

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 sharing
God's unconditional love with fellow-
ship, worship and service to others.
We pray for God's wisdom and
compassion to lead us
in our endeavors.*

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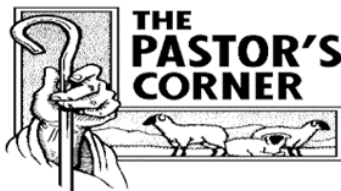
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Dear St. Paul's Family:

Many of you already know that I have been led by the Holy Spirit to retire. My final service will be Easter Sunday. For those of you who are learning this for the first time, I am sorry for the suddenness of the news.

We have had quite a journey, haven't we? When I think back to the early days of my tenure, Covid 19 was the tail that wagged the dog. We have come to know that Covid and other respiratory illnesses are repeated unwelcome guests we must continue to contend with.

There have been many blessings along the way. The devotionals that we created as a congregation and with our friends from Trinity provided a spiritual discipline during Advent and Lent that were as diverse as they were inspirational. Our partnership with Trinity thrives in so many ways: VBS, book studies, and Mid-week Lenten worship.

We also embarked on a partnership with The St. Barnabas Center in which St. Paul's is one of the most active partners. As they continue to increase their community and spiritual endeavors, I pray that this partnership becomes stronger and stronger.

Speaking of community partnerships, the Rejoicing Spirits ministry is one I often mention to others. Where else can you go to feel such a sense of community faith without judgement and without shushing? For our Rejoicers, this is the only worship service where they can be fully themselves and fully valued. There is a congregation in Reading who has been inspired by our Rejoicing Spirits worship that they are in the early stages of working with Mosaic to create their own Rejoicing Spirits congregation.

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THANK YOU!

One of my greatest joys has been the monthly Young at Heart Seniors gatherings. We have just begun our third year and you never quite know what will happen next. My prayer is that this group will continue after I am gone and become a larger gathering of fun and fellowship for more of the community's seniors.

Perhaps you have noticed that I believe the future of church is entwined with community. Kutztown has many threads that can be gathered and woven into a tapestry of mutual love and caring.

I will miss you, but what we have done together and meant to each other will remain with me always.

Lenten Blessings,
Pastor Kim

Thank you to my St Paul's church family for the generous gift card I received during the holiday season.

I am truly blessed to have so many caring people in my life.

Marge Weida

Kathy: Just wanted to say "thanks" for visiting and sharing the sweet card with me. ☺ Kim



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering March 10, 2024

Share the Light

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment.

Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

March

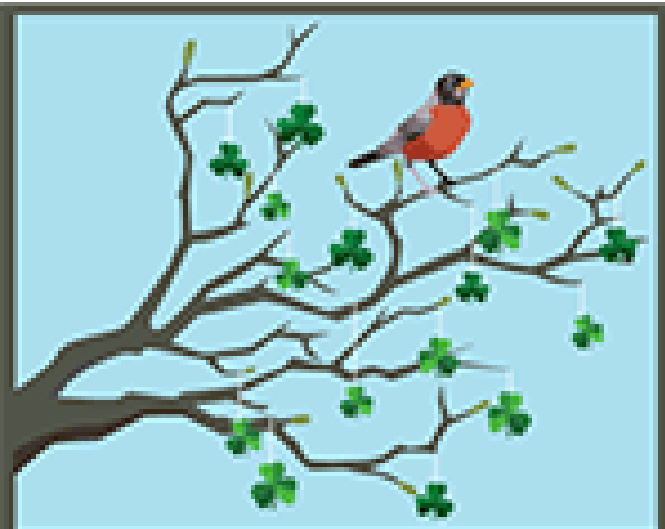
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- 6 Lynn Hilbert, Emily Bray, Brian Beck
- 7 Karen Werley
- 8 Hailey Bauscher
- 10 Lamar Bailey, Steven Geist
- 11 Bradley Balthaser
- 12 Allison Harris
- 15 Christine Diltz, Will Bray
- 16 Sandra Madeira
- 18 Rosaria Angstadt
- 19 Lucas Moyer, Daryn Keim
- 21 John Davies
- 22 Danette Seidel, Ryan Tarreto
- 24 Brodie Kutzler
- 27 Rob Rhodes, Jeremiah Schwalm
- 28 Charlotte Diehl
- 29 Fern Kline
- 30 Judith Heffley, Grant Fitzgerald

