

St. Paul's Happenings

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Making a Difference Through the Love of Christ - Together

Jeremiah So Far by Pam Herman

What I've learned from the book of Jeremiah so far in Bible Study has been astounding! And I can really apply most of what I'm learning to both my everyday life and my spiritual journey. Hopefully, in my sharing what I've learned so far, you can learn and apply some of these truths to yours as well.

- 1) *"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."* – Jeremiah 1:4

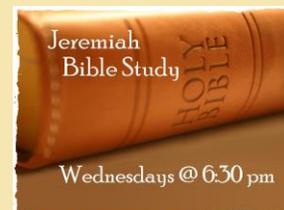
God reveals to Jeremiah the call that is placed on his life – the call that was made before Jeremiah was even born. While many of us are not prophets, God knew each one of us before we were formed in the womb and He consecrated us for His calling. Do you know what your calling is?

- 2) *"Then I said, Alas Lord God! Behold I do not know how to speak, because I am a youth. But the Lord said to me "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' because everywhere I send you, you shall go, and all that I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you," declares the Lord.* – Jeremiah 1:6-8

Do not be afraid – for I am with you. We hear these words many times throughout both the Old and New Testaments. Why do we not believe that God is with us? God's love never fails and yet we question it all the time. **(Continued on page 6)**



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October Liturgy

This Fall, the lectionary will feature alternate readings from the book of Jeremiah and Lamentations.

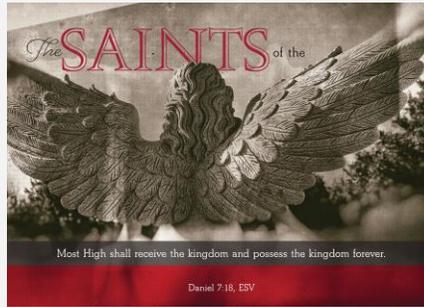
If you'd like to learn more about *Listening to God in Difficult Times* and the book of Jeremiah, be sure to check out the Wednesday evening Bible Study @ 6:30 pm (See box below). The Sunday readings will mirror much of what we learn in the Bible Study.

October 6: Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; St. Luke 17:5-10

October 13: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; St. Luke 17:11-19

October 20: Jeremiah 31: 27-34; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; St. Luke 18:1-8

October 27 – Reformation Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36.



All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday, November 3, we will once again recognize our Saints who have departed from us this past year.

If you would like to remember your loved one who passed away since last All Saints' Sunday (November 4, 2018) please contact the church office with the name of your loved one, their birthdate, their date of death and their relationship to you.

The deadline to include your loved one is Sunday, October 27.



250th October Celebration

Please join us **on Sunday, October 20 @ 9:30 am** for a History Lesson Skit with Mike Givler & Pastor Bill Long.

Upcoming Celebrations:

Nov. 3 @ 9:30 – All Saints' Day w/special recognition of former Pastor, the late Rev. Norman Bucher, Jr.

Dec. 29 @ 9:30 am – End of Year Celebration w/Bev Geib and the service will end with "The Hallelujah Chorus." Brunch will follow the service.

Come celebrate 250 years with us!

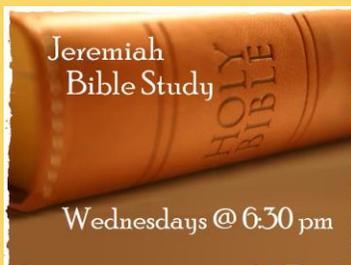
Cantata Rehearsals Begin

Yes it's that time of year – time to begin thinking about the Christmas Cantata!

Rehearsals for the Cantata will begin on Wednesday, October 30 @ 8 pm.

Even if you don't read music or sing in the chancel choir regularly, you can still participate – all parts are needed. For more information, please contact John Degler at 717.653.4053 or by email at jdegler@comcast.net

Jeremiah Bible Study



Every day we are bombarded with messages that promise happiness, predict doom and gloom or simply just try to grab our attention. But are these voices trustworthy? Can they help us steer our lives in the right direction?

The prophet Jeremiah's example and the lessons he proclaims can empower us to faithfully listen to and follow the Word of God as we observe his message, interpret its meaning and apply truth to our own life.

The Jeremiah Bible Study continues on Wednesdays evenings @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall using Kay Arthur's "Listening to God in Difficult Times" as our guide to dig deeper into God's Word. Come, learn, and grow in seeking God's Will for your life.

