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St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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THE GOOD NEWS

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

Steven Says . . . we're celebrating with music!

While St. Paul's excellent choir is off for the summer, I've been encouraging people to step up and use different musical talents. Over the past few weeks, we've heard God praised not only with voices and piano, but also with guitar, bass, banjo, fiddle, accordion, and flute.



Praise the Lord.
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre.

-Psalm 150:1, 3

Steven Says, Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICES

Services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel via our website.

Worship will be held at 9:00am throughout the summer

August 3 | 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21 | *The Parable of the Rich Fool*

Sermon: **Barn Foolish**

Seeing Jesus as just and fair, it was only natural for someone in the crowd to call on Jesus to settle a dispute fairly about an inheritance. Not only did Jesus decline the offer to be the arbiter, but he shared another parable. It was about a Rich Fool with an obsession with bigger barns.

Special Music: *The Wise Man Built His House upon the Rock*

August 10 | 9th Sunday after Pentecost | Outdoor Worship at Perkasi Park at 10:30am

Scripture: Luke 12:32-40 | *Lessons on Watchfulness*

Sermon: **Keep Your Lamps Burning**

Jesus told his followers they should be dressed and ready for service and that they should keep their lamps burning.

What did he mean by that and how should we do it?

Special Music: *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Buring*

August 17 | 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Hebrews 11:29-12:2 | *A Great Cloud of Witnesses*

Sermon: **By Faith**

The writer to the Hebrews recalled a slew of Old Testament characters who did amazing things others couldn't because they had something special: faith. Yet there were things they longed for that they never had the privilege of seeing. The time is coming when they, with us, will receive what God has promised.

Special Music: *Not by Might*

August 24 | 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10 | *The Call of Jeremiah*

Sermon: **Chosen by God**

"You're not the boss of me--who put *you* in charge?" we might hear someone challenge. Jeremiah answered his critics in his first chapter—clearly God had called him to be a prophet and to proclaim the Word of God. What a terrible and wonderful thing to be appointed by God!

Special Music: *Here I Am, Lord*

August 31 | 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5, 26-27 | *Creation*

Sermon: **Check Owner's Manual**

Guest Preacher: Mike Rackey

When we come across problems with a vehicle or appliance, it always helps to check the owner's manual provided by the manufacturer. When we come across problems in our lives and our relationships, we also have a manual provided by our Creator—the Bible.

ENDOWMENT REQUESTS DUE

The Endowment Ministry Team will be meeting near the end of August or early September. If you want to make a request, please fill out an endowment request form and return it to Rick Moyer's mailbox. You can also find the forms online. *Requests should be submitted by August 24.*

CONSISTORY OPPORTUNITY

We will be losing Jocelyn Ziegenfuss from Consistory, as she will be starting her freshman year at Susquehanna University by the end of August. Her last Consistory meeting will be August 12. Beginning in September, a new person could fill her spot until the end of the year. If you've never served on Consistory, this would be an excellent way to see if you like it or not. Please contact any Consistory member if you might be interested.

2025 ALTAR FLOWERS

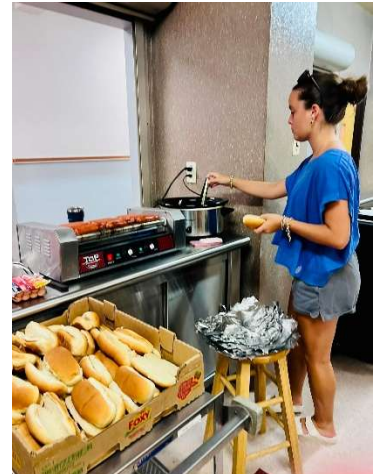
A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex to sign up to sponsor altar flowers. If you are sponsoring flowers in honor of a person or a special occasion, such as a birthday or anniversary, please call or email the office with the information you would like in the bulletin by Tuesday of the week you are 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. 5th 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 PERENNIALS SUMMER GATHERING

On Thursday, July 10, about three dozen Perennials and friends got together for a special Fourth of July presentation by Pastor Steven. It was an hour of songs from *Yankee Doodle* to the Julia Ward Howe's *Battle Hymn of the Republic* to Irving Berlin's *God Bless America* to Kathryn Lee Bates' *America the Beautiful*. They also learned the stories behind the songs and how each song connected to the growing understanding of Americans of who they were in the world. Special readings from *The Declaration of Independence* and *The Gettysburg Address* and other historic documents were read by Rick Moyer and Nancy Ziegenfuss.



