

St. Paul's News

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please stop and visit the Crafters' Guild tent at the upcoming "Farm to Square" event scheduled for Thursday, August 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. The event features local market goods, wineries, breweries, local restaurants, live music, craft items, and more.

Also visit with the Crafter's Guild and the Evangelism Committee on "Heritage Day," Saturday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us as we celebrate our town's past, enjoy its present, and anticipate its future. All day fun, food & entertainment for all ages.



"REGULAR" WORSHIP RETURNS NEXT MONTH

Beginning on Sunday, September 10 (the Sunday AFTER Labor Day), 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 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion will be shared on the first Saturday of each month and at every Sunday service.

CRAFTERS' GUILD TO MEET TWICE THIS MONTH

Our Crafters' Guild will meet on Thursday August 3 from 1-3 p.m. at Kristin's Durkee's house to prepare for the "Farm to Square" event. The group will also meet at that location on Monday August 14 from 1-3 p.m. to prepare for the Heritage Day event.

Anyone interested in helping at these events should contact Kristin Durkee at 804-380-9066 or Amy Dewald at 801-589-9314.

SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH US!

The Evangelism Committee would like to continue sending cards to lift the spirits of those members who cannot join us for worship, college students, and military personnel. Please call Connie Teter (at 570-366-0255) or contact any member of the Evangelism Committee with new names and addresses as well as any changes of address.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:1

RED CREEK BENEFIT CONCERT ARRIVES

The ***Jump for Joy*** concert is a new deal for us this year, and as all things are in God's hands, we have watched in wonder how the original ideas have morphed as we've put things together. The musicians who have volunteered their precious time and talent have come as friends and are giving us a **gift**...skills for which they as professionals are rightly paid! By the time we get to August 6, what we will experience is a 'gathering of the people' ...people making music for the joy of giving: professionals, yes, but *with us*. This format has become much less prevalent than music is meant to be. In recent history, so many performances have created distance between the stage and the audience...a separation where the music was left to "the stars" and the audience was simply "out there". Just as America is "of the people, by the people, and for the people", *so is music*, and as such, brings community together in myriad ways.

Our evening will be relaxed, friendly, and fun!

We welcome Peggy Hentz from Red Creek Wildlife, too, and she will bring along one of her owl friends and tell us a little bit about her rescue and restoration work.

Donations (please, cash or check) at the door will yield door prize tickets at different levels...and ALL proceeds will go to Red Creek. There is a list of prices and performers in the gathering room.

So many people have stepped up and given hospitality (WELCA), Jessica Swick's amazing media skills, and those putting things together at the writing of this article.

Finally, folks who have "Live Generously" shirts should wear them to the concert
See you at the concert!

Sue Reier

SOCIAL MEDIA NEWS

The "Blessing of the Backpacks" will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Teachers, students, and school staff are welcome! Please bring bookbags, devices, etc. to be blessed in hope of a wonderful 2023-24 academic year!

Our annual "Blessing of the Animals/St. Francis" event will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 1, 2023, at the Albright's Woods Pavilion "rain or shine." Bring your pet(s), no matter how big or small, to receive a blessing – and more!

WALKING TO BETHLEHEM

As of this writing, almost in the 7th of fifteen weeks, our church's one-third of the walking (772) is ahead of schedule with 997 miles already logged!

The next group activity is at Sweet Arrow Lake on Saturday, August 12 at 10 a.m., all ages welcome for a sensory experience. Come on out, everyone!

Your coordinator, Sue Reier

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum will resume on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 9:15 a.m. in the church parlor. We will use the book "Prayer" by Timothy Keller as the basis of our discussions. Pastor Keller was born in Allentown, Pa and earned his B.A. degree at Bucknell University. Join us!

Please notify Barbara Lafko by email at bjlafko@yahoo.com, or call 570-366-1208, or the church office, if you will be joining the group so that she can give you the book.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS!

Unfortunately, the following students were not acknowledged on “Graduate Recognition” Sunday, June 4, 2023. We apologize for this oversight.

They include:

Victoria Wagner of Cressona, PA, graduated from Blue Mountain High School on June 2. She plans to attend Bloomsburg University to study nursing. She also hopes to compete on their women’s track & field team.

Sydney Riegel of Auburn, PA, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from DeSales University. She is pursuing a master’s degree at that institution.

Our prayers for a bright future and much success follow these and all our graduates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our “Snacks and Games” event!

Don’t forget to bring your backpacks to the “Blessing of the Backpacks” on Sunday August 27 during the 9:30 service. I can’t wait to see you there!

Sunday School will resume Sunday, September 10 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service! Please mark your calendars!

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Because our Council did not meet in July, there are no “Highlights” to share this month. Our Council will next meet on Monday, August 14, at 7:00 p.m.

