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September 7th, 9:00
September 14 begins 8 & 10:15
Sunday School begins September
14th 9:00



~ The Voice of Consistory ~

This is a song that Neil uses with his Crossroads group when they met. We also used this as our reading to start Consistory one month.

“Do Something”

I woke up this morning
Saw a world full of trouble now
Thought, how'd we ever get so far down
How's it ever gonna turn around
So I turn my eyes to Heaven
I thought, “God, why don't You do something?”
Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of
People living in poverty
Children sold into slavery
The thought disgusted me
So, I shook my fist at Heaven
Said, “God, why don't You do something?”
He said, “I did, I created you”

If not us, then who
If not me and you
Right now, it's time for us to do something
If not now, then when
Will we see an end
To all this pain
It's not enough to do nothing
It's time for us to do something

I'm so tired of talking
About how we are God's hands and feet
But it's easier to say than to be
Live like angels of apathy who tell ourselves
It's alright, “somebody else will do something”
Well, I don't know about you
But I'm sick and tired of life with no desire
I don't want a flame, I want a fire
I wanna be the one who stands up and says,
“I'm gonna do something”

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We are the salt of the earth
We are a city on a hill (shine shine, shine shine)
But we're never gonna change the world
By standing still
No we won't stand still
No we won't stand still


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~ Rick Moyer, President of Consistory




Sunday, September 7, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Worship, 9:00 am. in Sanctuary
- Scriptures: Exodus 12:1-14
Matthew 18:15-20



ONE SERVICE at 9:00 am.
WELCOME EVERYONE!



- Welcome Sunday Celebration & activities, 9 am.
- Pancake Breakfast will follow Worship in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, September 14, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Return to 2 Services

- Worship at 8 am. / Rejoice and Praise in the Parlor
- Sunday School, 9 am.
- Worship, 10:15 am. in Sanctuary
- Scriptures: Exodus 14:19-31
Matthew 18:21-35
- Liturgist: Marty Milkowich
- Coffee, Cookies and Conversation.



Sunday, September 21, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Worship at 8 am. / Rejoice and Praise in the Parlor
- Sunday School, 9 am.
- Worship, 10:15 am. in Sanctuary
- Scriptures: Exodus 16:2-15
Matthew 20:1-16
- Liturgist: Mary Beth Baringer
- Joyful Noise Offering
- Gallery in the Park/Sellersville
- Coffee, Cookies and Conversation.



Pennridge
Gallery of the Arts
GalleryOfTheArts.org

ART & CRAFT SHOW
45th annual, a proud community tradition!

Sunday, September 21, 2014
12 - 5 PM
Main Street, Sellersville
Bucks County

Art • Crafts • Live Entertainment
Refreshments • Family Fun



WORSHIP SERVICES, continued...**Sunday, September 28, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time****-Worship at 8 am. / Rejoice and Praise in the Parlor****-Sunday School, 9 am.****-Worship, 10:15 am. in Sanctuary****-Scriptures: Exodus 17:1-7
Matthew 21:23-32****-Liturgist: Griffin Allen****-Coffee, Cookies and Conversation****Junior Youth Group**

We have been invited to have our younger youth (children in grades 3- 6) join with the youth of St. Andrew's UCC in Perkasio for a Junior Youth Group. Presently, St. Andrew's does not have enough kids to participate in the activities they plan. Since we have combined for Vacation Bible School for the past three summers and have developed a reputation with St. Andrew's and have found a feeling of comfort in their building and on their grounds, it makes perfect sense to combine again for this great opportunity for the younger youth.

On Sunday, September 7th, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, St. Andrew's will be hosting a Youth Ministry Social evening event as a kickoff for their Junior and Senior Youth Groups. There will be a cookout (hamburgers/hotdogs, S'mores around the fire pit) and the kids will play games and then break into two different groups to discuss activities for the upcoming year. This event is rain or shine!! Contact Nancy Ziegenfuss if your child plans to attend.

