

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



Let's fetch some fun!

At Camp Sonshine's *Pets Unleashed*, kids will go crazy for critters with whiskers, tails, feathers, or scales! That's why kids will think Camp Sonshine is the cat's meow. This camp experience will guide kids through God's Word in unforgettable, multi-sensory, thought-provoking ways that make Scripture come alive. Get ready for fun, laughter, excitement, and a bit of noise as we venture into friendship with Jesus who lovingly cares for us.



While it is our mission to share the love of God with the children who attend Camp Sonshine, we want them to experience what it is like to share God's love with others too. Each evening, we will collect a monetary offering. The money we collect at *Pets Unleashed* will be used to support the spay and neuter program of Last Chance Ranch in Quakertown. Last Chance Ranch (LCR) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization rescuing and rehabilitating equines, farm, and domestic companion animals. LCR is dedicated to promoting and educating the public to humane and responsible treatment of equines, farm animals and other domestic companion animals including dogs and cats. LCR provides a safe and secure refuge for abused, unwanted or neglected animals. LCR rehabilitates the physical ailments of these rescued animals and places them into homes where they receive the love, attention and care they deserve. The average cost of spaying or neutering an animal is \$100-125. We hope to raise enough money to help multiple domestic animals and cut down on the number of unwanted animals in our community.

We are asking the members of the congregation to consider supporting this mission project too. There are offering envelopes for this mission project available in the Narthex if you would like to contribute.

Throughout the weekend, we will also be accepting donations of the following items specifically requested by Last Chance Ranch:

 paper towels
 trash bags
 clean, used towels and linens (no bulky blankets or comforters) cat litter
 computer paper
 dog collars and leashes

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Our Sunday School offering supports a ministry through Samaritan's Purse that provides quarterly Sunday School materials for needy children around the globe.

The total money raised through Sunday School offering was \$305.



Mark your calendar for SUNDAY OCTOBER 8TH, 2023!

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

More details forthcoming. I hope to see you walk or donate to this wonderful cause on October 8th.

Robin Frank, St. Paul's CROP Walk Coordinator

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The annual gathering of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ was held June 2nd and June 3rd at West Chester University. Jim and Lucy Chrastina are the lay delegates of St. Paul's, and so we attended the conference gathering together. Jim gave a follow-up report of the meeting during our morning worship service on June 4th. I know both Jim and Lucy would agree that the report given and my comments on the conference were a 'snapshot' of what we heard and experienced over those two days. The Keystone Project presentation alone would provide enough information for a morning seminar (at minimum). At this time, I simply ask you to hold all four of Pennsylvania's Conference Ministers in your prayers: Rev. Bill Worley, PSEC; Rev. Dave Ackerman, Penn West; Rev. Dr. Carrie Call, Penn Central; and Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, Penn Northeast. We are in the early stages of this conversation of merging four conferences into one for the state of Pennsylvania, but they are doing hard, focused, intentional work and they took time to receive questions from the PSEC gathering that they will take back into their meetings, conversations, and discernment of the possible merger.

I was most deeply impressed by the powerful testimonies given by pastors that have experienced tremendous changes within their congregations and church dynamics. Some spoke on their experiences of a "United Ministry," a "Shared Ministry," and a "Merged Ministry," while two others spoke of a "Ministry Reimagined," and a "Renewed, Regenerated Ministry." Though I found the "Renewed, Regenerated Ministry" most attractive and most aligned to our journey forward, I heard a new term from the "Ministry Reimagined" speaker that I find myself returning to over and over again. After his congregation decided their best way forward was to sell their church building and take up occupancy in a more centrally located building; he continued to tell us how the 'reimagining' of their church is very closely connected to their "Covenant Partners" such as The United Way. "Covenant Partners!" I think that 'term' doesn't only sound better than "our non-profits" but it adds deeper meaning and significance to the relationship any church develops with a non-profit or community partner. Just the word 'covenant' establishes this faithful commitment we make in our relationships – like the covenant of marriage and 'the cup of the new covenant' poured out for you and me in Holy Communion – signifying our relationship with Jesus Christ and this gift of salvation He offers by God's grace! The responsible freedom we have to one another – a covenant relationship built on our Christian faith – a relationship of respect, kindness, common courtesies, and caring – not just for one another, but for all those receiving the services and ministries of the "Covenant Partners."

In the months ahead watch for updates on The Keystone Project and watch for updates on our "Covenant Partners!" Oh, and by the way, there was still much more we experienced at the annual gathering of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference than listed here in this letter! God is good!

