



St. Paul's United Church of Christ
47 South Whiteoak Street
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Our Mission

*We, the family of St. Paul's UCC,
guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ,
are committed to carry His good news.
We celebrate God's presence by shar-
ing God's unconditional love with fel-
lowship, worship and service to others.
We pray for God's wisdom and
compassion to lead us
in our endeavors.*

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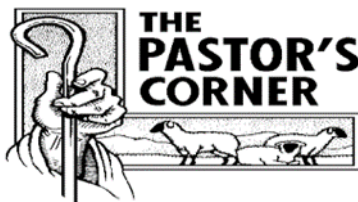
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Dear St. Paul's Family:

Happy 2022! As always, a new year takes a bit of getting used to as we fully embrace the newness of the date and the opportunities that lay ahead. It is such a fine balance as we say good-bye to the year that passed and prepare for our bright future. There are certainly some things that we are glad to have become a part of the past, while some things still tug at our heartstrings as we seek the time ahead.

Advent was a very busy time for us with the Bazaar, Library Church Tour, Youth Christmas Program, Drive Thru Christmas in the Park, Sunday School's Family Advent with Marian Gehman and Friends, and Blue Christmas along the beautiful Advent Journey we traveled with Joseph and Mary as they journeyed to Bethlehem for the birth of baby Jesus.

The writing and the reading of our congregation-authored Advent Devotional nurtured our spirits on a daily basis, and we are grateful to Ethel for organizing it, and to Barb for printing and disseminating it via email and on FaceBook. We plan to ask for your assistance again in writing a Lenten Devotional.

To be honest, it will be nice for us to have a bit of a quieter time before Lent begins on March 2. We all need a chance to reenergize, which becomes a bit easier as the days begin to get a tiny bit longer each day. Some of us may be praying for a snow day to spend at home snuggled up with cocoa and a good book. Of course that is after the snow removal is finished!

One of the events we look forward to is the Confirmation Class trip to the Padre Pio Shrine in Barto. A date will be announced soon, and the entire congregation will be invited to attend.

The Kutztown Folk Music Society concerts in the sanctuary will continue in the new year on the second Friday of each month. On January 14th we will host Barby Holder and on February 11th we will host Jay Smar. If you have not joined us for a concert, it is a real treat to have such talented individuals right inside our own church.

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What are your wishes for 2022? While it is true that we often make New Year's Resolutions and abandon them within a few weeks, perhaps there is a goal for 2022 that is attainable and improves your life or the life of someone you love. This is another of the things we can take to the Lord in prayer – as both discernment and in the discipline to bring it to fruition.

Best wishes in this New Year,
Pastor Kim

GRADUATION NEWS

Amy Follweiler, daughter of Jean Follweiler, graduated from Penn State University on May 7, 2021. She graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Chemical Engineering and a minor in Environmental Engineering. Amy will be working for KX Technologies LLC in West Haven, CT.

Congratulations from your St Paul's church family on this wonderful achievement!!



THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who attended my father's funeral, or sent flowers and cards. His passing was totally unexpected and I am overwhelmed by the amount of sympathies I have received. I greatly appreciate all of the wonderful support from my church friends in this difficult time. It means so very much to me to know people care.

Sincerely,

Leslie Stump

Message from Bruce & Ann Burrows

How great it is to belong to a congregation who remembers those who are unable to attend church services. Each Sunday I look forward to being an active member watching the service on YouTube. Yes, I feel that I am an active member. I get to see everyone participating each Sunday. Pastor Kim has been to see us twice...she has made a huge difference in putting the church back to a vital member of the community. I want to thank all those who helped during our transitional time in keeping the church alive. We've had communion given to us and have had other visitors and phone calls. The Women's Guild via Pal gave us each a "goody" bag.

We are blessed by all of you who make up St. Paul's UCC.



