



# *The St. Paul's Spirit*

Pottstown, Pennsylvania

October 2017

## *From The Pastor*

Dear St. Paul's Friends,

Pastor and preacher, novelist and poet Frederick Beuchner is one of my favorite authors. He has a way of speaking down to earth about heavenly things. He is honest and real when it comes to writing about those things we sometimes put on a pedestal. In particular, he writes about the church and those who for whatever reason expect a perfect church and are sorely disappointed no matter which church they may enter. In a little piece called "Nave," Beuchner gets down to the nitty gritty of church life and rather than turn away in disillusionment he embraces what he finds there, all of it. I offer his "Nave" as food for thought when you wonder about this enterprise we call the church and what it--we--are all about.

### Nave

The nave is the central part of the church from the main front to the chancel. It's the part where the laity sit, and in great Gothic churches it's sometimes separated from the choir and clergy by a screen. It takes its name from the Latin *navis*, meaning "ship," one reason being that the vaulted roof looks rather like an inverted keel. A more interesting reason is that the church itself is thought of as a ship or Noah's ark. It's a resemblance worth thinking about.

In one as in the other, just about everything imaginable is aboard, the clean and the unclean both. They are all piled in together helter-skelter, the predators and the prey, the wild and the tame, the sleek and beautiful ones and the ones that are ugly as sin. There are sly young foxes and impossible old cows. There are the catty and the piggish and the peacock-proud. There are hawks and there are doves. Some are wise as owls, some silly as geese; some meek as lambs and others ravening wolves. There are times when they all cackle and roar and sing together, and there are times when you could hear a pin drop. Most of them have no clear idea just where they're supposed to be heading or how they're supposed to get there or what they'll find if and when they do, but they figure the people in charge must know and in the meanwhile sit back on their haunches and try to enjoy the ride.

It's not all enjoyable. There's backbiting just like everywhere else. There's a pecking order. There's growling and grouching and whining. It's a regular menagerie in there. But even at its worst, there's that one thing that makes it bearable within, and that is the storm without--the wild winds and terrible waves and in all the watery waste, no help in sight.

And if there is never clear sailing, there is at least shelter from the blast, a sense of somehow heading in the right direction in spite of everything, a ship to keep afloat, and, like a beacon in the dark, the hope of finding safe harbor at last.

Wishing you grace, love and peace, and the hope of a safe harbor at last. May God bless us and keep us together as we persevere in Christ's church.

Pastor Jim Dunn, Interim Minister

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9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

### **Sunday Morning Schedule**

Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.  
Social Hour – beginning at 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School For All – 10:15 a.m.

### **Church Staff**

Rev. James Dunn, Interim Pastor  
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### **Consistory 2017**

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***St. Paul's United Church of Christ***  
was founded in 1884 by members  
from Zion's Reformed Church in  
Pottstown. Our first church building  
was located at Penn and Walnut  
Streets.

In 1957, we relocated to our current  
site. Our Christian Education wing  
was built in 1962 to meet the needs  
of our expanding congregation. In  
1978, our present sanctuary was  
begun; it was dedicated in 1980.

2017 is our 133<sup>rd</sup> year of ministry.  
St. Paul's continues to grow in faith  
and service with an expanding  
ministry to its members, to our  
community, and to the world. We  
invite you to join us and to make St.  
Paul's your church home.

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## **WITH SYMPATHY**

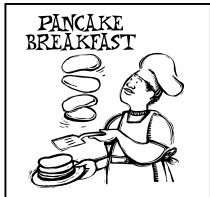
Our condolences to the family of Louise Rhoads, who passed away August 25. Services were held at St. Paul's on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Condolences also to the family of Delmar Albright, who passed away on September 15. Services at St. Paul's on September 30.

## **CLUSTER SUNDAY**

Thank you for your response! Our next Cluster Sundays are October 1, November 5, and December 3. Place your gifts of non-perishable food items, basic personal care items and household items in the bin in the narthex.