***Praise The Lord!******Sing to the Lord a new song.******Sing His praises in the assembly of the faithful.******-psalm 149 vs. 1, NLT***

Weekly Wednesday night (7 pm) choir rehearsals start on September 3rd.

New voices always needed and welcome!

No experience necessary!

We rehearse for about an hour and it is a fun time of singing, learning and fellowship.

As I have mentioned several times over the past couple of years, please consider joining us even if you can't commit to every week or the entire season.

As much as possible, I try to make our rehearsal schedules accommodating to our modern hectic lives.

If you have requests for the choir, whether it be an old favorite or something new you have heard that you like, please let me know and I will see if we can sing it.

Priority is given to requests from choir members; hopefully that will motivate YOU to join us.

Come make a joyful noise with us.

~ Chris Ziegenfuss, Choir Director



Vacation Bible School Summary



Jungle Safari - Where Kids Explore the Nature of God

49 children from St. Andrew's, St. Paul's and the Pennridge community participated in Jungle Safari VBS this summer. The children searched for priceless treasure and discovered the nature of God as Creator, Provider, Protector, Savior and King. Jungle Safari VBS was filled with incredible Bible learning experiences the kids, saw, heard, touched and even tasted! Science fun, team building games, cool songs, and tasty treats were just a few of the activities that helped faith flow into real life.

Our VBS Mission Project this year was Heifer International. Heifer works with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth. They empower families by bringing sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. Heifer International animals provide partners with both food and reliable income, as agricultural products such as milk, eggs, and honey are traded or sold at market. When many families gain this new sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives and funding small businesses. Our daily offering was dedicated to Heifer International. We raised \$406 during the week of VBS and an additional \$85 came in at the closing worship service on August 3rd. In addition to the monetary offering, we also gathered non-perishable items for the pantry shelves at FISH. These items were donated to FISH to help them in their on-going outreach to the community.

Thank you to all the members of the congregation who donated craft supplies and food supplies for VBS and to those who donated hot dog rolls and money to purchase hot dogs for the hot dog lunch on Friday. The week-long event wouldn't have been possible without your help and support. A special thank you to those who donated via the Vacation Bible School Offering Envelopes included in the July/August newsletter. A total of \$170 came in. This money helped keep the actual cost of VBS down.

What a blessing it was to have 20 children from St. Paul's attending VBS!!! Cameron Allen, Jacob Baringer, Bailey Bishop, Katelyn Dusza, Lukas Frank, Nikolas Frank, Logan Fuhs, Trevor Fuhs, Carter Fuhs, Madison Gillespie, Faith Hawkins, Tessa Hawkins, Taylor Hawkins, Andrew Hauptert, Zachary Hauptert, Makya Milkowich, McKenna Milkowich, Preston Ziegenfuss, Jocelyn Ziegenfuss and Simon Ziegenfuss were among the 49 children each day.

I want to thank the people from St. Paul's who donated their time, love, and talents as volunteers at VBS: Griffin Allen, Brenda Bishop, Brandon Barndt, Breanna Barndt, Jim Chrastina, Loyce Frankenfield, Dr. Pat Guth, Donna Huff, Nancy Moyer, Kristen Tomlinson, and Pastor Patti. With the help of these people, VBS became a friendlier, more familiar place for St. Paul's children.

It was so nice to have many of our volunteers be able to help out for the entire week of VBS. With volunteers filling a week-long volunteer opportunity, we were able to fill many of the major roles at VBS. Thank you to all who gave of their time.

While we had lots of volunteers helping at VBS, the number of parents of VBS children who helped was low. Most of our volunteers were grandparents or other senior members of the congregation. It would be great to see more parents get involved in all the fun of running VBS. I encourage you to talk with those people who helped at VBS or those parents who sent their children. Listen to their stories, hear the excitement and enthusiasm in their voices. Think about it, pray about it, and see if you decide to be a part of the wonderful VBS experience next year!

