

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
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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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Family Faith Night



On Thursday night, June 16 a group of 21 people attended Family Faith Night at the Reading Fightin' Phils game. We were a little worried about the forecast which called for showers and thunder showers during the game, but the weather held out.

There are many things that happen at a minor league game aside from baseball. Cauliflower won the Veggie Race to the roaring cheers of St. Paul's. There was a game that involved people throwing numbered tennis balls on the field to land closest to a flag on the pitcher's mound, in the bed of a truck that traveled around the field, and hula hoops scattered around the field. It was also Teacher Appreciation Night and a teacher faced off against player, Sal Gozza in a game to name the most school subjects. The teacher won the context 13 to 6.

Everyone tried to catch a hotdog the Crazy Hotdog Vendors launched from his galloping ostrich or t-shirts launched by the t-shirt canon, but our seats were right behind home plate and the screens were too high for the hotdogs to sail over.

For us the most exciting event of the game was when our own Dylan Thompson threw the ceremonial first pitch. He had his own cheering section, and we were very impressed with his athletic talent. If you look closely, you will see that even the Fightin' Phil's mascot, Screwball was astounded at Dylan's pitching technique and abilities.



The game itself was very exciting with the Fightin's winning 7 to 2. The turning point in the game was when Josh Okimey hit a home run that brought two other batters home with him. Nobody in our group caught a baseball, but with an average pitching speed of 90 miles per hour, only Dylan would have had the reflexes and glove to catch one unscathed.

The night ended with a terrific fireworks display and then we headed back home basking in our fun night of fellowship and baseball.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

July

- 1 Finnegan Ferguson
- 2 Kevin Kulp
- 4 Daniel Hawkins, Carly Hawkins
Jeremy Adamson
- 5 Scarlett Unger
- 7 Matthew Diehl
- 8 Thomas Luckenbill
- 10 Gary Fritz
- 12 Carolyn Ordway, Todd O'Neil
- 13 Bradley Schwalm
- 14 Jessica Rhodes
- 15 Marjorie Weida
- 18 Laraine Wuchter
- 19 Elaine Seaman, Kelly Monroe,
Tayson Merkel
- 21 Mary Steltz
- 22 Amy Bray
- 23 Ryan Kulp, Janet Haas
- 24 John Keiser, Jr.
- 25 Daniel Follweiler
- 28 Brenda Grider, Jan Weller
- 29 Nancy Thomas, Steven Steltz, Jr,
Darren Kemp
- 30 Thomas Merkel Jr
- 31 Caleb Heffley, Gautham Heffley



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

August

- 1 Ronald Newhard, Colin Heffley
- 2 Judith Magee, Jarad Luckenbill
- 4 Barbara Merkel, Brian Unger, Elaine Musser
- 5 Erin Webb
- 6 Brandi Long
- 9 Amy Rakowiecki
- 11 Lori Lobb
- 12 David Swan
- 13 Karen Rhode
- 15 LeAnn Silberman, Lindsey Derstine
- 17 John Kutz
- 18 LaRoy Haas
- 21 Aaron Snyder
- 24 Nicole Weaknecht
- 25 Amber Bungo, Taynara Rocha
- 27 Tyler Schmoyer, Emily Harris
- 31 Ray Oswald





REJOICING SPIRITS

We continue to move forward with our plans for a monthly Rejoicing Spirits worship service. As you may recall, Rejoicing Spirits is a “shush-free” worship service for individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families and friends.

The Rejoicing Spirits worship service will include joyful music, a brief message, prayers, and time to socialize. This service is in addition to our regular worship service and is tentatively scheduled to begin on Sunday, October 2 at 3:00 PM.

In the next few weeks, the Steering Committee will be meeting to finalize the schedule, plan the themes for the first few services, and organize and train our volunteers. We will need volunteers to greet the Rejoicers, assist them to enter the building and the sanctuary, assist them to sign in, arrange for snacks, and sing and play instruments along with the Rejoicers!

Please let me know if you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry.

Yours in Christ,
Erin Webb

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL WRAPS UP WITH JUGGLING PERFORMANCE

Our Youth Sunday School program wrapped up on May 22 with a special guest performance by character juggler Chris Ivey. The show was packed with fun, action and intensity, combined with a biblical message in a creative and memorable way.



