

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
47 South Whiteoak Street
Kutztown, Pennsylvania 19530
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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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Donna Sheaffer..... Bell Choir Director
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Dear St. Paul's Family:

As we enjoy the beauty of the Fall sur-
rounding us, we witness and feel the subtle (and
not so subtle) changes that remind us that
Thanksgiving will be here before we know it.
And the arrival of Thanksgiving ushers in the Advent season and
the journey with Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.



One of my favorite worship services of the year has been a
community Thanksgiving Eve service. I especially love singing a
verse of "Nun danket alle Gott" ("Now Thank We All Our God") in
German before singing it in English, a regional nod to our German
Reformed forefathers and foremothers. Like many special worship
services, Thanksgiving Eve attendance dwindled until it was no
longer considered to be practical to hold them. Slowly, such
community services, which rotated from church to church in a
community, have become rare gems.

I understand the need to begin preparing for Thanksgiving
festivities, but there is still a part of me that misses that precious
community moment to pause and give God thanks together for our
many blessings.

Thanksgiving is a time when we feel stirred to give to those
less fortunate. Based on our grocery bills and the cost of filling our
gas tanks, this will be a difficult year in which our generosity will
be greatly needed.

The words of 2 Corinthians 9:11b-12 lift-up another aspect
of giving, "Your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving
to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only
supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many
thanksgivings to God." Giving to others creates thanksgiving not
only in those who receive the gifts as they thank God for providing
sustenance, but it is also created in those who generously give as
we acknowledge that all of our blessings come from God.

We have much to be thankful for, brothers and sisters. I am
thankful for you and the unique gifts you bring to our church
family.

Thanksgiving and Advent Blessings,

Pastor Kim

Potato Project

One of the largest, most successful missions in Berks County is the Potato Project. Four members of St. Paul's helped with the harvest on Sunday afternoon, September 18. It was hard work on such a hot day, but there were so many people there on the day we picked that the potatoes were picked in about an hour. Louise Moyer and Pastor Kim picked potatoes, while Jim Gray emptied their buckets. Kathy Landis was part of the cleaning crew scrubbed potatoes.

We contributed to harvesting 67,675 pounds of potatoes that went to Helping Harvest in Berks and Schuylkill Counties. The harvest was about 20,000 pounds lower than the average year. It was felt that the price of fertilizer, rainy times early in the season, and the drought late in the season contributed to this decrease. One positive aspect was that insects were not a problem this season.

Thanks to everyone who helped and for those who support this important project in other ways.



VETERANS' DAY REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 13

The youth will be helping to lead the worship service and honor our Veterans on Sunday, November 13. We would encourage all of our veterans to attend the worship service to be recognized and honored. If you are able to attend, please respond to Louise Moyer via email or phone (LouiseMoyer13@gmail.com or 610-641-0507), providing your name, branch of service and years of service. Additionally, we would like to create a slideshow of photos again of all of our veterans (alive or deceased), so if you have a family member (alive or deceased) who served in the military, and did not already provide a photo of that person for last year's slideshow, please provide 1 photo along with their name, branch of service, and years of service to Louise to be included in the slideshow; the photo could be provided digitally via email, or a hard copy that will be scanned and returned to you. Please provide all new photos no later than Sunday, November 6. Thank you!

PRAYER LINKS

Need a prayer for yourself or someone else? Let us pray for you. Call Pastor Kim at 610-683-3393 or June Rung at 610-683-6563 and your request will be sent out to our praying members. Prayer does work we have plenty of proof.



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 8 was a brisk but sunny morning for our Blessing of the Animals worship service. It was held to honor animals and pets on St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day which is celebrated October 4 each year.

We had a brief outdoor worship service with Rod Barrell assisting Pastor Kim in leading worship and blessing the animals. Judy Heffley was kind enough to brave the chill with her portable keyboard to lead us in singing "All Things Bright and Beautiful" and "This is my Father's World." During the service Rod's dog, Buffy and Pat Brown's dog, Lola were blessed. 13 people participated and 14 pets were blessed, some of them were blessed virtually.

Special thanks to Louise Wessner and Rod for helping to organize the service, Judy for her musical talents, Jan Lenich and Barb Merkel for helping with set-up and clear-up and of course, the animals and their human companions for participating.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

November

- 2 James Farber, Carl Arndt, Quinn Moyer
- 3 James Hoch
- 8 Sharon Eschbach, Daniel Silberman,
Jade Fitzgerald
- 6 Pat Lobb
- 11 Geral Diehl
- 12 Jacki Kutzler, Jodi Brossman
- 13 Natalie Bauscher
- 14 Shirley Leinbach,, Charles Magee,
Jeffrey Schmoyer, Katie Moyer,
Josh Bungo, Ava Boyer,
- 15 Susan Peter, Brian Moyer
- 18 Tina Burkos, David Leinbach,
Stacy-Fritz Davies
- 19 Anna Hartman
- 20 Emily Grim
- 21 Jacob Wessner
- 22 Michele Neiman
- 23 Sandra Fenstermacher
- 24 Marlene Strauss
- 26 Marjorie Bryde, Sharon Seaman,
Benjamin Reed
- 28 Jennifer Galvis

