

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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Dear St. Paul's Family:

He is Risen! Those words are the ones that bring the lengthy and moving Lenten season to its incredible conclusion. He is Risen!

Lent is my favorite season of the year and not just because I love purple. I suspect that it is because I began attending Mid-Week Lenten worship at the Lutheran Center at KU as a student and found them so meaningful. Many young people turn away from their faith after Confirmation and many more turn away during their young adult years. However, some of us find Jesus or renew our relationship with him in our young adult years.

Recently I officiated a funeral at St. John's Lutheran Church and was reminded of a particularly memorable Good Friday worship I attended there with my aunt, uncle, and cousin. It was a Tenebrae service in which the sanctuary became increasingly dark throughout the worship. That evening the pastor graphically detailed the physiological injuries Jesus sustained enroute to the cross and those inflicted by the cruel style of execution known as crucifixion. I fell apart in my pew and sobbed uncontrollably when the full weight of Jesus' death on the cross for me and my sins – before I was even born – dawned on me.

I pray you found Lent to be a time of prayer, reflection, and renewal. I am hopeful that the Lenten Devotionals were an important part of your Lenten season. Each day brought new perspectives and reflections about scripture to nurture our souls.

He is Risen! Those words also signal the gradual arrival of Spring with beautiful flowers, seasonal allergies, and baseball season. Speaking of baseball, we are planning to attend a Reading Fightin' Phils game on Thursday, June 16th at 7 PM. We also look forward to Music Sunday on May 8th with a surprising sermon; a Women's Brunch (everyone is welcome) after worship on May 15th, Memorial Sunday on May 29th with Michael Feeney and live "Taps" with Don Kline; a Baptism on June 12th; Wedding Sunday with vow renewals on June 19th and many more events.

May all those March and April showers bring an abundance of beauty, and greater appreciation of and faith in our loving Creator into your lives.

Blessings,

Pastor Kim

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

May

- 1 Joan Bieber, Jill Fitzgerald,
- 2 Linda Merkel
- 4 Nancy Heffner, Jane Grim,
David Hoffman
- 5 Patricia Bubbenmoyer, Lindsay George
- 6 Leona Keim, Kenneth Ziegler,
- 8 Robert Grim
- 9 James Ludwick
- 10 Julie Esposito, Caroline Harris
- 13 Donna Sheaffer, Sue Kunkel
- 14 Trish Banham
- 17 David Seaman
- 21 Debra Wehr, Chelsea Lenhart
- 23 Kian Merkel, Emlyn Duncan
- 25 Betty Conrad
- 27 Bridget Oberheim
- 28 Devon Rhodes
- 30 Kenneth Held, Adalyn Galvis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

June

- 1 Penny George
- 2 Campbell Harris, Daryl Keim,
Garrett Ordway, June Rung, Noah Bray
- 3 Dexter George
- 4 Jacob Moyer
- 5 Steve Steltz Sr
- 7 Manette Boyer, Lila Newhard
- 10 Grace Conover, Christine Mattern
- 13 Briana Pilgert
- 16 Fietta Schaeffer
- 19 Jack Moriarty
- 20 Bruce Burrows, Connie Davies
- 21 Steven Leinbach
- 25 Joe Hartman, Louise Wessner
- 28 Arielle Levine



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

The Sunday School has been busy following the "Character by God's Design" curriculum lessons and tying them to our everyday life. We have completed painting the beautiful wall mural in the Sunday School classroom. We held our annual Pocket Flag Project and folded approximately 450 American flags for Army soldiers who deployed this Spring from the 10th Mountain Division out of Fort Drum, NY. The youth folded palms for congregation members on Palm Sunday and also participated in a Youth Worship Service and Earth Day Project in April. The homebound members of the church continue to enjoy receiving regular crafts and cards from the Sunday School. The youth continue to meet with Pastor Kim the first Sunday of each month for a short lesson. Our Confirmation Class continues to meet regularly with Pastor Kim. Our last Sunday School Class Celebration will be on May 22 at 9:00 a.m. with a special performance in Fellowship Hall by Juggler Chris Ivey to which all congregation members are invited. The Board of Christian Education would like to thank all of our 8 teachers who have been teaching our children about God's word this past year: Ethel Beck, Denise Keim, Katie Moyer, Louise Moyer, Karen Rhode, Jerry Silberman, Ashley Stofflet, and Marjorie Weida.



JUGGLER CHRIS IVEY - SPECIAL PERFORMANCE MAY 22 AT 9:00 a.m.

