

# Sharing the GOOD NEWS



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

MAY, 2013

## ~ A Special Invitation to Our Extended Family ~

The confirmands, mentors and their families request the honor of your presence as a witness to St. Paul's newest members' first step on their individual journey.

**Confirmation ~ Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, 10:15 am.**

### Griffin Allen ~

Hi! I'm Griffin Allen. I am almost 13 years old and I am in the 7th grade. I go to Indian Valley Middle School in Souderton School District. I have a younger brother, Cameron who is 8. I have taken piano lessons for 6 years. I am also on the track team at school. I like to swim, run and eat snow crab legs! My favorite thing to do though is mountain bike! I don't like homework or being inside too long.

### Michael Molettieri ~

My name is Michael Molettieri and I am the youngest of three boys. I am in the 7th grade at Penn Central Middle School and I like to play baseball and basketball. Basketball is probably my favorite, with baseball a very close second.

### Andrew Nace ~

My name is Andrew Nace, although I go by Drew as many already know. I am currently in the 7th grade at Pennridge South Middle School. I have a younger brother Stephen, who is turning 11 and two older siblings, who are in their twenties, Bobby and Genee. You will most likely find me on a baseball and/or football field 90% of the time, although I wrestle and participate in track for school. With what little free time I have, I enjoy playing street hockey, basketball and manhunt with friends. I truly dislike spiders and snakes, even though my brother Stephen has a snake in his room.

### Kristen M. Tomlinson ~

My name is Kristen Tomlinson. I am in the 11th Grade at Pennridge High School. I am the youngest of 3 children, I have 1 sister and 1 brother. Some of my favorite hobbies are: swimming, dancing, singing and running. I like Mac and Cheese and the color blue. I also really dislike spiders.

*Kristen was confirmed on April 14th*



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### **Staff**

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- ◆ Peter Ziegenfuss,  
Handbell Choir Director
- ◆ Nathan Gulla, Organist
- ◆ James Stover,  
Assistant Organist
- ◆ Stacey Moyer, Secretary,  
Newsletter Editor
- ◆ Cindy Bibic, Fin. Secretary
- ◆ Dennis Hurchalla,  
Custodian

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*Weekly Worship ~  
8 and 10:15 am.  
Sunday School ~ 9 am.*

## **~ The Voice of Consistory ~**

Many times we have sat in the pews on a Sunday morning witnessing the baptism of our newest members. The family promises to raise their child in the Christian faith, teaching them the word of God, with the help of the congregation. It's a wonderful moment for the family but unfortunately, in many cases, the truth is that we won't see the child again until their early teens when it's time to be confirmed. These parents are doing their children a big disservice by not following through on their promise.

As our children approach one of their many milestones that they will be achieving over the next couple of years--turning 16 and getting their driver's license--it is a good time to reflect on where they have been and where they are going. As Sue and I reflect on the past, the one constant in their lives is the church and its members. Whether it's their mentors when they were being confirmed, the educators of the church giving them advice on their future, the coaches giving them advice on their athletics, or just the people laughing at Renay's stupid jokes. The fact is that every St. Paul's member has had influence on who our children have become. We would like to thank the members of St. Paul's for upholding the promise and commitment you made to our family 16 years ago.

Greg Landis, Consistory



Welcome

- **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> ~**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**
- **Worship at 8 am. / Rejoice and Praise in the Parlor.**
- **Sunday School for all ages, 9 am.**
- **Crossroads, 9 am. in Fellowship Hall**
- **Worship, 10:15 am.**
- **Theme:** Disciples Together
- **Scripture:** Acts 16:9-15  
 John 14:23-29
- **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation**

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- **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> ~**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**
- **Worship at 8 am. / Rejoice and Praise in the Parlor**
- **Sunday School for all ages, 9 am.**
- **Worship, 10:15 am.**
- **Phoebe Offering (see page 5)**
- **Mother's Day Tea 9 am. in Fellowship Hall**
- **Theme:** Breaking Chains
- **Scriptures:** Acts 16:16-34  
 John 17:20-26
- **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation**



