

# ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# SHARING THE GOOD NEWS



JUNE 2023

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

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JUNE 11 | 10:15AM

## CELEBRATION


### Sunday

Join us in recognizing  
and honoring our graduates,  
Christian education leadership, and  
the James Frantz Dedication  
Award recipient!



See inside for more  
information regarding  
summer worship

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The survey results are in!  **Our Summer worship services begin on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> with a worship time of 9:00am and we will remain in the sanctuary.** Thank you for completing the survey regarding the time and location of our Summer worship services in a timely manner. Getting your input and 'hearing your voice' regarding Summer worship was so important. Throughout the month of June, beginning with our June 4<sup>th</sup> worship service, our scripture passages will focus on the theme of community: community of creation, community of grace, responding in community, and community that disrupts.

I think life in our community of faith is best described in ***Our Holy Manners*** that is read at the beginning of each consistory meeting and posted in various locations in our church building. Do you remember the words of ***Our Holy Manners***? If not, they are most certainly worth repeating and putting into print here:

### ***Our Holy Manners***

St. Paul's UCC, as a congregation and a family of Christians, believes that God is still speaking through each and every one of us. Mindful of this core belief, we covenant to listen and communicate with respect and Christian love. It is only through the loving and respectful consideration of each individual that we can discern the plans that God has for this church family.

- Be an intent, positive listener.
- Allow everyone to speak once, before speaking twice.
- All shall have the freedom to voice their questions and/or ideas openly without fear of reprisal.
- There are no "wrong" questions or ideas.
- Be supportive and accepting of a group's decision.
- Respect confidentiality.
- Extend grace when encountering differing opinions.
- Express concerns to the person or group responsible for the action.
- Act and interact with kindness and compassion.
- Speak the truth in love.

***Our Holy Manners*** was developed and placed into practice by members of our congregation several years ago. I believe ***Our Holy Manners*** is timeless and reflects who God calls us to be as His family in every aspect of our personal and communal lives. I am excited and look forward to another Summer together ~ where we continue to practice ***Our Holy Manners*** in our life together – in our community of faith!

Blessings, Pastor Trudy

# JUNE WORSHIP SERVICES

In-person Sunday worship services held at 10:15am in the sanctuary through June 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Kingdom Kids for ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade offered during the service in the nursery.

**Summer worship services begin June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the sanctuary.**  
**Childcare is offered during the service in the nursery so long as there are two adult volunteers present.**



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.

**June Lay Liturgist:** Brenda Clark

## June 4, 2023 – Trinity Sunday

Scripture: **Genesis 1:1-2,4a**; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Theme: *Community of Creation*

## June 11, 2023 – Second Sunday After Pentecost


*Celebration Sunday!*

*Special UCC Mission Offering: Strengthen the Church Offering*

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12;  
Romans 4:13-25; **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

Theme: *Community of Grace*

## June 18, 2023 – Third Sunday After Pentecost

*Summer Worship begins: 9:00am in the sanctuary*   
*Happy Father's Day!*

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2;  
Romans 5:1-8; **Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)**

Theme: *Responding in Community*

## June 25, 2023 – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

*66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Christ*

Scripture: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;  
Romans 6:1b-11; **Matthew 10:24-39**

Theme: *Community that Disrupts*

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.

## About the Church Season after Pentecost

(taken from Seasons of the Spirit SeasonsFusion Pentecost 1 2023)

Trinity Sunday (June 4<sup>th</sup>) and the beautifully poetic prose of a Creation story lead us into the Season after Pentecost. God lovingly creates all things good – without exception. Human beings are not exceptional, but they are also not exempt. Perhaps we are at our best and most whole when we see our inter-connectedness with and as part of God's good creation.

The longest season in the church year gives time to delve into what it means to live as a community of Creation; a community that is continually in the making. Green, the color of growth and renewal, is the season's color.

In this first half of the season, we will join the community of Matthew's gospel and be challenged by the stories of Jesus to grow as a community of grace, extravagant compassion, and radical liberation with the courage to disrupt.

