

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



This week our card is for Doris Johnson. Please sign the card on the stand by the greeters.

The special bouquet is in memory of past Ladies Aid members.

Serving Today

Scripture Reader: Tammy Naus
Greeter: Debbie Davis
Acolyte: Madison Fleischman
Tech: Kelly Werth

Last Sunday
Attendance: 137
Virtual worship viewings: 97 (as of 11/2)
Giving: \$3038

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

November 5: Charles Miller, Jr.
November 6: Paul Leister, Dean Fick, Jr., Madeline Smith
November 7: Virginia Stoudt, Keon Woods
November 8: Michelle Miller, Lisa Bonslaver
November 9: Tom Reitz
November 10: Zachary Shank

ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

November 9: Pete & Brenda Kunsch, Andy & Kristen Duffy
November 11: Bernie & Candy Shustack, David & Erin Benn

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Message: **Whom Will You Serve?**
Texts: Psalm 78:1-7, Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*,
Matthew 25:1-13
*next Sunday's sermon text



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St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

November 5, 2023

Ministers: The People of St. Paul's UCC
The Rev. Dr. Steven Simpson, Pastor
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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.



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9:45 A.M.

All Saints Sunday

* = Those who are able may stand

Prelude *He Leadeth Me* -Bradbury / Bliss
Praise Him with Trumpets -Harris

Choral Prompt *Great Are You, O Lord*

* Processional Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Hymnal #686

* Greeting The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introit *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord* (vv 1 & 3) Hymnal #221

* The Solemn Declaration (Joshua 3:17) sung response: **Amen!**

* Call to Worship —based on Psalm 107:1-2, 4-7, 35-37

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
**Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,**
Some wandered in desert wastelands,
finding no way to a city where they could settle.
**They were hungry and thirsty,
and their lives ebbed away.**
Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
**He led them by a straight way
to a city where they could settle.**
He turned the desert into pools of water
and the parched ground into flowing springs;
**there he brought the hungry to live,
and they founded a city where they could settle.**
They sowed fields and planted vineyards
that yielded a fruitful harvest;
**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.**

* Call to Confession —based on Psalm 107:6, 9, 35

* Prayer of Confession (in unison) —based on Matthew 23:4

Lord God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors, but slow to help with their own. We take credit and give blame. In spite of the grace you have shown to us, we are slow to show mercy. Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean, that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon —based on Joshua 3:17

Sisters and brothers,
God has made a way where there was no way.
In Christ Jesus evil and death have been vanquished,
and we live in a state of grace. Believe the gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

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

Prayer of the Day —based on Joshua 3:17, Psalm 107:9, Matthew 23:8-11

Choir Anthem *Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord* -Harlan

Prayer of Illumination —based on 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Scripture Readings *Matthew 23:1-12, Joshua 3:7-17*

Sermon *Crossing the Jordan*

Remembrance of the Saints (see insert)

* Responsive Hymn *For All the Saints* Hymnal #767

Prayers of the People response: *Hear our cries, O Lord,
come quickly to our aid.*

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering —based on 1 Thessalonians 2:13

* Doxology Hymnal #815

* Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

* Recessional Hymn *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* Hymnal #777

* Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude *Toccata Jubiloso* -Smith

SERMON TEXT

Joshua 3:7-17

⁷ And the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. ⁸ Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: ‘When you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and stand in the river.’”

⁹ Joshua said to the Israelites, “Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God. ¹⁰ This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. ¹¹ See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. ¹² Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³ And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.”

¹⁴ So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. ¹⁵ Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, ¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

DECEASED St. PAUL'S VETERANS

Harold Althouse	William Anderson	Merle Bock
Ricky Davidson	Mary Delp	Edward Grainger
Earl Groff	Arthur Hartline	Merle Harner
Joseph Hayik	Donald Hausman	Kenneth Heimel
Thomas Hendricks	Ralph Herbein	Charles Hertzog, Jr.
Henry Johnson	Robert Kellar, Sr.	Harold Kutz
Samuel Albert Kutz	Martin McLain	Victor Mease
Robert Mooney	Arthur Oxenford	Linwood Rhoads
Barry Rhoads	Harry Riegel	James Smith
Ronald Trace		

St. PAUL'S VETERANS

Donald Adams	Kenneth Biles	Matthew Bolles
Gerald Breitenstein	George Clauser	Peter Dadey
Tyler Davis	Wayne Elser	Richard Flickinger
David Haas	Charles Honish	John Johnson
Robert Jones	Paul Kopec	Robert Laney
Christopher Martin	Charles Miller	Michael Mingione
Rodney Norman	William Oxenford	Harold Peterson
Walter Pritz	Larry Schittler	Bernard Shustack
Mark Sitrer	Jack Tongue	

ST. PAUL'S ACTIVITIES—this week

Sunday 11/5	Adult Sunday School	8:30 AM
	Worship & Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Confirmation	10:45 AM
	Girl Scouts 11165	4:00 PM
Monday 11/6	Boy Scouts	6:45 PM
	Worship Committee	7:00 PM
Tuesday 11/7	Steph Grace Bootcamp	6:15 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
	Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM
Wednesday 11/8	Cub Scouts	6:00 PM
	Sabbatical Committee	6:00 PM
	Daisy Troop 1689	6:30 PM
	Youth Group 5-12	7:00 PM
	Choir	7:00 PM
Thursday 11/9	Evangelism	6:30 PM
Friday 11/10	Amity Chess Club	7:00 PM
	Event Set-Up	
Saturday 11/11	Event	

