

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 a Thinking of You card for Bette Mooney. Please sign the card on the stand by the greeters.

Serving Today

Guest Preacher: Pastor Debbie Derby
Worship Leader: Marlene Dadey
Guest Organist: Andrew K. Heimel
Scripture Reader: Judy Leister
Greeter: Linda Okuniewski
Acolyte: Madison Fleischman

Last Sunday Attendance: 83
Giving: \$2468

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

September 2: Logan Krause
September 3: Rod Norman
September 4: Kelly Yanos, Alexa Giesler
September 5: Wendy Wunderlich
September 7: Daniel Krick, Nathan Bonslaver

ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

September 1: Eric & Melissa Lizbinski
September 3: Alan & Michele Ross

Next Sunday: *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
Message: **James says: Don't Play Favorites**
Texts: *Psalm 146, Isaiah 35:4-7a,
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17*, Mark 7:24-37*
**next Sunday's sermon text*

Forgot your envelope?

Scan the QR code to make a contribution.



**Quick to Hear
Slow to Speak
Slow to Anger**

James 1:19

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

September 1, 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

September 1, 2024

9:45 A.M.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

* = Those who are able may stand

Prelude *The Butterfly* -G. Merkel
Rondo in F -A. Diabelli
More Precious Than Silver -L. Deshazo
Clarinet Solo - Sara Erdman Trejo
Allegro -J. Haydn
Sonatine in F -L. Van Beethoven

* Processional Hymn *We Are Called to Be God's People* 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* (inside hymnal cover)

Prayer of the Day

Special Music *I Love You Lord* -L. Klei
Clarinet Solo - Sara Erdman Trejo

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings *Psalm 15, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 20-23*

Sermon *Kardiac Kids*

* Responsive Hymn *Lord, Speak to Me* 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 *Then I Shall Live* see insert

* Benediction & Threefold Amen

Postlude *Rejoice the Lord Is King* -J. Darwall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Join us in after the service for cake to welcome Pastor Steven back from his sabbatical.

CRAFTER/VENDOR FAIR

Join us Saturday, October 12 in Fellowship Hall between 9 AM and 1 PM for the Evangelism and Missions Committees Crafter/Vendor Fair. We have 40+ vendors signed up to sell a variety of unique crafts and gifts, just in time for holiday gifting or to treat yourself. We will also be selling soup by the quart made by volunteers from the congregation and also shoo fly pies made in our kitchen. All proceeds from this sale will go towards the Christmas Wish Tree program, which unfortunately has outgrown our budget. There are sign-up sheets in the Library to donate quarts of homemade soup to sell and also baked goods, which will be complimentary to all who attend the event... to show the community what a kind and generous congregation we are.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 10 at noon in the Social Room. A light lunch will be followed by a fascinating presentation by Charlie Harley; Metal Detecting, Saving History. He will share some of his adventures and local treasures with us, making us wonder what might be just six inches beneath the soil in our back yards. Come out to enjoy the program and fellowship! Everyone is welcome.

CROP WALK

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 13. This is the date of the annual CROP Walk which will be held at the Daniel Boone Homestead. There is a picnic at noon followed by the walk which begins at 2 PM. More information on how to sign up will be available soon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF NEEDED

We are looking for a few more members to join our teaching teams. We have one opening with the younger group (preschool - grade 2) and one opening with the older group (grades 3-6). Each teaching team consists of two leaders which are responsible for one Sunday each month. Curriculum is provided. Please contact Marlene Dadey if you are interested or have questions.

ST. PAUL'S ACTIVITIES—this week

Sunday 9/1	Adult Sunday School Worship	8:30 AM 9:45 AM
Tuesday 9/3	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wednesday 9/4	Ladies Aid Community of Practice Youth Group Choir Practice	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM
Friday 9/6	Amity Chess Club	7:00 PM

GUEST PREACHER

Our Guest Preacher today is Pastor Debbie Derby. This is her third time preaching this summer. We are thankful for not only her preaching, but for her visitation to numerous members of the congregation and two funerals.



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Boyertown Junior Women's Club is collecting back to school items for Fostering Hope. Items being collected are: pencils, crayons, glue sticks, dry erase markers, 3-ring binders, 3-prong folders, and gift cards for sneakers. There is a collection bin in the Library. Items will be collected through September 8.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF NEXT WEEK

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 8! This is the day our Sunday School classes will begin again. Boys and girls are invited to attend the beginning of the service with their parents. After a short children's message, introduction of the teachers and the Blessing of the Backpacks children will be dismissed to their classrooms (preschool - grade 2 Room #9, grades 3-6 Room #8). There they will meet their teaching teams and have a short activity.

We Are Called to Be God's People

1. **We are called to be God's people**
Showing by our lives His grace
One in heart and one in spirit
Sign of hope for all the race
Let us show how He has changed us
And remade us as His own
Let us share our life together
As we shall around His throne
2. **We are called to be God's servants**
Working in His world today
Taking His own task upon us
All His sacred words obey
Let us rise then to His summons
Dedicate to Him our all
That we may be faithful servants
Quick to answer now His call
3. **We are called to be God's prophets**
Speaking for the truth and right
Standing firm for godly justice
Bringing evil into light
Let us seek the courage needed
Our high calling to fulfill
That we all may know the blessing
Of the doing of God's will

Lord, Speak to Me

1. **Lord, speak to me that I may speak**
In living echoes of Thy tone.
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thine erring children, lost and lone.
2. **Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach**
The precious things Thou dost impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.
3. **Oh, fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,**
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.
4. **Oh, use me, Lord, use even me,**
Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

I Then Shall Live

1. **I then shall live as one who's been forgiven.**
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am His child and I am not afraid.
So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother;
The law of love I gladly will obey.
2. **I then shall live as one who's learned compassion.**
I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I'll dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.
3. **Your Kingdom come around and through and in me;**
Your power and glory, let them shine through me.
Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor,
And may Your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
And may You feed a hungry world through me.

HYMNALS

The lyrics to the hymns are printed inside your bulletin. Occasionally the lyrics printed in the bulletin are not exactly the same as in the hymnal. Please bear with us. 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.