All congregation members are invited to join the youth on Sunday, May 22 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for a performance by Juggler Chris Ivey. Because this is a youth event, universal masking is required.



APPEARING
LIVE
CHARACTER JUGGLER
CHRIS IVEY

DETAILS

May 22
at 9:00 am
in
Fellowship
Hall

CHRISIVEY.COM

FACEBOOK.COM/JUGGLERCHRISIVEY

Relay for Life: 25th Anniversary

Come join St. Paul's Angels of Hope on Saturday, May 21st at the Kutztown Fairgrounds. The Relay begins at 10:00 AM and ends at 10:00 PM. The Opening Ceremony is at Noon.

We will be having a basket raffle and if you would like to donate a basket, it would be greatly appreciated. We will have pop-up tents, so please bring your own chair if you want to hang out for a while.

Food will be available at the cafeteria stand. Angels of Hope will be cooking and staffing the stand from Noon until 2:30. Please support the Relay by purchasing lunch.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Keim.

Hope to see you there!



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Most congregations will receive the STC offering on

Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022.

Together, we can be a Spirit-inspired and world-changing Christian movement.

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OFFERING**

GRADUATION

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE THAT GRADUATED OR WILL BE GRADUATING PLEASE PLACE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN THE PULSE MAILBOX OR E-MAIL Marjorie Weida at maweid69@hotmail.com

NAME OF GRADUATE

NAME OF SCHOOL

DEGREE ACHIEVED (IF ANY)

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US

Young At Heart Seniors

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

March began with a prayer followed by a reading of the poem "Lilacs" by Amy Lowell with a few Berks County changes. Our guest speaker was Dr. Abbie Moriarty who shared nutritional information with us. It was very practical and helpful information.

The group planted seeds in small portable "green houses." We hope the seedlings are doing well and can soon be planted outside.

Special thanks to Sandi and Donna for being our hosts and providing St. Patty's cookies. Thanks to Fern for making delicious cupcakes. In April Dr. Abbie's partner Dr. Henrique Ribeiro will be enlightening us about staying physically active as an important part of our daily health.

Please join us and bring a friend.





Sausage Stuffed-Mushrooms

Warm and satisfying, these cheesy two-bite hors d'oeuvres are delicious! Makes 24.

Ingredients:

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| 24 large white or cremini mushrooms | 1 (8oz) pkg cream cheese, cubed and softened |
| 2 Tbsp olive oil | 2 Tbsp parsley |
| ½ cup chopped onion | ½ tsp garlic powder |
| ¼ tsp salt and pepper | |
| 1 lb. Italian sausage, cooked and crumbled | |

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a large baking sheet with cooking spray. Cut stems from mushrooms and chop into pieces leaving caps whole.
2. In a skillet, heat oil over medium-high. Add onion and chopped mushroom stems, salt and pepper. Cook 6 to 8 minutes, stirring often, until soft. Add cooked sausage, cream cheese, parsley and garlic powder. Stir together until cream cheese is completely melted.
3. Spoon about 1 Tbsp of the sausage mixture into mushroom caps and bake 25 to 30 minutes until mushrooms are soft and filling is heated through. Cool slightly before serving.

CHICKEN LO MEIN

Ingredients:

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| 4 boneless chicken breasts | 4 scallions |
| ½ red pepper | 8 – 10 oz. spaghetti noodles |
| 1 tbsp. oil | ½ cup Hoisin sauce |
| 4 gloves garlic, minced | Fresh Vegetable: Broccoli, carrots, |
| 1 tbsp. fresh ginger | snap peas, etc. |
| Sauce: | |
| ½ c chicken broth | 2 tbsp. oyster sauce |
| 4 tbsp. soy sauce | 2 tsp. sesame oil |
| 2 tbsp. hoisin sauce | 4 tsp. corn starch |



Instructions:

- Pound chicken breasts to ½ inch thick. Marinate in hoisin sauce for 30 minutes
Chop scallions and set green part aside
Combine all sauce ingredients and mix well.
Slice chicken diagonally and sauté
Cook noodles per package directions
Heat oil in a large pan. Add scallions, ginger, and garlic. Cook until fragrant and then add red pepper
Add fresh vegetables
Add sauce
Stir over medium heat until sauce is thickened.
Top with scallion greens

GETTING TO KNOW...

