

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



OCTOBER 2023

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



 **St. Paul's
UNITED CHURCH OF
Christ**

CHICKEN POT PIE

*family style dinner
featuring homemade noodles*

**OCTOBER, 28TH
4:00 - 7:00 PM**

**ADULTS: \$15
AGE 6-12: \$8
UNDER 6: FREE**

**ST. PAUL'S UCC
104 GREEN ST. SELLERSVILLE**

DINE IN ONLY

The annual chicken pot pie dinner is just around the corner and our kitchen crew has already started preparing!

We are looking for several volunteers so that we may offer a well-run, enjoyable dinner to our community. Thank you for considering how you can help and then signing up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers! There are cards in the Narthex for you to take and pass out to those you want to invite.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Our vacation time in Salem, MA in August was delightful and refreshed my spirit. Since we never previously traveled 'north,' we took the long way around both traveling to Salem and coming back home to Sellersville. We were thankful for the 'smooth' and 'safe' travels east on Interstate 90 across Massachusetts and then returning southwest on Interstate 84 as we travelled across Connecticut into New York and back into Pennsylvania. The weather was perfect and from our place of lodging in Salem we could walk everywhere we wanted to go to eat, to shop, to tour, to explore this place we had never visited before, a place that needed to "heal" after the "hysteria" that unfolded there in the 17th century, a time in history that resulted in the known deaths of twenty folks – nineteen men and women hanged on Gallows Hill and one man 'pressed to death.' But many more lost their lives as they waited in prisons for the 'witch trials' brought on by paranoia and accusations of the leadership of the colonial community of Salem, Massachusetts.

There are still misunderstandings today about what took place in Salem in the 17th century, but there are historical accounts that reveal how the mass hysteria resulted in the false convictions and deaths of innocent people. Why do I speak of just a few of these details of this period of time in history? I think it's good to be curious – to ask questions – to get as many facts as possible - there may be much more to learn about any given situation.

I'm convinced that the community of Salem continues to heal from this time period of tainted history because at the conclusion of every tour, the tour guides of various ages, encouraged us to leave our time together and go out into the world to share in acts of care and kindness and to not be readily suspicious of someone else simply because they are not "like us." Sadly, misunderstandings, disagreements, false information can still lead to mass hysteria and great divisions between people and nations.

As a community of faith, may we continue to encourage one another to love as Jesus taught us to love. Jesus said, "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other." (John 13:34-35, The Message). And yes, as the song goes "Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, God, among us, and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live." (New Century Hymnal No 388)

In Christ's love,
Pastor Trudy

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We express our heartfelt, Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Ellen Clark.

Ellen passed away on Sunday, September 24.

She would have celebrated her 88th birthday this October 3.

Our St. Paul's family mourns the loss of such a dynamic and dedicated member of our church.

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICES

In October, we leave the Season of Creation and return to the Season after Pentecost. The Exodus scripture passages invite us to travel with the people of Israel on their long journey through the wilderness toward a new land and a new identity. We join the Matthean community as they receive Jesus' teachings and encouragement to live in a way that reflects God's vision and reign, where all members of Earth's community live in a harmonious relationship with God and a right relationship with each other. The liberating spirit of God who breathed life into all creation remains at work, calling us to bear witness to compassion and justice for all people and all creation.

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October Liturgists: Mary Beth Baringer & Donna Huff (alternating)

October 1, 2023 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday; Neighbors in Need UCC
Special Mission Offering

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;
 Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

October 8, 2023 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
 Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 15, 2023 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Laity Sunday

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;
 Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 22, 2023 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 29, 2023 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-4

Worship and reflection resources: Seasons of the Spirit TM SeasonsFusion Pentecost 2 2023, Copyright © Wood Lake Publishing Inc. 2022; Worship & Praise Songbook; New Century Hymnal; Hymns for the Family of God.