Blessings, Pastor Trudy

JULY WORSHIP SERVICES

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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 Chats, 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.

July Lay Liturgists: Jocelyn and Simon Ziegenfuss (alternating)

July 2, 2023 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Theme: Welcoming Community

July 9, 2023 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Theme: Choose

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

July 16, 2023 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Gensis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Theme: Struggle

Jul 23, 2023 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Pastor Vacation Sunday Worship Leaders: Ziegenfuss family

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Theme: *Blessed*

Jul 30, 2023 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Camp Sonshine — Pets Unleashed Celebration

More about the Church Season after Pentecost

During the month of July, we will linger in the book of Genesis and stories of some ancestors of faith - Abraham and Sarah; Isaac and Rebekah; Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; and 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.



MOVIE NIGHT!

Sunday, July 30 | 6:30-8:30pm

Lights, Cameras, Action!

Come on out for an inspirational movie and some concession stand favorites right here at St. Paul's UCC!

Please note the later end time!!!

Looking forward to seeing you all there! Feel free to bring a friend!

> We will be watching *Blue Miracle* (PG, approx 95 minutes)



An unlikely team works together to save an orphanage.



Do you know of a friend, family member, neighbor or church member that would like to share their musical talents during our 9:00am summer worship services?

Vocalists and instrumentalists from near and far are invited to come and sing or play their instrument or 'sing & play' in our time of worship!

Email Pastor Trudy at pastortrudyj@gmail.com and let her know your/their availability!

2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS

COMING SOON!

At this time, Pastor Trudy is reorganizing our confirmation faith formation classes. She will be scheduling a meeting in July for anyone that would like to serve as a mentor to a confirmand of the 2024 Confirmation Class; the mentor's role will be expanded to include additional one-on-one sessions with their confirmand and all those details will be covered at the mentor's meeting. When the new class is formed an additional inperson meeting will be scheduled for parents, mentors and students. The August newsletter and upcoming bulletins and email-blasts will also contain details regarding the formation of the 2024 Confirmation Class.



On Sunday, June 11 we recognized and honored graduates, Christian education leaders, the 2023 confirmands, and the James Frantz Dedication Award recipient.

GRADUATES:

Andrew Nace, College

Makya Milkowch, High School

Makya graduated from Quakertown Community High School. He received the Departmental Award for Instrumental Music and the Outstanding Senior Section Leader Award. He plans to earn a 4-year degree in engineering at South Dakota Mines and Technology. Mayka recently earned Eagle Scout Rank in Troop 13. His hobbies include playing trumpet, bowling, and outdoor adventures.

RECHARGE LEADERS:

Holly Weideman Brandon Barndt

2023 CONFIRMANDS:

Evan Hendricks Amelia Moyer Lucas Moyer Marley Weideman



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

Kate Clark, Kingdom Kids Sam Clark, Junior/Senior High Marty Milkowich, Junior/Senior High Neil Clark, Men's Group

JAMES FRANTZ AWARD:

Tessa Hawkins

Tessa Hawkins is an active member of St. Paul's. She was confirmed in 2020, and since then has attended Sunday School, Sunday worship, and ReCharge regularly. She volunteers cheerfully and is always willing to help during worship and various events at St. Paul's. Tessa exemplifies Jim Frantz's quiet and helpful demeanor whenever she is at church, including her friendly attitude.

Tessa has decided to donate her monetary gift to the Alzheimer's Association.



GROWTH & HOSPITALITY

A very heartfelt thank you to Lucille Moore and Ellen Clark for their many years of keeping our after-church fellowship running. They were always there – both after church as hostesses as well as behind the scenes, keeping everything stocked and organized. The Growth & Hospitality ministry team has been handling it since they "retired" and we have realized how big a task it is!

Also, A BIG THANK YOU to Kevin Irving for building the beautiful coffee bar using materials he found around the church and adding a top he found at his workplace. He is always seeing needs around the church and figuring out creative ways to fill them.

We are committed to encouraging after-church fellowship. We all know that food brings people together, especially when it is homemade and recipes can be shared and discussed. Unfortunately, we are having a hard time getting people to sign up.

At our last meeting, we discussed some new ideas and are planning to start with one in September. Donna and Scott Huff will be in charge of getting people to sign up each Sunday in September, Arlene Peters will be responsible for October, and Rick and Nancy Moyer will be responsible for November. Get ready to be invited by one of us to take a Sunday – or better yet – volunteer!