This is the fourth new member interview that was done by June Rung and Kathy Landis. The interview was with Elaine Musser. Also present to add memorable items of interest were Diane Reidenauer, her daughter; Colin Heffley, younger brother; Judy Heffley, daughter-in-law.

Q. WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I was born and raised in Kutztown in a family of eight children—two girls and six boys, one of which is Colin. Only four are still living. I attended St. Paul's UCC until I was ten when we moved to Krumsville. I graduated from Kutztown High School and as an adult I took some courses at Kutztown University. I now live in an apartment at the Topton Home.

Q. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

I was married at Grimsville Lutheran Reformed church and lived in Bally for about twenty years on a 17½ acre property. My husband Wally died on December 22, 2016 so that first Christmas without him was very sad. He was a biology teacher for 37 years. My father was also a teacher. I have two daughters and one son. My daughters, Diane Reidenauer and Sharon MacMinn, live in the Boyertown area, and my son Clint Musser lives in Exeter, not far away. I have five grandchildren—one girl and two boys of Diane's and two boys of Sharon's. Clint is single. No great grandchildren yet. Diane's daughter Katie had been living in Australia, but came home to Pennsylvania and works at Liberty, the new restaurant located where the Dryville Hotel had been. Diane mentioned that Elaine was a good mom and grandmother always willing to pitch in taking care of the grandkids.

Q. WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES DO YOU ENJOY?

My favorite day of the week is Sunday because after church I go to Colin and Judy's house to play cards and, of course, eat. (Carl Mantz also joins them.) I play rummy, pinochle, and bridge with other friends too.

I have a busy schedule at the Topton Home. I do a lot of exercising like exercise swimming in Allentown and yoga at Topton. I have a lot of good friends there.

Also, I used to like to cook.

Q. WHAT KIND OF JOB DID YOU HAVE?

In Washington, DC, I worked for the Admiral. Also, I was an executive secretary at Knoll International for 30 years.

Elaine says that she is determined to be around to meet her great grandchildren. She also told us that the grandchildren had sent her a card signed "We love you." She loved that sentiment and she still loves Colin too!

Isn't it great that Elaine came back to her childhood church and rejoined St. Paul's this past spring? Be sure to greet Elaine in church, make her feel welcome, and share your stories.



Kutztown Folk Music Society Concerts



The March KFMS concert was a real treat with two of the Berks Fiddle Fest Champions sharing the sanctuary “stage.” The first performer was 9-year-old, Serafina, who brought an entourage of fans with her. She is the consummate professional, stating the name of the piece, the composer, and a bit of background about the music.

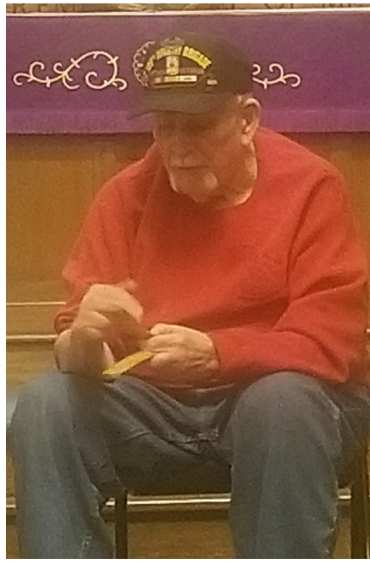
She played for 45 minutes without music! She was terrific, and her American style of playing was very fast-paced and accurate. She alternated between two fiddles. One of her first pieces was a reel called “The Lover’s Waltz” in a traditional reel style called a “break down.” She also played lively Scottish jigs, Slip jigs, and a Kentucky fiddle tune called “Half Irish” and many more selections from her repertoire. She sprinkled in Appalachian fiddle tunes, Blue Grass, and French-Canadian music, too. In case you missed her – or you are now among Serafina’s fan club- the Worship Committee is planning to invite her to play for worship one Sunday.



Our second Fiddle Champion was Margaret Young, a 20-year-old multi-instrument artist who works as an apprentice at Meadowood Music repairing instruments among many other things. She wore a vintage costume, which is her custom when she has a gig. Her proud family was in attendance at the concert. Like Serafina, Margaret played for 45 minutes with no music and played such a variety of music! You may notice that her hand is smudged in the photo from the speed of her playing.

Margaret brought 4 fiddles with her but has a number of other instruments. Her style of playing is from the Celtic tradition. She began with a set of Pipe Reels and then switched to her Hardanger fiddle, considered to be the national instrument of Norway and a common fiddle in Greenland. It has 9 strings, rather than the 4 strings of other fiddles. The additional strings vibrate in sympathy beneath the other strings. It is a very ornate instrument, and it is “fussy” to keep it tuned due to its gut strings. It has an interesting tone quality and projects a bright sound.