The Board of Christian Education would like to thank all of our 8 teachers who have devoted their time and talents this past year to educating our youth in the word of God: Ethel Beck, Denise Keim, Katie Moyer, Louise Moyer, Karen Rhode, Jerry Silberman, Ashley Stofflet, and Marjorie Weida.

Thanks also to our parents and families for bringing your amazing kids to Sunday School each week!

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY IS September 11, 2022

Congratulations to our graduates!!!

Elizabeth “Lizzie” Rarick

University of Pittsburgh

Bachelor of Science ~ Magna Cum Laude

Major: Biology, Minor: Chemistry, Minor: Studio Arts

She also participated for 4 years as a Majorette, known as the “Golden Girls” with the University of Pittsburgh Marching Band performing all Home games at Heinz Field also home of the Pittsburgh Steelers. She performed with the band at several other stadiums including Notre Dame, Penn State, ACC Championships in Charlotte, NC home of the Carolina Panthers, and 3 Bowl Games in 2018 Sun Bowl in El Paso TX, 2019 Quick Lane Bowl @ Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan home of the Detroit Lions and the 2021 Peach Bowl @ the Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta, GA home of the Atlanta Falcons.

Currently working with the University of Pittsburgh/ Department of Ecology Lab as a Research Assistant

Brandon Leinbach, son of Steven and Sherry Leinbach, graduated summa cum laude from Kutztown University on Friday 13 May 2022 with a Master’s of Education degree in Instructional Technology. He is a fourth grade teacher at Doe Run Elementary School in Manheim, PA

If you know of anyone who has graduated or will be graduating over the summer, please send the information to Marjorie Weida at maweid69@hotmail.com. It will be posted in the next Pulse coming out in September.



JULY 4, 2022

**HAVE A SAFE AND
HAPPY 4TH!!**

RELAY FOR LIFE ANGELS OF HOPE

This year was the 25th Anniversary of the Relay. Over this time period the Kutztown Relay has raised over 2 million dollars!!

Denise would like to thank everyone that helped to make this event a huge success. So much goes into this event and we are blessed to have a congregation that helps. People are walking, putting up and taking down signs, donating raffle prizes, sponsoring luminarias, and giving monetary donations.

Our total for this event was \$24,500+. **Great job everyone!!!** Our team had over 350 purple signs, alone. The total number of purple signs was 534.

The grand total raised by all the relay teams for the whole event is \$64,769.54 which is \$4,000+ over our goal.

Eagle Scout Project to Replace Tombstones in 19th Century Cemetery

Caleb Moyer, St. Paul's Congregation Member and an incoming 12th grader at Brandywine Heights Area School District, recently completed his Eagle Scout Project for Huff's Union Church in Alburtis. The portion of the cemetery dating back to the 19th century was in need of much repair as many of the old tombstones had cracked, fallen apart, and were barely legible. His project was to remove and replace 12 of these tombstones. With the help of a crew of over 20 family, friends, fellow scouts, and scout leaders, he completed his project on April 8, 2022. Caleb's Eagle Scout Project was dedicated by Huff's Union Church on May 29th as part of their Memorial Day remembrance worship service.



Colin Heffley's Quips

1. My daughter's four-year-old son wanted to go swimming. When they were ready to leave, he asked her, "Aren't you going to wear your zucchini?"
2. I went to the paint store to get thinner, but it didn't work.
3. Did you hear about the shepherd who drove his sheep through town? He was given a ticket for making a ewe turn.
4. What has 13 hearts but no lungs or stomach? A deck of cards.
5. The young father took a seat on the bus next to an elderly man and plopped his one-year-old son on his lap. The little boy began to cry and fidget. "That child is spoiled, isn't he?" the old man remarked. "No," said the dad. "They all smell this way."

Kutztown Folk Music Society Concert by Keith Brintzenhoff

The final concert in the 2021-2022 KFMS series was the May concert featuring the Travis Wetzel Duo. Travis now lives near Nashville, Tennessee and he traveled all the way to Kutztown for the concert.

Travis was the first Grand Champion of the Lyons Fiddle Festival, now the Berks Fiddle Fest. In 2012 Travis was also a finalist for the ICMA Musician of the Year. He has played with many well-known people, including Jim and Jesse and the Virginians, and has played in the Grand Old Opry many times and can be seen and heard there nearly every week.

