



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

AUGUST 2023

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



BACK TO SCHOOL

Sunday, August 20 our service is geared toward all those returning back to school in some capacity - either as a student or an employee. Included in this service is the blessing of backpacks.

Keep reading for more info - including confirmation

stick around for a fun treat after worship!



**INVITES YOU TO PERKASIE'S
CONCERT IN THE PARK**
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2
7:00 - 9:00PM

FEATURING:
WONDERLAND
(A CELEBRATION OF 70'S & 80'S ONE HIT WONDERS)

MEET BY THE SKATE PARK
BRING BLANKETS, CHAIRS, & CASH
FOR VENDORS (OPTIONAL)
INVITE FRIENDS!

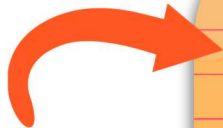
ReCharge is inviting YOU to an event for all ages at Perkasi's Free Concert Series in the Park August 2!



Students in 5th grade through age 18 – can you believe that the summer is almost over?! Here is one last chance to make the most of it together! Join us for a Back to School Bash on August 27!

Meet at Lenape Park (parking lot on E. Walnut St. Sellersville). We'll play baseball or kickball and then head to Kool-Licks for a treat.

*If it rains, we'll meet at the St. Paul's ReCharge Center and make the best of it!



BACK TO SCHOOL

BASH

AUGUST 27
6:30 - 8:00PM

**LENAPE PARK +
KOOL-LICKS**

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

I hope our August newsletter finds you well and still finding time for some Summer travel or rest and relaxation. However, I also know, like the “unofficial start” of Summer begins over Memorial Day weekend in May, the “unofficial end” of Summer is the beginning of a new school year even though Summer doesn’t officially end until September 22ND, 2023. So many of my recent conversations with families have been about plans and preparations for our children, youth, and young adults returning to their places of learning; many of those return dates range from mid to late August; these are dates that are coming quickly upon us.

I wonder if we recognize that “church” is also a place of learning and that in this place of learning we have an incredible responsibility to faith formation for all ages. Do we recognize that there is life-long learning to experience here? There is always something new to learn as God reveals God’s self in our lives in so many varied and mysterious ways.

My desire in my walk of faith is that for myself and for others there will always be room to explore, wonder, choose, do and grow in our faith. At this time of year I’m diving into preparations geared towards a return to and building upon the significance and importance of faith formation in many formats that doesn’t just include worship; there are evaluations and considerations of Kingdom Kids, Sunday School, Bible Studies, the ReCharge youth ministry, the Rite of Confirmation, our ministry teams, church growth, hospitality, and the list goes on! There is so much for us to learn together!!!

As the Church of Jesus Christ, there isn’t nor should there be, a set “return” date to learning opportunities. The opportunities are always there! The invitation is always open! Children and families that experience food insecurity throughout the school year – continue to face food insecurity over the Summer; the need doesn’t stop at the end of the school year. Our need and hunger for spiritual growth, for faith formation, for building upon our relationships with Jesus and one another has no ending – just like the love of God for you and for me – the love that is freely given to us, has always been there and will always be there, each and every day!

Church is open. We are still here. Learning is available each time we gather. Praise be to God!

Teaching & Learning in His Name,
Pastor Trudy

AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICES

Summer worship services are held at 9:00am in the sanctuary.
 Childcare is offered during the service in the nursery so long as there are two adult volunteers present.



Choirs, Children's Chat, Sunday School, and Kingdom Kids will resume in the Fall.

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

Hymns are from the *Hymns for the Family of God* unless otherwise indicated.

August Lay Liturgists: Marty Milkowich (8/6, 8/27); Gina Koehler (8/13; 8/20)

August 6, 2023 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Holy Communion

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15;
 Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Theme: *Strive*

August 13, 2023 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Outdoor Worship Service at Perkasio Park, 10:30am

Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Matthew 14:22-33;
 Romans 10:5-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Theme: *Dream*

August 20, 2023 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Back-to-School Worship Bash with blessing of backpacks and school supplies

Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;
 Psalm 133; Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

Theme: *Reach*

August 27, 2023 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Vacation Sunday

Guest Preacher: Jeremiah Link

Scripture: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10; Psalm 124;
 Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Theme: *Act*

Worship and reflection resources: Seasons of the Spirit TM SeasonsFusion Pentecost 1 2023, Copyright © Wood Lake Publishing Inc. 2022;
 Worship & Praise Songbook; Worship & Rejoice; New Century Hymnal; Hymns for the Family of God.

