

APRIL 2024

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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



ROAST BEEF DINNER

SATURDAY APRIL 20
4:00 - 7:00PM

MASHED POTATOES,
PICKLED CABBAGE, & DESSERTS
ALL MADE FROM SCRATCH
PLUS APPLESAUCE, CORN, GREEN BEANS, & ROLLS

ADULTS: \$15
KIDS 6-12: \$8
UNDER 6: FREE

Family Style
DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT

TAKE-OUT ORDERS:
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104 GREEN ST. SELLERSVILLE
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Sign up to volunteer in the Narthex or contact Neil Clark (nbclark1960@gmail.com)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Arden Mead and King Schoenfeld in their book, "I Love to Live The Story: A Guide to Understanding & Celebrating The Christian Church Year," share with us these words regarding the season of Easter: *On the Day of Easter the whole Church throughout the world and all time rises with its Lord; alive as Jesus is alive; free of the burden of sin and death as Jesus is free; full of hope and expectation, for a loving Lord reigns over life and eternity! Our world has changed; we are different. What we need now is time to let this "all sink in." Fortunately, just as Lent is a season, so Easter is a season as well, an even longer one. As the Church celebrates the Great Fifty Days of Easter, it may be hard to keep the momentum going – but it should be worth the effort.*

You bet it's worth the effort to keep the Easter momentum going! How wonderful to recognize in this season of Spring – surrounded by the bursting forth of new life – that every Sunday – is a 'little Easter'!!!! And that, every week, every Sunday, Christians all over the world gather to worship together. We pray – we listen – we sing! In some traditions, like ours, there is an Order of Service bulletin which tells people what will happen during the worship service. In our Order of Service, we gather and get ready to worship. We listen for God's message. We show that we want live God's way. We are sent out into the world to love God and to be a blessing. But there are other worship settings that I've experienced, especially in Ghana, West Africa, where there is no Order of Service; the worship unfolds as it will, with much singing and dancing and yes, even food and beverages passed around and eaten during the time of worship. But whatever the style of worship – each Sunday – each time we gather for worship – is a way of being with God – and is like a celebration of the good news of Easter! And I believe – with or without an Order of Service - in our own ways - in our own traditions - we gather - we listen for God's message - we respond with our tithes and offerings - and we leave our time of our respective times of worship - to enter God's world to love God and to *be* a blessing!

Sunday *is* the day of celebration and worship for Christians because of Christ's glorious resurrection.....Sunday, the day when the women discovered that the tomb where Jesus had been buried was empty, and Jesus was risen. And now in this season of Easter, as Mead and Schoenfeld also write: *we will experience weekly confrontations with the Risen Christ as the Scripture readings become a kind of "foretaste of the feast to come," a celebration of our togetherness as the family of God – looking forward to feasting with the Lord eternally at his heavenly banquet.*

Come pray – come listen – come sing – come and worship! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Easter Blessings, Pastor Trudy

APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES

Services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel. See the website for more information.

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

Kingdom Kids is available for preschool and elementary-aged children during worship.

April Lay Liturgists: Jim & Lucy Chrastina (alternating)

April 7, 2024 | 2nd Sunday of Easter

Jeremiah Link – Supply Preacher and Worship leader

Guest Organist

This service concludes the Wandering Heart theme.

Scripture: John 21:1-19

April 14, 2024 | 3rd Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7;

Luke 24:36b-48

April 21, 2024 | 4th Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday!

Scripture: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24;
John 10:11-18

April 28, 2024 | 5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31;
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8



Kingdom Kids is our children's church experience for kids ages 3 through 5th grade.

After Children's Chat, kids will be dismissed to the nursery with their leaders for a time of play and learning.

To maintain this program, according to our Safe Church Policy we need a second volunteer each Sunday. These volunteers need valid clearances on file with St. Paul's for safety and security purposes. Please consider serving the families in our church by volunteering. There is a sign-up sheet located in the Narthex. Email Brianna if you need assistance.

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS

We are looking for sponsors! Sign up in the Narthex on the *St. Paul's Sign-Ups* bulletin board. Brenda Clark will contact you with more details as the date of your sponsorship approaches. You may contact her at 215-285-0294.

Available April dates: 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28



CELEBRATION Sunday

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 19

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 *Tessa Hawkins*.

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 May 1st.**

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, church event and worship attendance, etc. Let's support them and their efforts.

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. **Applications are due May 1st.**

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2025

Confirmation classes are open to our young people in 6th through 12th grades that are ready to enter this time of faith formation. In the United Church of Christ, when an infant or young child is baptized, one or both parents and/or one or more sponsors promises to assume certain responsibilities for the Christian nurture of the baptized. The entire congregation also assumes the role of sponsors as its members promise to provide a supportive Christian community in which a child may grow in awareness and understanding concerning the meaning of life in Christ. At the end of the faith formation sessions (May 2025) – each confirmand decides if they are ready to make public agreement to the baptismal promises previously made by their parent(s). Look for details in our May newsletter. Registration will begin in June. Information regarding mentors will also be included.