In order to help Growth & Hospitality run through the summer, we are asking for your help. We are looking for volunteers to set up each Sunday. We will be switching to Lemonade in the Shade and will supply store-bought cookies and lemonade mix. If you sign up for a Sunday, all you will need to do is go to the little pantry cupboard (in the hallway kitchenette) and choose some cookies to put out. Feel free to bake something if you have the time! There are pitchers and lemonade mix in the cupboard. Cups and napkins are under the new coffee bar. If you are shopping

this summer and find some cookies to help stock our little pantry cupboard, feel free to add them to our stock. Just like home, if you bring in some cookies, put them in the cupboard.



We are going to start a little ongoing fundraiser for Growth & Hospitality as well. Have you ever looked CLOSELY at a one dollar bill? On each bill there is a letter with a circle around it. We are asking you to donate your G bills and your H bills to Growth & Hospitality. We will keep a running count of what we receive and at the end of the summer let you know which letter is winning. Which do YOU think we will get the most of?



Stay Tuned!

We have been exploring the idea of starting a senior group. Details have not yet been finalized, but we are thinking of meeting during the day seasonally for the purpose of fellowship, food, and entertainment/education. More information will be coming later this summer, including the group name that you helped choose by voting at our June 25 worship service!

MISSION PROJECT: WORK CAMP 2024

WELCOMING A NEW COLLEAGUE & SHARING EXCITING NEWS!

On June 5th, Rev. Barbara Pence began her pastorate at St. Andrew's UCC in Perkasie. I am so excited for Pastor Barb to be serving in our Pennridge Community. She and her husband Pastor Nic were my mentors as I was a student in care of the Schuylkill Association and attending Lancaster Theological Seminary; so, I've known Barb and Nic since the beginning of the 21st century. There are many stories I could tell you about the journey we have shared over these past 23 years, but there is a new story about to be told and that's what I want to share with you today.

Pastor Barb began her ministry with St. Andrew's with a trip – a mission trip – a work camp experience at the UCC's Back Bay Mission Center in Biloxi, Mississippi, June 24th to July 1st. I have been in conversation with Pastor Barb about our participation in a work camp experience with them. I know mission projects and work camp experiences are not new to St. Paul's, but it's been a long time that we have planned for such a mission experience. I'm so thankful and delighted that our Roast Beef Dinner leadership has designated \$1,000 of the proceeds from our 2023 Roast Beef Dinner as 'seed money' for the purpose of a work camp mission project.

As Pastor Barb gets settled in with St. Andrew's our conversation regarding coming together for the purpose of a work camp experience will continue and there may be other UCC Churches from the Upper Bucks Cooperative joining in the conversation. My understanding is that the normal rotation (pre-Covid) for St. Andrew's mission trips was to hold a work camp in our area one year and then the next year the mission trip (work camp) is a project outside of our area; though this is the first time they have travelled to Back Bay Mission center. I will be reaching out to you and keeping you updated; you will be invited to participate and be included in the planning of this wonderful opportunity of service. What a great way to reach out as disciples of Christ and be His hands, His feet, His voice and witness to His love!

In His Service, Pastor Trudy

MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE

This group formed out of the need to update the records of those people on the rolls who would like to receive giving envelopes for the coming year. Out of this came more questions:

- Is our giving envelope list complete and correct?
- Do we need to remove or create an accurate inactive listing of people?
- Is our office data base information updated and correct?
- Are people receiving their newsletter the way they prefer?
- Create an updated list for Pastor Trudy to make personal contacts.

We can report that all, or soon to be all, people have been asked to fill out a data form to update their information. We have received many in return. We can now begin to create accurate listings; however, this takes time. In the end, our rolls will be updated with corrected family names and addresses, emails, etc. Children under their parents will be accurately listed for their age, Sunday School class, etc.

Our family directory may look different but will be accurate. If you have any questions, please contact one of us.

> Karen Weikel, Rick Moyer, Arlene Peters, & Jim Chrastina



Hello Friends,

There has been A LOT going on behind the scenes these last few weeks. We have moved 5 rolling shelves from St. Paul's over to St. Stephens where we will be running our summer food box operation this summer. Our first pickup will be **Saturday, July 1, 10:00-12:00**. We have 39 families signed up and I am in the process of setting up the Talking Points App so I can communicate with them regarding pickups. The other two pickups will be **July 22, 10:00-12:00** and **August 19, 10:00-12:00**. School starts August 28.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN BE AT ST. STEPHEN'S DURING ANY OF THE PICKUPS TO HELP DISTRIBUTE.

