



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

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

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GREETINGS FROM CONSISTORY, March 15, 2024

To keep everyone up to date on happenings at St. Paul's, I plan to write this column each month during our transition time. If any of you want to know about something I haven't remembered to tell you, please read the minutes from each of the Consistory meetings posted on the bulletin board next to the office. Also, if you have any positive suggestions, feel free to speak with Steve Leinbach, Daryn Keim, or myself.

As I have mentioned during worship and at Consistory meetings, our church activities going forward will require a team effort on the part of all members. Currently, the Consistory and Transition Team are working closely with the Covenant Association and the PA Southeast Conference of the UCC to follow the guidelines to complete a "short" church profile based upon the wants and needs of the congregation.

On February 24 the Consistory met with Reverend Kevin McLemore, the Search and Call Minister of PSEC. On April 10, he also met with our Transition Team to advise on the process of updating our "short" profile in order to begin a search for an interim pastor. This pastor will help us in resolving issues so our church will heal, be stronger and more attractive to potential candidates for a full-time settled minister position.

Also at the April 10th meeting, the Consistory was joined by two members of the Covenant Association to go through the "Exit Interview." The basis of this meeting was to discuss what we need more of in the church, what we need less of, and what we want to stay the same. The minutes of the exit interview will be posted on the bulletin board.

Following this meeting, the Consistory will ask all members of the congregation to complete a survey. The survey will include the same questions that were discussed at the Consistory. Each member will receive by email or a written notice in the church bulletin. Please respond with open thoughts and feelings and put your name on your submissions. We need everyone's participation so that the Transition Team will have a better idea of what St. Paul's wants to be in the future and what our expectations are for a new pastor.

With God's help let's practice loving each other, forgiving 70x7, and working with a unified effort toward becoming stronger and a more loveable body of Christ. As Rev. McLemore said, "We need to remember that church is a place of love-to love God and each other," to build each other up.

Blessings to all, and many thanks to those of you who have been stepping up to help,

Kathy Landis, Consistory President

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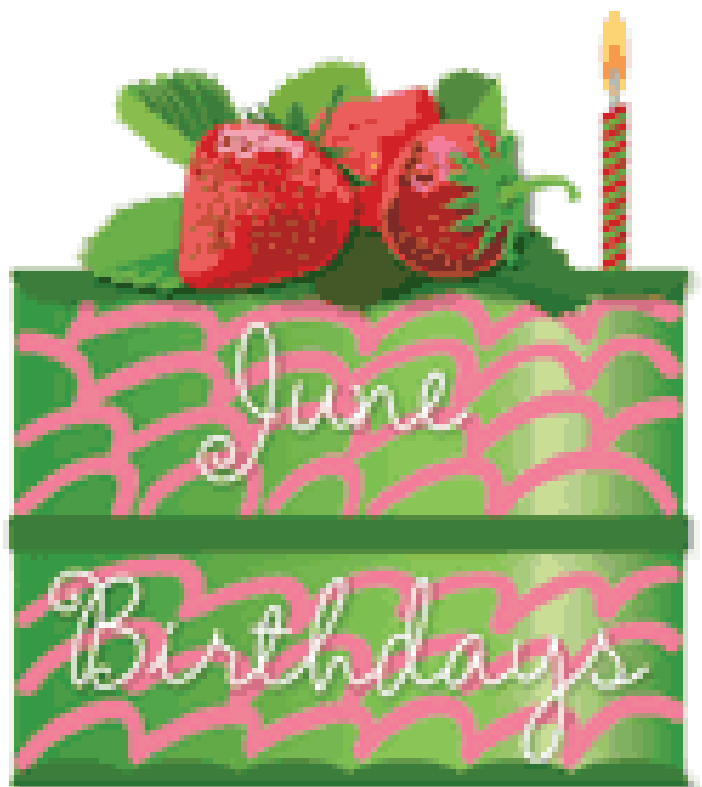
May

