

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.*

CHURCH STAFF

Rev Debra Timmins.....Interim Pastor
Barbara Merkel.....Admin Assistant
Judy Heffley..... Organist
Currently vacant..... Choir Director
Donna Sheaffer..... Bell Choir Director
Jan Lenich..... Sexton

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GREAT NEWS!

Praise be to God! The Transition Team worked together diligently with God in their midst to locate an Interim Pastor who was approved by the Consistory on August 14. God has blessed St. Paul's with a new Interim Pastor, Reverend Deb Timmins. By accepting our Interim Pastor, we have agreed to a covenant between the Pastor and the congregation of St. Paul's: a shared promise.

Jesus gave us a new commandment that "you love one another." In the United Church of Christ, *covenant is a promise among individuals and various settings of the church to love and support each other, while also holding each other accountable. Covenant encourages us all to work together to discern God's will*, not only within our congregation, but with our association and conference. Even if we do not always agree, we strive for unity and continue to work as a team with Christian love and respect for our Pastor and each other.

In the UCC article, "The Spirit of the Congregation," it states:

"This congregation recognizes itself as a part of the People of God and fulfills its purpose as it becomes a community for ministry and mission. We recognize our pastor as a person called by God with professional ministerial competence" after many years of experience and effort to achieve a Master of Divinity degree.

"Our pastor is ordained to Christian ministry and stands among us as servant leader. We recognize the many and diverse expectations we have of our pastor and offer our support, through prayer, encouragement, and partnership in the ministry of this church."

In Partnership with Our Pastor, we believe that the ministry and mission of God's Church depends upon the leadership and labor of both ordained ministers and lay persons. All of us bring our particular gifts and skills, our faithfulness, our strengths and weaknesses to offer in creative and joyful response to the Christian gospel. We worship and work together to become ever more fully and faithfully God's people in this place [and our community]." May it be so!

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Pastor Deb Timmons has recognized God's will to minister at St Paul's to:

- *Help us to develop trust with each other and the pastor as our leader*
- *Help us heal our differences*
- *Serve as a resource person for the transition and development of our Long Church Profile in the search for a Settled Pastor*
- *Guide us at looking at five key areas: heritage, mission, leadership, connections, and future-discernment of future (vision)*

PRAYER: Dear Lord, Thank you for sending us Pastor Timmins. May we share in our promise and be active to support and encourage our new pastor and each other. Help us to follow your command to love each other, building up trust and unity as we listen for your guidance. In Jesus's name, Amen.

PRAYER LINKS

You are invited to join the Prayer Links ministry. You may pray anytime, anywhere, and in your own way. It is greatly appreciated by those who have requested prayers and is confidential. Please call the church office for more information.



National Grandparents Day

September 8, 2024



Rejoicing Spirits of Eastern Berks County

On September 1st, at 3:00 pm, we will gather in the sanctuary for our Rejoicing Spirits worship service. Keith Wuchter will be the worship leader with Pastor Jim Schlegel playing the piano. The theme for September's service will be "Promises of God." Join us for worship, prayer, music and fellowship. Snacks will be provided during fellowship time.

The carnival is coming to St. Paul's! October is the 2nd birthday of Rejoicing Spirits of Eastern Berks County and we will once again be celebrating with a carnival during fellowship time. There will be hot dogs, cake, games, and a craft. Pastor Chris Angstadt will be the worship leader.

Please join us October 6, 2024, at 3:00 at St. Paul's!!

September 2nd LABOR DAY



Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
September

- 1 Linda Arndt, Tamara Fitzgerald,
Caleb Moyer, Kian D'Agusto,
Layton D'Agusto, Aaron Kulp
- 2 Myles Moriarty
- 3 Nancy O'Neil, Julie Schmoyer
- 5 Lois Beekey, Sandra Scholar,
Christine Keim,
- 6 Shirley Hartman
- 7 Robert Heffner, Ann Oswald
- 11 Marilyn Eckert, Larry Seaman,
- 12 April Steltz
- 13 Sherry Leinbach, Kimberly Arndt,
- 16 Connie Ashenfelder
- 22 John Printz
- 23 Shirley Stricker, Jan Lenich, Steven Ziegler,
Jennifer Mccarroll, Kara Reed
- 25 Rebecca Freeman
- 27 Kathryn Landis
- 28 Taylor Fenstermacher
- 30 Joan Gangewere



