

**APRIL 2026**

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**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**THE GOOD NEWS**

*Sharing Life's Journey by Building Our Relationships with Jesus and Each Other*

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**Steven Says . . . Christ is Risen!**



*Steven Says, Come, experience the Risen Christ!*

## APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES

*Services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel via our website.  
Worship is held at 10:15am in the sanctuary.*

**Lay Reader for April:** *Donna Huff, Richard & Mary Beth Barringer*

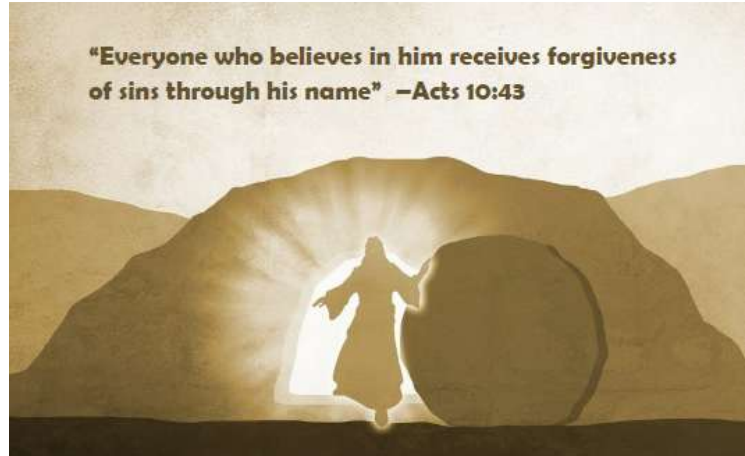
### **April 5** | Easter Sunday/*Communion*

Texts: *John 20:1-18, Acts 10:34-43*

Sermon:

#### **Everyone Who Believes in Him**

We don't need to "jazz up" or improve the Easter message; Jesus died and rose again. In one of the first sermons about this historic fact, Peter proclaimed that "everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness . . . through his name" (Acts 10:43). That is indeed good news!



### **April 12** | Second Sunday of Easter

Texts: *1 Corinthians 12:1-11, 14:12*

Sermon: **The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts—Why God Gives Them?**

This Sunday we begin a sermon series on Spiritual Gifts. Before we dive into the lists of gifts, it's important to understand why God gives them to the church. It's all about building one another up.

### **April 19** | Third Sunday of Easter

Texts: *Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12:8-11, 27-31*

Sermon: **The Variety of Spiritual Gifts—Which Gift is Mine?**

As we continue to explore the Spiritual Gifts God gives his people, we will explore some of what God gives and will learn how to identify our specific spiritual gifts.

### **April 26** | Fourth Sunday of Easter

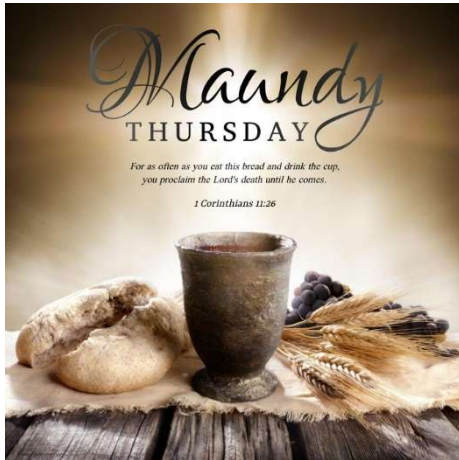
Texts: *Ephesians 4:7-13, 1 Peter 4:8-11*

Sermon: **The Exercise of Spiritual Gifts—What Happens When Gifts are Used?**

As we wrap up our sermon series on Spiritual Gifts, we'll look at two more texts that continue to expand our understanding of what the gifts are for, what gifts are included, and what we can expect to see when Believers faithfully use those gifts.



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES



### April 2 Maundy Thursday Service at St. Paul's UCC

5:30pm meal (soup) in Fellowship Hall,  
followed by 6:00pm Worship service,  
also in Fellowship Hall



### April 3 Good Friday Service at St. Andrew's UCC

5:30pm meal (soup) in Fellowship Hall,  
followed by 6:00pm Worship service,  
also in Fellowship Hall

We have shared in meaningful Lenten gatherings with our sisters and brothers from St. Stephen's UCC and St. Andrew's UCC over the past few weeks.