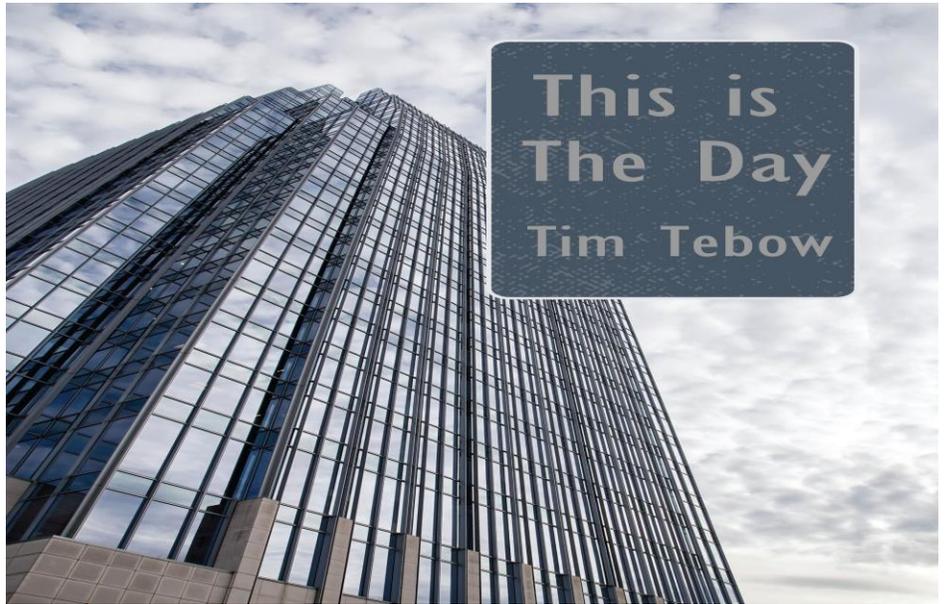


Manheim Farm Show

Come out to the Manheim Farm Show on Monday, October 7 through Friday, October 11. And while you're there, be sure to stop by St. Paul's food stand for your Pork BBQ sandwich and drink!

Once again, St. Paul's UCC will partner with Hemlock Archers and will be selling Pork BBQ sandwiches and drinks - you'll find our stand near the pool.

See you at the Farm Show!



Up In & Out

Up In & Out Small Group returns on Sunday, October 6 @ 10:45 am in Fellowship Hall.

Our first study we'll focus on is called "This is the Day" with Tim Tebow.

Every day is a gift from God and packed with potential to bless Him and others. This series with Heisman Trophy winner, Tim Tebow, is all about seizing the opportunities God gives us each day to obey Him and love others.

Have you ever felt God nudging you to do something for another person? With sessions entitled "Live on Purpose, Transcend the Journey, Live Extraordinary, and Make it Count,"

we'll learn more about living out what's on our hearts and take advantage of today and do what God asks us to do rather than wait for "one day."

What are the opportunities God has placed before you? What could it look like to make today count?

Come to Up In & Out and find out!

(Up In & Out is open to all ages – young or older adult!)



FREE Community Breakfast

Breakfast casseroles with a side of fruit will be on the menu for the October **FREE Community Breakfast to be held on Saturday, October 19 from 9-10:30 am** in St. Paul's UCC's Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming dates for the Breakfast include:

- ▶ Saturday, November 16
- ▶ Saturday, December 7 (Breakfast with Santa)
- ▶ Saturday, January 18, 2020

If you'd like to serve, please contact Rhonda Raia at 717.808.6868 or by email at smiles4u@dejazzd.com.





Women's Fellowship

We are well into the Fall season now and that means Women's Fellowship activities are in full swing!

We kicked off fall with our annual free turkey dinner. This event encompasses what St. Paul's is all about and truly makes a difference in our community through Christ's love. It is a joy and honor to serve this dinner, but it's also a big undertaking and could not be done without generous contributions from the members of St. Paul's.

Thank you to all who sowed into the turkey dinner through your gifts of organization, finances, prayers, cooking, baking, serving, crafting, donating, setting up, cleaning and a hundred other ways.

Thanks to those who blessed us by attending and inviting friends. Our hope in Women's Fellowship is that we've left the imprint of love on each of you through our service to the Lord.

