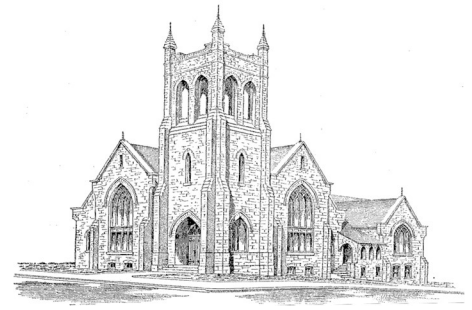


Sharing the

GOOD NEWS



November, 2022

St. Paul's United Church of Christ



ALL-SAINTS SUNDAY ~ *All Saints Day* is on November 1st; however, on **All Saints Sunday**, November 6th, during the 10:15 a.m. worship service, we will light candles and church bells will toll for loved ones who have died over this past year. On *All Saints Sunday* we celebrate all the saints, remembering and thanking God for the lives of those who have gone before us since November of 2021. Those who have lost a loved one are invited to name and light a candle in memory of that person. Also, those baptized since November of 2021 will also be recognized.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



St. Paul's UCC events are lifted up and listed throughout your November newsletter.....from a **ReCharge Attitude of Gratitude Celebration Spaghetti Dinner** on November 12th.....to.....the hosting of the **Community Thanksgiving Eve Service....to** yes, December events such as **Christmas Caroling** and an intergenerational **Ginger Bash**. And don't forget to look for all the **gift-giving opportunities** on these pages of the November newsletter, opportunities that have been a big part of St. Paul's history, too, like **Operation Christmas Child** and **Bethany Children's Home!** Also, 😊 **Advent begins Sunday, November 27th**. We will celebrate our "**Hanging of the Greens**" service during our 10:15 a.m. worship time and after the service there will be a luncheon and tree decorating! Now is a great time to make sure all of these dates are on your calendar. By the way, there is a *monthly calendar also included in your November newsletter and our new website went live on October 31st*.

Check out our new church website: stpaulsucc.net

~ A Note from the Pastor ~

I'm not sure what your plans are this year for Thanksgiving, but I am in the mood to cook 😊 I have sent out "*the word*" to our family that there will be a Thanksgiving Feast prepared at 104 Green Street, Sellersville this year! Now I'm not sure how many will attend, but I just want to smell the turkey baking in the oven and I want my crock pot loaded to the top with the potato filling like my mother always made (her Pennsylvania Dutch recipe) and though my husband Kevin will not agree, there has to be candied sweet potatoes included on the menu! Knowing him, he may pop "next door" for collard greens, one of his favorite menu items!!! But before I get it in "high gear" on Thanksgiving morning, I will pause and worship the night before in our beautiful sanctuary with all of you.

As a congregation we are honored this year to host the **Community Thanksgiving Eve Service**, November 23rd, 7:30 p.m. I think many of us have gotten in the habit of skipping right over *Thanksgiving* and fast forwarding into the Christmas season. Retailers are telling us that the big push for Christmas shopping actually began in October. Though I do like to put my Christmas tree up early because of the busier than usual church schedule throughout Advent, the church season of preparing for the coming celebration of the birth of Jesus, I still remind myself to slow down, to "smell the turkey," and most importantly to give thanks with a grateful heart!

We may not all celebrate *Thanksgiving Day* on November 24th, but anytime we intentionally plan a time that works for all to "gather and "give thanks" is a blessing in itself. In my call to serve as your pastor, in a little over three short years, we have shared in many life experiences, we have laughed and cried, some of our decisions have been easy and other decisions on how to move forward in this time and in this place as the Church of Jesus Christ, has been more difficult and challenging; but in every experience we have truly grown in our relationships with Jesus and each other – and we have been richly blessed by God's love, grace, and generosity. So, dear St. Paul's Church Family and Friends, embrace and give thanks once again this year: give thanks for your family and friends; give thanks for your church family and the community of faith that also surrounds you, prays for you, and supports you; but most of all, give thanks to God for sending to us our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul described God as not being far from each one of us. And then he made the amazing statement: "*In Him we live and move and have our being.*" Thanks be to God!

