



St. Paul's Happenings

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

The Sacred Pace of Rest

Jesus, who often withdrew with his disciples to quiet, deserted places, understood something we easily forget: transformation takes time. The richest, most life-giving compost does not form overnight. As author James Gleick observes, "You can't hurry compost for the same reason you can't hurry love and you can't hurry a soufflé. The biochemistry has its own inherent pace." In much the same way, the most meaningful parts of life unfold slowly. Relationships deepen over years. Wisdom grows through experience. True rest cannot be rushed.

Disciples of Jesus today are invited to rediscover the value of the deserted place. It is not empty or wasted space, but sacred ground. It is where long books can be read, unhurried prayers can be offered and deep thoughts can take root. It is where Sabbath is honored through rest, renewal and quiet attentiveness to God.

In a culture that prizes speed and productivity, stepping away may feel counterintuitive. Yet it is in these still moments that our souls are restored and made fertile for growth. The deserted place becomes a gift, shaping us into people who are grounded, attentive and spiritually mature, ready to reenter the world with renewed strength and purpose. (From the June 2026 edition of Content at Church Art Online)

Whether your deserted place is a quiet spot while on a hike, at the beach, or even on your backyard porch, bedroom, or couch – those places can all become your sacred space of rest. What a great concept to take the time away to grow in your faith this summer!

Blessings,
Pam Herman, Church Administrator



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From Gratitude to Faithful Praise

Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude.

Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God's presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV). Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God's faithfulness already at work.

As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, KJV). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God's past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself.

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who he is.

From ChurchArt Online, June 2026



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

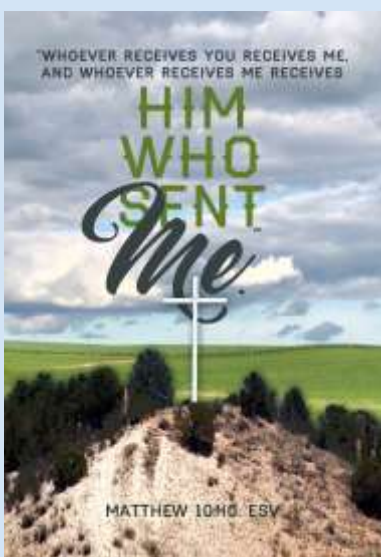
The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 7.

A Communion Service, open to all, will also be held at Pleasant View Retirement Community on **Wednesday, June 17 @ 1:30 pm.**

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



June Scripture Readings



Sunday, June 7, Pentecost 2: Hosea 5:15-6:6/ Psalm 50:7-15/Romans 4:13-25/ St. Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday, June 14, Pentecost 3: Exodus 19:2-8/Psalm 100/Romans 5:1-8/St. Matthew 9:35-10:23

Sunday, June 21, Pentecost 4: Jeremiah 20:7-13/ Psalm 69:7-18/Romans 6:1-11/ St. Matthew 10: 24-39

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

Summer Happenings @ St. Paul's

Bible Study

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

Communion @ Pleasant View

A Communion Worship Service will be held in Pleasant View's Hoffer Auditorium on Wednesday, June 17 @ 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Honoring Dads

On Fathers' Day, Sunday, June 21, we will honor all dads and men during worship. We know that all men serve in many different ways such as mentors, coaches, and in serving the Lord in church, and we wish to honor all with a special treat!

FREE Community Breakfast

The FREE Community Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 20 from 8:30-10 am in Fellowship Hall.

On the menu this month is Chicken and Waffle Breakfast Casserole and Berry Bake served with your choice of beverage.

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 Thursday, June 25 @ 8:30 am @ The Kountry Kitchen Family Restaurant. Please RSVP to Claire Reed at 717.951.4325 by Monday, June 22 if you plan to attend.

Women's Fellowship

The next meeting of Women's Fellowship will be held on Thursday, June 25 @ 1 pm @ The Shack. Order lunch or just ice cream – see page 4 for more details.

Worship @ Pleasant View

On Sunday, June 28, St. Paul's will hold 2 worship services:

- 8:30 am @ St. Paul's UCC and
- 10 am @ Pleasant View's Hoffer Auditorium.
- Coffee Hour will follow the 10 am Worship Service @ Pleasant View.

The 8:30 am worship service will be a short Service of the Word.

Hope to see you at either Service!



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

Our next meeting for Women's Fellowship will be held on Thursday, June 25 @ 1pm @ The Shack.

We are looking for the regular Ladies (bring a friend!), as well as some "new and fresh faces. We are ready for renewed spirits with fresh faces, to continue in ministry at St. Paul's.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your great support of our Sub Sale! You always come through for us for our Sub Sales, which is one of the ways we can give back to our church projects and community.

As always, please remember our homebound members. I have had a few folks who received cards, thanking us for remembering them with cards, and telephone calls they received. 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

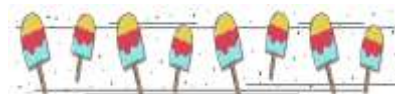
The June Mission of the Month is St. Paul's Mission Team.

