

FEBRUARY 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*

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## It's time to tell our church story of 2023!

It's time to celebrate, honor, and respect all the work done and goals reached by St. Paul's in 2023 – and at the same time, challenge each other to deeper faith and deeper commitment and engagement with our church family as we continue to build up our relationships with each other and with Jesus as we move into 2024.

Whether you led a ministry team, led a one-time group effort, or took on a solo project for St. Paul's in 2023 - we want to hear from you! Describe your event, including: the event's purpose, costs incurred, goals accomplished, participation numbers, etc. If you have shared updates via bulletin announcements or newsletters, we still need an annual report from you.

Your report may generate interest by others in joining your ministry team; or your report may bring someone to a deeper understanding of how things are done and why things are done the way they are. We will be building upon our communication and transparency with one another. Some parts of our story may sound similar to our sister churches - but our story will still be unique in many ways - because we are St. Paul's United Church of Christ located at 104 Green Street in Sellersville - and there is no other that could be exactly like her!

We are so excited and look forward to hearing from you. **THE DEADLINE TO RECEIVE REPORTS IS FEBRUARY 12 AT 9:00AM.** Please submit your report in Word format via email or a Google Doc to [brianna@stpaulsucc.net](mailto:brianna@stpaulsucc.net). Our Annual Congregational Celebration with Lenten luncheon will be held immediately following worship on **Sunday, February 25** – where together we will continue the celebration and honoring of a spirit-filled 2023 in the life of our church. Many, many thanks!

Blessings,  
Pastor Trudy and Brianna



# FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICES



*In the event of inclement weather, Pastor Trudy and the Consistory President will make a decision regarding delays or cancelations by 7:00am. Information will be shared by email, on our website and Facebook page, and on the office answering machine (215-257-7268).*

*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 children during worship.*

**February Liturgist:** Arlene Peters

## February 4, 2024 | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11;  
Mark 1:29-39; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

## February 11, 2024 | Transfiguration Sunday

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; Mark 9:2-9;  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

## February 14, 2024 | Ash Wednesday

Scripture: Psalm 51:1-7

## February 18, 2024 | 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Psalm 25:1-10; Luke 5:1-11

## February 25, 2024 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Psalm 22:23-31; Matthew 14:22-33

## Lent a Hand: Get Involved in God's Mission for St. Paul's

### Ash Wednesday Service

February 14 at 7:00pm  
St. Paul's UCC

### March 2024

Palm Sunday: March 24  
Easter Sunday: March 31

## 2024 ALTAR FLOWERS

We are looking for sponsors! Sign up on the new flower chart located 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. Any questions, you may contact her at 215-285-0294. Available February dates: 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25



Under the leadership of Kate Clark, kids ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to the nursery after Children's Chat to learn, play, and craft together.

In order 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 obtaining your clearances.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### The Perennials

February 8 | 11:00am  
for seniors age 55+ – see flyer on next page

### Souper Bowl of Caring

February 11 | 10:15 Worship  
donate canned goods or monetary gifts to FISH

### Congregational Celebration

February 25 | after worship  
2023 Annual Report and Lenten luncheon

### ReCharge

February 25 | 6:30 – 8:00pm  
for students in 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades!



## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

### *Wrestling with Doubt: Finding Faith*

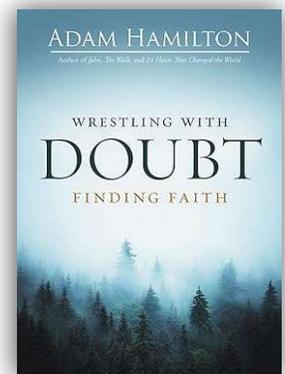
by Adam Hamilton

Lenten Bible Study begins

Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00pm

The author, Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, writes: Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a heaven? How can we know? Whether you're a longtime Christian or someone brand new to faith, *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith* will lead you to a trust in God that is unafraid of hard questions. Wrestle with doubt and find faith – belief and trust, not certainty; mystery rather than simple answers.

If you are interested in attending the in-person Lenten Bible study, please email Pastor Trudy at [pastortrudyj@gmail.com](mailto:pastortrudyj@gmail.com) by February 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the book is \$13. and can be paid at the first Bible study session. The Bible study group meets weekly and the last session will meet on Holy Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.





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

# **Winter Gathering**

**Thursday, February 8 | 11:00am**

**St. Paul's UCC**

**104 Green St. Sellersville**

Soup will be served for lunch. Free will offering.

