



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

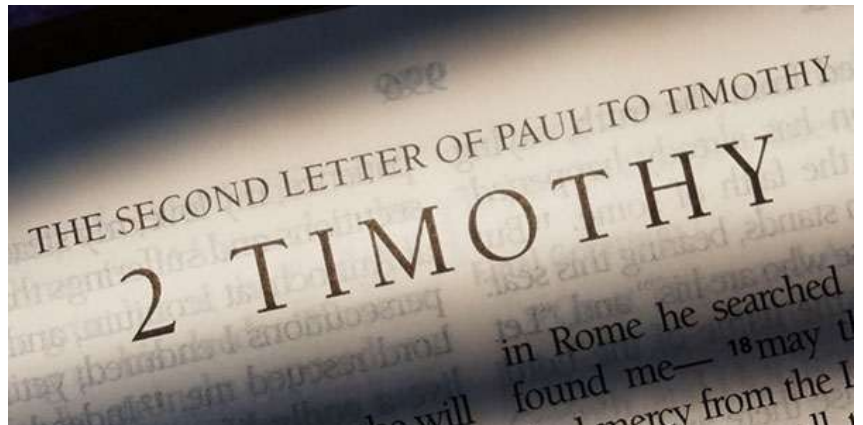
THE GOOD NEWS

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

Steven Says . . . Let's Eavesdrop!

I remember when I was young, sometimes I knew my parents were talking about our family, us kids, other family members, struggles, and decisions—and what they were planning to do. These conversations happened after the kids were supposed to be asleep in bed. But I would get out of bed and go to the top of the stairs and listen. I don't remember specifics now, but at the time the issues seemed important and I learned how my parents thought and how they handled life's challenges by the way they talked.

I wouldn't advise eavesdropping on others today, but there is a way Christians have grown in Christian understanding for centuries: we "eavesdrop" on the Apostle Paul and other Epistle writers like Peter and John as they write to congregations or individuals, giving advice, encouragement, and sometimes some caring discipline to the reader. Maybe eavesdropping isn't the best term for this. It's more like opening somebody else's mail, right?



This month I will preach a sermon series in which we'll read the Apostle Paul's second letter to his young protégé, Timothy. There are four chapters to this short letter and each of October's four Sundays we'll focus on a different chapter.

It's not a long letter—only 2 ½ pages in my bible and only 83 verses. You could easily read the whole letter in 15 minutes. In fact, I encourage you to read it on your own, just to get the feel for it—the tone, the style, and the concerns an aging Apostle had near the end of his life.

Steven Says, You've Got Mail!

Let's listen to what Paul wanted to impart to Timothy

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICES

Services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel via our website.

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

Lay Liturgist for October: Donna Huff & Mary Beth Barringer

October 5 | *World Communion Sunday / Neighbors in Need Special Offering*

Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Sermon: **Fan into Flame the Gift of God**

When he wrote his second letter to his protégé, Timothy, the Apostle Paul encouraged him to “fan into flame the Gift of God that is in you.” If we have a gift of God in us, how exactly would we do that?

October 12 | *18th Sunday after Pentecost*

Text: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Sermon: **God’s Approved Workers**

As the Apostle Paul continues his letter of encouragement to young Pastor Timothy, he quotes what may be a portion of one of the earliest Christian hymns and encourages him to present himself to God as one approved, a workman who can handle the Word of God faithfully.

October 19 | *19th Sunday after Pentecost*

Text: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Sermon: **God-breathed Words**

As we continue to examine Paul’s letter to Timothy we hear Paul speak of the most powerful tool in the Christian’s toolbox: the God-breathed Word of God. Today we discover why it is such an all-purpose utility tool for those seeking to live a Christian life.

October 26 | *20th Sunday after Pentecost / Reformation Sunday*

Text: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Sermon: **I Have Fought the Good Fight**

As we come to the final chapter of Paul’s second letter to Timothy, we learn that it is his “swan song.” He is at the end of his life, ready to go to meet his Maker. What can we learn about living faithfully and ending well from Paul’s words?

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.

Meet our New Church Secretary



Meet our New Church Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Cathy Vogeding. Cathy comes to us with 35 years experience as a Paralegal/legal secretary. She lives in Sellersville and welcomes this experience in her semi-retirement.

She began with us on September 15 and will keep regular hours Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 4:00. Feel free to drop in and introduce yourself to her.

