

St. Paul's Happenings

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June 2020

Making a Difference Through the Love of Christ for all to Know God, Love God, Serve God!

Jesus Shall Reign – over what?

By The Rev. Bill Long, Pastor

On Thursday, May 21st, the Church celebrated Ascension Day. On Sunday, May 31st, the Church celebrated Pentecost at Drive in Worship. As I think about these things, the question comes to my mind, over what does Jesus reign? So, I went to our great Reformed Document, *"The Heidelberg Catechism"* and I came across this:

- ◆ Christ is our chief Prophet
- ◆ Our high Priest
- ◆ Our Eternal King

All right, what does that mean?

Only He can make a perfect ❤️

As our chief Prophet, Christ reveals to us the will of God for our deliverance. As our high Priest, Christ has set us free by His sacrifice on the cross, and as our flesh in Heaven, He continually pleads our cause with God, the father. As our eternal King, Christ governs us by His Word and Spirit.

So, you see as our chief Prophet, Christ speaks and he is the word! *"In the beginning was the word and the word was with God...and the word became flesh and dwells with us."* – John 1

As our high Priest, our Lord prayed, "This is my body broken for you, this is my blood shed for you." Christ is the offering.

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Covid 19 Update

In response to Gov. Wolf's directive to close all non-essential stores in PA as an effort to limit exposure to Covid 19, St. Paul's UCC will continue to honor Gov. Wolf's directive and **cancel all church activities, except Drive In Worship, effective immediately until further notice.**

A determination re: future worship services and events will be made when Lancaster County moves out of the red phase into the yellow and then green phases of reopening as we monitor the news about the spread of the disease and its severity as well as official recommendations about how best to safely respond. Feel free to check our website often for updates.

In the meantime, we will continue to communicate through this newsletter, email and our website. If you would like to receive our email updates, please contact the church office at 717.665.2447.

Drive in Worship services have begun on Sundays at 8:30 am & 10 am in St. Paul's UCC's parking lot (see page 3 for more information) as a safe alternative to regular worship. Sermons are still available online on

our website. So far our online sermons have been reaching between 80-100 views!

If you need Pastoral Care, please contact the church office at 717.665.2447. Please note that due to Covid-19, only end of life visitation is currently permitted in hospitals and nursing facilities. Therefore, most visitation will be done by phone.

Looking ahead as we prepare to meet again, please be ready for church to be affected by social distancing guidelines, as the virus will still be around with no cure or vaccine widely available for some time. Please be assured that St. Paul's will be using social distancing in worship, events, and meetings once we are able to be together again. Hand sanitizer stations will be set up and you may still need to wear a mask. If you feel you need to continue to shelter at home, we will still continue to offer online sermons.

Jesus Shall Reign Continued

As our King, Jesus rules over our spirit and soul and gives us the gift of a new righteousness and eternal life!

But it does not end here. As Christians we share in this eternal kingdom. For we are also prophets, priests, and kings. As a prophet, we confess the name of Christ pointing the way to His eternal kingdom. As a priest we offer to Christ our very heart and life in thanksgiving for what He has done for us. As a king (or queen) we are freed from sin and so we live in this freedom and one day we will reign in His eternal kingdom.

Bless the Lord who reigns in beauty. Bless the Lord who reigns in wisdom. Bless the Lord who reigns my life with so much love. Only He can make a perfect heart. Amen. Jesus Shall Reign! (from the Hymn, *A Perfect Heart*).

In Christ,
Pastor Bill Long

June Scripture Readings

Sunday, June 7, The Holy Trinity: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; and St. Matthew 28:16-20.

Sunday, June 14, Pentecost 2: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; and St. Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23).

Sunday, June 21, Pentecost 3: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:6-10 (11-15) 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; St. Matthew 10:24-39.

Sunday, June 28, Pentecost 4: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; St. Matthew 10:40-42.