He also is an excellent mandolinist and guitarist and plays at many festivals with his trio. He has recorded many CD's, as well as having been on radio and TV many times. It was an incredible treat and pleasure to hear this fantastic musician!



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June through August

Confirmation Class Project

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*Freshly Laundered
Clothing*

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nations to start and sustain a small business.
Helps keep shoes and textiles out of landfills.*



SUMMER COMMUNION

AUGUST 7th

PRAYER LINKS

If you or you know anyone who could benefit from prayer, don't hesitate to ask. Call the church office - 610-683-3393 or June Rung - 610-683-6563.

Accessibility and Usage of Space in our Church

There have been a number of recent conversations about the needs of various committees and groups as they utilize our building. One of the most important issues expressed is a need for people to safely travel up and down the stairs. At their last meeting, Consistory approved the purchase and installation of Chairlifts to address this issue.

There are other areas that need to be addressed and it was also suggested that we do an analysis of our space to determine how to better use our space as a means of addressing the needs of the various committees and groups who use it. Anyone is welcome to become a part of the group. If you are interested in being a part of a group to have these conversations, please let Barb know.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to my St Paul's Church Family for my Birthday cards.

God Bless to all.

Joan Bieber

A Matter of Balance

The Mission Committee sponsored a class on balance and fall prevention since it is a prevalent issue among the members of our congregation.

The Program was provided free-of-charge in Fellowship Hall on the Mondays in May and June. It was presented by Berks Encore and funded by the Berks County Area Agency on Aging and Berks United Way.

At first it was challenging to have the number of participants we needed, but there were eventually thirteen of us which included people from two other churches joining in.

We learned many things from Martha Sitler, our facilitator, who is pictured below. She is a delightful, patient, and funny person who is also a church organist at Amity UCC. She even shared her personal fall story with us to help us feel comfortable enough to share our concerns.

Much of the work we did together involved reframing a fear of falling into a mindfulness experience of planning ahead to prevent falls and exercises to improve our ability to move with confidence to the best of our abilities. We explored many helpful hints and the importance of asking for help when we need it.

In one session a physical therapist came in and taught us proper ways of getting out of bed in the morning, the proper ways to use canes and walkers in a variety of circumstances, the best ways to get in and out of chairs, and why we should never try to help someone up who falls. (We could hurt them more, we could hurt ourselves, and there is the possibility of liability.)

Martha tells us that Berks Encore has other programs that we may find helpful in the future.



My Favorite Hymn

When I asked Kathy Landis what her favorite hymn was, she quickly replied, “In the Bulb There is a Flower.” She first heard this hymn many years ago when she was head of an Outreach Program. The hymn inspires her love of nature as she likes all things related to nature, including the flowers and butterflies mentioned in the song. Kathy likes the image in the song of a small seed growing into a large apple tree. She relates it to something small in a person like a message from the Holy Spirit bursting forth and becoming wonderful ideas. Perhaps it could be sharing the gospel with one person and then it spreads to others.

The hymn speaks of hope: “in our life, eternity; in our death, a resurrection. Kathy played the hymn on her violin for her good friend, Nora Bullock’s funeral. Nora was also a nature lover and especially enjoyed tending to her flower garden. Kathy again chose this song to be sung at the memorial service for her husband, Carl Wolfinger. Kathy likes everything about this song: the tune, the words, and the meanings behind them.

Natalie Sleeth composed her “Hymn of Promise” first as a choral anthem, which our choir has sung, and then adapted it to a version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it in 1985.

Judy Heffley



Church Life and Growth

On June 8th, the Consistory recommended that a group be formed to explore our church life and hospitality. In other words, how do we currently welcome our members and invite or welcome visitors (without being too “pushy”). Also, more importantly, how we can improve our hospitality efforts? What does growth look like? Is it about adding numbers to our congregation, or is it also about bringing others to know Jesus by carrying the good news, which is really what defines evangelism (the “E” word which may have a scary connotation)?

