



St. Paul's Happenings

A Publication of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Manheim

July - August 2026

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

Happy Birthday St. Paul's – 257 Years!

This church is still looking good for being this old! With the new renovations, the church looks even better!

Happy Birthday to a church who has seen many blizzards, as well as hot and humid days. Happy Birthday to a church that stood on dirt streets never dreaming of being paved. Happy Birthday to a church which was a hospital for George Washington's army.

Happy Birthday to a church which is more than a building. A place where people pray, sing, dream, and shed a tear. A place where now and then the preacher says something dumb or bores you with an occasional "Yankee" story.

And may I say Happy Birthdday to Jesus because before this was a UCC Church, before this was an Evangelical Reformed Church, this Church belongs to Him! And still does!

If it had not belonged to Christ, what building would be here? There would be an empty spot in Manheim, regardless of what would be here. Think about it, this spot of ground is where people were married, baptized, funerals observed, people buried, sermons preached. This is a spot of ground where Christ was and is celebrated!

Despite our differences, a few people enter this church. For we have three things in common: for we believe in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is what makes this place a church. It is a loving God who cares for us now and into the future. We enter this building knowing we need God's help. We need to pray together, weep with each other and rejoice and sing praises to God. If this church is going to continue into the future we need to: Love God, Love Each Other, now and into the future – even eternity! Happy Birthday you who are older than America!!!

- Pastor Bill Long



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A Repair for Brokenness

Our lives are marked by brokenness, including broken relationships, broken promises, and broken expectations. Left unattended, these fractures can quietly shape us, hardening into bitterness or resentment.

How do we live with such brokenness without losing heart? We return, again and again, to God's faithful presence. In Him, we find not only comfort but restoration. God does not ignore what is broken. He meets us in it, gently mending what we place in His hands and reshaping what feels beyond repair.

Scripture reminds us, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3, NIV). What we cannot fix on our own, God is able to restore in His time and in His way.

Henri Nouwen, a Dutch Catholic priest, professor and spiritual writer, often spoke of this sacred return, the daily turning back to God where healing

begins and hope is renewed. In His presence, our brokenness is not wasted. It becomes the very place where grace takes root and new life begins. (From ChurchArt Online)



Feel free to enjoy a delicious cup of Whiff Roasters coffee in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings after worship! You'll have a chance to grab some tasty treats, and mingle and get to know a great group of people that make up the heart of St. Paul's. You'll even have a chance to chat with Pastor Bill Long.

Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next on Sunday, August 2, 2026.

A Communion Service, open to all, will also be held at Pleasant View Retirement Community on **Wednesdays, July 15 & August 19 @ 1:30 pm.**

Also, if you worship from home and need communion elements, please contact the church office at 717.665.2447.

July & August Scripture Readings

Sunday, July 5, Pentecost 6: Zechariah 9:9-12/Psalm 145:8-14/Romans 7:15-25/St. Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 12, Pentecost 7: Isaiah 55:10-13/Psalm 65:1-13/Romans 8:1-11/St. Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 19, Pentecost 8: Isaiah 44:6-8/Psalm 86:11-17/Romans 8:12-25/St. Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 26, Pentecost 9: 1 Kings 3:5-12/Psalm 119:129-136/Romans 8:26-39/St. Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sunday, August 2, Pentecost 10: Isaiah 55:1-5/Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21/Romans 9:1-5/St. Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 9, Pentecost 11: 1 Kings 19:9-18/Psalm 85:8-13/Romans 10:5-15/St. Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 16, Pentecost 12: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8/Psalm 67/Romans 11:1-2, 29-32/St. Matthew 15:10-28

Sunday, August 23, Pentecost 13: Isaiah 51:1-6/Psalm 138/Romans 12:1-8/St. Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, August 30, Pentecost 14: Jeremiah 15:15-21/Psalm 26:1-8/Romans 12:9-21/St. Matthew 16:21-28



Summer Happenings @ St. Paul's

Bible Study

The Wednesday Night Bible Study will take a hiatus this summer but will return in early September with a study on the minor prophets. Look for more info to come later in August.