Our next undertaking is to collectively support UCC Homes. UCC Homes does an impeccable job of caring for the aging, never turning a person away because of inability to pay. The auxiliary supports activities and additions that enhance the quality of life for residents at each home through the giving of our annual and lifetime dues. Last year, each home received \$2500.00 from the auxiliary. Some homes used their funds to create easy-access raised garden beds for residents with limited mobility and wheelchairs! **On Sunday, October 20th and Sunday, October 27th, we'll have a special day of giving to benefit the UCC Homes auxiliary and be part of the wonderful things that are happening there.** These special days of giving will replace the dues, which means no

forms or paperwork need to be filled out. **You can simply give whatever is on your heart during church service on those days.** Over the years, many of our own members have been blessed by the care at the UCC Homes, so thank you for your heart toward this mission.

Finally, if you would like to purchase gift cards as Christmas gifts for the UCC Homes, or for your family and friends, please begin to prepare for the gift card fundraiser coming up shortly.

Our October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 31st in Fellowship Hall at 1:30. Please join us for snacks, devotions, and updates on all of our activities.

Love in Christ,
Akira Owens

Pleasant View Communion

St. Paul's UCC will celebrate Holy Communion at Pleasant View Retirement Community on Thursday, October 10 @ 1:30 pm.

Time Change

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 3. Don't forget to "Fall Back" one hour on Saturday, November 2 before going to bed.



Book Club

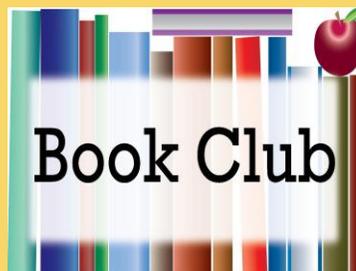
The Lion, the Witch & The Wardrobe

Do you enjoy a good, classic book? Better yet, do you enjoy a good discussion with friends about a good, classic book?

If so, you'll definitely enjoy Book Club which will meet every other month starting at St. Paul's UCC on Monday, November 18 from 6-8 pm.

Pastor Bill Long will lead the discussion re: The Lion, the Witch & The Wardrobe.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to participate.



Missions

Blanket the world with love



Mission of the Month

The October Mission of the Month is Church World Services Blanket Appeal.

Because of your support, last year CWS was able to distribute over 174,000 blankets and kits throughout the world to those in need due to natural disaster, homelessness, and war. CWS Blankets made bedding, a warm shelter and hope for life possible. Learn more online at www.cwsblankets.org.

Please use your October special envelope to blanket the world with love.

Homes for Hope Mentor Workshop

The second family has been living in the Manheim Home of Hope for just over a month and we're pleased to have the current mentors and budget

coaches representing 3 of our local churches. More mentors are needed!

Love INC is planning a mentor training for the Home of Hope Ministry on Saturday, October 5th from 8 am-3 pm at Landis Valley Christian Fellowship, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster. The cost is \$65 which includes lunch and materials.

Contact Shawn Moyer to register at 717.735.7540 x105 or by email at smoyer@loveinclancaster.org.

Food Pantry Report

Items needed for the Manheim Central Food Pantry include:

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Crackers/Saltines
- Soup
- Elbow Macaroni

2020 Mission Trip:

Clairvaux Farm, MD

Thursday, June 18-

Sunday, June 21,

2020

See Akira Owens

for more info!

From the Manheim Ministerium

Assistance Fund Requests from January-June 2019

Total calls received-162 (compared to 195 for the same time period in 2018).

Assistance was provided to 91 individuals/families – most of the assistance came through the Manheim Churches Assistance Fund, but also through Salem Family Ministries, Salvation Army, and a few area churches. The needs included: Rent/security deposit (24), gas (21), groceries/gift cards (18), gas & groceries (5), heating fuel (10), utilities (9), handyman/house repairs/Manheim Project (9), housing (7), car/car repairs (5), clothing (3), medical/dental/prescriptions (3), furniture, household (3), insurance (2), water/sewer (2), and tax bill (1) and other requests (3). Please note that these are the request that came with the calls, but not everyone received actual assistance.

Needs unable to meet or did not receive assistance: Limit of annual assistance was already reached (10), or live outside the Manheim Central area (7).

Referrals were made to other organizations, particularly other ministerial organizations for those outside the Manheim Central area. Only 1 person was homeless or facing eviction during this period, although some of the people already in motels were likely homeless.

– Bill Melone



Jeremiah So Far Continued

What will it take for us to believe that God is always with us? In order to know that God is with us, we have to be with God – I think this is really the issue. It isn't God who strays – it's us. When we choose to live a life away from Him by choosing our own way, by choosing to live in the darkness of our sin, we don't seem to realize that it is us who chooses to have distance between us and God – we just like to blame Him instead. We say things like I don't feel God in this moment, or God deserted me in my time of need. But is that really true?

