

St. Paul's Happenings

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September 2021

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

Breathe

by Council President, Joan Hess

Take it all in! And also take in all the blue skies, blue seas, beautifully colored flowers. Smell the fresh mowed grass. Stop and smell the roses. I personally like sitting outside during a thunderstorm and smelling the coming rain.

Summer is a time of renewal and feeling refreshed. Be and feel refreshed and renewed. Be spirit filled. Celebrate our land of the free and the red, white, and blue.

Come to St. Paul's and get energized and help energize others.

- ◆ Learn what matters most in life – Titus 3:4-7
- ◆ Feed your soul and spirit – Psalm 35:9
- ◆ Discover ways to better yourself – Hebrews 13:7
- ◆ Experience Love – 1 John 3:1
- ◆ Be refreshed – Colossians 3:1-14
- ◆ Build enthusiasm for reading the Bible – Hebrews 4:12

How many more reasons can you think of for attending and gathering @ St. Paul's?

We need to focus more on God's issues than the issues at hand (for example – politics!). We are all children of God as we sail through the "Rivers of Life."

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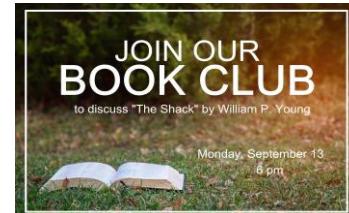
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Turn it all over to the Lord and he will provide and take care of us.

Let's gather together and renew St. Paul's for the remainder of her 252nd year and beyond! St. Paul's is not a magnificent church, BUT St. Paul's is making a magnificent difference – in the community.

Council President,
Joan Hess

Bread for the Day

If you enjoy the daily Bible readings as listed in the Celebrate insert, you may want to order a copy of the daily readings and prayers for 2022 entitled "Bread for the Day."

The devotional lists each of the readings for the day and includes a prayer and hymn suggestion as well. Copies are \$10 each.

To order your copy, contact the church office at 717.665.2447 or by email at stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net by September 30.

September Scripture Readings

September 5 – Pentecost 15: Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; St. Mark 7:24-37

September 12 – Pentecost 16: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; St. Mark 8:27-38

September 19 – Pentecost 17: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8; St. Mark 9:30-37

September 26 – Pentecost 18: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; St. Mark 9:38-50

September – Time for Vocalists

Autumn brings about many colors and refreshing ideas and thoughts. It is also a time of inspiration leading to Thanksgiving and the Advent season of Christmas.

As Chancel Choir Director, I am often asked by people in the congregation that they are looking forward to hearing the choir sing its weekly anthem. I respond by saying if we have people willing to sing you can look forward to some exciting months ahead.

The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8th from 8-9 pm in the Sanctuary.

A preview of the next four months has the choir singing eight new anthems along with a first performance Christmas Cantata titled "Canticles in Candlelight" by Joseph Martin.

The cantata features eleven sections with many favorite Christmas melodies along with



narration and lighting of many candles.

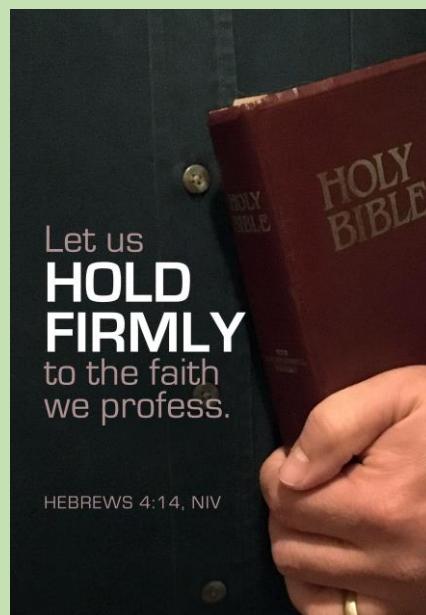
Rehearsal schedule is as follows beginning on Wednesday, October 13th:

Cantata Rehearsal – 8-8:45 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 8:45-9:30 pm

