



April 30, 2006



Preface

The first Family Album was compiled and circulated in 1990 especially for the stewardship campaign of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Sellersville, Pennsylvania, for that year. Needless to say, stewardship is NOT something that only happens when there's a campaign or an album. It is an every day, every year commitment of each member of this congregation. Preparation of the album, thankfully, doesn't happen every year! We are pleased to present this new "We Are Family" album for the 2006 Stewardship campaign.

Pastor – Reverend George H. Schmidt, Jr. Associate Pastor – Reverend Patti Thomas President of Consistory – Christopher Ziegenfuss

> <u>The Stewardship Committee</u> Chaired by Paul Koehler Mike Bibic Bob Brown Heather Ward

Album compiled by the Album Task Force Jim Chrastina Debbie Koehler Dennis Schappell

Thank you to all the members of the congregation who generously let us borrow and scan the many photographs they offered. We truly regret we were not able to include all of them in this album!

Foreword

If we had the time, the resources, and the people power to prepare a "complete" Family Album, it would have had to be relayed by an SUV and each family would need weeks or months to examine it. Since this was not our purpose, many things are missing from this Family Album that were significant in the life and growth of our church. We hope what we have chosen for these pages will be sufficient to remind you that the reason St. Paul's UCC is where it is today is because the Lord has blessed us through the years with faithful stewards who have cared for, nurtured, and given of their time, talents, and treasures.

Where the pictures were not available, we have used words. What cannot be put into pictures or words are the blessings each of us has received in terms of faith and fellowship by being a member of this church family.

Pictures used in the "Past" section of this album were from church scrapbooks, the Sellersville Museum, and from the private collections of members and former members. We appreciate the contributions.

We hope you will enjoy thumbing through this Family Album. We have enjoyed putting it together and we enjoy being a part of this community of believers ... our own church family!

The Stewardship and Album Committees

Mission Statement of St. Paul's UCC

We believe that God has called us to spread the Word to all people- in St. Paul's and worldwide. We can achieve this with the entire Congregation working together as a family unit to develop St. Paul's children's faith in God, living our lives as God wants us to, and reaching out to people in need.



Reverend George H. Schmidt, Jr. Pastor 1984 – Present

Pastor George has been faithfully serving St. Paul's since January 1984. As Senior Pastor his present focus is on worship, visitation of sick and shutins, counseling, and staff direction. He is very involved in chaplaincy at Grand View Hospital. He recently was recognized by the Sellersville Fire Department for his years of service as Chaplain. Pastor George can be found spending leisure time chasing a little white ball around a golf course.

Pastor Patti was installed as our Associate Pastor on September 18, 2005 after having served the previous two years as a Student Associate Minister. She presently is responsible for Youth Ministries, Christian Education, and Evangelism. Pastor Patti can be seen every Sunday "chatting" with the children during our worship service. She also delivers one sermon each month and assists Pastor George with Communion Services.



Reverend Patti Thomas Associate Pastor 2005 – Present



OUR CHURCH'S



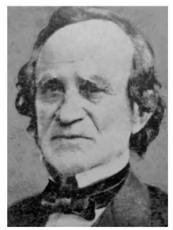






Painted by Reverend James R. Shepley Pastor at St. Paul's 1924-1948

Ministers who have served St. Paul's U.C.C.



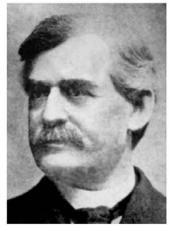
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Robert A. Bausch 1917-1924



James G. Dengler 1874-1899



George G. Greenawald 1899-1903



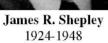
James A. Boehm 1913-1917



C. Frederick Billmyer 1948-1982



1909-1913



This article appeared in the Sellersville Herald in 1902.

St. Paul's was front page news.

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SELLERSVILLE,

THE FARMER FERTILIZES HIS FIELD AND THE WISE MERCHANT ADVER

HANDSOME NEW ST. PAUL'S REFORMED CHURCH AT SELLERSVILLE WILL BE DEDICATED ON SUNDAY.

It Will be a Great Day in The Ilistory of the Congregation. Most Expensive Church Edifice in Upper Bucks County. A Beautiful Specimen of The Modern Style of Archilecture. Will Hold Nearly 800 People With the Different Recents Thrown Into Ove

Rooms Thrown Into One.

MANY VISITORS EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

Visiting Clergymen Will Participate in the Services. A Year and Half Consumed in Building the Handsome Structure. Stained Glass Windows, Costing Over \$1000, Donated by Members. Church Societies Rendered Valuable Alu. Total Cost M \$20,000.

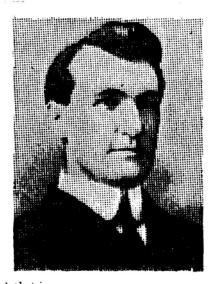
THUE dedication services of the new St. Paul's Reformed church, Sellersville, next Sunday, will be an important event in the church history of this community. With favorable weather a large throng of people will likely attend the consecution services. All the preliminary arrangements for the event can be said to be completed. The church building is completed in all its parts and the setting apart of the building to the worship of God will, therefore, be an important occasion.

Clergymen in adjacent charges and members of their congregations, as well as St. Michael's Lutheran congregation, of Sellersville, have been invited to attend and participate in the services of the day. The church building has accommodation for nearly 800 people and with fair weather conditions its capacity will most likely be tested.

The morning services will comprise the regular morning service of the Reformed church. The choir of St. Paul's congregation will sing several anthems at this as well as the other two services of the day. Hymns number 563 and 569 in the Reformed church hymnal will be used. Rev. David Sheirer, of South Bethlehem, will deliver the sermon.

The rite of consecrating will take place in connection with the afternoon service, which will be more elaborate than the morning. The dedication will be in charge of the pastor, Rev. Greenawald. The responsive service will be conducted by the pastor and the congregation. Addresses by visiting clergymen will comprise part of the program. If yunns number 566 and 570 will be used.

Rev. Dr. John C. Bowman, of the Theological Seminary, will occupy the pulpit in the evening. Other ministers of the Church will assist. Special thanksgiving offerings will be taken at all the services.



REV. C. C. GREENAWALD, PASTOR.

GETTING READY TO BUILD.

During the past five years, after about thirty years of worship in the same structure, the Lutheran and Reformed congregations of St. Michael's Union Church, began to realize that the onward march of church work demanded that each should have its own church home, in order that it might go torth and develop in various functions

Meetings, discussions and suggestions occupied a considerable period of time before any definite plan could be formulated, but these finally culminated in a series of resolutions passed by both congregations separately. The Reformed congregation agreed to the resolutions on May 28, 1900. These resolutions practically decided that a separatio i of the congregations should take place and was the first definite action taken. From this time on events occurred more rapidly. The Reformed congregation gregation of Sellersville. In due process of time this was granted by the county authorities. On October 20 the congregation elected elevenic it is members on whom should devolve the duty, of conducting the sale of the joint charter to the the duty of conducting the sale of the joint charter to the level of the duty of the congregation. These representing the Reformed congregation of Sellersville. In Althouse, Dri C. D. Fretz, T. M. Schlir hter J. Althouse, M. D. Sellers, Wmo B. Deera, C. H. Appenzeller, and H. J. Clymer. These wars instructive to elect three off, their number who should attend to the bidding on the day of Sale, as should also all cristing the sale of the Althouse. The Lutheran congregation were C. F. Jacoby, Dr. C. D. Fretz and E. E. Althouse. The Lutheran congregation were C. F. Jacoby, Dr. C. D. Fretz and E. E. Althouse. The Lutheran congregation were developed of stated of \$2490 for one-half the building, and it was therefore developed of \$2490 for one-half the building, and it was therefore developed of the congregation of \$2490 for one-half the building, and it was therefore developed of the sole of the congregation were the sole of \$2490 for one-half the building, and it was therefore developed of the congregation were the sole of \$2490 for one-half the building, and it was therefore developed of the sole of the congregation were the sole of \$2490 for one-half the building, and it was therefore developed of the sole of the congregation. occurred on Saturday afternooil, November 17, 1900. The Lutheran committee offered the highest bid of \$2430 for one-half the building, and it was therefore declared sold to them.