3) In chapters 1-24, the core idea of the accusations and warnings that Jeremiah shares with the people is that Israel has broken the covenant God made with His people when they were exiled from Egypt and living in the wilderness waiting to take possession of the promised land. How have they broken the covenant and how are they choosing to live?

- The people, priests, prophets, and kings didn't seek God. *"They did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' And those who handle the law did not know God."* – Jeremiah 2:6-8
- Without seeking God's voice and wisdom, the prophets are sharing their own version of prophecy and are leading the people astray. *"The prophets are prophesying falsehood in My name. I have neither sent them nor commanded them nor spoken to them; they are prophesying to you a false vision, divination, futility and the deception of their own minds."* – Jeremiah 14:14

- Lies and distrust abound. *"Everyone is greedy for gain, and from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely."* – Jeremiah 6:13 *"Everyone be on guard against his neighbor, and do not trust any brother; because every brother deals craftily, and every neighbor goes about as a slanderer."* – Jeremiah 9:4
- Worst of all, the people have turned their back on God and have worshipped other gods. *They have turned back to the iniquities of their ancestors who refused to hear My words, and they have gone after other gods to serve them.* – Jeremiah 11:10 *"It is because your forefathers have forsaken Me," declares the Lord, "and have followed other gods and served them and bowed down to them; but Me, they have forsaken and have not kept My law. You too have done evil, even more than your forefathers, for behold you are each one walking according to the stubbornness of his own evil heart without listening to Me."* – Jeremiah 16:11-12

The people in Jeremiah's time were very far from God – much like our time today. Sometimes, we like to think we've come so far, but have we really? Aren't we living in a world that is greedy, that worships so many other things than God – that doesn't even know to seek God for guidance and repentance? Our gods don't have to be wooden statues – they can be things like busyness, over dependence on electronics, selfishness. Anything we seek that isn't of God or with God is an idol.

Remember the commandments – *"You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me."* – Exodus 20:3-5. God doesn't really like to share us – He wants our full attention! But do we give it?

Jeremiah has the joy to serve a God who is about to rain down His wrath for a people who choose to be far from Him. God gives the people many chances to turn back from their ways and turn to Him, but the desolation, siege and destruction of Jerusalem and the captivity of His people is certain. It is only in that desolation, and a promise from God that he would renew the covenant and transform their hearts that the people return to God.

What does it take for us to continually turn to God – in all that we do? We can either choose to live out a life with God or live a life away from His love, truth, and promises and risk eternal devastation. Which do you choose? And does this choice show to others who don't know that they too have a choice?



October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>OCTOBER</p>		1 1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm New Voices Vision Team	2 6:30pm Bible Study/Stay & Pray 7:00pm Kids Bells 7:30pm Adult Bells 8:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3 6:00pm Simply Yoga 6:30pm Women's Club Board Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting	4	5
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27 Reformation Sunday 9:30am One Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:45am Up In & Out  <p>REFORMATION</p>	28 5:30pm Weight Watchers	29	30 8:30am Fellowship Breakfast 6:30pm Bible Study/Stay & Pray 7:00pm Kids Bells 7:30pm Adult Bells 8:00pm Cantata Rehearsal 8:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	31 Halloween 1:30pm Women's Fellowship 6:00pm Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA Meeting 		

Council Highlights

St. Paul's Church Council met on Tuesday, September 17. Highlights of the meeting are below:

Memorial Gifts/Endowment Report:

Current value of the Endowment Fund has jumped significantly thanks to a donation from the Linda Rohrer estate. An additional cash draw of \$10,000 was made for operating expenses in early September.

Treasurers Report: Operating income is down about \$13,000 likely due to lower summer attendance. Capital income is coming in at budget.

Pastor's Report

- There were 5 children in nursery this past Sunday – we need to seriously start thinking about our Christian Education program. A team will be formed shortly to begin this process.
- Every week, we've had visitors here. Pastor Bill will start a meet and greet for those who might be

interested in a new members class.

- Another special meeting will likely be held in November.
- Pastor Bill started attending the Lancaster Association and Manheim Ministerium meetings. He also attends a Mercersburg study at Trinity UCC.

Old Business:

- Open Council positions: Spiritual Council is working on a nominations team.
- Communion Procedure Update: will be available at the next meeting.
- State of the Church Meeting to be held on September 22.