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

We will recognize All Saints Sunday on November 5

Altar Flowers

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

October: 15, 22, 29 **November:** 5, 12, 26 **December:** 3, 10, 31

40TH ANNUAL PENNRIDGE CROP WALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2023 | 1:00pm



Please consider walking, rocking or donating to end hunger during the 40th Annual Pennridge CROP Walk on Sunday October 8th – rain or shine. Both the 5 mile walk and Golden Mile walk will begin at St Andrew's Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Avenue, Perkasie. Registration begins at 12:30pm and the walk begins at 1:00pm. Please bring canned goods to donate to the Pennridge FISH food pantry. Since the Pennridge FISH building is one of the stops this year, the organizers are driving the food donations to the tunnel on 7th St. so we can carry them through the tunnel to Pennridge FISH.

New this year is the CROP Rock. The CROP Rock allows people of all ages to raise donations for CROP and rock in rocking chairs so they can participate if they are unable to walk in the CROP walk. St Michael's Lutheran Church is hosting the CROP Rock and St Paul's will be rocking with them in their parking lot from 1:00 – 4:00pm. Donations for the CROP Rock should be included with the donations for our St. Paul's team or individual person.

Again they are encouraging walkers and rockers to register online with St Paul's team so people can donate

online. People can still donate with checks or cash. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP and on memo line put CROP/St. Paul's. For online donations please go to www.crophungerwalk.org/perkasiepa and look for team St. Paul's UCC Sellersville and the walker or rocker's name.

Pennridge CROP Walk is hoping to raise \$40,000.00 this year in honor of their 40th Anniversary. Please remember 25% of all proceeds goes to Pennridge FISH and the remaining 75% is used by Church World Service and its partner agencies for hunger in the US and globally. Please help support the Pennridge CROP Walk to help end hunger. Thank you for your continued support of the Pennridge CROP Walk

Sponsor forms for walkers and rockers are in the narthex. Any questions please ask me. My phone # is 215-257-3515 and my email is rfrank1956@yahoo.com.

Robin Frank
St. Paul's CROP Walk Coordinator



ReCharge.
St. Paul's | Green St., Sellersville

Sunday, October 29th
6:30 – 8:00pm
ReCharge Youth Center

Students in 5th through 12th grade are invited to join us for our monthly gathering with friends, food, and fun!



Save the date!

Our 2nd annual spaghetti dinner is November 11! The dinner is free; however, we are asking diners to bring a donation (monetary or pantry item) in support of Pennridge FISH



Welcome back, Kingdom Kids!

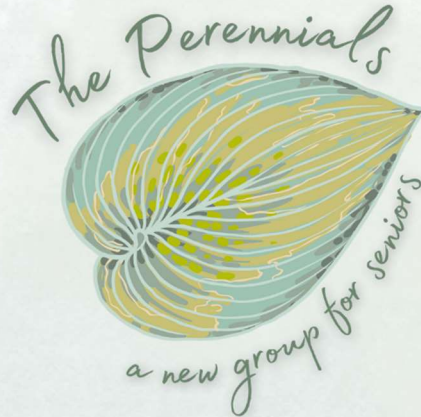
After much success this past Spring, we will continue with our children's church program this Fall. Under the leadership of Kate Clark, kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited back to the nursery after Children's Chat to learn, play, and craft together.

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. Reach out to Brianna if you need assistance obtaining your clearances.

HALLOWEEN ON GREEN STREET

As a way of engaging with our neighbors and local community, St. Paul's is excited to be passing out candy to trick-or-treaters this Halloween night. If you are able to donate candy, please drop off your donation in the church office by Sunday, October 29. Thank you!

MORE OPPORTUNITIES



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

Fall Gathering
Monday, November 13 | 11:00am
St. Paul's UCC
104 Green St. Sellersville

Soup & Sandwiches will be served.

David & Kathy Nebhut will share about their experience visiting the Holy Lands.

