

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE GOOD NEWS

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

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 19 we celebrated graduates, Christian Education leaders, and the James Frantz Dedication Award recipient.

Jake Baringer is a 2024 graduate of Pennridge High School. He has received many accolades, including: Distinguished Honor Roll, AP Scholar Award, National Honors Society, section leader as a member of the Pennridge High School Marching Band, multiple Outstanding Solo awards as a member of Pennridge High School Jazz Ensemble, and more! Jake plans to continue his education at Franklin & Marshall, studying Environmental Science or Chemistry.

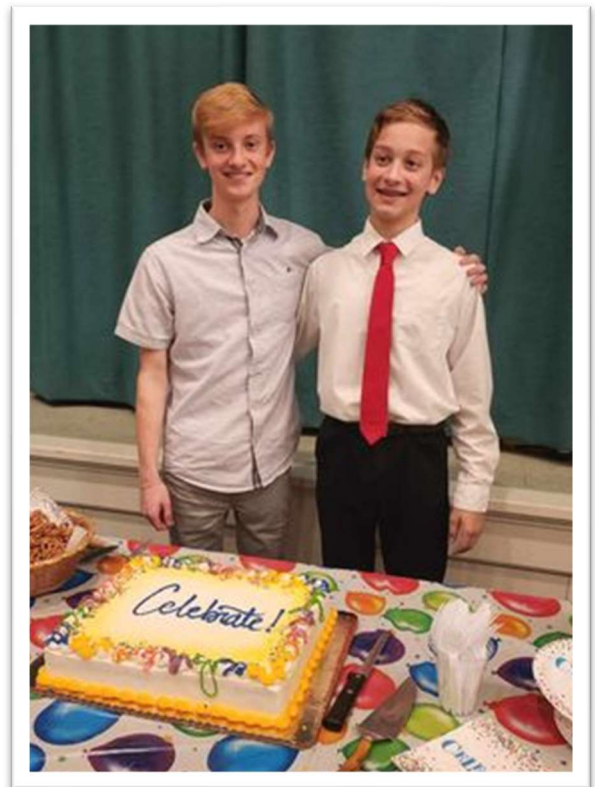
Jake's hobbies and interests include writing, playing and performing music with his band (The 307), sports, and hanging out with his friends.

Congratulations to Jake and his parents, Mary Beth & Rich Baringer!

The James Frantz Dedication Award recipient this year is **Simon Ziegenfuss**. He is 13 years old and is a perfect example of the way Jim Frantz showed his dedication to St. Paul's. He is always willing to help make things better at church. He volunteers for every church meal, anxious to take care of washing the dishes and cleaning up the kitchen. He joyfully rings the bell at the beginning of Sunday services, he sings in the choir, lights the candles, and opens the divider into Fretz Hall after the services. He does all of these tasks happily, usually without being asked and always without fanfare.

Each year the recipient of the Jim Frantz Award is given money (from a fund established in 2000 when the first award was given) to pass on to a charity of their choice. Simon has decided to give his money to the Red Cross.

Congratulations to Simon!



Thank you to Brandon Barndt (ReCharge), Kate Clark (Kingdom Kids), and Neil Clark (Men's Sunday School) for their faithful leadership within St. Paul's Christian Education programs.

Congratulations to graduates Cameron Allen, Lukas Frank, Rachael Fernandez, and Aaron Clark (see pg. 5)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

In the month of June, we've entered the longest season of the Church Year which are the Sundays which follow Pentecost Sunday. **And because we refer to these two-dozen or so Sundays by numbers or "ordinals," a great many Christians refer to these as the Sundays in Ordinary Time.* Simply and on the practical side of understanding, you've heard me say before, "I find nothing "ordinary" about any season of the church – as we serve an awesome God every day throughout every church season and every season of our lives.

The month of June will be filled with experiences for you and for me that are far from "ordinary." On June 7th – June 9th, all four of our UCC Pennsylvania Conferences will gather together for an 'all conference' meeting in State College. The discussions I will participate in at this gathering are very relevant and important to the life of our local congregations. Our Pennsylvania Southeast Conference will have time to gather and discuss business strictly related to our conference; however, there will also be time dedicated to an All-Conference Plenary session where members of all Pennsylvania Conferences will gather together and discuss ***The Keystone Project***, a faithful conversation that began in late 2021 around the idea of shared ministry.

