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GOOD NEWS



September, 2019

St. Paul's United Church of Christ



Welcome Sunday Celebration

When: Sunday, September 8th in Fellowship Hall 9 am.

~ Second Graders receive their Bibles ~

Join us on Sunday, September 8th at 9 am in Fellowship Hall for Welcome Sunday. Welcome Sunday is the day we will celebrate our Christian Education Ministries and rally together at the beginning of a new year to praise our Lord and together learn more about our God.

The theme for the day is *Created by God to be New Creations*. Sunday School teachers will lead us in worship and Nancy Ziegenfuss will be the guest speaker. Students entering 2nd grade will receive Bibles. Immediately following the worship service, there will a pancake breakfast. A free will offering will be collected.

Pancake Breakfast



Everyone. . .
you are invited to stay and share in the
celebration of Welcome Sunday
immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall.
A free will offering will be collected.

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September 1st and 8th, 9:00
September 15th begins 10:15
Sunday School begins
September 15th 9:00



~ Letter from the Pastor ~

Hey, it's good to be back home again. Those words aren't just lyrics to the famous song, "*Back Home Again*," written and performed by John Denver in 1974; they are words that simply express the feelings of Kevin and I as we begin our ministry at St. Paul's. We are thankful that we had good and safe travels on the big move day and that all our furnishings arrived on time; we are thankful for your prayers and support in those first days, especially the delicious meals provided as we worked through the unpacking stages of the move; but most of all, we are thankful to finally be here with you!

In these early days of our ministry, my priority has been to visit members of our church family that are unable to attend worship due to current health challenges. I have been blessed by each and every visit as folks have shared family memories and church memories with me. I've also reached out to our youth as we prepare for a 2020 Confirmation Class. In the letter of invitation mailed to the Confirmation candidates, I shared with them that the purpose of the Confirmation process is to help young people explore their faith, learn of their heritage (Bible, history, local roots), and to move to new positions of faith and life – to develop knowledge and skill. ***Faith formation*** is the best term to describe this process, not confirmation. *Confirmation* is a rite of the church. ***Faith formation*** is what happens over time through the intentional teaching efforts of the church, the worship of the congregation, the witness of Christian persons, and the work of the Holy Spirit.

As I drove back and forth on these first visits and as I sat reading and reviewing a new Confirmation resource, another song came on my heart: "***We are the Church.***" I'm sure the song is familiar to you, but here is a reminder of the words to the first verse: *The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people*"; and the refrain: *I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*

Whether facing health challenges or challenging decisions, beginning the Confirmation journey or remembering your commitment to Christ that you made yesterday or over 50 years ago, we are the church together! We are a community that belongs to the risen Lord! We are the church together! Together we will serve our risen Lord! We are the church together!

In Christ's service,
Pastor Trudy

Letter from the Pastor continued . . .

*For I am about to do something new.
See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?
Isaiah 43:19a*

Beginning September 15th, we will have a change in our Sunday worship schedule. Sunday School will be held at its' regular time of 9:00 a.m. and there will be **one worship service at 10:15 a.m.** There will no longer be an 8:00 a.m. service; however, our pastor is planning on holding a weekday morning prayer service beginning in October. Watch for more details in upcoming worship bulletins and newsletters.

Sunday's in September



- **Sunday, September 1, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**
 - Worship, 9:00 am. in Fellowship Hall
 - Scriptures: Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16 OR
Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 and Psalm 112
Hebrew 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14
 - Coffee, Cookies and Conversation

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- **Sunday, September 8, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
 - Worship, 9:00 am. in Fellowship Hall
 - Scriptures: Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 or
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 15:1-10



ONE SERVICE at 9:00 am
WELCOME EVERYONE!

WELCOME SUNDAY

- Welcome Sunday Celebration & Activities, 9 am ~ see front page for details
- Pancake Breakfast will follow Worship in Fellowship

Sunday's in Septembers continued . . .

- **Sunday, September 15, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

ONE SERVICES!!!

