



“St. Paul’s Weekly Word”

Announcements Sept 28 - Oct 4, 2025

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.

This Week....

On Sunday we will welcome a new baby into our congregation!

Bible Study on “The Chosen” - Tuesday Sept 30th

The award-winning TV and streaming series "The Chosen" is much more than entertainment! Each episode depicts events from the life of Jesus and his followers, but also invites viewers to look deeper at the scriptures and principles on which the story is based.

So, whether you have watched every episode over the past four years or never tried it, we invite you to join us to start at the beginning and view the series, one episode a week, followed by a group discussion and Bible Study called "What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?", written by the creators of the series.

Please bring a Bible - any translation is fine - or pick one up as you enter.

Sessions begin at 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 pm in the Chapel. Please use the upstairs entrance since there is another organization meeting downstairs.



If you have any questions, please call Martha Sitler at 484-824-8358.

Missions Collections for Back to School - Until September 30th

Hebrews 13:16: "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

It's Back to School time! Missions is collecting school supplies for Fostering Hope AND Mary's Shelter students. There are lists available in the library for the needs of each organization.

There will be bins available for BOTH. Please drop your donations in the appropriate bin. We will collect the school supplies until Sept 14. FYI-Target and Walmart have some great deals on supplies.

We are still collecting non-perishable food and snacks for Fostering Hope. Think after school snacks or items to pack for lunches. We have PLENTY of cereal at this time. Again a huge THANK YOU to all who have donated. It has been a blessing to the foster parents. Items can be placed in the shopping cart in the Library.

At this time we are putting a "HOLD" on collecting all items for the Caring Closet until later in the fall until we see what they have and their needs are. Watch for updates. Thank you for all you do to help those in need in our communities.

Cub Pack 597 Yard Sale - October 4th - 7am - 1 pm Rain or shine.

Each space is 9.5 ft X 19.5 ft, \$8.00 for one space or \$12.00 for two spaces.

You may also donate items to the pack. They are seeking donations of gently used items such as clothing, toys, games, video games, puzzles, holiday décor, household items, tools, books, outdoor items, movies, music, jewelry, small working electronics such as tablets/DVD players, art/craft supplies, sports gear, collectibles, office supplies, kitchen items, garden tools.

For more information or to arrange pickup/drop-off please contact Jason Costa (jmc364@gmail.com, 610-420-0542) or Rachel Kennedy (rachelkomes@yahoo.com, 609-735-8308).

All proceeds benefit Cub Pack 597 and St. Paul's UCC.

Coming Up!...

World Communion Sunday - October 5th Our Wider Church Mission (OCWM)

Special Offering: Neighbors in Need Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion through the United States. One third of the NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) and the remaining funds of this offering are used by the United Church of Christ's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM).

JWM supports a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects through grants. Neighbor in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These justice work projects range from direct service to communities organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

We will receive the Neighbor in Need offering on Sunday, October 5, 2025 as part of our World Communion observance. NIN giving envelopes can be found next to the offering plate. Neighbors in Need offers hope to people, transforming lives, the nation and the world! NIN needs your support!

Update from the Worship/Music Committee - Communion by Intinction

Recently there have been some questions concerning how we now serve communion. The Worship/Music committee discussed several methods. Some members of the congregation wanted to return to passing the plates of wine and bread. We learned so much during Covid. Having others touch bread and wine cups is not a healthy idea. Also, we have an issue at times with the cups 'sticking' in the tray, making it difficult to remove.

In addition 8 elders are required to pass the elements. We could keep using the method we used before by coming forward for bread and cups of wine or juice, however this method takes about 1 ½ to 2 hours to prepare and 30 to 40 minutes to clean up.

The Worship Committee decided to use communion by intinction. When we used this method the first time it was a busy service and there was no room for the communion table. Going forward we will use the communion table during Communion Sundays. Reverend Epps or an elder will hand you the bread in your cupped hands as in the past.

You will then dip the **TIP** of the bread in wine or grape juice. You just need a drop of wine or juice. **DO NOT dip the entire piece of bread in the liquid.** The wine is held by the elder closest to the communion table. The grape juice will be held in the second chalice. Gluten free bread will be available with several cups of wine and grape juice.

St. Paul's Circle of Friends - Oct 9th

History Around the (Monocacy) Hill

If you are interested in local history, plan to join us on Thursday, October 9th and meet Randy Westley who will share his program about earlier times in our area. There will be a light meal at noon with the presentation beginning at one. Everyone is invited. Bring a friend or find a new one!

Crop Walk October 12th

Calling all walkers!

Please join our team for the annual Crop Walk Sunday, October 12, 2025 at the Daniel Boone Homestead! The day begins with a community picnic at 12:30 PM at the North Picnic Area of the Homestead. Registration begins at 1:30 PM and the Walk steps off at 2:00 PM.

The Crop Walk raises money for international relief and refugee assistance and is our local church association's principal means of supporting emergency and food assistance in our community with 25% of all funds raised contributed directly to local food pantries, including Hopewell Love.

Donations can be made to the St. Paul's UCC Amity team on the team page at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/st-pauls-ucc-amityville> or by visiting the Crop Walk information area in the Library before and after worship. Thank you for your support!

Amity Township Harvest Festival - October 18th 12 - 7 pm

Join the Evangelism Committee, Ladies Aid and Youth Group in the Middle School end of Community Park for Amity Township Harvest Festival. There will be civic group food choices and food trucks along with various vendors and displays.