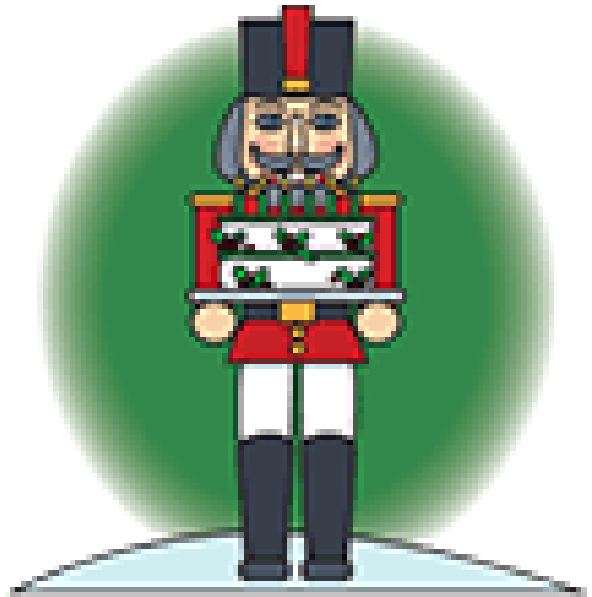


NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

December

- 1 Jacqueline Garcia
- 7 Brett Kulp, Sharon Larsen
- 8 Kyle Balthaser, Carl Mantz
- 11 Bruce Wessner
- 12 Kevin O'Neil, David Rung
- 13 Brandon Leinbach, Gregg Hartman
- 16 Cora Seidel, Lucille Seidel
- 17 Marcia Keiser, Jennifer Pilgert
- 20 Maddox Unger
- 21 Donald Grider, Tyler Bungo
- 22 Priscilla Farber
- 25 JESUS
- 27 Robin Rhodes, Joshua Rarick
- 28 Steven Schaeffer, Frank Pilgert II
- 29 David Ordway, Jacob Bungo,
James Gray
- 30 Richard Weaknecht



DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

Youth Sunday School is Back!

The St. Paul's UCC Youth Sunday School program kicked off on September 11 with a Rally Day celebration complete with a Pancake Breakfast honoring our Grandparents! Thank you to Ethel Beck, Jerry Silberman, Sherry Leinbach, and Steve Leinbach for manning the kitchen. We have a teaching team of 6 dedicated and devoted teachers this year: Denise Keim, Ethel Beck, Ashley Stofflet, Marjorie Weida, Jerry Silberman, and Louise Moyer. Our students range in age from 4-13 years old and meet in a one-room schoolhouse format. The students have been exploring God's word through our new curriculum: Group Publishing's "Grow Together Now."

In September, the children participated in "Chalk for Peace" in celebration of International Day of Peace. They have also been busy creating crafts/gifts for our homebound members. Pastor Kim has also been meeting with the students on the 1st Sunday of each month for a Pastor Sunday mini-lesson. On Bible Sunday, held on October 9th, 5 children were presented with Bibles: Elara George, Sofia Rocha, Hunter Manwiller, Taynara Rocha, and Maddox Unger.

On October 30, our 3 Confirmands (Jack Moriarty, Natalie Bauscher, and Dylan Thompson) will be confirmed. The youth will be participating in a special Veterans' Day Youth Worship Service on November 13. They will also be producing and starring in a Christmas Program on December 11, which will be followed by a luncheon in Fellowship Hall hosted by the Board of Christian Education.



Kutztown Folk Music Society

St. Paul's welcomed back the KFMS to our sanctuary for their 2022-2023 Season with a terrific variety of talented folk musicians. This concert featured 4 local artists and it was a cornucopia of acoustic styles.

Lucy Muth was the first to perform. I admit that I have known Lucy for many years, but never heard her play guitar. What a treat! Her soulful music and vocals reflected the music she grew up with in the 1960's and 1970's; protest songs that cause one to pause and contemplate the world's problems that never seem to go away and the call to be a part of solving them. Lucy performed several contemporary pieces by the Grammy Award Nominee, Brandi Carlisle. Several of Lucy's songs had themes of God's love for all creatures and creation that encourage us to love all creatures and creation, too.