This Ordinary Time is not-so-ordinary. Our everyday life with God requires a willingness to disrupt norms and have our lives disrupted by God.

Welcome to this not-so-ordinary time!



**Camp**  
**SUNSHINE**  
presents  
**PETS UNLEASHED**  
WHERE JESUS CARES FUR YOU

**FREE**


**WHO?** CHILDREN AGES 3 - 5TH GRADE

**WHEN?** FRIDAY, JULY 28 & SATURDAY, JULY 29  
5:30PM FAMILY MEAL  
6:15 - 8:15PM CAMP ACTIVITIES

**WHERE?** ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
104 GREEN ST. SELLERSVILLE

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
REGISTRATION CLOSING JUNE 30  
[WWW.STPAULSUCC.NET](http://WWW.STPAULSUCC.NET)



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## Let's fetch some fun!

At Camp Sunshine's *Pets Unleashed*, kids will go crazy for critters with whiskers, tails, feathers, or scales! That's why kids will think Camp Sunshine 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.

## Donations needed!

Do you have any of these items to donate to the camp experience? If so, contact Nancy Ziegenfuss.

The following items will be returned:

- Leather or woven dog leash
- Large bag of unopened dog food
- Small leash/collar for a small animal

The following items will not be returned:

- Queen-size flat sheet in a bold color (preferably red)
- 2 white twin-size flat sheets

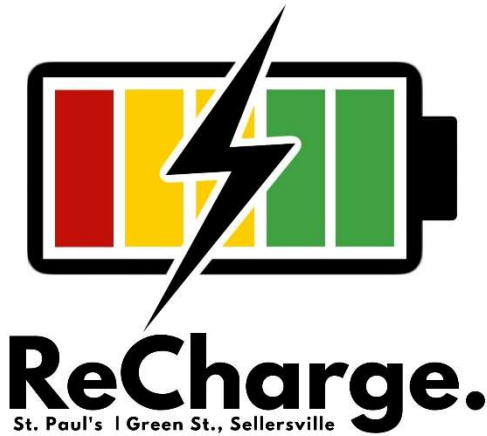
## VBS Giving Envelope

Just a reminder that we adopted **Camp Sunshine** as the new moniker for what used to be Vacation Bible School (VBS). While we want you to get used to the new name, there are times when VBS will still be an acceptable reference. Enclosed in your giving envelopes, there is a giving envelope designated for VBS on June 11<sup>th</sup>. We are asking you to consider donating to this cause. Your monetary gift will help provide a life-changing event for the children who attend, as well as defray the cost of VBS/Camp.

If you prefer online giving, you may donate to Camp Sunshine by going online to [www.stpaulsucc.net](http://www.stpaulsucc.net). From the homepage, look for the 'Donation' option in the 'Mission' drop-down menu. Select 'Camp Sunshine' under St. Paul's Funds and enter the amount you wish to donate.

Thank you for your support!





### Concert in the Park | Wednesday, June 21 | 7:00–9:00pm

*Perkasie Free Concert in the Park Series* presents **The Wonton Soups**: A blend of improvisational jazz, musical theater, marching band. A unique sound influenced by ska, funk, swing, punk and big band.

Meet us by the skate park by 7:00pm so we can enjoy the show together. You may want to bring a blanket and/or chair as well as some money for vendors. Bring your family! Bring your friends!

