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# ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# THE GOOD NEWS

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



## HOLY WEEK

104 GREEN ST. SELLERSVILLE

<p>MAR <b>24</b></p> <p>Palm Sunday Worship Service</p> <p>10:15AM</p>	<p>MAR <b>24</b></p> <p>Palm Sunday Family Brunch</p> <p>11:30AM</p>	<p>MAR <b>28</b></p> <p>Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday Worship Service</p> <p>7:00PM</p>	<p>MAR <b>30</b></p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>10:00AM</p>	<p>MAR <b>31</b></p> <p>Easter Worship Service</p> <p>10:15AM</p>
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ST. PAUL'S UCC

# EASTER

• EGG HUNT •

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 | 10:00AM

104 GREEN ST. SELLERSVILLE



## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

As we wander through this season of Lent, our path will continue to lead us to our Palm Sunday Parade and into Holy Week to the upper room as the disciples shared in the last supper with Jesus, to Jesus kneeling and washing the disciples feet, to denial, to betrayal, to desertion, to crucifixion, to the day of new beginnings with the glorious resurrection of Jesus – the celebration of that first Easter morning with the Living Savior we serve!

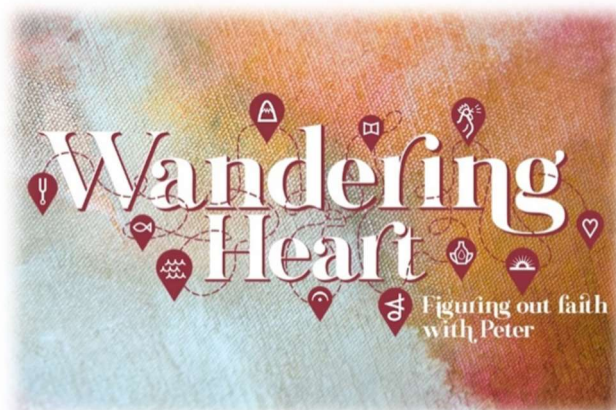
In our time of Sunday worship during the church season of Lent and into Easter Day and the Second Sunday of Easter – we will continue to study Peter’s faith journey. As you’ve read and heard before, he is described as a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. As *Sanctified Art*, our Lenten resource, was studying Peter’s faith journey, the lyrics of “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” came to mind. They state: *It’s as if Peter himself wrote this song. And so, for each step in Peter’s journey, we have selected a phrase from this hymn.* The selected phrase will also be given attention each Sunday as we worship in these Holy seasons of the church year!

We sang “*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*” (as titled in our New Century Hymnal) when we worshiped together on Ash Wednesday evening; and we will sing this hymn once more when we gather for our Maundy Thursday/Good Friday evening worship experience. As we reflect deeper on our individual faith journeys, I think it serves us well to consider the history of the writing of the originally titled hymn, “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” by Robert Robinson.

Robert’s life had a difficult beginning. His father died when he was young. His mother was unable to ‘control’ his unruly behavior. She sent him away to London to be schooled in barbering. However, once there he got involved in drinking and gang-life. At age seventeen, he and his friends had an experience that left Robert feeling unsettled and he was drawn to attend an evangelistic meeting being held by George Whitefield. Whitefield is described as one of history’s greatest preachers, with ‘a voice that was part foghorn and part violin.’ The message preached that night led Robert to immediately get sober. Whitefield’s words stayed with Robert for nearly three years – and finally in 1755, Robert gave his heart to Christ and he soon entered the ministry. Three years later, at age twenty-three, while serving Calvinist Methodist Chapel in Norfolk, England, he wrote a hymn for his sermon on Pentecost Sunday. The hymn is described as a prayer that the Holy Spirit flood into our hearts with His streams of mercy, enabling us to sing God’s praises and remain faithful to Him.

Come wander with Peter, also described as one of Jesus most famous disciples – hear his stories of “the ups” and “downs” he experienced on his faith journey as he truly walked this earth with our Savior. Come wander through the select phrases of “*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*” as we gather for worship throughout Lent, Holy Week, and the season of Easter – and as we remember the hymn writer’s story – and his faith journey. No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here. God is with us on the winding path! We journey together!