Thanksgiving blessings, *Pastor Trudy*



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**Weekly Hybrid Worship:
In-Person, and Livestream at
10:15am in the Sanctuary
9:00am Sunday School**



**SHARING LIFE'S JOURNEY BY BUILDING OUR RELATIONSHIPS
WITH JESUS AND EACH OTHER!**

SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Lay Liturgists: Brenda Clark and Sam Clark

Sunday School for ages 3 & up at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary

♦ Sunday, November 6th, *All Saints Sunday*

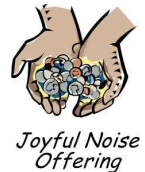
- Scriptures: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31
- Theme: "All Saints Day"
- Coffee, Cookies and Conversation.

♦ Sunday, November 13th, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

- Scriptures: Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
- Theme: "Infinite Possibilities"
- Blessing of Operation Christmas Child Gift Boxes
- Coffee, Cookies and Conversation.

♦ Sunday, November 20th, 24th Sunday after Pentecost; Christ the King Sunday

- Scriptures: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
- Theme: "Together in Christ"
- Joyful Noise Offering



ADVENT BEGINS!

♦ Sunday, November 27th, 1st Sunday of Advent

- Worship: 10:15 in Sanctuary
- Scriptures: Various Scripture Passages included in multiple readings.
- Theme: "*Hanging of the Greens*"
- Tree decorating and luncheon to be held in Fretz Hall immediately following worship.
Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex!!!



The 2023 Church Budget will be available in the narthex on November 27th. The Congregational Meeting to review, discuss, and vote on the budget is scheduled for Sunday, December 11th immediately following the 10:15 a.m. worship service.



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you Don and Janet Dunlap for preparing the empty Operation Christmas Child gift boxes. They are available in our church's narthex and should be returned to St. Paul's by Sunday, November 13th. Our 10:15 a.m. worship service on November 13th will include a special blessing of the Operation Christmas Child gift boxes. As you pack your Christmas Child shoeboxes this year, please pray for the children who will receive your gift and hear about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Instructions on items needed for the gift boxes are also available in the Narthex. Help a child hear the Good News.

CHRISTMAS 2022 AT BETHANY: see Page 5 for the *Bethany Children's Home Christmas Wish List*. We will collect "unwrapped" Christmas gifts in the narthex from Sunday, November 6th thru Sunday, December 4th. Look for the 'laundry baskets' and 'signs' indicating *Bethany Children's Home*.

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!!

Order your poinsettias by filling out the form below or sign up on the bulletin board. Please post your name(s) as you would like it printed in the bulletin. Cost will be \$8.00 for a beautiful flowering plant. **Please pay Robin Frank directly. If paying by check, make check payable to Robin Frank.**



Deadline to order: Sunday, December 4
Money due by Sunday, December 4.

_____ In Memory of _____
No.

_____ In Honor of _____
No.

_____ "To the Glory of God"
No.

Signed



Bethany Children's Home

Christmas Wish List

Thank you for helping create new, positive memories in our youth's lives!

Bethany youth are 10-21 years of age.

We kindly ask that all items are new and unwrapped.

We appreciate age-appropriate gifts with the consideration of parental warnings, modesty and safety.

Clothing

bath robes: young women and men • athletic shorts: men's small • sports bras: M-XL • low-cut white athletic socks: men and women • sweatpants • men's athletic shorts • underwear • sports bras • men's gloves • men's pajama bottoms • women's pajamas

Cottage Needs

Zippered waterproof mattress cover – twin • tower fans • comforters for girls • lightweight twin-size blankets • towels • washcloths • pillows • all-plastic hangers • mp3 players • flat irons • Dust Busters • bagless vacuum • air fryers • plastic laundry baskets • deodorant • cocoa butter

Recreation

indoor basketballs 29.5 inch • Lego sets: classic cars, super heroes, Star Wars • mechanical tool set • 2-stage or 3-stage locking carabiners • Nerf guns and ammo • Roller blades or skates sizes 4-13 • multi-tools for fishing • 5-gallon water cooler • Mylec floor hockey balls - orange • knee hockey sets • 2-part resin for casting and pouring • adult beach volleyballs • footballs • TRX workout bands • badminton racquets and birdies • screwdriver sets • allen wrench sets • Olympic weightlifting bar • weights for Olympic bar • yoga blocks • hand wraps or MMA gloves

Music Education

earbud headphones • ukuleles • drum sticks • clarinet reeds (strength 2.5 and 3) • acoustic guitar strings • ukulele strings • guitar picks • hand percussion instruments • area rug • bean bag chairs • Menchey Music gift cards • iTunes gift cards • boomwhackers • hand drums