If you have articles for our monthly newsletter, *The Good News*, announcements for our bulletin insert, events for our church calendar, or a question she may be able to answer, you can reach her at:

Phone: 215-257-7268 (church office)

or by email: cathy@stpaulsucc.net

How Do You Get The Good News?

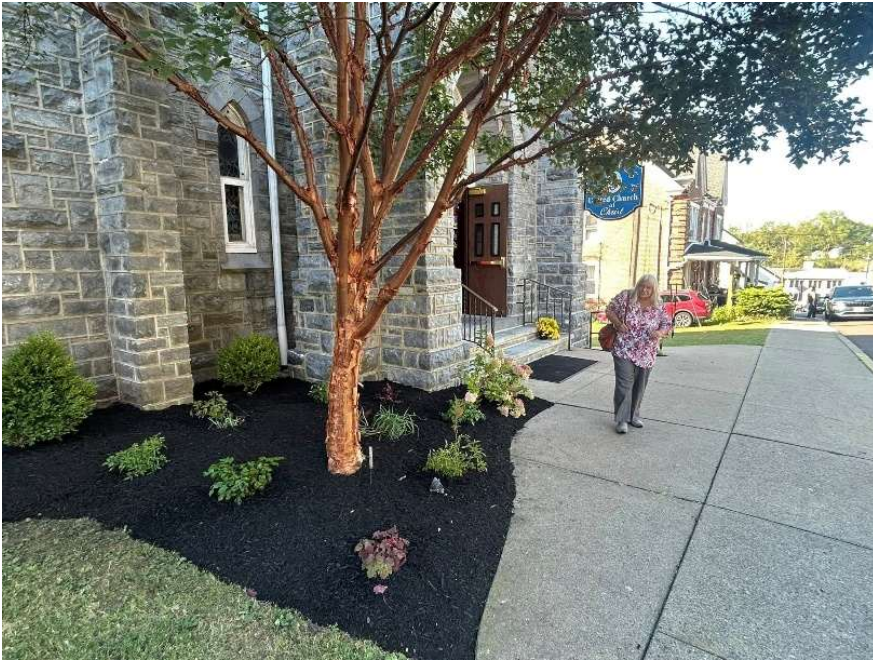
Did you know there are five different ways to receive and read our monthly newsletter, The Good News?

- 1) We print color copies and place them in the narthex of the sanctuary so people can pick them up when they come for Sunday morning worship.
- 2) Some people have requested that a printed copy be reserved for them in their mailbox in the hallway outside the library.
- 3) Some of our shut-in members or out-of-state friends request that a printed copy be mailed to them by USPS. We keep a mailing list for those people.
- 4) Some people request to receive a pdf copy emailed to them. They are placed on an email distribution list so they get the newsletter as soon as it comes out.
- 5) The newsletter is also published to our church website (St. Pauls UCC Sellersville). By visiting the site and pulling down the "about" tab, you can find the latest newsletter, as well as newsletters going back for over three years.

If you would like to change the way you regularly receive The Good News, please contact our church secretary, Cathy Vogeding at cathy@stpaulsucc.net.



LANDSCAPING GIVES FRESH LOOK



A big thank you goes to Mary Beth Barringer and Nancy Moyer for designing and coordinating the new landscaping at St. Paul's on September 13. Lucy is pictured here admiring the new plants and fresh mulch after worship the following Sunday,

Volunteers are being coordinated to water the new shrubs for their important first few weeks.

The landscaping has drawn some attention to the mini library in front of the sanctuary; installed in 2021, we currently do not have a volunteer to serve as its librarian. Could you help out? Contact the church office.



Also, signs used by our new renter, Just for Kicks Martial Arts, has spurred new discussion about signage for the church. We're looking into placing a sign like the office sign on the northwest corner to direct people to RamPacks, Fostering Hope, Just for Kicks, and possibly for other charities or groups that may use our church facilities in the future.

PENNRIDGE CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 12

The 42nd annual Pennridge CROP Walk/Rock for Hunger will be held Sunday October 12, 2025-rain or shine. Please consider walking, rocking, or donating to help end hunger. 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.

