

St. Paul's News

September 2021

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SEE "WORK" IN A NEW LIGHT

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Ephesians 2:10

God has created us to do good things that bring glory and honor to His name.

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6:9-10

Our work may not always be easy, but there is a great reward if we persevere. Let us always work for the good of all people.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

To strive to excel in one's work gives glory to the One who has given us the opportunity to do work.

Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.

As you are able, work with passion and zeal, as one who knows that good work not only pays his bills, but is an expression of his faith in God.

Poem: Ploughing

The little birds by God are fed
But man must earn his daily bread,
And work that he may eat;
Striving his best, as John does now,
The broad ten-acre field to plough,
Wherein to sow the wheat.

Old John, the ploughman, ne'er repines,
Whether it blows, or rains, or shines,
But happy still does seem;
And Dick, who leads the foremost horse,
Goes whistling as he walks across
The field beside the team.

Let us perform as gladly, too,
The work our Master bids us do,
And then we need not fear;
But when from earthly toil we rest,
We all shall meet among the blest
Who served Him truly here.

Anonymous

May God Give You Good Health,
Protect You from All Evil, and Bless You
with Good and Productive Work!

Happy Labor Day!

Pastor Mike

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS”

At the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 12, representatives from our Evangelism Committee will present Victoria Spitler, Case Manager at the Opportunity House in Pottsville, PA, with donations we have collected to help homeless or needy veterans and their families. This is our “God’s Work. Our Hands” project for 2021.

The following items have been requested: shampoo and conditioner, body soap, hand sanitizer, deodorant, hand lotion, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, razors, and new or lightly used blankets and towels.

Donations will be received through Sunday, September 5, 2021. Please place them in a box located in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity and for giving back to our community!

SERVICE MINISTRY NEWS

Everyone is invited to our annual Service Ministry Bazaar on Saturday October 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Reidler Hall. The event will feature good food, a large Chinese auction of gift baskets, local vendors and craft dealers showing and selling their wares, homemade candies and pies for purchase, and the opportunity to visit with your friends and neighbors. Proceeds from this event will benefit those in need in our community.

REGULAR WORSHIP RETURNS

On Saturday, September 11, we will return to our regular worship schedule. Services will be held on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion will be shared on the first Saturday of each month and at every Sunday service.

GWOH T-SHIRTS

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday is being observed on September 12 this year. As part of this community outreach event, our Evangelism Committee has many new yellow GWOH t-shirts for \$7.00 each.

Please contact Juli Schenck at 570-366-2316 (or leave a message at that number), if you are interested.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Following our 10:30 a.m. service at Albright’s Woods Pavilion on Sunday, September 19, the Evangelism Committee will host our annual Church Picnic. Beverages and hot dogs will be provided. Covered-dish items to share are appreciated. Bring a lawn chair and join us for food, fellowship, and fun. Plan to enjoy a few games of Bingo following the meal. Donations of bingo prizes would be appreciated!

Please add your name to our sign-up sheet in the gathering place or call our church office so we have an idea how many hot dogs and drinks will be needed.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In connection with the commemoration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will hold our annual “Blessing of the Animals” service at Albright’s Woods Pavilion on Sunday, October 3 at 4:00 p.m. All friendly leashed (or housed) animals, who slither, crawl, hop, walk, swim, or fly, are welcome to participate in this outdoor event! Donations of pet food, supplies, and cash gifts for the Hillside & Ruth Steinert Memorial SPCAs will be received at this event. Everyone is invited!



THE LIBRARY CORNER

Happy early fall, St. Paul's! Hopefully everyone has had a restful and fun summer doing some of your favorite activities while visiting with family and friends. We had a great time being with our mice cousins in Texas, the Outer Banks, and even with our family in Lancaster County! The "picnic crumbs" at all these places were delicious, and Herman, Lucy, and I all gained weight because you all know how we love to eat!

St. Paul's has many "happenings" going on during the autumn season. The Library Ladies encourage you to enjoy coming back into the sanctuary and seeking fellowship with our St. Paul's family. Miz Jessica, Pastor Mike, and Mister Justin have done a wonderful job with our social media outreach which continues to bless so many. But won't it be meaningful to enjoy hearing the Word, worshipping, and singing together again in the peaceful sanctuary that is St. Paul's after the stressing times we have had? (We library mice miss hearing all the voices lifted in praise to our heavenly Father!)

Stop by the Gathering Room and look for these new arrivals!

COUNTDOWN 1945

by Chris Wallace

presented in honor of the Men of St. Paul's
by Tom Wehr

A DOG'S COURAGE

by W. Bruce Cameron

presented in memory of Aubrey "Bubba"
Glover by Tom Wehr

THE HOMEPLACE (BOOK 1)

THE DREAM (BOOK 2)

THE MIRACLE (BOOK 3)

and THE COURTSHIP (BOOK 4)

by Gilbert Morris

donated by Robin Zimmerman

Enjoy the blessings of autumn, and we encourage you to check out and read some of the wonderful additions in the "Library Corner!"

