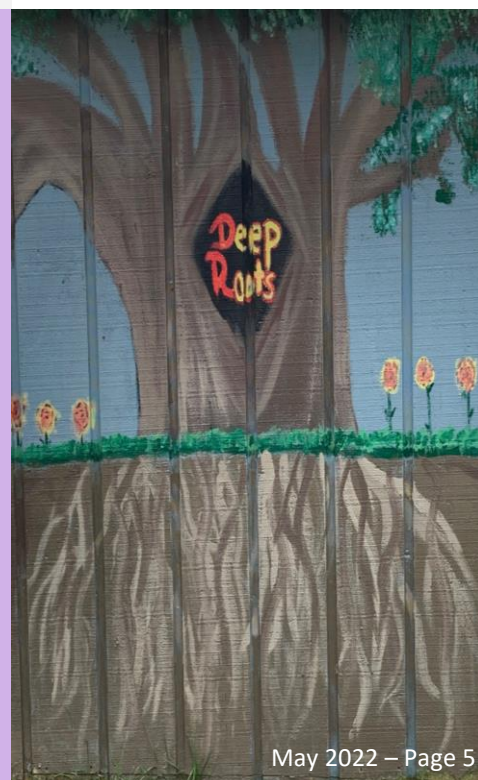
Concert Tickets are available for the **Raleigh Ringers Concert** at the Mt. Gretna Playhouse on July 9 @ 7 pm. Get your tickets online at:

<https://gretnamusic.org/shows/2022-raleigh-ringers-2/>

Deep Roots Mission Trip – June 16-19

The Mission Team will travel again this year to Clairvaux Farm in Earleville, MD to serve @ the Deep Roots community. The Deep Roots community program provides support and safety nets needed for homeless families to continue to move forward. They provide basic needs, employment programs for parents, children's programming, rental assistance, family field trips and more! Deep Roots has been changing lives and successfully ending homelessness for the past 9 years! **Won't you consider changing lives too by participating in the mission trip to be held Thursday, June 16-Sunday, June 19.** Contact Sandy Bareford for more information at 717.341.5931/sandybareford@gmail.com.

The Mission Team will also help out with the Manheim Project again this year later in the summer. Again, contact Sandy Bareford if you are interested in serving in this project that helps our neighbors with their household projects. Know God – Love God – Serve God!



Council Highlights

Church Council met on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Highlights of the meeting include:

Memorial Gifts & Endowment:

Endowment Fund is down slightly due to recent stock market activity.

Treasurer's Report:

Benevolence: \$685 was received for Heifer Project; \$95 was received for One Great Hour of Sharing – both are March Missions of the Month.

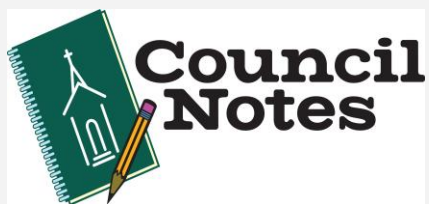
Operating: income and expenses as expected.

Capital: income was down slightly but still in budget.

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ Holy week schedule was discussed
- ◆ Spiritual Council will review Rev. Long's Covenant
- ◆ Vacation dates were shared with council – all dates are covered by guest pastor/speakers
- ◆ There will be no August council meeting

Committee Reports: see written reports.



Old Business: The nursery tv will be installed shortly. The tv may need to be hardwired for internet connectivity.

New Business:

- ◆ Election of Officers
 - President – Karen Brandt
 - Vice President – Rick Conley
 - Secretary – Lynn Brewer
 - Treasurer – Gretchen Miller
 - Asst. Treasurer – Dani Fair
 - Property Liaison – Ron Forry
 - Karen Brandt will serve on Budget Committee
- ◆ Guest Sandy Bareford requested funding for two projects to benefit two of our members – she will check with Property Board to get pricing. Funds will come from missions. She will also check with Property Board to have input for upcoming kitchen renovations.

Open Discussion:

- ◆ Discussion re: opening the front door for worship. Two council

members have stepped up to be in charge of opening and later locking the doors.

