

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 Ed Merkel.
Please sign the card on the stand by the greeters.

Serving Today

Scripture Reader: Sheila Martin
Greeters: Jerry & Sharon Fizz
Acolyte: Chase Doran
Tech: Shannon Simpson

Last Sunday
Attendance: 136
Virtual worship viewings: 45 (as of 10/31)
Giving: \$2763

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

November 3: Daniel Bonslaver, Emma Pauley
November 6: Paul Leister, Dean Fick, Jr.
November 7: Virginia Stoudt, Keon Woods
November 8: Michelle Miller, Lisa Bonslaver
November 9: Tom Reitz

ANNIVERSARIES ~ this week

November 4: Donald & Linda Breitenstein
November 5: Matt & Kelly Simmons
November 9: Pete & Brenda Kunsch, Andy & Kristen Duffy

Next Sunday: *Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*
Message: **The Widow's Mite**
Texts: *Psalm 127, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44**
**next Sunday's sermon text*

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St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

November 3, 2024

Ministers: The People of St. Paul's UCC
The Rev. Dr. Steven Simpson, Pastor
Martha Sitler, Minister of Music
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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.

All Saints' Sunday

**O God, you have been faithful,
yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts.
You showed us how to love our fellow human beings,
yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Turn us back to you, O God,
that we may follow your commandments;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* = Those who are able may stand

- Prelude Preludes by Amaya Kanovicz
- Choral Prompt *Sing to the Lord*
- * Processional Hymn *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Hymnal #101
- * Greeting The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
- Words of Welcome and Announcements
- Introit *I Love You, Lord* (v 1) Hymnal #767
- * The Solemn Declaration (from Mark 12: 29-30) sung response: **Amen!**
- * Call to Worship —based on Psalm 146:1-6, 10
- Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.
**I will praise the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**
Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortal men, who cannot save.
**When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.**
Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
**The Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
the LORD, who remains faithful forever.**
The LORD reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD.
- * Call to Confession
- * Silent Prayer
- * Prayer of Confession (in unison) —based on Mark 12:33

- * Assurance of Pardon —based on Mark 12:33
- Beloved, the Lord is loving, merciful, and just.
Therefore, we are reconciled to God and to one another,
that we might walk in peace and love. **Amen.**
- * Affirmation *The Apostle's Creed* (inside hymnal cover)
- Prayer of the Day —based on John 11:32-44
- Choir Anthem *I Need Thee Every Hour* -Pethel
- Prayer for Illumination —based on Revelation 21:5-6a
- Scripture Readings *Revelation 21:1-6, Mark 12:28-34*
- Sermon *The Greatest Commandment*
- Remembrance of the Saints (see insert)
- * Responsive Hymn *For All the Saints* Hymnal #767
- Prayers of the People Call: *O Lord our God, have mercy,*
Response: **hear our prayer.**
- The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)
- Invitation to the Offering
- * Doxology Hymnal #815
- * Prayer of Dedication —based on Psalm 146:8
- * Recessional Hymn *Love Lifted Me* Hymnal #508
- * Benediction —based on John 11:43, Revelation 21:6
- * Threefold Amen
- * Postlude *Go Forth Ye Saints* -Ritter

SERMON TEXT

Mark 12:28-34

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

SPIRITUALS CONCERT

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.

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 (484.388.9988) for more information.

ST. PAUL'S ACTIVITIES—this week

Sunday 11/3	Adult Sunday School	8:30 AM
	Worship / Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Pre-Confirmation / Confirmation	10:45 AM
Monday 11/4	Funeral	10:00 AM
	Prayer Team	1:30 PM
	Scouts 597	6:30 PM
	Youth Ministry Committee	7:00 PM
Tuesday 11/5	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
	Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM
Wednesday 11/6	Ladies Aid	9:00 AM
	Community of Practice	11:00 AM
	Cub Scouts	6:00 PM
	Girl Scouts 1689	6:30 PM
	Youth Group	7:00 PM
	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday 11/7	Live Nativity Mtg.	6:30 PM
Friday 11/8	Chess Club	7:00 PM
	Event Set-Up	7:00 PM
Saturday 11/9	Shire of Hartshorn-Dale Event	all day

ANNUAL MEETING/REPORT/BRUNCH

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 17! On this date we will hold our annual meeting in the sanctuary immediately following the service. We hope you will stay for this important meeting to show your support of the missions and ministries of the church. The 2025 budget will be presented as well as Consistory nominations. These require a vote and we need a quorum of 75 people. Following the meeting we will share in fellowship with a brunch in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a hot or cold side dish and a dessert to share. Copies of the 2024 Annual Report are available in the Library and Church Office. Please take time to read about all the wonderful things that are happening at St. Paul's!

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.

REMEMBRANCE of the SAINTS

Pastor: Today is All Saints' Day, the day when the church remembers the martyrs of the church, as well as members of this congregation who have died in the past year. Let us go to God in prayer...

O Eternal God, we, your children, give you thanks for our ancestors in the household of faith:

For Abraham, the father of the faithful,
For patriarchs and matriarchs who followed him in faith,
For Moses, who—with your guidance
—led your people to freedom and gave them your law,

We bring You thanks, O Lord.

For the prophets who declared your Word and will,
For David, the king who sang your praise,
For those who gave their lives to preserve your law,
For those disciples of Christ who left all to follow him.,
For Paul, who so richly experienced the grace of the risen Lord
and brought the gospel to the nations,

We bring You thanks, O Lord.

For mothers, fathers, and grandparents who ushered us into
knowledge of you and now have been ushered into your kingdom,
For elder members of our community who mentored us,
And for dear friends old and young who brought joy into our lives,
who now praise you in heavenly glory,

We bring You thanks, O Lord.

The following names will be read, one at a time.

- Sigi Trassert-Ermold ■ Louise Olmstead ■ Anita Oxenford
- Charles Miller, Jr. ■ Mildred Bani ■ Derrick Nester
- William Oxenford ■ Harold Barto ■ Harold Peterson
- Carolyn Casner ■ Donald Adams ■ George Thompson
- Marie Hausman

*As each name is read, a bell will be tolled and a candle will be lit
and the following will be spoken:*

For _____'s life, O Lord, We give thanks,

Blessed are the dead who have died in Christ.

After all names have been read, the remembrance concludes:

Living God, we give you thanks for calling forth these blessed ones.
Into Your hands we commend their spirits. Amen.
*(At the end of the service, family members are invited to take a
carnation in memory of loved ones remembered today).*

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.

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.

NEW ADDRESS/PHONE DIRECTORY

An updated Address/Phone Directory is available. Copies were emailed this past week. Printed copies are available on the counter in the office.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

On Sunday, November 3 we will remember and recognize the following:

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| ■ Sigi Trassert-Ermold | December 2023 |
| ■ Louise Olmstead | December 18, 2023 |
| ■ Anita Oxenford | February 9, 2024 |
| ■ Charles Miller, Jr. | March 20, 2024 |
| ■ Mildred Bani | March 27, 2024 |
| ■ Derrick Nester* | May 6, 2024 |
| ■ William Oxenford | June 29, 2024 |
| ■ Harold Barto | July 25, 2024 |
| ■ Harold Peterson | August 20, 2024 |
| ■ Carolyn Casner* | August 30, 2024 |
| ■ Donald Adams | September 30, 2024 |
| ■ George Thompson | October 21, 2024 |
| ■ Marie Hausman | October 25, 2024 |

* non-member