Epiphany January 6th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

January

- 1 Melinda Miller
- 4 Henry Bard
- 6 Dennis Bubbenmoyer, Terri Hilbert
- 7 Melissa Unger
- 8 Kathryn Widdows
- 9 Gretchen Barrell
- 10 Bruce Werley, Fernando Garcia,
Glenn Weida
- 12 Erma Angstadt, Christopher Rarick,
Jonathan Rarick
- 14 Ted Thomas
- 16 Patrick Fitzgerald
- 19 Chelsie Kistler
- 21 Debra Conover
- 26 Jeryl Kulp, Brendon Weida
- 29 Gene Madeira, Michele Dugan
- 30 Tyler Luckenbill
- 31 Jonathan Hilbert

JANUARY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

February

- 1 Evelyn Kistler
- 3 Debra Schaeffer, Pam Kemmerer,
Kate Swan
- 5 Ronald Reinhard
- 7 Kay Schwalm, Abigail Hilbert
- 8 Gerald Silberman
- 9 Ronald Angstadt
- 10 Michael Merkel
- 12 Phillip Schmoyer
- 13 William Greenawald Jr
- 14 Ronald Metzger Jr
- 17 Cindy Schaeffer, Judy Daub
Denise Keim, Leslie Stump
- 20 Erma Gruber
- 21 Greg Stricker
- 22 Benjamin Herman, Louise Moyer,
Martha Freed
- 23 Wayne Lobb
- 26 Reed Garner
- 27 Jean Follweiler
- 28 Brian Balthaser

FEBRUARY



WINTER CANCELLATION POLICY

Church cancelations are communicated in several ways. Please tune into WFMZ TV or check their website at www.wfmz.com/weather/stormcenter under School and Business Closings, contact the church office at 610-683-3393 to listen to the recorded message, visit our Facebook page, or check your email for e-blasts. Consistory Members are contacted via the phone chain.

WHITE ELEPHANT - The White Elephant wants to thank everyone who donated items to its space at the Bazaar and to everyone who bought things! There were so many lovely things and we had a very successful time.

PRAYER LINKS - The new year is often a time for reflection and looking ahead. If you need help don't forget that prayer is always available. Call the church office - 610-683-3393 or June Rung - 610-683-6563.

Note from the Financial Secretary:

Please make sure to place all cash/checks in an envelope before turning in to the office. For confidentiality reasons it is very important so that we can keep your money secure. This includes all money for bulletins, flowers, Women's Guild, Memorial and Missions.

Thank you so much for all your cooperation

Cozy Winter Food from the kitchen of Ethel DeMatteo-Beck

MACARONI AND CHEESE

3/4 box of elbow macaroni	8 oz. cream cheese
4 oz. Cheez Whiz	1 egg
1/2 lb. cottage cheese	1 T. baking powder
	salt and pepper to taste
	milk



Prepare macaroni according to directions. In a large bowl combine macaroni, Cheez Whiz, cottage cheese, cream cheese, egg, baking powder, salt and pepper. Mix well. Pour into a large casserole dish. Cover with milk. Bake covered at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

STEWED TOMATOES

chopped sweet peppers	1 pt. tomatoes
1 small onion, chopped	3/4 tsp. salt
1 T butter	



Put peppers, onion, and butter into saucepan and simmer until onions are soft. Add tomatoes and salt, heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer about 5 minutes. (Tastes great on Macaroni and Cheese!)

JANUARY 2022

Worship—10:15 AM

Sunday School—9:00 AM Adult SS 8:45 AM

Office/Pastor Hours; Monday 9AM—12 Noon, Tuesday—Thursday 9 AM—1:00 PM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2 Epiphany Sunday Communion Pastor Sunday	3 6 pm Chair/Mat Yoga	4 1-2 pm Walking Group 7pm Bible Study	5 1-2 pm Walking Group	6 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Voice Choir	7	8 8:30 am Manna 9 am Prayer Walk
9 9 am Confirmation Class	10 6 pm Chair/Mat Yoga	11 11 am Worship Mtg. 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:30 pm Exp. God 6:30 pm Spiritual Coun-	12 1-2 pm Walking Group 7 pm Consistory	13 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	14 6-9:30 pm KFM Barby Holder	15 9am-10pm Crafting
16	17 6 pm Chair/Mat Yoga 6:30 pm Fellowship 7 pm Missions 7 pm Property	18 1-2 pm Walking Group 7 pm Bible Study	19 1-2 pm Walking Group 5:30-9 pm H &H Quilts	20 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	21	22
23 9 am Confirmation Class	24 6 pm Chair/Mat Yoga	25 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:30 pm Personnel 6:30 pm Exp God	26 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:30 pm Women's Guild Meeting	27 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	28	29
30	31 6 pm Chair Mat/Yoga					