-Sunday School, 9 am.

-Worship, 10:15 am. in Sanctuary

-Scriptures: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14 OR

Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

-Joyful Noise Offering

-Gallery in the Park/Sellersville

-Coffee, Cookies and Conversation



*Joyful Noise
Offering*



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- **Sunday, September 22, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

-Sunday School, 9 am.

-Worship, 10:15 am. in Sanctuary

-Scriptures: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9 OR

Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

-Coffee, Cookies and Conversation

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- **Sunday, September 29, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

-Sunday School, 9 am.

-Worship, 10:15 am. in Sanctuary

-Scriptures: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 OR

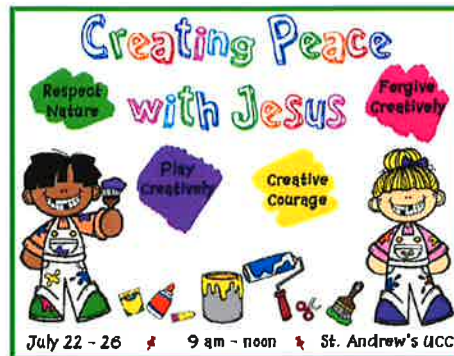
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

-Coffee, Cookies and Conversation

Vacation Bible School Summary



Creating Peace with Jesus

“In the beginning God created...boys and girls in His image and everything God created was very good.” Genesis 1:1-31

Approximately 62 children from St. Andrew’s, St. Paul’s, and the Pennridge community participated in *Creating Peace with Jesus* VBS this summer. At *Creating Peace with Jesus* VBS, the kids learned how to respect nature, play creatively, act with courage, and forgive through Bible time, experience, crafts, mission, music, games, and snack.

This year at VBS, we supported two missions. Our monetary offering supported RamPacks. Approximately 1 in 4 families at Sellersville Elementary School do not have enough money to provide all of the food they need for their families. The RamPacks program provides weekend breakfasts and lunches for those children during the school year. After five days of VBS, we raised more than \$550. This money will allow us to provide weekend food for two children for the entire year! Throughout the week, we also collected school supplies to fill backpacks that will be donated to school children in the greater Philadelphia area.

Thank you to all the members of the congregation who donated food and craft supplies for VBS. 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 your giving envelopes. A total of \$335 came in. Thank you for your generous outpouring of love! This money helped keep the actual cost of VBS down. An extra special thank you goes to Chris Fosbenner for making Team Building Skis for us to use in games. He donated his time and the materials to make the skis. The skis were a HUGE hit!

We had 12 children from St. Paul’s attend VBS this summer. Dylan & Ella Ferris, Taylor & Faith Hawkins, Evan, Caroline & Bryn Hendricks, McKenna Milkowich, Oliver Moyer, Jaxon Moyer, Braylon Stokes, and Simon Ziegenfuss were among the 62 children each day. We were happy to have Pastor Trudy’s grandson, Jason, join us for three days as well!

Vacation Bible School Summary continued . . .

43 people staffed VBS this summer. I want to thank the people from St. Paul's who donated their time, love, and talents as volunteers during the week of VBS: Jerry Fosbenner, Nikolas Frank, Lukas Frank, Tessa Hawkins, Donna Huff, Lucille Moore, Nancy Moyer, Jocelyn Ziegenfuss, and Nancy Ziegenfuss. We appreciate everyone who helped in a variety of ways.

VBS is an awesome opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with children while they're eager and impressionable. VBS week is one of the best weeks out of the entire year. It's a high energy week full of fun, excitement, and sharing God's love. Please consider taking part in VBS next summer. Join in the fun with the children of St. Paul's!