ANNUAL MEETING/REPORT/BRUNCH

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 19!** On this date we will hold our annual meeting in the sanctuary immediately following the service. We hope you will stay for this important meeting to show your support of the missions and ministries of the church. The 2024 budget will be presented as well as Consistory nominations. These require a vote and we need a quorum of 75 people. Following the meeting we will share in fellowship with a brunch in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a hot or cold side dish and a dessert to share. Copies of the 2023 Annual Report are available in the Narthex, Library and Church Office. Please take time to read about all the wonderful things that are happening at St. Paul's!

LAST DAY for THANKSGIVING GIFTS

TODAY is the last day to make a monetary donation. Monetary donations will be used to purchase grocery store gift cards by the Missions Committee for needy families in the Daniel Boone School District. Please help others to be thankful this Thanksgiving.

CIRCLE of FRIENDS

Tuesday, November 14 is Game Day at 1 PM. Bring your favorite game or just come and find friends ready to share theirs with you!

REMEMBRANCE of the SAINTS

Pastor: Today is All Saints' Day, the day when the church remembers the martyrs of the church, as well as members of this congregation who have died in the past year. Let us go to God in prayer...

O Eternal God, we, your children, give you thanks for our ancestors in the household of faith:

For Abraham, the father of the faithful,
For patriarchs and matriarchs who followed him in faith,
For Moses, who—with your guidance
—led your people to freedom and gave them your law,

We bring You thanks, O Lord.

For the prophets who declared your Word and will,
For David, the king who sang your praise,
For those who gave their lives to preserve your law,
For those disciples of Christ who left all to follow him.,
For Paul, who so richly experienced the grace of the risen Lord
and brought the gospel to the nations,

We bring You thanks, O Lord.

For mothers, fathers, and grandparents who ushered us into
knowledge of you and now have been ushered into your kingdom,
For elder members of our community who mentored us,
And for dear friends old and young who brought joy into our lives,
who now praise you in heavenly glory,

We bring You thanks, O Lord.

The following names will be read, one at a time.

- Judith Emerich ■ Samuel Albert Kutz ■ Mabel LaBelle
- Ron Ivison ■ Raymond Ingham ■ Helen Heimel ■ Charles Reinert
- Rick Davidson ■ Patricia Simmons ■ Alma Meitzler
- Paul Darrah, Jr.

*As each name is read, a bell will be tolled and a candle will be lit
and the following will be spoken:*

For _____'s life, O Lord, We give thanks,

Blessed are the dead who have died in Christ.

After all names have been read, the remembrance concludes:

Living God, we give you thanks for calling forth these blessed ones.
Into Your hands we commend their spirits. Amen.
*(At the end of the service, family members are invited to take a
carnation in memory of loved ones remembered today).*

CHRISTMAS WISH TREE

It's that time of the year again to launch the Christmas Wish Tree program. This year we will be collecting monetary donations that will be used to acquire gift cards for the families in need in the Daniel Boone School District. The gift cards will be given to the families to provide financial assistance for the purchase of Christmas gifts for the children in the family. This year we plan on helping 60 students in grades K-4. Donations 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 an envelope of donating cash. Thank You for once again supporting the Christmas Wish Tree program. For any concerns, please contact Sara Trejo at [484.644.5417](tel:484.644.5417). Contributions must be received by November 19.

ROOM REQUESTS

If you need a room for a meeting or other need, it is imperative that you request to reserve space as soon as you establish the need. Our facility is getting busier with more and more rooms being utilized throughout the week and on weekends. You can email your request to Kathy Weller at facility@stpaulsuccamity.org. There are also forms in the office that can be filled out and put in the Facility Coordinator mailbox in the office. If you have any questions please reach out to Kathy Weller.

POINSETTIAS/HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary and/or gifts to Heifer International are available for purchase this Christmas season. The cost is \$10 each. The Heifer shares go toward the purchase of a goat, sheep, or pig. The animals are distributed to needy people throughout the world. Use the pink envelope in your offering envelope pack and be sure to check your choice of Poinsettia or Heifer Project.

Deadline is December 1.

REMEMBERING the SAINTS

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| ■ Judith Emerich | November 24, 2022 |
| ■ Samuel Albert Kutz | December 13, 2022 |
| ■ Mabel LaBelle * | January 11, 2023 |
| ■ Ron Ivison | February 24, 2023 |
| ■ Raymond Ingham | March 3, 2023 |
| ■ Helen Heimel | March 24, 2023 |
| ■ Charles Reinert | April 5, 2023 |
| ■ Rick Davidson | April 25, 2023 |
| ■ Patricia Simmons* | September 10, 2023 |
| ■ Alma Meitzler | September 30, 2023 |
| ■ Paul Darrah, Jr. | October 11, 2023 |