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# GOOD NEWS



October, 2022

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

## ***FALL* INTO CHURCH LIFE AT ST. PAUL'S!!!**

### **October 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ World Communion Sunday**

9:00am Sunday School classes begin for children ages 3 and up, up, up!  
10:15am Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Immediately following the worship service is a Congregational Meeting.  
Don't forget to sign up for the CROP Walk & for CCC, and grab a 'shoe box'!

### **First week of October ~**

*Bell Choir* and *Senior Choir* rehearsals begin!!

### **October 9<sup>th</sup> ~**

*Pennridge CROP Walk* with registrations at 1:00pm & walk starts at 1:30pm.

### **October 12<sup>th</sup> ~**

Four-week Adult Bible Study  
HOPE for HARD TIMES: Lessons on Faith from Elijah and Elisha  
Bible study dates: October 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

### **October 22<sup>nd</sup> ~**

*2023 Confirmation Class Retreat*  
2:30pm to 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **October 29<sup>th</sup> ~**

*Chicken Pot-Pie!!!!*

### **October 30<sup>th</sup> ~**

*ReCharge Youth* gathering in the *ReCharge Youth Center*  
6:30pm to 8:00pm.

**Check out your October calendar, the pages of this October newsletter,  
and upcoming bulletins for more details on all of the above!!!!**

## ~ A Note from the Pastor ~

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



The Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the churches in Galatia as they were experiencing a situation of extreme crisis. The *Discipleship Study Bible* in its introduction to the letter says, “The letter expresses his passionate concern for the welfare of these churches and presents some of his most profound thoughts about Christian freedom.” My favorite passage from this letter is where Paul says: *God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled. There is no law against behaving in any of these ways.* (Galatians 5:22-23 CEV). These are the words that our ReCharge Youth Ministry has adopted and claimed as their own; this is the way they have decided to be present to one other when they gather together.

Though each ‘fruit of the Spirit’ is the best guidance for the way we should behave as Christians, from this passage, I’ve selected just one “fruit” that is going to be my ‘word’ of the month or ‘fruit’ of the month. That ‘word’ or ‘fruit’ is patient. Most of us are not very patient people. I know I have experienced my patience “running thin” depending upon what I was experiencing in life’s moment. We also aren’t very good at waiting - for anything. Commercials tell us: Good Credit. Bad Credit. No Credit. The item you are looking to purchase is yours – now – no waiting! Our culture that leans towards instant gratification can easily distract us from the learning and growing opportunities that being patient brings into our lives; the amazing experiences and creativity that unfolds and develops into more meaningful pursuits.

I’ve had the great privilege of serving with Stacey Moyer for the last 3 years of her 9 ½ years as our Church Secretary. I will miss serving with her, but I celebrate with her every accomplishment she has attained over these past several months as she has patiently worked towards pursuing a vocation in nursing. I know folks will continue to ask about her and support her in her endeavors. Just this past week, the gentleman inspecting our fire extinguishers was delighted that as he tracked down his new property contact at St. Paul’s, he had spoken with Dennis Hurchalla who retired as our custodian in early 2020. Many times, in my conversations with Buxmont Academy, someone will ask about Dennis. And the 30 years of Karen Weikel being St. Paul’s Church Secretary in years past is simply amazing! We have absolutely been blessed throughout the years with exceptional staff!

Now we wait! I pray for patience as Personnel goes through the hiring process for a new Church Secretary and I, with your support, take on some office duties. I pray for patience as our Christian Education team and our congregation faithfully considers the future of Sunday School. I pray for patience as our Finance Team takes to task a 2023 church budget. I pray we are patient with each other as we continue to discern how we can *all* use our gifts in our church life and ministries at St. Paul’s in the name of Jesus Christ and to the glory of God!

*God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled. There is no law against behaving in any of these ways.* Like our ReCharge Youth Ministry, may we decide to be present to one another in this way.

Autumn blessings, *Pastor Trudy*

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

## ~ SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER ~

Lay Liturgist: *Mary Beth Baringer* (October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>)

◆ **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday**

-Worship: 10:15 in Sanctuary

- Scriptures: Lamentations 1:1-6

Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

-Theme: "Good Treasure"

-NIN Offering

-Congregational Meeting following worship

\***NEIGHBORS-IN-NEED**

**all church offering. . . .**

**With your support, Neighbors in Need is "Imagining a World Without Hunger"!**

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN supports the council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.