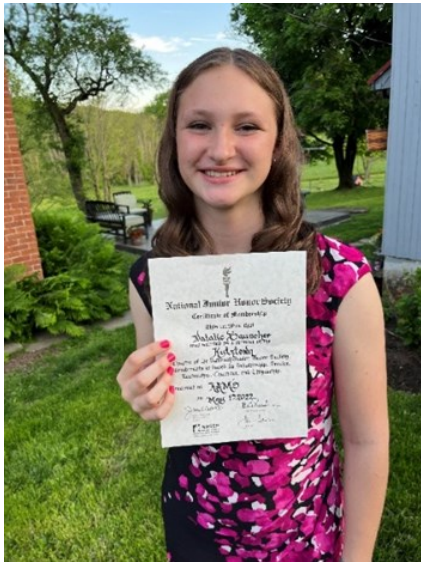
Another group will consider how our members can create an environment of generosity in the donation of talents, time, and resources. To begin with, these groups could be ad hoc (short-term) run by volunteers. In St. Paul’s Church Profile on pages 9-11, we included a response to “Who is God Calling Us to Become.” These discussion groups will lead us to evaluate our church progress and where we want to place our efforts moving forward. We stated our dreams for the future, and we have an opportunity to take steps to bring those dreams to fruition. If you would like to have a say in these vital discussions, please let Barbara know. (Church Profile pages 9-11 available upon request).

St. Paul's Scholars by: Barbara Merkel

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding middle school students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serve to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Citizenship and Character. All students need to maintain, throughout their seventh and eighth grade years, a cumulative GPA of 3.75.

The Kutztown Middle School inducted 7th- and 8th-grade students into their Junior National Honor Society on May 19th, 2022.

Congratulations to Natalie Bauscher and Emma O'Neil!



The 2021-2022 Honor Societies Induction into the National Honor Society at Brandywine Heights High School was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

To be eligible for membership consideration, a student must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or better. Additionally, potential members must meet high standards of leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Congratulations to Caleb Moyer!



Young At Heart Seniors

June's gathering began with a prayer followed by a reading of a poem about music. We had two guests this month and as a result had a choice of two crafts.

Our friend, Rev. Marian Shearer introduced us to Pysanky Eggs and explained their history. Did you know that hiding Easter Eggs may have originated with Pysanky Eggs? We dedicated our Pysanky Eggs in honor of the people of Ukraine and in memory of Ukrainians who have perished in the current war with Russia.



Our second guest was Susan Hillman of Sunshine Signs Kutztown who offers woodcraft classes at Farmhouse Flowers. She brought four signs resembling quilt blocks for us to choose from to be painted.

Special thanks to Ethel and Nancy for planning the gathering and for the delicious treats.

Please join us and bring a friend.



Young At Heart Seniors

The Young at Heart Senior Club continues to meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

May's gathering began with a prayer followed by a reading of a patriotic poem with a table of goodies decked out in red, white, and blue splendor. Our guest was Keith Brintzenhoff, who played a variety of instruments and lead us in a sing-a-long. I think many of us were surprised that we remembered the words to songs we haven't sung in many years!

The craft for the month was stress balls with our choice of colors and textures. Did you know that the palm of your hand has pressure points that relieve stress and anxiety when massaged?

Special thanks to Fern and Ruth Ann for planning the gathering and for the delicious treats. Please join us and bring a friend.