God bless you, be safe, and have a lovely fall!

Melvin, Herman and Lucy, the resident library mice of St. Paul's

WELCA NEWS

All women of St. Paul's are invited to attend the first meeting of fall on Tuesday, September 14, at 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room. The program, "Sea Shells, Beautiful Creations of God," will be presented by Cindy Ritschel and Gwen Wehr. Fall Ingathering Offerings will be received for the Marcincin family who suffered the loss of their husband and father earlier this year.

Meetings are being planned month to month due to COVID conditions. As a result, no program cards have been printed as have been done in the past. Announcements for upcoming meetings and activities will be in the church bulletins and the monthly newsletter.

Here are just two reminders for now:

1. Continue to sew, knit, or crochet remembrance blankets for Mikaylee's Hope.
2. Continue the Seafarer's International Christmas hat and scarf collection project.

More information on these and other activities will be shared at the September meeting. Stay safe, and we hope to see you at the meeting.

*"He has distributed freely;
he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever ..."*

Psalms 112:9

There is a soul-strengthening, vivifying, and gladdening joy that is reserved for givers who imitate Jesus!

STiC STUFF

On Saturday, August 14, Robin Zimmerman and I were privileged to attend a Synod-wide event at their office building in Allentown near the airport. It was called a “MinLab” and was attended by about 20 other ministries who shared their goals and activities outdoors. Areas of ministry included “Healing the Hurt”, “Welcoming the Stranger” and “Loving the Land.” Of course, STiC most closely fit the third category, but we noticed many shared aspects and overlap of each. There was great worship and singing, including a hymn from the new hymnal All Creation Sings. We had many interested folks visit our table, and now Bishop Chris (as he asked to be addressed) is the proud owner of one of our reusable church water bottles! We also toured around to see the other tables and to get to know the folks in our area who share kindred concerns for needed outreach. In the end, Robin and I both agreed to be part of our synod’s Creation Care task force. Together, we are stronger, and certainly many new connections will be made!

August 15 wrapped up our special events following “Worship Without Walls.” We hope that everyone enjoyed them! Perhaps next year something similar will sprout! For folks who took an acorn kernel in July to raise over the winter, please keep us up to date on how well it’s growing. We have noted a couple of places which could use some good oak groves.

Also, please note we are collecting items not only for the SPCAs, but Red Creek Wildlife as well. This will be part of Saint Francis Blessing of the Animals on October 3.

Please see the monthly calendar later in this newsletter for key STiC dates!

~En Cristo,

Sue Reier

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- 1) Council was pleased to learn that Chris Long has assumed leadership of the Mutual Ministry Committee given their important work assuring the well-being of our church staff. Thank you, Chris!
- 2) After months of friendly negotiations, Church Council President Doug Travor recently executed a new multi-year lease with our valued long-time tenant Growing Tree daycare for their continued occupancy of the lower-level space.
- 3) The Men's group will shortly begin gathering spaghetti dinner components (sauce, spaghetti, parmesan cheese, etc.) for a planned October distribution to the Orwigsburg food pantry clients. Stay tuned for more insight on how you can assist this effort.

ADULT FORUM

At 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 16, we begin a new session of Adult Forum via ZOOM. We will use Ed Robb’s *Mountaintop Moments* as our foundation for discussion.

If you would like to join the discussion group, please contact Barbara Lafko at bjlafko@yahoo.com or call her at (570) 366-1208. You will be put on the ZOOM meeting contact list as well as get the materials for discussion.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAESTRO

Our Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room. We perform our musical offerings at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship services. Bell Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!!!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2. Jody Mills, Ethan Hartman
3. Corey Huntzinger, William Heydt
4. Melissa Wilson, Marcy Hinnershitz, Jack McKivigan
6. Dale Keener, David Kaiser, Samantha Ludwig, Trisha Teter, Corey Krause, Karissa Elser
7. Keri Ferrar, Mitchell Myers
8. Kamerin Hine
9. Allen Mickalonis
10. Justin Ege
11. Miah Hinnershitz
13. George Henry, Jr, Riley Kurau
14. Brian Murphy
15. Richard Murphy, Pamela Meisner
17. Robert Otstott
18. Scott Wolfe
19. Ashley Otstott, Bryce Shappell
21. Austin Correll
22. Tyler Sincavage
23. Danika Bolinsky, Tess Spitler
24. Rusty Cunningham
28. Nicole Just, Jonathan Dahl, Eric Zimmerman, Jarrett Elser
29. Alexander Miller
30. Robert Wagner

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1. Melanie & Dennis Seigfried
5. Jennifer & Matthew Patterson
7. Susan & Bernie Bosak
10. Shelby & Nevin Zehner
12. Fern & Rodney Houser
15. Beth & Doug Webber
16. Karen & Doug Travor
17. Lori & Bill Elser
18. Barbara & Jim Kaunas
24. Patty & Joe Marcusky
28. Jane & John Ege II
30. Loretta & Ivan Leymeister

SEPTEMBER FLOWER SPONSORS

September 5

Altar: In memory of loved ones by Diane Brobst.