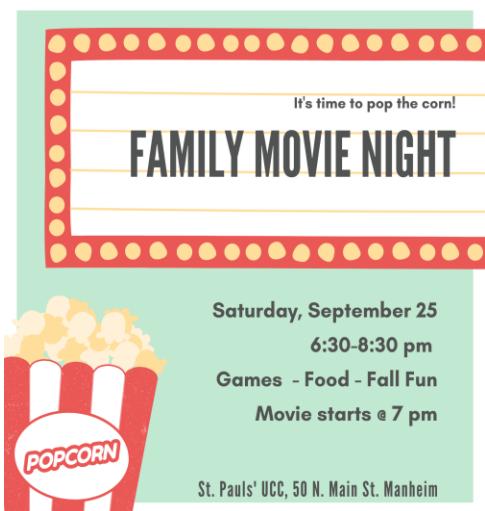
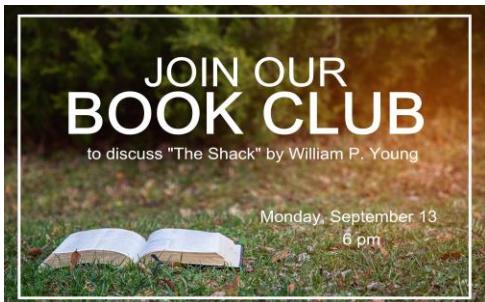
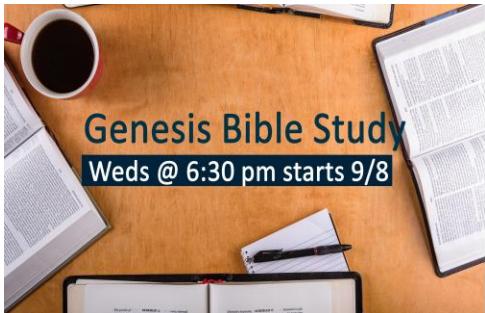
The schedule will continue through December 15th with the final rehearsal on Saturday morning, December 18th and the performance on Sunday, December 19th.

All singers are welcomed. I hope to see you on September 8th as we prepare to bring joy and great musical moments to our congregation and Savior.

John Degler



**First Day of Autumn
Wed., September 22**



Fall Happenings @ St. Paul's UCC

First Thursday:

First Thursday is a new endeavor to bring people to the downtown Manheim shops. St. Paul's will be participating by hosting a table in front of the Memorial Garden.

The theme for the **September 2nd** First Thursday table at St. Paul's is Be Refreshed – various beverages will be the giveaway.

If you'd like to host any of the First Thursday evenings, please contact Pam Herman at 717.665.2447.

is the study guide we'll be using – pick up your copy on the table outside the church office.

Book Club

Book Club will meet on Monday, September 13 @ 6 pm in Fellowship Hall to discuss "The Shack" by William P. Young. Copies of the book are available on the table outside the church office. Pick up your copy today to be sure you have time to read before we meet.

Free Community Breakfast

The FREE Community Breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 18 from 9-10 am. On the menu this month is pancakes, sausage, fruit and a drink.

Please stay tuned as to whether the breakfast will be held as a takeout or in person.

Fall Fest Movie Night:

St. Paul's & Teen Central will team up for an evening full of fun family entertainment on **Saturday, September 25 from 6:30-8:30 pm.**

First, there will be food – hot dogs, chili, chips, and ice cream!

There will be games and pumpkin decorating!

And finally, there will be popcorn and a movie shown on our brand new 14' blow up screen – thanks to the ladies of Women's Fellowship!

Small water bottles, individual chip bags and small pumpkins are needed – please contact the church office to donate.

Choir Rehearsals Resume!

Chancel Choir Rehearsals begin again on **Wednesdays from 8-9 pm in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, September 8.** Anyone who loves to sing is welcome!