A program called "Food of God 4 People of God" started in California. It strives to be a living crucible of Christ's compassion and concern for those on the streets by sharing a hot meal with people in public places. Program Director, Rev. Theresa Freeman says, "Food of God 4 People of God" responds to the effects of hunger, and the catastrophic effect poverty has created by constant budget cuts and a 'throw away' mentality toward humans beings in our cities. As a hungry child herself, Rev. Theresa wanted to tie together her own life experience with the gospel of Jesus Christ as well as respond to hunger. She began this vital ministry and the spiritual practice of feeding the hungry at First Congregational Church, Oakland, in 2010.

**Envelopes are in the Narthex!**

◆ **Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

-Worship: 10:15 in Sanctuary

-Scriptures: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalms 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

-Theme: "With Loud Voices"

-CROP WALK

-Coffee, Cookies and Conversation.



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◆ **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

-Worship: 10:15 in Sanctuary

-Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalms 19:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

-Theme: "Never Give Up"

-Joyful Noise Offering

-Coffee, Cookies and Conversation.



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◆ **Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

-Worship: 10:15 in Sanctuary

-Scriptures: Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

-Theme: "Other People"

-Coffee, Cookies and Conversation.



## ~ SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER ~ continued . . .

- ◆ **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation/Reconciliation Sunday**
- Worship: 10:15 in Sanctuary
- Scriptures: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
                   Psalm 119:137-144  
                   2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
                   Luke 19:1-10
- Theme: "The Strength of Our Witness"
- Coffee, Cookies and Conversation.
- ReCharge Youth gather in the ReCharge Youth Center, 6:30pm to 8:00pm.



### *CROP Walk Sunday October 9th*

**From: Robin Frank**

The 39th Annual Pennridge CROP walk will be held Sunday October 9th-rain or shine. Due to construction on the trails in Lenape Park in Sellersville, there are changes to the walk to share with you. Please note: The Golden Mile registration is at 1:00pm at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Avenue, Perkasio. Please register at the doors to the sanctuary on Dill Avenue. Look for signs. Also, please note: the 5-mile walk starts at 1:30pm at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 20 Dill Avenue, Perkasio, with registration @ 1:00pm. (Time change is due to a conflict with a 5k run in the park). New directions for both The Golden Mile and the 5-mile walk will be handed out at registration. They are also asking the walkers to bring canned food for Pennridge FISH.

Let's make this a great year to honor the memory of Doc and Nancy Lyons. Nancy was one of the original walkers when it was first started. She was a faithful walker and walked every year she was able to. Doc was also a great supporter of the CROP walk. Please consider walking or sponsoring a walker to help end hunger locally, nationally, and worldwide. Any donations are greatly appreciated. With the money raised- 75% goes to stop hunger worldwide through CWS and 25% goes locally to Pennridge FISH. Last year Pennridge CROP Walk raised over \$30,000 and had 118 walkers from 22 churches. St Paul's UCC raised over \$4500 and had about 19 walkers.

Again, they are encouraging walkers to register online with St Paul's UCC 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 UCC. For online donations go to <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/perkasiepa> and look for walker's name or team St Paul's UCC.

Please let me know if you have any questions. My phone # is 215-257-3515 and my email is [rfrank1956@yahoo.com](mailto:rfrank1956@yahoo.com). Thank you for your continued support of the Pennridge CROP Walk.



## Chicken



### Pot Pie Supper

St. Paul's Annual Pot Pie Dinner will be made for pickup only again this year! The pickup date is Saturday, October 29 from 4-7 PM. Look for the link on the church website as *it will be open to St. Paul's members only for the first week* (until October 3rd). We will again only be making about 250 quarts so get your orders in early before the link goes "live" to the public! There will also be pints of pickled cabbage sold. Prices are: 1 quart of Pot Pie for \$12 and 1 pint of Pickled Cabbage for \$3

## BELL CHOIR

Bell Choir will begin!!! Join us on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00pm. Rehearsal is usually an hour long, each Monday from 7:00-8:00pm. If you have any questions, please see Pete Ziegenfuss.



## Volatility is normal... so don't go overboard

Over the last number of months, we have certainly witnessed volatility!  
Whether it be Economic, Geopolitical, or Climate-Related...

Now imagine it's a very still day, and you're in a boat on the ocean.