It was so inspirational to hear these dedicated, talented young fiddlers and we encourage to attend a concert when you have any opportunity.



In April we were finally able to hear the renowned Sea Shanty singer (say that three times fast!), Don Sinetti, the official Sea Shanty singer for Mystic Seaport. He needed to be rescheduled several times, but he was able to venture down South to Kutztown from Connecticut to regale us with his talent.

Don's wife, Mary joins him on gigs and acts as his narrator. She also sweetly asks him to play her favorite tunes for the audience, including the one he sung to her at their wedding.

Don's music gives you the feeling of being a sailor at sea. The history of Sea Shanties is fascinating. For example, a ship must have had a Shanty Singer who needed to be clever enough to keep a tune going until a task such as hoisting the sails was complete, which took hours. Most Shanties were not written down, so the tunes were shared orally and passed from ship to ship.

We learned that sailors ate a lot of hardtack on board when food was scarce on five year long whaling trips. Hardtack is a non-perishable dense biscuit made of simple ingredients and baked several times until it was hard as a rock. They had to put hardtack in a liquid to make it edible and avoid breaking teeth. They also had rations of "spirits" to fortify them for their journeys because there wasn't much potable water available at sea.

My favorite song of the evening was the moving "The Skye Boat Song," which is the tune for theme for the Outlander series. The original folk tune is about the Scottish Bonnie Prince Charlie escaping to the Isle of Skye after the devastating loss at the Battle of Culloden in 1746. Here are some of the lyrics penned by Sir Harold Boulton:

"Speed, bonnie boat, like a bird on the wing,
Onward! the sailors cry;
Carry the lad that's born to be king
Over the sea to Skye.
Loud the winds howl, loud the waves roar,
Thunderclaps rend the air;
Baffled, our foes stand by the shore,
Follow they will not dare."

Aside from his musical pursuits, Don is also a talented artist. He draws whales in such detail that some of his work is on display in Hawaii where they also had an active whaling trade.

There is one installment left of this year's KFMS schedule, The Travis Wetzel Trio. Travis was a finalist in the ICMA 2017 musician of the year. Come on out and hear some wonderful live folk music.

KUTZTOWN COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Kutztown Community Choir will present a Spring Concert on Sunday, May 15 at 7:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 357 W. Main St., Kutztown. We are so glad to be singing again!

This year's concert will include a wonderful collection of lively music that is sure to lift your spirits and set your toes a tappin'. Our choral selections will include music from *Grease*, Elton John's *Rock-etman*, Frank Sinatra, and *Cats*, as well as patriotic and folk tunes.

Our Spring Concert is a great time to greet the return of warm weather along with other music lovers and to enjoy an evening that is sure to entertain and delight.

GERANIUMS IN CHURCH

If you are interested in placing geraniums in the sanctuary for the May 29th service, please contact Barb at 610-683-3393 or at office@stpaulskutztown.org. She has the order forms with colors and prices.

Thank you in advance for adding to the beauty of the sanctuary!!



PRAYER LINKS

Prayer Links members are always actively praying so do not hesitate to ask for prayers. If you would like to add someone to the list, call the church office at 610-683-3393 or June Rung at 610-683-6563.



COLIN HEFFLEY'S QUIPS

A woman approached me at the bank wanting to buy a savings bond for her granddaughter who was being baptized. Not sure how much she wanted to spend, I asked, "What denomination?" She replied, "Protestant."

The members of a Sunday school class were asked to write down their favorite biblical truths. One youngster laboriously printed, "Do one to others as others do one to you."

At a party a wife admonished her husband. "That's the fourth time you've gone back for ice cream and cake. Doesn't it embarrass you?" "Why should it?", answered the spouse. "I keep telling them it's for you."

A father is someone who carries pictures where his money used to be.

What three letter word starts with g-a-s? Answer: A car

Passover Seder

On Saturday, April 9th the Confirmation Class hosted a Passover Seder in Fellowship Hall. It was led by Pastor Kim's friend, Leslie. They first hosted Seders together at Kutztown University when they were students and have previously hosted them at Longswamp UCC, Maiden Creek Church, and St. John's UCC in Kutztown. Each guest brought a delicious, covered dish item to share.