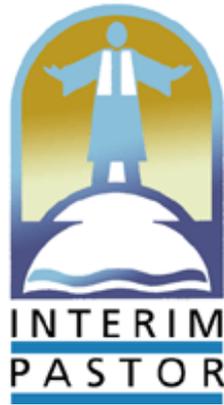
- **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> ,**  
**Pentecost Sunday**
- **Worship at 8 am. / Rejoice and Praise in the Parlor**
- **Sunday School, for all ages, 9 am.**
- **Worship, 10:15 am.**
- **Rite of Confirmation for Andrew Nace, Griffin Allen, Michael Moletierre**
- **Holy Communion**
- **Theme:** Gathered and Scattered
- **Scriptures:** Acts 2:1-21  
 John 14:8-17
- **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation**

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- **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> ,**  
**Trinity Sunday**
- **Worship at 8 am. / Rejoice and Praise in the Parlor**
- **NO Sunday School or Nursery**
- **Worship, 10:15 am.**
- **Supply Pastor, Rev. Mary Etta Mest**
- **Theme:** Wisdom Calls
- **Scriptures:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
 John 16:12-15
- **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation**

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Happiness keeps You Sweet,  
 Trials keep You Strong,  
 Sorrows keep You Human,  
 Failures keep You Humble,  
 Success keeps You Glowing,  
 But Only God keeps You Going!



### **Interim Pastor Update**

As you know, Pastor Patti will be taking a sabbatical from June 10 to September 4, 2013. Following discussions with Reverend Sharon Morris, Acting Associate Conference Minister for Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, Rick Moyer reported to Consistory that the two possible candidates Reverend Morris had mentioned were looking for more permanent positions and would be unable to make commitments until May. Neil Clark and Rick Moyer also met with Pastor David Heckler who is currently serving as pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Applebachsville.

At the April 9<sup>th</sup> Consistory meeting, the Consistory voted to offer the position of Interim Pastor to Pastor David Heckler. His position at St. Paul's Lutheran has been reduced to a half time position, making him available for this interim opportunity at St. Paul's U.C.C.

On Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Heckler accepted the position, which will begin on June 10<sup>th</sup> and end on September 4<sup>th</sup>, upon Pastor Patti's return from sabbatical. He will work out of the church office approximately 15 hours per week, and use this time to prepare for worship and make home/hospital visitations when necessary.

Look for more information about our Interim Pastor to follow!

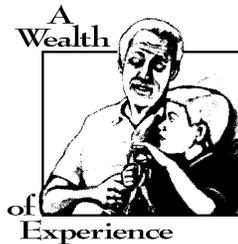
## **PHOEBE OFFERING**

Support the Phoebe Home Ministries  
on Sunday, May 12

We are blessed with the opportunity to honor and pay tribute to those older members of our families whose wisdom and experience enrich our lives. As families and congregations, we are called to bring into focus the needs of our aging loved ones. Your partnership in providing care, through your actions and through your gifts, helps to ensure that even as times change, the needs of older adults will continue to be met.

Phoebe Home's Bridgeways Neighborhood earns "Program of Distinction" from the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Phoebe is one of only 7 dementia care facilities in the country, and the only one in Pennsylvania, to receive such recognition. This distinction will establish a new benchmark for dementia care and will be widely recognized and respected.

Attached is a "Legacy of Care" Phoebe envelope. Please place your name and/or envelope number on the envelope and drop it in the offering plate.



## **HAPPENINGS IN THE PSEC**

### **May 19th ~ CHURCH HOUSE CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP ~ Collegeville**

On May 19 we will be holding a service of closure and a time of fellowship at the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Church House, 505 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Collegeville, Pa 19426. The worship service will begin at 3:30 pm, followed by an afternoon of fellowship and refreshments including wine, cheese and finger foods.