More about the Church Season after Pentecost

A reminder about the Church Season after Pentecost: In August we will hear more stories of Joseph and his brothers; and finally, Moses and several courageous women. The people who populate these stories are flawed. They fight amongst one another, plot their way to advantage, do silly things, and make false assumptions; they are vain and fragile; they love, laugh, mourn; they succeed and fail. They are like us! All the while, God is with them. God is beside them despite every ill-thought-through decision or selfish thing they do and in every noble and dignified thing they do. Growth, struggle, vulnerability, and God's life-giving ways through such situations shape and strengthen community.

(taken from Seasons of the Spirit SeasonsFusion Pentecost 1 2023)

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2024

“Making Disciples”

In the Coordinators Guide of “*Making Disciples*,” the mentor and pastor led resource we will use for our faith formation sessions, Will Willimon writes: *Our journey as Christians begins in holy baptism. Just as Jesus’ ministry began with his baptism in the Jordan, so our ministry as Jesus’ disciples begins with our baptism...In most churches, confirmation is thought of as a rite for adolescents.*

During the faith formation learning experiences for our adolescents at St. Paul’s UCC there will be many references to baptism. In the United Church of Christ when an infant or young child is baptized, one or both parents and/or one or more sponsors promise 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 2024) each confirmand decides if they are ready to make public agreement to the baptismal promises previously made by their parent(s).

The Rite of Confirmation celebrates this occasion of affirmation of baptism in the life of the individual and of the local church. However, please remember, in the United Church of Christ, people are baptized either as children or adults; so, if you (as an adolescent or adult) have not been baptized, please contact Pastor Trudy as she warmly welcomes that conversation with you.

Registrations are now being accepted for our young people in 6th through 12th grades that families feel are ready to continue their faith formation learning on the 2024 Confirmation journey. To register, scan the QR code or email our church secretary (brianna@stpaulsucc.net) by August 18th. Pastor Trudy will be meeting with the Confirmands, their parents, and mentors on September 21st at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall to discuss and sign the Confirmation Covenant and to review other details of the faith formation journey. Both the pastor and mentors will be leading the required sessions included in our resource, “*Making Disciples*.” A list of mentors’ names is available in the church office.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2nd – Maxwell Fernandez
 3rd – Preston Ziegenfuss
 9th – Hadley Clark
 10th – Annette Bibic
 11th – Ken Gable
 Richard Nase

25th – Lindsay Moyer
 27th – Robert Booz
 Brenda Clark
 29th – Paul Koehler
 30th – Alan Frank
 31st – Donald Dunlap
 Jaxon Moyer



Mark your calendar for **SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH, 2023!**

This is the 40th year for the Pennridge Crop Walk!

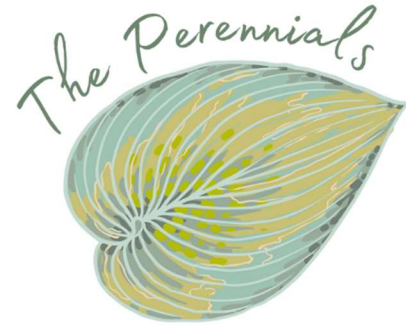
In its 40 years, the CROP Walk has donated over \$157,000 to Pennridge FISH. In honor of the 40th year of the CROP Walk, we will be walking past the FISH building this year.

Last year Pennridge CROP Walk was 50th in the country with the money raised—what an accomplishment! Pennridge CROP Walk raised over \$36,000 in 2022. Thank you again to everyone who supported it. We hope to have another great year! The goal this year is to raise \$40,000 in honor of the 40th year of Pennridge CROP Walk. Please help us reach our goal. Thank you!

Robin Frank, St. Paul's CROP Walk Coordinator



If you know of a young person who will be attending college away from home, please give their name and college address to Nancy Ziegenfuss (nancy@stpaulsucc.net) so we can once again send devotional materials and care packages to the students throughout the year.



Introducing, *The Perennials*! This new group for seniors will meet during the day seasonally for the purpose of fellowship, food, and entertainment/education. Be on the lookout for more information soon!



Volunteers needed! As a host, simply choose cookies and mix the lemonade from the kitchenette and put both out in Fretz Hall. Feel free to bake something if you have the time! Pitchers are in the kitchenette. Cups and napkins are under the new coffee bar. We happily receive store-bought cookie donations for use at any time.

This fall, our fellowship time of Cookies, Coffee, & Conversation will be hosted by a different ministry team each month. Growth & Hospitality will lead the way and host in September.





As in years past, St. Paul's will donate 48 completely filled backpacks to FISH for their distribution in mid-August. We are asking our church members to make a **sponsorship donation of at least \$50 per backpack** to cover the expense of the backpacks and all the items that FISH has requested be included.