Beginning on June 12th, I will lead a six-week Summer Bible Study by Adam Hamilton entitled, "Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet." Even if you are unable to participate in this in-person study time, you are always welcome to order the book for your own personal reading and Bible study. Details on The Keystone Project and the Summer Bible Study series can be found on other pages in our June newsletter.

On Sunday, June 16th, we will move into our Summer worship time of 9am and we will begin to follow a modified order of worship for our Summer worship services which will not include the confession and assurance sequence. The UCC Book of Worship provides several Orders for the Service of the Word and indicates: *A Service of the Word may completely omit the confession and assurance sequence...It is clear that the earliest Christian services did not always contain major penitential elements.* The Prayer of our Savior translation that we will also use for Summer worship contains the words, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." We will also be introduced to a five-week creative worship & fellowship series on June 16th entitled, "I've been meaning to ask...a series for curiosity, courage, & connection" offered by the Sanctified Art resource.

Anything but "ordinary" – right? But Summer time gives us the opportunity to explore and experience modified worship, a different translation of The Prayer of our Savior which may offer deeper understanding of God's love for us, and engage in the "I've been meaning to ask series." And don't forget – I'm looking for vocalists and musicians to also bring into our time of worship a sharing of time and talents – sharing music that may or may not be familiar to us.

Praise be to God – let the Church Season in Ordinary Time begin!

Summer blessings,
Pastor Trudy

**NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE,
OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU'RE WELCOME HERE!**

JUNE WORSHIP SERVICES

Services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel via our website.

Worship is held at 10:15am in the sanctuary 6/2 & 6/9. **Beginning 6/16, worship begins at 9:00am.** Kingdom Kids is available for preschool and elementary-aged children during worship.



June Lay Liturgists: Mary Beth Baringer and Donna Huff

June 2 | 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

June 9 | 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor's Vacation Sunday; Jeremiah Link assists in leading worship and preaching.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15); Psalm 138;
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 16 | 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 23 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 2:4b-15; John 1:35-51

June 30 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:1-18; Mark 5:21-43



Kingdom Kids is our children's church experience for kids ages 3 through 5th grade. This time of play and learning will continue throughout the summer!

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.

July 7th at 10:30am

"Community Ecuencial Worship Service" at the Scout Cabin, Lenape Park, Sellersville

August 11th at 10:30am

Perkasie Park Outdoor Worship Service.

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS

We are looking for sponsors! Sign up 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. You may contact her at 215-285-0294.

Available June dates: 6/2, 6/16, 6/30

RECHARGE

Middle and high schoolers are invited to an *Angels in the Outfield* movie night Sunday, June 9 at 6:30pm in the ReCharge room at St. Paul's. Ballpark meal included! Bring a friend! Email Jeremiah with any questions: jeremiah@stpaulsucc.net



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2025

Confirmation classes are open to our young people in 6th through 12th grades that are ready to enter this time of faith formation. Please email pastortrudy@stpaulsucc.net by June 30th if your son or daughter will be joining the confirmation class of 2025. A full registration form will be made available to you when your email is received. A meeting will be held in July for parents, mentors, and confirmands. Previous newsletters provided more details on the faith formation resource and selection of mentors.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

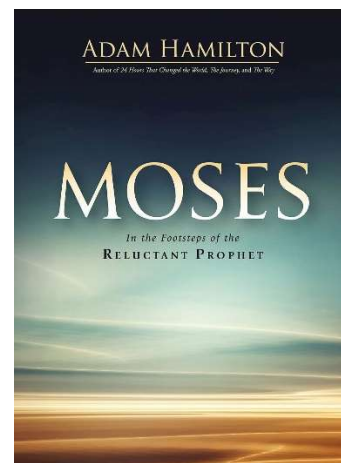
Join Adam Hamilton as he explores the sites of Moses' life from the Nile River to the Reed Sea, from Mt. Sinai to the desert wilderness. Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who blazed a trail of faith.

Bible Study sessions will be held at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall* on: June 12, 19, 26 and July 10, 17, 24.

