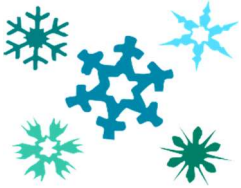
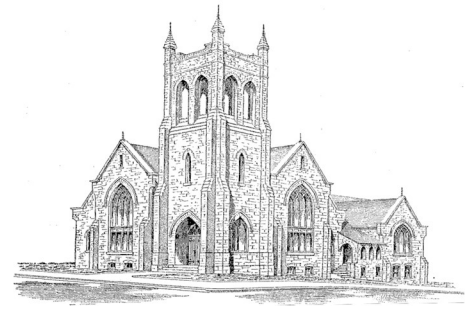


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# *GOOD NEWS*



**January 2023**

**St. Paul's UCC**

**WE BEGIN THE NEW YEAR BY GATHERING TOGETHER... AND EXPLORING...DISCOVERING....AND IMAGINING THE POSSIBILITIES.... OF NEW AND RENEWED MINISTRIES IN 2023!!!**

As we begin a new year...we look forward with great excitement and anticipation of what opportunities for ministry God will reveal to us in 2023. Rev. Cean James, UCC Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Associate Conference Minister for Church Development, will lead us and facilitate our conversations on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10am to Noon. Mark your calendars! Stop by for this “brainstorming session” – for the “sharing of ideas”....for the “sharing of our hopes and dreams for 2023 and beyond”....and also ask yourself: “*how can I be a part of whatever “new ideas” may be shared....what leadership role can I take this year at St. Paul's UCC?*”

The gathering will be held in the Fellowship Hall and light refreshments will be provided by our Growth & Hospitality Ministry Team.

**“We extend a warm welcome to our new Church Secretary”**

Brianna Link will be joining St. Paul's Church Staff as our new church secretary beginning January 9<sup>th</sup>. Brianna and her husband, Jeremiah, are members of St. Paul's; they have three children: Surrey, Knox, and Sailor. There will be training for several weeks, but we will stay in touch with you and let you know when regular office hours are finalized. Welcome Brianna!

***SHARING LIFE'S JOURNEY BY BUILDING OUR RELATIONSHIPS  
WITH JESUS AND EACH OTHER!***



***Snow Alert:*** In the event of inclement weather that could affect a Sunday morning, the Pastor and Consistory President will make a decision regarding delays or cancellations by 7am. Information will be shared via emailblast, placed on our website and Facebook page, and on the office answering machine (215-257-7268).

## ~ A Note from the Pastor ~

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Pastor's Day Off: Friday

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**Weekly Hybrid Worship:  
In-Person, and Livestream  
at 10:15am in the Sanctuary  
No Sunday School in  
January for age 3 thru  
Jr./Sr. High.**



*"Being intentional."* Those are words that I remember from my seminary days, specifically, a seminar on "self-care" as each of us were now concluding our time of education at Lancaster Theological Seminary and moving into our "places of call." The requirements of moving towards being approved for ordination – ordination papers, interviews by Association and Conference teams – were also coming to an end. We were moving closer to preparing and circulating profiles – at least for those of us that were entering into what I still like to call, "parish ministry." Because we were always "moving" in one direction or another, always at a steady pace, the "self-care" became increasingly important and the wisdom of the Seminary and her professors had the foresight and experience to know that we would need to "be intentional" about "self-care" as we served our congregations.

So, first, I want to thank you, as we begin this new year, for supporting me as I am "being intentional" with my 'self-care' as I minister with you and to you. The only day-off I take is a Friday; the other days, though I may fit in a quick trip to the grocery store or an early morning breakfast with Kevin on a Monday, are filled with reading, preparing worship services and sermons, preparing Bible studies and confirmation class assignments, and meetings and visits and phone calls. And, you see, for me, even with a 'hiccup' or two along the way, even with weeks of heavier schedules than others, these days fill my spirit with joy for having the opportunity to serve you in the name of Christ. Your support of the three-day work retreat I took in November to prepare drafts of services for Advent and Christmas was so very helpful to me and provided me with special moments of relaxing with you and sharing in the Spirit of the Holy Season as a church family. But, also important to me is that our church staff and those I serve are also being intentional about "self-care."

Most of our church staff also have full-time jobs and other staff members that don't are trying to balance a part-time job with young and very active family lives. There are many church members serving on various ministry teams that work full-time in various jobs. Even those of you that are "retired," not only serve faithfully here at St. Paul's, but you are also volunteering in the community. So *"being intentional"* about *"self-care"* is important. I know there is lots of work still needed to build up God's kingdom here on earth; I know the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; but God loves you and cares about you; God created and then on the seventh day, God rested! Will you *"be intentional"* this year? In your church life at St. Paul's? In your self-care? Think about it!

