



The St. Paul's Spirit

Pottstown, Pennsylvania

April 2018



Long before it is visible to us, nature begins to coax springtime from the earth. The sap stirs within the maples and the bulbs carefully planted last fall burst their skins. Even the ice and snow, that seem never to end this year, seem to know that their time is short!

While we sense the earth's rebirth, we also want to see some proof that it's happening. The head of a crocus, purple or yellow or white, peeking up through the snow, or the welcomed appearance of the first robin is more than enough evidence that spring is really on its way.

During this season of Lent, God has been trying to coax new life out of us as well. Lent—which means the lengthening of days—is God's standing appointment with us. We are challenged to lengthen and deepen our faith even when the evidence of God's involvement in our lives is not visible. It's easy to doubt God's promise of Easter when we wander in our wilderness, just as it's easy to doubt the coming of spring when there's a fresh dusting of snow and the wind howls outside our windows.

This season of Lent has given us the opportunity to remember God's faithfulness to us, in every season. I invite you to join us for our Maundy Thursday service, the service of Tenebrae, when we will hear the story of the passion of our Lord. We have this one last week to prepare ourselves for Easter. In Christ's conquering of death in resurrection, we have our evidence. The empty tomb is our proof that God works to bring new life to each of us. May we all be led to a joyous Easter morning! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Peace,
Pastor Chris

I am Rev. Christine Pifer-Foote. It is my honor to serve as your Bridge Pastor for a period of time until an interim pastor can be found to serve St. Paul's UCC. I have served churches here in Pennsylvania Southeast Conference as well as in the Central Atlantic and Ohio Conferences. My spouse, William, who is also clergy, and I live in Bern Township in Berks County. We have two adult children. I am blessed to be both clergy and a public school teacher, having retired from both within the past two years. I taught Spanish at Twin Valley High School for 15.5 years. I try very hard to get to know everyone's name, so help me out by telling me your name. Whether it is a short time or a long time that we are together, it is a blessing to be called to serve God!



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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday
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. Christine Pifer-Foote, Bridge Pastor
Andrea Shollenberger, Secretary
Barbara Faison, Director of Music, Yoga
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Consistory 2018

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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.

2018 is our 134th 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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POT PIE DINNER

April 14
4 – 7 p.m.

Adults \$10 Age 6-10 - \$5
Age 5 & Under – Free

DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you should need to get in touch with Andi when she is not in the office, please call her at 484-333-2640. She no longer has her home phone.

COMMUNITY MEAL

St. Paul's will be serving the Community Meal at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, April 19. Please see Dottie Yocom for more information.

FOR YOUR REFLECTION



The following are the lectionary scriptures for this month:

April 1 – Acts 10: 34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; I Corinthians 15: 1-11; John 20: 1-18 or Mark 16: 1-8

April 8 – Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1: 1-2:2; John 20: 19-32

April 15 – Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b -48

April 22 – Acts 4: 5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3: 16-24; John 10: 11-18

April 29 – Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 22: 25-31; 1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8

May 6 – Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Due to Easter and the Pot Pie Dinner, there will be no Pancake Breakfast in April. Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on May 6. Tickets are \$6 for adults; \$3.50 for kids ages 6 – 12; and kids age 5 and under are FREE! Be sure to join us for a delicious breakfast and good fellowship!

SPRING CLEANING?



Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, April 28
7am – 1 pm

Bring your lightly used items for donation beginning Sunday, April 15, and place them on the carpet in Fellowship Hall.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

SNOW REMOVAL – As you know, we have had **many** costly snow removals this winter! A sponsor sheet is on the Welcome Table for those who would like to make an additional donation to support this expense. Please print your name in the number of blocks (\$50 per block) that you will sponsor, and use one of the “Special” offering envelopes on the table to make your donation. Donations may also be mailed to the church office – mark your check “Snow Removal.”

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

- 1 Chub Stouch
- 3 Jim Dunn
- 5 Jay Mayberry
- 8 Brenda Chesney, Nancy Huneke
- 10 Amber Cassel
- 13 Russ Davis
- 21 Linda Chesney
- 23 Veronica Brill
- 27 Eriq Johnson, Melissa Robinson
- 28 Eric Cicippio
- 30 Ruth Norris, Lee Stouch

ST. PAUL'S VISITATION LIST



Sue Bohner, Magnolia 1308, P.O. Box 548,
Frederick, PA 19435, 610-754-0019

Ginny Bernhart – 12 S. Reading Ave., Boyertown,
PA 19512, 610-369-1430

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326-5664 (this is a direct line)

Pat Gaugler – 1621 Rosewood Court, Pottstown,
610-326-5506

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Highway, Quakertown, PA 18951

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610-385-5126

Dorothy Riker, Parkhouse North 4, 1600 Black
Rock Rd., Royersford, PA 19468

APRIL SERVICE SCHEDULES

Greeters

- April 1** – Peggy Davis
- April 8** – Terry & Angie Hallman
- April 15** – Barb Stouch
- April 22** – Donna Risko
- April 29**
- May 6** – Lynda Zeleznick

Please sign up on the Welcome Table!

Ushers

- April 1** – Laurie & Jasmine Lucas, Cheryl Albright
Repko, Scott Moyer
- April 8** – Barb & Chub Stouch, Carol Eckroth, Tina
Ludy
- April 15** – Steve & Barb Toroney, Stan & Lynne
Sands
- April 22** – Mike Faison, Fred Faison, Jackie
Turnbach, Betty Turnbach
- April 29** – Nancy & Al Piasecki, Dave Risko, Scott
Moyer
- May 6** - Andy & Kim Astheimer, Bill Becker,
Andi Shollenberger

Soundboard

- April 1** – Mike Faison
- April 8** – Nash Ohlinger
- April 15** – Terry Hallman
- April 22** – Frank Chesney
- April 29** – Mike Faison
- May 6** – Nash Ohlinger

Serving Communion

- April 1** – Dave & Dottie Yocom, Barb Stouch,
Dave Risko
- May 6** – Frank & Linda Chesney, Terry Hallman,
Betty Turnbach

A Little Something To Think About

*Think how happy you would be if everything
you have was suddenly taken from you,
and then a week later given back.*

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A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING

The Profile Committee is asking for your participation in helping them answer some important questions with regards to our search for a permanent pastor. On **April 22, 2018** the Profile Committee is asking that you attend a luncheon after church to help the committee compile necessary information to complete the Church Profile form. During this time, the committee members will be explaining the profile process and will be asking for your input.

The committee feels it is **important for all to attend** and participate in this very important venture for the church. Any questions can be directed to Betty Turnbach, Barb Hurter, Kim Astheimer or Scott Moyer.

**Congregational
Meeting**



APRIL 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 EASTER COMMUNION Worship 9:00 a.m. Youth Group after worship FIWC – 11 a.m.	2 Consistory 7 p.m.	3	4	5 FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	6	7
8 Worship 9:00 a.m. Youth Group after worship FIWC – 11 a.m.	9	10	11 NA 8:00 p.m.	12 FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	13	14 Pot Pie Dinner 4-7 p.m.
15 Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m.	16	17	18 NA 8:00 p.m.	19 Community Meal FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	20	21
22 CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE MTG. Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m. & 4 p.m.	23	24	25 NA 8:00 p.m.	26 FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	27	28 Yard Sale
29 Worship 9:00 a.m. Youth Group after worship FIWC – 11 a.m.	30					

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