If you are interested in participating in the in-person Bible Study time and have not signed-up yet, please email pastortrudy@stpaulsucc.net. The cost of the book is \$10.; payment is due at the first session.

Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in the Kansas City area, cited as the most influential mainline church in America. Hamilton speaks across the U.S. each year on leadership and connecting with nonreligious and nominally religious people. A master at explaining questions of faith in a down-to-earth fashion, he is the author of many books including *Half Truths* and *Making Sense of the Bible*. To learn more about Adam and follow his regular blog postings, visit www.AdamHamilton.org.

*If the Fellowship Hall is not available, we will meet in the Church Parlor. The pastor will notify participants if the study time will be held in the Church Parlor.



Congratulations!

Aaron Clark, President of Consistory at St. Paul's, is a recent Fire Academy graduate. Aaron completed the Firefighter 1 program sponsored by Bucks County Community College Public Safety Training. He completed 198 hours of classroom instruction, firefighter training, and multiple National Safety certifications over the course of 3 plus months. Congratulations, Aaron!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 6/1 – Rick Moyer
Daniel Wenger
Isabella Potoczny | 6/9 – Troy Weaver
Margaret Milkowich
6/10 – Tom Koehler
6/11 – Craig Wilhelm
6/13 – Austin Jacoby
6/14 – Mary Beth Baringer
6/16 – Walt Landis
Renay Landis
Ric Landis
Griffin Chrastina
Madison Gillespie | 6/17 – Lucille Moore
6/18 – Brianna Link
6/19 – Aaron Clark
Hope Derstine
6/22 – Cindy Bibic
6/25 – Ann Bosch
6/27 – Carolyn Schmidt
6/29 – John Delikat
6/30 – Jeffrey Souder |
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Congratulations to Bob and Nancy Booz on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Rose Margaret Watson. Rose was born on April 17 to parents, Philip and Maura (Cardacin) Watson; older sister, Mia; and grandmother, Mindy (Booz) Cardacin.

*We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of the members of St. Paul's who have recently passed away:
 Doris Myers (4/9/24), Larry Nase (4/16/24), and Roy Roth (4/21/24)*

CELEBRATING 51 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilhelm – June 2, 1973

Thanks to everyone at St. Paul's for their thoughts, prayers/, and cards over my past month's adventure. All greatly appreciated.

- Steve Clark

Thank you for your gift of \$53 to the Christmas Fund.

- Rev. Dr. Paul Leon Ramsey
 Director, Church Relations & Philanthropy, UCBMA

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Beginning Sunday, June 16 the Joyful Noise bucket collection of loose change will return live and in person! This collection has continued to take place online since Covid but it is time to get the buckets shaking and hear that collection taking place. Thank you to those of you who have supported this monthly collection. Donations provide additional funding for the multiple programs that assist FISH throughout the year as needed, especially at Christmas when we sponsor a family. There is currently about \$200 in that account, but we appreciate your continued support as Christmas will be here before we know it. On June 16, bring in as much loose change as you can gather over the next month so that the buckets make lots of noise and are hard for the kiddos to carry!

If you won't be in church for the actual collection, please feel free to go online and donate or bring any other week in an envelope marked for Joyful Noise and your name/number and drop in the offering plate. We will continue the bucket collection monthly but anytime you wish to donate, feel free to do so online or mark an envelope to go to Joyful Noise.

THE KEYSTONE PROJECT

In January 2022, the Conference Ministers of the four Pennsylvania Conferences gathered to discuss the urgency of issues confronting all settings of the UCC. We met with an eye toward confronting the divisions and hostilities of our world, and listening with a deep sense of our responsibility to answer Jesus' prayer, 'that they may all be one. We identified the spiritual hunger of our church people and pastors and the call to support and develop the local church. We dreamed about new ways to serve Jesus and our churches by drawing on the strength and giftedness of our clergy, congregations, leaders, and Conference staff.

We are not the church that we were when the denomination was formed in 1957 and our current contexts of ministry are different. The pandemic exacerbated the challenges we face. We acknowledge our responsibility to provide support and nourishment to the local church. We recognize our duty to find and develop the leadership needs of our congregations. We own the very real financial challenges that impact the future of our ministries.