- 1 Joan Bieber, Jill Fitzgerald,
Jessica Schmoyer
- 2 Linda Merkel
- 4 Nancy Heffner, Jane Grim,
David Hoffman
- 5 Patricia Bubbenmoyer, Lindsay George
- 6 Kenneth Ziegler
- 8 Robert Grim, Timothy Delcamp
- 9 James Ludwick
- 10 Caroline Harris
- 13 Donna Sheaffer, Sue Kunkel,
Dallas Herber
- 17 David Seaman
- 21 Debra Wehr, Chelsea Lenhart
- 23 Kian Merkel, Emlyn Duncan
- 25 Betty Conrad
- 27 Bridget Oberheim
- 28 Devon Rhodes, Scott Bungo
- 30 Kenneth Held

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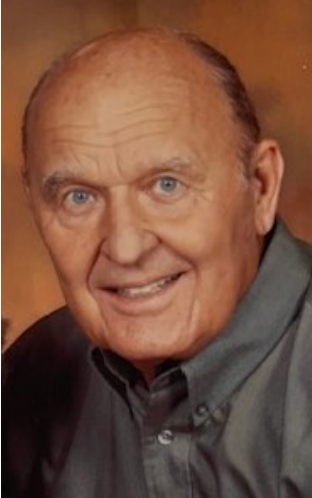
June

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





In Loving Memory



Bruce R. Burrows, 84, of Bowers, a devoted husband, caring, generous father, and doting Pop Pop went to rest with the Lord, April 10, 2024. Bruce was born June 20, 1939 in Allentown to LeRoy N. Burrows, Sr. and Stephanie (Gurniak).

A 1957 graduate of Allen High School he went on to serve in the Air Force spending 3 years in Germany. Bruce continued his education at East Stroudsburg University earning his BS, 1965 and MS in HPE. There he met Ann Shoemaker and they were married August 27, 1966. They raised one son Brad. Bruce was the HPE teacher at Kutztown HS for 32 years coaching wrestling and track. He loved his job and his athletes, always looking forward to each day there. He was a charter member of the Bowers Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, son, Brad, husband of Kathleen (Kelly) and their two children, Brenden and Brooke. He was predeceased by his parents, a brother and sister-in-law, Roy and Peggy Burrows and niece, Michelle.

A Memorial Service will be held on **Saturday, April 27, 2024**, at noon in St. Paul's UCC, 47 South Whiteoak Street, Kutztown. Visitation from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the church. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in his name to the Memorial Fund of St. Paul's.

Relay for Life: Angels of Hope

COME JOIN THE FUN

Relay for Life event is **Saturday, May 18th**.

It starts with the opening ceremony at 12 Noon. We will be honoring Keith Leinbach for all the work he did for Relay. In honor of him, Shirley will be taking the first lap with her family. It would be great if our St Paul's family would join her.

The theme this year is "SOCK IT TO CANCER"! Get ready for lots of fun and great music. Elvis will start us off at 1:00PM. We have 3 other bands and a DJ all day.

There will be activities and contests throughout the day, including a twist contest. Sock hop line dancing will also be tried out. All are fun to join in or just watch.

There will be food and ice cream throughout the day. There is a special survivor dinner at 4:00PM for all survivors. Please let Denise know if you are interested, or know someone that is a survivor.

There will be something new this year. We will be having a duck race at 7:00PM down the creek. You pay \$5.00 for 1 duck or \$25.00 for 6 ducks. Great prizes for the top 3 winners.

As always there are raffle baskets. If you would like to donate a basket, please have it at the church by May 5th. If not, please contact Denise Keim (610-207-4277) if interested in donating or helping at the event.

Please help us make this the best Relay ever and "**SOCK IT TO CANCER**"



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

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, May 19, 2024**..

**STRENGTHEN
THE CHURCH
OFFERING**

Community Dinner



When: May 29th

Where: St. Paul's UCC, 47 S. Whiteoak Street, Kutztown

Time: 5pm-6:30p.m.

Cost: FREE (Donations will benefit Topton Ambulance)

Menu: Ham and string beans, pepper cabbage, bread with apple butter, drinks and desserts!