Giving Options

To continue the ministry of St. Paul's UCC Manheim, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Ways to give while worshiping at home include:

- Send a check to St. Paul's UCC, 50 N. Main St. Manheim, PA 17545
- Use the Bill Pay Option through your bank's online bill pay
- Sign up for Direct Withdrawal by requesting a form to be completed and returned to the church office.

Drive in Worship – A New & Safe Way to Worship



Drive in Worship started on Sunday, May 31 with a Pentecost Celebration and it was a resounding success!

Drive in Worship continues each Sunday at 8:30 am & 10 am in St. Paul's UCC's parking lot as a safe way to worship that reflects the current social distancing standards for Covid-19.

The worship services will be held Rain or Shine and will last approximately 30-40 minutes. To keep social distancing standards, we ask that everyone plan to stay in their car the entire time. At this time, we cannot accommodate walk-ins – no lawn chairs will be allowed. Our online worship services will still be available for those who are not able to attend the drive-in service.

Since our parking lot is limited, we ask that you RSVP for each car for either the 8:30 am or 10 am worship service

by Wednesday mornings by contacting the church office at 717.665.2447 or by email

stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net so that we can fit as many that wish to worship as possible at each of the services.

More details re: how to park, how to hear the service, etc. will be emailed to you prior to the worship service to those who RSVP and provided their email address.

This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors, and family to worship! Come & worship @ St. Paul's UCC!

Communion during Covid-19

We'll celebrate our worship service with The Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, June 7 at both Drive in Worship services (8:30 & 10 am). St. Paul's will use Fellowship Cups for communion. Fellowship cups hold all the elements in a disposable, safe cup. You peel off the first label for your wafer and then you peel off the second layer label for your grape juice.

By using the Fellowship Cups, you can be assured that the sacraments served to you will be safe to consume to lower your risk for Covid-19 and yet will feed your soul and your spiritual walk in life while connecting you with the saints, and all others in worship.



Missions

Mission Trip:

The mission trip to Earlesville, MD to serve at Deep Roots homeless shelter, formerly known as Clairvaux Farms scheduled for June 18-21 has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 17-Sunday, June 20, 2021 due to the Coronavirus. If you would like to serve, please contact Sandy Bareford at 717. 341.5931 or by email at sandybareford@gmail.com

Mission of the Month:

The June Mission of the Month is a UCC special offering - Strengthen the Church.

Your donations to Strengthen the Church help to support the expansion of ministry and growth of local UCC congregations. Your support also helps the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches,

awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Please use your June special envelope to give to the Strengthen the Church initiative.

Food Pantry Update:

In April, 148 households were served for a total of 221 individuals. There were 20 new households.

The Manheim community has been very generous in their support of the pantry, in food donations and monetary donations.

At this time, the food pantry is prepacking bags so that no clients are entering the pantry. Hopefully, we can soon go back to being a choice pantry.

At this time, we are not suggesting any special food items we need at this time. Thanks for your support!



Women's Fellowship



The next Women's Fellowship meeting is scheduled to meet on Thursday, June 25 @ 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, pending a lifting of the stay at home order by Gov. Wolf.

Under the yellow reopening status, we would be able to meet as a group of under 25 persons.

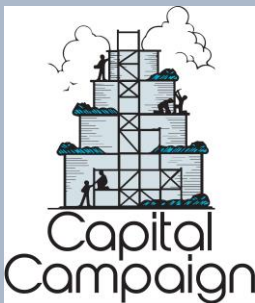
Please check the website or contact June Smith at 717.664.4295 for updates.

Thank You Note

Members of St. Paul's UCC,
What a pleasure it is for me to send a letter of gratitude in response to your recent donation to Heifer International (March Mission of the Month). Your generosity is appreciated now more than ever as Covid-19 strains food systems across the globe. Twenty of the twenty-one countries that Heifer has projects in has confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus. The pandemic has presented each of the communities where we work with a unique set of challenges but also very real opportunities to support those who are most vulnerable. Thank you so much. – Melanie Kapinos



Capital Campaign



Another \$2,000 was donated in April to the Capital Fund.

