



The St. Paul's Spirit

Pottstown, Pennsylvania

May 2018



The last trumpets of the Easter lilies have turned brown, the daffodils have dried up, the tulip petals have fallen and blown away. Some would say, “I guess Easter is over!”

Not so for those who call themselves Christians. The season of Easter extends until Pentecost—50 days later—when the Church received the gift of the Holy Spirit. This year we will celebrate the birthday of the Church of May 20. The Sundays following Easter are called Sundays *of* Easter because we continue to celebrate and reflect upon the good news that Christ is risen. The resurrection isn't good news for us only on Easter. Instead it feeds us and energizes us for living new and completely changed lives. No longer does death have a final say. No longer do we need to believe that life has no hope. No longer do we need to be seized by our fears.

The fearful disciples huddled in a room after the crucifixion. The door was locked. They were terrified to think about what might happen to them next because they had followed Jesus around and been known to keep his company. But the risen Christ came to them, broke bread with them, and they recognized him and they believed. They would never, ever be the same because of what happened to them!

It is a wonderful story, our faith! And so in these days of Easter, may we each recognize the risen Christ wherever we may be. And may we continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Christ is risen!

Peace,
Pastor Chris

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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. Christine Pifer-Foote, Bridge Pastor
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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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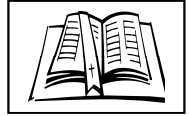
**HOAGIE &
BAKED GOODS
SALE**

May 19

Italian Hoagies \$6
Turkey Hoagies \$7

*Orders must be received by May 13
Pick up between 9:30 – 10 :30 a.m.*

FOR YOUR REFLECTION



The following are the lectionary scriptures for this month:

- May 6** – Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17
May 13 – Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19
May 20 – Acts 2: 1-21 or Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b; Romans 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15
May 27 – Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17
June 3 – 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 or Deuteronomy 5: 12-15; Psalm 81: 1-10; 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12; Mark 2: 23 – 3:6

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.

**THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
IS IN JEOPARDY!**

After many years of service, Barb & Chub Stouch have decided that they will no longer be able to help with the monthly Pancake Breakfasts. We thank the Stouches for their many years of dedication. However, we are in need of volunteers to help with the breakfast – both in preparing and serving, and also with donations of ingredients. If you would like to help in any way, or have any suggestions, please see Dottie Yocom. **Pancake Breakfasts will resume in September if we have enough help to continue.**



A Smile



A smile costs nothing, but gives much.
 It enriches those who receive,
 without making poorer those who give.
 It only takes a moment,
 but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.
 None is so rich or mighty
 that he can get along without it,
 and none is so poor,
 but that he can be made richer by it.
 A smile creates happiness in the home,
 fosters good will in business,
 and is the countersign of friendship.
 It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged,
 sunshine to the sad, and its is nature's best
 antidote for trouble.
 Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen;
 it is something that is of no value to anyone
 until it is given away.
 Some people are too tired to give you a smile.
 Give them one of yours as no one needs a smile
 so much as he who has none to give.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

- 4 Jason Stouch
- 8 Arnold Romig
- 9 Autumn Sands
- 12 Kaitlyn Quay
- 14 Jasmine Lucas, Lynne Sands
- 15 Rick Moser, Jennifer Risko
- 17 Jacob Arms IV
- 18 Sarah Quay
- 20 Amanda Harris, Shane Harris, Alyssa Ludy
- 22 Lea Hetrick
- 27 Dave Mackewicz
- 29 John Griesemer
- 31 Katie Reid, Glen Shirey, Ashley Wilhelm

ST. PAUL'S VISITATION LIST



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Schuylkill Rd., Pottstown, PA 19465; Phone 610-
326-5664 (this is a direct line)

Pat Gaugler – Villa St. Elizabeth, 1201 Museum
Rd., Reading, PA 19611

Dolly Gift – LifeQuest #D12, 2450 John Fries
Highway, Quakertown, PA 18951

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

MAY SERVICE SCHEDULES

Greeters

May 6 – Lynda Zeleznick

May 13 – Doris Kandler

May 20 – Barb Stouch

May 27 –

June 3 – Nancy & Al Piasecki

Please sign up on the Welcome Table!

Ushers

May 6 - Andy & Kim Astheimer, Bill Becker,
Andi Shollenberger

May 13 – Barb & Chub Stouch, Carol Hunter-
Stouch, Kay Miller

May 20 – Laurie & Jasmine Lucas, Cheryl
Albright-Repko, Scott Moyer

May 27 – Steve & Barb Toroney, Frank Chesney,
Dave Risko

June 3 – Andy & Kim Astheimer, Bill Becker,
Andi Shollenberger

Soundboard

May 6 – Nash Ohlinger

May 13 – Terry Hallman

May 20 – Frank Chesney

May 27 – Mike Faison

June 3 – Nash Ohlinger

Serving Communion

May 6 – Frank & Linda Chesney, Terry Hallman,
Betty Turnbach

June 3 – Kim Astheimer, Barb Hurter, Barb
Stouch, Dave Risko

If I Have Learned Anything.....

- I've learned that it takes years to build up trust,
and only seconds to destroy it.
- I've learned that it is a lot easier to react
than it is to think.
- I've learned that a good friend
is better than a therapist.
- I've learned that either you control your attitude
or it controls you.
- I've learned that you can keep going
long after you think you can't.

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Happy Mother's Day!



Mother's Day is always celebrated on the second Sunday in May. It's not a federal holiday, however it's widely celebrated as a special day to honor all mothers and motherhood. Together, let's honor the women who raised us—and all the mothers who sacrificed for their children.

Although the custom of setting aside a day to honor mothers has ancient roots, our observance of Mother's Day originated in 1907 with the efforts of a devoted daughter, Anna M. Jarvis of Philadelphia, who conceived the idea of an annual nationwide celebration. The public and the press quickly embraced the idea, and villages, towns, cities, and states soon began unofficial Mother's Day observances. On May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May Mother's Day, and within a few years, the idea gained worldwide prominence.

How will you remember, celebrate, or honor your mother? Of course, if YOU are a mother, may we wish you a Happy Mother's Day!



MAY 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2 NA 8:00 p.m.	3 FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	4	5
6 COMMUNION Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m.	7 Consistory 7 p.m.	8	9 NA 8:00 p.m.	10 FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	11	12
13 MOTHER'S DAY Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m.	14	15	16 NA 8:00 p.m.	17 FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	18	19  HOAGIE & BAKED GOODS SALE
20 Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m. & 4 p.m.	21	22	23 NA 8:00 p.m.	24 FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	25	26
27 Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m.	28 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED 	29	30 NA 8:00 p.m.	31 FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.		

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