Chancel: OPEN

September 12

Altar: In memory of William R. and Lottie Lengel by grandson, James Lengel, and the Lengel family.

Chancel: OPEN

September 19

Altar: In loving memory of Ralph A. Reibie by daughter, Sue Schenck, and grandchildren, Kurt and Julianne.

Chancel: OPEN

September 26

Altar: OPEN

Chancel: OPEN

SEPTEMBER BULLETIN SPONSORS

September 5: OPEN

September 12: In memory of Franklin Kamp by Tina Butler.

September 19: OPEN

September 26: OPEN

LET US OFFER WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The Evangelism Committee would like to continue sending cards to lift the spirits of our home-bound, college students, and military personnel. Please call Connie Teter (at 570-366-0255) with new names and addresses as well as any changes of address.



SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 STiC Sojourn in Landingville 9:30 a.m.	4 Worship w/ Holy Communion 5:30 p.m.
5 Worship 9:30 a.m.	6 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	7 Social Media 7:00 p.m.	8 STiC 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.	9	10 STiC Sojourn in Auburn 9:30 a.m.	11 "Heritage Day" 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Worship 5:30 p.m.
12 Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. "God's Work. Our Hands."	13 Finance 6:00 p.m. Council 7:00 p.m.	14 WELCA 1:00 p.m.	15 Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.	16 7:00 p.m. Adult Forum via ZOOM	17 STiC Sojourn in Tumbling Run 9:30 a.m.	18 Worship 5:30 p.m.
19 Worship 8:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. at Albright's Woods w/ Picnic to follow	20 Worship & Music 6:00 p.m.	21	22 Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.	23 7:00 p.m. Adult Forum via ZOOM	24 STiC Sojourn in Landingville 9:30 a.m.	25 Worship 5:30 p.m.
26 Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	27	28	29 Bell Choir 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.	30 7:00 p.m. Adult Forum via ZOOM	OCTOBER 1	2 Bazaar 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Reidler Hall Worship w/ Holy Communion 5:30 p.m.

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COOKBOOKS ON SALE!

The Evangelism Committee will sell our cookbooks at Heritage Day on Saturday, September 11, for \$7.00 each. If you cannot attend this event and would like to purchase a cookbook, please contact Juli Schenck at 570-366-2316 (or leave a message).

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 ~ 9:30 A.M.

LECTOR: Doug Travor

GREETER: Greg Sklar

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sue Schenck

USHER: Karen Travor

ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright and Diane Brobst

COUNTERS: Tom Wehr, Gwen Wehr, and Glenda Bright

SUNDAY ~ 8:00 A.M.

	<u>SEPTEMBER 12</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 19**</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 26</u>
LECTOR	Kay Weidensaul	Deb Moyer	Ron Rozansky
GREETER	Ron Rozansky	Ron Rozansky	Ron Rozansky
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Kay Weidensaul	Amy Dewald	Ruth Ann Withers

SUNDAY ~ 10:30 A.M.

	<u>SEPTEMBER 12</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 19**</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 26</u>
LECTOR	Tina Butler	Sue Schenck	Robin Zimmerman
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Tina Butler	NONE	Greg Sklar
USHER	Joyce O'Rourke	Tina Butler	Tom Wehr
GREETER	Greg Sklar	Greg Sklar	Greg Sklar
ALTAR GUILD	Tina Butler Chris Long	Tina Butler Chris Long	Joyce O'Rourke Jean Premich
COUNTERS	Rosalie Wingle Marlene Eidam Diane Brobst	Joyce O'Rourke Pat Davis Gloria Dierwechter	Connie Teter Joanne Emerich Barb Sterner

****Please note that on Sunday, September 19th, our 8:00 a.m. worship will be held at the church, but our 10:30 a.m. worship will be held at Albright's Woods Pavilion with the annual church picnic to follow!**

MEN OF ST. PAUL'S NEWS

The Men's Group will be collecting "name brand" 1 lb. boxes of dry spaghetti and 24 oz. jars or cans of plain spaghetti sauce to match beginning in September. Our goal is to have one of each to hand out to every family that comes to the Food Pantry in October. Your help is always greatly appreciated!

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ANNUAL PICNIC AT ALBRIGHT'S WOODS PAVILION ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19,
FOLLOWING 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE.**

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