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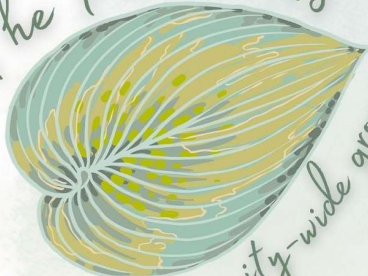
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE GOOD NEWS

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



ReCharge is cooking dinner for the members of St. Paul's on November 11

The Perennials

*a new community-wide group
for seniors 55+*

JOIN US SEASONALLY FOR A TIME OF FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP!

Fall Gathering

Monday, November 13 | 11:00am

Soup & sandwiches will be served. Free will offering.
David & Kathy Nebhut will share about their experience
visiting the Holy Lands.

*RSVP
here by 11/11:*



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The dark clouds of uncertainties in our world seem to hover over us day after day. My heart aches once more at the horrendous sights of death and destruction that are brought before us from the war-torn countries in the Middle East and Eastern Europe and in other lands around the world that may not receive as much media attention. There is no escaping the news – though we can limit the amount of news we listen to and watch. I want to be aware of what’s happening in our world, but I also know I need to keep my viewing and updates on current world events to a minimum. I need to know enough details to help me in my prayers of intercession for those facing extreme acts of hate and violence; to discern how I can best respond to the needs of the world understanding that I have no control over the actions of others. I also can’t personally relate to the actual experiences of those residing in the war-torn nations, but in the cries of humanity, as God’s daughter, I care deeply about their pain and suffering.

As we approach another Thanksgiving, I pause and reflect on God’s expression of generosity in my life, as I am also mindful of the suffering and uncertainties in the lives of those closer to home. Here at home our daily news is filled with heinous crimes that leave us shaken to the core of our very being. And I know the deep struggles many are facing with health challenges and the grief of losing loved ones. God’s generosity in my life is simply being with you in all these uncertainties – facing these uncertainties together – acknowledging how fragile life is – how every day is a gift from God – a new day that we have the responsible freedom to decide how we are going to live another new day that God has given us.

Will we spend our days brooding over days gone by? Will we think we have all the answers and try to “fix” everything that’s we deem wrong in our world, in our lives, in our church? Will we get so caught up in things that upset us and disturb our spirits that we won’t experience God’s generosity overflowing in our lives? Not recognizing the good that God is doing in our world, in our lives, in our church?

Our Wednesday afternoon Bible study group has been exploring scripture, through Max Lucado’s study, “*Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*,” specifically focused on the passage of Paul’s letter to the Philippians, Chapter 4, verses 4-8 which reads: “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, *with thanksgiving*, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”

With thanksgiving.....if anything is excellent or praiseworthy...think about such things. I think of you and I give thanks for you and your presence in my life and this incredible opportunity we have to serve Christ’s church as we offer Christ’s message of love, grace, and mercy in many ways in all the stages of our lives.

Blessings,
Pastor Trudy

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

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

November Liturgists: Brenda Clark and Sam Clark (alternating)

November 5, 2023 – All Saints Sunday

Remembering loved ones that passed away since November 2022

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22;
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

November 12, 2023 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

November 19, 2023 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving Sunday

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65;
2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

November 26, 2023 – Reign of Christ | Christ the King 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100;
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

ALTAR FLOWERS

Speak with Brenda Clark if you'd like to sponsor altar flowers for any of the following dates:

November: 5, 12, 26 **December:** 3, 10, 31

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, November 22 | 7:30 pm | St. Agnes Catholic Church

The Sellersville churches will combine their voices for special service music

St. Agnes Catholic Church | St. Michael's Lutheran Church | Jerusalem Lutheran Church | St. Paul's United Church of Christ



KINGDOM KIDS
ST. PAUL'S CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

In order 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 obtaining your clearances.