## **SAVE THE DATE (MAY 7)**

### **PERENNIALS WELCOME BACK LINDA KENYON**

On Thursday, May 7th from 11:00am to 1:00pm The Perennials (St. Paul's Senior Social Group) will welcome back actress Linda Kenyon. This time Linda will present her one-woman show: The Greatest Ever: Babe Didrikson Zaharias' Story by Maribeth Theroux. Lunch will be provided. More details to follow.

Born Mildred Ella Didrikson in Texas 1911, she became America's greatest female athlete. She combined raw talent, hard work, and an unquenchable thirst for winning in a world in which women were not allowed or encouraged to be athletic, competitive, ambitious or to sweat. For us today, it is no "big deal" to have women competing in sports. Not many years ago, this was a revolutionary idea – and Babe led the revolution. In 1953, Babe was diagnosed with cancer. Until she died several years later, she publicized her condition, served as a spokesperson for The American Cancer Society, and raised millions for cancer research while competing as a golfer. Here again she was revolutionary, because cancer was "just not talked about" in the America of the 1950's.



## **CONSISTORY CORNER**

### **Highlights from the March Consistory Meeting:**

Finance – The date that we typically take the permitted Endowment allotment (\$6000/month) to help pay our bills has been occurring later than usual. This is a good thing!

Chris Fosbenner is staying on top of all of the issues and repairs to the steam heat boiler system.

The Technology Team is actively looking into upgrading our sound system.

The Endowment request distributions were approved.

St. Paul's has joined the Pennridge UCC Collaborative. Check out their Facebook page!  
<https://www.facebook.com/pennridgeucccollaborative>.

St. Paul's will once again serve as a polling place in the upcoming May election.



Pictured right:  
The Endowment Committee  
in action Sunday March 8

## SEARCH TEAM NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who completed our first church survey during the congregational pot luck and meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Your thoughtful responses have been extremely helpful as we begin drafting the “Long Profile” that will be shared with prospective pastoral candidates. So far, our team has focused on the section of the profile titled, “Who Are We Now?” We will continue this important work at our upcoming meetings. Please keep us in your prayers as we move through this time of transition and discernment.

The next meeting will be a three-hour “retreat” on Saturday, March 28.



## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES



Bible Study group led by Pastor Steven was postponed during the Lenten Season. Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 in Fellowship Hall from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. with a deep dive into Spiritual Gifts.

We hope to see you there. Please feel free to bring a friend!

## EASTER FLOWERS

The Altar Guild is excited to have your help to create a beautiful and colorful Easter flower display.

We ask that you purchase whatever color or type of potted flower(s) you like and drop them off at church on **Saturday, April 4th** between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Please include a tag with your name on your flowers. We will then create a "garden" at the base of the Cross with all of the beautiful flowers you provide. You may then take your flowers home after the service on Easter Sunday.

We will also have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for you to indicate if your flowers are *In Memory* of or *In Honor* of someone. This list will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Any questions, please contact Debbie Koehler either by email [debkoehler@yahoo.com](mailto:debkoehler@yahoo.com) or phone (215-206-1743).



## CAN YOU BAKE? SHARE YOUR GIFT!



This month we'll learn about how we are called to "build up the Body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12). Fellowship time is one place where that body-building is facilitated. If you can bake, we'd love to have you "host" **Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation** one Sunday by bringing treats to share. Never done it before? Just sign up on the sheet in Fretz Hall. See Donna Huff for more information.

### ST. PAUL'S GETS A NEW SIGN

We recently had a new sign tree installed at the northwest corner of the church building. It was designed to match an existing sign on the north east corner directing visitors to the office. In any given week we may have dozens of visitors to the church facilities for the non-profit groups, RamPacks and Fostering Hope, as well as to the Martial Arts school, Just for Kicks. This sign was designed to be clear, helpful, and interchangeable, if necessary, in the future. Thanks to Marie Runkle for her extra work overseeing this project.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex to sign up to sponsor altar flowers. If you are sponsoring flowers in honor of a person or a special occasion, such as a birthday or anniversary, please call or email the office with the information you would like in the bulletin by Tuesday of the week you are sponsoring the flowers.