There's no wind.

No swell.

The water is as flat as a mirror.

The calm goes on just long enough for you to start to feel like it's normal.

Then a small wave comes... it feels huge.

And you're shocked at how enormous a regular wave feels.

As scary as it might feel... it's important to remember that waves are normal.

In fact, occasional storms are normal.



And the last thing you want to do when you get into a storm is abandon ship.

Jim Chrastina

Treasurer & Chairperson, Finance Team



# Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year. Wow, where did the year go? It is time for the Christmas Child Shoebox Operation. Kids in more than 150 countries have experienced the Joy of Christmas and heard the Good News of Jesus Christ, thanks to caring people like you who have packed shoeboxes since 1993. 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. Boxes, along with instructions, will be in the Narthex on October 2nd. Help a child hear the Good News.

~ Janet Dunlap



The next gathering of *ReCharge* will take place on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

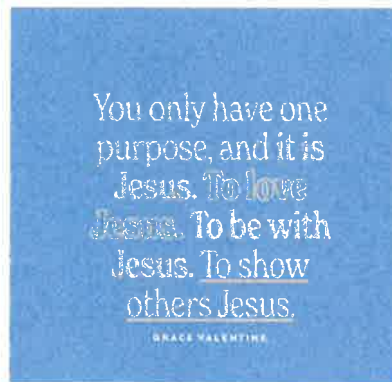


## Sunday School Update

To start the 2022-2023 Sunday School year off, we plan to offer the following classes:

- Celebrate WONDER – ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade combined, in the Nursery
- Jr./Sr. High Class – grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, in Fellowship Hall (bathroom end)
- Men's Group – men of all ages, in Fellowship Hall (parsonage end)
- Women's Group – women of all ages, in the Library

In order for us to be able to successfully manage, we need 2-3 more people who would be willing to teach in the youngest class (age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade), as well as people willing to serve as an occasional extra adult in the Jr./Sr. High class. If you have an interest in lending your time and talents to help the children of St. Paul's learn about God's amazing love, please contact Nancy Ziegenfuss.



Your purpose is more than your job, your activities, your financial stability, or your calendar. Jesus doesn't want your schedule, your hustle, or your good deeds. Jesus wants YOU.

When He said "come to me" (Matthew 11:28), I don't think He meant "come to me with a busy life." He didn't say, "Come to me when you have space in your life." He meant for us to come right now in our weariness and sit at His feet. He meant for us to be authentically ourselves and not bring our full resumes. He meant for us to come now, even in the midst of the craziness of life.

Whether you are in college and overwhelmed with school, or you are a postgrad overwhelmed with adulting – whether you are a mom of three or a single parent killing it at work – do me a favor and make time for Jesus...time to be with Jesus. Call out to Him, and give Him your silence so you have a chance to hear Him speak. Open your Bible and read His word.

Let's stop focusing on all the things and instead focus on Him. How are we supposed to figure out our purposes if we aren't doing life with the One who created us? How are we supposed to change the world if we're not first sitting at the feet of the One who saved the world?

Many people will tell us to hustle. Many people will tell us that each day is about working harder and becoming smarter. But trust me – we can work as hard as we want, but if we aren't sitting at His feet, we're missing out on the purpose.

~ Grace Valentine  
Proverbs 31 Ministries



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Franklin Graham, thank you for your support of Samaritan's Purse. We enjoyed hearing about **Camp Sonshine's** enthusiasm in raising money to support our work that is helping people around the world in Jesus' name. You must have been encouraged to see your camp working together to help others in need. As Jesus teaches us in Matthew 22:37-39 (NKJV), "*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*" This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: *'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'*" You have set a wonderful example for others by living out this command.