The Reformed people were now compelled to seek a new home for which purpose a period of two years were allowed them. They at once set about this work with a zeal that was remarkable. On the day following the sale a building committee of seven was appointed with the pastor as chairman. The other members were Dr. C. Fretz, D. S. Harr, C. F. Jacoby, C. H. Appenzeller, M. D. Scilers and W. S. Schlich-ter. During the winter months all preparations were made to start the building early in the spring. William Schlichter donated a lot at the corner of Green and Penn streets which was accepted by the coursered in the corner of Green and Penn ter. Doining the white methods and provide a lot at the corner of Green and Penn streets which was accepted by the congregation. A. Oscar Martin, of Doylestown, was appointed architect and superintendent of the building. He drew plans and prepared specifications which received the approval of the members. The bids offered by different contractors were considered too high and the building committee decided to any the structure itself giving out sub-contracts. to crect the structure itself, giving out sub-contracts.

GROUND BROKEN BY THE PASTOR.

On Easter Monday, April 8, 1901, ground was broken by the pastor. A large number of the male members of the congregation were on hand to assist and consid-erable ground was moved during the day. During the following two weeks the members worked when they could, so that all the excavating was done without one cent of cost. The mason work was delayed somewhat, but was bugun June 6. The first services held in connection with the new structure were at the laying of the corner-stone on Sunday, July 21. At this service addresses were made by Rev. G. A. Schweiles, of Bethlehem, Rev. Roth and Rev. Lindmann, of Perkasle. Work continued somewhat slowly during the summer months and all the following winter, but as the spring appeared all the chaotic mass of stone and wood

Work continued somewhat slowly during the summer months and all the following winter, but as the spring appeared all the chaotic mass of stone and wood seemed suddenly to become transformed into something definite, and everyone realized that ere long the building would be ready for occupancy and God's worship rendered from a new shrine. May 18 was the day set for the first service. The Sunday school room was then about completed but the auditorium would not be ready for several months. All services must therefore be held in the Sunday school room. On the above date the school convend in the old church as usual at 2 p. m. Several farewell hymns were sung and then the entire school in solemn procession marched down Penn street to the new building. After the scholars because seated in S, veral farewell hymns were sung and then the entire school in solenn procession marcned down Penn street to the new building. After the scholars became seated in the places assigned them, the pastor, Rev. Greenawald; made a brief address, several hymns were sung and the school then settled down to its usual routine. In the evening the first regular church service was held in the new building. Work upon the auditorium went on apace and was finally completed, but a delay was caused in the arrival of the pews, otherwise the dedication might have been held somewhat earlier, , During all this progress there had been a committee doing silent but none

... CORNER STONE LAYING ...

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1901



ST. PAUL'S REFORMED CHURCH, SELLERSVILLE, PA

the less effective work. It was the finance committee.- It consisted of the following members: Charles Himmelwright, J.Allen Harr, A. C. Groff, T. M. Schlichter, Dr. C. D. Fretz and E. E. Althouse. With their subscription books in hand they canvassed the congregation and succeeded in bringing out the best efforts of the members. The amount collected by this committee, together with the \$2490 paid over by the Lutheran brethren and about \$2000 realized by either side from the new cemetery will remove nearly two-thirds of the debt, but still much remains to be lotte

DONATIONS WERE NUMEROUS.

Donations have come in most liberally. First of all has been the magnificent work done by the different organizations of the church. The Sunday school spent over \$500 in furnishing its room with chairs and placing all the art windows in its end of the building. The ladies' bible class furnished its room. The Ladies' Aid Society placed the carpet in the auditorium and gave towards the general fund. The Heidelberg League has assumed the debt national provide the second second the debt of \$300 on the gas machine and already paid more than one-half besides giving to the general fund. The Ladies' Auxiliary purchased the windows in the sliding doors between the two main rooms and also the brass rail along the front of the gallery. They also made a liberal dona-tion towards the pews. The choir placed the railing in the choir loft and also furnished the latter with chairs. The two organs were obtained by Mrs, E. D. Alt-house through contributions from friends

of the congregations. Memorial windows were placed by the following persons: William Schlichter, Mra. Carolne Shellenberger, Francis N. Hetrick, Mrs. Sophia Harr, E. S. and Chas, F. Jhcoby, Lewis and M. D. Sellers, H. S. Addina, W. S. Selft here, J. C. D. Fretz, E. D. Althouse, Mrs. Abram Wamböld, Mrs. B: F. Cope, Chas, H. Ap-penzeller, Edwin S. Raudenbush. Pulpit chairs by contributions obtained by Chas. F. Jacoby. Collection plates by Mrs. Ma-ria Kramer and Communion set by the Ladies Aid Society. There were other in-dividual gifts and others still to come.

The building is of King of Prussia blue marble built after the Gothic style. It covers a larger area than any other church in this section. Besides the auditorium and Sunday school room there is a basement which is used for a church parlor, with society rooms and a kitchen. The building contains a Gurney steam-heater and a gas plant, as well as a complete system of plumbing.

The pews are semi-circular in shape, with two aisles in the main auditorium. Book racks are found on each pew. The floor is inclined both in the auditorium and gallery

And gallery. A splendid system of ventilation is placed in the encased wood work of the ceiling. The ceiling of this church is one of its pretty features.

THE BUILDERS.

Those who had charge of the construction of the building or who furnishe supplies were: Schweyer & Leiss, stone and mason work, furnishing stone, labor, etc.; J. B. Wolf, carpenter and uill work; J. S. Lewis, lumber; William H. Miller, J. S. Lewis, lumber; William H. Miller, plastering; Shannon Manufacturing Co., iron work; Rogers & Miller, hardware; James H. Nase, metal work; M. K. Dun-gan, painting; D. F. Doherty, heat and plumbing; Thackara Manufacturing Com-pany, light fixtures; Quaker City Glass Company, glass work; National Furniture Company, pews; J. R. Newbold, pulpit furniture; J. G. Moyer, slate and flagging; Edwin Frey, electric wiring; Hoag & Company, brass work; Heistand Brothers, roofing, and A. R. Grayson, stone. roofing, and A. R. Grayson, stone.

"For everything there is a season,

and a time for every matter under heaven." Eccl. 3:1

- 1856 Reverend Peter S. Fisher was called to Tohickon Reformed Charge (Indian Creek, Tohickon and Charlestown-Trumbauersville). He organized congregations in Sellersville, Bridgetown and Leidy's. The Reformed "Congregation" in Sellersville met in an old schoolhouse on Walnut Street together with a Lutheran and Mennonite Congregation.
- 1868 Three acres of land were purchased from William Schlichter by the Lutheran and Reformed "Congregations"; two acres were divided into cemetery lots and offered for sale, the proceeds directed towards erection of a Union Church.
- 1870 On May 21, permission was granted by Goshenhoppen Classes to organize a Reformed Congregation in Sellersville. One week later the cornerstone was laid for a Union Church.
- 1871 On January 8, officers were elected and a congregation was declared "regularly established." (This is our date of origin).
- 1871 On April 7, the first Reformed Communion was conducted with 91 communicants.
- 1873 On May 23, Pastor Fisher died.
- 1874 On July 13, Reverend James G. Dengler was ordained and installed as Pastor of the Charge (Sellersville, Leidy's and St. Andrews)
- 1892 On January 15, the decision was made by St. Michaels Lutheran and Reformed congregations that Union Sunday School should be separated.
- 1898 On October 31, Rev. Dengler resigned
- 1899 On May 21, Reverend George G. Greenawald began his pastorate.
- 1900 On July 23, St. Michael's Lutheran & Reformed congregations voted to separate all joint property.
- 1900 On November 1, the Reformed congregation of St. Michael's sold their half interest to the Lutheran congregation for \$2450.00.
- 1901 On April 8, Easter Monday, ground was broken on a lot on Green and Penn Streets donated by William Schlichter.
- 1901 On July 21, the cornerstone was laid for a new church.