St. Paul's provides silk flowers on the altar at no charge; however, if you'd like to purchase real flowers you may pay a florist directly to do so. We strongly recommend **Perkasie Florist** (101 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Perkasie) for real flowers as they have inserts for our vases and will deliver your flowers to the church. They are happy to accommodate color choice. Order at least one week in advance: 215-257-7011.

## ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual meeting was postponed till March 1 because of impending snowfall on February 28. The meeting was well attended, and the potluck meal seemed to be enjoyed by all. Chris Fosbenner is pictured here describing the pipe that had to be replaced for our heating system to the sanctuary. Overall it was a very positive meeting. Copies of the Minutes of the meeting are available for members to pick up in the narthex of the church.

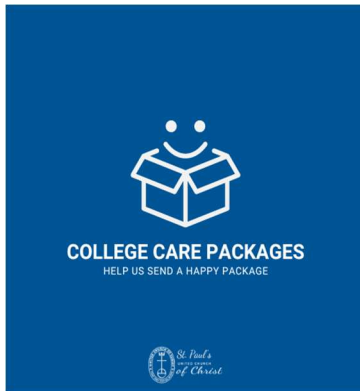


## KARATE CLASSES



**Hello** all my name is Barbara Conroy and I own Just for Kicks Martial Arts operating out of St. Paul's UCC. I teach traditional martial arts in a welcoming, family friendly environment for ages 4-74! I would like to extend a special offer to you as a member of St. Paul's. You can try two free weeks of classes and if you sign up for regular classes, you will receive a free uniform and I will waive your registration fee. Our website is [www.justforkicksmartialarts.com](http://www.justforkicksmartialarts.com) or call 267-660-9844. I look forward to seeing you there!

## CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS



**Deadline for donations is Sunday, April 19th.**

We want the college students of our congregation to know that St. Paul's is thinking about them and praying for them. We plan to send care packages to them in time for finals week. We need your help! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for items needed for packing care packages for finals, as well as monetary donations to cover shipping costs. Please add your name next to the item you would like to contribute.

## FRIENDLY REMINDER

Individuals are often targeted by scammers who create urgency and pressure to act quickly without fully thinking. Please remember to always be suspicious. Here are a few important reminders to protect yourself and/or your business.

In all cases of phone calls, emails, text messages, etc. please be suspicious no matter who they identify themselves to be. They may demand immediate payment over the phone. They may even ask for gift cards, prepaid cards and payment apps such as PayPal or Venmo. If something doesn't seem right, just hang up!



## RAMPACKS FOOD FEST & CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

Please join us for the upcoming RamPacks Food Festival and Cornhole Tournament. The date is Sunday, April 19, 2026, from 12:00pm to 5:00pm at Penridge High School located at 1228 N. 5th Street in Perkasio. The festivities include a Cornhole Tournament, Bake Sale, Raffles, 50/50 and more. No tickets are needed to attend. It will be lots of fun while socializing and enjoying some friendly competition and at the same time supporting a wonderful cause. Additional information can be found on the website at [www.Rampacks.com](http://www.Rampacks.com).

Tournaments will be played in the White Gym. You can also register for the Cornhole Tournament by contacting Penridge High School. **Bake sale items are needed.**

Hope to see you all there!



**RamPacks**  
**FOOD FEST & CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**  
**APRIL 19TH, 2026**  
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PENRRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL | 1228 N 5TH ST. PERKASIE

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**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS:**  
COMPETITIVE & SOCIAL  
REGISTER VIA THE SCOREHOLE APP  
TOURNAMENTS WILL BE PLAYED IN THE WHITE GYM

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE

Jean Nestor, coordinator of Operation Christmas Child in Bucks County, called in February to thank our congregation for our 2025 donation of 30 boxes. She shared some amazing collection statistics for 2025. 12,205,990 boxes were collected internationally. 330,000 of those boxes were collected in Bucks County. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this worthy cause!



I recently read this devotion in the March edition of the Our Daily Bread devotional and our support of Operation Christmas Child came to mind.

### **Go and Tell of Jesus** by Nancy Gavilanes

*“How can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard?”* (Romans 10:14).