My Favorite Hymn

When I asked Leslie Stump what her favorite hymn was, she had a few in mind. When we sang “He Lives” in church on April 7, she definitely knew that was her favorite. It is found on page 368 in our hymnal. The lyrics are positive and very uplifting to her.

Leslie says, "I enjoy singing it, and it makes me feel happy. I feel like my heart is smiling."

This hymn is also one of Donna Sheaffer’s favorites. The music and the text for “He Lives” were written by Alfred H. Ackley (1887-1960) and were copyrighted in 1933. Based on Luke 24:5, it remains a popular Christian hymn and is not delegated to a particular denomination. Let Jesus Christ live in your heart!



Colin’s Quips By Colin Heffley

1. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, “Grandpop, do you know how you and God are alike?” I mentally polished my halo while I asked, “No, how are we alike?” “You’re both old!” he replied.
2. Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use honeycombs.
3. Why aren’t koalas actually bears? They don’t meet the koalafications.
4. Did you hear about the guy who took a second job as a pizza chef? He kneaded the dough.
5. The judge called, “Order in the court!” So Carl ordered a large pizza with pepperoni.

MAY 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
5 9 AM Confirmation Class 3 PM Rejoicing Spirits	6 6 PM Yoga	7 7 PM Bible Study	1 2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 6:15 PM Bell Choir	3 11AM Free Senior Lunch @ St. nabas Center	4 11 AM Kutztown Fire Co. Parade 8:30 AM Manna at Grace 9AM-1PM Button Club (Lounge) 9:30 AM Yoga	11 9 AM Prayer Walk 9:30 AM Yoga
12 MOTHER'S DAY 9 AM Confirmation Class	13 6 PM Yoga	14 11AM Worship Mtg. 6:30 PM Spiritual Council Meeting	8 7 PM Consistory	9 ASCENSION DAY 6-8:30PM Lions Club	10 7:30 PM KFMS—Wiren Violins	17 9AM-10PM Crafting 9:30 AM Yoga Noon—RELAY FOR LIFE
19 PENTECOST Mums in Sanctuary 9AM Confirm. Class Last day of Sunday School—Sunday School	20 6 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Fellowship 7 PM Missions 7 PM Property	21 6:30 Pastoral Relations Meeting 7 PM Bible Study	15 10AM-Noon Young at Heart Seniors 2-9 PM H & H Quilters	16 23 7 PM Women's Guild Meeting	24 7AM-6:00 PM The B Team Penny Party	25 7AM-6PM The B Team Penny Party 9:30 AM Yoga
26 TRINITY SUNDAY 9AM Confirmation Class	27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	28	29 5:00—6:30 PM Community Dinner	30	31	

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	May 5, 2024	May 9, 2024	May 12, 2024	May 19, 2024	May 26, 2024
	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Ascension Day	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Pentecost Sunday	Trinity Sunday
Daily Devotions	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:1-11	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Acts 2:1-21	Isiah 6: 1-8
	Psalms 98	Psalms 47	Psalms 1	Psalms 104:24-34	Psalms 29
	1 John 5:1-6	Ephesians 1:15-23	1 John 5:9-13	Roman 8:22-27	Romans 8:12-17
	John 15: 9-17	Luke 24:44-53	John 17: 6-19	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17
Fellowship/Events	Rejoicing Spirits - 3:00 PM			Communion	
Worship Leaders					
Lectors			Ava Boyer	Cora Seidel & Lucy Seidel	Myles Moriarty
Deacons	Denise Keim	volunteers	Sandi Madeira	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Denise Keim
	Daryn Keim		Steve Leinbach	Erin Webb	Daryn Keim
	Ann Oswald		Sherry Leinbach	Sharon Larsen	Ann Oswald
Flowers-Center	David and Judy Rung (silk)				
	In honor of our wedding anniversary				
Flowers-Sides	Kathy Widdows				Ginny Kilbish
	In loving memory of my parents, Mac and Shirley Eidle				
Bulletins	Sandy Fenstermacher		John and Marcia Keiser	Erin Webb	Jim and Priscilla Farber
	In honor of Emory			In memory of Gloria Webb	In celebration of 64 years of marriage