GWOH 2023

This year’s “God’s Work. Our Hands.” project will support “Servants to All – My Father’s house” located in Pottsville, PA which was incorporated in 2012.

“Servants to All” is a faith-based program and homeless services provider that offers emergency shelter, homeless prevention, street outreach, case management, and supportive services to those in need in Schuylkill and the surrounding counties. It provides necessities such as food, clothing, and hygiene products to all community members in need, and there are no fees for any services provided.

“Servants to All” assists vulnerable groups such as veterans, persons with disabilities, re-entry population from incarceration, families, and youth. It also supports the needs of the elderly in collaboration with local Senior Services and Adult Protective Services.

Donations requested by “Servants to All” include:

Hygiene Items - tampons/feminine pads, toothbrushes and toothpastes, deodorant, soap, wet wipes, disposable razors, lotions, bath towels, and washcloths (new or almost new).

Bedding - Bed linens (twin or full-sized sheet sets), blankets, pillows, and pillowcases (new or almost new).

Cleaning Items - All-purpose cleaners, laundry detergents, disinfectants, hand sanitizers, mops, brooms, and buckets.

A box will be placed in the narthex for your donations.

We will begin collecting items on July 1 and continue through August 31. “God’s Work. Our Hands,” Sunday is set for September 10, 2023.



A NEW STAFF MEMBER

Congratulations to Amy Dewald of Orwigsburg, PA, our new Office Support Staff person. Amy and her family are members of our congregation. Prior to her appointment, she served as a Council member here at St. Paul's. Amy began her new position on July 18, 2023.

Just a reminder that our Church Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

IN GOD'S CARE AND KEEPING

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the friends and family of the late Deborah E. Moyer of Orwigsburg, PA, who left this world on Saturday, June 24, 2023.

Our sympathy and prayers also go out to the friends and family of the late Angela J. Miller of Schuylkill Haven, PA, who left this world on Saturday, July 7, 2023.

Let us take comfort in that fact that not even death can separate believers from God and his abiding love!

LARGE PRINT NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE

Earlier this year several members of our congregation suggested that we should make a few copies of our newsletter in a much larger print. And we are doing just that!

If you or someone you know has difficulty reading our newsletter and would like to receive a large print version, please contact Pastor Mike, Amy, or our church office.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5



WALKS WITH STiC

Scheduled walks are as follows during the month of August:

Friday, August 4 - Tumbling Run

Friday, August 11 - Landingville

Friday, August 18 - Auburn

Friday, August 25 - Tumbling Run

All walks begin at 10 a.m.

PASTOR ON VACTION

Pastor Mike will be on vacation on August 19 and 20, 2023. In his absence, we are again pleased to welcome Pastor Rob Reier of Pottsville, PA, who will lead our worship at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 19 and Pastor Dave Rowe of Oley, PA, who will lead our worship at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 20, 2023.

Please welcome Pastors Reier and Rowe as they come to share the gospel with us!

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Following our 10:30 a.m. service at the church on Sunday, September 24, we will hold our annual Church Picnic at Albright's Woods Pavilion. Beverages and hot dogs will be provided. Covered-dish items to share are appreciated, but not required.

Members, friends, and neighbors are invited to join us for good food, good fellowship, and good fun. Please call our church office, so we have an idea of how many people we can expect.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 Thomas Wagner
4 Colin Kane
5 Dawn Leibold, Bill Tihansky
6 Candice Schuld
7 Jeremy Houser
8 Diane Madeira, Deb Maurer
9 Loretta Leymeister, Rebecca Wehr Miller
10 Stuart Blair
11 Mark Herb, Debra Trubilla, Kayleigh Elser,
Sarah Davenport
12 Leona Yeager, Deric Mosher
14 Dakota Butler, Patrick Drenzo
15 Diane Long, Tyler Post
16 David Kaiser, James Riotto, Logan Shoener
17 Emily Zehner
19 Rachel Burke
20 Lucas Shoener, Alicia Kunkel
21 Barbara Sterner, Sharon Otstott,
Sherri Yorski, Courtney Dukmen
23 Steven Mintz, Lynn Smith, Shirley Correll,
Carol Heydt
24 Crystal Brensinger, Ned Eisenhuth
25 Cole Rarick, Sydney Riegel, Jayce Pelletier
27 Ashley Keyworth, Christine Hylan,
Gabrielle Krause
28 Linda Frampton
31 Jennifer Correll

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2 Dean & Janet Geist, David & Cheryl
Witman, Nicholas & Shannon Rogers
3 Evan & Pat Davis
7 Tim & Marissa Horbal, Joe & Darcy Medica
9 Andrew & Erin Winkel
10 Mike & Barbara Barner
13 Tom & Gwen Wehr, David & Jill Krewson,
Doug & Marcy Hinnershitz
14 Bob & Linda Frampton
15 Larry & Joyce O'Rourke
19 Bill & Cindy Moyer, Rob & Sue Reier

