



# 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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## **Steven Says . . . Let's get to know one another**

Years ago when I began my pastorate in a church in Hawaii, I followed an interim pastor named Earl who wrote an article for the monthly newsletter he called, "Earl's Pearls." It was assumed that I would have a name for *my* monthly newsletter column. Playing on the idea of "Simon Says," I came up with "Steven Says..." And I've used that for the past 31 years.

As I write, I'm in the process of getting to know the people, the history, and the traditions of St. Paul's. You are interesting, faithful, loving . . . and eager to serve God. I am really enjoying talking with you before and after worship services. In fact, my wife, Shannon, and I are impressed by the fellowship time after worship and how long you stay to talk and connect with one another. I'm also getting to know people at meetings and choir rehearsals. And some of you have even made a point of scheduling times to talk a little bit more in depth with me. I want to thank you for this. Let's keep doing it.

I'll probably share a little bit about my faith journey (or testimony) from time to time in my sermons, but I'll share this story here now.. When I was a thirteen-year-old in confirmation class I was *bored!* We went through the standard UCC book for confirmation, *My Confirmation*, and the only thing in the whole book that grabbed my attention was a family tree of different denominations that showed how, when, and from whom different groups had split off from others through the ages. I also remember picking for my confirmation verse Matthew 25:40:

*Whatever you did for the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it unto me.*

I was fascinated by the idea that by helping others, we could also be serving God. The idea still moves me.

One other part of my confirmation that stands out for me was the woman who volunteered to be my "sponsor." I don't remember sponsors coming to classes or interacting with us very much, but we understood that they were praying for us and would stand with us at our confirmation. I don't think she said it to me in person, but Mrs. Evans, my sponsor, wrote in the card she gave me at my confirmation that she just *knew* some day I would be a pastor! At that time a calling to pastoral ministry was the furthest thing from my mind. In fact, I thought Mrs. Evans was a little daffy and put her pronouncement out of my mind. It would be a few years before I actually heard the call from God and realized Mrs. Evans was right.

Looking back, I thank God for bringing Midge Evans into my life and speaking truth to me even though I wasn't ready to hear it at the time. Can you think of people God has used in your life to speak his truth? I'd love to hear your stories!

**Steven Says, let's give thanks to God for those who speak truth to us!**

## APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES

*Services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel via our website.*

*Worship will be held at 10:15am in the sanctuary on June 1 & 8, and at 9:00am beginning June 15*

### June 1 | 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 17:21-26

Lay preacher: Rick Moyer

Message: That They All May Be One

### June 8 | Pentecost

**Celebration Sunday**

*Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Message: Filled with the Holy Spirit

### June 15 | Trinity Sunday/Father's Day

*Summer Hours—worship at 9:00 a.m.*

Scripture: John 16:12-15

Message: The Oneness and the Three-ness of God

### June 22 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Message: Jesus and Mental Health

### June 29 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Luke 9:51-62

Message: Put Your Hand to the Plow



### 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 (brianna@stpaulsucc.net) 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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## **JAMES FRANTZ DEDICATION AWARD**

On Celebration Sunday this award will be given to a young person between the ages of 13 and 19 who exemplifies dedication to the church, similar to that which was shown by the late Jim Frantz. Jim was a lifelong member of St. Paul's from 1919 through 1999. Last year's award recipient was *Simon Ziegenfuss*.

Nominations can be made by any St. Paul's member on our website or using a form located in the Narthex. **Submit your nomination online or to Rick Moyer's mailbox by June 1.**

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships are available to students planning to attend college or a specialty school or who are presently a full-time student and a member of St. Paul's. The scholarship application is on our website or there are paper copies in the Narthex. **Submit your nomination online or to Rick Moyer's mailbox by June 1.**

# LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM



72 CONTINUOUS YEARS OF

## ST. PAUL'S MEN'S SOFTBALL

**PLAY BALL!**

St. Paul's Men's Softball team is on full display. It all began in 1949 with Rev. Billmyer, St. Paul's Pastor at the time. Championships were won in year 1984, 2001, and 2019.

Check out our members on the team from the early 50's and 60's. You may recognize Jay Wenger, Rick Moyer, Alan Frank, Jeremy Mask, Chris Fosbenner, Jeff Moyer, or Bob Blackledge to name a few. Old newspaper clippings give play by play action along with great photos. Trophies, bats, a glove, team calendars, and a framed jersey round out the scene.

Many thanks to Neil Clark for this extensive collection. Come see this display located in the back of Fretz Hall, adjacent to the Sanctuary. You will be impressed!! If you want to know more, speak with a former player.