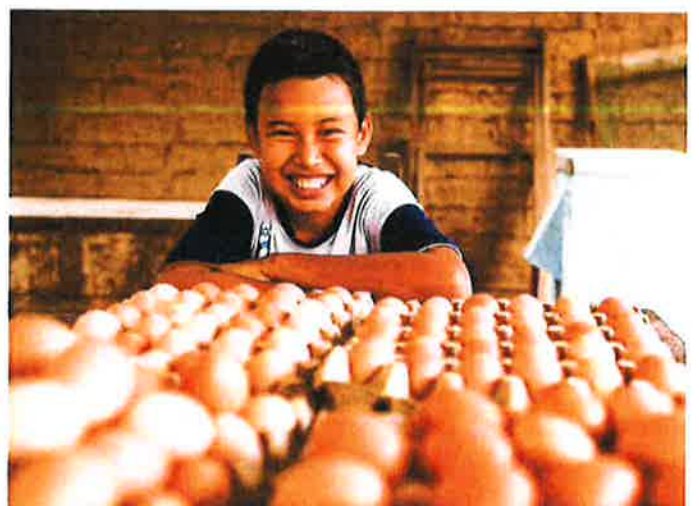




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Thank you again for your kindness and for Camp Sunshine's participation in this ministry. Please see the below photo showing some of the ways God will use your selfless giving to provide Chickens and Poultry products to those in need.

May our heavenly Father continue to bless you all as you love and follow Him.  
Sincerely, Antoinette Phipps, Donor Ministries





# October

## Our Church Family



1<sup>st</sup> -Jill Benner  
 Terry Raudenbush  
 2<sup>nd</sup>- Zachary Hauptert  
 3<sup>rd</sup>- Ellen Clark  
 9<sup>th</sup>- Dennis Hurchalla  
 Krystal Frank

10<sup>th</sup>- Josh Fosbenner  
 15<sup>th</sup>- Deborah Weaver  
 17<sup>th</sup>- Lucas Moyer  
 Karen Weaver  
 Surrey Link  
 22<sup>nd</sup>-Michael Potoczny

25<sup>th</sup> - Robin Frank  
 Susan Wilson  
 26<sup>th</sup>- Breanna Barndt  
 27<sup>th</sup>- Sailor Link  
 Ella Cardacin  
 29<sup>th</sup>- Cameron Koehler  
 30<sup>th</sup>- Cheryl Murray  
 Selina Koehler  
 31<sup>st</sup>- Amanda Derstine



### Pennridge FISH Current Needs 10/2022

Canned Meats--\*Spam, Canned Ham, Beef Stew  
 Canned Chicken  
 Canned Sardines  
 Meal Helpers--hamburger, tuna, rice, pasta  
 Shelf Stable Meals i.e. Hormel Compleats  
 Boxed Mashed Potatoes  
 \*Brown Rice  
 White Rice  
 Spaghetti  
 Bagged Dry Beans  
 \*Canned Soups  
 \*Canned Vegetables  
 \*Canned Spinach  
 \*Canned Beets  
 \*Canned Pineapple  
 Applesauce  
 Pickles  
 Oatmeal  
 \*Jelly  
 Misc Nuts (pistachios, walnuts, pecans...)  
 Hot Chocolate  
 Coffee  
 Iced Tea Mix  
 Cooking Oil  
 \*Sugar/\*Flour  
 Salt/Pepper

Grated Cheese--shelf stable Parmesan, 3 Cheese, etc.  
 \*Ketchup  
 Mustard  
 \*Mayonnaise  
 \*Salad Dressing  
 Alfredo Sauce  
 \*Diapers 3T-4T-5T-6T  
 \*Diapers Size 5, 6, 7/Trainers/Night Time/Pull-Ups\  
 \*Toothpaste  
 \*Toothbrushes  
 \*Facial Tissues  
 Paper Towels  
 Toilet Paper  
 \*Shampoo/Conditioner  
 \*Bar Soap  
 Razors  
 \*Laundry Detergent  
 \*Dish Soap  
 Apples, Oranges, Onions and Potatoes--Take directly to FISH after purchase  
 \* items are out completely or almost out  
  
 Hours: Mon/Wed: 3:00-5:00, Thursday: 6:00-8:00 and Fri/Sat: 9:00-11:00  
  
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**FINAL TALLY IS IN!!** I have completed the paperwork for the backpack sponsorships and...drumroll, please...a total of 41 backpacks were sponsored @ \$40 each out of the 48 that were filled and given to FISH. What an accomplishment from our faithful St. Paul's members...such wonderful news! The 7 remaining backpacks and the overage from what was spent and what was collected (each backpack actually cost \$48 to fill) was paid out of the Reach Out Fund. So don't forget your Joyful Noise collection monthly to increase that total back up...Christmas is coming! Heartfelt thanks to all for your continued generosity!