- 1902 On May 18, the new church building was dedicated to Service of the Triune God and named St. Paul's Reformed Church. The total cost was \$20,000.00.
- 1903 Dates are uncertain, but as late as January 15, Rev. Greenawald was still Pastor, while the first date noted for Reverend Karl A. Stein is September 6, 1903.
- 1904 On June 24, the congregation decided to build a Parsonage and install an organ.
- 1904 On August 10, the Parsonage was consecrated and the pipe organ dedicated. St. Andrew's and St. Paul's separated, with St. Paul's becoming a single charge.
- 1909 On February 1, Rev. Stein resigned
- 1909 On June 13, Reverend William F. Kosman, D.D. began his pastorate.
- 1913 On March 9, Reverend James A. Boehm began his pastorate.
- 1913 On April 1, Rev. Kosman left. Note the slight pastoral overlap during March. In this period, German speaking services were abolished.
- 1917 On February 11, Rev. Boehm resigned.
- 1917 On July 15, Reverend Robert A. Bausch began his pastorate.
- 1923 On November 25, Rev. Bausch's pastorate ended.
- 1924 On January 6, Reverend James R. Shepley began a record length pastorate in St. Paul's history, spanning more than 24 years.
- 1934 Our denomination, the Reformed Church in the United States, merged with the Evangelical Synod of North America, and our congregation became St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church.
- 1946 The Sanctuary was redecorated and the 42 year old organ was rebuilt.
- 1948 On July 19, Rev. Shepley died.
- 1948 On December 12, Reverend C. Frederick Billmyer began a pastorate which exceeded Reverend Shepley's in length by ten years.
- 1950 In January, the basement below the auditorium was excavated by hand with wheelbarrows by the men of the Church.

- 1951 On October 14, the Social Room was dedicated in memory of Rev. James R. Shepley.
- 1952 On October 26, the Sanctuary was re-dedicated. New carpet and improved lighting were installed at a cost of \$15,000.00.
- 1955 On September 1, Robert Swartz began service as organist.
- 1957 The Evangelical & Reformed Denomination merged with the Congregational Christian Church to give us a new name, St. Paul's United Church of Christ.
- 1961 On June 25, a service of dedication was held for the Christian Education addition which had cost \$215,000.00.
- 1970 On October 4, the congregation voted to purchase a Custom Rodgers Organ at a cost of \$27,140 to replace the pipe organ which had been rebuilt 24 years earlier and had been in service for 66 years!
- 1981 On September 1, Reverend Johannah Fine became Minister of Christian Education.
- 1982 December 26 was Rev. Billmyer's last Sunday as pastor upon his retirement.
- 1984 On New Year's Day, Reverend George H. Schmidt began his pastorate.
- 1984 On May 27, the Office and Pastor's Study were dedicated.
- 1986 On November 9, the Minister of Christian Education, Rev. Fine, left St. Paul's to serve as Minister at another congregation.
- 1987 Formation of Stewardship Committee
 - Merle Alderfer, a son of the Congregation, ordained
- 1988 Mary Beth Ziegenfuss' (Baringer) trip to Russia
 - Peter Ziegenfuss hired as Bell Choir Director
- 1990 First "We Are Family" Album

- 1991 Endowment Fund established
- 1992 Mission Project to South Dakota
- 1993 St. Paul's library opens
 - Small Town Clowns started
- 1994 Small Town Clowns participate in Faith Works at Purdue University, in West Lafayette, Indiana
 - New sound system installed in Sanctuary
 - New Century Hymnals used for first time
- 1996 125th Anniversary Celebration
 - Green Grass Trip with youth group
- 1997 Furnace meltdown
- 1999 Bell Tower reconstructed
 - Joyful Noise Offering collected for the first time
- 2000 Overlook Farm, Rutland, MA mission trip (part of Heifer)
 - Carolyn Schmidt commissioned as a Commissioned Minister of the UCC
 - Jim Frantz Dedication Award established
- 2001 Paid off Tower Project debt
- 2002 Back Bay Mission Trip
- 2003 Installation and dedication of new organ
- 2004 God Is Still Speaking initiative undertaken
- 2005 New Nursery completed and opened
 - Robert Swartz, our organist for fifty years, passed away
 - Kevin Weikel, a son of the Congregation, Ordained
 - Patti Thomas' Installation as Associate Pastor

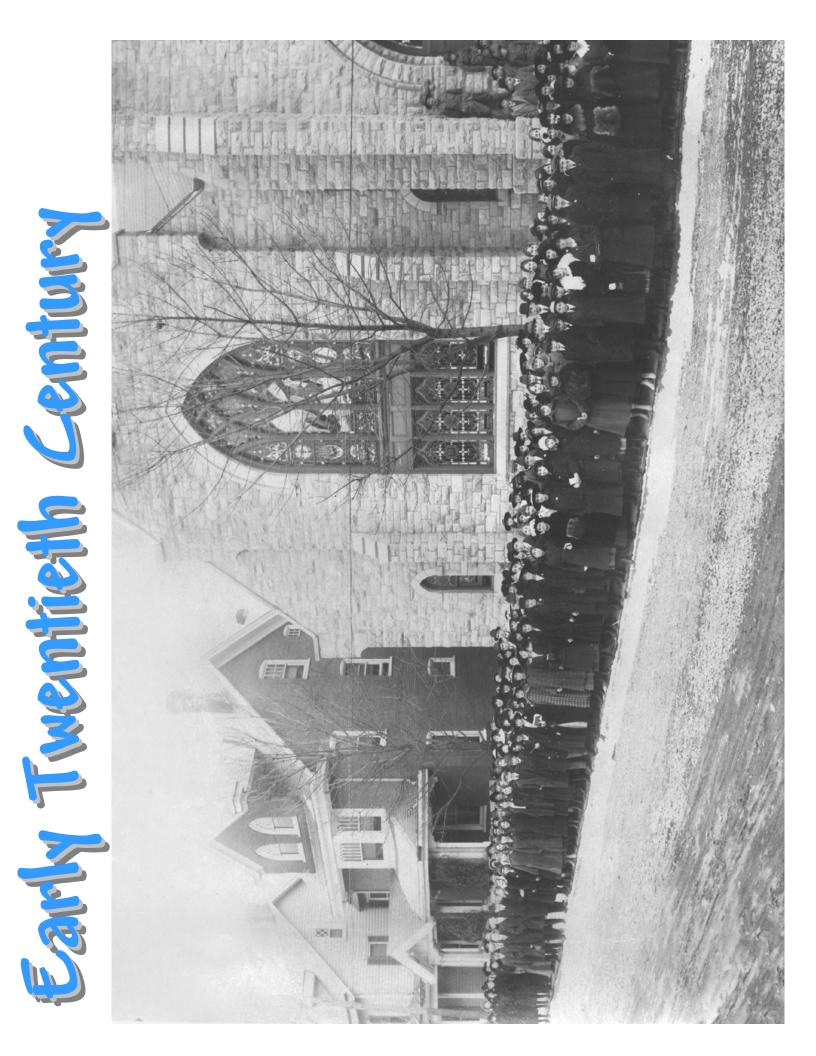
A Commitment to Giving

The members of St. Paul's exhibited a strong commitment to support its ministry in the early days. Below is an example of that commitment for "Salary for our Minister Rev. Dengler" in October, 1875