This will be an opportunity for members of the PSEC to come together to celebrate the varieties of ministry that have taken place in this building over the years. We will recognize anew that though we may define a physical space of ministry, it is and always has been the people who gather that share in the ministry given to us by Jesus.

**Please come and be a part of this time of remembering, as together, we celebrate what was and look forward to what will be. Register online OR: please let Pastor Patti know and she will register everyone together.**

# ALL ABOUT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*Ready for the adventure of a lifetime?*

**When: July 15-19, 2013**

**Where: St. Andrew's U.C.C., Perkasio**

At Kingdom Rock, kids discover how to stand strong for God! Kingdom Rock is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Scieny-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the royally rockin' activities that help faith flow into real life.



Mark your calendars and plan to attend this faith-filled, fun-filled week of VBS: July 15-19. VBS will take place once again at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, Walnut Street, Perkasio.

Registration begins May 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will be available in the Narthex and online at [www.stpaulsucc.net](http://www.stpaulsucc.net). There will also be a VBS registration Table in Fretz Hall during CCC on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration deadline is June 9<sup>th</sup>.



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**A**re you a faithful VBS volunteer who helps year after year or are you someone who has always considered volunteering, but never actually did? Whatever the case, WE NEED YOU! VBS planning is in full-swing and we hope to have all our volunteers recruited by the end of April. Following are the areas where help is needed and a description of what that opportunity requires:

- **Music** - 1 or 2 assistants; aid the music leader in singing songs and doing motions
- **Bible Story Center** - 1-5 people; teach the Bible story of the day to 4 different age-level classes
- **Class Leader** - 8 people (2 per class); lead a group of children around VBS to the various stations
- **Snack** - 3 assistants; aid in preparing and serving the snack each day
- **Games** - 1 leader & 2-3 assistants; plan and lead children in theme-related games
- **Science** - 1-2 people; demonstrate & lead children in science experiments and tie them to the Bible story & point
- **Crafts** - 5-10 people; develop age-appropriate & theme-related crafts for the children to make
- **Decoration Team** - as many creative people as possible; transform a church into a Kingdom



## **Mother's Day Tea**

**Attention:** All mother's of children in the Pre-K, K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, and Primary Classes:

**Save the date!** You are invited to attend a Mother's Day Tea with our child on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Please join us for a special time of refreshments and activity as your child(ren) celebrates YOU



## **Opportunities to serve. . .**

### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS for the month of April.**

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| May 5  | - Karen Weikel and Brandon Barndt           |  |
| May 12 | - Tracey and Mike Molettieri                |  |
| May 19 | - Mary Ziegenfuss and Jeremy Mask           |  |
| May 26 | - No staffed Nursery (Memorial Day Weekend) |  |

### **COFFEE, COOKIES, CONVERSATION follows late church ~**

All Dates in May are open ~ ask a friend to join you in preparing a small assortment of goodies and a cold drink. Sign up on clipboard in Fretz Hall.

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### **BULLETIN CHART OPENINGS:**

Please consider signing up for one or more of the following dates to sponsor the bulletin (\$10.00)

**June 16 / June 30**

### **FLOWER CHART OPENINGS:**

Please sign up to sponsor the Altar flowers for one or more of these Sundays:

**June 2 / June 16 / June 23 / June 30**

This is a great way to remember a loved one,  
honor someone special,  
or celebrate an important event in one's life.  
~ please sign up on the sheets posted in the Vestibule





## “Honor and Preserve All of God’s Creation”

### “Responsible Watering”

How you water is just as important as how frequently you water. Apply lower volumes of water at a slower rate to allow plants to absorb it. Drip-irrigation is a good way to do this and reaches the roots of your plants. Soaker hoses are the most affordable option.

Water only when necessary. To determine if your lawn needs watering, insert a screwdriver into the grass. If it enters the soil easily, your lawn has plenty water. If you have trouble getting it into the ground, it’s time to water. Allow the soil to dry before watering again to encourage root growth.

