





### ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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8/25: Back to school blessing of backpacks and second graders receive Bibles 9/1: NEW Sunday School class for middle & high schoolers - facilitated by Jeremiah, 9:00-9:45am Coming soon: continuation of Old Testament Overview classes

#### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Though August is the official back-to-school month for many school districts, colleges, tech schools, and universities - retail advertisements for school supplies started appearing in my email 'in-box' at the end of June (as Summer breaks from school were just beginning). And of course, now, these advertisements are on the increase - promoting the back-to-school needs of elementary students through high school aged students and moving right along to all higher levels of education with "A+ Dorm Savings"!!! So my note for August is 'short.' Keep enjoying the Summer season. Keep on traveling - or stay at home on a staycation for needed rest and relaxation! Sip more iced tea and/or lemonade! Eat more ice cream! Get family and friends together for a simple picnic - indoors or outdoors! I know it's important to be ready when the school bell rings - I like to be prepared for approaching deadlines or new beginnings - but for now - stretch out the lazy, hazy days of Summer for as long as possible......And if you're around town......you don't need to wait for the church bell to ring......our church bell at St. Paul's rings out loud and clear faithfully on Sundays throughout the Summer - calling you to come and share the Good News of Jesus Christ - our living, loving Savior of the world! More Summer blessings, Pastor Trudy

> In His Grace. Pastor Trudy

#### **AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICES**

Services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel via our website. Summer worship is held at 9:00 in the sanctuary now through August 25. Kingdom Kids is available for preschool and elementary-aged children during worship.



Lay Liturgist: Marty Milkowich

August 4 | 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Holy Communion Scripture: John 6:24-35

August 11 | 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Outdoor Worship Service at Perkasie Park – 10:30am

August 18 | 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Psalm 111 and Ephesians 5:15-20

August 25 | 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Back to School Celebration including blessing of backpacks during worship

Scripture: Psalm 84 and Ephesians 6:10-20

Worship and reflection resources: Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2, Trinity Sunday through Reign of Christ, Worship Companion, Kimberly Bracken Long, editor, © Westminster John Knox Press; Worship & Praise Songbook; New Century Hymnal.

10:15am worship will resume September 1

#### **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 August dates: 8/4, 8/18, 8/25

# **WORSHIP & PICNIC** AT PERKASIE PARK



PLACE SETTINGS FOR YOUR FAMILY

**RSVP IN THE NARTHEX OR EMAIL BRIANNA** 





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

# Summer Gathering

# WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 | 12:00PM PERKASIE CAROUSEL AT MENLO PARK

Join us for a historical presentation followed by a ride on the carousel. Bring a bagged lunch. Beverages and desserts provided.



RSVP BY 8/14 IN THE NARTHEX OR STPAULSUCC.NET/PERENNIALS



RamPacks will begin our SIXTH year in September! Again, I cannot thank St. Paul's enough for your willingness to support us through the use of the Green Room for one of our pantries as well as the parlour/library for our Board Meetings. Our pantry here at St. Paul's serves Deibler Elementary, West Rockhill Elementary, South Middle School and Pennridge High School.

We will continue with three pantries (Blooming Glen Mennonite and Souderton Brethren in Christ) this year, but we are hoping to be able to store some food in a space available at St. Agnes which will help everything run smoother.

Beginning in September we will again be happy to accept donations of snacks to include in the bags. Some examples would be individual bags of chips, Doritos, peanut butter crackers, popcorn. There will be a labeled bin in the Narthex where you can place your donations.

This year, we are making an effort to get more MONTHLY donors. We currently have 20 people (some from St. Paul's!) who have made a commitment to donate monthly. This is very easy to set up from our website <a href="www.rampacks.com">www.rampacks.com</a>. Those monthly donors make the budget more secure, which we need as numbers rise. Last year we started the year serving close to 200 children and ended the year serving close to 300! ALL donations go to buying food EXCEPT when we need to replace the delivery bins and reusable backpacks.

Our Food Fest in April was a success, and we will be making it an annual function. We are already scheduled for Sunday, May 4 **at Pennridge High School**, 12-4pm. Hopefully with the new location, we will be able to host more food trucks, vendors and still have children's games, face painting, raffles and more!

Lastly, look forward to a community Food Drive in the month of February...show your LOVE to RamPacks! We will be asking churches, schools, businesses and local service organizations to partner with us asking for SPECIFIC foods from each all month.

Donna Huff





A big thank you to everybody who participated in the combined choir for the service in the park on July 7<sup>th</sup>. We had a total of 30 singers: along with most of our "regular" choir members, we had a couple of St. Paul's members who joined us for the first time as well as friends old and new from throughout the Pennridge community and beyond. Based on many smiles during rehearsals and the service, we indeed made a "joyful noise unto the Lord!" We prepared three challenging pieces and enjoyed the community and fellowship of working and learning them together. I hope the efforts enhanced the worship experience and celebratory mood for the congregation that attended the service at the Scout Cabin on a beautiful summer Sunday morning. And last but not least, a special thank you to Pastor Trudy for coordinating the service not only for our own congregation but for the Borough of Sellersville and greater Pennridge Community.

Chris Ziegenfuss, Choir Director



Thank you for your donation of \$441 on 7/10/2024. What a great outpouring of kindness from those who attended the Community Day Service! Another \$20 offering check given by an individual is being attributed to this event for a total donation of \$461. It is with your generous support that FISH is able to continue its outreach to those in need in the Pennridge community.

Harry Tucker, President – Pennridge FISH Organization, Inc.

#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

8/3 - Preston Ziegenfuss 8/9 - Hadley Clark

8/10 – Annette Bibic

8/11 – Ken Gable Richard Nase 8/25 – Lindsay Moyer

8/27 – Robert Booz Brenda Clark 8/29 – Paul Koehler 8/30 – Alan Frank 8/31 – Donald Dunlap Jaxon Moyer

#### **CELEBRATING 40+ YEARS OF MARRIAGE**

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Anglemoyer – August 21, 1965 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Huff – August 24, 1974 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Booz – August 27, 1955

# ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY MONDAY, AUGUST 19

#### **ENDOWMENT**

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

#### **CONSISTORY**

Aaron Clark, *President*Paul Koehler, *Vice President*Arlene Peters, *Secretary*Jim Chrastina, *Treasurer*Brandon Barndt
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Consistory minutes are now available in the Narthex

Marie Runkle

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## AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship 9:00am		Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm Finance Mtg. 7:00pm				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship & Potluck Picnic at Perkasie Park 10:30am		<b>Consistory</b> 7:00pm				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 9:00am	Newsletter Submissions due	<b>Prayer Shawl</b> 1:00 – 3:00pm	The Perennials at Perkasie Carousel 12:00pm Blood Drive 2:00 – 7:00pm			Fostering Hope Open Shop 5:00–7:000pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Worship 9:00am Back to School Celebration & Blessing of Backpacks						