Our four conferences share these challenges. Our response to them is strongest when we respond in partnership with each other. The "Keystone Study Group," a group of representatives from all four PA Conferences, was created to explore the possibilities of responding as one.

The first Keystone Study meeting took place October 15, 2022. The Group engaged in community building, learned of some of the statistical results of a February 2022 clergy survey, formed a group covenant, and designed expectations and possible next steps. At the November 2022 meeting, the Study Group named hopes, dreams and blocking forces to the possibility of a merged Conference, created a plan of action for future meetings, and began thinking about the form and function of a new Conference. The Study Group will meet every other month through 2023 with an eye toward crafting discussion and information sharing opportunities around our Conferences as soon as practical.

The PSEC representatives of the Keystone Study Group are Mr. Charles Kuthuru (Moderator), Rev. Melissa Burkhart (Vice-Moderator), Ms. Caroline Bashore (Consistory Secretary), Rev. Robert Fogal (Consistory Treasurer) and staff members Revs. Bill Worley, Kevin McLemore and Cean James.

You are invited to connect with us by email, at Keystone.Conference.Project@gmail.com. You may also use the postal service and direct mailing the Keystone Working Group through your own area Conference Office.

Many more details are available at <https://psec.org/keystone/>

A SPECIAL PENNRIDGE-AREA COMBINED CHOIR

Choirs & singers are invited to participate in an Ecumenical service to be held in celebration of Sellersville Borough's Sesquicentennial



REHEARSALS

7:00PM AT ST. PAUL'S UCC
104 GREEN ST. SELLERSVILLE
JUNE 10 | JUNE 17 | JULY 1

SERVICE

SUNDAY, JULY 7
10:30AM
LAKE LENAPE SCOUT CABIN

SONG SELECTION

- **Battle Hymn of the Republic*** (*Arranged by Peter J. Whilhousky*)
- **Old Pennsylvania Town**** (*J. Edward Moyer & Rev. J.R. Shepley*)
- **The Lord Bless You and Keep You*** (*Peter C. Lutkin*)

*St. Paul's has extras of these two anthems, but if you or your church have either of these in your library, please bring them with you to ensure we have enough for everybody.

**St. Paul's will provide music for all singers.

CONTACT

RSVP and/or direct any questions about the combined choir to
Chris Ziegenfuss, Choir Director of St. Paul's UCC
chris@stpaulsucc.net

Pennridge FISH

CURRENT NEEDS - JUNE 2024

- 100% fruit or vegetable juice
- coffee
- tea
- hot chocolate
- spaghetti & other pasta
- spaghetti sauce
- pasta sides
- rice sides
- dry potato flakes
- gravy & broth
- soups (all kinds)
- peanut butter
- jelly
- canned goods: fish/tuna, meat, fruit
chili/stew, beans,
vegetables
- dried fruit
- pancake mix
- pancake syrup
- cold & hot cereals
- cake mix & frosting
- flour
- sugar
- condiments
- spices
- cooking oil
- snacks
- gluten free foods
- diabetic foods
- white & brown rice
- diapers: size 5 & 6
- pulls ups: all sizes
- diaper wipes
- laundry detergent
- cleaning products
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- tissues
- feminine hygiene products
- toiletries
- shaving products
- deodorant
- toothpaste
- bath soap
- shampoo



Purchase items via
Amazon Wish List
<https://bit.ly/3Weq4et>



On average, the Pennridge FISH food pantry serves 725+ individuals in the Pennridge School District each month. Your support helps us provide a wide variety of nutritious food and more to our neighbors in need.

ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JULY NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY MONDAY, JUNE 17.

ENDOWMENT

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

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Consistory minutes are now available in the Narthex

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JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm Finance Mtg. 7:00pm	<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship 10:15am <i>Jeremiah Link preaching</i> ReCharge 6:30pm <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	Combined Choir 7:00pm <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	Consistory 7:00pm <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	Bible Study 2:00pm			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
 Worship 9:00am <i>Father's Day</i>	Combined Choir 7:00pm <i>Newsletter Submissions due</i>	Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm	Bible Study 2:00pm			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
 Worship 9:00am			Bible Study 2:00pm			
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
 Worship 9:00am	Combined Choir 7:00pm	Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm Finance Mtg. 7:00pm		<i>4th of July</i>		