

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 Sandy Mensch. Please sign the card on the stand by the greeters.

Serving Today

Scripture Reader: Debbie Davis
Greeter: Matthew Simmons
Acolyte: Carson Weller
Tech: Pat & Julia Leady

Last Sunday Attendance: 117
Virtual worship viewings: 43 (as of 10/23)
Giving: \$2960

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

October 27: Anna Miller
October 28: Beverly Breitenstein
October 29: Grace Kulakowsky
October 30: Tanya Weller, Rachel Waxler
October 31: Joel Conrad, Sandy Mensch
November 1: Chris Herold, Gabe Geisler, Lindsay Kopeck
November 2: Marijana Lake

ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

October 27: Mark & Nadine Hummel
October 28: John & Diana Yarrish
October 30: Brett & Beth Krause

Next Sunday: *All Saints Sunday*
Message: **The Greatest Commandment**
Texts: *Psalm 146, Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34**
**next Sunday's sermon text*

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How to Find a Church (Worth Joining)



St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

October 27, 2024

Ministers: The People of St. Paul's UCC
The Rev. Dr. Steven Simpson, Pastor
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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9:45 A.M.

Reformation Sunday

* = Those who are able may stand

- Prelude *Processionale* -Samuel Wesley/Broughton
 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God -Martin Luther/Chesterton
- Choral Prompt *Sing to the Lord*
- * Processional Hymn *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Hymnal #405
- * Greeting The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
- Words of Welcome and Announcements
- Introit *Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome* Hymnal #387
- * The Solemn Declaration (from Acts 2:42) sung response: **Amen!**
- * Call to Worship — based on Psalm 34:1-4, 7
- I will bless the Lord at all times,
God's praise will continually be in my mouth.
**My soul makes its boast in the Lord,
let the humble hear and be glad.**
O magnify the Lord with me.
Let us exalt God's name together!
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
He delivered me from all my fears.
**The angel of the Lord
encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.**
- * Call to Confession
- * Silent Prayer

- * Prayer of Confession (in unison) —based on Job 42:3; Psalm 34:2; Mark 10:46-48
- Merciful God, we have not been humble.
We have discouraged others from seeking you.
We have not sought your wisdom.
Forgive us, O God, and teach us to boast only of you.
Help us to celebrate when others seek after you.
Give us the light of your wisdom and ways,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- * Assurance of Pardon —based on Psalm 34:6
- People of God, the Lord hears, forgives, and saves.
Therefore, be reconciled to one another
and walk humbly before God. **Amen.**
- * Affirmation *The Apostle's Creed* (inside hymnal cover)
- Prayer of the Day —based on Psalm 34:4-8
- Choir Anthem *One Song* -Choplin
- Prayer for Illumination
- Scripture Readings *Mark 10:46-52, Acts 2:42-47*
- Sermon *How to Find a Church (worth joining)*
- * Responsive Hymn *In This Very Room* Hymnal #612
- Prayers of the People Call: *God of mercy*: Response: **hear our prayer.**
- The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)
- Invitation to the Offering
- * Doxology Hymnal #815
- * Prayer of Dedication
- * Recessional Hymn *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* Hymnal #429
- * Benediction
- * Threefold Amen
- * Postlude *The Harvest Trumpet* -Paxton

GOSPEL TEXT

Mark 10:46-52

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout,

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹"What do you want me to do for you?"

Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

⁵²"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

SERMON TEXT

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

SPIRITUALS

All are invited to a special program of African-American Spirituals presented here at St. Paul's from 2:00 to 4:00 on Sunday afternoon, November 10. The program will be both a concert presented by Pastor Steven with local recording artist, Anakai Ney, and a presentation of the stories and history behind Spirituals. At the end there will be a time for questions and answers from those in attendance. A light reception, hosted by our Fellowship Committee, will follow.



ST. PAUL'S ACTIVITIES—this week

Sunday 10/27	Adult Sunday School	8:30 AM
	Worship/Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Fall Fest	10:45 AM
	Girl Scouts 1709	6:00 PM
Monday 10/28	Scouts	6:30 PM
Tuesday 10/29	Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wednesday 10/30	Cub Scouts	6:00 PM
	Youth Group	7:00 PM
	Consistory	7:00 PM
Thursday 10/31	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Friday 1/1	Amity Chess Club	7:00 PM

White Elephant donations accepted
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 to Noon

White Elephant Sale
Friday 8-4
Saturday starting at 8 AM

Turkey Supper Prep - see schedule inside

Turkey Supper - Saturday 3-7

NURSERY SERVICE / SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery Service is available for infants, toddlers, and twos. Rachael Rogers and Crystallynn will be delighted to see your children during the service. Preschool through grade 2 should go to Room 9 and grades 3 through 6 to Room 8 for Sunday School during worship.