New Business:

- Deacons/Elders: Spiritual Council will bring more information to next month's meeting.
- Budget Committee will begin working in October with Council approval at the November meeting and congregational approval at a meeting to be held on Sunday, December 15. Gretchen Miller, Rick Conley, Dave Palfrey, Lynn Brewer and Pam Herman are the Budget Committee.
- January 26, 2020 was set as the date for the Annual Congregational meeting.

The next council meeting will be held Tuesday, October 15 @ 7 pm.

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

From the Church Office



Please remember to contact the church office at [717.665.2447](tel:717.665.2447) or by email at 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 Long directly at 717.228.0949.

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





Worship Attendance:

August 25 – 73
September 1 – 78
September 8 – 94
September 15 – 76
September 22 - 80

Birthday or Anniversary
Blessings to all
celebrating their
birthday or anniversary
in the month of
October!

Easy Way to Give

There's an easy way to give to the church that doesn't require writing checks or giving envelopes. It's like Direct Deposit only it's Direct Giving. You can choose how much, which accounts (Current, Benevolence, Capital, etc.) and when to give – weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly – and the amount can be withdrawn directly from either your checking or savings account. For more information, please contact Pam Herman in the church office at 717.665.2447 or by email at stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net



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.

Miriam Bargo	Hannah Fisher	Brooke Gabster
Deb Griffith	Dawn Hoffman	Mike Kennedy
Nancy Lishman	Anna Mary Peters	Marie Rhodes
Burt Savitz	Carole Shank	Michael Shelley
Polly Stoner	Doris Stroud	Lisa Weaver
*Nancy Brosey	*Ralph Givler	*Betz Klopp
*Carrie Mathiot	*Linda Osborn	*Connie Shirk
*Cindy Zdradzinsk	*Maya	

In the military: Cindy Dieterly, Kyle May, Doug Pearson & Nathaniel Sexton



HARVEST

Trail Mix

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.



Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.



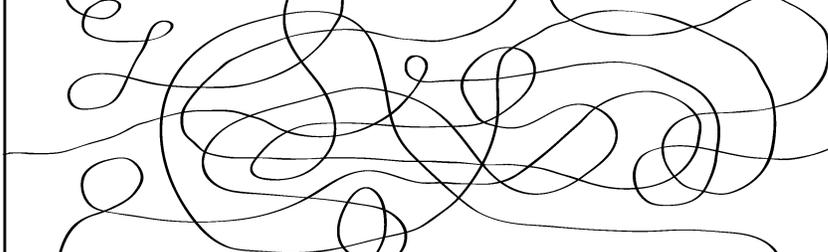
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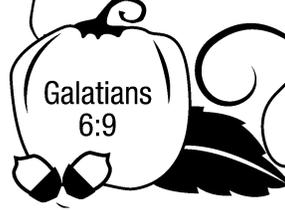


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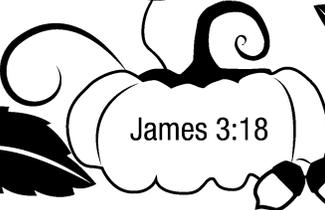


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Galatians
6:9



James 3:18



John
4:35

Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields





Greeters

October 6 – Lori Roseberry

October 13 – Dottie Boger

October 20 – Nancy Smith

October 27 – Tom & Jean Gates

Usher Schedule

Date	Team	Date	Team
Oct. 6	3	Nov. 10	4
Oct. 13	4	Nov. 17	5
Oct. 20	5	Nov. 24	1
Oct. 27	1	Dec. 1	3
Nov. 3	3	Dec. 8	4

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 December/January & July/August combined issues. The deadline to submit articles is the 3rd Sunday of the month before publication. **The November 2019 deadline is Sunday, October 20, 2019.** Bulletin announcements are due to the church office no later than Wed. mornings @ 8 am.

St. Paul's Staff & Leaders

Staff:

Pastor – The Rev. Bill Long

Church Administrator – Pam Herman

Youth & Family Minister – Akira Owens

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:

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Sandy Bareford

Rick Conley – Vice President

Danette Fair

Joan Hess – President

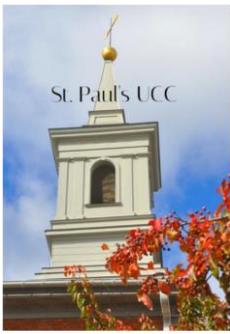
Gretchen Miller - Treasurer

Dave Palfrey – Assistant Treasurer

Mandy Peiffer – Secretary

Non-voting Ex-Officio Member by Position:

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



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