Your giving will be used for the:

- replacement of the protective exterior covers on the sanctuary's stained-glass windows
- replacement of the sanctuary fire escape
- replacement of the memorial garden entrance door
- replacement of the soffit in the front of the church

Please consider supporting the Capital Campaign with whatever amount possible. Simply designate 'Capital' on your offering envelope. Thank you for your support of this important effort.

– Gretchen Miller, Treasurer

Council Highlights

St. Paul's Church Council met on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 @ 7 pm. Below are the highlights of that meeting:

- Pastor Bill opened the prayer/devotion time by reading a letter received from a member expressing their appreciation for keeping us connected in faith. Remember the words of Jesus, let not your hearts be troubled.
- No Endowment or Memorial Fund report.
- Treasurers' Report:
 - Current income is down due to the cancellation of services.
 - New accounts for income and expenses were added to the Operating Account to reflect the \$34,890 Payroll Protection Program loan/grant received in late April.
 - Benevolence – April's mission of the month was Manheim Central Food Pantry.
 - Capital income continues to be good likely thanks to the capital campaign.
- Pastor's Report:
 - Pastor Bill reported that he has been making calls and sending out cards to the congregation to keep connections going. He is not able to visit those who are ill unless it is end of life.
 - He also reported that a crèche has been gifted from St. John's UCC Lebanon (they are closing their doors) which we can use in a procession in Advent.
 - We've been getting between 80-100 views for the online sermons. Looking ahead we may want to start a tech team to continue this on a weekly basis.
- Committee Report: Mission trip to Clairvaux Farm (Deep Roots) has been cancelled for 2020 and rescheduled for 2021.

Old Business:

- Elections: Secretary - Sandy Bareford

New Business:

- Church Opening Preparations Pastor Bill and Dani presented an idea for a way to hold church - a drive in church service beginning on Sunday, May 31 which is Pentecost



Sunday. All agreed to move forward with Drive in Worship. Pray for good weather.

Open Discussion: none

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 @ 7 pm with Spiritual Council @ 6 pm. Lynn Brewer is the Communion/Church Closer for June.

Closing Prayer was offered by Pastor Bill Long. Adjournment was at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela 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.

Graduate Recognition

Graduation certainly looked different for those finishing their high school or college careers this year. Please take a moment to send a card or word of praise to our recent graduate:

Nick Brewer graduated from Neumann University with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy after 8 years of study. Congratulations Dr. Brewer!

If you know of any other graduates from St. Paul's UCC that would appreciate recognition, please contact the church office.

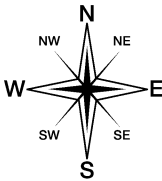
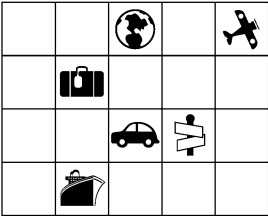




Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.
Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N ☐ _ _ _

Start at the WORLD.
Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE _ _ ☐

Start at the SUITCASE.
Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E _ _ _ ☐

Start at the PLANE.
Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W _ _ ☐ _

Start at the CAR.
Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW ☐ _ _ _ _

Start at the SIGN.
Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW _ _ _ _ _ _ ☐

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng
both no_ and for_vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



- What you need:**
- Dental floss
 - Sewing needle
 - O-shaped cereal
 - Raisins
 - Popcorn

- What you do:**
1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
 2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
 3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
 4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.



June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Property Board 7:00pm Set up for Elections	2 7:00am Primary Elections	3	4 7:00pm Zoom AA Meeting	5	6
7 8:30am Drive in Worship 10:00am Drive in Worship 	8 5:30pm Weight Watchers	9 8:30am Lancaster Association Meeting	10 12:00pm Manheim Ministerium	11 9:00am Mercersburg Bible Study 7:00pm Zoom AA Meeting	12	13
14 8:30am Drive in Worship 10:00am Drive in Worship 	15 5:30pm Weight Watchers	16 6:00pm Spiritual Council Meeting 7:00pm Church Council Meeting  Church Council	17	18 7:00pm Zoom AA Meeting	19	20 
21 Father's Day Newsletter Deadline 8:30am Drive in Worship 10:00am Drive in Worship 	22 5:30pm Weight Watchers	23	24	25 1:30pm Women's Fellowship 6:00pm Simply Yoga 7:00pm Zoom AA Meeting	26	27
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JUNE

