

Welcome! Whether you are worshipping with us in-person or virtually, we pray that you and your family are safe and healthy. We no longer pass the offering plates during the service. You may place your offering in the plate as you enter (by the greeters).



This week our card is for Larry & Sandy Mensch. Please sign the card on the stand by the greeters.

Serving Today

Guest Preacher: Curt Clifford
Worship Leader: Marlene Dadey
Scripture Reader: Anita Zuber
Greeter: Linda Okuniewski
Acolyte: Carson Weller
Tech: Pat Leady

Last Sunday Attendance: 104
Giving: \$2512

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

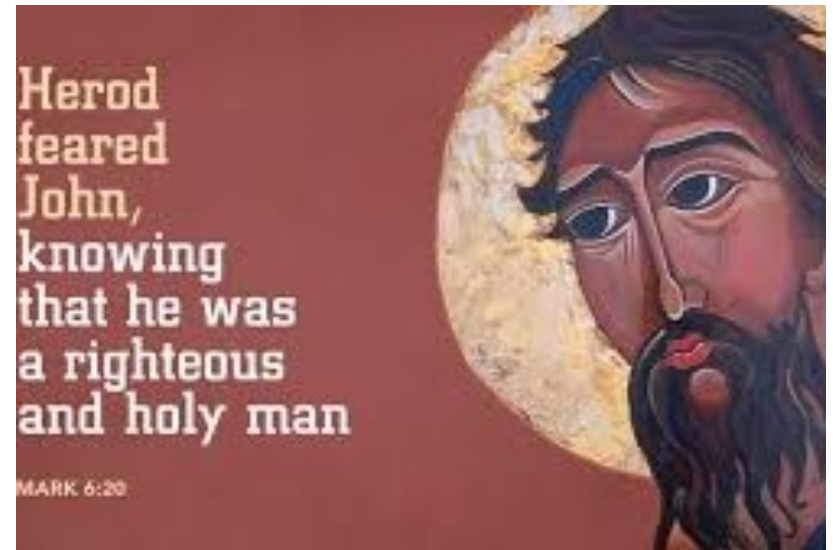
July 14: Scott Kopec
July 15: Joy Harner
July 18: Jordan Elser, Karen Bates
July 19: Darrin Lott

ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

July 17: Mike & Lynn Mingione
July 18: John & Lisa Bonslaver
July 19: John & Doris Johnson

Next Sunday: *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*
Guest Preacher: Kerry Kuhn
Message: **Take Your Seat**
Texts: *Psalm 89:20-37, Ephesians 2:4-6*, Colossians 3:1-4*
**next Sunday's sermon text*

Forgot your envelope?
Scan the QR code to make a contribution.



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

July 14, 2024

Ministers: The People of St. Paul's UCC
The Rev. Dr. Steven Simpson, Pastor - on sabbatical
Martha Sitler, Minister of Music
Joe Ceklosky: Leader of Technology/Video Team
Marlene Dadey, Director of Christian Education/Office Manager
Emily Dreas, Director of Youth Ministry
Mike Rackey, Sexton
Church Office 610-689-9364
Church e-mail - office@stpaulsuccamity.org
Website: www.stpaulsuccamity.org

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

July 14, 2024

9:45 A.M.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

* = Those who are able may stand

Prelude *O Praise Him* -Crowder/McDonald
Blessed Assurance -Knapp/Page

* Processional Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* see insert

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

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introit *I Love You, Lord*
**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what you hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.**

* The Solemn Declaration (from Psalm 124:8) sung response: **Amen!**

* Call to Worship —from Habakkuk 2:20; John 4:23; Psalm 95:1-4, 6-7

The Lord is in his holy temple,
let all the earth keep silence before him.
**God is spirit; and they that worship him
must worship in spirit and in truth.**
Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us come before the Lord
**Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**
The Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
**In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.**
O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
**For he is our God;
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

* Call to Confession —based on 1 John 1:8-9

* Silent Prayer

* Prayer of Confession (in unison) —from the *UCC Book of Worship*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in
bondage to sin and cannot save ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed, by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and follow in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon —adapted from the *UCC Book of Worship*

In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are.
In Christ you are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

* Affirmation *The Apostle's Creed*

* Prayer of the Day

Special Music *Peace, Be Still* -Hope Darst
Solo by Amanda Spotts

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings *Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29*

Sermon *Moving on With the Help of God*

* Responsive Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* see insert

Prayers of the People response: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our Prayer!*

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering —based on Psalm 104:28

* Doxology Hymnal #815

* Prayer of Dedication

* Recessional Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord is King* see insert

* Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude *Mighty Maker of All* -Sawyer

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS



PLEASE NOTE: We would appreciate if you **would not** include your contributions to the Capital Campaign / HVAC Work with your weekly offering. Please write a separate check and mark it "Capital Campaign". This makes recording contributions properly a lot easier for our counters and financial secretary.