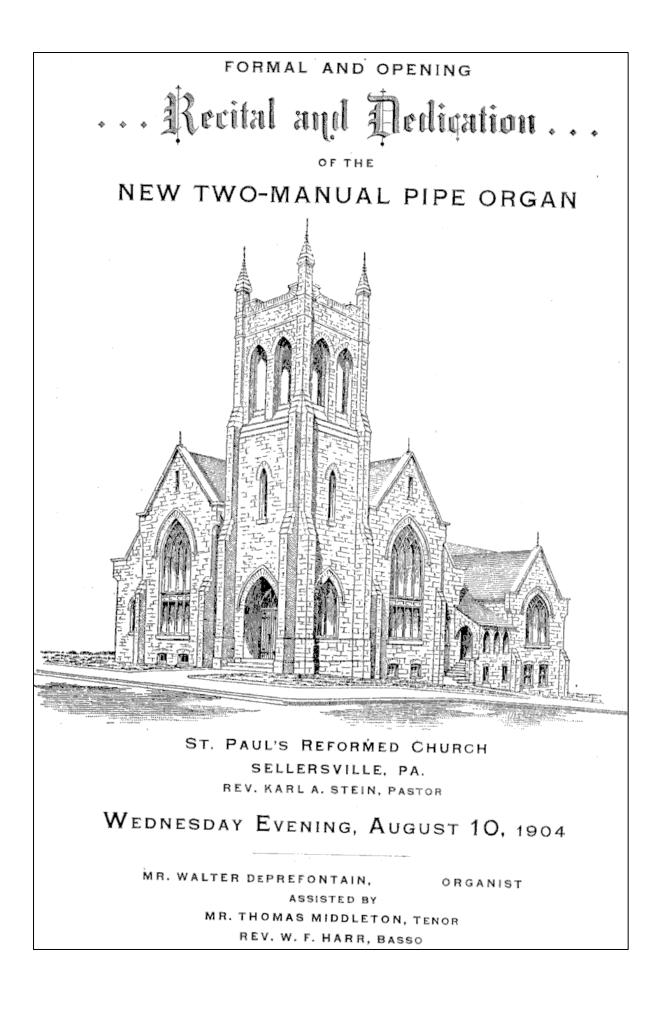
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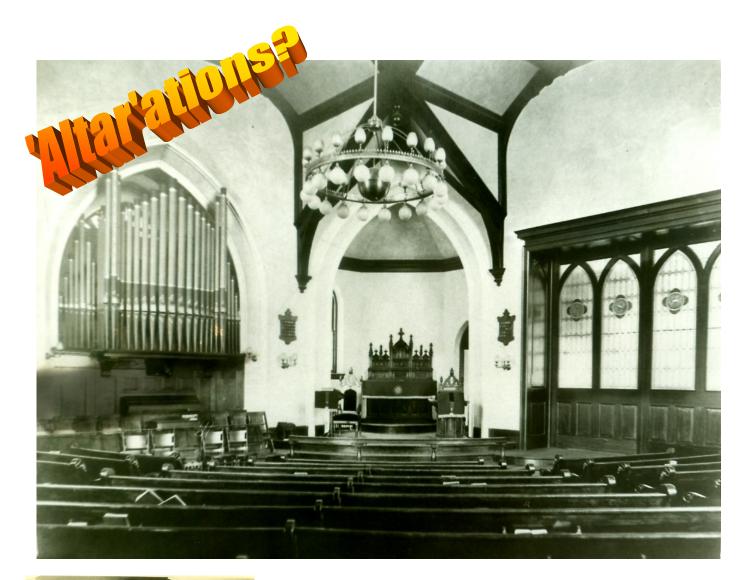
The cost to construct the ENTIRE building was about \$20,000 a century ago. Compare this cost to our 2006 budget, in which heating oil ALONE is \$20.200.

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Subscriptions to church fund	4000 00	
" " pew fund	888 10	
Discount at bank	•	
Lumber sold		
Total	\$19660 18	
EXPENDITURES	-	
Architect		
Stone and stone-work	9033 95	
Carpentering and mill-work	2100 00	
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Tin-work	815 00	
Plastering	630 05	
Painting	282 53	
Hardware and iton	008 28	
Merchandise		
Plambing and gas-fitting	261 46	
Heating	1125 00	
Flagstone and curbing	102 10	
Labor	172 72	
Pews	1068 10	
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Insurance	75 00	
Payment of note	240 00	
Discounts	87 14	
Interest paid on bonds	454 00	
Balance cash in Treasurer's hands		
Total		
We, the undersigned auditors, have gone over the accounts and	I find them	
correct. ALFRED E. FRETZ, ANDREW C. GROFF,		
CHARLES R. ALTHO	USE.	
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Ground donated, value		
Estimated cost of excavating cellar	210 00	
Ladies' Aid Society, less donation to new fund	639-64	
Sunday School, less donations to new and general fund	699-38	
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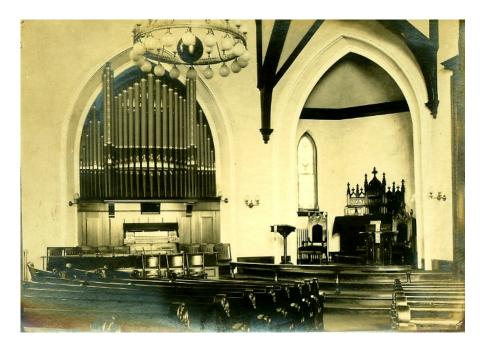








Can you see the changes, over time?































A lifetime devoted to Christ ... A lifetime devoted to Music ... A lifetime devoted to St. Paul's



Robert L. Swartz

1937-2005 Our organist 1955-2005











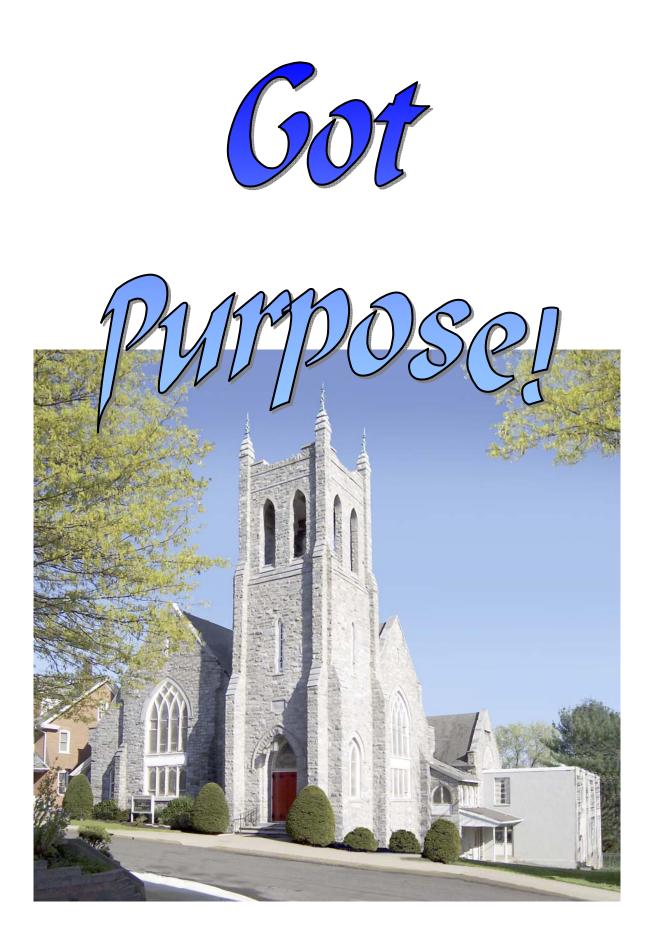
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OUR CHURCH'S PROSCHY







Our secretary, Karen Weikel, is an invaluable asset to St. Paul's. The position "Secretary" does not begin to tell all of what she does to help St. Paul's run smoothly. The caring and dedication she displays in her work is appreciated by everyone. For St. Paul's, Karen is "information central." Thank you Karen, for all that you do.



Sexton Neil Clark handles the general upkeep and cleaning of St. Paul's. "Mr. Clean" continues to make an aging building look like new. He is conscientious about his duties whether vacuuming the sanctuary or mowing the lawn. Keep up the good work Neil.



Olympia Pasicznyk is the Director of our Senior Choir. Olympia has a true passion for singing. She sets high standards and challenges the St. Paul's Senior Choir to attain new "highs."

Does the name Peter Ziegenfuss ring a bell? Not only does it ring a bell, but Peter has served as the Bell Choir Director since 1988. His dedication and enthusiasm continues to keep the St. Paul's Bell Choir an integral part of our music ministry. He comes early and leaves late, whether he is directing a practice or a performance. If you'd like to try your "hand" at bells, give Pete a "ring."





Back: Jim Chrastina, Chris Fosbenner, Paul Koehler, Bob Brown (V.P), Rick Moyer, Tom Long, and Mike Bibic Front: Donna Tomlinson, Debbie Koehler (Secretary), Chris Ziegenfuss (Pres), Judy Potoczny (Treasurer), and Jean Souder Picture taken at the 2006 Consistory Retreat at Camp Mensch Mill.

The Consistory is the executive body of St. Paul's. It consists of 12 elected members who serve three(3) year terms. They handle the day to day business matters of the congregation as well as planning for the future. They meet the second Tuesday of each month. Detailed minutes from these meetings are available in the Narthex and summaries are printed in the Newsletter. To have your views and concerns heard, simply contact any of our Consistory member's either in person, by a note in his/her mailbox or by emailing to consistory@stpaulsucc.net.