Both the 5 mile Walk and "Golden Mile" Walk begin with registration at 12:30 pm and both walks begins at 1:00 pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Ave, Perkasio. The longer route will include a stop at the Pennridge FISH pantry. The CROP Rock for people who want to participate but are unable to do the CROP Walk will be held at St. Stephen's UCC, Perkasio and Perkasio Mennonite Church, Perkasio. The CROP Rock will start at 1:00 pm with registration at those churches. Please bring canned goods to donate to Pennridge FISH when you register for the CROP Walk/Rock.



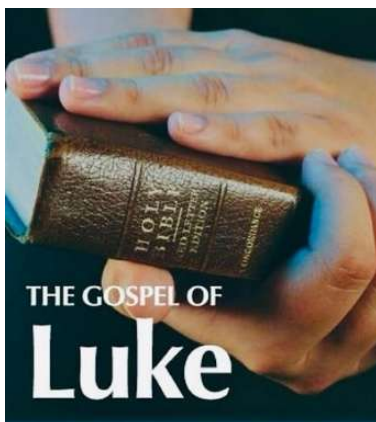
Sponsor forms for walkers and rockers are in the Narthex. There are also Count Your Blessing calendars for those who would like to do them. Any questions please ask me. My phone number is 215-257-3515 and email is rfrank1956@yahoo.com.

For more information, visit crophunger.walk.org/perkasiepa or contact Nancy Buckner (nbuckner@comcast.net) who is the Pennridge CROP Walk coordinator. Check out their Facebook page "Pennridge CROP Hunger Walk" for updates.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pennridge CROP Walk. Together we can help end hunger in our community and around the world.

Robin Frank
St. Paul's CROP Walk coordinator

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES



We have a growing Bible Study group led by Pastor Steven and meeting in Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 3:30.

All are welcome and we encourage inviting friends to come along. No previous experience with Bible study is necessary—this is a place to learn God's Word.

At the first session participants chose to study the Gospel of Luke. We're taking our time going through it, learning as we go.

RAMPACKS

RamPacks is off to a strong start! We are still operating out of three church pantries: St. Paul's, Blooming Glen Mennonite, and Souderton Brethren in Christ, with each serving different schools in the district. We served 202 across the district last week, and the number has already increased. We continue to provide weekend meals and snacks, as well as covering meals and snacks on any days off. Please keep our ministry in your prayers, including our generous donors, volunteers and all of the children and youth that benefit each week.



5 CHURCHES COME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

On Sunday, September 7, five area churches came together for an amazing 2-hour joint worship service.



St. Andrew's UCC, Perkasio,
St. Luke's UCC, Ottsville,
St. Peter's Tohickon UCC, Perkasio,
St. Paul's UCC, Sellersville,
all gathered at St. Stephen's UCC, Perkasio.

In addition to sermons from four different pastors, music from a Praise band, Holy Communion, and a Sunday School-style sing-along, there was a glorious joint choir comprised of members of all five churches.

After worship, we enjoyed a grand potluck luncheon!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 -- Terry Raudenbush
 10/2 -- Zachary Hauptert
 10/9 -- Krystal Frank
 Dennis Hurchalla
 10/15 -- Deborah Weaver

10/17 -- Karen Weaver
 Lucas Moyer
 Surrey Link
 10/22 -- Michael Potoczny
 10/25 -- Robin Frank

10/25 -- Susan Wilson
 10/26 -- Breanna Haghenbach
 10/27 -- Sailor Link
 10/30 -- Selina Koehler
 Cheryl Murray

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE: Wednesday, October 15

CONSISTORY

Rick Moyer, *President*
 Marie Runkle, *Vice President*
 Jim Chrastina, *Treasurer*
 Nancy Ziegenfuss, *Secretary*

Chris Fosbenner
 Scott Huff
 Debbie Koehler
 Lori Milkowich

Arlene Peters
 Carol Bonsted
 McKenna Milkowich
 Youth Representative

Consistory minutes are available in the Narthex

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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Cathy Vogeding, Church Secretary
Office Hours: Wed./Thurs. 9:00am –4:00pm

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OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			Bible Study 2:00pm Choir 7:00pm			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
World Communion Worship 10:15am	Handbell Choir 7:00pm	Prayer Shawl 1:00–3:00pm Finance Committee 7:00pm	Bible Study 2:00pm Choir 7:00pm			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship 10:15am  CROP WALK 12:00 Noon	Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day Handbell Choir 7:00pm	Consistory 7:00pm	<i>November</i> <i>Newsletter</i> <i>Submissions Due</i> Bible Study 2:00pm Choir 7:00pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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