- ◆ Search Committee met recently and updated the church profile with minor tweaks.
- ◆ The Holy Cow survey will be done again in 2023.

The next church council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17 @ 7 pm with Spiritual Council @ 6:15pm.

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.

Thank You Note

To my St. Paul's Family,
Thank you for your calls, cards, and prayers on the passing of my son-in-law Larry Snavelly.

God's richest blessings to you all,
Claire Reed



Graduate Recognition



Graduate Recognition will be held in June for all St. Paul's members and their families.

If you would like to recognize a soon to be graduate or recent graduate from high school or college, please contact the church office at [717.665.2447](tel:717.665.2447)/stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net no later than Sunday, May 15. Please include the graduate's name, their graduating school, and their future plans following graduation.

Please keep all graduates in your prayers. Even though Covid-19 restrictions seem to be easing, it's been a difficult year to navigate the many changes that have come with the pandemic.

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter 3 9:00am Prayer Group 9:30am One Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	2 7:00pm Property Board	3 1:30pm Staff Meeting	4 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Elite Bells	5 5:00pm 1st Thursday 5:30pm Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA Meeting @ Zion Lutheran 	6	7
8 Easter 4 Mother's Day 9:00am Prayer Group 9:30am One Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 	9 6:00pm New Voices Vision Team	10	11 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Elite Bells	12 5:30pm Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA Meeting @ Zion Lutheran	13	14
15 Easter 5 9:00am Prayer Group 9:30am One Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 	16	17 Primary Elections 6:00pm Spiritual Council 7:00pm Church Council 	18 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Elite Bells	19 5:30pm Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA Meeting @ Zion Lutheran	20	21 9:00am FREE Community Breakfast 6:00pm Rock-N-Glow Parking 
22 Easter 6 9:00am Prayer Group 9:30am One Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	23	24	25 6:30pm Bible Study 7:30pm Elite Bells	26 Ascension Day 5:30pm Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA Meeting @ Zion Lutheran 	27	28
29 Easter 7 9:00am Prayer Group 9:30am One Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	30 Memorial Day - Office Closed 	31				

MAY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Best wishes
to all those
celebrating a
birthday or
anniversary
this month!

Worship Attendance

Worship attendance equals in person
worship in the Sanctuary, those attending
worship in the parking lot and online
views of the sermons:

4/3 – 84

4/10 – 112

Preparatory Service 4/12 – 15

Maundy Thursday 4/13 – 30

Easter Sunday 4/17 – 8 am - 12; 9:30 am – 120

4/24 - 97



Celebrating You
on Your
Special Day



Christian Symbol

ARK OF THE COVENANT—For the Israelites, the Ark of the Covenant was at the center of worship. It contained the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, a pot of manna and Aaron's rod. In the Old Testament, the ark was a visible representation of God's throne, or presence, on earth, where he communed with Moses and the high priests. It also represents our earthly bodies, where the Holy Spirit dwells.

Requests for Prayer

For prayer requests, please contact Joan Hess at 717.665.4705. Our homebound members will remain on the list permanently as a reminder to keep these individuals wrapped in prayer and to remember them with cards, phone calls, and visits.

Lynn Foard

Nancy Lishman

Michael Shelley

Doris Stroud

Susan Gates

Terry Myers

Julia Shreiner

Ozzy Fetter*

Nancy Gibble

Jane Moyle

Phyllis Smeltz

Gary & Linda Hauze*

Bets Klopp

Andre Ressler

Linda Steiner

Bev Leibold

Bob & Joanna Schreiber

Polly Stoner

PUZZLE

A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

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ono your _ather and _our mo_h_r,
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 the L_RD _ou_ God i_ givi_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.



Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

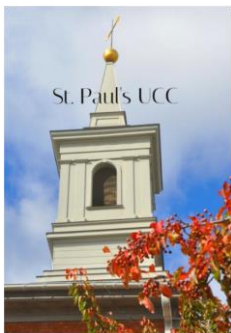
What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.



“Let the little children come to me...”

Matthew 19:14, NIV



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