We were made for a mission!



We were created to become like Christ!



We were formed for God's family!



We were planned for God's pleasure!



We were shaped for serving God!















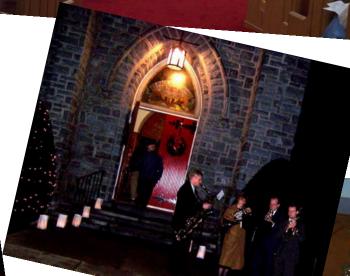




















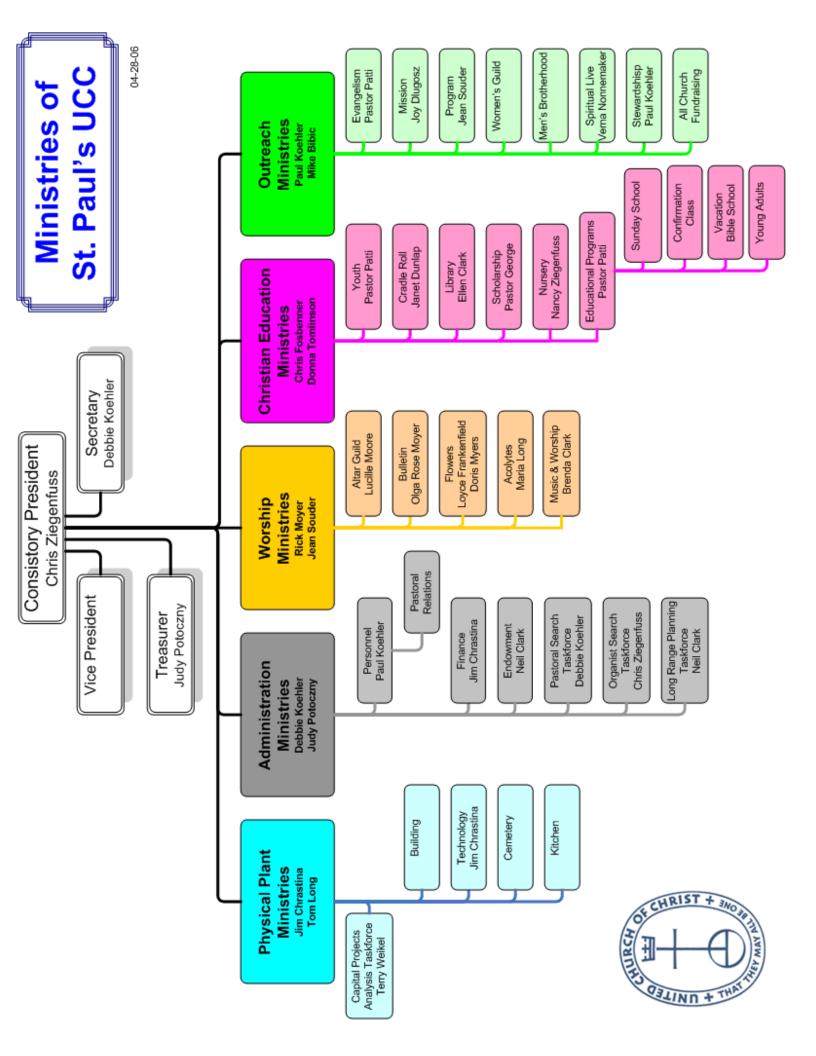


The Ministries of St. Paul's UCC

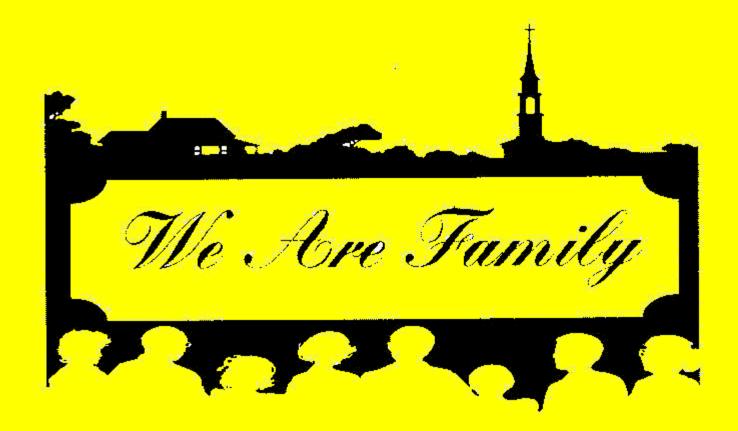
The previous pages of this album presented our "purpose" for St. Paul's, the "<u>why</u>" for being a church. Our purpose includes Evangelism, Discipleship, Fellowship, Worship, and Ministry. On the next few pages, you will see the "<u>how</u>". Much of the work of St. Paul's, both inside and outside the church, is accomplished by the individuals, groups, and committees who dedicate their time and talents to various ministries.

Over the many decades of St. Paul's history, committees were formed to address a present need. Some have thrived and some have faded, as demands have changed. In an effort to improve the exercise of responsibility, authority, accountability, and communications among the many groups and committees, the Consistory developed a new organization structure found on the next page.

After much thought, discussion, and analysis, five ministries have been created, with two members of Consistory (ministry heads) responsible for each one. The ministries are Physical Plant, Administration, Worship, Christian Education, and Outreach. Over the coming months, the ministry heads will be working with the committees in their area, to understand, help define and refine the purpose of each committee, to establish lines of communication among all committees, the Consistory, and the congregation. The Consistory sees this as a vital part of our total ministry, mission, and purpose. With your support, prayers, and the strong hand of the Holy Spirit, we will all see a re-awakened and vibrant St. Paul's. You'll have an opportunity later in this album to learn more about your role in this effort.







OUR CHURCH'S FUTUR





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What does the future hold for St. Paul's? What direction will the Spirit lead us in 2007 and beyond? What changes will come about with the retirement of Pastor Schmidt? In a community that is growing in population, will our numbers grow? Do we want to grow? How will the future capital improvement campaign help us as a congregation to continue God's work in Sellersville, Pennsylvania, and the world? How can you help and where will you blend your talents to the needs of St. Paul's?

Evangelism -- First and foremost, we must continue to witness to our community, our nation, and the world that Jesus Christ is Lord. Evangelism and mission is our very reason for being, and not to make that our first priority would be to miss completely St. Paul's' purpose and commission.

Discipleship – Secondly, we are to develop as children of Christ by following His Word. Christian Education from Nursery to our Adult classes will continue to be a driving force and focus for St. Paul's.

Fellowship – Third, we have a great opportunity to continue and rejuvenate the "Family" that is St. Paul's. Love among brothers and sisters are crucial for the Church to make witness to others. The pagans used to say, "See how these Christians love each other." We wouldn't want them to say the opposite.

Worship -- Also, critical to the future and growth of St. Paul's is the times and ways that we show our joy toward God for all of his blessings. Having an appreciation for the rich heritage that is the United Church of Christ is crucial, with openness to our ever-changing society. The needs of young and old, singles and families, able and disabled all should be considered.

Ministry – God has blessed each of us with talents, gifts, and abilities. The Spirit calls us to use these to minister to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Our ministry can also charge us to help the wider community, not only of the "churched" but also of the "Unchurched." Each of us is called to review those gifts and find "our ministry" so that we will help to uplift the St. Paul's Family.

And the upcoming Capital Improvement Campaign will help us support all of the work of St. Paul's. The plan to take care of our church home is work that we all agree must be done and will help us to carry on God's work in the future.

The future of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Sellersville is up to each of us. There is a saying, "What is missing from ch_ _ ch?" The answer is UR. We all are part of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. This church does not belong to the Penn Southeast Conference or the National Church; it belongs to US, you and me. We need to take ownership, and with ownership comes responsibility.

In this section, see how you can help St. Paul's carry out our mission. Review your time and talents and how you can help. Please, prayerfully consider your giving as it is now and if it can be increased for the remainder of 2006 and beyond.