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
October

- 3 John Schmoyer, Lisa Rarick
- 4 Austin Wuchter, Cynthia Swan
- 5 Christina Richard
- 6 Gail Keim, MacKenna Kalin
- 9 Ethel DeMatteo-Beck
- 10 Dylan Thompson
- 13 Sofia Rocha
- 14 Emily Kalin
- 15 Brent Fenstermacher
- 16 Julie O'Neil
- 19 Ann Rollman
- 25 Jodi Weaknecht
- 26 Susan Schmoyer
- 27 Keith Boyer
- 28 Brandon Wuchter
- 29 Cheryl Ziegler, Benjamin Rarick
- 30 Kristen Angstadt
- 31 Carly O'Neil



HARVEST HOME MUMS

On **Sunday, September 29th** there will be mums decorating the sanctuary. The order forms are available included in the Bulletin, through email or on the table outside the church office.

The colors for this year are Red, Yellow, Purple and Orange. They are in 9 inch pots and are \$8.00 a piece. Please make your check out to **St Paul's UCC** and return with your order form or place in an envelope in the offering plate.

Please include information as to how you want them listed in the Bulletin. IMO/IHO and print name or names clearly.

Deadline for orders is **September 16, 2024.**

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara at the following numbers 610-683-3393 or 610-392-1061

Thank you in advance for adding to the beauty of the Sanctuary.

In Loving Memory



Patricia R. Lobb of Kutztown, passed away quietly in her sleep on July 18, 2024. Pat was loved by all that knew her and always had a smile on her face. She loved animals, but especially cats. Pat was kind and gave unconditional love to anyone within her sphere.



Erma S. Angstadt, 99, formerly of Kutztown, died peacefully at The Heritage of Green Hills on June 26, 2024. Born January 12, 1925, in Tamaqua, PA, Erma was the daughter of the late Erma S. (Boyer) Lenker and Christopher Raymond (Ray) Lenker. She was the widow of Charles Z. Angstadt, Kutztown, PA. They were married on March 31, 1948 at the First Reformed Church in Reading, PA.

SEPTEMBER 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
1 3 PM Rejoicing Spirits	2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	3 7 PM Bible Study	4 7 PM Rejoicing Spirits Core Member Mtg.	5 6:15 PM Bell Choir	6 11 AM Free Sr. Lunch @ St. Barnabas Center	7 8:30 AM Manna at Grace 9AM-1PM Button Club (Lounge)
8 GRANDPARENTS DAY 9-10AM Rally Day Teacher Dedication	9 TBD Mice Workshop 6 PM Yoga	10 11AM Worship Mtg	11 7 PM Consistory	12 6:15 PM Bell Choir	13	14 9 AM Prayer Walk 9:30 AM Yoga
15 Fellowship after Worship for Pastor Sara	16 TBD Mice Workshop 6 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Fellowship 7 PM Missions 7 PM Property	17 2:15 PM Prayer Links 7 PM Bible Study	18 10AM-Noon Young at Heart Seniors 7 PM Technology Mtg	19 9 AM—Bazaar Crafting 2:15 PM Prayer Links 6:15 PM Bell Choir	20	21 9AM-10PM Crafting 9:30 AM Yoga
22 Fellowship after wor- ship to welcome Pastor Timmins	23 TBD Mice Workshop 6 PM Yoga	24 7 PM Christian Ed	25	26 9 AM Bazaar Crafting 6:15 PM Bell Choir	27	28 9:30 AM Yoga
29 Harvest Home Mums	30 TDB Mice Workshop 6 PM Yoga Prepare 2025 Budget					