Communion @ Pleasant View

Communion Worship Services will be held in Pleasant View's Hoffer Auditorium on Wednesdays, July 15 & August 19 @ 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FREE Community Breakfast

The FREE Community Breakfast will be held on Saturday, July 18 from 8:30-10 am in Fellowship Hall.

On the menu this month is Frittatas and Fruit Smoothies served with your choice of beverage.

Then in August, the breakfast will be served on Saturday, August 15 from 8:30-10 am. The menu is to be determined.

To help out at the breakfast, please feel free to contact Erica Hoffman at 717.203.1449 or by email at ejhoffman826@gmail.com.

Fellowship Breakfast

The Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Thursdays, July 23 and August 27 @ 8:30 am @ The Kountry Kitchen Family Restaurant. Please RSVP to Claire Reed at 717.951.4325 by Monday, July 20 or August 24 if you plan to attend.

Women's Fellowship

The next meetings of Women's Fellowship will be held on Thursday, July 30 and August 27 @ 1 pm @ The Shack. Order lunch or just ice cream – see page 4 for more details.

Check Out Our Website

As we continue with the 2nd floor renovations, please be aware that some events in the church may be moved to another area.

Be sure to check out our website for up to date event information, or for information on cancellations or delays due to construction.

To access our website, go to www.stpaulsuccmanheim.org



Outdoor Worship – Sunday, July 5



Wear your RED, WHITE & BLUE on Sunday, July 5 as we celebrate our country's 250 years in worship @ 9:30 am in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting).

Coffee Hour will follow in our newly renovated Fellowship Hall.

You won't want to miss this great worship opportunity!

See you there!



Women's Fellowship

The next two meeting for Women's Fellowship will be held on Thursday, July 30 & August 27 @ 1pm @ The Shack.

All ladies are invited to come out to The Shack and enjoy either a great lunch and/or some ice cream too!

At the meeting, we'll also discuss upcoming events for the Fall and Winter and how we can best support St. Paul's church ministry and Manheim community.

As always, please remember our homebound members. Phone calls, cards, and notes are always appreciated by our homebound members so they know they are not forgotten. Our faithful though homebound "St. Paul's Warriors" always need your caring cards, thoughts and prayers.

In His Love,
June Smith & Dottie Drumheller

Mission of the Month

The July Mission of the Month is Bible2School and the August Mission of the Month is Teen Central.

Bible2School, a public school ministry, equips communities to provide free Bible classes to children during their public school day. The children from Baron and Doe Run Schools in grades 2-4 walk or are bused to a nearby church or partner location where trained volunteers engage the children in lively worship, Bible stories, lessons, activities, and prayer. Please use your July special envelope to help our neighboring kids, many who are not churched, learn about the Bible.

Teen Central is a local non-profit that provides Spiritual Development and Quality Life Experiences for the Youth of Manheim. Teens can drop in to Teen Central to spend time connecting with adult mentors for various activities, Bible study, and share a meal together. Please use your August special envelope to support this great outreach ministry that truly makes a difference in the lives of Manheim teens.

Food Pantry Update

Food assistance is available to anyone living in the Manheim Central School District through the Manheim Central Food Pantry. For more information, call Ruth Ellen Brown at 717.664.1097.

Please note that the summer time is a time when the Food Pantry is typically in dire need of donations. If you garden, please note that produce is a most appreciated donation. Current needs for the Manheim Central Food Pantry are:

Pancake Mix, Diapers-sizes 5,6, Baby Wipes, Pull ups, Beef Stew, Canned Peaches, Canned Mandarin Oranges, Applesauce, Rice Sides, Chef Boyardee products, and plastic and reusable grocery bags

Please be sure your donations are not expired, opened, or used. For more info, go to <https://manheimcentralfoodpantry.org/>



Special Music & Video/Sound Team Help Needed



Special music is needed throughout the summer months. If you would like to provide special music, accompaniment is available through our organist, June Smith, or by music video or loop music.