COLLEGE CARE PACAKAGES



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 in the Narthex for items needed and monetary donations to cover shipping costs. **Donations should be brought in by Sunday, November 19.**

Starbucks gift cards | gum | bulk package full-size candy bars
single-serve snack foods: Cheez-its, Pepperidge Farms Goldfish, pretzels,
microwave popcorn, single serve mac n cheese

Current college students living away from home are Makya Milkowich, Marcus Milkowich, Matthew Milkowich, Megan Milkowich, Mikey Milkowich, Morgan Milkowich, and Preston Ziegenfuss. If you know of someone else who is currently away at college, please let Nancy Ziegenfuss know or email the church off (secretary@stpaulsucc.net). Thank you!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

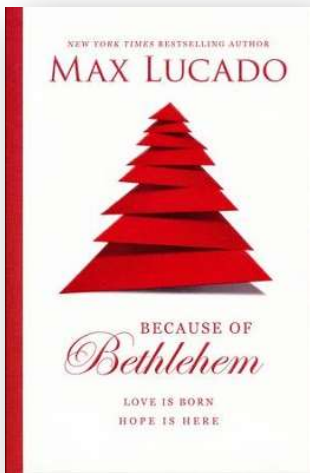
This holiday season, send a shoebox to a child in need around the world.

Supplies are available in the Narthex.



COLLECTION: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12





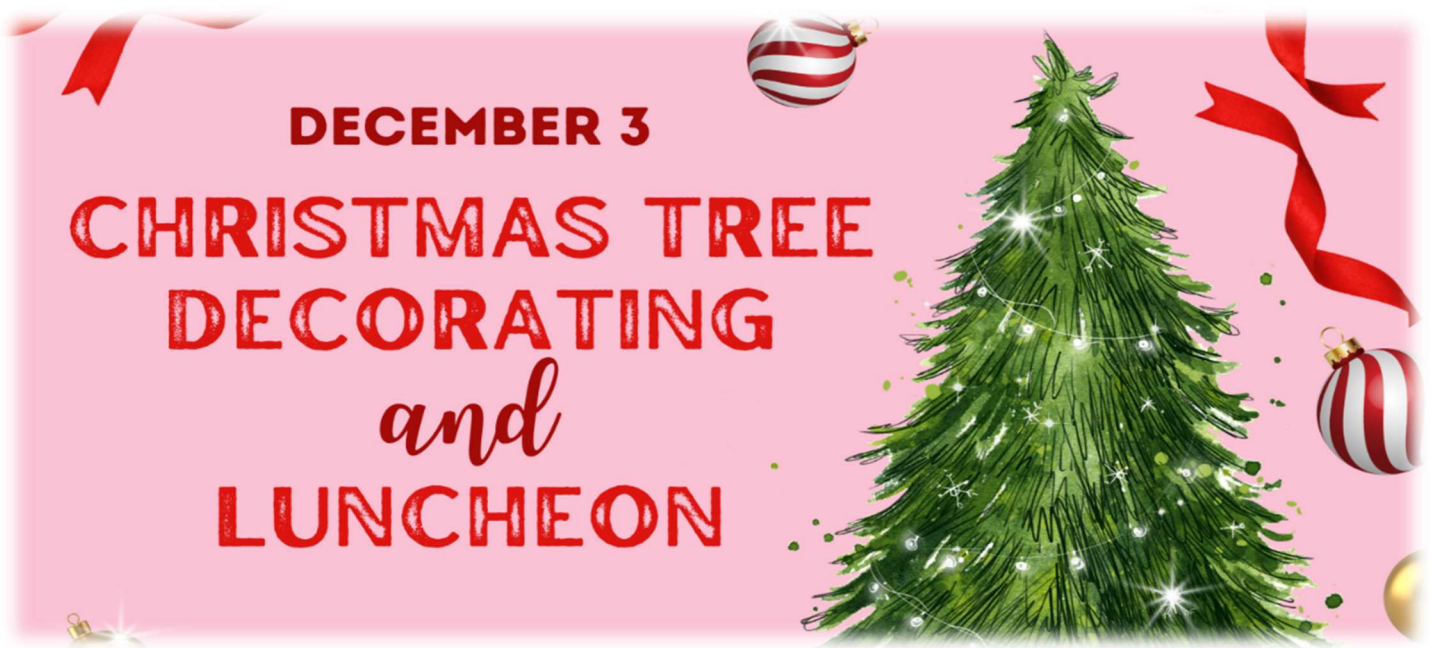
ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado

Wednesdays beginning November 29 | 2:00pm | 4 Sessions | Fellowship Hall

A remarkable gift can arrive in an unremarkable package – one did in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago. No one expected God to come the way he did; yet, the way he came was every bit as important as the coming itself. The manger is the message. Because of Bethlehem, we no longer have marks on our record – just grace. The *Because of Bethlehem Study Guide* includes video discussion questions, Bible exploration, and personal study and reflection materials for between sessions. To sign up, email Pastor Trudy at pastortrudyj@gmail.com or text her at 267-733-4153.

Join us for our annual tree decorating and luncheon after the Hanging of the Greens worship service. Sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.



Look for a Christmas Poinsettia sign-up sheet soon!

DEC
2023

Christmas

at St. Paul's

- DEC 3 HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE 10:15AM**
- DEC 9 SELLERSVILLE WINTERFEST 4:00 - 7:00PM**
LIVE MUSIC & PHOTO OP AT ST. PAUL'S
- DEC 10 ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15AM**
- DEC 16 MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS SHOW 2:00PM**
- DEC 17 ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15AM**
- DEC 24 ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15AM &**
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLIGHT SERVICE 7:00PM
- DEC 31 HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15AM**
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CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



It was a sunny and very windy day for the CROP Walk on October 8th. A big thank you to everyone who walked, rocked, or sponsored someone. Also a thank you to 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.

Robin Frank, St. Paul's CROP Walk Coordinator

Camp SONSHINE MISSION PROJECT

In September, \$1130 was sent to Last Chance Ranch in Quakertown (\$630 donated by families who attended Camp Sonshine and members of St. Paul's congregation, combined with the \$500 matching gift from Endowment). With current vet costs, the \$1130 will cover the spay and neuter for 9 animals. Thanks to all who donated to this cause!



NOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of Neil, Steve and the entire Clark family, we'd like to thank you for your condolences, whether by card, note or in person, your prayers and all the kind words of sympathy we received on the passing of our beloved mother, Ellen. Those words meant so much to us as we mourn her passing. The many remembrances you shared brought smiles and, yes, even some tears. She truly was an amazing person and THE best mom we could have asked for. We'd also like to thank you for your visits, calls and cards to her these last few months when she was unable to be with us here at church. She truly enjoyed the "visits" she had in the back pew when she was still able to come. She so missed being able to see you all but we know she will see us all again in our Heavenly Father's house.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 11/1 – Emily Stokes
Krista Striano | 11/6 – Evan Jacoby
Kelton Jacoby | 11/14 – Brittany Hough | 11/21 – Iain Murray |
| 11/2 – Dolores Wilhelm | 11/8 – Sam Clark
Richard Wilhelm | 11/17 – Trevor Fuhs | 11/22 – Ron Bortree
Annabelle Benner |
| 11/4 – Neil Clark
Andrew Benner
Jazlynn Weaver | 11/10 – Debbie Raudenbush
Ava Milkowich | 11/18 – Carter Fuhs
Elizabeth Heath
Juliette Benner | 11/26 – Lori Milkowich
Holly Weideman |
| | 11/12 – Bradley Delikat | 11/19 – Bailey Bishop | 11/27 – Evan Hendricks
Robin Maurer |
| | | 11/20 – Rebecca McNeff | |



HOLIDAY DINNER NEEDS FOR FISH

LOW OR OUT OF STOCK ITEMS:

BOXED MASHED POTATO FLAKES

STUFFING MIX

CANNED CORN, GREEN BEANS, CARROTS

CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP

OTHER CREAM SOUPS

FRENCH FRIED ONIONS

TAKE DIRECTLY TO FISH:

TURKEY LARGE HAM SLICES

HAM ROASTING CHICKEN

CANNED YAMS/SWEET POTATOES

CANNED FRUIT

CRANBERRY SAUCE

APPLESAUCE

GRAVY

JIFFY CORNBREAD MIX

BOX JELLO/PUDDING

CAKE MIX + FROSTING

Pennridge FISH

CURRENT NEEDS - NOV 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)
- 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>

THE 150 FUND

Celebrate Our Past. Invest in Our Future.
1 Chronicles 22:14

Tower Repairs: \$263,847 – completed

Parsonage Roof: \$22,950 – completed

Kitchen Fire Suppression: \$15,325 – completed

Handicapped-Accessible Entrance: \$18,900 – accessible doors installed; sidewalk leveled to the door sill

ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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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November

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Bible Study 2:00pm Choir 7:00pm	Growth & Hospitality 1:00pm Christian Ed. 6:30pm		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship 10:15am	Bells 7:00pm AA	Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm Election Day Polls Open 7:00am – 8:00pm	Bible Study 2:00pm Choir 7:00pm	Endowment 7:00pm		 ReCharge. Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 – 7:00pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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