Steve Brendlinger performed next. He recruited Lucy to join in for the Carl Perkin's tune made famous by Johnny Cash "Pappa Sings Bass" that includes the gospel chorus from "Will the Circle be Unbroken." Steve is a story teller and his first selection "Enjoy Your Ride" by Chris LeDoux transported us to the Country Fair and reminded us of wide-eyed childhood days of "fair firsts" including the characters you meet at the fair. Steve is a quiet, but deep man who sang Steve Earl's "The Last Gunfighter" with the indelible image of black powder smoke and the stand in the street. His other cowboy offering was another of Chris LeDoux's - the somber "Last of the Sunshine Cowboys." He rounded out his set with selections honoring the concert's location in our sanctuary: "Jesus Christ is Still the Same" and "Dust on the Bible."



As soon as we saw Luke Hertzog walk up to the mic, I believe we all knew we were in the presence of greatness. There is something of a superstar quality about him. He doesn't need a mic and has an energetic playing style that is captivating. He is the son of Mike and Linda Hertzog. He began with Johnny Cash's "Hardin Wouldn't Run" and shared the story of the controversial folk hero/gunfighter John Wesley Hardin with us. He performed several of the prolific Canadian singer/songwriter/musician Colter Wall pieces: "Thirteen Silver Dollars" and "Motorcycle" – if you are not familiar with him, Luke says he is worth a listen. His rendition of The Stone Coyotes' haunting "The Ghost of Vicksburg" admonishes us to put our differences aside and find common ground rather than ramping up the conflicts. Luke rounded out his set with two original pieces.

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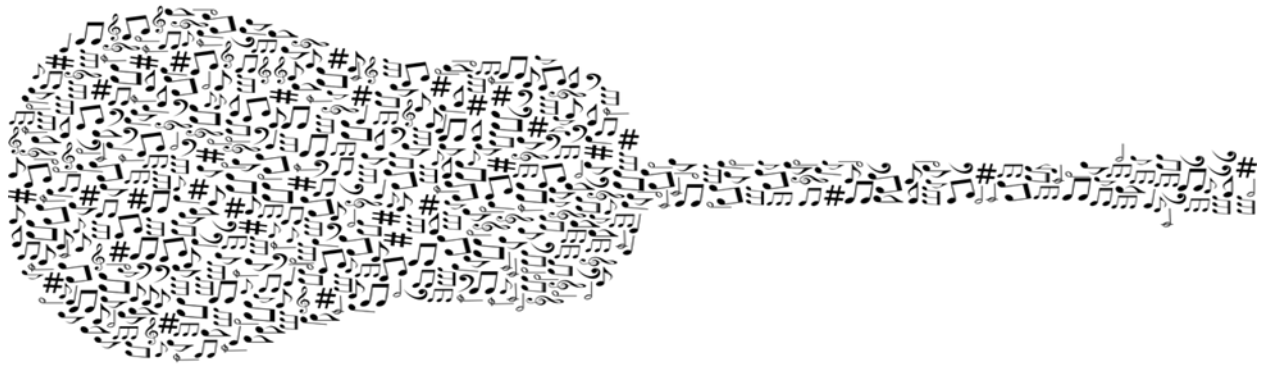
The first, called “Peruvian Sweater” a hope-filled barrel of laughs (chickens that don’t lay eggs, the dog smells like a skunk, and of course the Peruvian sweater) asking the existential question “Why, Jesus?” that is an accumulation of random topics from a backyard family picnic. We were honored to hear a new song he wrote about a week ago called “I’m Going, but I Ain’t Coming Back,” an anthem to a life moving forward.



Last, but certainly not least was Kutztown’s own, Dave Miller. His first piece was a Roy Clark tune about “stuff” – the well-worn, comfy kind of stuff. It moved to relationships with the same characteristics – the well-worn, comfy kind. Then he knocked over with his acoustic rendition of the Dire Straits’ tune “Juliette.” All I can really say is, “Wow!” His next piece was Norman Blake’s very moving “Last Train to Poor Valley,” the story of a poor coal miner and his wife, brown haired Becky who left him in a devastatingly, difficult winter for the comforts of her family home in Richmond. He followed with a poignant “The End of the Beginning.” Next, Dave performed the iconic Mr. Bojangles, the story of Luther Robinson, the American tap dancer and actor was most noted for his dancing roles with Shirley Temple in the 1930’s. His finale was a medley of the instrumental Irish folk song “Bonnie Doone” and a singalong of The Beetle’s “Here Comes the Sun.”



Carl Peterson, Scottish folk singer will be performing in Scottish costume on Friday, November 11 at 7:30 PM. That sweet songstress, Barbie Holder will be performing on guitar and hammered dulcimer on Friday, December 9 at 7:30 PM. Join us and bring friends!