Our Mission Team will be serving once again at Deep Roots/ Clairvaux Farm in Earleville, MD on June 17-20. The team will be working on many improvement projects – painting, cleaning, weeding, and organizing the pantry and maybe even a few electrical projects and VBS nights of fun for the kids as well.

Taking care of these projects allows the team members at Deep Roots to continue their work with homeless families that live on site. Holding Vacation Bible School fun nights helps the families and kids to learn more about Jesus.

Serving on the team this year is Marland & Dani Fair, Erica Hoffman, Ed & Sue Kopp, and Lori Roseberry. Please keep the team in prayer during their journey.

Please use your June special envelope to support the work of our Mission Team as they Make a Difference through the Love of Christ to Know God, Love God & Serve God.



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. Baked Beans, Canned Peaches, Canned Mandarin oranges, Applesauce, 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 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.

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

Council Highlights

Church Council met on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Highlights are shared before the minutes are approved by council at their next meeting, when corrections to details may occur.

Endowment Fund: The withdrawal limit was raised to support the additional cost for the boiler repair and to continue with renovations on the 2nd floor following the approval to do so at the congregational meeting held on May 17, 2026.

Treasurer's Report:

Benevolence: \$1,472 was received for the Shepherd's Fund which is the April Mission of the Month, and \$653 for OCWM.

Operating: \$8,357 was received in April for current operating expenses; budget is \$10,417/month.

Capital: \$1,549 was received in April for the capital fund.

April's giving was \$5,965 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.
- A new member was received on Pentecost Sunday.

Committee Reports:

Property Board: Installation of the new exit doors in Fellowship Hall will happen on May 27.

Old Business: the Music Team offered a job description for review by council – discussion tabled until June.

New Business: Gretchen noted that St. Paul's Endowment Fund will be the recipient of funds from the Gerald Schrawder estate.

Next meeting date is Tuesday, June 16 @ 6 pm.

Council minutes are posted

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



Connect With Us!

Please contact the church office at 717.665.2447 or at stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net if you or a member you know is hospitalized or in need of care. If you call on the weekend, please leave a message, as calls are monitored daily and your call will be returned shortly.

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

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A Thank You Note

Dear Friends,

Thank you – seems to be the two words that cannot convey my heart-felt gratitude for all I have received from you.

It has been a most difficult time in my life – the love of my life, going home to his reward then, my birthday. Kind of an upside down time for me. Through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus – and good, good folks like you! Thank you! God Bless You All!

Love,
Betty Lou Stoner

Important Note from Property Board



Property Board has noticed lately that windows have been left unlocked and even left opened in several rooms throughout the building.

All rooms that are in use either on Sunday mornings or throughout the week are now climate-controlled and there is no need to open the locks and/or the windows. Please keep the windows closed and locked in all rooms used. This keeps our building secure.

Also, air conditioning is set at the appropriate levels by Property Board **only**. Please do not change the settings as doing so can result in both the ac and heat running at the same time which raises our utility expenses significantly. Thanks everyone for keeping our building safe and comfortable while keeping our expenses lower.

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00pm Property Board	2 6:00pm New Voices Vision Team	3	4 9:00am Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA @ Zion Lutheran	5	6 10:00am Simply Yoga
7 9:00am Prayer 9:30am One Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	8	9	10	11 9:00am Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA @ Zion Lutheran	12	13 10:00am Simply Yoga
14 9:00am Prayer 9:30am One Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	15	16 6:00pm Church Council	17 Deep Roots Mission Trip 1:30pm Pleasant View Communion	18 Deep Roots Mission Trip 9:00am Simply Yoga 7:00pm AA @ Zion Lutheran	19 Deep Roots Mission Trip	20 Deep Roots Mission Trip 8:30am FREE Community Breakfast 10:00am Simply Yoga
21 Newsletter Deadline! 1st Day of Summer Father's Day 9:30am One Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour 	22	23	24	25 8:30am Fellowship Breakfast @ Kountry Kitchen 9:00am Simply Yoga 1:00pm Women's Fellowship @ The Shack 7:00pm AA @ Zion Lutheran	26	27 10:00am Simply Yoga
28 8:30am Service of the Word 10:00am Worship @ Pleasant View 10:30am Coffee Hour @ Pleasant View	29	30				

JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries



Blessings to all
those celebrating a
June Birthday or
Anniversary!

Worship Attendance

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

5/3 – 96 5/10 – 143
5/17 – 98 5/24 (Picnic) - 45

Christian Symbols



SAND DOLLAR — These delicate shells, found in shades of white, tan and soft purple, come from sea urchins related to starfish and sea cucumbers. Their unique markings have long been associated with the story of Christ's birth and death. The faint images resemble a poinsettia and a lily, symbols often connected to Christmas and Easter. Five small openings are said to represent the four nails and the spear used at the crucifixion. Inside the shell are tiny shapes that look like doves, a reminder of the Holy Spirit.



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.