Now through August 27, Brenda Clark will be collecting your financial sponsorship donation of \$50 or more, with either cash or check (preferably made payable to Brenda Clark as she is purchasing all items with her own funds). All donations should be given directly to her, a member of her family, or Pastor Trudy or you may send your donation via USPS: 412 Campus Dr., Perkasie, PA 18944. *Please do **NOT** drop in collection box in Narthex.*

Your donation is appreciated as soon as possible.

Any funds collected in addition to the sponsorship of all 48 backpacks will be given to FISH to assist with any additional backpack items they may need.

Any questions, call Brenda at 215-285-0294.

Thank you for your willingness to help provide for the needs of the children in our community!

Pennridge FISH

CURRENT NEEDS - AUG 2023

<p>High Priority Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meal helpers • boxed pasta noodles • salad dressing • canned: fruit, spinach, beets, spam, pasta • hot chocolate • coffee • mayonnaise • jelly • shelf-stable meals (ie Hormel) • paper towels • baby wipes • diapers (size 2, 3, 4T-6T) • pull-ups/trainers/nighttime (size 4-7) • bar soap • toilet paper • facial tissues • detergent for clothes • dishwashing soap • toothbrushes 	<p>Other Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • canned: soup, chicken, sardines, vegetables, meat • alfredo sauce • shelf-stable grated cheese • pickles • salt & pepper • bagged dry beans • boxed mashed potatoes • misc. nuts • applesauce • oatmeal • spaghetti • cooking oil • white & brown rice • sugar • fresh: apples, oranges, onions, potatoes • toothpaste • shampoo • razors
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<https://pennridgefish.org/current-needs>

KIDS SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

PENNRIDGE FISH

NEEDS

- bottled juice/juice box packs
- canned tuna, chicken
- kid-friendly soup/stew
- saltine-type crackers
- kid-friendly canned pasta
- macaroni & cheese
- ramen noodles
- peanut butter
- jelly
- mayonnaise
- individual applesauce cup packs
- individual fruit cup packs
- cheese/PB sandwich cracker packs
- kid-friendly cereal
- granola/snack bars
- individual kid-friendly snacks

Dear Trudy,

Thank your congregation for me for their generous support of our 25th Anniversary of Clinical Pastoral Education program. Our partnership with you and your church means a lot to us. Glad you will also be getting involved at Richland as well.

Thanks and Blessings, Scott

Pictured: Phoebe CPE Program sponsorship

Thank You to our Sponsors

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Pictured: Joyful Noise 9 sponsorship

Dedicated to the memory of our friend, Ray Constable.

JON





In Loving Memory of Ray Constable





Lehigh Valley Apparel Creations
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MEMORIAL TO THE LOST

JULY 15 – AUGUST 12

St. Peter's Tohickon UCC

1071 Old Bethlehem Rd. Perkasie

Sponsored by *Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence*



A Memorial to the Lost® is a unique, visible education tool developed to honor victims of gun violence and their surviving families. T-shirts with names and dates of those murdered by gun violence in a designated area are displayed where community members can experience in a tangible way the loss of life and disruption of lives that gun violence creates.

BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME CELEBRATES 160 YEARS!

AUGUST 19 | 11:00AM – 9:00PM

Bethany Children's Home

1863 Bethany Rd. Womelsdorf, PA 19567

It will be a great day for all ages! Join Bethany Children's Home for an anniversary day celebration, including: Jeff Krick Jr: Elvis Tribute; The Celtic Martins; The Grease Band; carnival games, food, rides, activities, and vendors.

THE 150 FUND

Celebrate Our Past. Invest in Our Future.
1 Chronicles 29:14

Tower Repairs: \$263,847 – completed

Parsonage Roof: \$22,950 – completed

Kitchen Fire Suppression: \$15,325 – completed

Handicapped-Accessible Entrance: \$18,900 – accessible doors into the sanctuary installed; finishing work still needed

ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY AUGUST 20

ENDOWMENT

Aaron Clark
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**Consistory minutes are now available in the Narthex*

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PICNIC IN THE PARK

**AUGUST 13 | 10:30AM | PERKASIE PARK
200 S. 9TH ST.**

Join us for a time of worship followed
by a covered dish potluck luncheon



**Know what dish you plan to bring? Sign up in the Narthex.
Chips and beverages provided.
Bring plates and utensils for your family.**

August

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
Worship 9am 	AA	AA Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm Consistory 7:00pm	Perkasio Free Concert Series 7:00 – 9:00pm			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 9am 	AA	AA				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Picnic in the Park Worship & Potluck 10:30am at Perkasio Park	AA	AA Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm	Growth & Hospitality 1:30pm		2024 Confirmation registration deadline	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship 9am Blessing of Backpacks 	AA	AA	Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 – 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>	<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>
27	28	29	30	31		
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