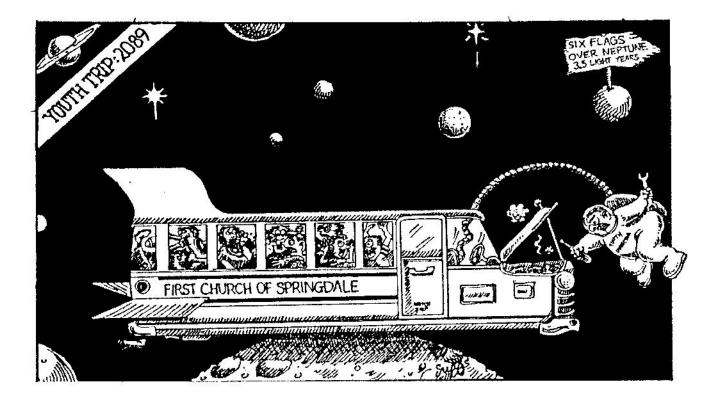
> "A Great Commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will grow a Great Church!"

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

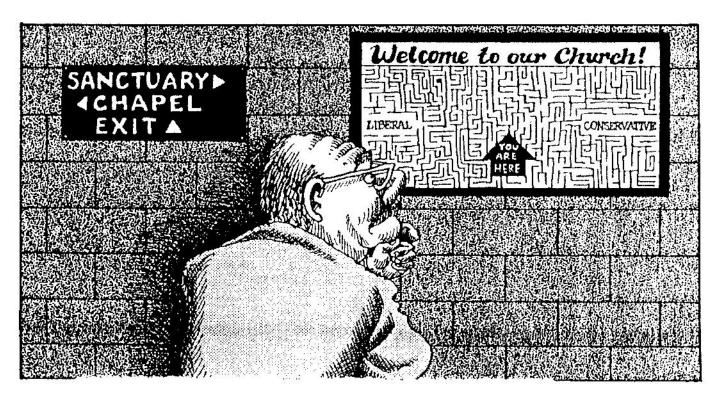
Matthew 22:37-40

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:19-20

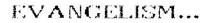


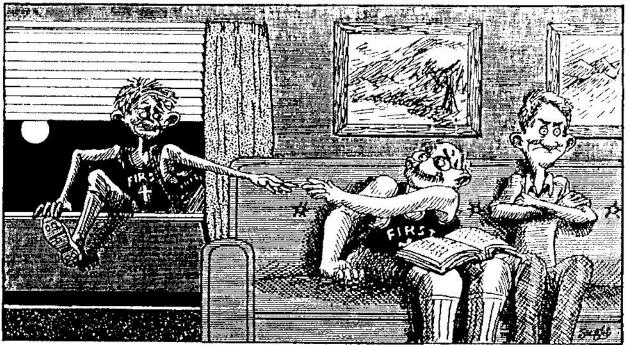
Youth Fellowship --- the possibilities are endless.



How big might we become ?

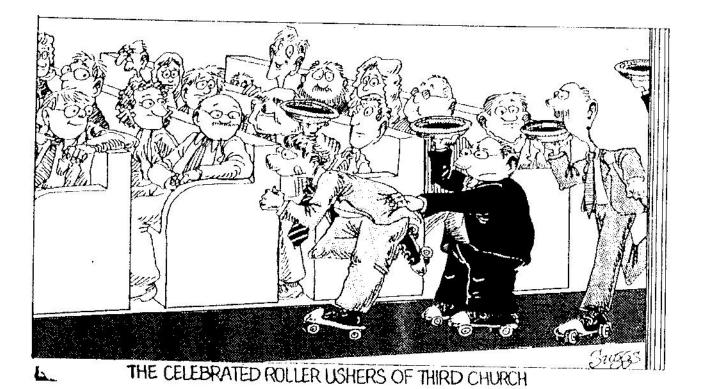




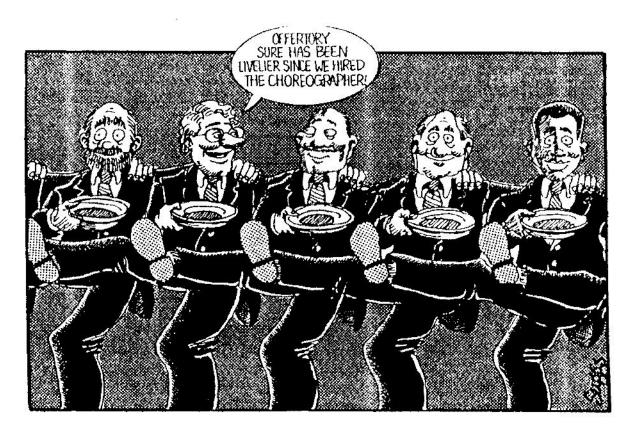


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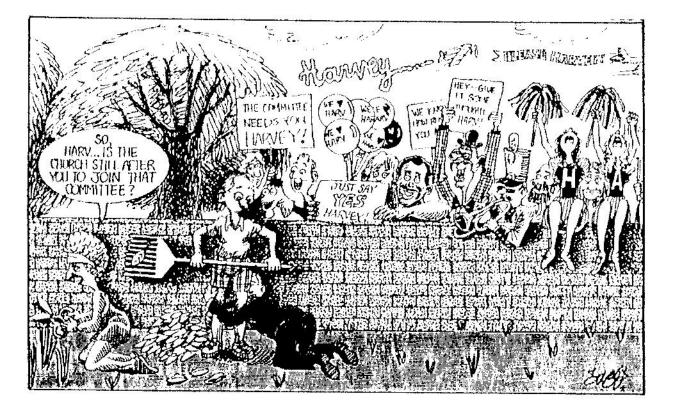
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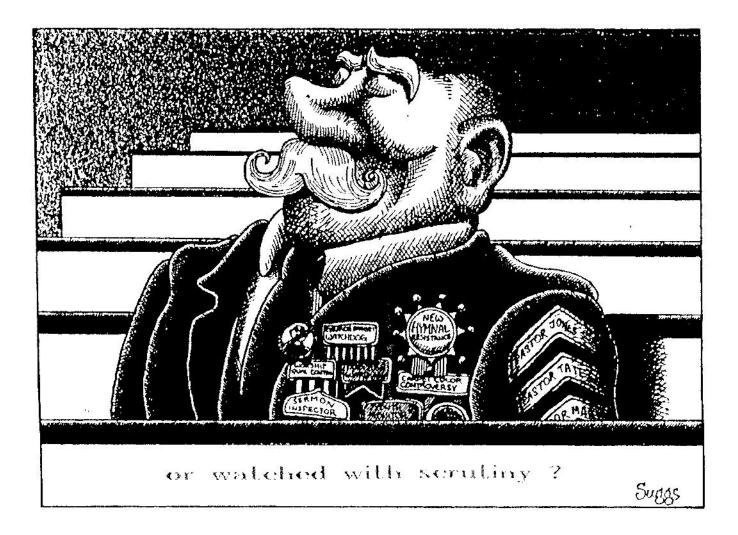




what will the future hold ?



will we be supported by involvement...



We Are Family

Our Challenge For The Future

Our church is entering the most challenging and exciting time in its history. We are blessed with caring members, outstanding staff and lay leadership, many programs, and a very active Mission Committee. Our youth group is stronger than it has been in the past 20 years. Our Christian Education Committee is very strong. Adult education is growing in options and involvement. To ensure that we pass on this legacy to our children and other future members, we must rise to meet a new challenge we now face.

We will shortly involve ourselves in one of the most exciting events in recent church memory – the presently unnamed Capital Improvement Project. The completion of this project will ensure that our church home will be ready to support our future growth.

This year's giving campaign is the second time that it has been used by this congregation. The first time, fifteen years ago, was a tremendous success and is why we have come to it for this mid-year campaign. It is probably the most critical campaign in St. Paul's' history. We have the challenge to pull together to keep St. Paul's moving forward. It is entirely up to us. Our ministry in 2006 and leading into 2007 require that we increase our giving. Although we have been blessed in the past 2 years with increased giving to our envelopes, we still continue to fall short of our expenses. Although we have decided to use all monies, both current and capital, to pay current expenses, we have depleted this "pool" to the point where it is critically low.

We as a congregation can increase our income by encouraging each other to participate in the life of the St. Paul's family more regularly and completely. It is hoped that as you have reviewed OUR CHURCH'S PAST and OUR CHURCH'S PRESENT, you were reminded of the reasons you were and are still involved in the life of St. Paul's. Our hope is that you will also consider how you can use your God-given time and talents to support the ministry of St. Paul's.