Love Your Neighbor
As Yourself

Stewardship of the Earth

An Ocean Update

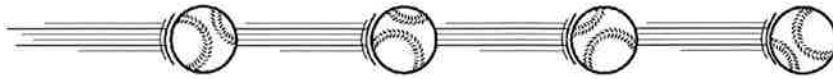
The problem of plastic pollution in the ocean is worse than scientists feared. A recent mission to clean up trash floating in the ocean piled 40 tons of abandoned fishing nets in the Pacific-nets that entangle whales, turtles and fish and damage coral reefs. It's estimated that between 600,000 and 800,000 metric tons of fishing gear is lost or abandoned during storms each year in the world's oceans. Another 9 million tons of plastic waste flows in from beaches, rivers and creeks. Ocean Voyages Institute separated and donated 2 tons of plastic trash to artists to transform into art work to educate the public.

Another more troubling aspect of plastic pollution has been the discovery of tiny pieces of plastics-smaller than rice grains-pervasive thousands of feet below the surface of the ocean. These micro-plastics have been found from the sea-floor to the mountains tops, in the air we breathe and in the salt we put on our food. They're ingested by crabs and fish that are eaten by tuna and other fish that we eat as well as other sea creatures and birds.

The one piece of "good" news is that 40% of the plastic came from single-use containers for beverages and food. We can demand better alternatives for these products.

~ Submitted by: Nancy Lyons

Softball Season Wrap Up



BUCKS MONT CHURCH LEAGUE TOURNAMENT CHAMPS!

After a regular season with a final record of 5-12-2, St. Paul's entered the playoffs with modest expectations. Our Lower Division playoffs ran as a double elimination tournament and we hoped to be competitive. We defeated Deep Run West 23-11 in our first game and then lost to Rockhill 15-2 in our second game. Having dropped to the loser's bracket final we beat Christ Lutheran 18-8 to reach the finals against Rockhill. The only catch: we would have to beat them twice to win the championship.

In game one of the finals we took advantage of some sloppy play by Rockhill to eventually emerge victorious 23-18 in a game that lasted 2 1/2 hours.

That set the stage for the winner take all game that I announced at church for Aug. 6.

Rockhill had twice as many wins as us in the regular season so to beat them a second time seemed like a huge task.

Bolstered by a huge crowd of 30+ in the stands (including Pastor Trudy on her second day), we promptly took the field and scored 6 first inning runs, followed by 4 more in the second to lead 10-2 after two innings. Two three run homeruns in the 4th expanded our lead to 16-3 and we closed the game out after 5 innings due to the 10 run rule. Game over in an hour and twenty minutes.

Jubilation ensued as the team celebrated a most unexpected championship!

The team scored 82 runs in the five playoff games - definitely our best hitting and scoring of the season. Just the right time to play your best ball of the year.

Thanks to all the fans who came out over the season and to our member players:

Aaron Clark, Sam Clark, Kevin Horoff, Jeremy Mask and Jeff Moyer. And to our non-member players: Eric Boyer, Bryce Stever, Sean Slingsby, Josh Naso, Chris McNerney, Mike Scalfaro, Nick Martino, Ken Squire and Kevin Gloviak.

Now the question is: come back to defend the championship or retire while on top?

We'll see next year.

Neil Clark



Youth Group

After taking the summer off, the Youth Group will begin having monthly meetings again. The first meeting will take place on Sunday, September 22nd (7-8:30 pm) in the Rec Room. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in Youth Group.

Save the date: the Youth Group will be walking in the CROP Walk this fall. Please reserve the afternoon of October 13th for this event!



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 4th. New voices are 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



CONFIRMATION

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2020 Confirmation Class. Please contact Stacey in the church office at 215-257-7268 or stacey@stpaulsucc.net or Pastor Trudy at pastortrudy@stpaulsucc.net by September 8th to register for Confirmation. Pastor Trudy will be meeting with Confirmands, their parents, and mentors on September 24th at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to sign the Confirmation Covenant; each Confirmand will receive a "Requirements of Confirmation Class" and "Schedule Classes."

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first day of Sunday School classes for all ages will be Sunday, September 15th.