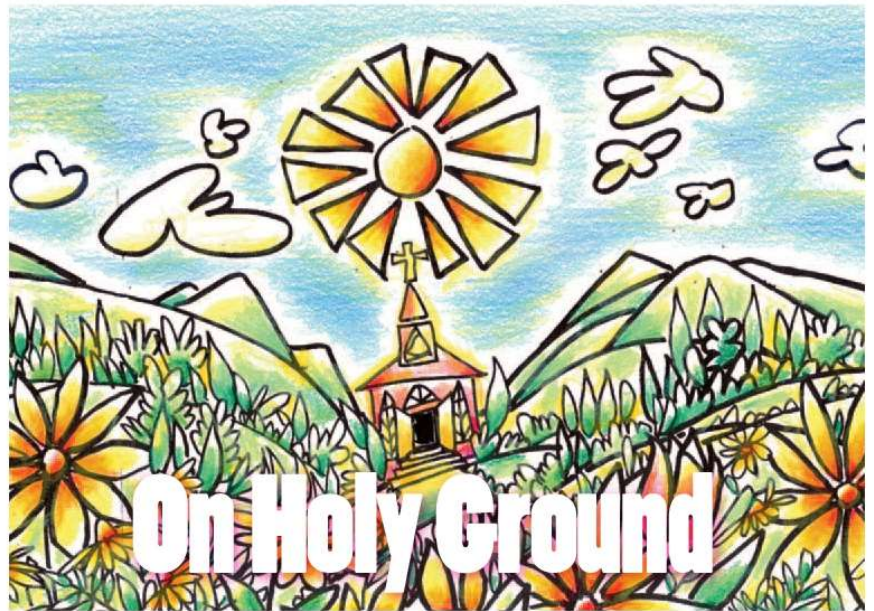
### ReCharge Gathering | Sunday, June 25 | 6:30–8:00pm

*The Holy Spirit Works at the Market*

Join us for an interesting conversation about the Holy Spirit in everyday life. It'll be a fun time of hanging out, playing games, and of course, eating snacks!

### Strengthen the Church Special Offering | Sunday, June 11

Join us in generously giving toward this special mission offering. *The Endowment will match dollar for dollar those monies given.* You may give online at our website or you may use a special envelope, which can be found in the Narthex or attached to your newsletter. This Strengthen the Church offering will be collected on Sunday, June 11.



### Acknowledging Holy Ground

**T**he **Strengthen the Church Offering** supports the work of our conference and the national United Church of Christ to become a multi-racial/multi-cultural church, accessible to all. The offering funds leadership development, youth and young adult ministries, and new and renewing congregations.

## Pennridge FISH Opportunities

This summer, FISH is preparing extra shopping bags for families with school age children who will need lunch while at home. During the year, many of these families receive reduced lunches for their children at their schools but, during the summer, this resource is not available to them. Families need to supply extra food to feed their children during this time. We would like to aid FISH in supplying some of these items.

Please note the items needed on the list. 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.



**KIDS  
SUMMER  
LUNCH  
PROGRAM**

**PENNRIDGE FISH**

**NEEDS**

- bottled juice/juice box packs
- canned tuna, chicken
- kid-friendly soup/stew
- saltine-type crackers
- kid-friendly canned pasta
- macaroni & cheese
- ramen noodles
- peanut butter
- jelly
- mayonnaise
- individual applesauce cup packs
- individual fruit cup packs
- cheese/PB sandwich cracker packs
- kid-friendly cereal
- granola/snack bars
- individual kid-friendly snacks

# Pennridge FISH

## CURRENT NEEDS - JUNE 2023

### 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)
- 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, toothbrushes
- shampoo
- razors



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

800 W. Chestnut St., PO Box 9 Perkasie, PA 18944 | 215-257-7616  
 Monday/Wednesday 3:00-5:00pm | Thursday 6:00-8:00pm | Friday/Saturday 9:00-11:00pm



# Endowment Report

Endowment meeting held May 11, 2023. All members and Pastor Trudy present. The following requests are unanimously recommended for approval by Consistory.

## WITHIN ST. PAUL'S

Income available (7/1/22 - 12/31/22)	\$7309
Previously authorized but not used (Christmas tree \$1050, Scale \$35)	<u>+1085</u>
	\$8394
Requests:	
Kitchen Committee - Dishwasher silverware racks, towels, supplies	300
Living History Museum - paint, new wall, rug, shelving, tables, lighting	1000
Financial Secretary Workstation - locking cabinet	250
Technology - TV/video setup for downstairs similar to the Nursery & disposal of old	1105
Congregational meeting theme decorations	90
Prayer Shawl Team - yarn supplies	500
Growth & Hospitality Team - expenses for new Senior programming	500
Parsonage Air Conditioner - new upstairs unit	477
New Laptop for remote work per new Secretary/Communications job description	650
Church Office update - paint, lighting, furniture, etc.	2000
Building projects being investigated - bathrooms, accordion room dividers, A/C	<u>1522</u>
	8394
	<u>- \$8394</u>
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## OUTREACH