Museum Team, *Karen and Debbie*



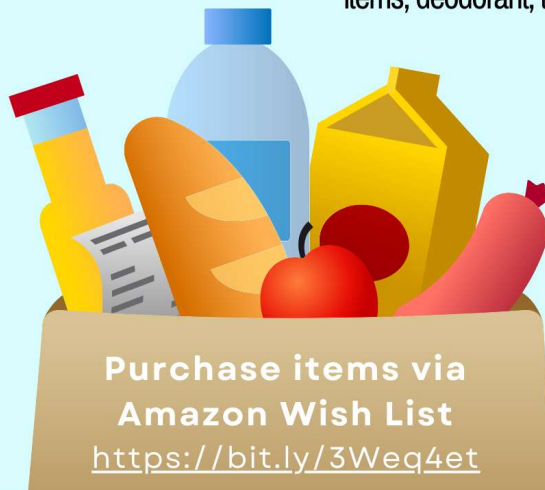
## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/1 – Rick Moyer	6/9 – Troy Weaver	6/17 – Lucille Moore
Daniel Wenger	6/10 – Tom Koehler	6/18 – Brianna Link
Isabella Potoczny	6/11 – Craig Wilhelm	6/19 – Aaron Clark
6/3 – Judy Potoczny	6/14 – Mary Beth Baringer	6/22 – Cindy Bibic
6/6 – Nicolas Sherm	6/16 – Walt Landis	6/25 – Ann Bosch
Harvie Brooks	Renay Landis	6/27 – Carolyn Schmidt
	Ric Landis	6/29 – John Delikat
	Griffin Chrastina	6/30 – Jeffrey Souder

# Pennridge FISH

## CURRENT NEEDS

- 100% Fruit or Vegetable Juice
- Spaghetti and other pasta
- Spaghetti sauce
- Rice and Rice mix
- Pasta sides
- Canned fish and tuna
- Canned meat, beans
- Canned chili and stew
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Dried fruit
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake syrup
- Cold and hot cereals
- Dry potatoes
- Gravy, broth
- Soups, all kinds
- Cake mix and frosting
- Flour and Sugar
- Condiments, spices, cooking oil
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Snacks
- COFFEE, tea and hot chocolate
- Diapers: sizes 5,6; "Pull-ups"- all sizes
- Diaper Wipes
- Bath Soaps and shampoos
- Laundry detergent and cleaning products
- Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues
- Gluten Free and Diabetic foods
- Feminine products, toiletries, shaving items, deodorant, toothpaste



Purchase items via  
Amazon Wish List

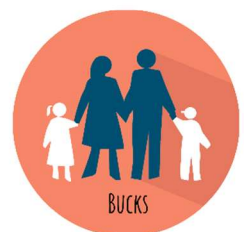
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## FOSTERING HOPE

Fostering Hope is gearing up for summer! **At this time we are asking for donations of tees and athletic shorts.** Please place donations in the Fostering Hope bin in the Narthex.

Fostering Hope is grateful for St. Paul's support and is especially thankful for the space provided for our foster closet. Good progress is being made on the additional space we have been offered (the former ReCharge room). The diaper closet is almost complete, painting is underway, and racks should be built in the next month or so. We hope to be set up and ready to move in by fall!





## SAVE THE DATE FOR WORSHIP IN PERKASIE PARK: SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

**JULY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE:  
MONDAY, JUNE 23**

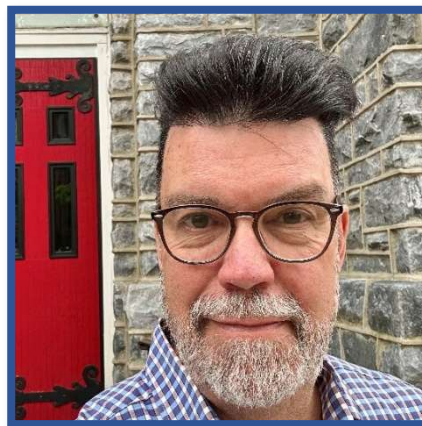
### CONSISTORY:

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

Chris Fosbenner  
Scott Huff  
Debbie Koehler  
Lori Milkowich

Arlene Peters  
Jocelyn Ziegenfuss  
McKenna Milkowich  
*Youth Representative*

*Consistory minutes are available in the Narthex*



***Welcome, Pastor Steven!***

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# JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Worship 10:15am	Bells 7:00pm	Prayer Shawl 1:00–3:00pm  Choir 7:00pm	Membership 2:00pm			Fostering Hope Open Shop 2:00–5:00pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Celebration Sunday 10:15am		Consistory 7:00pm				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Summer Worship 9:00am  <i>Father's Day</i>		Prayer Shawl 1:00–3:00pm				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Summer Worship 9:00am	<i>July Newsletter Submissions Due</i>					
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Summer Worship 9:00am		Prayer Shawl 1:00–3:00pm			<i>Independence Day</i>	