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	January 2, 2022	January 9, 2022	January 16, 2022	January 23, 2022	January 30, 2022
	Second Sunday after Christmas	First Sunday after Epiphany	Second Sunday after Epiphany	Third Sunday after Epiphany	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
	Epiphany Communion	Baptism of Christ			
Daily Devotions	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 62:1-5	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Jeremiah 1:4-10
	Psalms 147:12-20	Psalms 29	Psalms 36:5-10	Psalms 19	Psalms 71:1-6
	Ephesians 1:3-14	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Luke 4:14-21	Luke 4:21-30
Fellowship/Events					
Worship Leaders	Christine Keim	Donna Sheaffer	Brian Unger & Kids	Kathy Landis	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck
Greeters	Nancy O'Neil				
Deacons	Joan Gangewere	Tyler Luckenbill	Rosaria Angstadt	Joan Gangewere	Tyler Luckenbill
	Katie Moyer	Barb Merkel	Brian Unger	Katie Moyer	Barb Merkel
	Marjorie Weida	Tom Lenich	Cyntnia Swan	Marjorie Weida	Tom Lenich
Flower Sponsors					
Center	David & June Rung				
	In memory of Janet Jepsen (Silk)				
Sides					
Bulletins	Pastor Kim		David & June Rung	Robert & Jane Grim	Brian & Ethel DeMatteo-Beck
	In honor of the birthday's of		In celebration of 18 years	In memory of her parents	In honor of Tyler's
	Jane Longazel & Isaac Kline		of stroke survival for David		27th birthday

FEBRUARY 2022

Worship: 10:15 AM
 Sunday School—9:00 AM Adult SS 8:45 AM
 Office/Pastor Hours: Office/Pastor Hours; Monday 9AM—12 Noon, Tuesday—Thursday 9 AM—1:00 PM
 (Due to church schedule, appointments suggested for Pastor)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1-2 pm Walking Group 7 pm Bible Study	2 1-2 pm Walking Group	3 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	4	5 8:30 Manna
6 Pastor Sunday	7 6 pm Chair/Mat Yoga	8 11 am Worship Mtg. 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:30 pm Exp. God	9 1-2 pm Walking Group 7 pm Consistory	10 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	11 6-9:30 pm KFM— Jay Smar	12 9 am Prayer Walk
13 9 am Confirmation Class	14 6 pm Chair/Mat Yoga	15 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:30 pm Pastoral Rel 7 pm Finance 7 pm Bible Study	16 11:30—1 President's Round Table Meeting 1-2 Walking Group 5:30-9pm H&H Quilt	17 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	18	19 9am-10pm Crafting
20	21 President's Day 6 pm Chair/Mat Yoga 6:30 pm Fellowship	22 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:30 pm Exp. God 7 pm Christian Ed	23 1-2 pm Walking Group	24 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	25	26
27 9 am Confirmation Class	28 6 pm Chair/Mat Yoga					

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	February 6, 2022		February 13, 2022		February 20, 2022		February 27, 2022	
	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany		Sixth Sunday after Epiphany		Seventh Sunday after Epiphany		Transfiguration Sunday	
Daily Devotions	Isaiah 6:1-8		Jeremiah 17:5-10		Genesis 45:3-11, 15		Exodus 34:29-35	
	Psalm 138		Psalm 1		Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40		Psalm 99	
	Luke 5:1-11		Luke 6:17-26		Luke 6:27-38		Luke 9:28-36	
Fellowship/Events	Pastor Sunday				Pocket Flag Project			
Worship Leaders	Denise Keim		Karen Rhode		Katie Moyer		Carl Mantz & Barb Merkel	
Greeters								
Deacons	TBD		TBD		TBD		TBD	
Flowers-Center								
Flowers-Sides								
Bulletins			Leona Keim				Robert & Jane Grim	
			In celebration of				In memory of	
			Denise's birthday				Ruth Leestma	