Income available (7/1/22 - 12/31/22)	\$7309
Requests:	
Joyful Noise 9 - St Paul's Lutheran fundraiser for 4 Q-town food pantries	1200
RamPacks - new fundraising seed money and food purchases	500
CGC Benevolent Match for the yearly 5 for 5 Offerings	3000
Phoebe Clinical Pastoral Education Sponsorship	500
Pennridge Area Refugee Resettlement Coalition - family of 3 from El Salvador	500
Camp Sonshine - match the Last Chance Ranch offering	500
Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County	<u>1109</u>
	<u>- \$7309</u>
	0

Note: Bergey's Electric is preparing a quote for Sanctuary fans which will hopefully be covered by previously authorized funds (\$4961). Garner Bros. is coming out to estimate A/C units for the Parsonage to see whether split units (as SS Rooms) would be more cost effective than the present through the wall units.



# Community Life: Births, Deaths, Celebrations

Roy and Helen Roth celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 6!

**Let's shower them with cards!**

232 E. Church St. Sellersville, PA 18960

We celebrated the baptism of Hudson Cole Clark, son of Aaron and Kate Clark, on April 23, 2023.



We recognize our members who have recently passed away:

Jill Benner, March 2, 2023

Fred "Fritz" Koehler, April 5, 2023

## June Birthdays

1st – Rick Moyer  
Daniel Wenger  
Isabella Potoczny  
3rd – Judy Potoczny  
Jill Stover  
4th – Carson Benner  
5th – Nicolas Sherm  
Harleigh Benner  
6th – Harvie Brooks  
9th – Troy Weaver  
Margaret Milkowich

10<sup>th</sup> – Tom Koehler  
11<sup>th</sup> – Craig Wilhelm  
13<sup>th</sup> – Austin Jacoby  
Melissa Pruss  
14<sup>th</sup> – Mary Beth Baringer  
16<sup>th</sup> – Walt Landis  
Renay Landis  
Ric Landis  
Griffin Chrastina  
Madison Gillespie  
17<sup>th</sup> – Lucille Moore

18<sup>th</sup> – Brianna Link  
19<sup>th</sup> – Aaron Clark  
Hope Derstine  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Cynthia Bibic  
24<sup>th</sup> – Douglas Derstine  
25<sup>th</sup> – Larry Nase  
Ann Bosch  
27<sup>th</sup> – Carolyn Schmidt  
29<sup>th</sup> – John Delikat  
30<sup>th</sup> – Jeffrey Souder

## Thank you!

Dear friends at St. Paul's UCC:

*Thank you for your generous donation to the United Church of Christ to support disaster relief in Turkey and Syria. Through your gift of \$500, families who have been displaced and are in need of shelter and basic necessities will receive support. Your gift enables the church to be present with people amid catastrophic and life-changing situations, offering immediate relief and providing the long-term recovery support. Working through a network of global and local partners, the church lives out its call to care for our neighbors as we strive together toward a just world for all.*

*In faith,  
Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer  
General Minister & President*

## Roast Beef Dinner

### April 29, 2023

Our roast beef dinner was a HUGE success! There were over 50 people who helped in every way possible which enabled this event to be so successful.

We served approximately 250 meals (to include the volunteers), generating \$2,000 in profits.

The profits will be divided as follows:

- OCWM: \$800
- Pennridge FISH: \$200
- Seed money for a 2024 Work Camp: \$1,000

Special thanks to:

- Those who cleaned the dining room and food prep area prior to and after the event
- Those who prepared pickled cabbage and roasted and sliced the beef prior to the event
- Those who prepared and served the meal at the event
- Those who picked up supplies and those who placed and picked up signs
- Brianna Link for widely advertising the event
- The 20+ capable bakers who provided desserts
- The community for showing up to support the event

*Neil Clark & Terry Weikel*

## Rite of Confirmation

### May 21, 2023

Meet our confirmands:

**Evan Hendricks** is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Indian Valley Middle School. He plays soccer, basketball and is on the school track team. He is an avid bike rider and enjoys camping and collecting sports cards and memorabilia. He has a small business mowing lawns and removing snow in his neighborhood. He can often be found volunteering at Fostering Hope and RamPacks, and volunteers whenever needed at St. Paul's.