Epiphany & New Year Blessings,  
*Pastor Trudy*

**Pastor's Vacation Days:  
January 1<sup>st</sup> & January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

**Check out our new church website:  
[stpaulsucc.net](http://stpaulsucc.net)**

# JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICES

January Lay Liturgist: *Debbie Koehler*

No Sunday School for ages 3 thru Jr./Sr. High during the month of January  
 Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. The Men's group invite all to attend their  
 January sessions beginning Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.; breakfast will be served!

*Don't forget to sign up for coffee, cookies, and conversation;  
 the sign-up sheet is located on the 'serving table' in Fretz Hall.*

♦ **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, First Sunday after Christmas**

- Happy New Year!
- No Coffee, Cookies and Conversation today.
- Pastor's Vacation Sunday; *Marty Milkowich* will lead the worship service.

♦ **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, Celebration of Epiphany Sunday!**

- Scriptures: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
- Theme: "New Epiphanies"
- Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- Installation of 2023 Consistory & Endowment Leaders.
- Coffee, Cookies and Conversation.

♦ **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

- Scriptures: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42
- Theme: "Called Together"
- Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation.



♦ **Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

- Scriptures: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23
- Theme: "Following the Call"
- Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation.

♦ **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

- Scriptures: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12
- Theme: "Beautiful Vision"
- Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation.
- ReCharge Youth meet at 6:30 p.m. in the ReCharge Youth Center.



American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2-7pm in our Fellowship Hall. Appointments are preferred. For an appointment or information please email Rick Moyer [familymoyer@yahoo.com](mailto:familymoyer@yahoo.com) or call 215-257-7268. You can also sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: stpaulsucc

**SAVE THE DATE: February 19<sup>th</sup>, Annual Congregational Celebration.**  
**More details coming in January bulletins and emailblasts!!!**

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



### Our Church Family

1<sup>st</sup> – Jessica Bergey  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bess Anglemoyer  
 6<sup>th</sup> – David Moyer  
 13<sup>th</sup> – Logan Fuhs  
 15<sup>th</sup> – Jeremy Mask  
 20<sup>th</sup> – Rachel Fernandez  
       Daniel Long

21<sup>st</sup> – Christopher Hough  
 25<sup>th</sup> – Dennis Schappell  
 26<sup>th</sup> – Elisia Fernandez  
 27<sup>th</sup> – Tom Long, Jr.  
       Trisha Souder  
       Leah Hough  
 29<sup>th</sup> – Stacey Moyer  
 31<sup>st</sup> – Kendall Souder  
       David Nemec



**Pennridge CROP WALK-** Pennridge CROP Walk-Here is an update on the amount raised with the Pennridge CROP Walk. The total amount raised was \$33,281.50. St Paul's raised \$4,339.55. The Endowment Committee gave \$2,424.00 to the CROP walk in memory of Doc and Nancy Lyons. We also raised over \$150.00 with the "Count Your Blessings" calendar. There was a total of 126 walkers and St. Paul's had 12 walkers. About 800 lbs. of food was taken to FISH which included food donated in celebration of Lisa & Kevin's 35th wedding anniversary. (They are the CROP walk team captains for St. Andrew's and they asked in lieu of gifts donations be made to FISH). I want to again thank everyone who walked and donated to the CROP walk. Thank you also to the Endowment Committee for their generous donation. Great job to everyone in helping end hunger. See you next year for the 40th Anniversary of the Pennridge CROP walk. ~Robin Frank

**Pennridge FISH –** Dear friends at St. Paul's, Thank you for your generous donation to Pennridge FISH. Your continued and faithful support allows us to carry on in serving those most in need. ~Harry Tucker

**Lancaster Theological Seminary:** Thank you for your gift in support of the ministry of theological education at Lancaster Seminary (Received: 10/27/22, \$125.) Please note: Lancaster Theological Seminary entered into a partnership with Moravian University in July 2021 when the Moravian and Lancaster boards formally launched both teaching institutions into the work of combination, paving the way for the continuation of their missions with a shared future.



**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** If you have a mailing address, phone number, or email address change, please contact the church office so your contact information can be updated in our system and in our church directory. Accurate and updated information allows for better communication. In the near future, we also hope to create an updated Corner of Care Prayer List. Please make sure you are given permission to have someone's name added to that published list. Thank you.