JUNE 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
30 9AM—Kutztown Folk Festival Worship						1 8:30 AM Manna at Grace 9:30 AM Yoga
2 9 AM Confirmation Class 10:15 AM Confirmation Service 3 PM Rejoicing Spirits	3 6 PM Yoga	4 7 PM Bible Study	5	6	7 11 AM Free Sr. Lunch @ St. Barnabas Center	8 9AM-Noon Blood Drive @ St. Paul's 9 AM Prayer Walk
9	10 6PM Yoga	11 11AM Worship Mtg. 7 PM Finance Mtg.	12 7 PM Consistory	13	14	15 9AM-10PM Crafting 9:30 AM Yoga PULSE DEADLINE
16 FATHER'S DAY	17 6 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Fellowship 7 PM Missions 7 PM Property	18 2:15 PM Prayer Links 7 PM Bible Study	19 10AM-Noon Young at Heart Seniors 2-9PM H & H Quilters	20 6 –8:30PM Lions Club	21	22 9:30 AM Yoga
23 10:15 AM—Outdoor Worship—Wessner's Grove	24 6 PM Yoga	25 6:30 PM Personnel Meeting	26	27	28	29 9:30 AM Yoga

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	June 2, 2024	June 9, 2024	June 16, 2024	June 23, 2024	June 30, 2024
	Second Sunday after Pentecost	Third Sunday after Pentecost	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Daily Devotions	1 Sam 3:1-10, Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18	1 Sam: 8: 4-11, 16-20 Psalms 138	1 Sam: 15:34-16:14 Psalms 20	1 Sam: 17:32-49 Psalms 9:9-20	2 Sam 1:1, 17-27 Psalms 130
	2 Cor: 4:5-12	2 Cor: 4:13-5:1	2 Cor: 5:6-10, 14-17	2 Cor 6:1-13	2 Cor: 8:7-15
	Mark 2:23-3:6	Mark 3:20-35	Mark 4:16-34	Mark 4:35-41	Mark 5:21-43
Fellowship/Events	Rejoicing Spirits - 3:00 PM			Communion	
Worship Leaders					
Lectors		Ava Boyer	Cora Seidel & Lucy Seidel	Myles Moriarty	
Deacons	Sandi Madeira	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Denise Keim	Sandi Madeira	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck
	Steve Leinbach	Erin Webb	Daryn Keim	Steve Leinbach	Erin Webb
	Sherry Leinbach	Sharon Larsen	Ann Oswald	Sherry Leinbach	Sharon Larsen
Flowers-Center	David Rung -(silk)		Brian and Ethel Beck		Kathy Widows
	In honor of June's birthday		In memory of father's,		In loving memory of
			Wilmer Beck and Bruce Wentz		my mother, Shirley Edlie
Flowers-Sides					Kathy Widows
					In loving memory of
					my mother, Shirley Edlie
Bulletins					Folk Festival

Rejoicing Spirits of Eastern Berks County

Our Rejoicing Spirits worship service in April was lead by Pastor Dennis Ritter from Trinity Lutheran Church. His message was "Is Believing Seeing." Pastor Ritter used visuals to demonstrate what we think we see isn't always right!

We had several new Rejoicers join us for the service, fellowship, snack and a craft. All three of the new Rejoicers said they will definitely join us again! Retired Pastor Susan Lishman will preside over the May 5th service. Her message will be "God Created the World and God Created Me!"

We invite you to join us for the worship service, snacks and a craft. A special thank you to the members of St. Paul's who generously donated during our "Jingle Offerings." The money collected will be given to Blake and his family to use for food and toys for Sparky, Blake's new service dog. Thank you confirmands for taking on this project.