Bounce park for the kids (\$5.00 per child). Live music 2-7:00 PM. Fireworks at 7:00 PM. The Optimist Club craft show will begin at 11:00 AM. Come support your community.

300th Anniversary of the German Reformed Church from the PA Southeast Conference Newsletter

Registration is now open...click here to register

[300th Anniversary of the German Reformed Church in the United States](#)

October 12: 300th Anniversary of the German Reformed Church in the United States in Gilbertsville (Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson) The correct address of our host Falkner Swamp UCC is 2077 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville.

October 15: 300th anniversary of the German Reformed Church in the United States "Festival of Celebration" at Wentz's UCC in Worcester

October 28: Gifts of the Reformed Church Going Forward on Zoom son on Zoom (Part of the 300th Anniversary Celebrations of the First Communion of the German Reformed Church in America)

It's that time of year again...Fostering Hope Closet Changeover!

Not able to help in person but still want to support Fostering Hope Berks?.

Consider purchasing an item directly off of our Amazon wishlist so we can restock our closet!

<https://a.co/5cig5Gz>

Thank you so much for your continued support as we do our very best to support the foster care community. We truly couldn't do it without you all!

News and Announcements

Red Green and Yellow Peppers Needed

The Turkey Supper Committee is in need of peppers (green, red or yellow, but not hot peppers). Bring whole peppers to the church on a Sunday morning.

Calling all crafters

There has been some interest from some members in learning to knit or crochet to help make prayer shawls/blankets or other items that may be needed. We need a "teacher" to help in this process.

It was also suggested people could knit or crochet squares for a blanket and one of our members could put them together if they don't want to do an entire blanket. If you are interested in helping to teach or are interested in learning to knit or crochet, please sign up in the library.

Youth Group

Youth Group has restarted on Sunday evenings from 7-8:30 pm. Any children in grades 5-12 can join us for snacks, games, and spiritual growth. Tell the youth you know to join us, and bring a friend!

Christian Education from Marlene Dadey

[Sunday School for Adults 8:30-9:30](#). We offer 3 classes. If you are not already attending one of them, take three weeks and visit each one to determine which fits you best.

[Sunday School for Children during Worship](#). Children who are 3 through second grade meet in Room 9. Children in third through seventh grade meet in Room 8.

[Nursery Service](#) for children under the age of 3 with Rachael Rogers and Crystalynn Willman in the Nursery downstairs.

Scripture Readings

[Scripture Readings for Sept 28th](#)

[Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost](#)

Psalm 91: 1 & 14-16

1 Timothy 6: 6-9

Luke 16: 19-31

[Scripture Readings for Oct 5th](#)

[Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost](#)

Psalm 37: 1 - 10

2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14

Luke 17:5 - 10

[My Verse of the Day from Rev. Epps](#)

Hebrews 10:35 NIV

[35] So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

Head up, shoulders back that is what I thought of when I read this verse this morning. We are to have "confidence" whenever we are doing what God is calling us to do.

When I first started running after having Lewy Body Dementia I was blessed to have an experienced marathon runner as my coach. He taught me to keep my shoulders back and my head up so I could get more air into my lungs.

As Christian's we are to be confident head up and shoulders back taking in more of the Holy Spirit of God when doing what God calls us to do.

Our confidence is based on how God equipped each of us with at least one Spiritual gift, if not more. It is not what we do in and of ourselves, but what God does through us!

Each Sunday when I use the Spiritual gift of preaching that God gave me, I am confident that the Holy Spirit of God will show up and give me words to say beyond my preparation for the sermon.

So today get out there and run the race before you with your head up shoulders back confident that God will be with you and fill you to the core with His Spirit!

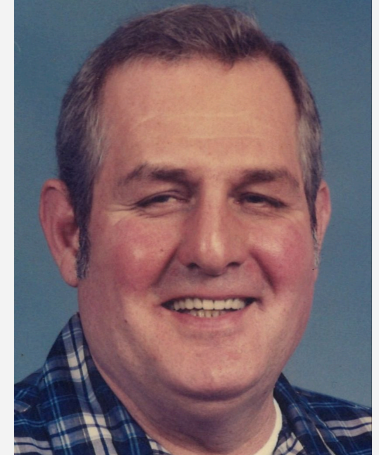
In Memoriam

Our brother in Christ, Larry Mensch, went to be with the Lord on Sunday. I know he heard those words we all long to hear when he entered heaven's gates "well done my good and faithful servant".

He was married to Sandy, his wife for 56 years. They traveled the highway of life together. Sometimes talking to Sandy by CB radio, Larry drove trucks from the size of a box truck to a semi truck. Larry also built tires for Firestone.

The thing I will always remember about Larry aside from all he did as a member of St. Paul's was he carried a flash light, a shoe horn and M&M candy. On earth the flash light helped him see where he was traveling around his home at night. The shoe horn helped him put on his shoes easier. The M&M's made his life a little sweet.

He carried the light of Christ in his heart. He knew in life you should work smarter not harder and let God lead the way. He also knew it is good to have something sweet when life deals you the lemon of cancer.



Like the NASCAR car racing he loved to watch, Larry has crossed the finish line of life and entered into eternal life where there is no more suffering and no more pain.

Rev. Epps

Have some great Memories to Share?

Everyone had fun at the vendor craft event! A great day of shopping and fellowship.



Have a couple pictures? A story to go with it? Send them to us for your church family to enjoy.
Communications@stpaulsuccamity.org

Giving - We appreciate and need your donations!

Expenses are going up for everyone and that includes our expenses here at St. Paul's. Please prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate or envelope each week if you can!



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