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on November 5. Be sure to join us for a delicious meal and good fellowship!

## **CHURCH BAZAAR**



Our Annual Church Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 25. Applications for vendors are now available. See Dottie Yocom for more information.

## **STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE**

### **ADOPT A BILL**

If you would like to contribute to any of the church's regular monthly bills, please mark your check appropriately. If you have any questions, please contact Andi in the church office.

### **LINE OF CREDIT REPORT**



As of September 1, 2017	\$ 3,199.90
Principal Payments	( 500.00)
Interest Only (\$14.25)	
Balance September 30, 2017	\$ 2,699.90



## **FOR YOUR REFLECTION**

The following are the lectionary scriptures for this month:

**October 1** - Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 or Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25: (1-9); Philomen 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

**October 8** - Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 19-20; Psalm 19 or Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80: 7-15; Philomen 3: 3b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46

**October 15** - Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23, or Isaiah 25: 1-9; Psalm 23; Philomen 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

**October 22** - Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99 or Isaiah 45: 1-7; Psalm 96: 1-9 (10-13); 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22

**October 29** - Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17 or Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1; Thessalonians 2: 1-8; Matthew 22: 34-46

**November 5** - Joshua 3: 7-17; Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37 or Micah 3: 5-12; Psalm 43; 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13; Matthew 23: 1-12

## ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

Celebrate with these members and friends of St. Paul's family having birthdays in October. If we missed your birthday, notify the office.



- 3 Candi Simmons
- 4 Robin Durchin, Ellen Urban
- 7 Marley Bryan, Sarah Turnbach
- 11 Erica Faison
- 16 Grace Prizer
- 21 Kim Astheimer
- 25 Kay Miller
- 30 Cheryl Albright-Repko
- 31 Hunter Perretta

## ***ST. PAUL'S VISITATION LIST***



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## **SEPTEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULES**

### **Greeters**

**October 1** – Cheryl Albright-Repko

**October 8** – Donna Risko

**October 15** – Noah Kutt

**October 22** – Nancy & Al Piasecki

**October 29** – Doris Kandler

**November 5** – Kay Miller

*Please sign up on the Welcome Table!*

### **Ushers**

**October 1** – Andy & Kim Astheimer, Bill Becker,  
Andi Shollenberger

**October 8** – Steve & Barb Toroney, Terry & Angie  
Hallman

**October 15** – Mike Faison, Fred Faison, Jackie  
Turnbach, Betty Turnbach

**October 22** – Nancy & Al Piasecki, Dave & Donna  
Risko

**October 29** – Laurie & Jasmine Lucas, Cheryl  
Albright-Repko, Scott Moyer

**November 5** – Andy & Kim Astheimer, Bill  
Becker, Andi Shollenberger

### **Soundboard**

**October 1** – Mike LaBelle

**October 8** – Frank Chesney

**October 15** – Mike Faison

**October 22** – Terry Hallman

**October 29** – Mike LaBelle

**November 5** – Frank Chesney

### **Serving Communion**

**October 1** – Barb Hurter, Trudy Perretta, Rick  
Moser, Dave Risko

**November 5** – Dave & Dottie Yocom, Frank &  
Linda Chesney

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Return Service

Requested

***Pot Pie Dinner***

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**4 – 7 p.m.**



Join us for a delicious dinner, and great fellowship!

Adults \$10.00

Ages 6-10 -- \$5.00

Age 5 and under - Free

# OCTOBER 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>COMMUNION</b> Worship 9:00 a.m. <b>CROP Walk</b></p> <p>FIWC – 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>NA 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>COMMUNION</b> Worship 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>FIWC – 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Consistory</b> 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>NA 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>POT PIE DINNER</b> 4-7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Worship 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>FIWC – 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>NA 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Community Meal</b></p> <p>FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m. &amp; 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Ursinus Association Mtg.</b> <b>@ St. Paul's</b> <b>2:30 – 5:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>NA 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
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