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

CONFIRMATION -- SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Please join us on Sunday, June 2 during the 10:15 a.m. Worship Service to recognize our 4 Confirmands -- Ava Boyer, Cora Seidel, Lucy Seidel and Myles Moriarty -- who will be Confirmed that day. A celebration honoring our Confirmands will follow the worship service in Fellowship Hall.

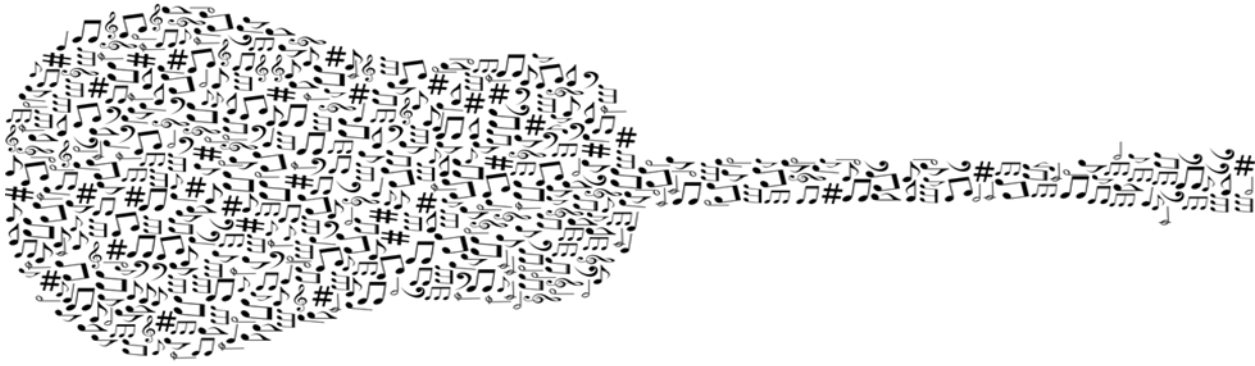


PRAYER LINKS

If you or someone you know needs prayers for health or personal reasons let the members of Prayer Links pray for these needs.

Call June Rung 610-683-6563 and leave a message.





Kutztown Folk Music Society

7:30PM

May Concert: Friday, May 10: Wiren Violins, celebrating Celtic and Folk music of all kinds. Not one but two fiddle champs in the same band performing with a vocalist with a great booming Celtic tenor voice, rhythm guitar, and additional vocals.

\$9.00 - Adults

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

Free - Children 12 and under

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- enter through the back door located on Lambert Alley 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 2024:
"STELLAR"

July 29-Aug. 2 (Monday-Friday) 6:00-8:30 p.m.
at St. Paul's UCC (Kutztown)

The St. Paul's/Trinity Combined VBS Program is back for another fun summer program: "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light" as we explore Jesus' light with an out-of-this-world outer space theme. Please preregister as soon as possible (but no later than July 7) by completing the attached form or contacting Louise Moyer at 610-641-0507 or LouiseMoyer13@gmail.com or Alicia Wood at 610-334-0733 or akhornberger624@gmail.com. Children from preschool 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 and blast off with us!

"STELLAR" VBS at St. Paul's (Kutztown)

Child's Name: _____ Child's Age & Grade Next Yr: ____/____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number (during VBS): _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

I am willing to help by:

- Station Leader Rotating with Classes Set-Up Decorations
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY

May 4th

Fire Company Parade—11AM

May 5th

Rejoicing Spirits—3PM

May 10th

KFMS Concert—Wire Violins—7:30 PM

May 15th

Young at Heart Seniors—10AM

May 18th

Relay for Life—Bowers Park— 10AM

May 19th

Last day of Youth SS

Mums in church

May 25th

B Team Penny Party—7AM to 6PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE

June 2nd

Confirmation Sunday

Rejoicing Spirits Worship—3PM

June 8th

Blood Drive—9AM to Noon

June 16th

Father's Day

June 21st

Young at Heart Seniors—10AM

June 23rd

Worship and Picnic at Wessner's Grove

June 30th

Worship at Kutztown Folk Festival—9AM