Mulch makes a difference: 3 to 6 inches of mulch spread between plants will keep precious water from evaporating. Mulch can also be placed in pots to help keep soil moist.

Timing is important also. Watering in the morning is best to keep water from evaporating to quickly. A little water in the late afternoon relieves stress in hot dry conditions.

Water conservation is good for your budget but best of all it preserves a precious resource that God has given us.

~ Nancy Lyons

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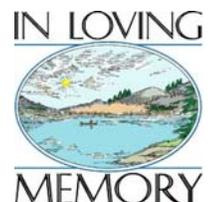
### **JAMES FRANTZ Dedication Award~**

On Celebration Sunday, this award will be given to a young person between the ages of 13 and 19 who exemplifies dedication to the church, similar to that which was shown by the late Jim Frantz. Jim Frantz was a lifelong dedicated member of St. Paul’s, 1919-1999. Last year’s award recipient was *Renay Landis*.

Nominations can be made by any member of the church by filling out a nomination form found in the black wall bracket in a folder in the Narthex. Please return the form to Rick Moyer’s mailbox.

The award will be a monetary gift from a CD we have invested and will be donated to a charity of the recipient’s choice in his/her name. The recipient’s name will be placed on the James Frantz Dedication Award plaque located in Fretz Hall.

We have some wonderful youth who are just beginning their lives as church members. Nominees should show dedication to the life of the church in such ways as volunteering at church activities, Sunday School and church attendance, helping in the Nursery, etc. Let’s support them and their efforts.



- JFD Award Committee of the Consistory

## Looking Ahead to June

The Last Day for Sunday School....June 9th

- ◆ **CELEBRATION SUNDAY**, June 16th  
During the late service on June 16<sup>th</sup>, members of our congregation who are graduating from local high schools and colleges will be honored along with our new members.



In addition, the James Frantz Dedication Award will be presented to a deserving young person nominated to be the recipient of this award.

*Can you help us? If you know of someone graduating from high school, college, a specialty school, or receiving a Master's, and are members of St. Paul's, please call the church office or contact Rick Moyer.*



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.. **Scholarships available through St. Paul's!** Applications are available to students planning to attend college or a specialty school or are presently a full time student and a member of St. Paul's. Forms are located in the Narthex inside the folder marked, "scholarship" and they are also available in the office. Deadline for applications is Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

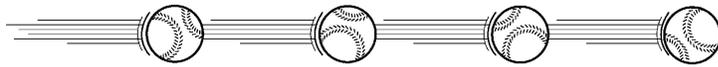


.. **A MUSICAL FEAST**, Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 4 South Main Street, Richlandown, Pa 18955. Coventry Singers are featuring a menu to please all taste from operetta to jazz! Coventry Singers is an amateur community organization that has been performing for over 45 years. A free will offering will be taken at the concert. Contact their church office for any additional information at 215-536-5027

.. **Joyful Noise 5!** Saturday, June 29 from 10 am.- 7 pm. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Applebachsville. 837 Old Bethlehem Rd. Applebachsville, Bucks Co. Free Admission, benefits the Quakertown area food pantries., bring a can food! Help us feed the hungry in our community!

.. **Penn State Continuing Education in Collaboration with the Institute of Reading Development** is offering a Speed Reading and Reading Skills Program for Children and Adults. Locations and Dates are available in Lansdale, Spring House and Doylestown, for information look for flyers in the Narthex.

.. **Steamboat Bill, Jr.** Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 8 pm. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 69 West Broad Street, Souderton, Pa. Suggested Donation: \$5.00 per person/ \$15.00 per family. Join them for this 1928 film featuring Buster Keaton, accompanied on the organ by Don Kinner, who has been called "the premier silent film accompanist in the Northeastern U.S." Flyer is located in the Narthex.