VBS planning begins as early as February. If you'd like to have some input in the theme that is chosen, the crafts that are done, or anything else VBS related, contact Nancy Ziegenfuss and become part of the planning process. VBS is an awesome opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with children from both churches and the local community while they're eager and impressionable.

Stewardship of the Earth



Five New Year's Resolutions

Yes, I know New Year's is January, but the beginning of another school year is also a time to "revamp" and perhaps make these easy but important "resolutions".

1. **Switch to tap water.**

An at – home filtering pitcher and reusable water bottle reduces the 1.5 million barrels of oil used to make plastic bottles and you could save \$1,000 a year by not buying bottles water.

2. **Carry a reusable bag.**

More than 1 million plastic bags end up in the trash every minute. Keep your reusable bags near the door or/and in your car.

3. **Change your light bulbs.**

Switching to CFL's will slash your energy use up to 80%. Saving money and conserving power.

4. **Cut back on paper towels.**

Using washable cotton towels will help reduce the 3,000 tons of paper towels that go in the landfill daily. And remember to buy towels made from recycled paper.

5. **Avoid wasting electricity.**

Unplug your cell phone charger when it's finished charging. You might invest in a device that automatically stops drawing energy once a device is done charging.

Don't wait for January 1st, make these 5 resolutions now. Help save your planet!



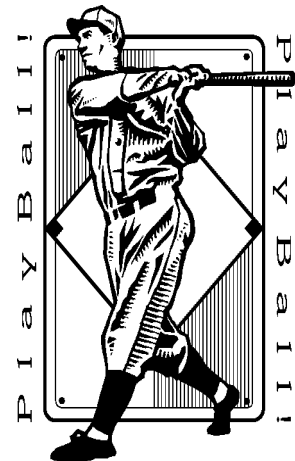
Final results for the 2014 softball season ~

Sacred Heart 9	St. Paul's 8
St. Helena's 2	St. Paul's 12
St. Agnes 11	St. Paul's 3
Franconia 14	St. Paul's 8
Deep Run 6	St. Paul's 8
Christ Lutheran 13	St. Paul's 12
Salford 22	St. Paul's 2
Pennsburg 14	St. Paul's 4
Deep Run 12	St. Paul's 5

Playoffs:

Franconia 11	St. Paul's 1
St. Helena 14	St. Paul's 6

Final Record: 3 wins 15 losses



Thanks to our member players: Aaron Clark, Sam Clark, Tommy Long, Evan Jacoby, Kelton Jacoby, Jeff Moyer, Marquise Stokes, Dennis Hauptert, Jeremy Mask and Tim Frank. And our non-member players: Chris Lemuell, Kevin Horoff, Duane High, Eric Boyer and Bryce Stever.

The Team would also like to thank St. Paul's for the new jerseys and hats that were made possible by an Endowment grant. We received numerous compliments throughout the season!



Help Wanted!



Revitalization of Ministry Teams – PLEA #2

Consistory, along with Pastor Patti, spent two Saturday mornings discussing the future of our church. Through those discussions, we unanimously agreed that our ministry teams need to be revitalized and more active. The three areas we identified were Growth and Hospitality, Music and Worship, and Stewardship. We are committed to work hard in these areas, but we need YOUR help, as members of this congregation, to serve with consistory members on these ministry teams. We need volunteers with new and fresh ideas to get our congregation excited again about St. Paul's UCC in Sellersville. These ministry teams usually meet monthly. Identify an area for which you have a passion, and we will help you channel your energy to a specific ministry team.

Gallery of the Arts- Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014

The Growth and Hospitality ministry team is trying to make St. Paul's more active and visible in our community. St. Paul's will have a "walking taco" stand during the Gallery of the Arts held on Main Street in Sellersville on September 21st from 12 - 5 pm. We are asking **ANYONE** from St. Paul's to come help us in our stand for a 1 or 2 hour shift. The money we make will be donated to Keystone Opportunity Council. (IHN is a part of Keystone Opportunity Council. St. Paul's and St. Andrew's UCC are buddy churches with St. Stephen's UCC, who hosts IHN clients during the month of August.) Look for a sign-up sheet if you can help us that day.