We also need you to reflect on your monetary support of the work of St. Paul's. The following pages have information that is designed to help you evaluate your present giving and possible future increases. We want you to prayerfully consider this decision, because with God all things are possible.

Remember, whether our giving is that of time, talents, and/or financial resources, the important point is to give in the spirit of joy and thanksgiving. We must remember, God loves a cheerful giver, so give until it feels good. Please give prayerful consideration to your share in making sure that the great legacy we have inherited is passed on to future generations by committing to our Church's work, as the past stewards of St. Paul's United Church of Christ have.

"We Are Family!"

ST. PAUL'S UCC 2006 BUDGET: OUR FAMILY = FINANCIAL CHALLENGE

Our Family can and should be more than a building or a group of individuals. Our Family has varied interests and successes, dislikes and shortcomings. Our Family has tremendous potential and tremendous responsibility – past, present, and future.

Our Financial plan and challenge is a reflection of our family – our potential, our hopes and dreams.

Our Family Home: \$60,000 A GIFT FROM OUR PAST AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN THE PRESENT.

Maintenance and Repairs – to respect our tradition Major Projects – not involving the future Capital Improvements

Our Family Leaders & Helpers: \$180,000 HELPING TO BRING OUR INDIVIDUAL TALENTS TOGETHER FOR A GREATER GOOD & GIVING SUPPORT & GUIDANCE TO OUR FAMILY.

Staff Salaries and Benefits

Our Family Outreach At Home: \$10,000 PROVIDING FOR GROWTH OF OUR FAMILY THROUGH EDUCATION, YOUTH PROGRAMS, ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS IN NEED, EVANGEL-ISM AND STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS, MUSIC AND OTHER MINISTRIES.

Helping to bring joy, understanding and deeper commitment to our family.

Our Family Outreach In The World:\$20,000OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND CHALLENGE TO HELP OTHERS LESSFORTUNATE. OUR WAY OF SHARING THE GOOD WILL AND JOY OFOUR FAMILY BEYOND OUR CHURCH HOME & LOCAL COMMUNITY.

OCWM, Benevolences, and Mission

OUR CHURCH FAMILY'S PREVIOUS ESTIMATES

How does my family decide the dollar amount that is appropriate to contribute to the church for the rest of this year and the coming year?

The enclosed booklet, "The Stewardship Way Of Life" and the Stewardship Giving Percentage Chart on the next page may be helpful.

Also, it may be helpful, in consideration of your family's giving for the coming year, to know the pattern of giving of our members made a year ago:

Our FUTURE is funded by our giving. Let each of us prayerfully consider how we will support St. Paul's UCC financially in 2006 and 2007

\$6000 or greater	6	601 - 700	7
2501 - 3000	2	501 - 600	4
2001 - 2500	4	401 - 500	7
1501 - 2000	11	301 - 400	16
1251 - 1500	11	201 - 300	16
1001 - 1250	5	101 - 200	25
901 - 1000	8	53 - 100	21
801 - 900	3	0 - 52	125
701 - 800	8	Non-givers	83

- 54% of our members give less than \$1.00 per week
- If you have not given before, please consider doing so for 2007. A minimum suggested gift is \$260 per year or only \$5.00 per week.
- Once you have figured your giving percentage from the Stewardship Giving Chart, challenge yourself to increase your giving by 1% level.



STEWARDSHIP PERCENTAGE GIVING CHART

Annual												
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30,000	6	12	17	23	29	35	40	46	52	58	63	69
35,000	7	13	20	27	34	40	47	54	60	67	74	81
40,000	8	15	23	31	38	46	54	62	69	77	85	92
45,000	9	17	26	35	43	52	61	69	78	87	95	104
50,000	10	19	29	38	48	58	67	22	87	96	106	115
60,000	12	23	35	46	58	69	81	92	104	115	127	138
75,000	14	29	43	58	72	87	101	115	130	144	159	173
100,000	19	38	58	77	96	115	134	154	173	192	212	231
125,000	24	48	72	96	120	144	168	192	216	240	264	288

"WE ARE FAMILY!!"

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Thank You!

To the members of

St. Paul's UCC, Sellersville

For your 2004 contribution of

\$ 9,476.50

For Basic Support of

Our Church's Wider Mission

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John H. Thomas General Minister and President, United Church of Christ

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Conference Minister



God is still speaking,

ST. PAUL'S UCC ENDOWMENT FUND

The process to establish an endowment fund began in 1989 at the time of a bequest from the Renner estate of \$215,000. The gift raised questions about how it and other bequests should be handled. Prior to that time, bequests were held as a loosely organized fund with the interest used mostly for supplementing the budget. A study led to the formation of an endowment document which was adopted by the Congregation in 1991. It has been revised three times in the years since for clarification and for special exceptions to help pay for Bell Tower repairs and the Associate Pastor's salary this year.

The Endowment Fund serves as a vehicle for the reception and use of member's gifts of their capital assets (their estates). Members are encouraged to consider continuing their support of St. Paul's through their wills and we hope to schedule future workshops that would help answer questions concerning these issues.

The Fund itself began with the combining of existing funds and the Renner gift to total \$400,000 at its inception. Through subsequent bequests and investment income and appreciation, the Endowment has grown to approximately \$970,000 in value. This increase occurred even with over \$400,000 of income being used to fund requests for programs and mission inside and outside St. Paul's.(SEE OPPOSITE PAGE)

Seven elected Committee members meet twice a year to consider requests made by congregation members for funding of projects. Any member may submit a request by using the available request form or by seeing any committee member.

Requests fall into two categories, each receiving 50% of the income available during the distribution period. They are:

One Half Within St. Paul's -- for Capital Improvement projects, for scholarships/grants to members for seminary/related training, enhancement of special programs of St. Paul's such as Christian Education, Evangelism or Music.

One Half Outreach into the Community -- to agencies, institutions or programs to which St. Paul's relates; the wider mission work of the UCC; or matching funds program to increase mission giving of St. Paul's.

The Committee then evaluates requests against purpose, need and income availability before making recommendations to Consistory for funding.

It was the original study committee's belief and still is ours today that The Endowment Fund provides us with a vision of hope and affirmation of the future mission of St. Paul's. We must believe that the church is here to stay, to serve and engage in mission and go beyond what a budget would seem to limit us to. Let us continue to join together and use these funds in seeking the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God, the Great Giver.

The Endowment Committee

Neil Clark, Chair Nina Stryker Mary Beth Baringer April Brown Rick Moyer Bruce Stover Hal Hough

Endowment Distributions

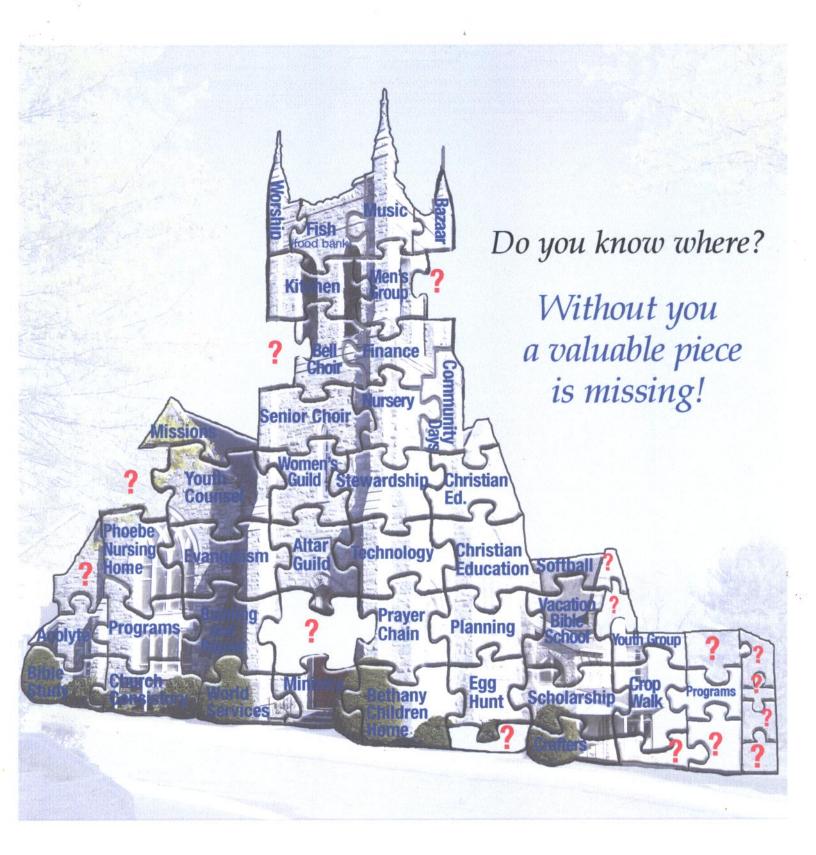
1990 - 2006

W	Within St. Paul's – Top 10 Items				
1	Tower Fund	\$26,000			
2	Organ Fund	\$17,500			
3	Scholarships	\$15,750			
4	Computers	\$14,400			
5	Copiers	\$9,480			
6	Evangelism	\$8,100			
7	Fretz Hall	\$6,500			
8	Building Committee	\$5,800			
9	Youth	\$5,675			
10	Hand bells	\$5,600			
	TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (approx.)	\$202,000			

