Welcome! May this time of worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve the Creator who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

Visitors, we are glad you are here! Please sign a Visitor Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

This week our card is for Sharon Haller and Harry Schaeffer. Please sign the card on the stand by the greeters

The special bouquet is in honor of the baptism of Riley Kluemper the gift of Mum Mum and Pop Pop.

Serving Today

Scripture Reader:	Sheila Martin
Greeters:	Susan Lincoln
Acolyte:	Nolan Hettel
Crucifer:	Rob Hettel
Tech:	Joe Ceklosky

Last Sunday

Attendance: 112
Virtual worship viewings: 124 (as of 10/15)
Giving: $1,554

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

October 19: Marlin Spotts
October 21: Susan Lincoln
October 22: Rich Zuber
October 24: Mat Bolles

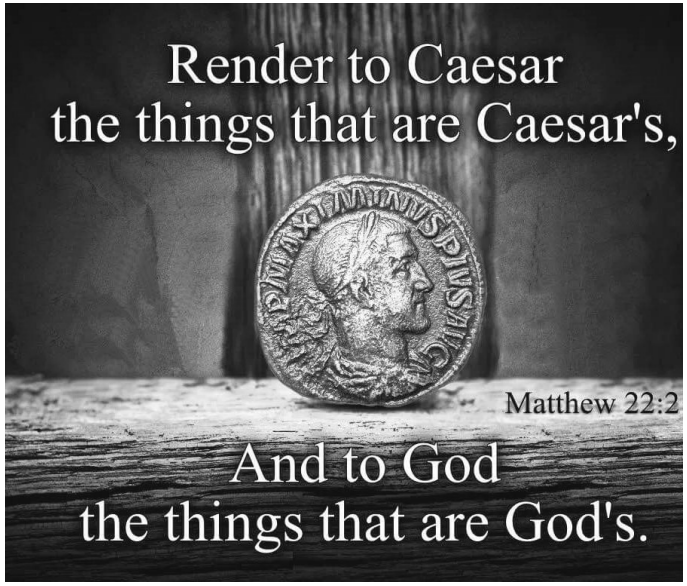
ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

October 18: Dave & Tiffany Dunning
October 23: Pat & Jen Leady, Hap & Heidi Pennypacker

THE OFFERING

As the offering plates are passed, we invite you to offer yourself again to God in prayer. If you give online, have already given, are visiting, or are unable to give today, simply let the plate pass without concern. This is a moment for all of us to thank God and reflect on how we may take part in Christ's work.

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



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

October 18, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Joshua W. Rau, Pastor

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.

ORDER for WORSHIP

***Indicates congregation please stand if able.**
Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD type.**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude — *Blessed Quietness* -Marshall/Ritter
Make the Sounds of Praise -Hughes

Welcome & Announcements

Trinity Chimes

* Processional Hymn — *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Hymnal #33

* Solemn Declaration

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

* Call to Worship

The Lord reigns; let the nations tremble. He sits enthroned between the cherubim; let the earth shake.
Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.
He is holy.
Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain.
For the Lord our God is holy.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing the Peace — The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

* Gloria Patri Hymnal #813

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Sermon

Choir Anthem — *Now Let Us Sing* -Simms

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading — *Exodus 33:12-23*

Second Reading — *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

* Gospel Reading — The Holy Gospel According to Matthew chapter 22
Glory to you, oh Lord.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, oh Christ.

Sermon — *Whose Image Do You Bear?*

* Responsive Hymn — *We Give Thee But Thine Own* Hymnal #816

Sacrament of Holy Baptism see insert

Prayers of the People response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

THANKSGIVING

God's gifts move us to responds with grateful words and actions.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory — *In the Garden* -Miles/Wilson

* Doxology Hymnal #815

* Prayer of Dedication

* Benediction

* Recessional Hymn — *Jesus Is Lord of All* Hymnal #599

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

* Dismissal & Threefold Amen

Postlude — *Allegro* -Albinoni

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Scout Troop 597 is participating in the Friends Helping Friends fundraiser at Boscov's. A $5 donation will provide you with a coupon for up to 25% off your purchase at any Boscov's store or online on **Wednesday, October 21.** 100% of the proceed of this fundraiser go directly to the Troop. See Carson Weller or Alex Falstich for coupons.

CRAFT FAIR - OCTOBER 24

Reminder - 5th Annual Fall Craft Event & Raffle October 24th 9 am to 3 pm Come join us in Fellowship Hall. We have 46 vendors confirmed and at least 41 items for raffle. All proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Hopewell Love. If you have signed up to donate soup and/or snack, you can drop off your item in Fellowship Hall Friday between 5-9:00 PM, or Saturday between 6:30-8:30 AM. Even if you haven't signed up, you may still donate. We are very grateful for the commitments received. Hope to see you there.