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

April

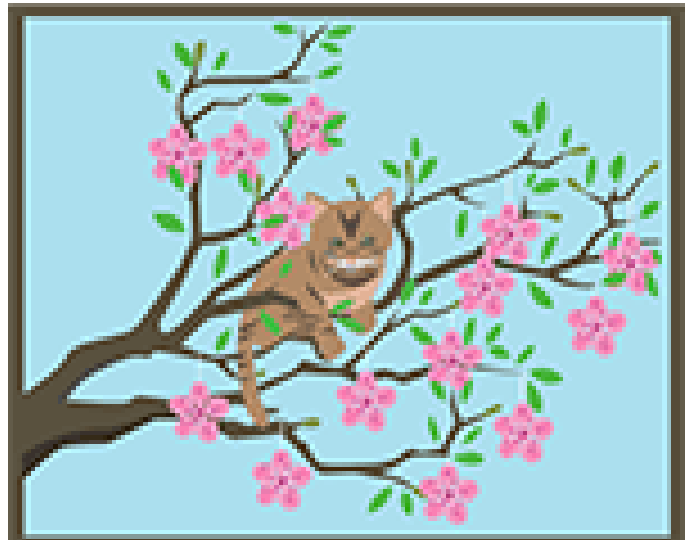
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- 5 Owen Seidel
- 6 Stephen Lobb
- 7 Katelyn Boyer, Everly Ferris
- 9 Keith Wuchter
- 10 Catherine "Kitty" Frederic
- 16 Christina Luckenbill
- 18 Anna Burrows
- 19 Daniel Heffley, Patricia Fritz
- 20 Boyd Lenich, Thomas Lenich,
- 22 Jaclyn Diehl
- 23 Kim Adamson
- 24 Lamont Hilbert
- 26 Carol Reinhard
- 28 Brett Rocha
- 30 Cristin Ferris, Karter Kutzler

MARCH



BIRTHDAYS

APRIL



BIRTHDAYS



My Favorite Hymn **By Judy Heffley**

When I asked Marjorie Weida what her favorite hymn was and why she liked it, she gave it a great deal of thought. It is “God Will Take Care of You” found on page 692 in our hymnal. These are her thoughts about this hymn:

“There have been many times in my life I have found myself looking back at the words of this hymn and feeling comforted. This hymn reminds me that God is always with me through good and bad situations. I have found myself reminding my friends at times when they were stressed and in need of comfort that God would take care of them, too. I have always gotten a certain amount of strength from this hymn. I sometimes find myself sitting and humming or singing the tune, and it helps me to overcome any difficult times I may be going through. I believe that God will always take care of me no matter what may happen. As the refrain says,

God will take care of you, Thro’ every day, o’er all the way.
He will take care of you; God will take care of you.”

The composer, Civilla Martin (1866-1948), was born in Nova Scotia and died in Atlanta, Georgia. She and her husband, W. Stillman Martin, often wrote gospel songs for revival meetings. He also wrote the text for “His Eye Is on the Sparrow.”

“God Will Take Care of You,” written in 1904, is known throughout the world. The words to the song came to Mrs. Martin one Sunday when she suddenly became ill. Her husband, a minister, had a speaking engagement that day and didn’t want to leave her. But their young son said, “Father, don’t you think that if God wants you to preach today, He will take care of Mother while you are away?” When he returned later that day, his wife felt much better and had written the song. Her husband set the text to music.

This hymn inspires us to trust in God’s care and wisdom.