Thanks to Brian Barr, Executive Director of Camp Men-O-Lan, for joining us at our March 17th worship service to share news about the camp, its programming, and details about the new Men-O-Lodge (generously supported with a gift from St. Paul's Endowment). You can watch the service on our YouTube channel via our website.

With summer and summer camp on the mind, please remember that St. Paul's proudly offers a scholarship for active members to attend Christian-based resident or day camp during the summer months. As part of our Summer Camp Ministry, scholarships are funded with the support of St. Paul's members and contribution of the St. Paul's Endowment. There is no means test for this scholarship and families are asked to use prayerful discretion when requesting the scholarship amount. You may apply for a scholarship via our website. Learn more about Camp Men-O-Lan at menolan.org

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/2 – Victoria Potoczny

4/4 – Marquise Stokes

4/5 – Andrew Nase

4/6 – Brenda Bishop

4/7 – Marley Weideman
Michael Milkowich, II

4/8 – Joann Allen
Doris Myers

4/9 – Bryn Hendricks
Michael Myers

4/10 – Steve Gallagher

4/12 – Jeffrey Moyer

4/13 – Donna Tomlinson

4/14 – Gerry Scheetz

4/15 – Simon Ziegenfuss

4/16 – Scott Huff

4/18 – Jeremiah Link

4/19 – Faye Gable
Gregory Koehler

4/20 – Gina Koehler
Adam Fuhs
Cassie Wells

4/22 – Brandon Barndt
Janet Dunlap

4/23 – Tim Frank

4/25 – Pat Wenger

4/27 – Marcus Milkowich
Levi Wenger
Robin Renner

4/28 – Danielle Hauptert
Amelia Moyer
Karen Weikel

4/29 – Theresa Hawkins

4/30 – Jennifer Roush

CELEBRATING 40+ YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wenger

April 6, 1974
50 Years





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

Spring Gathering

Thursday, May 9 | 11:00am

St. Paul's UCC

104 Green St. Sellersville

Game day!

We'll have a variety of card and board games, including pinochle. You may bring your own, too.

Light snacks, sweets, and beverages will be provided

**RSVP
BY 5/1:**



FOOD FESTIVAL

to benefit  **RamPacks**



APRIL 28

12:00PM - 4:00PM

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Pennridge FISH

CURRENT NEEDS - APR 2024

- 100% fruit or vegetable juice
- coffee
- tea
- hot chocolate
- spaghetti & other pasta
- spaghetti sauce
- pasta sides
- rice sides
- dry potato flakes
- gravy & broth
- soups (all kinds)
- peanut butter
- jelly
- canned goods: fish/tuna, meat, fruit
chili/stew, beans
- dried fruit
- pancake mix
- pancake syrup
- cold & hot cereals
- cake mix & frosting
- flour
- sugar
- condiments
- spices
- cooking oil
- snacks
- gluten free foods
- diabetic foods
- diapers: size 5 & 6
- pulls ups: all sizes
- diaper wipes
- laundry detergent
- cleaning products
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- tissues
- feminine hygiene products
- toiletries
- shaving products
- deodorant
- toothpaste
- bath soap
- shampoo



<https://penridgefish.org/current-needs>



ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY MONDAY, APRIL 22

ENDOWMENT

Cindy Bibic
Aaron Clark
Robin Frank
Debbie Koehler
Rick Moyer
Terry Weikel
Chris Ziegenfuss

CONSISTORY

Aaron Clark, *President*
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Terry Weikel
Jay Wenger

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Consistory minutes are now available in the Narthex

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Choir 7:00pm	Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm Finance Mtg. 7:00pm <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	<i>Pastor on vacation</i>	<i>Pastor on vacation</i>	<i>Pastor on vacation</i>	<i>Pastor on vacation</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship 10:15am <i>(Supply Preacher: Jeremiah Link)</i> <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	Bells 7:00pm <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	Consistory Mtg. 7:00pm	CGC 6:00pm Choir 7:00pm			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 10:15am	Bells 7:00pm	Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm	Choir 7:00pm			Roast Beef Dinner 4:00 – 7:00pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship 10:15am	Bells 7:00pm <i>Newsletter Submissions due</i>	<i>Election Day Polls 7:00 – 8:00pm</i>	Bible Study 2:00pm Choir 7:00pm			
28	29	30				
Worship 10:15am	Bells 7:00pm	Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm				