



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE GOOD NEWS

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

Steven Says . . . Give Thanks!

Elvis famously sang, "Why can't every day be like Christmas?" It's a valid question. But with all due respect to Elvis and his childhood friend and bodyguard who wrote the song in 1965, I wonder why every day can't be like Thanksgiving. I don't mean why can't we eat roast turkey with stuffing and mashed potatoes and watch football every day (there can be too much of a good thing!), but what if we took more time to count our blessings and be grateful to God, to our family, to our church, to farmers, to service workers, to teachers, to those who put themselves in harm's way to protect others, and to those who make the world a better place by what they create?

Actually, it's not hard to make every day like Thanksgiving. You can start with *today*. Just start listing things you are thankful for. Go ahead—before you read any more...I'll wait!

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Did you come up with ten? Or did you just skip down here to see what I wrote next? If you haven't done it yet, I challenge you to do what the song, Count Your Blessings says to do: "Name them one by one." Go ahead...I'll wait.

Experts tell us that giving thanks has numerous benefits, including improved physical and mental health, stronger relationships, and increased overall happiness. Practicing gratitude can lead to better sleep, reduced stress, lower blood pressure, and greater mental resilience. It also fosters positive emotions, enhances empathy, and strengthens social connections by improving relationships and promoting feelings of contentment. But you don't need an expert to tell you that—the proof is in the pudding, as they say.

Steven Says, Go ahead—Give Thanks Today!

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

Services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel via our website.

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

Lay Reader for November: Mike Rackey

November 2 | 21st All Saints Sunday

Text: *Luke 19:1-10* Sermon: **Jesus Saw Zacchaeus**

On All Saints Sunday we remember the saints who have passed from this life to the next. And we will also hear the story of a tax collector named Zacchaeus who tried to “hide in plain sight” when Jesus came to town.

November 9 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Text: *Luke 20:27-38* Sermon: **Like the Angels**

Sometimes we like to think of those who have died as becoming angels and getting their wings. But that is not exactly what Jesus taught. We will also recognize members of St. Paul's who have served their country in uniform on this Sunday before Veteran's Day.

November 16 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Text: *Isaiah 65:17-25* Sermon: **Imagine There's New Heaven**

In a bleak time the Prophet Isaiah was moved by God to prophesy about a new heaven and a new earth. His powerful words help us imagine a world in which there is no longer sin and hatred and suffering.

November 23 | 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Text: *Colossians 1:11-20* Sermon: **Christ is King**

This is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The cycle begins with Advent and the preparation for the coming of the Messiah. The cycle ends with Jesus the Messiah recognized as reigning over all of creation.

November 26 | Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical service

Members of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, and Jerusalem Lutheran will join us at St. Paul's for an ecumenical service of giving thanks. The message will be given by Father Rossi. Chris Ziegenfuss will direct a choir comprised of members of all the participating congregations. Refreshments will be shared with fellowship after the service.

November 30 | 1st Sunday of Advent (Year A) / Communion

Text: *Matthew 24:36-44* Sermon: **Keep Watch!**

A new year in the Christian calendar begins with the instruction to “Keep Watch” because we know neither the day nor the hour when Jesus will return. We also begin the new church year with “breakfast,” (breaking the fast) by gathering at the Lord's Table.

Advent Families

Thanks to the following families that have volunteered to light Advent Candles during the coming season of advent: Ziegenfuss, Huff, Rackey, Milkowich.

2025 ALTAR FLOWERS

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex to sign up to sponsor altar flowers. If you are sponsoring flowers in honor of a person or a special occasion, such as a birthday or anniversary, please call or email the office with the information you would like in the bulletin by Tuesday of the week you are sponsoring the flowers.

St. Paul's provides silk flowers on the altar at no charge; however, if you'd like to purchase real flowers you may pay a florist directly to do so. We strongly recommend **Perkasie Florist** (101 N. 5th St. Perkasie) for real flowers as they have inserts for our vases and will deliver your flowers to the church. They are happy to accommodate color choice. Order at least one week in advance: 215-257-7011.

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 \$9.50 for a beautiful flowering plant. Please pay Robin Frank directly. If paying by check, please make check payable to Robin Frank.

Deadline to order: Sunday, December 7th
 Money due by Sunday, December 7th

_____ In Memory of _____
 No.

_____ In Honor of _____
 No.

_____ "To the Glory of God"
 No.



 Signed



A TIME OF FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

Fall Gathering

Thursday, November 6
11:00am – 1:00pm

Hosted at St. Paul's UCC
104 Green St. Sellersville

From the streets of Busan, South Korea, to a house with a white picket fence in Souderton, Pennsylvania, Julie Henning will take us on a journey from her Amerasian roots to life with the famous author, Pearl S. Buck, and ultimately into the family of God. This truly compelling “rags to riches” story will challenge your heart as you see God’s sovereignty at work in the life of one of His children.



THANK YOU

Dear St. Paul's,

Your generosity speaks volumes about our concern for the truly deserving servicemen and women who placed their lives on the line to secure our freedom and safety and as a result returned home wounded in body and spirit. These men and women who served with honor deserve our respect and support.

-*Wounded Warrior Project*



Dear St. Paul's Donors,

We greatly appreciate your very generous donation of \$1,000 on 9/17/2025 to FISH. Your ongoing support is truly a blessing for FISH and the people in the Pennridge School District that we serve. May God bless you all.

Sincerely, *Barbara Faust*, "Retired" Food Pantry Chair.

-*Pennridge Fish*



Dear St. Paul's UCC, Pennridge FISH extends its heartfelt gratitude for your donations to the School Supply Drive. Your thoughtfulness enables us to provide 242 schoolbags filled with needed supplies to children from families facing financial challenges.

Thanks,
Pennridge Fish

Editor's Note:

We also received a certificate from Special Olympics, Pennsylvania, notifying us that St. Paul's is in the Winner's Circle, Bronze Level. This is thanks to Jocelyn Ziegenfuss designating Special Olympics, PA as the recipient of the \$100 awarded in her honor to a charity of her choosing when she won St. Paul's Jim Frantz award. Way to go, Jocelyn! The certificate is displayed in the narthex of the sanctuary.



THE UPPER ROOM



Copies of the November-December edition of *The Upper Room* daily devotional are available in the narthex. Please feel free to take one to strengthen your daily walk with God

PENNRIDGE CROP HUNGER WALK

The 42nd annual Pennridge CROP Walk/Rock for Hunger was held on Sunday, October 12, 2025.

A big thank you to everyone who walked, sponsored the walkers and donated through the "Count Your Blessing" calendars. There were 72 walkers which included our members, Robin Frank, Chris, Nancy and Simon Ziegenfuss, Chris and Cindy Fosbenner and their adorable dog, Goldie, Donna Huff, and her granddaughter, Ruby. There were another twenty participants who raised funds rocking. So far the online donations and those turned in by the walkers exceed \$22,000.00.

Please remember 25% of the proceeds goes to Pennridge FISH for local hunger. The remaining 75% goes to Church World Service and its partner agencies for hunger and disaster relief in the US and globally.

Thank you again for helping to fight hunger one step at a time and helping with disaster relief in the United States and globally.



Robin Frank

St. Paul's CROP Walk coordinator

PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE & KEYSTONE CONFERENCE



As a UCC church in Sellersville, St. Paul's has been a part of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ since the United Church of Christ was formed in 1957. After over three years of conversations and votes, our conference will be joining with the Penn Northeast, the Penn West, and Penn Central Conferences on January 1, 2026 to form the Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The final meeting of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference will be held Saturday, November 8 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Amityville, where Pastor Steven served for 16 years before beginning intentional interim ministry with us earlier this year. We are grateful to the Rev. Bill Worley, who has served as our wise and caring Conference Minister for the past ten years.

LIBRARIAN FOUND

Nancy Moyer, retired elementary school teacher, has volunteered to oversee our outdoor mini library. We thank Nancy for volunteering and encouraging literacy in our community.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

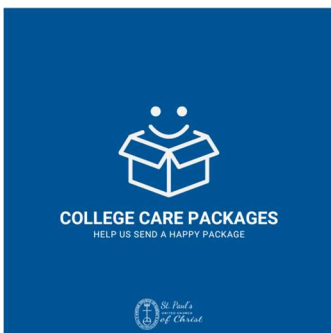


Shoebox Collection Deadline: Sunday, November 16 is fast approaching.

Be sure to support this valuable mission project once again this year with gifts and your prayers. These shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child can be filled with small items such as toys, personal care items, and school supplies. But more importantly, than filling the box is the opportunity you will have to pray for the child who will receive it. Each shoebox, prayerfully packed are an opportunity for the Gospel to transform the life of a child, a family and a community. Samaritan's Purse collects the Shoebox gifts and delivers them all over the world through churches and other ministry partners in over 100 countries.

For years, our congregation has been participating in this special mission by Samaritan's Purse through which we have the opportunity to bless less fortunate school children overseas with much-needed school supplies.

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS



Deadline for donations: Sunday, November 16

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 for packing care packages for finals, as well as monetary donations to cover shipping costs. Please add your name next to the item you would like to contribute.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01 - Emily Stokes Krista Striano	11/10 - Ava Milkowich Deborah Raudenbush	11/19 - Bailey Bishop
11/02 - Delores Wilhelm	11/12 - Bradley Delikat	11/20 - Rebecca McNeff
11/04 - Andrew Benner Neil Clark Jazlynn Weaver	11/14 - Brittany Hough Miriam Hurchalla	11/21 - Iain Murray
11/06 - Evan Jacoby Kelton Jacoby	11/16 - Hudson Clark	11/22 - Annabelle Benner
11/08 - Samuel Clark Richard Wilhelm	11/17 - Trevor Fuhs	11/26 - Lori Milkowich Holly Weideman
	11/18 - Juliette Benner Carter Fuhs Elizabeth Heath	11/27 - Evan Hendricks Robin Mau

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE: Wednesday, November 19

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Consistory minutes are available in the Narthex

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NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship 10:15am	Handbell Choir 7:00pm	Prayer Shawl 1:00–3:00pm Finance Team 7:00pm	Bible Study 2:00pm Choir 7:00pm	Perennials Fall Gathering 11:00am –1:00pm		Final meeting of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference UCC
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 10:15am	Handbell Choir 7:00pm	Prayer Shawl 1:00–3:00pm	December Newsletter Submissions Due Bible Study 2:00pm Choir 7:00pm			 Fostering Hope Open Shop 5:00 – 7:00 PM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship 10:15am	Handbell Choir 7:00pm	Combined Choir 7:00pm	No Bible Study Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:30pm	Thanksgiving Day 		
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Worship 10:15am						

