



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

MAY 2023

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

Celebrating
THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 21st | 10:15am

*Worship celebration includes the
Sacrament of Holy Communion*

2023 Confirmation Class Members:

Evan Hendricks

son of Mike & Lauren Hendricks
mentor, Jeffrey Moyer

Amelia Moyer

daughter of Jeffrey & Lindsay Moyer
mentor, Brianna Link

Lucas Moyer

son of Dave & Stacey Moyer
mentor, Rick Moyer

Marlena Weideman

daughter of Greg & Holly Weideman
mentor, Neil Clark

*I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

– Ephesians 4:1-6 (adapted from NRSV)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

On May 21st we will gather together at 10:15 a.m. for our morning worship service and witness and celebrate the Rite of Confirmation with Evan, Lucas, Amelia, and Marley. Below, I share with you a glimpse of the meaning and significance of confirmation in our faith tradition for anyone participating in the faith formation classes. I appreciate the emphasis placed on baptism: each confirmand saying “yes” to their baptism and the church saying “yes” to their growing faith. Growing faith! The rite of confirmation will also name each one confirmed as now a member of their local church, specifically St. Paul’s United Church of Christ and each one confirmed will be presented offering envelopes – maybe a ‘certificate’ would be better indicating the various ways we are now invited to give financially to support the work of the church – including online giving 😊 But, let’s look again at saying “yes” ~ “yes” to their growing faith!

The rite of confirmation is not the end of anyone’s journey of faith. Notice – I do say “anyone.” Growing faith is for all of us! There is still a lot of life for our young confirmation class to experience; and if we think we have experienced in life all there is to experience, we are wrong! Life experiences are part of our growing faith. In the stories of how Jesus revealed himself to his followers after his death, he challenged them not to return to their old lives. They were not teenagers; they were young men, and I will add, young women! How does Jesus bring the light of a new day into your life? I think Jesus still challenges us today to be about a “growing faith!”

Blessings, Pastor Trudy

*Recommended reading: The Dandelion Seed by Joseph Anthony
A resurrection story about a seed afraid to let go.
It is a cycle-of-nature story and a story about embracing change.*

Where do we get the term confirmation?

The word “*confirmare*” originated in the fifth century and means “to strengthen” or “to make firm.” Confirmation as we understand it is not mentioned by name in scripture. Traditionally, confirmation has been associated with the laying on of hands (placing one’s hands on another in prayer) and the invocation of the Holy Spirit to give strength to persons in their identity and activity as Christians.

What is confirmation?

A person is joined into the universal church, the body of Christ, through the Sacrament of Baptism. Confirmation is affirmation of baptism and follows baptism. It is a rite of the church which happens during public worship. In the service of confirmation confirmands say “yes” to their baptism and the church says “yes” to their growing faith. As a child who has already been baptized *approaches adolescence*, the local church offers that person the opportunity to give public assent to the baptismal promises. Confirmation celebrates this occasion of affirmation of baptism in the life of the individual and of the local church.

MAY WORSHIP SERVICES

In-person Sunday worship service in the sanctuary at 10:15am. Virtual worship (livestreaming) services are also available each Sunday. Hymns are from the Hymns for the Family of God unless otherwise indicated. A Children's Chat and Kingdom Kids for ages 3 through 5th grade is included in each Sunday morning worship service.

Lay Liturgist: Arlene Peters

May 7, 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: **Acts 7:55-60**; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Theme: *Emboldened to Proclaim*

May 14, 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Festival of the Christian Home | Mother's Day

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;
1 Peter 3:13-22; **John 14:15-21**

Theme: *To See Is to Love*

May 21, 2023 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Celebration of the Rite of Confirmation
Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Scripture: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35;
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; **John 17:1-11**

Theme: *Confirmed in Christ*

May 28, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday

*Memorial Day Weekend; Pastor Vacation Sunday;
Neil Clark leading the worship service*

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm
104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or
Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Theme: *Life-Giving Spirit*

EASTER EGG HUNT

God blessed us with a beautiful day for our annual Egg Hunt! St. Paul's families, friends, and community came out for a fun-filled morning of egg hunts by age, crafts, games, food, and fellowship.

This year's prize winners were: Emmett, Ella, Braylon, Julia, and Brianna. Camdin was the delighted winner of the jelly bean guess.



EASTER BREAKFAST

Big thanks to all of our volunteers for making this year's Easter breakfast such a delight!

We were thrilled to have so many students waiting and bussing tables, running food and drinks, and making sure all of our guests had a great experience. The food was delicious *and* festive thanks to our kitchen crew and the creative genius of Paul Koehler.



Camp SONSHINE

This year's **Camp Sonshine** theme is centered around pets. While you can't actually bring your pet to **Camp Sonshine**, we want to see your pets! Between now and the beginning of July, all members of St. Paul's are encouraged to share a picture of your furry friend with Nancy Ziegenfuss (nancy@stpaulsucc.net).



Scholarships Available!