To schedule the date you wish to provide special music, please contact the church office at 717.665.2447 and let us know if you need accompaniment, what dates you prefer and the name of the piece and the composer.

Additional team members are needed for our Sound and Video teams as well. Training is available - contact the church office if interested in serving.

Thanks so much for considering sharing your special talents in worship!

Council Highlights

Church Council met on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Highlights are shared before the minutes are approved by council at their next meeting, when corrections to details may occur.

Endowment Fund: Endowment fund is performing well. \$7,300 has been received in gifts year to date. An additional estate gift is expected soon as well.

Treasurer's Report:

Benevolence: \$936 was received for the UCC Strengthen the Church fund which was the May Mission of the Month, and \$563 was received for OCWM in May.

Operating: \$9,101 was received in May for current operating expenses; budget is \$10,417/month.

Capital: \$1,339 was received in May for the capital fund.

May's giving was \$7,560.25 over last year's giving.

Pastor's Report:

- Sunday, June 28 @ 10 am will be the worship service @ Pleasant View. An 8:30 am service of the Word will be held in Bright Chapel Library that morning as well.
- Entrance doors will be locked after worship beginning August 2 for safety reasons.

Committee Reports:

Property Board: New doors in Fellowship Hall have been installed as well as the new ceiling tile and lights in the 2nd floor hallway and offices. The church bell has been repaired.

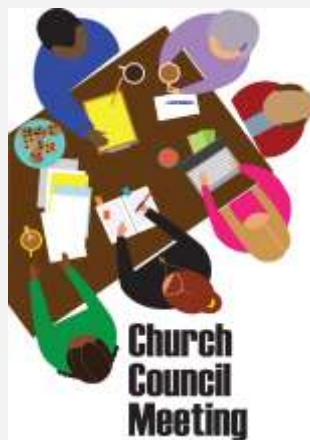
Old Business: a new music job description was discussed. It will be sent back to the Music Team to be fine-tuned before approval.

New Business: TV's in the 1st floor hallway and Fellowship Hall will now show announcements on Sundays and during events. To be turned off either by closer, Pam Herman or Cheri Long.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, July 21 @ 6 pm.

Council minutes are posted

- In the church office,
- On the 2nd floor bulletin board near the elevator.



Connect With Us!

Did you know that you have access to an Instant Church Directory app for your phone?

Download the app to your phone or device by going to the App Store or Google Play, and search for Instant Church Directory. Install the app on your device. You will then be prompted to enter your email address which must be the same email address the church has on file. And voila – you now have access to St. Paul's Pictorial Directory, where you can:

- Change your photo
- Change your address
- Call/Text/Email a friend
- Look up an address or phone number.
- Use the map feature to find addresses

Scam Alert

As telephone, texting and email scams become more prevalent and sophisticated, please be aware that St. Paul's UCC and any staff member, including Pastor Bill, will NEVER call, text, or email you asking for donations using gift cards, bitcoin, or other electronic payment methods.

Any special church campaigns, will always use giving options using your envelopes, with cash or check made out to St. Paul's UCC only. If you question giving, you can always call the church office to clarify.

Renovation Update




Second Floor Renovations have begun and some have even been completed! The new ceiling tile and lights have been installed in the 2nd floor hallway and offices! It looks so new and bright! The boiler replacement is under way. Painting and flooring will happen later this summer and you should see some great improvements then as well!

For the first floor, the large TV has been installed – an announcement slideshow has been running on that and the Fellowship Hall TV as well the past 2 weeks.

Many of you have been asking, what about decorating the café and hallways? A team will meet soon to discuss the best options available to keep the aesthetic and intentionality of the purpose of both areas. If you wish to donate, please give to the the Capital Fund. Donations of items such as used furniture, old décor, etc. would be best donated to other area charities in need so that we can be very intentional in reflecting the purpose and mission of St. Paul's in that décor of these new areas.

Thank you for understanding and supporting these ongoing projects @ St. Paul's!