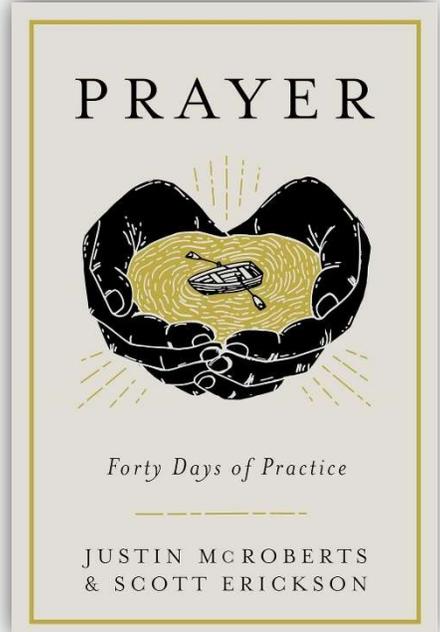
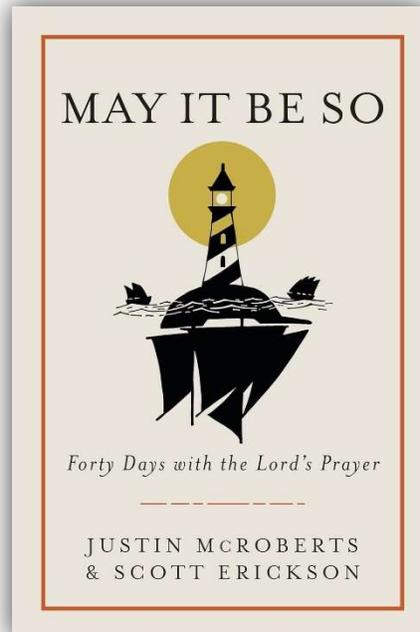
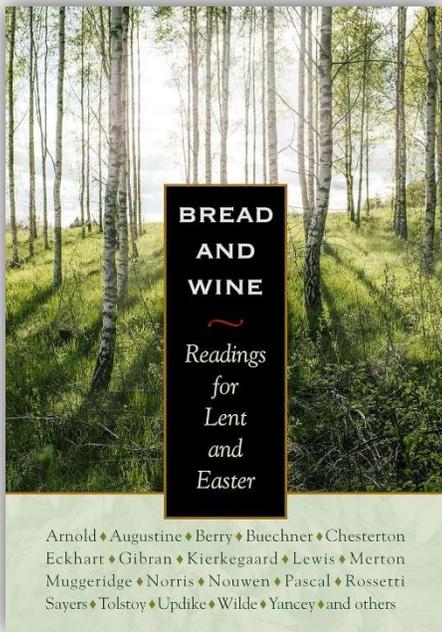
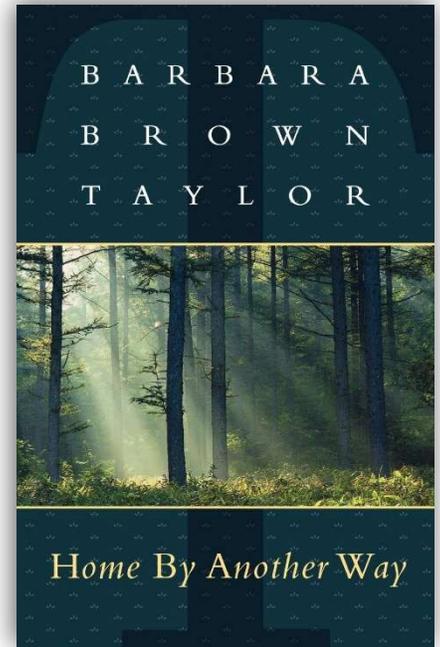
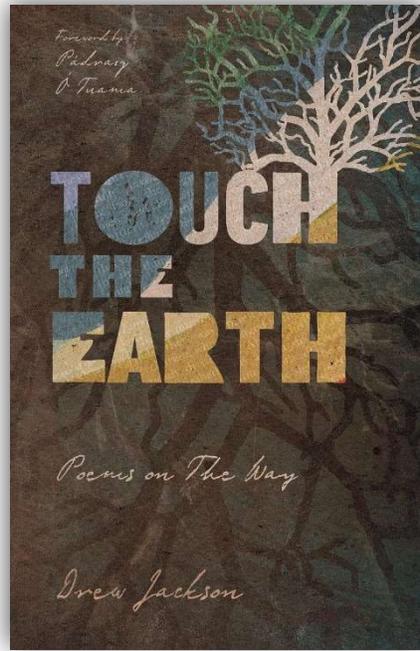
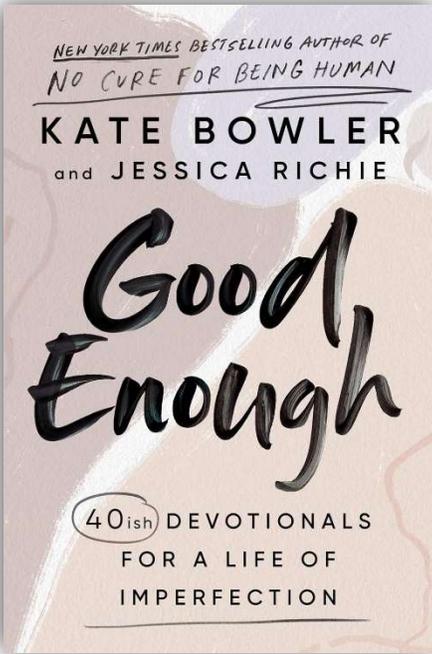
Eleanor Roosevelt will visit us through Linda Kenyon's one-woman show.

