

**MAY 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*

**Steven Says . . . Come, Holy Spirit!**



Friends, Pentecost is the Sunday when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the People of God in Jerusalem. On Pentecost (May 24), we'll read the account recorded in Acts 2:1-21. The disciples initially felt helpless after Jesus had left them. But he had promised he would send an "Advocate" (John 14:16), and "Spirit of Truth" (John 14:17). This Holy Spirit also gives us the Spiritual Gifts that we have been studying for the past month, enabling us to come together as the Body of Christ and to build up the church and minister to the world. Please join me in celebrating the work of the Holy Spirit and inviting the Holy Spirit to work in us and through us.

*Steven Says, Come, Holy Spirit!*

# MAY WORSHIP SERVICES

*Services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel via our website.*

*Worship is held at 10:15am in the sanctuary.*

## Lay Reader for May: Ziegenfuss Family

### May 3 | *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Text: *1 Peter 2:2-10*

#### Sermon: **Living Stones!**

How to describe the church? The Apostle Paul famously described the church—the people of God—as a body—the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle Peter to use a different metaphor: the church as “Living Stones.” This Sunday we explore what this means.

### May 10 | *Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother’s Day*

Text: *17:22-31*

#### Sermon: **Evangelism in the Areopagus**

The Apostle Paul was always looking for a way to share Jesus with people of all walks of life and religious backgrounds. One day as he noticed among dozens of altars and statues to pagan gods he noticed an inscription that gave him an idea. “People of Athens!” he began. Soon he was telling an enthralled crowd about Jesus.

### May 17 | *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Text: *John 17:1-11*

#### Sermon: **Jesus’ Prayer for his Disciples**

What does Jesus really want for his disciples? This Sunday, like a fly on the wall, we will listen to the prayer Jesus lifted up to the Father on behalf of those who had followed him for three years.

### May 24 | *Pentecost Sunday/Communion*

Text: *Acts 2:1-21*

#### Sermon: **I Will Pour Out My Spirit on All People**

Around 800 years before Christ, Joel prophesied that God would pour out his Spirit on all people. That prophecy was realized at Pentecost...and continues to be played out to this day in the lives of Believers.

### May 31 | *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Guest Speaker: Nancy Ziegenfuss

Text: *Matthew 28:16-20*

#### Sermon: **Go and Make Disciples. Who, Me?!**

This final command from Jesus wasn’t just for the eleven. It’s for you and me, too!





# The Perennials



for seniors 55+

JOIN US SEASONALLY FOR A TIME OF FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP!

## **SPRING GATHERING**

**May 7, 2026 11:00AM – 1:00PM**

## **PERENNIALS WELCOME BACK LINDA KENYON**

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.

Born Mildred Ella Didrikson in Texas 1911, Babe 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 1950s.



For those who are interested, Linda Kenyon can also be seen at St. Stephen's UCC on Saturday, May 2 at their Woman's Luncheon portraying Eleanor Roosevelt. If interested, please contact Nancy Moyer at [nancymoyer525@gmail.com](mailto:nancymoyer525@gmail.com). as she will be attending this presentation.

## CONSISTORY CORNER

### Highlights from the April Consistory Meeting:

- Finance: We can expect to draw the permitted \$6,000 from Endowment this month.
- Building: Repairs to both boilers took place on April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion sensitive lights were installed outside between the church and the parsonage. The flat roof over the Christian Education wing needs to be replaced.
- Technology: Jim is getting quotes to upgrade our sound system.
- Facility Usage: On May 7, The Perennials hold their spring event. On June 16, Bux-Mont Academy will be renting Fellowship Hall for their annual graduation ceremony.
- Upcoming dates to note: Celebration Sunday on June 7<sup>th</sup>, summer worship at 9am will begin on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## SEARCH TEAM NEWS

From the Search Team:

Thank you to all who responded to our survey regarding traits for our new pastor. We had 60 surveys returned & we will be using the information you have provided as we continue to complete the Long Profile.

According to your responses, the top 3 **strengths** of a good pastor are:

- Inspiring Preacher & Teacher
- Counseling & pastoral care
- Friendly & sociable

The top 3 **qualities** of a good pastor:

- Passionate about youth/families
- Handles conflict well
- Community engagement

The ranking of how a pastor should allot their **time**:

1. Preaching & teaching
2. Worship leadership
3. Visitation of sick/shut ins
4. Outreach/evangelism
5. Administration



**PASTORAL**  
**SEARCH COMMITTEE**

We thank you for your support & prayers as we continue our work in completing the Long Profile that is required in our search for our new pastor.

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome at our weekly Bible study in Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. No prior experience is required or expected. In 2025 and early 2026 the group studied the Gospel of Luke. In April the focus was on Spiritual Gifts. Beginning in May the group will get a “preview” of the sermon texts that will be used in upcoming Sundays.



## CAN YOU BAKE? PLEASE SHARE YOUR GIFT!



There are now two ways you can sign-up for CCC. You can volunteer to host any Sunday by going into our website and go to the “forms” section where CCC is listed and sign-up there or you can sign-up using the clipboard located in Fretz Hall at the coffee station.