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9:00am Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA @ Zion Lutheran	3	4 Independence Day 
5 9:30am Outdoor Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	6 Office Closed 6:00pm New Voices Vision Team	7	8	9 7:00pm AA @ Zion Lutheran	10	11 10:00am Simply Yoga
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August 2026

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Worship Attendance

Total attendance = those who worship in the Sanctuary, those in the nursery and those viewing the service online.

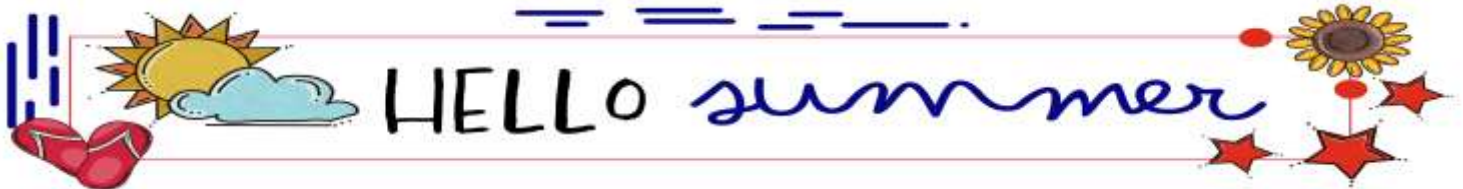
5/31 – 159

6/7 – 136

6/14 – 194

6/21 - 73

*Blessings to all
celebrating a summer
Birthday or
Anniversary!*



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.

Alex & Trish Bairos Tom & Jean Gates Mary Sue Herr Jay Hess Bev Hockenberry Jim & Erica Hoffman
Bridget Irons Sue Kennedy Ernest & Pat Kohler Jane Laube Maybelle Martin Jane Moyle
Richard Moyle & Lynne Shoemaker Glen & Delores Mumma Joanna Schreiber Eric Smeltz Betty Lou Stoner
Gerry Weller Barry & Scott Christ* Linda Coe* Wyatt Dull* Dr. Eugene Engle* Jona Green* Stephen H.
Eric & Anita Hill Blakely Kling* Jace Laboranti Rachel Martin Shelly Mellinger Karen Miller* Verdella Stauffer*
Teen Central & Bible2school kids/staff In the Military: Jessie Dutt & Ben Ryan

Thank You Note

To Pastor Bill Long & St. Paul's UCC,

I wanted to thank you for the beautiful service you did for Mom! I'm sure she was so happy with everything! Thank you so much!

- Denise Russo, Joey & Chesterlee (Family of Phyllis Smeltz)



Carried & Called to Follow

Jesus the Good Shepherd is one of Christianity's most endearing images. Scenes of Jesus holding a small lamb bring comfort during times of trouble, reminding us of God's tender care when we are weak or hurting. In those moments, we are grateful to be carried.

Yet this image also points to a deeper truth. The Shepherd's role is not only to carry the lamb, but to lead the flock. When we are restored and strengthened, we are called to rise, to walk, and to follow where He leads.

God meets us in our need with compassion, but He also calls us forward with purpose. The same hands that lift us up also guide us on the path ahead. There is a time to be carried, and there is a time to follow. (From ChurchArt Online)

Communication Deadlines

St. Paul's Happenings is printed monthly except for the July/August and December/January combined issues.

The deadline to submit articles is the 3rd Sunday of the month before publication.

The September 2026 issue deadline is Sunday, August 16, 2026. Bulletin announcements are due to the church office by Wednesday mornings @ 8 am.



St. Paul's Staff & Leaders

Staff:

Pastor – The Rev. Bill Long

Church Administrator – Pam Herman

Organist – June Smith

Bell Choir Director – Jim Hoffman

Custodian – Mark Lowe

Kitchen Manager – Jerry Weller

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Karen Brandt – President

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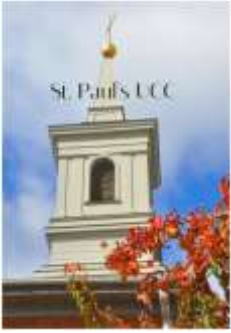
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