## **Pennridge FISH Current Needs January 2023**

Canned Meats--\*Spam, Canned Ham, Beef Stew  
 Canned Chicken  
 Canned Sardines  
 Mustard  
 Meal Helpers--hamburger, tuna, rice, pasta  
 Shelf Stable Meals i.e. Hormel Compleats  
 \*Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Spaghettios, Beefaroni, etc)  
 Boxed Mashed Potatoes  
 Brown Rice  
 White Rice  
 Spaghetti  
 Bagged Dry Beans  
 \*Canned Soups  
 \*Canned Vegetables  
 \*Canned Spinach  
 \*Canned Beets  
 \*Canned Pineapple  
 Applesauce  
 Pickles  
 Oatmeal  
 \*Jelly  
 Misc Nuts (pistachios, walnuts, pecans...)  
 \*Hot Chocolate  
 Coffee  
 Cooking Oil  
 Sugar/Flour  
 Salt/Pepper

Grated Cheese--shelf stable Parmesan, 3 Cheese, etc  
 Ketchup

\*Mayonnaise  
 \*Salad Dressing  
 Alfredo Sauce  
 \*Diapers 3T-4T-5T-6T  
 \*Diapers Size 5,6,7/Trainer/Night Time Pull-Ups  
 \*Toothpaste  
 \*Toothbrushes  
 \*Facial Tissues  
 Paper Towels  
 Toilet Paper  
 \*Bar Soap  
 \*Shampoo/Conditioner  
 Razors  
 \*Laundry Detergent  
 \*Dish Soap  
 Apples, Oranges, Onions, Potatoes--Take directly to  
 FISH after purchase

\*items are out completely or almost out  
 Hours: Mon/Wed 3:00-5:00, Thurs 6:00-8:00  
 Fri/Sat 9:00-11:00  
 800 W. Chestnut St, PO Box 9  
 Perkasi, PA 18944 215-257-7616



## **CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD COLLECTION FOR PENNRIDGE FISH**

As FISH did not do their toy collection again this year, they continued with collecting \$25 gift cards from Target and Walmart for the children of their clients for Christmas gifts. St. Paul's again contributed to this collection...I was able to take to FISH \$175 in cash and checks for FISH to purchase gift cards and \$800 in actual \$25 Target and Walmart gift cards (11 Walmart and 14 Target). This helped FISH with assisting the over 400 children included in their clientele. Thank you to everyone of you who faithfully support the mission of FISH!

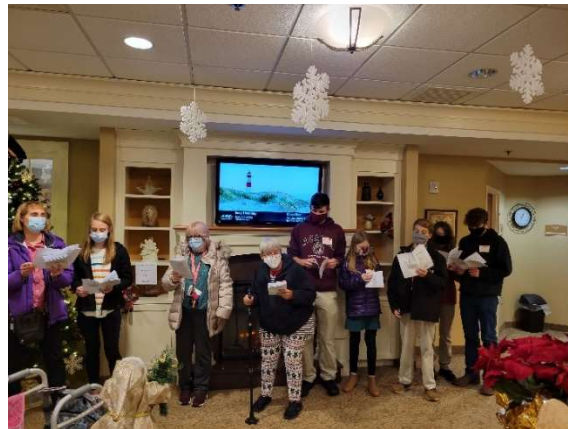


### **College Care Packages**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the college care packages which were sent out to the college students of our congregation in time for finals week. Your generosity allows us to reach so many!

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

Some ReCharge youth and leaders, along with Pastor Trudy and Kevin, and a handful of other church members went Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> following worship.



The weather turned out to be a bit frightful, but it didn't dampen our spirits whatsoever! Our first stop was at the Telford Lutheran Home where we caroled outside of the Personal Care dining room. Doris Myers and Jean & Les Gehman were among the residents who were filled with joy to have us visit. Doris said repeatedly, "You didn't just make my day, you made my week!" We also caroled at the homes of Bob & Nancy Booz, Dr. Pat Guth, Fred Koehler, Lucille Moore, and Ellen Clark. The smiles and tears from those we visited were sincere and everyone felt their spirits lift as we spread some Christmas cheer!



### **NOTICE: The LifePath / Ridgecrest Christmas Crafters**

The LifePath / Ridgecrest Christmas Crafters are looking for helpers in 2023. We work each Wednesday in a room at Ridgecrest across the street from Grand View Hospital's Emergency room from 9 - 1pm. The proceeds we raise from our annual craft sale help to provide entertainment, trips to the store (ex. to Michael's for craft supplies), the Iron Pigs games, Great Wolfe Lodge, tubing, medical needs (scale for wheelchairs), etc. for the mentally and physically challenged persons living in the area's group homes, spending their days at Life Path on Life Mark Drive or living at Ridgecrest or at home. If you can cut, glue, paint, or sew and would like to have a day out to chat with friendly women, please call me!

~Thanks, *Jerry Fosbenner* 215-257-3872



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**Epiphany Worship Celebration!**  
**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:15am**  
**with the Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**and the Installation of 2023 Consistory & Endowment Leadership**



**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**