

Welcome! Whether you are worshipping with us in-person or virtually, we pray that you and your family are safe and healthy. We are blessed by your presence!



Visitors, Prayer Requests or to Update Information, please complete the card in the pew rack and drop it in the basket on the chancel rail when you leave.

Your Offering may be placed in the offering plate when you get a bulletin or in the basket by the chancel rail at the front of the church. We no longer pass the offering plate. Thank you for giving in support of the missions and ministries of St. Paul's.

Serving Today

Scripture Reader: Tess Ulrich

Greeters: Paul & Judy Leister

Acolyte: Gabe Geisler

Tech: Diana Dadey

Last Sunday In-person Attendance: 109
Virtual worship viewings: 84 (as of 10/20)
Giving: \$2527

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

October 23: Todd Haines

October 24: Oakley Emery

October 27: Anna Miller

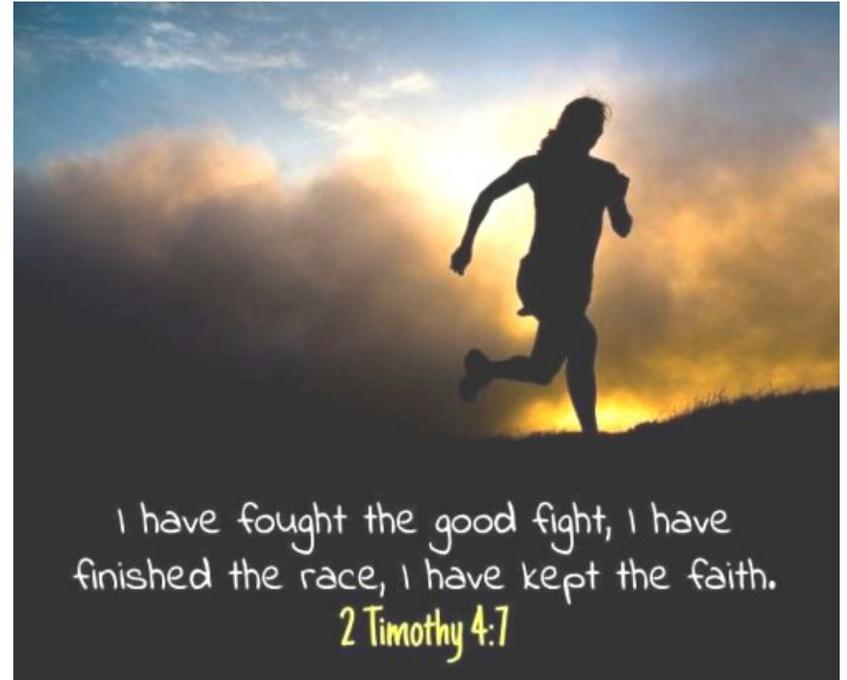
October 28: Beverly Breitenstein

October 29: Grace Kulakowsky

ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

October 27: Mark & Nadine Hummel

Next Sunday: *Reformation Sunday*
Message: *Zacchaeus and Luther*
Texts: *Psalms 119:137-144, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10**
**next Sunday's sermon text*



St. Paul's UCC, Amityville

1979 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, PA 19518

October 23, 2022

Ministers: The People of St. Paul's UCC

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St. Paul's United Church of Christ Mission Statement

In its life and mission, St. Paul's UCC seeks to worship the triune God; proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ; practice loving service toward the needy; embody God's reign of peace and justice; establish a Christian community of faith; and be a faithful member of the church universal.



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

October 23, 2022

9:45 A.M.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

* = Those who are able may stand

Prelude *Aria Cantabile* -Offenbach/Scott
Strength for the Victory -Kendall

* Processional Hymn *Who Is on the Lord's Side?* Hymnal #674

* Greeting The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introit

1. **May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing
this is victory.**
2. **May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe.
Looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.**

* The Solemn Declaration (from Joel 2:28) sung response: **Amen!**

* Call to Worship —based on Psalm 65:5-8

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
**You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and
of the farthest seas.**
By your strength you established the mountains;
You are girded with might.
You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
**Those who live at earth's farthest bounds
are awed by your signs;
You make the gateways of the morning
and the evening shout for joy.**

* Call to Confession —based Joel 2:32

* Silent Prayer

* Prayer of Confession (in unison) —based on Psalm 65:3; 2 Timothy 4:18

**No words can express the depth of our need
or reveal the extent of our sin.
But you know us completely, O God.
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
You rescue us from evil
and clothe us with love.
Humbly, we thank you;
for no words can express our gratitude
for the gift of your salvation. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon —based on 2 Timothy 4:17

Sisters and brothers . . . in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

* Confession *The Apostle's Creed* (inside hymnal cover)

Prayer of the Day —based on Joel 2:28; Psalm 65:5; Luke 18:14

Anthem *You're Always There* -Choplin

Prayer for Illumination —based on John 6:68, 2 Timothy 4:18

Scripture Readings *Luke 18:9-14, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*
After the readings: *The Word of God for the People of God...*
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *I Have Fought the Good Fight*

* Responsive Hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Hymnal #539

Prayers of the People response: *Gracious God, hear our prayer.*

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering —based on Psalm 65:5

* Doxology Hymnal #815

* Prayer of Dedication

* Recessional Hymn *Living for Jesus* Hymnal #605

* Benediction —based on 2 Timothy 4:7, 17

Threefold Amen

Postlude *Festive Piece* -Eliot

SERMON TEXT

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



GOSPEL TEXT

Luke 18:9-14

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood up and prayed about/to himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