RSVP here:



Benergy1 – Two Perspectives
Tuesday, October 3 | 7:15pm
First UCC at 4th & Park Ave. Quakertown

All are invited to a Program on Autism – *Benergy1 - Two Perspectives* to be held in the fellowship hall of First UCC. (Ample parking behind the church off of 4th St). Ben Hartranft will speak on how his life with Autism has been shaped by the power of kindness, inclusion, and his faith in God. Ben's mom Sandy Hartranft, an RN and certified Diabetes care and education specialist, will share her parent perspective. A freewill offering will be received.

Questions? Call the church office 215-536-4447.

BIBLE STUDY

***Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World* by Max Lucado**

In this five-session video Bible study, Max Lucado explores God's promises in Philippians 4:4-8 and shows that while anxiety is *part* of life, it doesn't have to *dominate* life. As you follow God's prescription for worry – celebrate goodness, ask for help, leave your concerns with Him, meditate on good things – you will experience peace. You can stop letting anxiety rule your day and find true calm and contentment in Christ. Sessions include:

1. Rejoice in the Lord Always.
2. Let Your Gentleness Be Evident to All.
3. Present Your Requests to God.
4. The Peace of God Will Guard Your Heart.
5. Meditate on These Things.

Our Bible study is held every Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 pm beginning October 11th. The Study Guide includes

"Between Sessions: Personal Study." The cost of the study guide is \$10 and payment goes to Pastor Trudy.



Please RSVP online:
<https://forms.gle/A6VmsbXAkymcAv89>

Max Lucado entered the ministry in 1978. He has served churches in Miami, Florida; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and San Antonio, Texas. As Teaching Minister since 1988, Max Lucado has preached at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, TX. Before coming to San Antonio, Max and his wife, Denalyn, served as missionaries in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for five years. They have three daughters, two sons-in-law, and two grandchildren. Max's books, devotional guides, and other published works extend his ministry to believers around the world. His papers are archived in the Max Lucado Collection at Abilene Christian University.

UCC NEWS

Installation of the UCC's 10th General Minister and President

The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson will be installed on Friday, Oct. 20 at 5:00pm at the Lakewood Congregational Church in Lakewood, Ohio. The service will be livestreamed. More information is available now at ucc.org/gmp-installation. Details about the livestream and registration will be coming soon.

Rev. Dr. Thompson was elected General Minister and President at the 34th General Synod on July 3 in Indianapolis. She is the first woman to serve as General Minister and President of the UCC. She took office on Aug. 1st.

New: Keystone Study Group

In the September 10 *Communitas*, our PSE Conference Minister Rev. William P. Worley shared about a significant change happening among the four Pennsylvania conferences. The following is an excerpt from the article. Scan the QR code to read the full message.

"The PA Conference Ministers had a formative discussion in January 2022 regarding the urgency of issues confronting all settings of the UCC. We've heard of the spiritual hunger within our ministers and congregations. We also clearly hear the call to support and develop the local church, especially those in a season of decline. We recognize the urgent yet Spirit-led task of finding and developing leaders that our congregations need. We know the very real financial challenges impacting the future of our ministries. Finally, we are not the same church we were in 1957. Our contexts of ministry, our issues, our challenges, and our opportunities are different now. Sharing the burdens and blessings is the only effective way to meet the challenges we face. With this conviction, the "Keystone Study Group," 25 clergy and lay leaders from all four PA Conferences, was formed. Its mission is to explore the possibility of meeting our shared conference challenges as one body instead of four."



NOTES OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone who sent cards while I was in the hospital and at home recovering. You have no idea how your wishes and prayers touched me and met me right where I was. It was as though you knew the words I needed to hear right in that exact moment. I have never doubted the power of prayer, but to be on the receiving end was very powerful. I knew there were so many praying on my behalf and I have every confidence that the Holy Spirit was interceding for me as well (Romans 8:26).

Chris, Jocelyn, Simon, and I also want to thank all of you who brought us meals or sent us gift cards. It has been such a blessing to not have to worry about meals when the kids' activities are in full swing and Chris is working full-time in addition to juggling all my usual household responsibilities.