We are looking forward to Tastykake Sunday which is taking place in Fretz Hall after worship on May 3rd. Please bring your favorite Tastykake treats for CCC on that day

## 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.



## Altar 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.

## THE UPPER ROOM



Copies of the May-June issue of The Upper Room daily devotional guide books are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one to strengthen your daily walk with God. The Upper Room is a daily devotional magazine published in more than 35 languages and 100 countries around the world.

The daily meditations are written by readers of the magazine and others interested in sharing their faith experiences through writing. Every day, readers of The Upper Room around the world read the same story in many different languages and pray the same prayer together.

## SAY CHEESE!

On Sunday, April 12, the Second Sunday of Easter, the congregation posed for a Family Photo. How many members and friends of St. Paul's can you name? This photo has been sent to the Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ to be used at the first All Conference meeting in June.



**THE UPPER ROOM  
THANK YOU  
COALITION TO SHELTER & SUPPORT THE HOMELESS**

Dear Friends at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ,

We hope you are all doing well and enjoying the start of spring. Thank you so much for the incredibly generous donation to Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless (CSSH) and powering our mission to provide shelter and outreach support to Central Bucks neighbors facing or at risk of homelessness. We are immensely grateful for your friendship and dedication to supporting this community.



The 2025-2026 Code Blue shelter season began with an extremely cold and snowy December and showed little sign of easing. Thanks to our generous and tireless volunteers, we have been able to welcome guests in need of shelter with a warm meal, much-needed fellowship, and a safe place to rest on the coldest of nights. Last season we broke records for the number of shelter nights opened and individuals in need served, and are currently on-track to again sail through and set new records in the 2025-2026 season. Your generosity is helping to ensure that CSSH can rise to that challenge not only for the remainder of this season, but all year as a lifeline throughout both Code Blue and year-round essential outreach services.

The safety net of a night or season of shelter can be the springboard for real, sustained life improvement. Together, we can support individuals to make a plan to pursue housing, employment, mentality and physically healthier lifestyles, and generally fuller lives defined by safety and dignity. You are making an incredible difference in the lives of neighbors most in need – thank you! Please feel free to reach out if you would like to discuss the impact of your gift or the work currently being carried out by CSSH.

With gratitude,  
*Elise Karam*  
Director of Development & Community Engagement  
Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless (CSSH)

**RAMPACKS**

Dear St. Paul’s Endowment Fund,



Thank you for your contribution of \$1,000 to RamPacks in support of our mission to provide food on weekends and school holidays to children in the Pennridge School District so they can come to school ready to learn. We truly appreciate your support of the children in the Pennridge area. Remember to check our website [RamPacks.com](http://RamPacks.com) and Facebook page to keep up with our progress toward the goal of serving all schools in the district.

## SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 7



**Please join us on June 7, 2026, to show our joy in recognizing and honoring our graduates (high school and college) and the James Frantz Dedication Award recipient!**

### **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 was a lifelong member of St. Paul's from 1919 through 1999. Last year's award recipient was Simon Ziegenfuss.

Nominations can be made by any St. Paul's member on our website. If you're unable to use the online form, there are forms in the Narthex. Submit your nomination online or to Rick Moyer's mailbox by June 1.

Nominees should show dedication to the life of the church in such ways as volunteering at church activities, church event and worship attendance, etc.

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.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships are available to students planning to attend college or a specialty school or who are presently a full-time student and a member of St. Paul's. The scholarship application is on our website or there are paper copies in the Narthex. Submit your nomination online or to Rick Moyer's mailbox by June 1.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/8 Terry Weikel	5/14 Tessa Hawkins	5/23 Susan Landis
5/9 Oliver Moyer Gary Wenger	5/15 Nancy Ziegenfuss	5/24 Angela Benner
5/10 Geraldine Milkowich	5/16 Beverly Raudenbush	5/25 Lori Graver
5/12 Andrew Hauptert	5/17 Holly Jacoby	5/26 Camdin Stokes
	5/19 Alexander Potoczny, Jr.	5/31 Shirley Delikat

## JUNE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

## CONSISTORY

Rick Moyer, President  
 Jim Chrastina, Treasurer  
 Nancy Ziegenfuss, Secretary

Scott Huff, vice-president  
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*Consistory minutes are available in the Narthex*

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# MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Worship</b> 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</b> 7:00pm	<b>Spring Meeting</b> 11:00 – 2:00pm   <b>Just for Kicks</b> 4:30 – 8:30		<b>Just for Kicks</b> 8:00 – 11:00
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Worship</b> 10:15am 	<b>Just for Kicks</b> 4:30 – 8:30  <b>Handbell Choir</b> 7:00pm	<b>Consistory &amp; Search Team</b> 7:00pm	<b>Bible Study</b> 2:00pm  <b>Choir</b> 7:00pm	<b>Just for Kicks</b> 4:30 – 8:30		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>Worship</b> 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>Bible Study</b> 2:00pm  <b>JUNE Newsletter Submissions Due</b>  <b>Choir</b> 7:00pm	<b>Just for Kicks</b> 4:30 – 8:30  <b>RamPacks Board Meeting</b> 6:00pm		<b>Just for Kicks</b> 8:00 – 11:00
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Worship</b> 10:15am			<b>Bible Study</b> 2:00pm  <b>Choir</b> 7:00pm  <b>Blood Drive</b> 7pm	<b>Just for Kicks</b> 4:30 – 8:30		
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<b>Worship</b> 10:15am						