Looking Ahead!

Chicken Pot Pie Dinner in October

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with our annual dinner for the community. We need people to help with food preparation prior to the dinner date. Obviously, we can always use help during the day of the dinner, too. We serve the dinner from 4 - 7pm. If you can't get there until later, we can definitely use your help for "clean-up". Look for more information in the October newsletter as well as a sign-up sheet, which will be posted closer to the actual date.

Volunteer Opportunities

NURSERY Volunteers for September:

- Sept. 7 - NO Staffed Nursery
- Sept. 14 - Lucy Chrastina and Donna Tomlinson
- Sept. 21 - Tracey and Mike Molettiere
- Sept. 28 - Annette Bibic and Joan Buckley



***Our list of Nursery Volunteers is dwindling. Please speak to Nancy Ziegenfuss if you'd be willing to serve in the Nursery this year. In reality, you only have to serve 3-4 times throughout the entire year.

COFFEE, COOKIES & CONVERSATION following late church each Sunday. . .

Please sign up on the poster now located in Fellowship Hall and later, located in Fretz Hall! Bring some cookies, a cold drink, and make some coffee!

BULLETIN CHART ~ there are many opening ~ please sign up on one or more of these Sundays: Sept. 14th and 21st and Oct. 5th, 19th and 26th

FLOWER CHART ~ there are dates available in September for Altar Flowers, please sign up for one of these date: Sept. 14th and Sept. 21st

Our Church Family

Births:

† Congratulations to Justin and Laura Derstine on the birth of their daughter, Hope Emily Derstine. Hope was born on June 19th at St. Luke's Hospital. We'd like to extend our Well Wishes to Grandfather James Derstine, Jr. and Great Grandfather, Jim Derstine. Welcome Hope!

† Congratulations to Jeremiah and Brianna Link on the birth of their son, Knox Braddock Link. Knox was born on July 25th in Virginia. Congratulations to big sister Surrey, as well as grandparents, Paul and Debbie Koehler. Welcome Knox!



...PENNRIDGE CROP WALK ~ Sunday, October 12th, Watch for more information coming soon. Sponsor sheets and flyers will be available shortly. Mark your calendar.

... Ventures ~ September 23 – 25, 2014 ~ Mariawald Renewal Center, Reading PA

Ventures is for adults who want to explore meaningful ideas and issues in a retreat setting. It is also a time for fun and fellowship, for renewing friendships and making new friends, as well as a time for personal reflection. This year's theme can be worldwide or as narrow as the place where you live. As our globe and our lives become more concentrated, we need to explore ways to connect and better serve one another. Come and share your ideas about how we can make this world (our world) a better place.

Mariawald Renewal Center

Mariawald is situated on beautiful peaceful grounds in Reading, Pa. It is advertised as “A Bed & Breakfast for the Soul” and is moderately handicapped accessible. To learn more, visit:

www.mariawaldrenewal.com.



Activities

Tuesday: Registration begins at 11 am. After lunch there will be a get-acquainted time followed by the theme presentation. Following dinner, there will be a program followed by worship and time for

Wednesday: Bible study, workshops and a field trip. There will be free time before dinner. Following dinner, there will be a program, worship and time for fellowship.

Thursday: Bible study, time for sharing of experiences and sacrament of communion. The event concludes with lunch.

PLEASE NOTE: Enter the number of attendees in the "Quantity" drop-down box and click either ORDER NOW to use a credit card, or "Show other payment options" to register and send a check via postal mail.

Remember to include any special needs you have for accommodations or diet.

FULL-TIME fee of \$150 includes seven meals and two overnights per person (bedding & towels are provided).

PART-TIME fee of \$50 per day per person includes lunch and dinner.