... A heart-felt thank you to Paul Koehler, Sam Clark, and Aaron Clark for helping to prepare the food and beverages for the Pancake Breakfast on Welcome Sunday. Thanks to our breakfast servers: Amelia Moyer, Caroline Hendricks, and Marlena Weideman. And thank you to Evan Hendricks, Oliver Moyer, and Simon Ziegenfuss for helping clean up after the breakfast. ~ **Nancy Ziegenfuss**

... *"I want to thank all those who have sent cards and well wishes for my last knee surgery. We truly have good friends in our congregation and I am blessed to be one of them.* ~ **Janet Dunlap**

... **Samaritan's Purse** *"thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. The situation in Ukraine is heartbreaking. We've served more than 2 million of its citizens since our response started 6 months ago. Through the use of our DC-8 aircraft, we've sent numerous flights full of supplies to aid the overrun health system and provide food as well as critical supplies. Your prayers and gifts help make it possible for us to respond to this crisis, as well as so many other needs around the world. In each one we, bring help in Jesus' name."* May God bless you ~ *Franklin Graham, President*

... **Pennridge FISH** *"Thank you for your donation of \$175 on March 1<sup>st</sup> and for your donation of \$2,000 on May 6<sup>th</sup>. It is with your generous support that FISH is able to continue its outreach to those in need in the Pennridge Community.* ~ *Harry Tucker, President*

## What's Cooking at St. Paul's



**RECIPE FOR: Lemon Jello Dessert**

**FROM: Jerry Fosbenner**

*(Another favorite dessert shared at the August pot luck lunch at Perkasio Park)*

1 12 oz. can evaporated milk- place in ice cube tray until it begins to freeze

1 6 oz. pkg. lemon jello - dissolve in 1 c. water

Add:

1/2 c. sugar

1 tsp. Real Lemon Juice

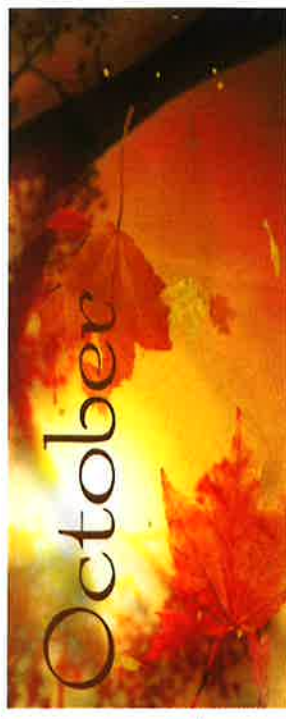
Put in refrigerator.






When jello begins to thicken, take milk and beat until mixed.

Roll 6 single graham crackers into crumbs. Cover bottom of 9" x 11" dish - reserve some for top.

Add jello/milk mixture and crumbs. Chill.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 2 S. School, 9 am. 10:15 in Sanctuary CCC <b>Sacrament of Communion</b> <i>Neighbors In Need</i>	3 AA Noon • Bells 7 pm.	4 AA Noon • Prayer Shawl, 1-3 pm	5 • Sr. Choir, 7 pm.	6 • Christian Ed. Mtg., 6:30 pm	7	8
9 S. School, 9 am. 10:15 in Sanctuary CCC <b>CROP Walk</b>	10 AA Noon • Bells, 7 pm. <b>Columbus Day</b> 	11 AA Noon • Consistory, 7 pm	12 • Bible Study, 2 pm • Sr. Choir, 7 pm	13	14	15
16 S. School, 9 am. 10:15 in Sanctuary CCC <b>Joyful Noise Offering</b>	17 AA Noon • Bells, 7 pm.	18 AA Noon • Prayer Shawl, 1-3 pm • Personnel Mtg., 6:30 pm	19 • Bible Study, 2 pm. • Sr. Choir, 7 pm	20	21	22 2023 Confirmation Retreat, 2:30-6:00 pm Fellowship Hall
23 S. School, 9 am. 10:15 in Sanctuary CCC	24 AA Noon • Bells, 7 pm.	25 AA Noon	26	27	28	29 <b>Chicken Pot Pie</b> 4:00-7:00 PM 
30 S. School, 9 am. 10:15 in Sanctuary CCC 6:30 to 8:00pm <b>ReCharge Youth</b>	31 • Bells, 7 pm.					



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Pot Pie Supper

**October 29**



**October 9**



**October 2**

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

**October 15**



*Joyful Noise  
Offerings*

**October 16**