Wandering with God, Pastor Trudy



# MARCH WORSHIP SERVICES



*In the event of inclement weather, Pastor Trudy and the Consistory President will make a decision regarding delays or cancelations by 7:00am. Information will be shared by email, on our website and Facebook page, and on the office answering machine (215-257-7268).*

*Services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel. See the website for more information.*

*Worship is held at 10:15am in the sanctuary.*

*Kingdom Kids is available for preschool and elementary-aged children during worship.*

**March Liturgist:** Debbie Koehler

## March 3, 2024 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Psalm 19; Matthew 16:13-20

## March 10, 2024 | 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*

Scripture: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Matthew 16:21-23

## March 17, 2024 | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

*Special guest speaker/preacher: Brian Barr, Camp Men-O-Lan Executive Director; Pastor Trudy leads service (see bio below)*

Scripture: Psalm 119:9-16; Matthew 18:15-22

## March 24, 2024 | 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent | Palm Sunday

Scripture: John 12:12-16

## March 28, 2024

**Maudy Thursday/Good Friday Evening Service**

*7:00pm, Fretz Hall*

## March 31, 2024 | Easter Sunday

*One service at 10:15am*

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

*Brian was born and raised in the small town of Jamesville, North Carolina. He spent his youth working in tobacco fields, hunting, fishing and being in the woods as much as possible. He has always had a heart for Jesus and serving others. After getting an associate degree in electrical electronics, he later went on to graduate from Roanoke Bible College with a bachelor's degree in preaching. He has served on mission in Zimbabwe Africa and on an Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Brian met his beautiful wife Kate while serving at a camp for special needs adults. They served together at a camp in Kansas and are now serving at Camp Men-O-Lan. They have 2 loving children Elliot (8) and Elsie Grace (6). The Barr family has been blessed tremendously by the Grace of God and serve Jesus passionately in all they do!*

## 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 March dates: 3/10, 3/17, 3/31 (Easter Sunday)*



Under the leadership of Kate Clark, kids ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to the nursery after Children's Chat to learn and play together.

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. Email Brianna if you need assistance.

## NEW STAFF

### Jeremiah Link joins St. Paul's UCC staff as the new Director of Christian Education

Utilizing his educational and professional background, Jeremiah's responsibilities will include guiding children's and youth programs, working closely with our volunteer teachers and leaders to create meaningful educational experiences, and helping students of all ages understand and live out their faith. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge about discipleship, teaching methods, and spiritual practices that will enrich our broader church family.

Please welcome Jeremiah and keep him and his ministry among us in your prayers!

## NEW MEMBER

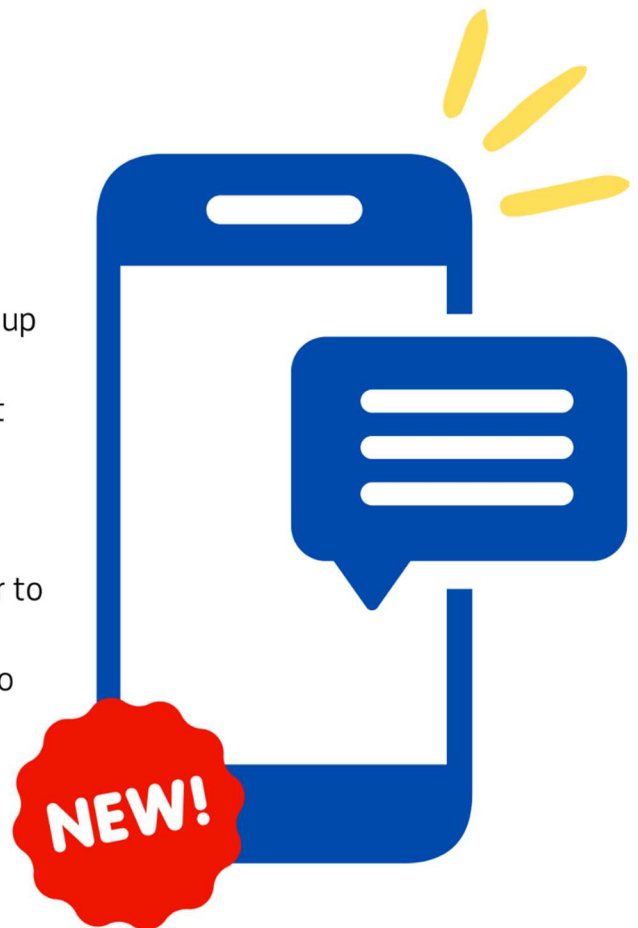
### Carol Ann Bonsted will come into full membership at St. Paul's UCC during our Sunday worship service on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Carol resides in Telford with her daughter and family. She previously was a member of Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. Carol is the newest member of our choir and volunteers at Care and Share with Arlene Peters. Carol was searching for a church and Arlene invited her to come and experience worship and church life at St. Paul's. Carol feels like she has found her 'church home!'