## 2013 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE



**Bring a chair and enjoy some time with friends...cheer on the team!**

Monday, May 6	6:30 pm.	@ Sell. Upper vs. Trinity/Bethel Hill
Thursday, May 9	6:30 pm.	@ Franconia vs. Franconia
Monday, May 13	8:30 pm.	@ Telford vs. Mountainview
Wednesday, May 15	6:30 pm.	@ Telford vs. Salford
Monday, May 20	6:30 pm.	@ Sell. Upper vs. Hosensack
Wednesday, May 22	6:30 pm.	@ Telford vs. St. Paul's (T)
Thursday, May 30	8:30 pm.	@ Telford vs. St. Agnes
Tuesday, June 4	8:30 pm.	@ Telford vs. Rockhill
Thursday, June 6	8:30 pm.	@ Telford vs. Heidelberg
Wednesday, June 12	6:30 pm.	@ Christ Lutheran vs. Christ Lutheran
Thursday, June 13	6:30 pm.	@ Pennsburg vs. Pennsburg
Monday, June 17	8:30 pm.	@ Sell. Lower vs. Deep Run
Thursday, June 20	8:30 pm.	@ Telford vs. Scared Heart
Monday, June 24	7:00 pm.	@ Sell. Upper vs. United Methodist
Wednesday, June 26	6:30 pm.	@ Worcester vs. Schwenkies
Monday, July 1	8:30 pm.	@ Sell. Upper vs. St Helena

NIGHT at the SOFTBALL GAME PICNIC to be June 24  
Please contact Neil Clark (H) 215-257-2584 (C) 267-319-3342 or  
Aaron Clark (C) 215-264-9956 with any questions

## News from Pennridge FISH

### Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> SpringFest/Perkasie Olde Town Association

Pennridge FISH will have a table at the event with raffles, activities, etc.

Please Come and check them out and help support their Building Fundraiser.

FISH would also like to announce that they have received two challenge grants: \$25,00 from First Svaings Bank of Perkasie, and \$100,000 from the Becky Felton Memorial Fund. Becky was a beloved volunteer at FISH and they are greatly appreciate her family's generosity. If they can raise the matching funds for these to challenge grants, they will be able to move into their new building mortgage free, so they are asking that we help spread the word and get this great news out there.

**Social Media at FISH** ~ Check out Facebook for FISH, one where you make 'like' the page and one where you may find them. If you are on Twitter, follow them at @Pennridge FISH.

### Additional Volunteer Opportunities ~

- **Development/Fundraising** ~ are looking for volunteers with fundraising, grant-writing, event planning, experience to form a development/fundraising committee. (Group would meet, plan, organize and carry out different ideas/event with goal of raising funds for new building.)
- **Publicity/Speaking Committee** ~ are looking for volunteers with publicity experience to contact news organizations with press releases, help with brochure creation, etc.
- **Training** ~ in this process of moving to a new building, there is an increased need for training volunteers prior to putting them out onto the floor with clients. The new building will bring new challenges for volunteers. Dedicated volunteers who would be willing to be trained to train others and would work closely with Paige and Ted.

As always, the time you spend volunteering at FISH is very much appreciated. They are now serving close to 1,800 residents in need in the school district! It cannot be done with you!

*Pennridge FISH Organization / 215-257-7616*

*Hours: Mon & Wed. 3-5 pm. / Thurs. 6-8 pm. / Fri & Sat 9-11 am.*

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... **From the American Cancer Society** to St. Paul's for our contribution of \$350 that was raised during Daffodil Sunday. Funds raised will help move the American Cancer Society's mission of preventing cancer and saving more lives.



... **From the Samaritan's Purse** for our recent gift of \$500 that was graciously collected during our Sunday School offerings. With the help from St. Paul's gift, Samaritan's Purse is able to assist the families that have been displaced from their homes by the widespread flooding in Mozambique and provide clean water, tarps, food and medical care to those in need.



... **From Pennridge FISH Organization** for St. Paul's donation of \$339 that was collected during our Lenten Service. With this donation FISH is able to continue their outreach to those in the Pennridge community in need.