It is believed that the Last Supper was a Passover Seder, so it is an appropriate event to lead into Palm Sunday and Holy Week. As an observant Jew, it would have been an annual tradition in Jesus' family. The Seder is a meal within a worship service remembering the Exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt. The Seder plate had symbolic items on it, such as, saltwater representing the tears of the oppressed Hebrew people. Horseradish represented the bitter herb and is symbolic of the bitterness of slavery. Another symbolic item is Charosets, a dish made of diced apples, walnuts, honey, cinnamon, and grape juice which represents the brick and mortar used by the Hebrews to re-build the Temple in Jerusalem.

There is always an empty table setting at the Seder table for Elijah. Dylan opened the entrance door to allow Elijah to enter the room if Elijah wished to enter. One of the highlights was the "hide and seek" of the Afikomen, a piece of matzo (a type of special unleavened cracker). Dylan and Natalie searched high and low, but ultimately Natalie found it and was rewarded with a prize. Michele Dugan sang a Passover Prayer in Hebrew, as did David Rung.

The Confirmation Class wishes to thank everyone who helped to plan the event, set up, Leslie for leading the Seder, each person who participated and brought food to share, and the clean-up crew.



World Day of Prayer

"I enjoyed talking with the other people." (David Rung)

That is what many attendees valued most of the experience by sharing and getting to know each other better. Hosted by the Spiritual Council and Worship Committee, the World Day of Prayer was held Friday, March 4, in Fellowship Hall. First, a brief worship service started the event, followed by a scrumptious brunch. Numerous members participated in the service during which time a special prayer was said for Ukraine.

As part of the Bible Study, we learned about the historical background of the scripture before the reading of Jeremiah 19, which then led to "table talk." Each table of a few people discussed the four thought-provoking questions relating to the scripture. "I liked the participation by everyone and the good discussions at the tables." (Judy Heffley). After the discussions, we shared our varying "table" thoughts with the entire group, which enabled all to see things from a different perspective and learn from each other.

During worship, Judy (in her bright red hat per the British tradition) played piano while the group melodiously sang three beautiful hymns chosen to match the topic of prayer.

Following the worship service, brunch was served. How exciting! - the first meal since the pandemic restrictions in the church. Delicious homemade potato/leek soup, cream cheese/cucumber tea sandwiches, and blueberry scones—mmm- served with different blends of tea and coffee.

A British theme lent a flair to the event with fantastic decorations including a side table of books, articles and photos highlighting the British Isles. On the tables were red British "telly" booths with flowers.

So many members contributed to the planning of the day and many more participated in the worship service itself and created/served the festive menu. I choose not to list all the participant names because I am sure I would miss some important contributors to the success of the program. Thanks to all the volunteers who were responsible and to the eighteen attendees who had a great, enlightening, and fun experience. Let's do it again!

Kathy Landis

MAY 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
(Due to church schedule, appointments suggested for Pastor)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pastor Sunday Guest Pastor—Dr. Joe Piscatelli MAY Day Fellowship	2 6 PM Yoga 6:30PM Fellowship 7PM Missions	3 1-2 pm Walking Group 7 pm Bible Study	4 1-2 pm Walking Group	5 1-2 pm Walking Group	6	7 8:30 am Manna 9am-1pm Button Club 9:30 AM Yoga
8 Music Sunday Mother's Day	9 6 PM Yoga 6:30PM Fellowship 7PM Missions	10 11 am Worship Mtg. 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:30 pm Spiritual Council	11 1-2 pm Walking Group 7 pm Consistory	12 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Voice Choir	13 6-9:30 pm KFM Folk Music—Travis Wetzel Trio	14 9 am Prayer Walk 9:30 AM yoga 10:30 am—7 pm Penny Event
15 Women's Brunch After Worship	16 6 PM Yoga 7 pm Property	17 GENERAL PRIMARY 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:30 pm Pastoral Relations 7 pm Bible Study	18 1-2 pm Walking Group 5:30-9 pm H & H Quilters	19 1-2 pm Walking Group 7:30 pm Voice Choir	20	21 9am-10pmCrafting 9:30 AM Yoga 10 AM—10 pm Relay for Life
22 Last day of Sunday School Party w/Chris Ivey—Juggler Guest Pastor - Kerry	23 6 PM Yoga	24 1-2pm Walking Group	25 1-2pm Walking Group	26 1-2 pm Walking Group 3 pm Ascension Day Services	27	28 9:30 AM Yoga
29 Geraniums in the Sanctuary Fellowship Hour	30 Memorial Day—Office Closed	31 6:30 pm Personnel				