CRAFTER/VENDOR FAIR

Save the Date! The Evangelism & Missions Committees are planning a Crafter/Vendor Fair for Saturday, October 12 in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to reserve a table or for more information, please contact Kathy Weller at itype4ever@windstream.net or 610.842.3853 or see any member of the Committees. Tables are \$15 or 2 for \$25. In conjunction with this sale, we will also be selling soup by the quart and shoo-fly pies. Watch upcoming bulletins and newsletters for further information. Proceeds from table rental to support our Christmas Wish Tree program.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



We have one adult class meeting throughout the summer. This is the Adult III class, but anyone is welcome to join them anytime throughout the summer. They meet at 8:30 AM in Room 11. There are usually goodies to enjoy! Throughout the summer they discuss special topics led by members of their regular class.

- | | | |
|-------------|---|-----------------|
| ▪ July 21 | Stories of Favorite Hymns | Judi Flickinger |
| ▪ July 28 | Religious Art | Martha Sitler |
| ▪ August 4 | Clothing and Fashion
In Biblical Times | Michele Ross |
| ▪ August 11 | Armor of God | Jackie Hertzog |
| ▪ August 18 | To Be Determined | |
| ▪ August 25 | Christmas in August | Dick & Judi |

ST. PAUL'S ACTIVITIES—this week

Sunday 7/14	Adult Sunday School Worship	8:30 AM 9:45 AM
Monday 7/15	Tech Committee	7:30 PM
Tuesday 7/16	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Thursday 7/18	Facilities Committee	7:00 PM
Friday 7/19	Amity Chess Club	7:00 PM

GUEST PREACHER

Our Guest preacher this morning is Curt Clifford. Curt joined St. Paul's with his wife Gail in 1975. Their children Jeffrey and Jennifer were confirmed here and both Curt and Gail served as Consistory President in the past. Curt hopes his brothers and sisters in Christ will discern God speaking through his message. Curt is currently the President of St. Paul's Consistory.



NURSERY SERVICE

Nursery Service is available for infants through first grade. Rachael Rogers and Crystalynn will be delighted to see your children during the service throughout the summer. There is NO Sunday School for children during the summer.

REBUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help is needed July 25 and 27 from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. You can help as long or as little as you wish. This will be in the Antietam area where flooding occurred last year. General construction help including installation and removal of trailer skirting and cleaning up is needed in particular. Registration is required at berksrecoveryvolunteers@gmail.com. Contact Martha Sitler or Alan Ross for more information.

HYMNALS

The lyrics to the hymns are printed inside your bulletin. If you are a person who can read music and would prefer to use a hymnal there are a few on the table as you enter Fellowship Hall. We are not moving all the hymnals for everyone to use. We appreciate your understanding.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. **Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's redeeming love.**
2. **Hither to Thy love has blest me;
Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bo't me with His precious blood.**
3. **O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that goodness now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. **Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature
O thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown**
2. **Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing**
3. **Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast**
4. **Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be thine!**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1. **Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
2. **Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
3. **His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**
4. **Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

MAKE a JOYFUL NOISE UNTO the LORD

Calling all musicians! Please sign up to provide special music for worship this summer. Sing, play an instrument, demonstrate a sacred dance - share the gifts and talents God has given to you with your church family. The sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall - or talk with Martha any Sunday.



WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Peach Festival time is around the corner - August 17. We will be accepting items for the White Elephant Sale Monday, August 12 - Wednesday, August 14 from 8 to Noon in the Social Room (downstairs). No items will be accepted on Thursday. The sale is open Friday, August 16 from 8 - 4 and Saturday, August 17 beginning at 8 AM. NO BOOKS, electronics, computers, printers, etc. will be accepted.