Kutztown Folk Music Society

Second Friday of each month 7:30 PM

November Concert: Friday, November 11th:

Carl Peterson, Scottish Folk Singer

December Concert: Friday, December 9th:

Barby Holder, guitar, hammered dulcimer

\$9.00 - Adults

**\$7.00 - Seniors (62 and older), Students, and
Veterans/Active Duty Military,**

Free - Children 12 and under

St. Paul's UCC

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- enter through the back door located on Lambert Alley

Call Barb at the church office for more info 610.683.3393



Hi St. Paul's, I've got exciting news. **IT'S COOKIE MAKING TIME AGAIN!!** I am so excited! I need so many ingredients. Can you help me and my crew? Let's see, I need flour, sugar, brown sugar, chocolate chips, eggs, butter and your helping hands. See my friend Barbara about helping to mix cookies. If you have not done this before, come and join us. We would like to see new faces and have you share in the fun. She brings us food to eat while we are mixing. Save the date. Get up right now and mark your calendar for **NOVEMBER 26TH**. The sign-up sheet is outside of the church office for cookie ingredients. Thank you all. You guys are the best!!!!

Daisy, Church Reporter

**Cookie baking is scheduled for November 28th and 29th.
From 9am to completion.
Come out and join in the fun!**



WOMEN'S GUILD FOOD ITEMS NEEDED FOR FOOD PREPARATION IN THE KITCHEN

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 5 Dozen eggs | 2 large bags frozen peas |
| 5 pounds onions | 6 bunches celery |
| 2 large bags carrots | 40 pounds cabbage |
| 16 Peppers | 1 #10 can sauerkraut |
| 5 small cans sliced red beets | 4 bunches fresh parsley |
| 1 jar pickle relish | 4 - 32 oz cans crushed tomatoes |
| 2 pounds light brown sugar | 1 #10 can ketchup |
| 4 quarts Heinz apple cider vinegar | 2 large bags frozen lima beans |
| 1 large bottle Ketchup | 2 large bags frozen string beans |
| 4 3-lb bags frozen mixed vegetables | 5 pounds granulated sugar |
| 10 pounds potatoes | |

Please let Jan Lenich or Cindy Swan know if you are planning on donating any of these supplies. Mark supplies for church bazaar and place in kitchen.

Thank you!

NOVEMBER 2022



Worship: 10:15 AM
Sunday School—9:00 AM (September—May) 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 7 PM Bible Study	2 5-6:30 PM Mission Meal	3 9 AM Bazaar Crafting 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Voice Choir	4	5 9AM-1PM Button Club (Lounge) 9:30 AM Yoga
6 Pastor Sunday All Saints Day Communion Vet Day Project Youth Worship Practice 3 PM Rejoicing Spirits	7 6 PM Yoga	8 General Election 11 AM Worship Mtg 6:30 PM Spiritual Council	9 7 PM Consistory	10 9 AM Bazaar Crafting 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7: PM Kutztown's Women's Club 7:30 PM Voice Choir	11 7:30 PM KFMS Concert - Carl Peterson	12 9 AM Prayer Walk 9:30 AM Yoga
13 Youth Worship Svc Veterans Day Svc 3 PM PSEC Fall Mtg.. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP	14 6 PM Yoga	15 6:30 PM Pastoral Relations Committee Mtg. 7 PM Bible Study	16 10 AM—Noon Seniors Young at Heart 2-8:30 PM H & H Quilters	17 9 AM Bazaar Crafting 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Voice Choir	18	19 9AM-10PM Crafting 9:30 AM Yoga
20 Last Day to Order Pointsettias Decorate Sanctuary	21 6 PM Yoga 6:30 AM Fellowship 7 PM Missions 7 PM Property	22	23	24 Office Closed Thanksgiving	25	26 8 AM Cookie Mixing 9:30 AM Yoga
27 Dedication Sunday Advent Communion	28 9 AM Cookie Baking 6 PM Yoga	29 9 AM Cookie Baking 7 PM Christian Ed	30 9 AM Bazaar Food Prep 6 PM Bazaar Set-up			

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	November 6, 2022		November 13, 2022		November 20, 2022		November 27, 2022	
	22nd Sunday after Pentecost		23rd Sunday after Pentecost		24th Sunday after Pentecost		First Sunday of Advent	
	All Saints Day Communion		Youth Worship & Veterans Sunday		Reign of Christ		Advent Communion/Dedication Sunday	
Daily Devotions	Haggai 1:15b-2:9		Isaiah 65:17-25		Jeremiah 23:1-6		Isaiah 2:1-5	
	Psalm 17:1-9		2 Thessalonians 3:6-13		Psalm 46		Psalm 122	
	Luke 20:27-38		Luke 21:5-19		Luke 23:33-43		Matthew 24:36-44	
Fellowship/Events	Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service @3:00 PM		CONGREGATIONAL MEETING		Decorating Sanctuary after Worship			
			AFTER WORSHIP					
Worship Leaders	Daryn Keim		Kathy Landis		Christine Keim		Ron Reinhard	
Elders	*Steve Lobb, Jan Lenich,						*Steve Leinbach, Sherry Leinbach	
	John Keiser, Christine Keim						Denise Keim, Shirley Hartman	
	Jacqueline Garcia						Erin Webb	
Deacons	Barbara Merkel		Brian Unger		Katie Moyer		Barbara Merkel	
	Cindy Swan		Nancy O'Neil		Tom Lenich		Cindy Swan	
	Denise Keim		Ethel DeMatteo-Beck		Sandi Madeira		Denise Keim	
Flowers-Center	Keith Leinbach		Fern Kline		Kathy Landis			
	In honor of my mom's 90th birthday		In loving memory of my husband, Roy		In honor of Steve, my son			
	Center (Piano)							
Flowers-Sides	Sharon Larsen				Gene & Sandi Madeira			
	In loving memory of my mother,				In loving memory of our parents			
	Margaret Wagaman's birthday							
Bulletins	Fern Kline		Erin Webb					
	In loving memory of my husband, Roy		In memory of Gloria Webb					