WORSHIP SCHEDULE	September 1, 2024	September 8, 2024	September 15, 2024	September 22, 2024	September 29, 2024
	15th Sunday after Pentecost	16th Sunday after Pentecost	17th Sunday after Pentecost	18th Sunday after Pentecost	19th Sunday after Pentecost
Daily Devotions					
	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Proverbs 1:20-33	Proverbs 31:10-31	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10
	Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9	Psalms 125	Psalms 19	Psalms 1	Psalms 12
	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-50
Fellowship/Events		Rally Day/Grandparents Day		Fellowship to welcome	Harvest Home
		Teacher Dedication /Rejoicing Spirits		Rev. Debra Timmin , Interim Pastor	
Worship Leaders	Daryn Keim	Brian Unger	Kathy Landis	Christine Keim	Donna Sheaffer
				Denise Keim, Lector	Carl Mantz, Lector
Deacons	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Denise Keim	Sandi Madeira	Ethel DeMatteo-Beck	Denise Keim
	Erin Webb	Daryn Keim	Steve Leinbach	Erin Webb	Daryn Keim
	Sharon Larsen	Sandi Madeira	Sherry Leinbach	Sharon Larsen	Ann Oswald
Flower Sponsors					
Center	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Reinhard		Gene & Sandi Madeira	Denise Keim	Harvest Home
	In honor of our children		In loving memory of	In loving memory of	Mums in the Sanctuary
			Lee & Pauline Kunkel	my father, Bobby	
Sides					
Bulletins	Nancy O'Neil	Ron & Carol Reinhard			Fern Kline
	In memory of loved ones	In memory of our parents			In memory of
					Roy A. Kline Sr.

OCTOBER 2024

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6 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Pastor Sunday 3 PM Rejoicing Spirits	7 TBD Mice Workshop 6 PM Yoga	8 11 AM Worship Mtg. 7 PM Finance Mtg.	9 7 PM Consistory Mtg.	10 9AM Bazaar Crafting 6:15 PM Bell Choir	11 7:30 PM KFMS	12 9 AM Prayer Walk 9:30 AM Yoga
13 10:15 AM Outdoor Worship at Wessner's Grove	14 TBD Mice Workshop 6 PM Yoga	15 PULSE DEADLINE 7 PM Bible Study	16 10AM-12 Young at Heart Seniors 2-9 PM H&H Quilters	17 9 AM Bazaar Crafting 9AM-1PM AAA –East Penn Assoc 6-8:30 Lions Club	18	19 9AM-10PM Crafting 9:30 AM Yoga
20	21 TBD Mice Workshop 6 PM Yoga 6:30 PM Fellowship 7 PM Missions 7 PM Property	22 7 PM Christian Ed	23 7 PM Women's Guild Meeting	24 9 AM Bazaar Crafting 6:15 PM Bell Choir	25	26 9:30 AM Yoga
27 REFORMATION	28 TBD Mice Workshop 6 PM Yoga	29 6:30 PM Personnel Meeting	30	31 9 AM Bazaar Crafting 6:15 PM Bell Choir		

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	20th Sunday after Pentecost		21st Sunday after Pentecost		22nd Sunday after Pentecost		23rd Sunday after Pentecost	
							Reformation Sunday	
Daily Devotions	Job 1:1, 2:1-10		Job 23:1-9, 16-17		Job 28:1-7		Job 42:1-6, 10-17	
	Psalm 26		Psalm 22:1-15		Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35		Psalm 34:1-8	
	Mark 10:2-16		Mark 10:17-31		Mark 10:35-45		Mark 10:46-52	
Fellowship/Events	World Communion		Outdoor Worship Service					
	Rejoicing Spirits		at Wessner's Grove					
Worship Leaders	Ronald Reinhard		Keith Wuchter		Donna Sheaffer		Brian Unger	
	Carl Mantz - Lector				Karen Rhode - Lector			
Deacons	Sandi Madeira		Ethel DeMatteo-Beck		Denise Keim		Sandi Madeira	
	Steve Leinbach		Erin Webb		Daryn Keim		Steve Leinbach	
	Sherry Leinbach		Sharon Larsen		Ann Oswald		Sherry Leinbach	
Flowers-Center	Brian & Ethel Beck							
	In honor of Christine & Tom Luckenbill's							
	33rd Anniversary							
Flowers-Sides	Brian & Louise Moyer							
	In honor of the wedding yesterday of							
	their son Lucas & Sierra							
Bulletins	Gene & Sandi Madeira		Ethel DeMatteo-Beck		Cynthia Schaeffer & Family			
	In memory of loved ones		In honor of Chris & Tom Luckenbill's		In loving memory of			
			33rd anniversary		John Schaeffer			



By Judy Heffley

When I asked Ethel DeMatteo-Beck what her favorite hymn was, she said she likes “Here I Am, Lord,” which many others have chosen. She also likes “Precious Lord, Take My Hand,” found on page #684 in our hymnal. Whenever Ethel feels low, the words to this hymn speak to her and raise her spirits. This hymn reminds her of the gospel music she heard while growing up in Texas.