Welcome Carol – we celebrate with you and give thanks that you have decided to become a member of St. Paul's.

## TEXT TO GIVE!

1. Text the word ASSIST to 844-708-5225 (toll free)
2. Tap on the link to the [eservicepayments.com](https://eservicepayments.com) to set up your account information.
3. Provide all your member information, including credit card info.
4. Make your first TXT donation. You will receive an acknowledgement text.
5. The Vanco system will associate your phone number to your member account.
6. The next time you want to donate, just send a text to 844-708-5225 with the dollar amount in the text message body. Your donation will be added to your Vanco member account.





## EASTER FLOWERS

The Altar Guild is looking forward to having your help in creating a beautiful and colorful Easter display for 2023. **We are asking you to purchase whatever color or type of potted flower(s) you like and drop them off at church Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 and 11:00am.** Please include a tag with your name on your flower. We will then create a "garden" at the base of the cross with all of the beautiful flowers you have chosen. You may take your flowers home after the service.

We will also have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for you to indicate if your flowers are *In Memory of* or *In Honor of* someone. This will then be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Any questions, please contact Debbie Koehler either by email (debkoehler@yahoo.com) or by phone (215-206-1743).



We collected 80 canned items and \$130 to donate to Pennridge FISH through the Souper Bowl of Caring initiative! Thank you!



We had a wonderful gathering on February 8. There were 30 in attendance, with several coming from other churches in the community. We met in Fretz Hall, with the beautiful new Living History Museum open behind us. We had four crockpots with homemade soups, bread and crackers on the tables and a cookie/brownie tray for dessert. Our program was a visit by Eleanor Roosevelt, played by Linda Kenyon.

We will be meeting seasonally, with our Spring Meeting being planned for May. The date and program are not yet decided. If you know of an idea for a program, let Donna Huff or Nancy Moyer know.

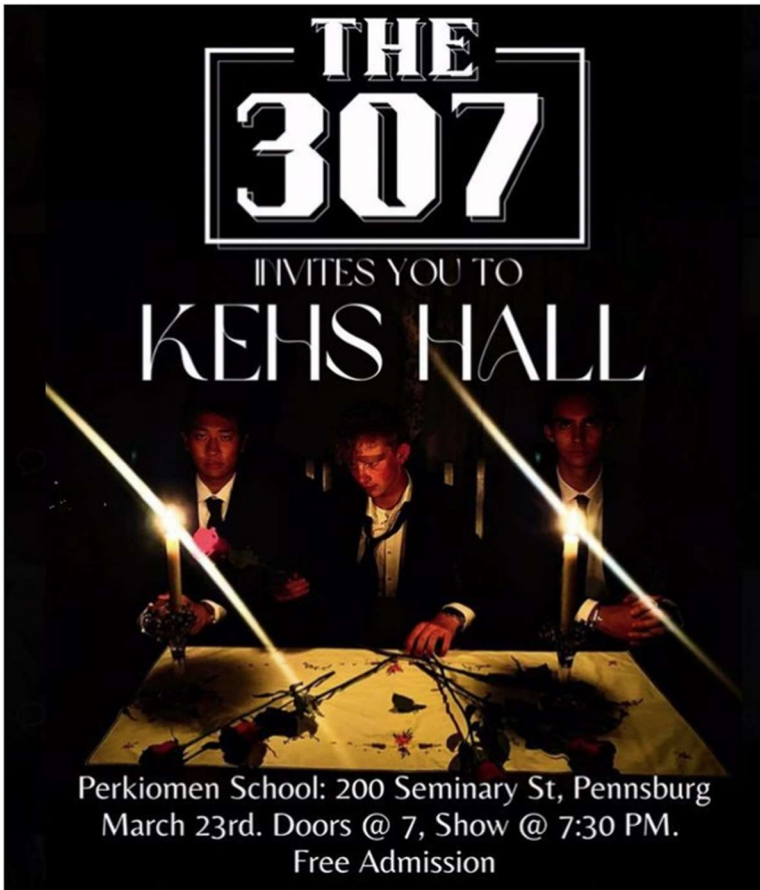


Our new method of getting people to sign up to provide CCC has been going great! Each month, a new ministry team is assigned to provide the snacks. Brianna has been displaying a poster with the team that is responsible for that month, the members of that team, as well as a short explanation of that team's mission.