**RSVP  
BY 2/1:**



# BOOK RESOURCES

perfect for Lent or any time of year



## MINISTRY UPDATES

### GIVING TREE FOR PENNRIDGE FISH

In lieu of a family to sponsor this year, our Giving Tree was a gift card tree for FISH of a variety of gift card locations. 55 tags were placed on the tree in \$25 amounts for Target, WalMart, Landis, Giant, etc. Out of the 55 tags, 34 were taken and returned and given to FISH. They were able to hand out many immediately and will use the remainder as needed throughout the rest of the year. They are so very appreciative of our commitment and dedication to helping those in need in our community. I made several trips to deliver as the gift cards were received and each time, I was met with smiles when they saw what I had and looks of relief on their faces. Please know what you do is noticed and so very appreciated. Not only are they thankful for your dedication, but I am as well...you folks always step up when I ask and my heart is full of love for you all! Blessings to you all!

Brenda Clark

### PENNRIDGE CROP WALK

Overall the total amount raised for the Pennridge CROP Walk was \$23,397.99, with St Paul's contributing \$1,818.86. Thank you again for your support of the CROP Walk!

Robin Frank, CROP Walk Coordinator



Since the fall of 2023, CCC has been sponsored by a different ministry team or teams each month. We appreciate the teams' willingness to serve and contribute to the fellowship of St. Paul's in this way. Be sure to check out the ministry team spotlight signs each month.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1 – Adam Fosbenner

2/3 – Jacob Baringer

2/4 – Jaime Stover

2/7 – Mike Molettiere

2/12 – McKenna Milkowich

2/16 – Cameron Allen

Matthew Milkowich

2/17 – John Moyer

2/20 – Jay Wenger

2/21 – Gary Anglemoyer

2/22 – Katelyn Dusza

2/23 – Patricia Guth

2/24 – William Benner

2/25 – Faith Hawkins

2/26 – Christopher Buckley

2/27 – Mike Hendricks

2/28 – Martin Bosch  
Scott Bosch

### CELEBRATING 40+ YEARS OF MARRIAGE

February 11, 1978 – Pastor Patti and Dave Thomas (46 years)

# Pennridge FISH

## CURRENT NEEDS - FEB 2024

### High Priority Needs

- meal helpers
- boxed pasta noodles
- salad dressing
- canned: fruit, spinach, beets, spam, pasta
- hot chocolate
- coffee
- mayonnaise
- jelly
- shelf-stable meals (ie Hormel)
- pancake mix & syrup
- 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

### Other Needs

- 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
- toothbrushes



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

We are deeply appreciative of your generous Consistory Donation of \$117.00 for the St. Michael's Christmas Day Meal. This year, our in-person Christmas Community Meal served 90 people, gave 30 take outs, and made 15 deliveries. There were 22 people who helped with this community meal. Thanks for being part of the team to help the people in the community who are alone at Christmas or have food insecurities. You made a difference. Thanks again!

Sincerely,  
St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church

## **ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

### **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  
Neil Clark  
Rick Moyer  
Marie Runkle

### **CEMETARY TRUSTEES**

Alex Potoczny  
Terry Weikel  
Jay Wenger

### **CEMETARY CONTACT**

Carol Nase: 267-374-9045

*Consistory minutes are now available in the Narthex*

## **STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Cindy Bibic**, Financial Secretary

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# February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Christian Ed. 6:30pm		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship 10:15am	Bells 7:00pm  AA	Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm  Fnance 7:00pm  AA	Choir 7:00pm	The Perennials 11:00am		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 10:15am  Souper Bowl of Caring	<i>Annual Reports due by 9:00am</i>  Bells 7:00pm  AA	Consistory 7:00pm  AA	Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm  Choir after service  <i>Valentine's Day</i>			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 10:15am  <i>Newsletter Submissions due</i>	Bells 7:00pm  AA	Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm  AA	Bible Study 2:00pm  Choir 7:00pm			
25	26	27	28	29		
Worship 10:15am  Congregational Celebration  ReCharge 6:30 – 8:00pm 	Bells 7:00pm  AA	AA	Bible Study 2:00pm  Choir 7:00pm			