¹³"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

¹⁴"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

ST. PAUL'S ACTIVITIES—this week

Sunday 10/23	Adult Sunday School	8:30 AM
	Fellowship	9:30 AM
	Worship	9:45 AM
	Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Fall Fest	11:00 AM
	Girl Scouts 149	3:30 PM
	Cub Scouts	4:00 PM
Monday 10/24	Boy Scouts 597	6:45 PM
Tuesday 10/25	Ladies Aid Food Prep	11:00 AM
	Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wednesday 10/26	Youth Group 9-12	7:00 PM
	Missions Committee	7:00 PM
Thursday 10/27	Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Friday 10/28	Chess Club	7:00 PM
Saturday 10/29	Fall Clean-Up	8:00 AM

FALL FEST

Join us **TODAY** immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall for our Fall Fest. Food and fun for EVERYONE! Even if you didn't sign up, you are welcome.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Lot's of **Help is Needed beginning at 8 AM** for our Fall Clean-Up project sponsored by the Facilities Committee. Painting, pruning, trimming, scrubbing, and more. It will be a fun day to spruce up our buildings and grounds and share in fellowship. Lunch will be served! There's a sign-up sheet in the Library.

GULDIN TRUST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications are due by **November 17**. Forms are available in the Church Office or on our website.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

It has been decided that we will not offer refreshments before the service each week. Instead the Fellowship Committee will host a special event. In November it will be the Annual Meeting Brunch on November 20. Stay tuned for the following event! Feel free to gather in the Library and/or Fellowship Hall to socialize before or after the service.

TURKEY SUPPER SCHEDULE OF CHORES

EVERYDAY Monday to Sunday - need helpers for dishwashing, evening clean-up and mopping, laundry (take home towels, cloths, aprons in pm/return in am), help with trash, recycling, compost removal

Monday Morning (9 AM) Prep onion/celery. Pick-up turkey & refrigerate safely.

Tuesday Morning (8 AM) Roast turkey. Pie dough crumbs, other small jobs.

Tuesday Evening Debone turkey, broth work. Prep for Wednesday turkey roasting.

Wednesday Morning 8 AM - roast turkey. 9 AM sweet crumbs, peel/chop apples, prepare mincemeat, start some crusts, clean and chop produce, slice cooled turkey.

Wednesday Evening Debone turkey, broth work, prep for Thursday bone/broth cooking, chop produce (if needed). Youth group prep jobs.

Thursday Morning (8 AM) Slice turkey, cook and pick bones, cut small parts for soup, make mince crusts/tops/pies, make other crusts, make pepper cabbage, chop produce.



Thursday Afternoon Make soup for sale and pack, bake some shoo-flies, make more crusts, brown crumbs for cherry, bake crusts.

Thursday Evening Package cooled soup & take downstairs.

Friday Morning (8 AM) Bake shoo-flies, make crusts, apple pies, prep more meat for soup/gravy, slice more meat if needed, break bread for filling, any produce left?

Friday Afternoon Finish apple pies, cherry pies, start pumpkin pies, make soup to serve, sauté veggies for filling.

Friday Evening Continue pie baking, prep for coconut pies, prep for filling, grease pans, arrange tables/chairs in dining room, set-up take-out

Saturday 6 AM - 7 AM Filling, coconut cream pies.

Saturday 9 AM Set up dining room, move items to bake table and take-out areas.

Saturday 12 Noon Start heating items in kitchen and take-out, start coffee, prep steam tables and serving areas.

Saturday 2 - 7 Serve (even though the signs say serving at 3, we hope to start seating people at 2:30, so the **servicing teams need to be in place by 2 PM**), dishwashers arrive by 3

Saturday 6:30 PM Need NEW crews to package leftovers, sell leftovers, CLEAN-UP, put away, and prep for Sunday service.

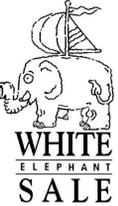
TURKEY SUPPER SCHEDULE OF CHORES cont'd

Sunday AM Sell leftovers (new helpers are great here, too), take tablecloths to wash

Monday Organize and finish cleaning kitchen, walk-in, fridge/freezers, closets.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Donations will be accepted in the Social Room (downstairs) beginning Monday October 31 through Wednesday, November 2 from 8 to Noon. The sale begins Friday, November 4 from 8-4 and continues on Saturday, November 5 beginning at 8 AM. If you have any questions contact Nancy Everhart.



THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

Monetary donations to help at least 10 families in the DB School District with gift cards for a Thanksgiving meal are being collected by the Missions Committee. Place your donation in an envelope labeled "Thanksgiving" or note this on your check

CHRISTMAS WISH TREE

Gift cards will be given to the families again this year. Our goal is to provide \$75 in gift cards for 50 students in the DB School District. Monetary donations to the Wish Tree program can be placed in the offering plate on Sundays or mailed to the church. Please note "Christmas Wish Tree" in the memo line of the check or on the envelope if donating cash. **Donations need to be received by November 13.** Gift cards need to be purchased and delivered to the families so they can do their shopping. Currently we only have enough to sponsor 10 children.



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

After the August trial run was well-received, it has been decided that we will move forward with a contemporary service held once a month in the Chapel. Services will take place on the second Sunday of each month at 6 PM. The first one will be November 13! These services will feature contemporary worship music and a message given by various members of our congregation and our greater community. From November to February the theme for these services will be "Love Thy Neighbor." If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of this service (greeters, musicians, guest speakers, tech, etc.), please contact Emily at youthleader@stpaulsuccamity.org We look forward to seeing you there!