**Amelia Moyer** is a student in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at South Middle School. She is in Student Council and took part in the school musicals both in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and this year. You can find her at Delaware Valley Dance Studio almost every day of the week studying ballet, jazz and contemporary dancing. She and her cousin Caroline started a small business called Kits for Kids providing craft kits for small groups upon request. She is a babysitter and a frequent volunteer for RamPacks and Fostering Hope, and volunteers whenever needed at St. Paul's.

**Lucas Moyer** is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at South Middle School. His passion is baseball. He plays for Pennridge Little League, Connie Mack, and for his school's baseball team. He also played basketball and football on his school's teams. He likes to fish and hunt with his dad and brothers and play wiffle ball in his down time with friends. He enjoys playing golf, especially with his Mentor/Poppy. Lucas is always a willing volunteer for anything that is needed at St. Paul's.

**Marlena (Marley) Weidman** is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at South Middle School. She is in Student Council and took part in the school musicals both in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and this year. She is currently on the school Track Team. She is a member of Scouts BSA and enjoys camping. She is active at St. Paul's in ReCharge and can be found volunteering whenever she is needed.

# THE 150 FUND

Celebrate Our Past. Invest in Our Future.  
1 Chronicles 29:14

**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 JULY NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY JUNE 15

### ENDOWMENT

Aaron Clark  
Neil 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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# JOYFUL NOISE 9 MUSIC FESTIVAL

**SAT • JUNE 17 • 2023**  
**10 AM – 7 PM**

THE PARK AT 4TH ★ UNIVEST PERFORMANCE CENTER ★ QUAKERTOWN

➔ **FREE ADMISSION – THANK OFFERING** ←➔

BENEFITING  
QUAKERTOWN AREA FOOD PANTRIES  
BRING A CAN OF FOOD!

★ **MUSIC** ★  
RAFFLES ★ CRAFTS ★ KIDS ACTIVITIES

➔ **PERFORMERS** ←➔

<p><b>St. Paul's Joyful Noise Band</b> Uplifting contemporary Christian music</p> <p><b>Senor Fancypants</b> Indie-pop tunes especially for children</p> <p><b>Once Called Saul</b> Quakertown-based Christian rock band</p> <p><b>Craig Thatcher</b> Internationally-known guitar master performs with Cliff Starkey on keyboard and vocals</p>	<p><b>Seasons</b> Vibrant Celtic Nu-Folk</p> <p><b>Denia Shanelle and her band</b> Philadelphia-based contemporary Christian artist</p> <p><b>Bob Halligan, Jr.</b> Inspiring and joyous tunes from this nationally-known singer/songwriter and leader of Celli Rain</p> <p><b>The 307</b> Pennridge-area rock band</p>
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**HELP FEED THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

QUESTIONS?  
Call the office weekdays at 215-536-5789 ★ [STPAULSQTOWN.ORG](http://STPAULSQTOWN.ORG)



# June

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Pastor & Lay Delegates at PSEC Annual Gathering	Pastor & Lay Delegates at PSEC Annual Gathering
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship, 10:15am	AA 12pm	AA 12pm Prayer Shawl 1pm Finance 7pm 				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Celebration Sunday Worship 10:15am	AA 12pm	AA 12pm Consistory 7pm		Fellowship Hall Facility Usage	Fellowship Hall Facility Usage	Joyful Noise 9 Music Festival
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 9am   Father's Day	AA 12pm	AA 12pm Prayer Shawl 1pm				
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Worship 9am  ReCharge 6:30pm	AA 12pm	AA 12pm				