. . . From Phoebe Richland ~ Award –Winning Recipe Inspires Winning Life at Phoebe

Richland ~ Mrs. T's Pierogies held a recipe contest calling for something new and different using pierogies as the main ingredient. The contest was open to operators from Cura Hospitality, which is Phoebe's dining service provider where Eileen Goos is Director of Dining Services.

Eileen enlisted the help of Anna Siegfried, a resident, and together they came up with a “savory-sweet” new dish: Pierogi and Apple bake, which won top honors in the contest. Here is the recipe so you too can bake up a batch of your own Pierogi and Apple Bake!

Pierogi and Apple Bake Recipe

10 Heavy Crisp Apples peeled and sliced thin	1 Box Mrs. T's mini Potato and Cheddar Pierogies
1/2 cup All Purpose Flour	1/2 Stick of Butter melted
1/4 Cup White Sugar	1/2 Cup Light Brown Sugar
1/4 Cup Light Brown Sugar	1/2 tsp. Cinnamon
1 tsp. Cinnamon	1/2 Stick Butter
1/2 Stick Butter cut in to bits	1/2 Cup Flour
	1/2 Cup White Sugar

Arrange apples in a 9 x 13 baking dish. Sprinkle with flour and sugar and cinnamon and toss until apples are coated; scatter butter cuts throughout.

Toss frozen mini pierogies in butter, brown sugar and cinnamon then add to apple mixture and toss to spread throughout.

Combine butter flour and sugar to make a crumb mixture; spread evenly over top of apples and pierogies and bake at 350 for 45 min. or until apples are tender. Serve warm with coast

...Soldier's Heart Healing Retreat ~ Thursday – Sunday, October 23-26, 2014. **Soldier's Heart** retreats restore warriors and their communities by providing veterans, service members, family members, helping professionals and caring community members a safe space to learn and practice ways of successful homecoming and healing from war and military service as found in Dr. Edward Tick's book, *War and the Soul*. Participants will gain a deep understanding of PTSD as a soul wound.

Retreat Leaders: Roger Brooke, Ph.D., ABPP and Paul Henderson, JD

Cost: \$795, includes tuition, room and board

Registration: To register, apply for a veteran scholarship, or donate so that a veteran may attend, call 518.274.0501.

Registration begins at 3:00, Thursday, dinner at 6:00, opening ceremony at 7:00. Retreat ends on Sunday after lunch.

Place: Pendle Hill Retreat Center (www.pendlehill.org)

338 Plush Mill Road, Wallingford, PA (just outside of Philadelphia, PA)

Directions: <http://www.pendlehill.org/travel>

Questions: 518.274.0501

...Phoebe Ministries would like to thank St. Paul's for their gift of \$80, which was received on July 10, 2014. Our gift will be going towards Phoebe Richland, this gift helps to bring fullness of life to those in their care. This year alone, Phoebe will provide approximately \$11.5 million of charitable care to residents who otherwise would be unable to afford the care they need. *"We could not do this without the support of people like you."* ~ Adam Marles, VP of Marketing and Institutional Advancement.

... South Brooklyn Metro, Young Life, *"Thank you for supporting our efforts to introduce kids to Jesus Christ and for your recent donation on June 23, 2014 in the amount of \$1000."* ~ Denny Rydberg, President

... Thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers and cards we received after the passing of Jeff's dad. It was very comforting during this difficult time. ~ Joann and Jeff Allen

... As I prepare to leave for my second year at Penn State, I want to thank the Scholarship Committee for awarding me funds. I am looking forward to this upcoming semester as I begin to start into my core classes in my major of Environmental Resource Management. I will be putting the funds to good use towards books and supplies which should make this year more successful than last! Thank you to all my church family for all your support and prayers...keep them coming! ~ Sam Clark



**2 Services 8 am
10:15 am
Sunday School
and Nursery
begin!
September 14**



September 1



September 7



September 21