Art Studio

Michael's, JoAnne Fabric, GoggleWorks, and Shutterfly gift cards • wrapped canvases • canvas boards • canvas paper • acrylic paint • premixed acrylic pouring paint • acrylic gel medium • acrylic modeling paste • Gesso (White, Black, & Clear) • clear semi-gloss finish spray paint • spray paint, assorted colors • fabric paint • paint pens • tabletop easels • paintbrushes • washi tape • scratch art paper • calligraphy pens and inks • Pony Beads (including numbers and letters) • Masonite Board • gold leaf • Stabilo pencils • artists' pens • rubber stamps & ink pads • rub-on transfers • 3D string art kits • Diamond Art kits • dream catcher kits • sand art supplies • macrame cord • stencils • letter & number stickers • origami paper

Gift Cards

TJ Maxx, Ross, Dick's Sporting Goods, Ulta, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Lowes, Home Depot, Michaels, Wal-Mart, Target, McDonald's and Kohls, Boyer's and Redner's markets, Turkey Hill, Giant, Domino's Pizza, gift cards for local greenhouses, Sheetz, Wawa, Foot Locker

Questions regarding gifts? Please call 610-589-4501, ext. 305.

Financial Gifts may also be made to support youth needs and activities throughout the year. www.bethanyhome.org
The official registration and financial information of Bethany Home Inc. and Bethany Children's Home, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

BELL CHOIR



Bell Choir has returned and we look forward to hearing the handbells ring out in coming worship services! The Bell Choir holds rehearsal each Monday from 7:00-8:00pm for approximately one hour. If you have any questions, please see Pete Ziegenfuss.

SENIOR CHOIR



Our Senior Choir has returned to lifting their voices to sing a special anthem during each 10:15 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. The Senior Choir holds rehearsal each Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please see Chris Ziegenfuss!



ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE CELEBRATION DINNER

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A SPAGHETTI DINNER –
PREPARED AND SERVED BY RECHARGE –
ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12th FROM 5 TO 7PM
WE ARE HONORED TO SERVE YOU
IN GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE TO SUPPORT US!





Christmas Caroling

Members of **ReCharge** and members of the congregation are invited to go Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 11th following worship and the congregational meeting. We'll have a quick lunch (provided) in Fretz Hall and then caravan around the Pennridge community bringing Christmas joy to the senior and shut-in members of St. Paul's. Afterward, we'll gather back at St. Paul's for some cookies and hot cocoa. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet!

Happy Thanksgiving

*In every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6*

Read Philippians 4:4-7

A study by psychologist Robert Emmons divided volunteers into three groups that each made weekly entries in journals. One group wrote five things they were grateful for. One group described five daily hassles. And a control group listed five events that had impacted them in a small way. The results of the study revealed that those in the gratitude group felt better about their lives overall, were more optimistic about the future, and reported fewer health problems.

Giving thanks has a way of changing the way we look at life. Thanksgiving can even make us happier.

The Bible has long extolled the benefits of giving thanks to God, as doing so reminds us of His character. The Psalms repeatedly call God's people to give Him thanks because "the Lord is good and His love endures forever" (Psalm 100:5) and to thank Him for His unfailing love and wonderful deeds (Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, 31).

As the apostle Paul closed his letter to the Philippians – the letter itself a kind of thank-you note to a church that had supported him – he linked thankful prayers with the peace of God "which transcends all understanding" (4:7). When we focus on God and His goodness, we find that we can pray without anxiety, in every situation, with thanksgiving. Giving thanks brings us a peace that uniquely guards our hearts and minds and changes the way we look at life. A heart full of gratitude nurtures a spirit of joy.

What threatens your sense of gratitude? How is God calling you to a "happy thanksgiving" as you bring your needs before Him?

*Father in heaven, where I see problems,
grant me a spirit of gratitude and grateful praise.*

~ Elisa Morgan
Our Daily Bread Devotional



Children age 3- 5th grade, parents, and grandparents are invited to a ***Gingerbread Bash!***

When: Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 10 am

Where: In the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul's UCC

Gingerbread Bash is a fun, hands-on Christmas event for kids and families. During this program, families will build gingerbread nativities, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, sing songs, and discover the life-changing gift of God's Son, Jesus.