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				1 9 AM Bazaar Food Prep 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7 :30 PM Voice Choir	2 9 AM Bazaar Food Prep	3 8:30 AM Manna 9AM-1PM St. Paul's Bazaar
4 Practice—Christmas Program 3 PM Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service	5 6 PM Yoga	6 10 AM Because of Beth- lehem Study 7 PM Bible Study	7	8 10 AM Because of Beth- lehem Study 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Voice Choir	9 7:30 PM KFMS Con- cert—Barby Holder	10 9 AM Prayer Walk 9:30 AM Yoga
11 Christmas Program Luncheon—Family Ad- vent 3-5PM Christmas In the Park	12 6 PM Yoga	13 10 AM Because of Beth- lehem Study 11 AM Worship Mtg. 7 PM Finance Mtg.	14 7 PM Consistory	15 PULSE DEADLINE 10 AM Because of Beth- lehem Study 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Voice Choir	16	17 9AM-10PM Crafting 9:30 Yoga
18 3:00 PM Blue Christmas Service	19 6 PM Yoga	20 7 PM Bible Study	21 10AM—Noon Seniors Young at Heart	22 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Voice Choir	23	24 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship/Communion Poinsettia's in the Sanc- tuary
25 Christmas Day Worship No Sunday School	26 6 PM Yoga	27 6:30 PM Personnel	28	29	30	31 9:30 AM Yoga

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	December 4, 2022	December 11, 2022	December 18, 2022	December 24, 2022	December 25, 2022
	Second Sunday of Advent	Third Sunday of Advent	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Daily Devotions			Christmas Fund Offering	Communion	
	Isaiah 11:1-10	Isaiah 35:1-10	Isaiah 7:10-16		Isaiah 52:7-10
	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	Psalms 146:5-10	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19		Psalms 98
	Matthew 3:1-12	Matthew 11:2-11	Matthew 1:18-25		John 1:1-14
Fellowship/Events	Rejoicing Spirits Worship	Christmas Program	Blue Christmas Service @3:00 PM		No Sunday School
	Service @3:00 PM	Luncheon/Family Advent			
		3-5 PM Christmas in the Park			
Worship Leaders	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Katie Moyer	Rod Barrell	TBD	Karen Rhode
Deacons	Brian Unger	Katie Moyer	Barbara Merkel	Brian Unger	Barbara Merkel
	Nancy O'Neil	Tom Lenich	Cindy Swan	Nancy O'Neil	Cindy Swan
	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Sandi Madeira	Denise Keim	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Denise Keim
Flower Sponsors	Donna Sheaffer	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck			Brian Beck
Center	In memory of Beulah Zeiders,	In memory of Joe DeMatteo			In memory of Donna Beck
	mother				CENTER PIANO
				Poinsettias in the Sanctuary	SILK - June Rung
Sides	Ginny Kelbish	Nancy Heffner & Kelly Monroe	John Keiser		In honor of David's birthday
	In honor of my brother's birthday	In loving memory of	In honor of Marcia's birthday		December 12th
		Clayton & Dorothea Seltzer			
Bulletins	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Joe & Shirley Hartman	Brian Beck		Erin Webb
	In memory of Joe DeMatteo	In honor of Greg & Gary's	In memory of Donna Beck		In memory of Robert Webb
		birthdays			

St. Paul's UCC Women's Guild

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 3rd

9am to 1pm



Church Mice

Food

Crafts

Books

Cookies

WHITE ELEPHANT — Whitie has heard that there will be a Bazaar this year and he is very excited. Crafts and cookies and food will be available and he wants to be sure he is not left out so he has started to check all the places where he has things that he hasn't used for a long time. He remembered from other years that Christmas items and jewelry are what sell best so he hopes you will check around our house for the things that you no longer use and then donate them to the Bazaar.

CALEB MOYER EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY

Caleb Moyer, 18, of Boy Scout Troop 575 (Hawk Mountain Council) in Mertztown, Longswamp, PA, was honored at a special Eagle Scout ceremony held on Saturday, September 24 at St. Paul's UCC Kutztown. To earn scouting's highest award, Caleb had to earn at least 21 merit badges, serve as a leader in his troop, and complete a major community service project.