As our bus traveled higher and higher on the narrow road along the Andes Mountains, my teammates were busy laughing and singing. I was staring out my window – aghast that there weren’t any guardrails between us and the abyss to our right. I was feeling a bit fearful and anxious as we kept going up and up and up, and I started to wonder why our short-term mission team had come to this remote part of Ecuador. Then it dawned on me: God must really love these people if He would send His own Son to die for them. Surely I could get through a scary bus ride to express that love with them.

It ended up being such a joy to do short Bible lessons, share our testimonies, and pray with the people who welcomed us in the various towns we visited each day.

The apostle Paul was committed to telling others about Jesus so they too could put their trust in Him. In Romans 10:13 he says that all who call on Jesus “will be saved.” But, “how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?” (Romans 10:14-15). There are people all around the world who don’t know Christ. Let’s ask God for the courage to share the good news of Jesus with others, pray with them, and invite them to a church service or activity.

### **How can you share the message of Christ with those who don’t know Him? What tangible things can you do this week to show someone that you care?**

*Dear God, please help me to share Jesus as You help me. Amen.*

When you fill a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, the child who receives that shoebox is invited to participate in The Greatest Journey. The Greatest Journey is a 12-lesson discipleship course designed for Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients.

Children who participate in the program learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. As they do, entire families and communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel, and churches are started.

Every time you fill a shoebox, you are sharing the message of Christ with someone who doesn’t know Him! Let’s vow to wholeheartedly support this outreach in November 2026!

## THANK YOU FROM PENNRIDGE FISH

Dear St. Paul's UCC:

Your generosity in 2025 made a profound difference in our ability to serve economically challenged households right here in Pennridge. With your help, and by God's grace, families with children, seniors on fixed incomes, and neighbors going through bad times were uplifted and cared for through our many programs. With your support we were able to:



- Distribute **429,000 pounds** of nutritious foods to **668 households** in need
- Assist more than **160 families** with emergency financial assistance for utilities, security deposits, and homeless hotel stays
- Supply more than **1,900 bags of clothing** and housewares
- Provide for over **600 local children** through our Christmas, School Bag and Summer Lunch programs.

We are deeply grateful for your kindness and trust as we continue our mission into its 54th year. Knowing that you stand with us in our fight to reduce the effects of poverty in our community gives our entire team, staff and volunteers alike – the energy and inspiration to keep going, even on the most challenging days.

In 2025 St. Paul's donated the following to support our programs:  
**\$2,010.00 in monetary donations and 1024 pounds of food items**

From everyone at Pennridge FISH, and from every family we serve, thank you!  
We look forward to continuing this journey together in 2026.

With gratitude,  
*Lori Rouche Zimmerman, MD*  
President, Pennridge FISH Organization

### Congrats to Fostering Hope

For serving 36 children with their open shop  
on March 7!



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/02 Victoria Potoczny	04/16 Scott Huff	04/23 Timothy Frank
04/04 Marquise Stokes	04/18 Julia Hager	04/25 Patricia Wenger
04/07 Marlana Weideman	04/18 Jeremiah Link	04/27 Marcus Milkowich
04/08 Joann Allen	04/19 Fay Gable	04/27 Robin Renner
04/09 Bryn Hendricks	04/20 Gina Koehler	04/27 Levi Wenger
04/12 Jeffrey Moyer	04/20 Cassandra Wells	04/28 Danielle Hauptert
04/14 Geraldine Scheetz	04/22 Brandon Barndt	04/28 Amelia Moyer
04/15 Simon Ziegenfuss	04/22 Janet Dunlap	04/28 Karen Weikel
		04/29 Theresa Hawkins

## MAY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

## CONSISTORY

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 Jim Chrastina, Treasurer  
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*Consistory minutes are available in the Narthex*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Choir 7:00pm	 <p>5:30pm Meal and service in Fellowship Hall</p>	<b>Good Friday</b> at <b>St. Andrew's UCC</b> Meal and Service 5:30pm	<b>Just for Kicks</b> 8:00 – 11:00
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Easter Sunday</b> Worship 10:15am 	<b>Just for Kicks</b> 4:30 – 8:30  <b>Handbell Choir</b> 7:00pm	<b>Prayer Shawl</b> 1:00–3:00pm  <b>Finance Committee</b> 6:00pm	<b>Bible Study</b> 2:00pm  <b>Choir 7:00pm</b>	<b>Just for Kicks</b> 4:30 – 8:30  <b>Hall of Fame 7:00</b>		
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