Members of ***ReCharge*** and members of the Jr./Sr. High Sunday School class are invited to come to the ***Gingerbread Bash*** to assist with the event as well as serve as videographers!!

Highlights from the ***Gingerbread Bash*** will be shared during worship on Sunday, December 18th. The service will also include the singing of our Little Angel Choir!!!

Gingerbread Bash will take place instead of our annual Christmas Party and Pageant. In an effort to reach our children and their families, we decided to try something different this year.

Care Packages for College Students

We want the college students of our congregation to know that St. Paul's is thinking about them and praying for them. We plan to send care packages to them in time for finals week. We need your help!

There is a sign-up sheet for items needed for packing care packages as well as monetary donations to cover shipping costs for finals in the Narthex. Add your name next to the item you would like to contribute.

Please consider donating:

- Gift cards (Dunkin', Starbucks)
- Gum
- Skittles
- Snack foods (**single-serve snack bags**)
 - o Cheez-its
 - o Pepperidge Farms Goldfish
 - o pretzels
- Microwave popcorn

Currently in the military: Nicolas Sherm. Current college students are Andrew Hauptert, Marcus Milkowich, Matthew Milkowich, Megan Milkowich, Mikey Milkowich, Morgan Milkowich, and Preston Ziegenfuss. If you know of someone else who is currently attending college or in the military, please let the church office know. Thank you!

Our Church Family



1st – Krista Striano
Emily Stokes
2nd – Dolores Wilhelm
3rd – Fred Koehler (his 90th!)
4th – Neil Clark
Andrew Benner
Jazlynn Weaver
5th – Jill Brown
6th – Evan Jacoby
Kelton Jacoby
8th – Richard Wilhelm
Samuel Clark
10th – Debbie Raudenbush
Ava Milkowich
12th – Bradly Delikat

14th – Sarah Seiler
Brittany Hough
17th – Trevor Fuhs
18th – Elizabeth Heath
Carter Fuhs
Juliette Benner
19th – Baily Bishop
Jeremy Buckley
20th – Rebecca McNeff
21st – Ian Murray
22nd – Ronald Bortree
Annabelle Benner
26th – Lori Milkowich
Holly Weideman
27th – Evan Hendricks
Robin Maurer
30th – Carolina Skalon



Pennridge FISH

Watch for an updated Pennridge FISH food pantry current needs list in the church narthex! Also, details are coming soon on the *Museum Tree* and our *Giving Tree*. These updates will be shared in future worship bulletins and via emailblasts!!!



We had a picture-perfect day for the Crop Walk on Sunday Oct.9th. It was one of the best days we had for the walk. A big thank you to everyone who walked, those who sponsored the walkers, and those who donated through the "Count Your Blessings" calendar. Please stay tuned for more information and total amount raised. Thank you again for helping to fight hunger. Submitted by ~ Robin Frank



Capital Campaign Project Update

The Fire Suppression System and Exhaust fan are now installed.



The church kitchen is in line with all fire codes, having a permit and an updated fire suppression system and extinguisher.

This is another project funded by the Capital Campaign that has been completed. Thanks to all who have contributed to these projects.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Weikel.



If you have a mailing address, phone number, or email address change, please contact the church office so your contact information can be updated in our system and in our church directory. In the near future, we also hope to create an updated Corner of Care Prayer List. Please make sure you are given permission to have someone's name added to that published list.



KID'S PAGE FOR ANY AGE



A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



Directions: Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

"I thank my God every time
I remember you." Philippians 1:3

Hannah

"My soul glorifies the Lord and
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."
Luke 1:46-47

David

"He is my God, and I will praise
him, my father's God, and I will
exalt him." Exodus 15:2

Mary

"My heart rejoices in the LORD."
1 Samuel 2:1

Paul

"I will praise God's name in song
and glorify him with thanksgiving."
Psalm 69:30

Moses

Answers: Philippians 1:3, Paul; Luke 1:46-47, Mary; Exodus 15:2, Moses;
1 Samuel 2:1, Hannah; Psalm 69:30, David



Start a fun tradition by playing
this game on Thanksgiving.

What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

Red: a need God has provided for

Orange: a gift you've received

Yellow: something you've recently learned

Green: something in nature

Blue: a special memory

Brown: someone you love

What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!

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Mailed, 10-27-2022
Time-Sensitive Materials



November 24th



Begins November 27th



November 15th