Caleb's service project took place at Huff's Union Church in Alburtis. He coordinated with Huff's Union Church to remove and replace 12 tombstones on Huff's Union Church Cemetery. The portion of the cemetery dating back to the 19th century was in need of repair as many of the old tombstones had cracked, fallen apart, become dislodged, or were barely legible. With the help of a crew of over 20 family, friends, fellow scouts, scout leaders, and former scouts, he completed his project on April 8, 2022. Caleb's Eagle Project was dedicated by Huff's Union Church on May 29th as part of their Memorial Day remembrance worship service. Caleb wishes to extend his heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped with and supported his Eagle Project.

Caleb was born into scouting, as a Scout Buddy tagging along to events with his two older brothers for 7 years before officially being able to join Cub Scout Pack 575 in 1st grade and eventually crossing over to Troop 575. He earned 31 merit badges (including 2 Eagle Palms), and has served in various leadership positions within the Troop including most notably Den Chief for 5 years helping to lead and guide a young Cub Scout Den from Tiger Cub to Boy Scout. He also served as Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 575 for the past year. He is an elected member of the Order of the Arrow and attended Hawk Mountain Council's National Youth Leadership Training Program.

Caleb is the son of Louise and Brian Moyer. He joins his two older brothers, Jacob and Lucas, who are also Eagle Scouts. Caleb, who is a member of the National Honor Society and participates in various school, sports, church, 4H and community activities, is a senior at Brandywine Heights High School and will be attending college to pursue a BSN degree in Nursing with a focus on emergency medicine.



Congratulations on this awesome achievement!! Your church family is very proud of you!!



THANK YOU!

Bruce and I would like to thank our church family for the many cards and phone calls that we have received. Recently, a bag of goodies was dropped off by Marge. In it were snacks, tissues, word puzzle books and Fall "master pieces" made by the children. the thoughtfulness of everyone is so appreciated during our difficult time. We certainly have been blessed. Keep the prayers coming!!!

Ann Burrows

Thank you to everyone who reached out to send well wishes to me over the past 3 months after my fall. It really means so much to know people care and helps my recuperation to continue smoothly. I have a long way to go yet, but am very thankful for people showing me their support along the way. Thank you kindly!

Leslie Stump



Merritt A. Smith, 97, of Allentown PA, formerly of Kutztown, passed away at Country Meadows on September 13, 2022. He was the widower of Anna M. (Sittler) Smith, who passed away in 2015. He was a 1942 graduate of Hamburg High School and then went onto serve his country in the US Navy Air Corps during WWII. He was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award.

Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service

On October 2, 2022, St. Paul's hosted the first Rejoicing Spirits worship service. What an amazing experience! Forty-plus people attended this service—Rejoicers, their families and caregivers, volunteers, and visitors from several local churches. We had several other special guests, too: Kevin McLemore, Associate Conference Minister of Search and Call for the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the UCC, and Bishop Christopher deForest of the Northeast Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Voices were raised in song; bells were ringing; and sticks were tapping! Pastor Chris Angstadt directed a skit announcing, "The Harvest is Ready!" At the close of the service everyone was invited to Fellowship Hall for snacks and fellowship.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this service a success!

Please consider joining us for the next service to be held November 6th, 3:00 pm, at St. Paul's UCC, Kutztown. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Erin Webb at emwebb05@aol.com.

RECIPIES

Pumpkin Dip by AllRecipes

16 oz. cream cheese softened

16 oz. pumpkin puree

2 tsp. cinnamon

¼ tsp. nutmeg

4 cups powdered sugar

Fruit, graham crackers or vanilla cookies for dipping



Crock Pot Mulled Apple Cider

By: Pastor Kim

8 cups your favorite apple cider

4 or 5 cinnamon sticks for making the cider

1 medium sized orange

whole cloves

extra cinnamon sticks for serving



Pour apple cider into a 3 1/2 quart crock pot. Add 4 or 5 cinnamon sticks. Punch holes in the orange with a toothpick and insert whole cloves. You may add as many as you like. Place the orange into the crock pot. Heat on low for about 4 or 5 hours. Remove orange and cinnamon sticks before serving. You may serve with a cinnamon stick. Makes 8 cups. Enjoy!

Wake-Up Casserole by AllRecipes

Ingredients

8 frozen hash brown patties

4 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1 pound cook ham, cut into cubes

7 eggs

1 cup milk

½ tsp. salt

½ tsp. ground mustard.