Ida has worked out the "menu" for the first box, I have gathered 39 boxes and they will be numbered so we can pack appropriate amounts of food for each family based on their family size.

We have a very generous group from the Sellersville branch of LCBC (https://www.lcbcchurch.com/) who have donated the majority of the food we need for the first pack. They helped move the shelves, and they are even picking up our part of the food at Sam's. They will also be packing the boxes next Wednesday so they will be ready for pickup on Saturday.

Because of their generosity, I was able to purchase a \$25 Giant gift card to include in each box for the families to use to buy perishables.

Please let me know if you are available to help with any of this during the summer.

Thank you as always, Donna Huff



High Priority Needs

- meal helpers
- · boxed pasta noodles
- salad dressing
- canned: fruit, spinach, beets, spam, pasta
- hot chocolate
- coffee mayonnaise
- inayonnas
 jelly
- shelf-stable meals (ie Hormel)
- paper towels
- baby wipes
- diapers (size 2, 3, 4T-6T)
- pull-ups/trainers/nighttime (size 4-7)

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- bar soap
- toilet paper
- facial tissues
- · detergent for clothes
- dishwashing soap
- toothbrushes



- 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
- fr
 - fresh: apples, oranges, onions, potatoes
 toothpaste

eeds

- shampoo
- razors

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Monday/Wednesday 3:00-5:00pm Thursday 6:00-8:00pm Friday/Saturday 9:00-11:00pm



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!



This summer, FISH is preparing extra shopping bags for families with school age children who will need lunch while at home. We would like to aid FISH in supplying these items.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation instead of making a purchase, please place your gift in an envelope marked *Summer Lunch for FISH* and see that Brenda Clark receives it for delivery to FISH. Please do not place your monetary donation in the offering collection slot. Checks can be made out to *Pennridge FISH*.

We are collecting items throughout the entire summer so please keep this list in mind over the next couple months. You may place your donations on the FISH shelf currently located in the hallway across from the stairwell.

Thank you in advance for your help in this very necessary program. FISH continues to feed the children and families in our surrounding communities — your assistance is greatly needed!

Any questions, please contact Brenda Clark.



Women's Walk & Worship | 6:30pm

Meet in the parking lot near the scout cabin in Lenape Park.

Tuesday, July 11th Tuesday, July 25th

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Jocelyn Ziegenfuss
- 5th Helen Roth
- 6th Bruce Walt
- 8th Patti Steich
- 11th Jude Weideman

13th – Joan Buckley

15th – Jerry Fosbenner

18th – Kevin Irving

23rd – Pete Ziegenfuss

25th – Knox Link David Renner Marie Runkle 27th – Debra Koehler 31st – Taylor Hawkins

Ruth Schoeller celebrates her 90th birthday on July 29! *Let's shower her with cards!* 31 Lutheran Home Drive Telford, PA 18969

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,109 in support of Habitat Bucks' mission to ensure safe, affordable homes for Bucks County families. With your help, Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County will begin construction on our newest project, St. Thomas Court, which will be the site of three new single-family homes. With sweat equity and the support of the community, their future homeowners will begin planting roots, building economic stability, and fulfilling their dreams.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Drayer-McDonald, Donor Relations Director

On behalf of Between Friends Outreach, we thank you for your support. Your donation of \$500 going to the Refugee Resettlement is truly appreciated. Your donation enables our organization to continue our mission of helping so many in need right here in our community. We are beyond grateful to have wonderful donors such as yourself.

Beth Guerra

Thank you so much for your congregation's generous donation of \$500 to Phoebe. We can't thank you enough for your support and commitment to those we serve. We are proud to provide compassionate person-centered care to every resident who calls Phoebe home, and charitable care when needed. You help us fulfill our mission, and you also help us provide the opportunities that make life worth living, like seasonal celebrations, enriching community life activities, and uplifting spiritual programs.

With gratitude, Kristine Paupini, *Donor Relations Coordinator*



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 AUGUST NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY JULY 15

ENDOWMENT

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship Sam	AA	AA Independence Day				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship 9am	AA	AA Women's Walk & Worship	Growth & Hospitality 1:30pm			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship Sam	AA	AA			Pastor on Vacation	Pastor on Vacation
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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