Just as a reminder, the team's responsibilities are: Provide the snacks; get out paper plates, forks, napkins, etc. as needed from under the coffee bar; fill a pitcher with water to have out for people; make sure all "extra" items needed for coffee/tea are stocked from under the coffee bar. Let Donna, Nancy, Brianna or Arlene know if something is running low or is out of stock.

We would like to thank Gerry Milkowich and Jerry Fosbenner for agreeing to keep Fretz Hall seasonally decorated for CCC. Along with the other things they step up to help with at church and the other teams they are apart of, it is so nice that they are willing to help with this!

**St. Paul's Living History Museum is being updated regularly – drop in and see all that the team has done the next time you are here at church!**



Jacob Baringer's band – The 307 – is performing. All are invited

## NEW BABY!

We celebrate the birth of a son, Walter Alan Brooks, to Lindsay (Frank) and TJ Brooks on Thursday, February 22, 2024. Walter joins his big brother, Harvie, at home. Congratulations go out to his parents, big brother, grandparents, Robin and Alan Frank, and great grandmother, Lucille Moore as well as his aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Welcome Walter!

## THANK YOU

Dear friends of St. Paul's Church,

*What started with a single bag of coffee, the Holy Spirit transformed into a unique worldwide coffee ministry for chaplains, the troops they serve, and everybody else thirsty in the area 24/7/365 for the last seventeen years. This is Holy Joe's Café, His all loving almighty presence in a cup of coffee.*

*Thank you for your prayers and your financial support. God bless!*

*In His service, Tom (Northford, CT)*

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 – Dylan Benner  
 3/3 – Dolores Bibic  
 3/5 – Shary Kissel  
       Matthew Derstine  
 3/6 – Eric Benner  
       Tom Long, III  
 3/10 – Makya Milkowich

3/11 – Gordon Bosch  
 3/13 – Angela Fuhs  
       Mason Benner  
 3/14 – Jacqueline Kemmerer  
 3/18 – Logan Benner  
 3/19 – Claudia Horoff  
 3/22 – Kian Wells

3/23 – Martin Milkowich  
       Marvin Milkowich  
 3/24 – Adam Hough  
 3/26 – Matthew Renner  
 3/28 – Courtney Souder  
 3/29 – Anthony Molettieri  
 3/30 – Ruby Moyer

## CELEBRATING 40+ YEARS OF MARRIAGE

March 20, 1976 – Mr. & Mrs. R. Lee Mauer (48 years)

# Pennridge FISH

## CURRENT NEEDS - MAR 2024

### 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)
- pancake mix & syrup
- 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
- shampoo
- razors
- toothbrushes



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



*You are encouraged to attend PSEC Workshops coming up in April.  
More information is available in the Narthex.*

*One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Sunday, March 10*

**ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER  
ARE DUE BY MONDAY, MARCH 18**

**ENDOWMENT**

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

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Aaron Clark, *President*  
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*Consistory minutes are now available in the Narthex*

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# MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Worship</b> 10:15am	<b>Bells</b> 7:00pm  AA	<b>Prayer Shawl</b> 1:00 – 3:00pm  <b>Finance Mtg.</b> 7:00pm  AA	<b>Bible Study</b> 2:00pm  <b>Facility Usage Mtg.</b> 6:00 – 7:00pm  <b>Choir</b> 7:00pm			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Worship</b> 10:15am <i>OGHS Offering</i>	<b>Bells</b> 7:00pm  <b>CGC Mtg.</b> 6:00 – 7:00pm  AA	<b>Consistory Mtg.</b> 7:00pm  AA	<b>Bible Study</b> 2:00pm  <b>Choir</b> 7:00pm	<b>Growth &amp; Hospitality Mtg.</b> 1:00pm		<b>Fostering Hope Open Shop</b> 5:00 – 7:00pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>Worship</b> 10:15am	<i>Newsletter Submissions due</i>  <b>Bells</b> 7:00pm  AA	<b>Prayer Shawl</b> 1:00 – 3:00pm  AA	<b>Bible Study</b> 2:00pm  <b>Choir</b> 7:00pm			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Worship</b> 10:15am  <b>Brunch</b> after worship  <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>Bells</b> 7:00pm  AA	   AA	<b>Bible Study</b> 2:00pm  <b>Choir</b> 7:00pm			<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> 10:00am
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