Directions:

- **Arrange hash brown patties on the prepared (greased) 9 x 13 baking dish. Sprinkle cheddar cheese and ham over patties**
- **Beat eggs, milk, salt and mustard in a bowl using a whisk; pour over ham.**
- **Cover dish with aluminum foil**
- **Bake at 350° for an hour. Remove foil and bake until edges are golden brown and a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.**
- **You may substitute 2 cups of bacon or sausage for the ham**

2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

Account #	Account name	Actual 2021	Budget 2022	Proposed Budget 2023
Income				
	Total General Contributions	\$ 133,271.33	\$ 127,300.00	\$ 128,400.00
	Total Trust income	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 71,561.00	\$ 91,409.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 142,271.33	\$ 198,861.00	\$ 219,809.00
Expenses				
	Total Pastor Expenses	\$ 85,147.98	\$ 84,371.00	\$ 91,710.00
	Total Music Department Salaries	\$ 20,461.88	\$ 21,460.00	\$ 21,460.00
	Total Administrative Salaries	\$ 20,481.06	\$ 19,382.00	\$ 23,808.00
	Total Custodian Salaries	\$ 7,999.92	\$ 9,096.00	\$ 9,096.00
	Total Employee Benefits	\$ 4,058.70	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	Total Compensation Expense	\$ 138,149.43	\$ 138,309.00	\$ 151,074.00
	Total Church Expenses	\$ 25,072.58	\$ 25,625.00	\$ 27,875.00
	Total Administration Expenses	\$ 10,274.42	\$ 11,820.00	\$ 12,220.00
	Total Youth Expenses	\$ 1,938.72	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Total Adult Ed. Expenses	\$ (393.28)	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Total Worship Expenses	\$ 3,073.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
	Total Music Expenses	\$ 687.89	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00
	Total Committee Expenses	\$ -	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 5,900.00
	Total Missions Expenses	\$ 5,084.96	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 15,300.00
	Gross Expenses	\$ 183,887.72	\$ 202,404.00	\$ 219,809.00
	Difference of income vs. expenses	\$ (41,616.39)	\$ (3,543.00)	\$ -



WHEN: NOVEMBER 13, 2022
TIME: AFTER WORSHIP
PLACE: ST. PAUL'S UCC
 47 S. WHITEOAK STREET
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PURPOSE:
 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS
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 REVIEW & APPROVAL OF CHURCH
 BUDGET

OPENING OF THE ST. BARNABAS CENTER

On Sunday, September 11, at the St. Barnabas Center, board members and dignitaries cut the ribbon for its grand opening. About seventy-five people attended the celebration. According to Pat Brown, Center Co-director, "The response from the community has been very positive. Many people commented on the high energy and are eager to see where we grow from here."



The Rev. Laura Howell explained that the Center will provide a welcoming space for area residents to engage in activities that enable spiritual growth, promote social justice, and improve the well-being of individuals and community. A strong planning committee was formed after an in-depth study of the area which indicated there is a need for such an initiative. Pastor Kim volunteered as a member of the committee.

At the opening, marketplace-style stations offered attendees information about the new programs being offered. The event provided an opportunity to speak with the participating partners - one of which was Friend, Inc. They are going to offer their clients food bags containing all the ingredients and a recipe to prepare a healthy meal. Our Mission Committee is planning to prepare 100 bags. When the time comes, the mission team may ask the congregation to donate specific ingredients that would be required.

Also at the celebration, people enjoyed the festivities including delicious snacks and music entertainment by Keith Brintzenhoff and juggling by Deni Tobin. Mayor Schlegel delivered remarks referencing 9/11-- the losses, but also the courage of emergency responders.

Here is a list of current activities sponsored by the Center:

- Chair and mat yoga
- Recovery programs
- Spiritual formation
- Talisman Players
- Prayer bead and icon workshops
- Ballroom dancing
- KOFFEE support for teachers
- Table to Farm cooking demos

In Doreen Tobin, Co-director's words, the Center was "blessed to have a strong planning committee... We believe we have been called to provide this new ministry and are committed to making it happen."

For further information, call 484-648-2814.

Submitted by Kathy Landis



WEEKDAY ADVENT SERIES

Tuesday, December 6th at 10:00 AM
Thursday, December 8th at 10:00 AM
Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00 AM
Thursday, December 15th at 10:00 AM

Young At Heart Seniors - August

By Kathy Landis

The August gathering of Young at Heart Seniors featured Ursula Massmann, a friend from Germany who was visiting Kutztown during her Summer vacation. Summer vacation for most Europeans extends for a month. We met Ursula when she chaperoned a group of youth from St. Paul's UCC Fleetwood's sister church in Germany when they visited several years ago. Ursula is a teacher, who teaches French and English.

Ursula shared things about Germany that differ from America and answered many of our questions. She also shared with us the ways in which church in America is different from Germany. The most striking difference is that churches are supported by taxpayer dollars, which are deducted as income tax.