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| Alex & Trish Bairos | Mary Sue Herr | Jay Hess | Bev Hockenberry | Jim & Erica Hoffman | Bridget Irons |
| 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

Reflecting the Father's Name

Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the young people watching your life?

For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention:

God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see you in me. Amen.

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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

Council:

Ministers – All Church Members

Karen Brandt – President

Lynn Brewer

Danette Fair

Ron Forry

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Mike Givler - Secretary

Gretchen Miller – Treasurer

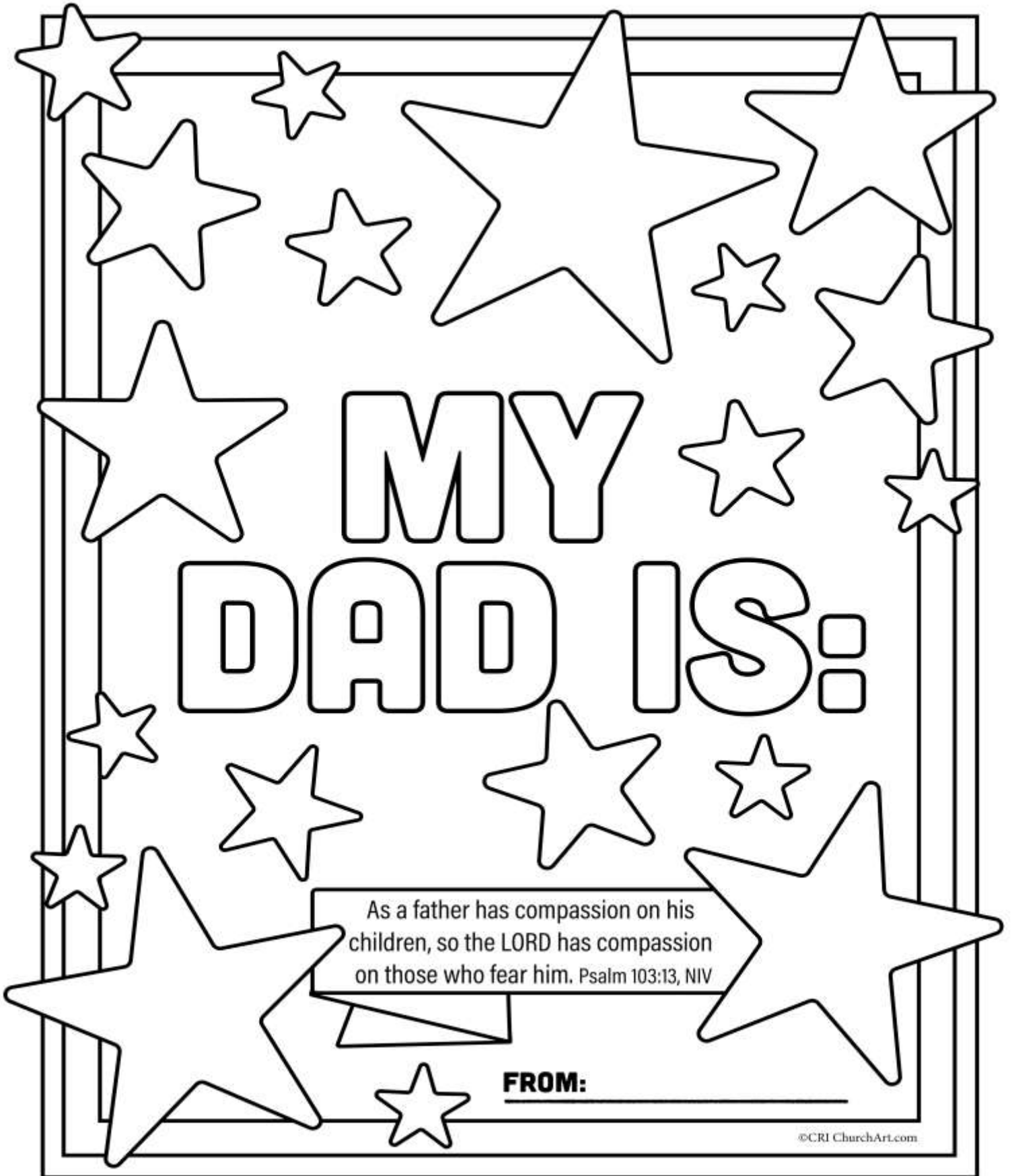
Carolyn Peters – Vice President

J. D. Young

Non-voting Ex-Officio Member by Position:

The Rev. Bill Long



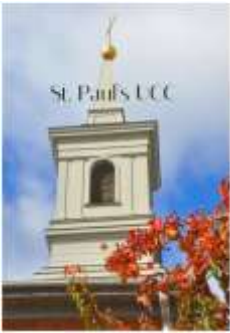


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DAD IS:

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. Psalm 103:13, NIV

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Jesus offers Real Rest

The world offers temporary relief.
Jesus offers true rest for the soul.

Rest in Christ means:

- Letting go of the weight you were never meant to carry
- Trusting God with tomorrow's worries
- Finding peace in His presence today