MARCH 10, 2024

Turn your clock ahead 1 hour



APRIL 28, 2024

**Earth Day
Sunday School Project**



MARCH 2024

Worship—10:15 AM

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

Office/Pastor Hours; Monday (Work from Home), Tuesday—Thursday 9 AM—1:00 PM

(Due to church schedule, appointments suggested for Pastor)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 AM Community Sunrise Svc @ Kutztown Park 9AM SS Egg Hunt					1 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 11AM World Day of Prayer Brunch 11AM Free Sr Brunch St Barnabas Center	2 8:30 AM Manna at Grace 9AM –1PM Button Club 9:30 AM Yoga
3 Pastor Sunday 3 PM Rejoicing Spirits Worship	4 6 PM Yoga	5 10 AM Lenten Book Study 7PM Bible Study	6 6-7PM Lenten Meal/Worship—Trinity	7 6:15 Bell Choir	8 7:30 PM KFMS— Kutztown Pipe Band	9 9 AM Prayer Walk 9:30 AM Yoga
10 9 AM Confirmation Class Ethan Hardy—Guest Bag Pipe Player	11 6 PM Yoga	12 10AM Lenten Book Study 11AM Worship Mtg. 6:30 PM Spiritual Coun- cil Mtg.	13 6-7 PM Lenten Meal/ Worship St Paul's 7PM Consistory	14 6:15 PM Bell Choir	15	16 9AM-10PM Crafting 9:30 AM Yoga
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 1 PM Piano Recital— Teresa Grim	18 6 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Fellowship 7:00 PM Missions 7:00 PM Property	19 10 AM Lenten Book Study 7 PM Bible Study	20 10AM-Noon Young at Heart Seniors— Kevin McClosky 6-7 PM Lenten Meal/Worship—Trinity	21 2-9 PM H & H Quilters 6:15 PM Bell Choir	22	23 9:30 AM Yoga
24 PALM SUNDAY Folding of Palms 9AM Confirmation Class	25 6PM Yoga	26 Board of CE Mtg—7PM	27 7 PM Women's Guild Meeting	28 MAUNDY THURS 7 PM Service	29 GOOD FRIDAY 3 PM Service	30 EASTER VIGIL 6PM Service

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	March 3, 2024	March 10, 2024	March 17, 2024	March 24, 2024	March 31, 2024
	Third Sunday in Lent	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Sixth Sunday in Lent	Easter
Daily Devotions	Exodus 20:1-17	Numbers 21:4-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Isaiah 50:4-9	Acts 10:34-43
	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Psalms 51:1-12	Psalms 31:9-16	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24
	John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33	Mark 14:1-15:47	Mark 16:1-8
Fellowship/Events	Rejoicing Spirits Worship 3:00 PM	Erin Hardy - Guest	Lenten Communion	Palm Sunday Communion	
		Bag Pipe Player		Folding of the Palms	
Worship Leaders	Ronald Reinhard	Brian Unger	Kathy Landis	Donna Sheaffer	Christine Keim
Lectors		Cora Seidel & Lucy Seidel		Myles Moriarty	
Deacons	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Denise Keim	Sandi Madeira	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Sandi Madeira
	Erin Webb	Daryn Keim	Steve Leinbach	Erin Webb	Steve Leinbach
	Sharon Larsen	Ann Oswald	Sherry Leinbach	Sharon Larsen	Sherry Leinbach
	3-28 Maundy Thursday - Team A	3-29 Good Friday - Volunteers			
Flower Sponsors	Donna Sheaffer				
Center	In memory of				
	my sister, Cynthia Kline				
Sides	Nancy Heffner & Kelly Monroe			Lillian Hartman Fund	Easter Flowers in the Sanctuary
	In loving memory of			In loving memory of	
	Monroe Heffner			Lillian Hartman	
Bulletins					

APRIL 2024

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14 9 AM Confirmation Class Preaching—Charles Sukumar Kuthru, PSEC Moderator	15 PULSE DEADLINE 6 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Fellowship 7 PM Missions 7 PM Property	16 2:15 PM Prayer Links 7 PM Bible Study	17 10 am—noon Young @ Heart Seniors –Jewelry making –Sharon Kozlowski 2-9 PM H & H Quilters	18 6:15 PM Bell Choir	19	20 9AM-10PM Crafting 9:30 AM Yoga
21 Preaching—Karl Jones, PSEC Disaster Coordinator	22 6 PM Yoga	23 7 PM Christian Ed	24	25 6:15 PM Bell Choir	26	27 9:30 AM Yoga
28 9 AM Confirmation Class Youth Earth Day Project 2PM Covenant Assoc Spring Meeting	29 6 PM Yoga	30 6:30 PM Personnel Meeting				

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	April 7, 2024	April 14, 2024	April 21, 2024	April 28, 2024
	Second Sunday of Easter	Third Sunday of Easter	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Daily Devotions	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12	Acts 8:26-40
	Psalms 133	Psalms 4	Psalms 23	Psalms 22:25-31
	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36-48	John 10:11-18	John 15:1-8
Fellowship/Events	Rejoicing Spirits - 3:00 PM			
Worship Leaders	Denise Keim	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Carl Mantz	Christine Keim
		Cora Seidel & Lucy Seidel		Myles Moriarty
Deacons	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Denise Keim	Sandi Madeira	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck
	Erin Webb	Daryn Keim	Steve Leinbach	Erin Webb
	Sharon Larsen	Ann Oswald	Sherry Leinbach	Sharon Larsen
Flowers-Center	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Boyer			
	In memory of grandparents			
	Mr. & Mrs. Warren Weidner			
	& her friend, Tim Trout			
Flowers-Sides				
Bulletins		Erin Webb		
		In memory of loved ones		