Genesis Bible Study:

If you want to know where it all started – creation, man, marriage, sin, civilization – there's no better place than the book of Genesis. Genesis lays the foundation for the entire Word of God. We'll begin our study on **Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall starting September 8.** "Teach Me Your Ways" by Kay Arthur

Women's Fellowship

We have enjoyed our meetings at The Shack in Kauffman's Park, however, **in September we will meet in Fellowship Hall @ 1:30 pm on Thursday, September 30.** It is possible that we will be able to have some goodies along with our meeting.

Get ready to have a quick, easy supper on Thursday, September 23rd! We will be sponsoring a Sub Sale on that date. We will be taking orders on Sundays, August 29, September 5, 12 & 19. The price per sub will be \$5.00 – paid at time of order – with pick up time from 4-6 pm on Thursday, September 23. There will be one of our women taking orders in the hallway outside the church office. If you look you will be able to locate one of our lovely ladies to place your order.

This sub sale helps us to contribute to our UCC Homes, Teen Central, Manheim Food Bank, our local Fire Department, Police Dog, etc.

We are getting ready to get back into the swing of things and will be hosting oCoffee Hour September 19 and 26 (God willing!) We look forward to being able to bring our goodies and fellowship on Sunday mornings after we have been together as we worship our Lord.

Women's Fellowship Sub Sale



Order Yours on
Sundays:
Aug 29
Sept. 5
Sept. 12
Sept. 19
Pick Up Orders –
Thurs. Sept. 23
4-6 pm
Contact Is June
Smith
717.664.4295

Come see us at The Manheim Farm Show!

St. Paul's UCC will serve Pork BBQ Sandwiches at the Manheim Farm Show held Monday, October 4-Friday, October 8.

Volunteers are needed to "man the stand" – please contact the church office (717.665.2447/stpaulsmanheim@ptd.net) to sign up for dates that work best for you.

And be sure to stop by for a warm, delicious pork bbq sandwich and say hello!



Thank You Notes

Thank you to our church friends for the cards and prayers for me during my knee replacement surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Bill for coming to the hospital, so early in the morning, before my surgery and also for the home visit. Thanks to All!

Dee Forry

We want to take this opportunity to thank Rhonda Raia for all her faithful years of serving our children in the nursery. We wish her well and hope to see her at church.

Joan Hess, Council President on behalf of St. Paul's UCC's congregation.

Thank you to Andy Ressler & John Fantom for removing the tree in the memorial garden. Thank you too to Phil & Gretchen Miller, Margie Herneisen, Ron Forry and Erica Hoffman for taking 2 hours of their time to clean up the memorial garden – they had 15 brown lawn bags of trimmings to discard!

Hello angels of St. Paul's! We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the donation of \$443.80 to Deep Roots for the new door and vent covers for the dining hall. Thank you for all you did and for this wonderful gift too. We love you!

Ola Boswell, Exec. Dir. Deep Roots

Food Pantry Update

In June, the Manheim Central Food Pantry served 106 households or 303 individuals. There were 4 new households which includes 16 individuals.

In July, the Food Pantry served 103 total households or 291 individuals.

Current needs for the Food Pantry are:

- ◆ Soup (except chicken noodle)
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ NO Diapers, please

Thank you to all who donated for St. Paul's UCC's Thanksgiving in July. Over 281 lbs. of food was received by the Food Pantry on July 27, 2021!

Thank you too for those who give monetarily - \$70 was donated in July to the Food Pantry as well.

Please drop off all future donations directly to the Food Pantry at 33 W. Gramby Street.

Donations are accepted by the Food Pantry on Mondays and Thursdays 9 am-1 pm.

Home on Ferdinand Update

A quick update on the Home on Ferdinand, the transitional housing that is in process for single moms and their kids at the old Danner home.

The building renovations and furniture are nearly complete, with only a few projects yet to be completed.