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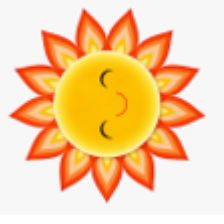
Worship: 10:15 AM
 Sunday School—9:00 AM (September—May) Adult SS 8:45 AM
 Office/Pastor Hours: Monday 9AM-12Noon, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9AM-1PM
 (Due to church schedule, appointments suggested for Pastor)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 VBS Final set-up after worship					1	2 8:30 am Manna 9:30 AM Yoga
3 10:30 am Folk Festival Service	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 7 pm Bible Study	6	7	8	9 9 am Prayer Walk 9:30 AM Yoga
10 Patriotic Sunday 9 am Confirmation Class	11 6 pm Mat Yoga	12 11 am Worship Mtg. 6:30 pm Spiritual Council	13 5:30—9 PM H & H Quilters 7 PM Consistory Mtg.	14	15	16 9am-10pm Crafting 9:30 AM Yoga
17	18 8:30 PM VBS Set-up	19 6-8:30 PM VBS Setup	20 10 AM—Noon Seniors Young at Heart 6-8:30 PM VBS Setup	21 6-8:30 PM VBS Set-up	22 6-8:30 PM VBS Set-up	23
24 Confirmation—TBD Church Picnic Worship Wessner's Grove	25 6pm Mat Yoga	26	27	28	29	30 6-8:30 Final Set up for VBS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	July 3, 2022	July 10, 2022	July 17, 2022	July 24, 2022	July 31, 2022
	4th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 AM	5th Sunday after Pentecost Patriotic Sunday	6th Sunday after Pentecost	7th Sunday after Pentecost Outdoor Worship	8th Sunday after Pentecost
	Services at Kutztown Folk Festival			Wessner's Grove	
Daily Devotions	2 Kings 5:1-14	Amos 7:7-17	Amos 8:1-12	Hosea 1:2-10	Hosea 11:1-11
	Psalms 66:1-9	Psalms 25:1-10	Psalms 15	Psalms 138	Psalms 49:1-12
	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13	Luke 12:13-21
Fellowship/Events					
Reminder	Setting up for VBS				
	Check Church Calendar				
Worship Leaders	N/A	Brian Unger	Donna Sheaffer	Kathy Landis	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck
Lectors	N/A	N/A	Natale Bauscher	N/a	Jack Moriarty
Deacons	Barbara Merkel	Brian Unger	Katie Moyer	Barbara Merkel	Brian Unger
	Cindy Swan	TBD	Tom Lenich	Cindy Swan	TBD
	Denise Keim	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Sandi Madeira	Denise Keim	Ethel DeMatteo-Becke
Flower Sponsors					
Center		Tom & Jan Lenich		Pastor Kim	
		In memory of Michael Johnson		In memory of my sister,	
Sides				Kay Shirley Witman	
Bulletins		Nancy O'Neil	Gene & Sandi Madeira	Pastor Kim	
		In memory of Loved Ones	In celebration of our	In honor of my	
			55th Anniversary	brother, Don's Birthday	

AUGUST 2022

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	1 6:00—8:30 PM VBS	2 6:00—8:30 PM VBS	3 6:00—8:30 PM VBS	4 6:00—8:30 PM VBS	5 6:00 - 8:30 PM VBS
6 8:30 AM Manna 9:30 AM Yoga					
7 Summer Communion Fellowship After	8 6PM Mat Yoga	9 11 AM Worship Mtg	10 NO CONSISTORY	11	12
					13 9 AM Prayer Walk 9:30 AM Yoga
14	15 PULSE Deadline 6pm Mat Yoga 6:30pm Fellowship 7pm Missions 7pm Property	16 7 pm Bible Study	17 10 AM—Noon Young at Heart Seniors 5:30-9pm H&H Quilters	18	19
					20 9am-10pm Crafting 9:30 AM Yoga
21	22 6pm Mat Yoga	23	24	25	26
					27 9:30 AM Yoga
28	29 6pm Mat Yoga	30 6:30 pm Personnel 7:00 PM Christian Ed Meeting	31		

WORSHIP SCHEDULE		August 7, 2022	August 14, 2022	August 21, 2022	August 28, 2022
		9th Sunday after Pentecost	10th Sunday after Pentecost	11th Sunday after Pentecost	12th Sunday after Pentecost
		Summer Communion			
Fellowship/Events		Fellowship after Worship			
Worship Leaders		Katie Moyer	Karen Rhode	Barbara Merkel	Christine Keim
Lectors		Natalie Bauscher		Carl Mantz	Jack Moriarty
Elders		* Steve Leinbach, Sherry Leinbach			
		Jeffrey Schmoyer, Louise Wessner			
		Sue Kunkel			
Deacons		Katie Moyer	Barbara Merkel	Brian Unger	Katie Moyer
		Tom Lenich	Cindy Swan	TBD	Tom Lenich
		Sandi Madeira	Denise Keim	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Sandi Madeira
Flowers-Center		Keith and Shirley Leinbach			Pastor Kim
		In honor of Erin's birthday			In honor of
					Donald Kline's birthday
Flowers-Sides					
Bulletins					Pastor Kim
					In honor of my brother
					Don's birthday



In Loving Memory



Martha Ann (Taglieber) Freed, 78, of Kutztown, passed away on Friday, May 27, 2022 at Reading Hospital, West Reading, PA. Born February 22, 1944, in Sellersville, she was the daughter of the late Stanley C. and Anna Catherine (Yarema) Taglieber.