Rejoicing Spirits of Eastern Berks County

Thank you to everyone from St. Paul's who attended or volunteered at our Rejoicing Spirits worship service on February 4th. Pastor James Schlegel was the presiding pastor. With Valentine's Day almost here, Pastor Schlegel's message was "God loves You!" Our very own Denise Keim and Alicia Wood from Trinity performed a funny but meaningful dialogue. (Denise Keim and Daryn Keim presented the same dialogue during our February 11th church service.) We learned that while God does not send Valentines through the mail, he does show us his love for us each and every day, in so many ways! Our next service will be March 3rd with Pastor Chris Angstadt presiding. Her message will be "The Story of the Cross." Fellowship will follow the service. We will also have a craft and snacks available during the fellowship time. One of our Rejoicers is getting a service dog! He and his family will travel to Texas to meet Sparky. St. Paul's, Trinity Lutheran, and Rejoicing Spirits have contributed to the fundraising efforts of the family. If all goes well we may get to meet Sparky at our March service! Please join us!

Erin Webb, Co-chair of Rejoicing Spirits of Eastern Berks County

WOMAN'S GUILD MEETING

THE GUILD MET ON JANUARY 24, 2024.

ITEMS DISCUSSED: NEW CARPETING FOR THE HALLWAY ENTRANCE WILL BE CHOSEN AND PURCHASED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WE LOOKED INTO CENTRAL AIR FOR FELLOWSHIP HALL. FOR A UNIT ON THE WALL WOULD BE A HEAT PUMP AND AC UNIT. COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$12,000 DOLLARS. WAS DECIDED TO LOOK INTO A MORE EFFICIENT WALL UNIT.

THE NEW BLINDS ARE UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AND THE WATER DISPENSER WAS INSTALLED IN THE HALLWAY.

MONIES FOR RELAY FOR LIFE AND KEYSTONE MILITARY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED. A DONATION WAS MADE TO A REJOICING SPIRIT YOUNG MAN WHO IS IN NEED OF A THERAPY DOG.

A CHAIRPERSON IS NEEDED FOR BAZAAR COOKIE MIXING. THANK YOU, BARB MERKEL, FOR YOUR SERVICE.

VICKIE HELD HAS OFFERED TO CHAIR THE KITCHEN PREPARATION FOR BAZAAR. THANKS TO JAN LENICH AND CINDY SWAN FOR CHAIRING THIS FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

OFFICERS WERE ELECTED: ETHEL DEMATTEO-BECK, DENISE KEIM CO PRESIDENTS, BARB MERKEL, SECRETARY, JANE GRIM, TREASURER. THANKS TO ALL WHO HELP MAKE THE GUILD ARM OF OUR CHURCH, THRU YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OR HELPING HAND.

RELAY FOR LIFE NEWS

By Denise Keim

ATTENTION RELAYERS

This years relay is quickly approaching. The date is **Saturday, May 18th**. Please mark your calendar!

Opening ceremonies start at Noon. The theme is “Sock It To Cancer”. Elvis will be performing at 1:00 PM and many other groups will be there throughout the day. Lots of fun and entertainment from noon until 10:00 PM.

Please sign up to be a part of our team (Angels of Hope). You can register on line or call American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 and then press **option 4**.

Please start selling the purple signs. The deadline is **April 1st**. You can e-mail them to Laraine Wuchter at **lwuchter@horstinsurance.com** or give them to Denise Keim. It is very important that you fill out your forms legibly so we can make sure to spell all the names correctly.

Make all checks out to **American Cancer Society**. Any new signs should be turned in as soon as possible.

Thank you for all your support and hope to see you at the event!!!