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	May 1, 2022	May 8, 2022	May 15, 2022	May 22, 2022	May 29, 2022
	Third Sunday of Easter	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Seventh Sunday of Easter
Daily Devotions	Guest Pastor- Joe Piscatelli	Music Sunday		Guest Pastor - Kerry Smart	Memorial Sunday
	Acts 9:1-6	Acts 9:36-43	Acts 11:1-8	Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34
	Psalms 30	Psalms 23	Psalms 148	Psalms 67	Psalms 97
	Revelations 5:11-14	Revelations 7:9-17	Revelations 21:1-6	Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5	Revelations 22:12-14, 16-21
Fellowship/Events	Coffee & Cake after Worship		Women's Brunch after Worship	Youth Sunday School Program	Geraniums in the Sanctuary
				Juggler Chris Ivey	Coffee and Cake after worship
				9:00 AM - 9:45	
Worship Leaders	Christine Keim	Ronald Reinhard	Brian Unger	Kathy Landis	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck
Deacons	Barbara Merkel	Brian Unger	Katie Moyer	Barbara Merkel	Brian Unger
	Cynthia Swan	Marjorie Weida	Tom Lenich	Cynthia Swan	Marjorie Weida
	Denise Keim	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Sandi Madeira	Denise Keim	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck
Flower Sponsors	David & June Rung	John & Marcia Keiser	Denise Keim	Ginny Kelbish	
Center	Silk Flowers	In honor of our	In honor of Leona Keim's birthday	In honor of my mother's birthday	
	In honor of our	wedding anniversary			
	wedding anniversary				
Sides			John & Marcia	Ginny Kelbish	
				In honor of my mother's birthday	
Bulletins	Denise Keim	Sandy Fenstermacher		Erin Webb	Mr. & Mrs. James Farber
	In honor of	In honor of Emory		In memory of	In celebration of
	Leona's birthday			Gloria Webb	our 62nd anniversary

JUNE 2022

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1-2 pm Walking Group 5-6:30PM Missions Community Picnic	2 1-2 pm Walking Group	3 1-2 pm Walking Group	4 8:30 am Manna 9:30 Yoga
5 Pentecost Communion Fellowship Hour	6 6 PM Yoga	7 1-2 pm Walking Group 7 pm Bible Study	8 1-2pm Walking Group 7 pm Consistory	9 8 AM Life Line Screening 1-2pm Walking Group	10	11 9 am Prayer Walk 9:30 Yoga
12	13 6 PM Yoga	14 11 am Worship Mtg. 1-2 pm Walking Group	15 1-2 pm Walking Group 5:30-9pm H & H Quilters PULSE Deadline	16 1-2 pm Walking Group	17	18 9am-10pm Crafting 9:30 Yoga
19 Father's Day Wedding Sunday	20 6 PM Yoga 7 pm Property	21 1-2pm Walking Group 2:15 pm Prayer Links 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm Finance Mtg	22 1-2 pm Walking Group 6:30 pm VBS Mtg	23 1-2 pm Walking Group	24	25 9:30 Yoga
26	27 6 pm Yoga	28 1-2pm Walking Group	29 1-2pm Walking Group	30 1-2 pm Walking Group		

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	June 5, 2022	June 12, 2022	June 19, 2022	June 26, 2022
	Pentecost Sunday	Trinity Sunday	Second Sunday after Pentecost	Third Sunday after Pentecost
	Pentecost Communion	Baptism - Ava Hoffman	Wedding Sunday	
Daily Devotions	Acts 2:1-21	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	1 Kings 19:1-4	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
	Psalms 104:14-34	Romans 5:1-5	Psalms 22:19-28	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
	Romans 8:14-17	John 16:12-15	Luke 8:26-39	Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Fellowship/Events	Coffee and cake after Worship			
Worship Leaders	Katie Moyer	Karen Rhodes	Carl Mantz	Ron Reinhard
Deacons	Katie Moyer	Barbara Merkel	Brian Unger	Katie Moyer
	Tom Lenich	Cynthia Swan	Marjorie Weida	Tom Lenich
	Sandi Madeira	Denise Keim	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Sandi Madeira
Flowers - Center	David Rung (Silk)	Ethel & Brian Beck		Pastor Kim
	In honor of June's birthday	In memory of fathers		In honor of my son,
		Wilmer Beck & Buck Wentz		Jeremy's birthday
Flower Sides	Ginny Kelbish			
Bulletins		Marge Weida		Pastor Kim
		In memory of Stanley Weida		In honor of my son,
				Jeremy's birthday