Martha was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Kutztown and the Kutztown Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. She attended Upper Perkiomen High School and enjoyed quilting, especially making baby quilts and going to craft shows.

Martha is survived by her three daughters, Mary C. (Freed) Steltz, wife of Steven Steltz, Kutztown, Michelle T. (Freed) Badman, wife of Karl Badman, Pennsburg, and Constance J. (Freed) Ashenfelder, widow of Weston Ashenfelder, III, Kutztown. She is also survived by her grandchildren, April, Steven, Jr., Sarah, Phillip, Emily, Helena, Holly, Joseph Jr., and Danielle and by her 8 great-grandchildren.



Walter C. Delcamp 92, of Kutztown, passed away on Friday, June 10, 2022. He was the husband of Shirley M. (Kern) Delcamp, whom he married on August 24, 1957. Born in Oley, Walter was a son of the late Irvin F. and Katie F. (Stitzer) Delcamp.



Stuffed Zucchini

1 lb. ground beef	1 (15oz.) jar spaghetti sauce
1-2 onions diced	1 zucchini
½ c. mayonnaise	1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. lemon juice	1 tsp. oregano
½ green pepper, diced	¼ tsp. parsley
5-6 oz. cheddar cheese, shredded	

Directions:

Cut zucchini in ½ lengthwise and scoop out seeds. Fry ground beef and onions together and drain. Mix mayonnaise, lemon juice, cheese, pepper, and seasonings in a small bowl. Mix in ground beef mixture. Spoon into zucchini. Top with spaghetti sauce. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes.

Blueberry Peach Crisp

2 c. fresh blueberries
2 c. fresh peaches (sliced) add ¾ sugar to peaches
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
¼ c. flour
½ tsp. cinnamon

Topping:

1/3 c. oats
¾ c. flour
½ c. light brown sugar
1/3 c. Butter, melted

Directions:

Combine fruit, sugar, lemon juice, flour, and spices. Place in a buttered 8 x 8 pan. Mix topping ingredients and place over fruit. Bake for 35 minutes at 350 degrees.

Rev. Sara Hertzog Honored at Lancaster Theological Seminary

During their annual Alumni Day celebration May 6, LTS honored Sara Hertzog by presenting her with the 2022 Allan S. Meck Award for Excellence in Pastoral Ministry, which honors the memory of Allan S. Meck, Class of 1911, president of the Seminary from 1947-57.

Reverend Sara Hertzog has served as the pastor of Maiden creek Church, Blandon, PA, for the past 16 years. Maiden creek Church is a federated UCC/ELCA church. Since her call to Maiden creek Church, this faith community has doubled in size and ministries. Youth programs have been introduced, including leadership training for youth. Several youth members have served as delegates to the General Synod.

Most recently, the church completed a quarter-million-dollar addition, which includes an elevator and ADA accessible bathrooms. The three-year capital campaign generated \$800,000, even though the last year of the campaign the building was closed due to the pandemic. Pastor Sara received a Master of Divinity in 2006 from Lancaster Theological Seminary where she has served as an adjunct professor. In addition, she has served as a consultant to shared ministry churches as Committee on Ministry chair of the Covenant Association, facilitator of a Community of Practice, and mentor to field education students, members in discernment, and licensed pastors.

Pastor Sara lives in Richmond Township with her husband Gary. They have two children, Beth Harbonic, a history teacher, and Nathan, co-owner of Weaknecht Archery. Pastor Sara enjoys knitting, golfing, traveling, and spending time with her four grandchildren.

<https://www.lancasterseminary.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Sara-Hertzog-Bio.pdf>



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 3rd
Worship at the Folk Festival—10:30AM

July 9th
Prayer Walk at High School—9AM

July 24th
Worship and church picnic
Wessner's Grove

August 1st—5th
Vacation Bible School
6:00 to 8:30PM

August 7th
Summer Communion

August 13th
Prayer Walk at High School—9AM