Outreach – Top 10 Items

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1	Disaster Relief	\$30,850
2	Mensch Mill	\$11,170
3	South Dakota Reservation	\$10,985
4	Back Bay Mission	\$10,400
5	Habitat for Humanity	\$8,250
6	Bethany	\$7,950
7	Russian Mission	\$6,315
8	Wyncote / Phoebe	\$5,860
9	Heifer Project	\$5,800
10	FISH	\$5,225
	TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (approx.)	\$202,000

They all fit together to make a beautiful picture... you fit into the picture, too!



Caring & Sharing Card

Your talents and time are very special to God ... and to your church family



Here are several categories of St. Paul's church life in which you may find opportunities to share your time and talents. Please check off the areas you would be interested in helping/seeking more information. This will be given to Consistory/Committees for follow-up.

CONSISTORY

COMMITTEES

- Building
- ____ Budget and Finance
- Christian Education
- Technology
- Evangelism
- Music & Worship
- Mission
- ____ Stewardship
- ____ Nursery
- Youth
- Program

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

- Acolyte
- Altar Guild
- Lay Liturgist
- Senior Choir
- Handbell Choir
- ____ Nursery Attendant
- Nursery Coordinator
- Usher

LEARNING

- Sunday School Teacher
- Sunday School Helper
- Vacation Bible School Volunteer
- Summertime Sunday Volunteer
- Bible Study Leader
- Bible Study Participant

YOUTH

- Youth Group Participant
 Chaperone a Youth Event
 Youth Group Excilitator
- ____ Youth Group Facilitator

WITNESS

- Home-bound Visitation
- Healing Services
- Prayer Shaw Ministry
- Prayer Chain
- Women's Fellowship Group

SUPPORT

- Maintenance Help
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Painting
- Flower Beds
- Spring Cleaning
 - Office Help
- ____ Office Volunteer
- ____ Newsletter
- ____ Mailings
- ____ Library Care

SERVICE

- Cookies, Coffee, Conversation
- Hosts
- ___Kitchen Help
- ____ Fellowship Meals
- ____ Advent Workshop
- ____ Food Cupboard Delivery
- Church Camps
- Softball Team
- Bazaar Helpers
- Crafters
- Program Ideas

SPECIAL SKILL OR HOBBY

Signed

You Are Always Asking for Money

O NCE again it is the end of year, and every Christian organization badgers its constituents for funds to balance the year's budget. It is hard not to resent such pleas. But President Pearson of Miami Christian College offers us a sobering reminder to be patient:

"The trouble is, you are always asking for money. You are probably right. But let me tell you a personal story.

"I had a little boy; my firstborn. He was a delight to our hearts, but he was always costing me something. He needed clothing, shoes, food, and had special needs that I gladly provided, for he was my son. Then one day he died. It was an experience that I hope you will never have. He does not cost me a dollar now.

"Every need is an unfailing sign of life and growth. Body, mind, and soul have their needs and they must be met continually. A ministry that is constantly in need of funds is alive and growing and going somewhere. A dead ministry has no need, and will not bother you."



EVERYTHING THAT WE ARE

AND

EVERTHING THAT WE HAVE

IS A GIFT FROM GOD!

LET'S CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING GOOD STEWARDS, SO THAT GOD'S WORK CAN CONTINUE TO GROW AND FLOURISH THROUGH ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.

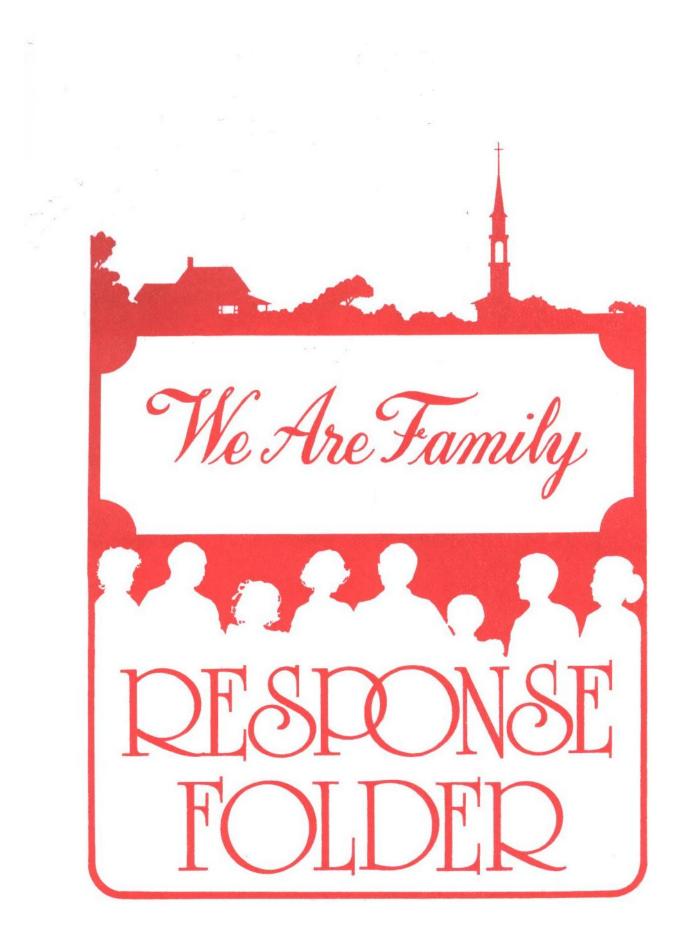
LET'S MAKE 2006 THE BEST WE CAN THROUGH GIVING OF OUR TIME, TALENT, AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

Lord,

Let my giving be equal to my income lest You make my income equal to my giving.

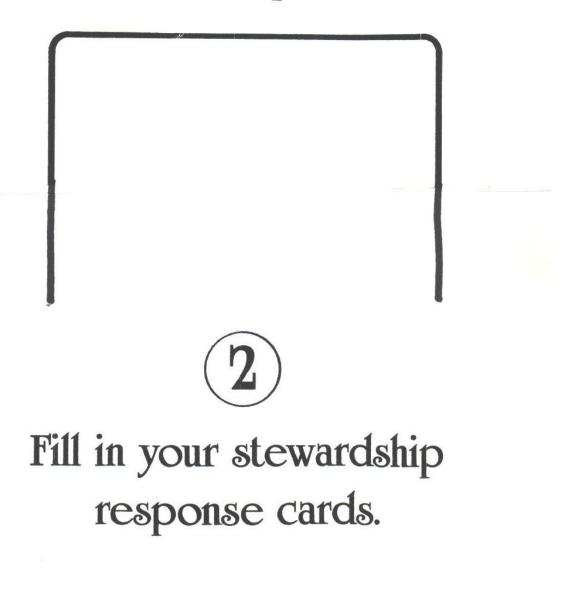
Prayer of Peter Marshall







Remove your envelope from this pocket.





Place your envelope with stewardship response cards in this pocket.



You <u>and</u> your church family will benefit from your responses today.



Take album to next home on route list. Do NOT Leave on Doorstep.