The Manheim Community Life Group is in the process of hiring several staff positions, on top of having several people already in place, including a social work intern from Lancaster Bible College, all of which are necessary to be able to open the home to the moms. Available positions include a part-time house director and a part-time house manager. Women may apply by email to manheimcommunitylifegroup@gmail.com

Mission of the Month

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

This past year, the team served at Deep Roots @ Clairvaux Farms in MD and with Manheim BIC in the Manheim Project.

While there are no definitive plans yet for 2022, St. Paul's mission team is always ready to serve.

Please use your September special envelope to make a difference through the love of Christ through St. Paul's UCC's Mission Team.



Thank You

My thanks to Pastor Bill and the congregation. First, for your prayers for my mom, Hedy Hontz during her time on the prayer list. Second, for prayers, well wishes and cards during her hospital stays in late May through early June and again in July.

Third, for prayers and condolences for my family and me after her death.

Please keep my family in your prayers as we work through her estate.

In Christ,
Erica Hoffman

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

Hartman Center Update

Penn Central Conference has accepted an offer for Hartman Center and has entered into a sales agreement. The process to finalize the sale has begun and once all the paperwork is in order the Board will announce the details of the sale.



Council Highlights

Church Council met on Tuesday, July 20 @ 7 pm. Highlights of the meeting include:

Memorial Gifts & Endowment:

Gretchen reported that the endowment fund is up 48K for year to date. Only the regular monthly withdrawals have been made.

Treasurer's Report:

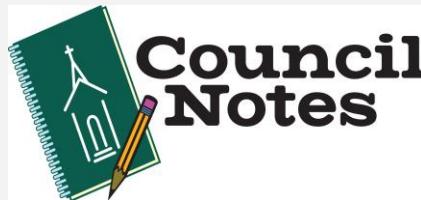
Benevolence: \$906 was received for the Mission of the Month which was Strengthen the Church

Operating: current income below budgeted amount by approximately \$1,700 – this is not unusual for June

Capital: income low for June, but is \$5,200 ahead of giving compared to last year.

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ Hospitals are now open for pastoral visitation.
- ◆ 2 Baptisms scheduled for September
- ◆ Christmas Eve worship scheduled for 7 pm & 11 pm
- ◆ 1st Thursday events have begun in Manheim – St. Paul's is participating
- ◆ A Christmas Cantata will be held this year per John Degler
- ◆ AA & Yoga are to resume meeting here in September
- ◆ Food Stand @ Manheim Farm Show is moving forward partnering with Hemlock Archery Club for Oct. 4-8



- ◆ A Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service to be held on Wed. Nov. 24

Committee Reports: no reports at this time.

Old Business:

Upcoming Events:

New Business:

Nursery Coordinator: Rhonda Raia resigned, however the nursery is available if parents who want to use the room during worship.

Check Signatures: Council agreed to increase to \$5,000 from \$1,000 the need for two signatures on checks written as the bank now only requires one signature.

There was some discussion re: returning the hymnals and Bibles to the pews. All agreed to wait until at least Spring to do so due to the potential uptick in cases from the Delta variant of Covid-19.

There was no August Council meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21 @ 7 pm with Spiritual Council @ 6:30 pm.

August Communion & Closing Leader – Rick Conley September Communion & Closing Leader – Karen Weiss

Please note that all council minutes and packets are posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, on the upstairs bulletin board and are available in the church office.

St. Paul's Offers 3 Ways to Worship & Be Safe

The CDC has issued new guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing for those who are vaccinated. What does that mean for those attending worship or events @ St. Paul's UCC?

For now, to keep those who may be vulnerable or unable to be vaccinated safe, we encourage you to wear a mask whenever you are in the church building. Social distancing is still in place in the Sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall.

And there are still 3 Ways to Worship :

- ◆ Online Sermons available at <http://www.stpaulsucmanheim.org/online-sermons.html>
- ◆ Listen Live in the Parking Lot on Sundays @ 9:30 am by tuning into FM 88.1.
- ◆ Worship in the Sanctuary @ 9:30 am on Sunday mornings.