AUGUST FLOWERS

August 6

Altar: In memory of Carl Long for our
anniversary by Christine Long

Chancel: In memory of G. Roger Lengel and
Jack A. Lengel, my brothers, by James
Lengel and the Lengel family

August 13

Altar: In honor of Leona Yeager on her
birthday, 12 August, by Sue Schenck

Chancel: OPEN

August 20

Altar: In celebration and thankfulness on our
45th wedding anniversary by Rob and
Sue Reier

Chancel: OPEN

August 27

Altar: In memory of my parents, Frances & Guy
Lengel by James Lengel and the Lengel
family

Chancel: OPEN

AUGUST BULLETINS

August 6: In honor of Jeremy Houser's birthday
(August 7), by his grandmother, Fern
Moyer

August 13: In honor of our 57th wedding
anniversary by Tom and Gwen Wehr

August 20: In loving memory of Kenneth, Sr.,
and Miriam Miller, by Tom and Gwen
Wehr

August 27: OPEN

THANK YOU!

Our ringers are enjoying new black
performance gloves! We send Mr. James
Lengel our sincere appreciation for his
continued generosity to the music program.

Sincerely, Justin and The Bell Choir

AUGUST 2023

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY (9:30 AM)	<u>AUGUST 6</u>	<u>AUGUST 13</u>	<u>AUGUST 20</u>	<u>AUGUST 27</u>
GREETER	Wayne Lutsey	Tina Butler	Tina Butler	Wayne Lutsey
USHER	Karen Travor	David Kriner	Wendy Schuld	Madelyn Knecht
LECTOR	Doug Travor	Sue Schenck	Pat Kunkle	Eric Eger
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Pat Kunkle	Jeff Ritschel	Tom Wehr	Cindy Ritschel
ALTAR GUILD	Glenda Bright Madelyn Knecht	Tina Butler Chris Long	Tina Butler Chris Long	Joyce O'Rourke Jean Premich
COUNTERS	Tom Wehr Gwen Wehr Glenda Bright	Rosalie Wingle Diane Brobst Marlene Eidam	Joyce O'Rourke Gloria Dierwechter Pat Davis	Connie Teter Joanne Emerich Barb Sterner

REBATES FROM BOYER'S FOOD MARKETS

St. Paul's will earn a rebate of 1% of your grocery shopping bill if you participate in Boyer's Rebate Program.

On the gathering room table under the bulletin board you will find a mug of scannable keychain cards. Take one, shop at Boyer's Food Market, and present it to a cashier while your items are being scanned. That's it. Boyer's will rebate 1% of your total purchases (excluding tax, milk, and cigarettes) and send us a check twice every year.

If you haven't done so already, pick up a scannable Boyer's Food Market keychain card today! Shop and donate to St. Paul's!

Did you know that a donation of \$25 to the church in 2013 is roughly equivalent to a donation of \$20 today? Donations simply don't go as far as they used to just ten years ago. Please give some thought about why you give -- and what you are able to give!

ANNUAL SERVICE MINISTRY BAZAAR

Our Service Ministry will host its Annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Reidler Hall. The event will feature lots of good food, a large Chinese auction of gift baskets, many local vendors and craft dealers showing and selling their wares, a variety of homemade candies and pies for purchase, and an opportunity to visit with your friends and neighbors. Proceeds from this, our annual fundraiser, will benefit those in need in our community. Please mark your calendar for this special event!

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!

Area schools will be starting up again later this month. Let's keep children safe by being alert and watching for school buses or vans when they are picking up in the morning or dropping off at home in the afternoon.

Know PA's Motor Vehicle Laws. Be safe and keep our children safe, too!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Evangelism 6:30 pm	2	3 Crafters' Guild 1-3 p.m.	4 STiC Walk in Tumbling Run 9:00 a.m.	5 Worship with Holy Communion 5:30 p.m.
6 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. "Jump for Joy" Concert 7 p.m.	7	8	9	10 "Farm to Square" Event 5:00 p.m.	11 STiC Walk in Landingville 9:00 a.m.	12 Worship 5:30 p.m.
13 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.	14 Crafters' Guild 1-3 p.m. Finance 6:30 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	15 Service Ministry 6:00 p.m.	16	17	18 STiC Walk in Auburn 9:00 a.m.	19 Worship 5:30 p.m.
20 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.	21 Worship & Music 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25 STiC Walk in Tumbling Run 9:00 a.m.	26 Worship 5:30 p.m.
27 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.	28	29	30	31		

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THAN TO BE ALIVE WITHOUT BREATHING."**

MARTIN LUTHER

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