My Favorite Hymn

When I asked Fern Kline what her favorite hymn was, she surprised me since her favorite hymn is not one that is in our hymnal. The name of it is "The Legend of the Dogwood Tree." Fern first heard this hymn sung when she was a child attending the Lyons Fire Company Carnival. For a time Fern and her parents lived in a wooded area near Route 737. There were many dogwood trees there and she enjoyed their beauty. As you read the words to this song, I think you will understand why Fern finds them so moving as they remind us of Jesus' love and sacrifice for us.

- Judy Heffley

The Legend of the Dogwood Tree

By: Wilma Lee Cooper

There is a lovely story, the legend tho it be
It tells how blessed Jesus was pitied by a tree
T'was in the days when Jesus this earth did walk upon
The dogwood tree was larger it's wood was firm and strong

How beautiful the story the legend of a tree
That sobbed for dear Jesus unto old calvary
It proves that if we love him a blessing we'll receive
Just as the lovely story of the lowly dogwood tree.

At the time of the crucifixion the dogwood attained the size of the oak and other forest trees.
So strong and firm was the wood of it, that it was chosen for the timber of the cross.
To be used for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree
And Jesus sensed this and smiled upon it.

And in his gentle pity for sorrow said to it:
Because of your regret and pity for my suffering I make you this promise
Never again shall the dogwood grow enough to be used for a cross
Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted
And it's blossoms shall be in the form of a cross, two long petals and two short pedals

And in the center of the outer edge of each petal
There'll be the nail print browned with rust and stained with blood.
And the center of the flower will be an image of the crown of thorns
And all who see it will remember that it was upon the dogwood tree I was crucified
And this tree shall not be mutilated or destroyed but cherished as a reminder of my death
Upon the cross

Two petals long two petals short a symbol of the cross
On each the print of nails and blood which pictures Jesus lost.
In the center of each flower the crown of thorns can see
And so is told the legend of the lowly dogwood tree.

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Donna Lee "Nana" D. Derr, 77 of Kutztown passed away, surrounded by her loving family on Friday, April 1, 2022. She was the daughter of the late Charles H. and Myrtle V. Reinhard. She was the companion of Butch Grim.

Nancy L. (Miller) Seidel, 89, of Colony Park, formerly of Kutztown, passed away March 23, 2022 at Penn State Hershey Medical. Born April 23, 1932 she was the daughter of Helen M. (Balthaser) and Warren L. Miller. Her husband, Raymond A. Seidel, passed away February 11, 2011. They were married on May 10, 1953. Nancy was a loving wife, mother, and grandma.

What is Rejoicing Spirits?

Many of you have seen Rejoicing Spirits Steering Committee listed in the bulletin. You may even have wondered what it is!

Rejoicing Spirits is a worship service for individuals with cognitive disabilities and their families and friends. This service is a “shush-free” service filled with music, a Bible story or brief sermon (3-4 minutes), and an opportunity to socialize. The “rejoicers” actively participate in the worship service, reading scripture, leading prayers, and singing songs of praise.

Charlene and Steve Fisher, along with several other members of Trinity Lutheran Church, began looking into Rejoicing Spirits. They quickly realized that this was bigger than just one church and began to reach out to other congregations in the Brandywine, Fleetwood, Kutztown areas. Several churches indicated an interest, ours being one of them. Fueled by this community interest, they began the search for an accessible site. Enter St. Paul’s UCC! After touring several churches in the area, it was decided that St. Paul’s would be the site for the monthly worship.

We had to complete a Congregational Audit (answering questions about the accessibility of our church) and a Feasibility Study to determine the need for such a program. After completing these 2 tasks and meeting with the Steering Committee on March 29th, we are ready for our second coaching call with Reverend Dave DeFreese to determine our next steps.

As this worship service becomes a reality, we will be looking for volunteers—greeters, musicians, set-up, clean-up and food/snack prep. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know!



Yours in Christ,
Erin Webb

St. Patrick’s Sunday



This year on St. Patrick Sunday the amazing Margaret Young donned a tartan outfit in keeping with the theme of the day and played her bagpipes for us. We knew that Margaret played the violin, but when the Worship Committee invited her to play on St. Patrick’s Sunday, we did not realize that in addition to her violin skills, she is also an accomplished bagpiper. A week before the worship service, we learned that Margaret would also be playing the fiddle at the KFMS concert the Friday prior the worship service.