**Location: William Delong Memorial Park
Bowers, PA**

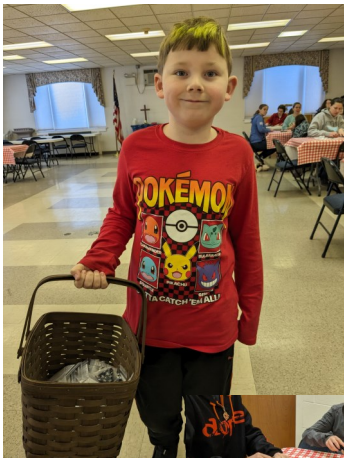


Colin Heffley's Quips

1. What's Irish and stays out all night? Patty O' Furniture
2. What do you call the lights on Noah's ark? Flood lights
3. What do you call an egg laid by an evil chicken? A deviled egg
4. Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, but no atmosphere
5. My husband and I have a magical relationship. Whenever I ask him to do something, he disappears!
6. I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.

St. Paul's Folds 500 Flags for Deploying Soldiers

As part of the Pocket Flag Project, St. Paul's folded almost 500 flags for deploying U.S. Army soldiers from Fort Drum's 10th Mountain Division. This is St. Paul's 11th year participating in the project. Great job, St. Paul's!

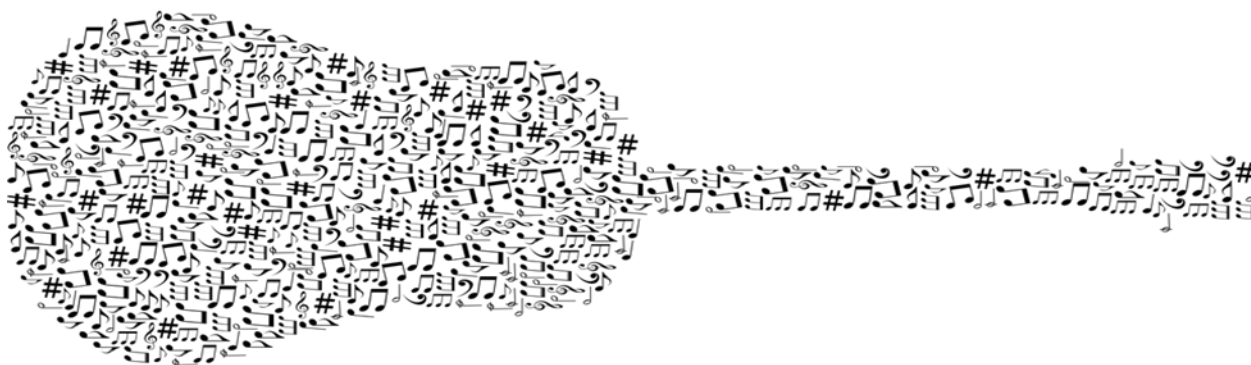




For as the earth
bringeth forth
her bud,
and as the garden
causeth the things
that are sown in
it to spring
forth;

so the LORD GOD
will cause
Righteousness and
praise to
spring forth
before all the
nations.

Isaiah 61:11



Kutztown Folk Music Society

Second Friday of each month 7:30 PM

March Concert: Friday, March 8:

Kutztown Pipe Band - Faculty, Staff, Students and local residents comprise this captivating pipe band who perform and explain the music of the Great Highland Bagpipers. It will be loud! Wear your kilt!

April Concert: Friday, April 12:

Berks Fiddle Champs - once again we will welcome these incredible musicians. The names will be announced at the March Concert.

\$9.00 - Adults

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

Veterans/Active Duty Military,

Free - Children 12 and under

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS MARCH

March 1st
World Day Of Prayer Brunch—11AM

March 3rd
Rejoicing Spirits Service—3PM

March 8th
KFMS Concert—7:30PM - Kutztown Pipe Band

March 10th
Daylight Saving Time –Spring Ahead
Guest—Ethan Hardy on bagpipes

March 17th
St Patrick's Day
Lenten Communion
Piano Recital—Teresa Grim—1PM

March 24
Palm Sunday - Folding of Palms

March 28th
Maundy Thursday Service—7 PM

March 29
Good Friday Service—3PM

(March Continued)

March 31
Easter Sunday—Communion
Sunrise Service at Kutztown Park—6:30AM
SS Easter Egg Hunt

MARK YOUR CALENDARS APRIL

April 5th
Free Senior Lunch—St Barnabas—11 AM

April 7th
Guest Pastor—Rev Kevin McLemore
Associate Conference Minister
Rejoicing Spirits Service—3PM

April 12th
KFMS Concert—7:30 PM -Berks Fiddle Champs

April 14th
Guest Pastor—Charles Sukumar Kuthuru

April 21st
Rev Karl Jones, PSEC Disaster Coordinator

April 28th
Youth Earth Day Worship
Covenant Assoc Spring Meeting—2PM