TURKEY SUPPER

Mark your calendars! St. Paul's Fall Turkey Supper is Saturday, November 7. Help is needed throughout the week to prepare everything. A schedule of chores will be listed in the November newsletter and the November 1 bulletin.

SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

St. John's Lutheran Church, Boyertown invites the brave individuals who served our nation a special event sponsored by Boyertown Rotary. The program will feature inspiring performances by talented Boyertown Middle School singers. Highlighting the afternoon will be a powerful keynote address from distinguished Bronze Star recipient, Commander John Greason, U.S. Coast Guard (Retired), offering reflections on service, sacrifice, and patriotism. Come together with our community to pay tribute to our heroes and celebrate the enduring spirit of those who protect our freedom. Join us Sunday, November 8 at 3 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, Boyertown 45 North Reading Avenue.

GULDIN TRUST

Just a friendly reminder that Guldin Trust Scholarship Applications are due by November 15, at the latest. Applications and Requirements can be found in the church office or digitally on the church website. Completed applications can be placed in the Guldin Trust Committee mailbox in the office. If you have any questions, please email Wendy Elser at wendy.elser87@gmail.com

CEMETERY WORK PARTY

Please join us for our fall cemetery workday on October 31st. We will meet at the cemetery by River Rock Academy at 9 AM.

ST. PAUL'S ACTIVITIES—this week

Sunday 10/18	Adult Sunday School	8:30 AM
	Worship & Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Safety Presentation	11:00 AM
	Youth Group	4:00 PM
	Cub Scouts	6:00 PM
Monday 10/19	Scouts 597	7:00 PM
	Tech Committee	7:30 PM
Tuesday 10/20	Eastern Star	7:30 AM
	Girl Scouts 1079	6:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
	The Chosen Bible Study	7:00 PM
Wednesday 10/21	Mid-Week Communion	5:30 PM
	Craft Event Set-Up	6:30 PM
	Girl Scouts 1689	6:30 PM
	Choir	7:00 PM
Thursday 10/22	Ladies Aid	7:00 AM
	Craft Cmt. Apple Crisp Baking	5-9 PM
	Worship Committee	7:00 PM
	Facility Committee	7:00 PM
Friday 10/23	Ladies Aid	7:00 AM
	Craft Event Vendor Set-Up	5-9 PM
	Fostering Hope Open Closet	6-8 PM
	Chess Club	7:00 PM
Saturday 10/24	Craft Fair	

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Sexton: Julia Leady

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Invitation
Address
Questions of Parents and Godparents
Assent of the Congregation
Brothers and sister…family in the life and faith
With God's help, we will. We will love, encourage, and pray for you, and we will walk beside you, that together we may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Affirmation of Faith
Let us together profess the faith in which we baptize and in which we live.
Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God the Father almighty.
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Thanksgiving at the Font
Act of Baptism
Welcome of the Congregation
Let us welcome the newly baptized.
Let us welcome the newly baptized.
Riley, by baptism you are made a member of Christ's church. We receive you in the name of the Lord, and we rejoice that you are one of us. We will walk beside you in the way of Jesus Christ, share with you in the work of His kingdom, and with you give thanks to the God who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
Prayer of Baptism
Hymn *Baptized in Water* (v 3) Hymnal #465

Baptized Today:

Riley Mae Kluemper born February 24, 2026

Parents: Steven and Katelyn (Kunsch) Kluemper

Godparents: Megan Kunsch and Kevin Regan

FELLOWSHIP

Join us TODAY and next Sunday before the safety presentations. Also mark your calendar for November 15 for our Annual Luncheon following the Annual Meeting. A wonderful meal is planned. Please bring a hot or cold side dish and/or a dessert to share. Everyone is invited. We look forward to you joining us.

SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

TODAY- SCAMS AND WHAT TO DO
Focus: Financial exploitation, fraud prevention, and digital safety awareness tailored for older adults and their families.
Key Topics: Common tactics used by scammers (e.g., grandparent scams, IRS/ government impersonation, tech support scams, and romance fraud). Red flags to watch out for over the phone, via email, and at the door. Practical steps for securing personal and financial information. Resources and reporting mechanisms if a scam is suspected or occurs.

October 25- Civilian Response to Active Shooters (CRASE)
Focus: Preparedness, situational awareness, and life-saving survival strategies during a critical incident.
Key Topics: Understanding the anatomy of active shooter events and historical lessons learned. The Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy (or equivalent situational response frameworks) detailing how to evacuate, barricade, or take action if avoidance is impossible. What to expect when law enforcement arrives (how to interact safely with responding officers). Basic principles of immediate trauma care (such as severe bleeding control).

Presentations take place in Fellowship Hall following worship and last between 45-60 minutes followed by Q and A.

WE'RE COLLECTING....

Water and Gatorade - We are collecting bottles of water and 12 oz. bottles of Gatorade for the fire companies. You can bring donations anytime and place them in the Library. John 15:13 *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*