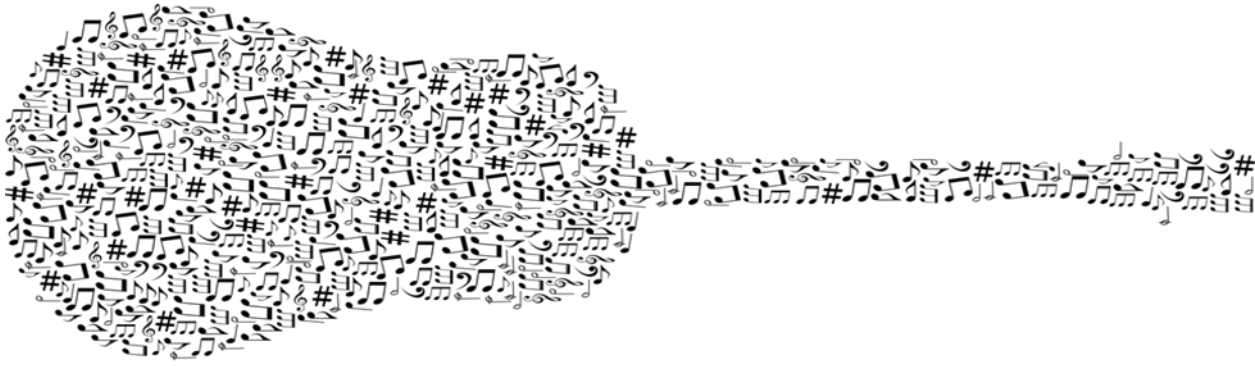
The worship service was moving, and one member of the congregation wore her kilt while the rest of us participated in “the wearing of the green.” The Worship Committee plans to invite Margaret back again next year.

MISSIONS COMMUNITY PICNIC

Come and join the Missions committee for a summer picnic on June 1st from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and various salads and drinks.

We hope to see all of you there!!





Kutztown Folk Music Society

Second Friday of each month 7:30 PM

May Concert: Friday, May 13, 2022:

Travis Wetzel Trio

\$9.00 - Adults

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St. Paul's UCC

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**- enter through the back door located on Lambert Alley and press
the plate on the wall to open the door**

Call Barb at the church office for more info 610.683.3393



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022: "ROCKY RAILWAY"

**August 1-5 (Monday-Friday) from 6:00-8:30 p.m.
at St. Paul's U.C.C. (Kutztown)**

The St. Paul's/Trinity Combined VBS Program is back for another fun summer in-person program: "Rocky Railway" (Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through), which has been in the making for the past 2 years! Please plan to preregister as soon as possible (but preferably no later than July 1) by completing the attached form or contacting Louise Moyer at 610-641-0507 or LouiseMoyer13@gmail.com. Children from age 2 thru Grade 6 will have a blast! We are also looking for adult and older youth helpers. There is no charge for the program. Come hop on the train & join the Rocky Railway fun!

ROCKY RAILWAY VBS at St. Paul's UCC (Kutztown)

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Osteoporosis Risk:

An ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density.

We will be in your neighborhood soon on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at Kutztown - St Pauls United Church of Christ

Get your special Community Circle pricing!

Three ways to register and receive the special discount:

Call toll-free: 1-800-679-5192

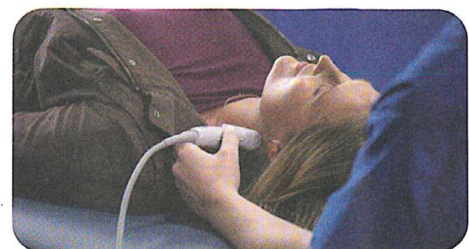
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May Day Fellowship Hour
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May 8th
Mother's Day
Music Sunday

May 14th
Prayer Walk—9AM

May 15th
Women's Brunch
After worship

May 22nd
Last day of Sunday School
Chris Ivey—Juggler

May 30th
Memorial Day

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JUNE

June 1st
Missions Community Picnic
5-6:30 PM

June 3-4
PSEC Spring Meeting
9 to 5PM

June 5th
Pentecost Communion
Fellowship after Worship

June 11th
Prayer Walk—9AM

June 19th
Father's Day
Wedding Sunday

June 21st
First Day of Summer