Following the program, everyone enjoyed a picnic-style luncheon of hot dogs, potato salad, deviled eggs, and red, white, and blue desserts. Thanks to members of the Growth and Hospitality Ministry for putting the program together.

Photos by Amelia Moyer.



"FALL BACK TO WORSHIP" SUNDAY

UCC COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7
10:00AM
PERKASIE PARK

CROP HUNGER WALK
 ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

SAVE THE DATE:
Pennridge CROP Walk

OCTOBER 12

We will need walkers and sponsors to help our community end hunger!

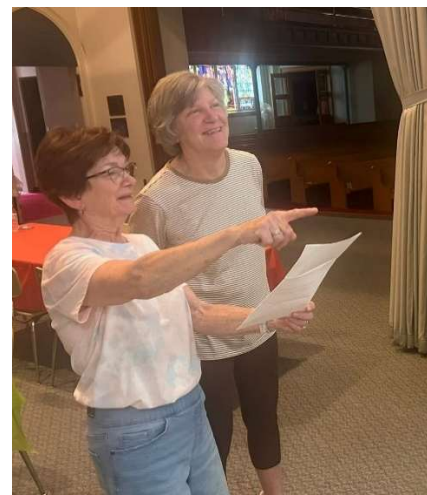


On the 4th of July, St. Paul's members climbed the church steeple and rang the church bell 13 times, once for each of the 13 original colonies.

A Past to Remember, a Present to Celebrate, a Future to Generate

Plans are being made to bring a new exhibit to St. Paul's Living History Museum.

What would you like to see presented next?



PENNRIDGE FISH

For the month of June, we supported Pennridge FISH with 67.9lbs of donated items.
Thank you for your continued support - it is greatly appreciated and needed!

Robin Frank



PENNRIDGE FISH

SUMMER LUNCHES FOR KIDS

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

QUALIFYING PENNRIDGE HOUSEHOLDS WITH SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN CAN BENEFIT FROM EXTRA FOOD DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST

Now collecting the following items for our summer lunch bags:

- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned chili
- Canned pasta
- Mac and Cheese
- Ramen
- Juice (bottles or boxes)
- Granola bars
- Applesauce
- Fruit cups
- Pudding and Jello cups
- Fruit snacks
- Raisins
- Cereal
- Mayonnaise
- Instant oatmeal
- Snacks

215-257-7616

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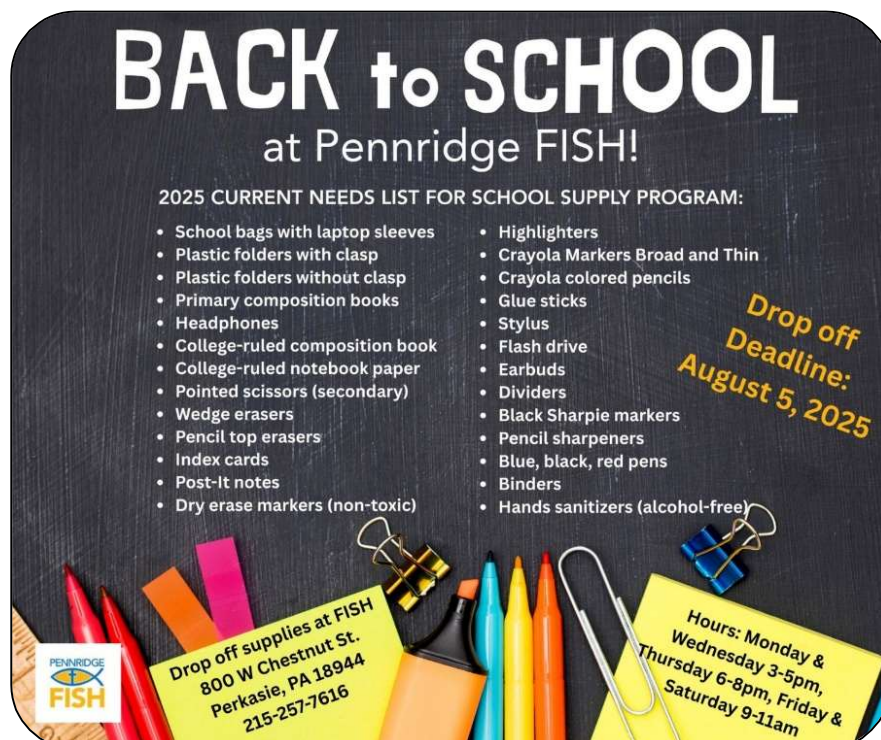
800 W CHESTNUT ST. PERKASIE