 **getCONNECTED**

Staying Connected

Below are several ways to connect with St. Paul's, especially for those who do not have internet access and still are unable to attend in person worship:

- ◆ CD's of the worship service
- ◆ Our Daily Bread devotionals
- ◆ Bread for the Day devotionals that follows the same lectionary as Celebrate
- ◆ Genesis Bible Study guide to follow along in the study

If you would like to receive any of the above, please contact the church office at 717.665.2447.

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:00pm AA Meeting	3	4
						
5 Pentecost 15 9:00am Sub Sale 9:30am One Worship	6 Labor Day - Office Closed 7:00pm Property Board	7 1:30pm Staff Meeting	8 12:00pm Manheim Ministerium 6:30pm Genesis Bible Study 8:00pm Chancel Choir	9 7:00pm AA Meeting	10	11
12 Pentecost 16 9:00am Sub Sale 9:30am One Worship	13 6:00pm Book Club	14 8:30am Lancaster Association Meeting 7:00pm Manheim Women's Club	15 6:30pm Genesis Bible Study 8:00pm Chancel Choir	16 7:00pm AA Meeting	17	18 9:00am FREE Community Breakfast
19 Pentecost 17 Newsletter Deadline! 9:00am Sub Sale 9:30am One Worship	20	21 6:00pm Spiritual Council 7:00pm Church Council	22 6:30pm Genesis Bible Study 8:00pm Chancel Choir	23 4:00pm Sub Sale Pickup 7:00pm AA Meeting	24	25 6:30pm Movie Night
26 Pentecost 18 9:30am One Worship	27	28	29 6:30pm Genesis Bible Study 8:00pm Chancel Choir	30 1:30pm Women's Fellowship 7:00pm AA Meeting		
						

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



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.

Worship Attendance

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

May 30 – 89 June 6 – 85 June 13 – 84
June 20 – 81 June 27 – 78 July 4 – 77
July 11 – 110 July 18 – 76 July 25 – 76
Aug 1 – 64 Aug. 8 – 62 Aug. 15 – 55

Christian Symbol



Chi Ro

“Chi” and “rho” are the first two letters in the Greek spelling for Christ (XPICTOC, pronounced “Christos”). The blending of these two letters into one symbol formed a “sacred monogram.” Early Christians created many such symbols as codes to indicate their discipleship while avoiding detection by Roman persecutors. Many variations of the Chi Rho symbol exist, incorporating a cross, a shepherd’s crook, the Greek letters alpha and omega, an anchor and other images.





Ushers & Greeters

The act of greeting continues to look different than before the pandemic, so that we can keep in line with social distancing standards to keep you safe while worshipping.

As you arrive for worship, you'll be greeted by several council members and other leaders to direct you and assist you if help is needed.

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 October 2021 newsletter deadline is Sunday, September 19, 2021.

Bulletin announcements are due to the church office no later than Wed. mornings @ 8 am.



Back to School Humor

- Summer is over. Time to officially remember what day of the week it is!
- “Labor Day is a glorious holiday because your child will be going back to school the next day. It would have been called Independence Day, but that name was already taken.” (Bill Dodds)
- Receiving new textbooks, one student to another: “Psst. How do you turn this thing on?”
- Parent: “What did you learn today?” Kindergartner: “Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow.”

St. Paul's Staff & Leaders

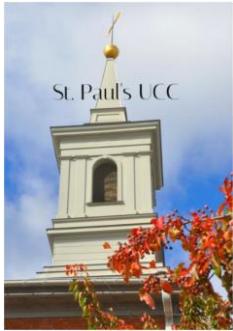
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Pastor – The Rev. Bill Long
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Chancel Choir Director – John Degler
Bell Choir Director – Jim Hoffman
Praise Team Coordinator – Steve Smith
Custodian – Mark Lowe
Kitchen Managers – Sandy Bareford & Jerry Weller

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**Sing,
O heavens,**

for the LORD has done it;
shout, O depths of the earth;
break forth into singing,
O mountains, O forest,
and every tree in it!

Isaiah 44:23, ESV