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” was published in 1938. The music is by George N. Allen and the words are by Thomas A. Dorsey. The lyrics of this hymn call out to the Lord for guidance and strength through difficult times. As Dorsey experienced tragedy in his life, he turned to God for hope and faith. This hymn has been described as “the greatest gospel song of all time.” Dorsey was influential in the development of early blues and twentieth century gospel music. He wrote 3000 songs, many of them gospels. May this hymn help you through difficult times to trust in God.

Colin’s Quips by Colin Heffley

1. How do pickles celebrate their birthdays? They relish them!
 2. Knock, knock. Who’s there? Noah. Noah who? Noah good place we can go for lunch?
 3. I tried to sue the airport for losing my luggage. I lost my case.
 4. An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have; the older she gets, the more interested he is in her.
 5. Why did the gym close down? It just didn’t work out.
 6. Why doesn’t the sun go to college? Because it has a million degrees.
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Volunteer Reading Tutors needed for [Ready.Set.READ!](#) Program

Help make a difference in a child’s life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 2nd grade students that need extra support with reading at Kutztown Elementary School on Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30 PM and Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 4:30 PM during the 2024-2025 school year.

No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour. Current background clearances are required and training provided. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or darbyw@uwberks.org



STELLAR VBS - SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

The St. Paul's/Trinity Combined VBS Program launched on July 29-August 2 at St. Paul's with "Stellar-Shine Jesus' Light." The church was transformed into an outer space adventure. Approximately 30 volunteers and 25 youth explored God's love and learned how to shine Jesus' light every day. We concluded our program with a fun and energizing Glow Party followed by an Ice Cream Social for families. We chose to Shine Jesus' Light locally by collecting donations and monetary offerings for Friend, Inc. to help local families in their time of need. Thank you to everyone involved, including congregational support, for making VBS a huge success!



RALLY DAY -- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 -- PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 Youth Sunday School Year! Youth Sunday School will kick-off on Sunday, September 8 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. with a Pancake Breakfast in Fellowship Hall to which all youth and their families are invited. Since it is also Grandparents' Day, please bring your grandparents along as well! Hope to see all of our youth and their extended families on September 8!



YOUNG AT HEART



Young at Heart is having a great year! We have enjoyed an increase in attendance from the church and also from others in the community. The program meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 10 AM to 12 noon. Everyone is invited including seniors. Refreshments are served. Free-will donations are accepted and occasionally a small fee is required by the presenter for supplies.

Here is a list of what is coming up in the next few months:

September 18

Benjamin Franklin reenactment by Dolores and Joseph McDevitt. They specialize in the Unsung Heroes of the 1776 American Revolutionary War. Franklin's growing up years, accomplishments, scientific inventions, effect on the U.S. early government and international relations, will be featured. He is also known for philosophical sayings like, "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

October 16

Making a wreath for the fall season or holidays with Four Seasons Garden Center. They will bring supplies and show us different types of wreaths and demonstrate how to make one. Attendees will have the opportunity to create a wreath of their own.

November 20

Elvis Presley impersonator Jeff Krick returns due to requests by fans from last year. Fee charged.

December 18

A musical program will be offered as yet to be determined.

We are completing another grant request for the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference to help finance continuing programs. Come and enjoy fun and fellowship and bring a friend or two!

For any questions or suggestions, please contact Marcia Keiser, Sandi Madeira, Ann Oswald or Kathy Landis. Signup sheets are always posted outside the church office.

Kathy Landis

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Rejoicing Spirits Service—3pm

September 8th
Sunday School –Rally Day—9am
Teacher Dedication
Grandparents Day

September 15th
Fellowship After Worship

September 18th
Young at Heart—10am

September 22nd
Fellowship After Worship
Welcome Pastor Timmins

September 29th
Harvest Home Mums

October 6th
World Wide Communion
Neighbors in Need Collection
Rejoicing Spirits Service—3pm

October 13th
Worship at Wessner's Grove

October 16th
Young at Heart—10am

October 27th
Reformation Sunday