This year's Sunday School classes:

Pre-K/K - for children age 2 - Kindergarten

Primary Class - for children in grades 2 - 5

Jr./Sr. High Class - for youth in grades 6 - 12

Men's Group - for men of every age

The Men's Group will reconvene and pick up with the *Simon Peter* study they were doing in the spring. The class will decide what they'd like to study after that.

Women's Group - for women of every age

The Women's Group will continue the class format we adopted last year. Each week, there will be time to fellowship between 9 and 9:15 am. During this time, everyone can catch up from the week, as well as share joys and concerns. Following that time of fellowship, we will listen to a devotion. We will pick up where we left off at the end of May using the book *If I Can Do All Things Through Christ... Why Can't I Find My Car Keys? (52 Devotions for Busy Women Who Need a Moment with God)*. Following the devotion, some scripture verses based on the main idea of the devotion will be shared. A take-home page with the scripture verses will be provided so you can meditate on those scriptures throughout the week. Then the group will engage in a discussion related to the topic of the devotion. As the year progresses and we finish that book, we will move into the sequel entitled *God So Loved the World... That He Created Chocolate*. On occasion, church seasons and group dynamics may lead us to share in devotions from other resources. No matter where you are on your journey in life, you are encouraged to join us!



Our Church Family



1st - Hope Seiler
 3rd - Dylan Ferris
 Dr. Bill Lyons
 Bonnie Hayden
 Kathryn Clark

6th - Wm. Hart Rufe, III
 7th - Rev. George Schmidt
 8th - Jim Chrastina
 Matthew Milkowich
 Christopher Ferris
 Lauren Hendricks
 Jenessa Bergey
 9th - Karen Nace



12th - Ella Ferris
 14th - Arlene Peters
 Greg Landis
 15th - Clarence Runkle
 Michael Milkowich
 16th - Jean Houpert
 17th - Megan Ferris
 18th - Roy Roth
 19th - Carol Nase
 Lucy Chrastina
 Maria Long
 21st - Julius Hayden
 Melinda Cardacin

23rd - Nancy Booz
 24th - John Rousch
 Jacoby Bergey
 Braylon Stokes
 25th - Tracey Molettieri
 Ralph Schlectic
 28th - Donna Huff



... A great big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our two summer collections for FISH. In June and July we collected items for the Kid's Summer Lunch Program which helped families who had children who normally would receive subsidized lunches during the school year. In the summer, the kids are home or at other caregivers and need lunches which add to the food needs each work. St. Paul's collected 208.9 pounds of food that was designated for the extra bags given to those families in need. Awesome job! Then in August we participated in gathering School Supplies and Backpacks that are distributed out to FISH families prior to the start of school. 10 filled backpacks were taken to FISH to be included in distribution. I can always count on our members to come through with these collections and show how it is better to give than to receive. Another terrific job!! ~ Brenda Clark



... "I'm writing to thank you for your generous gift totaling \$760 sent to **Samaritan's Purse** from your Christian Education. Your support and partnership are appreciated more than you know. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others. May God bless you. ~ Franklin Graham

... On behalf of everyone who lives and works at **Phoebe**, thank you for your support and your generous offers of \$100. ~ Stacey Prohaska, Executive Director Office of Philanthropy

... **The American Red Cross** is very grateful for your generous gift of \$150.00 in July to *Where It Is Needed Most*. On behalf of those we serve, thank you. ~ Gail McGovern, President and CEO, American Red Cross

... **The Gideons International** would like thank you St. Paul's for their donation of \$20 which will help provide 4 Bibles here and across the globe. Thank you for your help and support. ~Wilson Anders, Treasure



... PENNRIDGE CROP WALK ~ For 50 years, Americans have been stepping up to end hunger for neighbors around the block and around the world. Take a hike for hunger during the 36th annual Pennridge CROP Walk for the Hungry, Sunday, October 13. Registration for the five-mile route begins at 12:30 p.m. at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Ave., Perkasié. The Walk, held rain or shine, begins at 1:00 p.m. Registration for the shorter “Golden Mile” route begins at 12:30 p.m. at the parking lot by the Walnut St., Sellersville Lenape Park ballfield. Please bring canned goods to donate to the Pennridge FISH food pantry.