Library Church Tour

submitted by Pastor Kim

St. Paul's participated in the 2021 Library Church Tour on December 5th. There were 7 churches on the tour, and each has a unique story to share. Marcia Keiser and I visited 5 churches together. At St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, we toured many areas of their church, including a Sunday School that was originally designed to be a Catholic School. In the Sanctuary are beautifully hand-crafted religious items, such as the wooden Assumption of Mary, a beautiful Crucifix, and Stations of the Cross. One could spend hours looking at them and finding the treasures hidden in each one. We were also impressed with a recently completed Assumption of Mary painted by Scott Ferguson which is pictured below. If you would like to see it in person, please contact St. Mary's to make arrangements.



Marcia and my next stop was Kutztown Bible Fellowship. They have been doing a lot of renovations and we appreciated the work that was already accomplished. It looks like a castle from the outside, but when we stepped inside their sanctuary has beautiful antique stained-glass windows and is very bright. One of the unique features is that there is a trap door under the pulpit area that had been used for funerals. They lowered caskets down to the basement to the catacombs due to the consistent low temperature prior to burial. The catacombs have been removed as part of their current renovation to create inviting space for church activities and events.

Our next stop was Grace Church. The sanctuary is very modern, and we were also able to tour the prior sanctuary, which was remodeled into office space where you can see parts of stained-glass windows. The Pastor's Office has a repurposed altar as a desk.

Our next stop was Trinity Lutheran with its large sanctuary which contains historic stained-glass windows and beautiful old-world artisan crafted wood. It reminds one of grand cathedrals. Marcia and I were greeted in each church with warm hospitality and cookies.

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Our first stop on the church tour was home, but I decided to “save the best for last” for this article, because it was evident that St. Paul’s put a lot of thought and effort into our stop on the tour. We viewed the lovely Sunday School Christmas tree in the stairwell and Marcia was able to see the DeTurk Cross which was hand-crafted by her Uncle Louie. Brian Beck added a spotlight to it so that visitors were able to see the texture Uncle Louie artistically carved into it.

Our next stop was the Sharadin Lounge which features the Sharadin painting “Let The Children Come To Me”, with the 2017 framed restoration process the painting went through on an easel nearby. On the side table there is a Japanese version of the same scene (with original price tags on the back). To enhance its connection with the painting were a kimono, shoes, purse, and a miniature samurai helmet donated by Ann and Bruce Burrows.



On the way to the sanctuary, we gazed upon the beautiful “Tree of Life” designed by Ann Burrows and hand-crafted by women of the congregation. We stepped into our sanctuary, which is breath taking – especially when it is decorated for Christmas. We appreciated the original antique stained-glass windows with the accompanying book. We learned that a number of people on the tour took the time to sit in the pews and read it from cover to cover. We stopped at the new, larger Angel Tree donated by Keith and Shirley Leinbach that now holds all of the angels, including those saints of the church whom we honored on All Saint’s Sunday.

We exited, as did our guests, with a stop into Fellowship Hall to see the Christian Ed slideshow created by Louise Moyer and to visit the craft tables, cookie selection, the Mouse Tree, and remaining White Elephant items.

Thank you to each and everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the tour. It is another proud moment in St. Paul’s history.

