

**W**elcome! 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).



**T**his week our card is for John Vacarro.  
Please sign the card on the stand by the greeters.

### **S**erving Today

Guest Preacher: Emily Dreas  
Worship Leader: Marlene Dadey  
Scripture Reader: Kelly Werth  
Greeter: Debbie Davis  
Acolyte: Madison Fleischman  
Tech: Kay Nyman

**L**ast Sunday Attendance: 90  
Giving: \$4515

### BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

**July 28:** Katie Klumper, Harold Blevins III  
**July 29:** Jackie Hertzog  
**July 30:** Ethan Fleischman  
**August 2:** Dorothy Arnold, Steven Simpson  
**August 3:** Renee Kline, Roxanne Romano

**Next Sunday:** *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost / Communion*  
Guest Preacher: Pastor Debbie Derby  
Message: **Forgiven and Re-created**  
Texts: *2 Samuel 11:25-12:13a, Psalm 51:1-17\**  
*\*next Sunday's sermon text*

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**We're Only Human**

## St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

July 28, 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  
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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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Amityville, Pennsylvania

July 28, 2024

9:45 A.M.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

\* = Those who are able may stand

Prelude *Create In Me a Clean Heart* -Bober  
*In Christ Alone* -Getty and Townend

\* Processional Hymn *Come Christians Join to Sing* see insert

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

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Change My Heart, O God*  
**Change my heart, O God,  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God,  
May I be like You.**

\* 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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings *John 6:1-21, 2 Samuel 11:1-15*

Sermon *We Are Only Human*

\* Responsive Hymn *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* 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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* see insert

\* Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude *Allegro* -Scarlatti

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS



**P**LEASE 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

**S**ave 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](mailto: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



**W**e 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.

- August 4 Clothing and Fashion  
In Biblical Times Michele Ross
- August 11 Armor of God Jackie Hertzog
- August 18 Words of Paul Dick

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

**C**ircle of Friends **WILL NOT** meet in August. See you in September!

## PEACH FESTIVAL

**M**ark your calendars for **August 17!** That is the date of our Peach Festival. Help is needed Wednesday through Saturday. A schedule is in the August newsletter.

## ST. PAUL'S ACTIVITIES—this week

Sunday 7/28	Adult Sunday School Worship	8:30 AM 9:45 AM
Tuesday 7/30	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wednesday 7/31	Prayer Group (Pastor Motz) Missions Committee	1:00 PM 6:30 PM
Friday 8/2	Event Set-Up Amity Chess Club	5:00 PM 7:00 PM
Saturday 8/3	Family Event	11:30 AM

## GUEST PREACHER

**O**ur Guest preacher this morning is **Emily Dreas**. Emily has been our Director of Youth Ministry since 2021. A social worker with Exeter School District, she served as a Liturgical Ministry intern while a student at Loyola University. She plans to present her sermon this summer in a style similar to how she leads at Youth Group meetings.



## NURSERY SERVICE

**N**ursery 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.

## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

**P**each 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**A**t its meeting on July 10, Consistory discussed the newly discovered need to replace the heating system for the gym before winter. At that time they did not have adequate information to know whether funding will require approval by the Congregation. Therefore we are calling a Congregational Meeting following the Sunday, August 11 service in case the funding recommendation requires approval by that body.

## Come Christians Join to Sing

1. **Come, Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia, Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King,  
Alleluia, Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
before His throne rejoice;  
praise is His gracious choice,  
Alleluia, Amen!**
2. **Come, lift your hearts on high,  
Alleluia, Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky,  
Alleluia, Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend,  
to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end,  
Alleluia, Amen!**
3. **Praise yet our Christ again,  
Alleluia, Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain,  
Alleluia, Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
His goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore,  
"Alleluia, Amen!"**

## Have Thine O Way Lord

1. **Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.**
2. **Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Savior today!  
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,  
As in thy presence humbly I bow.**
3. **Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!**
4. **Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!**

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. **What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!**
2. **Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!**
3. **Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
You will find a solace there.**

## MAKE a JOYFUL NOISE UNTO the LORD

**C**alling 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.



## HYMNALS

**T**he 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.