Twenty-five per cent of all proceeds go to Pennridge FISH for local hunger use. The remaining funds will be used by Church World Service and its partner agencies for hunger and disaster relief in the US and globally. If you plan to walk, see **Robin Frank** for a sponsor form. For more information, visit www.crophungerwalk.org/perkasiepa or email maryflong@hotmail.com.

... Ventures ~ September 24-26, 2019 ~ “Hear Me – Is God Listening” Mariawald Renewal Center, 1094 Welsh Rd., Reading PA 19607

Ventures, in its 44th year, is a retreat for men, women and couples of all ages. It is a time of faith, fellowship and fun set in a beautifully relaxed and peaceful setting.



REGISTER ONLINE <http://psecventures19.eventbrite.com>. Firm Deadline: Sep. 8th

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AID IN PREPARATION FOR THIS EVENT.

Full Time: \$160 per person (2 overnights, double occupancy. 7 meals, program and facility)

Full Time Commuter: \$100 per person (program and 5 meals)

Wednesday Commuter: \$65 per person (program, lunch and dinner)

Scholarship funds: Contact Rev. Worley @ PSEC, 484-949-8774 x 308 or Worley@psec.org For more information contact: June Rung @ jrung1@hometownnu.com or 610-683-6563 A limited number of single rooms are available at \$175. Contact June Rung for information.

FISH PANTRY NEEDS LIST



Toilet Paper

Toothpaste

Size 5 and 6 Large Pull Ups

Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Tea

Stuffing

Baked Beans

Misc. Soups (Bean w/ bacon, Split Pea, Chicken w rice, etc.)

*** Towels and Sheet sets needed

Drop off in St. Paul’s Food Cupboard
Or FISH, 800 W. Chestnut St., Perkasié
215-257-7616

Tissues

Bar Soap

Baby Wipes

Shelf stable milk

Gravy

Canned Spinach

Paper Towels

Razors

Laundry Detergent

Boxed rice mixes

Mayo

Canned Peaches

Chicken Noodle Soup

Monday/Wednesday 3:00-5:00 PM
Thursday 6:00-8:00 PM
Friday/Saturday 9:00-11:00 AM

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September

By all these lovely ^{TOKENS}
 september DAYS ARE HERE,
 WITH SUMMER'S BEST OF weather
 AND autumn's
 best of cheer.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2  Office Closed	3 AA Noon • Prayer Shawl, 1-3 pm.	4 • Choir, 7 pm Zumba	5 • Finance Mtg., 7 pm	6	7 AA 10 pm.
8 Worship 9 am., Fellowship Hall WELCOME SUNDAY Pancake Breakfast 	9 AA Noon Aerob.	10 AA Noon • Consistory, 7 pm	11 AA 7:30-9:30 pm • Choir, 7 pm	12 Aerob.	13	14 AA 10 pm.
15 S. School, 9 am. 10:15 in Sanctuary CCC We move back upstairs!!	16 AA Noon Aerob.	11 AA Noon • Prayer Shawl, 1-3 pm.	18 • Choir, 7 pm Zumba	19 Aerob.	20	21 AA 10 pm.
22 S. School, 9 am. 10:15 in Sanctuary Joyful Noise Offering CCC	23 AA Noon Aerob.	24 AA Noon • Confirmants, parents and mentors meet in Fellowship Hall, 7 pm	25 • Choir, 7 pm Zumba	26 Aerob.	27	28 AA 11 am—5pm AA 10 pm.
29 S. School, 9 am. 10:15 in Sanctuary CCC	30 AA Noon Aerob.					Gallery of the Arts Sellersville ~ Sept 15th  Art Show

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10:15 am Worship
9:00 Sunday School
September 15



September 2



September 8



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