Birthdays & Anniversaries

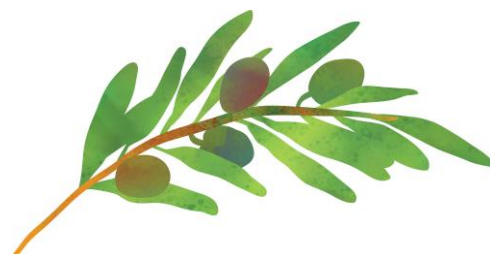
Warm well wishes to those celebrating their birthday or anniversary in June!



Online Worship Attendance

4/26 – 115 5/3 – 116 5/10 – 83

5/17 – 70



Christian Symbols

Olive Branch

The olive branch is a symbol of peace, harmony and healing. Olive trees provide shelter, as well as oil used for ointment and consecration.

The olive branch also represents deliverance from hardships and anxiety because a dove brought an olive leaf back to Noah's ark after the flood ended (Genesis 8:11).

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.

Hannah Fisher	Brooke Gabster	Jennifer Green
Dawn Hoffman	Mike Kennedy	Nancy Lishman
Anna Mary Peters	Marie Rhodes	Burt Savitz
Carole Shank	Michael Shelley	Robert & Joanna Schreiber
Polly Stoner	Doris Stroud	Lisa Weaver
*Nancy Brosey	*Ralph Givler	*Betz Klopp
*Cheryl Lauer	*Carrie Mathiot	*Linda Osborn
*Jack Reed	*Connie Shirk	*Eric Smeltz
*Cindy Zdradzinsk	*Maya	



In the military:

Cindy Dieterly

Kyle May

Doug Pearson

Nathaniel Sexton



Date	Team	Date	Team
June 7	5	July 12	1
June 14	1	July 19	3
June 21	3	July 26	4
June 27	4	Aug. 2	5
July 5	5	Aug. 9	1

Greeters

Greeters at the Drive in Worship services will look very different, but will basically be doing the same duties as greeters and ushers.

As you arrive for Drive in Worship, you'll be greeted by several council members and other leaders to direct you, give you a bulletin and/or communion element, and assist you if help is needed.

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: Jane Laube & Wayne Deem

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

Thanks for serving.

Communication Deadlines

St. Paul Happenings is printed monthly except for the July/August & December/January combined issues. The deadline to submit articles is the 3rd Sunday of the month before publication. **The July/August newsletter deadline is Sunday, June 21, 2020.** Bulletin announcements are due to the church office no later than Wednesday mornings @ 8 am.

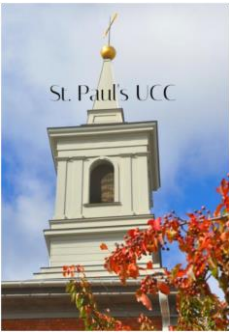
St. Paul's Staff & Leaders

Staff:

Pastor – The Rev. Bill Long
 Church Administrator – Pam Herman
 Organist – June Smith
 Chancel Choir Director – John Degler
 Bell Choir Director – Jim Hoffman
 Praise Team Coordinator – Steve Smith
 Nursery Coordinator – Rhonda Raia
 Custodian – Mark Lowe
 Kitchen Managers – Sandy Bareford & Jerry Weller

Council:

Ministers – All Church Members
 Sandy Bareford, Secretary
 Lynn Brewer
 Rick Conley – Vice President
 Danette Fair
 Joan Hess – President
 Gretchen Miller - Treasurer
 Dave Palfrey – Assistant Treasurer
 Karen Weiss
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 The Rev. Bill Long, Pastor & Pam Herman, Church
 Administrator & Recording Secretary



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Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.

Psalm 66:8, NIV