FALL FEST / BRING a FRIEND

TODAY EVERYONE is invited to Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Join us for food and fun. Even if you didn't sign up or didn't bring something you are welcome to join us.

GULDIN TRUST

Are you currently within a higher education program and an active church member? If so, you should look into applying for a Guldin Trust Scholarship. Information and application packets are available in the church office or on the church website. Deadline to apply is November 15. Questions can be answered by Wendy Elser, wendy/elser87@gmail.com.

TURKEY SUPPER SCHEDULE OF CHORES

EVERYDAY Monday to Sunday - need helpers for dishwashing, evening clean-up and mopping, laundry (take home towels, cloths, aprons in pm/ return in am), help with trash, recycling, compost removal

Monday Morning (9 AM) Prep onion/celery. Pick-up turkey & refrigerate safely.

Tuesday Morning (8 AM) Roast turkey. Pie dough crumbs, other small jobs.

Tuesday Evening Debone turkey, broth work. Prep for Wednesday turkey roasting.

Wednesday Morning (8 AM) - roast turkey. 9 AM sweet crumbs, peel/ chop apples, prepare mincemeat, start some crusts, clean and chop produce, slice cooled turkey.

Wednesday Evening Debone turkey, broth work, prep for Thursday bone/ broth cooking, chop produce (if needed). Youth group prep jobs.

Thursday Morning (8 AM) Slice turkey, cook and pick bones, cut small parts for soup, make mince crusts/tops/pies, make other crusts, make pepper cabbage, chop produce.

Thursday Afternoon Make soup for sale and pack, bake some shoo-flies, make more crusts, brown crumbs for cherry, bake crusts.

Thursday Evening Package cooled soup & take downstairs.

Friday Morning (8 AM) Bake shoo-flies, make crusts, apple pies, prep more meat for soup/gravy, slice more meat if needed, break bread for filling, any produce left?

Friday Afternoon Finish apple pies, cherry pies, start pumpkin pies, make soup to serve, sauté veggies for filling.

Friday Evening Continue pie baking, prep for coconut pies, prep for filling, grease pans, arrange tables/chairs in dining room, set-up take-out

Saturday 6 AM - 7 AM Filling, coconut cream pies.

Saturday 9 AM Set up dining room, move items to bake table and take-out areas.

Saturday 12 Noon Start heating items in kitchen and take-out, start coffee, prep steam tables and serving areas.

Saturday 2 - 7 Serve (even though the signs say serving at 3, we hope to start seating people at 2:30, so the **servicing teams need to be in place by 2 PM**), dishwashers arrive by 3

Saturday 6:30 PM Need NEW crews to package leftovers, sell leftovers, CLEAN-UP, put away, and prep for Sunday service.

TURKEY SUPPER SCHEDULE OF CHORES cont'd

Sunday AM Sell leftovers (new helpers are great here, too), take tablecloths to wash

Monday Organize and finish cleaning kitchen, walk-in, fridge/freezers, closets.

TURKEY SUPPER

Saturday, November 2

Serving from 3 PM until sold out or 7 PM

Dine-In or Take-Out

Adults \$15 / Children 12 and Younger \$8

Soup, Pie & Coffee Served



WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Clean those closets and that garage! Our White Elephant group is anxiously awaiting your treasures for the Turkey Supper. White Elephant Sale is on November 1 (8-4) & November 2 (beginning at 8 AM). Donations will be accepted October 28 - 30 in the Social Room (downstairs) from 8 to Noon. NO electronics, VHS tapes, computers, printers, etc. will be accepted. Also, canning creations are a big hit, so bring those homemade pickles, chow chows, jams, and jellies.

PAGETURNERS

Our next meeting is **Monday, November 18** at the home of Carol Merkel, 1448 Timberline Drive, North Coventry. We are reading the book *The Grace that Keeps This World* by Tom Bailey. A light lunch will be served at 11:30. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS WISH TREE

We are collecting monetary gifts through mid-December that will be used to acquire gift cards for families in need in the DB School District. 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 mailing address. Please note "Christmas Wish Tree" in the memo line of the check or on an envelope if donating cash. Thank You for supporting the Christmas Wish Tree Program. Please contact Sara Trejo with any questions.

A NOTE FROM KERRY KUHN

Thank you for supporting my ministry. God recently has opened an opportunity for me to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ at Eternal Manna Church in Pakistan (eternalmanna.org) FB link on website). The church and my friend Pastor Vicky Sarwar welcome your prayers, encouragement, and support in spreading the Gospel across Pakistan. Speak with Kerry for more information.