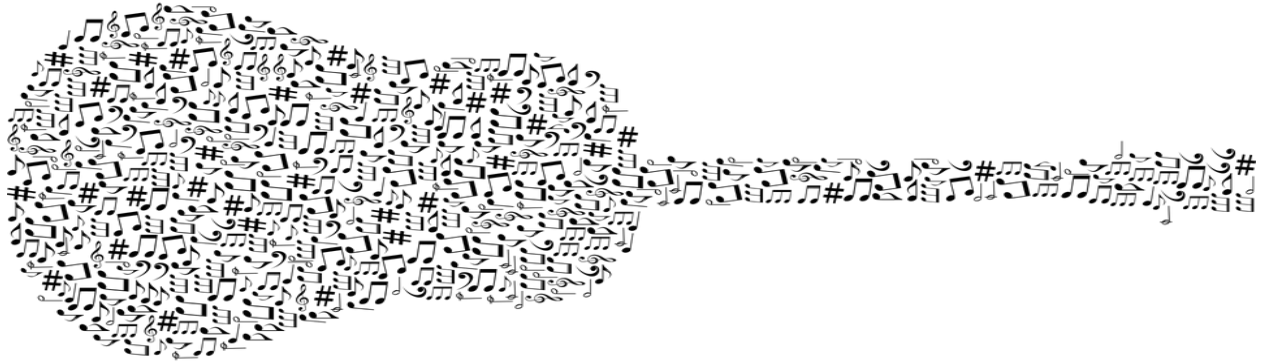
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

The Sunday School has been busy in late October, November and December following the "Character by God's Design" curriculum lessons and tying them to our everyday life. We held a special Halloween Party - titled "Glow with God" - where fun was had by all! While learning about the character trait of Stewardship in October and November, the youth decided to demonstrate the giving aspect of stewardship by donating their offering and donations (totaling \$100) to Keystone Military Families to support their food bank for veterans.

The youth also did a great job leading the worship service on November 14 to recognize and honor St. Paul's veterans. Our Christmas Program on December 12 was a huge success with all of our youth participating!

Christian Ed also supported the Drive-Thru Christmas in the Park on December 12. Sunday School families and the congregation also enjoyed a special Advent performance by ventriloquist Marian Gehman & Friends on December 19. The youth continue to meet with Pastor Kim the first Sunday of each month for a short lesson. Our Confirmation Class consists of 3 students and is meeting regularly with Pastor Kim.





Kutztown Folk Music Society

Second Friday of each month 7:30 PM

January Concert: Friday, January 14, 2022:

Barby Holder

February Concert: Friday, February 11, 2022:

Jay Smar

\$9.00 - Adults

\$7.00 - Seniors (62 and older), Students, and

Veterans/Active Duty Military,

Free - Children 12 and under

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- enter through the back door located on Lambert Alley

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WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild would like to express their appreciation to everyone who worked so hard to make the Christmas Bazaar a huge success.

We are truly blessed with so many talented members in this congregation!



New Year's Resolutions

Use the code to read some important words to live by.

CODE:

A=1	D=4	H=8	L=12	P=16	T=20	X=24
B=2	E=5	I=9	M=13	Q=17	U=21	Y=25
C=3	F=6	J=10	N=14	R=18	V=22	Z=26
	G=7	K=11	O=15	S=19	W=23	

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8	15	14	15	18	25	15	21	18	6	1	20	8	5	18
			1	14	4			13	15	20	8	5	18	
			4	15	14	20			13	9	19	21	19	5
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				8	15	12	25							
12	5	1	18	14	20	8	5			20	5	14		
3	15	13	13	1	14	4	13	5	14	20	19			

Answer: Have no other gods before me. Honor your father and mother. Don't misuse God's name. Keep the Sabbath holy. Learn the Ten Commandments.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS JANUARY

**JANUARY 1ST, 2022
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**MONDAYS
CHAIR & MAT YOGA**

**JANUARY 2ND
EPIPHANY COMMUNION**

**FIRST & THIRD TUESDAY
BIBLE STUDY—7PM**

**SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY
EXPERIENCING GOD**

**JANUARY 8TH
PRAYER WALK 9AM**

**JANUARY 9TH
UNDECORATE SANCTUARY**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FEBRUARY

**FEBRUARY 2ND
GROUNDHOG DAY**

**MONDAYS
CHAIR & MAT YOGA**

**FIRST & THIRD TUESDAY
BIBLE STUDY—7PM**

**SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY
EXPERIENCING GOD**

**FEBRUARY 12TH
PRAYER WALK 9AM**

**FEBRUARY 14TH
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

**FEBRUARY 21ST
PRESIDENTS DAY**