We consider ourselves truly blessed to be part of this loving church family. You have overwhelmed us with your love, support, and care.

*With sincere gratitude and appreciation,
Nancy Ziegenfuss (Chris, Jocelyn & Simon too)*

To Members of St. Paul's –

Just a note to express a warm thank you to you all for your cards celebrating my 90th. The words on the cards were beautiful and your own personal notes warmed my heart. Thank you so much

I'm thankful I can still worship with you & feel blessed for the longevity of living life to the fullest but a bit slower these days.

*Blessings and smiles,
Ruth Schoeller*

Dear Trudy –

Perkasie Park and I are so fortunate for your kindness in giving back your check for our Perkasie Park Community. Thank you too for the communion kits for our Labor Day weekend service. All of Perkasie Park appreciates you and St. Paul's as dear friends.

*Affectionately,
Ruth Gantz & Perkasie Park
Religious Committee*

WHAT'S COOKING AT ST. PAUL'S

Crockpot French Toast

From: Brenda Clark

1 lg. loaf brioche/challah
8 lg. eggs
2 c. half & half
½ c. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
½ tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. kosher salt

1. Cut loaf of bread into large cubes and spread out in single layer (can use baking sheets) to dry for 3 days.
2. Grease crockpot well and place bread inside.
3. In large bowl, whisk eggs then add remaining ingredients till combined thoroughly. Pour mixture over bread, folding gently till bread is fully coated.
4. Cook on LOW 2 ½ - 3 hours. Serve with syrup, extra cinnamon or whatever you like on your French toast.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 – Terry Raundebush
10/2 – Zachary Hauptert
10/9 – Dennis Hurchalla
Krystal Frank
10/10 – Josh Fosbenner
10/15 – Deborah Weaver
10/17 – Surrey Link
Lucas Moyer
Karen Weaver
10/22 – Michael Potoczny
10/25 – Robin Frank
Susan Wilson
10/26 – Breanna Barndt
10/27 – Sailor Link
10/30 – Cheryl Murray
Selina Koehler

PENNRIDGE FISH



A total of 35 sponsorships at \$50 were made by our members and community donations to cover the \$2,650 cost of the 48 fully filled backpacks. FISH counts on our donation to assist them and is so excited when we show up with Sam's truck bed full! The actual total cost to fill each backpack was \$55.20 so the remaining balance was paid out of the Reach Out Fund – so don't forget to make your Joyful Noise donation monthly to replenish the Fund (Christmas is coming!). Joyful Noise donations can be made online or you can put your loose change in a well-sealed envelope marked with your name and/or envelope # and place it in the offering slot in the Narthex. Contact Cindy Bibic if you have any questions on how to make a Joyful Noise donation. Our loose change definitely makes a difference! Thanks go all around for what everyone does to keep all these mission projects going all year long.

Pennridge FISH

CURRENT NEEDS - OCT 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://pennridgefish.org/current-needs>



**ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

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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October

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|--------|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Worship 10:15am | Bells 7:00pm AA | Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm AA | Choir 7:00pm | Christian Ed. 6:30pm | | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Worship 10:15am Penridge CROP Walk & Rock | Bells 7:00pm AA | Consistory 7:00pm AA | Choir 7:00pm Bible Study 2:00pm | | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Worship 10:15am Laity Celebration with Potluck Meal and Team of Teams Discussion after worship | Bells 7:00pm AA | Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm AA | Choir 7:00pm Bible Study 2:00pm | | | Fostering Hope Open Shop 12:00 – 5:00pm |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| Worship 10:15am | Bells 7:00pm AA | | Choir 7:00pm Bible Study 2:00pm | | | Chicken Pot Pie Dinner 4:00 – 7:00pm |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| Worship 10:15am  ReCharge. 6:30 – 8:00pm | Bells 7:00pm AA | Prayer Shawl 1:00 – 3:00pm Halloween AA | | | | |