Applications 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. Forms are located in the Narthex inside the folder marked *SCHOLARSHIP* and they are also available in the office. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, May 31st.

ReCharge Memorial Day Picnic

Sunday | May 28 | 6:30 – 8:00pm



Students age 10 to 18 are invited to join us for a Memorial Day Picnic on Sunday, May 28 from 6:30-8:00pm here at St. Paul's. Come join us for a conversation about service and sacrifice, followed by good food and FUN!

Hot dogs will be provided. Bring a side dish, drink, or paper product to share! Chips, veggies, fruit, plates, napkins, drinks, cups - whatever you want! You are always welcome to bring something that works for you if you have a food allergy or sensitivity.

Scan the QR code to RSVP to this event. Bring a friend!

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 *Jacob Baringer*.

Nominations can be made by any member of the church by filling out a nomination form found in the black wall bracket in a folder in the Narthex. Please return the form to Rick Moyer's mailbox by May 31st.

The award will be a monetary gift from a CD we have invested and will be donated to a charity of the recipient's choice in his/her name. The recipient's name will be placed on the James Frantz Dedication Award plaque located in Fretz Hall.

We have some wonderful youth who are just beginning their lives as church members. Nominees should show dedication to the life of the church in such ways as volunteering at church activities, Sunday School and church attendance, helping in Kingdom Kids, etc. Let's support them and their efforts.

JFD Award Committee of the Consistory

Pennridge FISH Current Needs

(The following list can be found in the Narthex on purple paper)

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

Thank you for your continued donations!

Canned Meats* (spam, canned ham, beef stew)
Canned Chicken
Canned Sardines
*Meal Helpers (hamburger, tuna, rice, pasta)
Shelf Stable Meals (i.e. Hormel Compleats)
*Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Spaghettios, Beefaroni, etc)
Boxed Mashed Potatoes
Brown Rice
White Rice
Spaghetti
*Boxed Pasta Noodles
Bagged Dry Beans
Canned Soups
Canned Vegetables
*Canned Spinach
*Canned Beets
*Canned Fruit
Applesauce
Oatmeal
*Jelly
Misc. Nuts (pistachios, walnuts, pecans, etc)
*Coffee
Salt/Pepper

Grated Cheese (shelf stable parmesan, 3-cheese, etc)
Sugar
Pickles
*Mayonnaise
*Salad Dressing
Alfredo Sauce
*Diapers 2-3-4T-5T-6T
*Diapers Size 4,5,6,7/Trainer/Night Time Pull-Ups
*Baby Wipes
*Laundry Detergent
*Toothpaste
*Toothbrushes
*Facial Tissues
*Paper Towels
Salt/Pepper
*Bar Soap
*Shampoo/Conditioner
Razors
*Dish Soap
Apples/Oranges/Onions/Potatoes – Take directly to FISH after purchase
*Hot Chocolate
Cooking Oil
**indicates items are out completely or almost out*



FISH takes its symbol, the Icthus fish, from early Christianity, and its' acronym stands for:
Fellowship In Serving Humanity
“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

May Birthdays

6th – Trudy Irving
8th – Terry Weikel
9th – Gary Wenger
Ally McNeff
Oliver Moyer
10th – Geraldine Milkowich
11th – Grace Carroll
12th – Andrew Hauptert
Eric Tomlinson

14th – Tessa Hawkins
15th – Nancy Ziegenfuss
16th – Beverly Raudenbush
17th – Hal Hough
Holly Jacoby
18th – Justis Bergey
19th – Alexander Potoczny, Jr.
20th – R. Lee Maurer
23rd – Susan Landis

24th – Angela Benner
25th – Nancy Moyer
Lori Graver
26th – Camdin Stokes
28th – Patti Stover
Stephen Nace
31st – Shirley Delikat
Matthew Schmidt

ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY MAY 15

If you have a recipe you'd like to share in our June newsletter, please email Nancy Moyer: nancymoyer525@gmail.com

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*

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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May

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	AA, 12pm Bells, 7pm	AA, 12pm Prayer Shawl, 1pm Finance, 7pm <i>Pastor at Clergy Convocation</i>	Choir, 7pm <i>Pastor at Clergy Convocation</i>	Christian Ed., 7pm <i>Pastor at Clergy Convocation</i>		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sunday School, 9am Worship, 10:15am Confirmation, 6pm	AA, 12pm Bells, 7pm	AA, 12pm Consistory, 7pm	Growth & Hospitality, 1:30pm Choir, 7pm			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday School, 9am Worship, 10:15am	AA, 12pm Bells, 7pm	Election Day Polls, 7am – 8pm AA, 12pm Prayer Shawl, 1pm	Choir, 7pm			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunday School, 9am Worship & Rite of Confirmation, 10:15am	AA, 12pm Bells, 7pm	AA, 12pm	Choir, 7pm <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	<i>Pastor on Vacation</i>
28	29	30	31			
Worship, 10:15am ReCharge, 6:30pm <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	AA, 12pm <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	AA, 12pm Prayer Shawl, 1pm <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	Choir, 7pm			