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 3-5 PM

THURSDAY 6-8 PM

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 9-11 AM

Amazon Wish List

BACK to SCHOOL at Pennridge FISH!

2025 CURRENT NEEDS LIST FOR SCHOOL SUPPLY PROGRAM:

- School bags with laptop sleeves
- Plastic folders with clasp
- Plastic folders without clasp
- Primary composition books
- Headphones
- College-ruled composition book
- College-ruled notebook paper
- Pointed scissors (secondary)
- Wedge erasers
- Pencil top erasers
- Index cards
- Post-It notes
- Dry erase markers (non-toxic)
- Highlighters
- Crayola Markers Broad and Thin
- Crayola colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Stylus
- Flash drive
- Earbuds
- Dividers
- Black Sharpie markers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blue, black, red pens
- Binders
- Hands sanitizers (alcohol-free)

Drop off Deadline: August 5, 2025

Drop off supplies at FISH
800 W Chestnut St.
Perkasie, PA 18944
215-257-7616

Hours: Monday & Wednesday 3-5pm,
Thursday 6-8pm, Friday & Saturday 9-11am

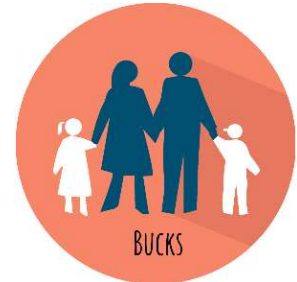
Donations may be placed on the FISH shelf in the vestibule.

FOSTERING HOPE

Our new, expanded space at St. Paul's is nearing completion. Racks are in place, a new diaper closet is built and filled, and the sitting area for children while foster parents shop is complete!

In addition to gift cards for teens (Amazon, Target, Old Navy, Dick's) donations of new wash cloths, shaving cream, chapstick, and tear-free body wash would be appreciated.

As always, a big THANK YOU to St. Paul's for supporting Fostering Hope!



New things are happening at Fostering Hope. Pastor Steven recently was invited to take a tour of the basement area of Fostering Hope and got to meet the staff. They are in the midst of having new clothing racks built by Carson, a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Project. Carson and friends are also giving the Fostering Hope room a fresh coat of paint. Fostering Hope is getting ready for another Open Shop day on August 16 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.



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

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE: MONDAY, AUGUST 18

CONSISTORY:

Rick Moyer, *President*
Marie Runkle, *Vice President*
Jim Chrastina, *Treasurer*
Nancy Ziegenfuss, *Secretary*

Chris Fosbenner
Scott Huff
Debbie Koehler
Lori Milkowich

Arlene Peters
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Consistory minutes are available in the Narthex

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Summer Worship 9:00am <i>Secretary Vacation</i>	<i>Secretary Vacation</i>	Prayer Shawl 1:00–3:00pm <i>Secretary Vacation</i>	<i>Secretary Vacation</i>	<i>Secretary Vacation</i>	<i>Secretary Vacation</i>	<i>Secretary Vacation</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Summer Worship 9:00am <i>Secretary Vacation</i>		Growth & Hospitality 10:00am Prayer Shawl 1:00–3:00pm			Membership 10:30am	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship & Picnic at Perkasio Park 10:30am		Consistory 7:00pm				Fostering Hope Open Shop 5:00–7:00pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Summer Worship 9:00am	September Newsletter Submissions Due	Prayer Shawl 1:00–3:00pm	Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00–7:00pm			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Summer Worship 9:00am						
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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