After our refreshment break, we embarked on our first St. Paul's Antiques Road Show. I say "first" because it was such a wonderful experience. Each person brought two items with them to share the history or significance of the item with us. The variety of items that people shared were amazing. Carl Mantz showed us a carved wooden figure named "Herman" with us.

Kathy shared a painting her father created when he was in architecture school. Judy brought a German Bier Stein and Ursula translated the inscription on it for her. Colin brought along a yearbook from American Band Stand that was autographed by Dick Clark and shared a lovely story about meeting Dick Clark's wife and her connection to St. Paul's quilting community. Marcia and John brought a Correction Chair with them, which seemed to be the time-out chair of its day.



On Wednesday, September 21, twelve "Young at Heart" folks and Pastor Kim, joined together for a fun experience creating greeting cards under the tutelage of Gretchen Gallardo. Pastor Kim opened with a prayer thanking God for our gathering together as friends with Him. She also read a poem "For the Chipmunk in My Yard" by Robert Gibbs.

Here's an excerpt to remind us of autumn approaching:

All afternoon he's been moving back and forth
Gathering odd bits of walnut shells and twigs...
This autumn... he'll curl among their (tree) roots wanting nothing
But the small burn of matter on which he fastens like a small, brown flame.



Although Gretchen is from Macungie, that day she and her husband drove all the way from Atlantic City (where they are helping an ailing relative) in order to offer this special workshop, and then back again. Gretchen used to make cards to sell them at craft fairs and in shops, but she loves teaching people how to make them. Her enthusiasm was catching. She was right alongside us in case we needed more detailed instruction.

Making the three cards was easier with designed papers already pre-cut to fit. A little glue and finesse was the trick to completing the cards. However, time still allowed for each person's creativity to make it unique by adding décor like glittery stick-ons, cutouts of leaves, pine cones, etc., and coloring with markers. As you might guess, one of the cards specifically featured autumn.

The copious refreshments were delicious: fresh vegetables, cheese, fruit and baked goods provided by Donna Moyer and Judy Heffley. It almost took the place of lunch for some.

Next month, on October 19th, Young at Heart will sponsor Paisley and Company making Foaming Hand Soap, Shower Gel or an air freshening Gel Sachet. Everyone will have their choice of fragrance. Nancy O'Neill and Barb Merkel will be hosting the refreshments. Come and experience another fun-filled time with friends!

My Favorite Hymn by Judy Heffley

When I asked Nancy O'Neil what her favorite hymn was, she replied without any hesitation, "Jesus, I Live to Thee." It could be found on page 254 in our old red hymnal, and according to Nancy, it used to be sung at all of our communion services. She wishes that it was in the hymnal that we presently use.

The words to this hymn were written by Henry Harbaugh (1812-1867) and the music was composed by Isaac B. Woodbury (1819-1858). "Jesus, I Live to Thee" was sung at Nancy and Carol's mother's and father's funeral, and Nancy wants it to be sung at her funeral as well.

Nancy said with great emotion that her favorite lines are found in the third verse: "To live in Thee is bliss to me, To die, is endless rest."

If you are not familiar with this old favorite, here are all of the verses:

1. Jesus, I live to Thee, The loveliest and best; My life in Thee, Thy life in me, In Thy blest love I rest.
2. Jesus, I die to Thee, Whenever death shall come; To die in Thee is life to me In my eternal home.
3. Whether to live or die, I know not which is best; To live in Thee is bliss to me, To die is endless rest.
4. Living or dying, Lord, I ask but to be thine; My life in Thee, Thy life in me, Makes heaven forever mine.



Just a reminder: Please place your Poinsettia orders for the Christmas Eve service by contacting Barb Merkel in the church office at 610-683-3393. Orders are due by November 20th. Thank you in advance for adding to the beauty of this service.

Colin's Quips By: Colin Heffley

1. The man down the street is such a poor driver that the police gave him a season ticket.
2. The latest appliance on the market is a CD player with a built-in air conditioner. It's designed for people who like to play it cool.
3. Please let the management staff know that, upon my death, I've made arrangements for them to be buried with me.
4. What did the teddy bear say when he refused his dessert? I'm stuffed!
5. What did the Dalmatian say after he ate his dessert? That hit the spot!

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November 6th
All Saints Communion
Rejoicing Spirits Service—3PM
Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 13th
Youth Worship Service
Veterans Day Service
Congregational Meeting
After Worship

November 20th
Decorate the Sanctuary

November 27th
Advent Communion

November 30th
Set -Up for Bazaar—6PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 3rd
Christmas Bazaar - 9am -1pm

December 4th
Rejoicing Spirits—3PM

December 6, 8, 13,15
Because of Bethlehem –10AM
Advent Series

December 11th
Youth Christmas Program
Christmas in the Park—3 to 5PM

December 18th
Blue Christmas Service—3PM

December 24th
Christmas Eve Service & Communion -7:30 PM

December 25th
Worship at 10:15 AM
Merry Christmas