



The St. Paul's Spirit

Pottstown, Pennsylvania

June 2018



May is the month that my husband and I make our final plans for summer vacation. Last year, we took a late vacation in September and went to five national parks out west, among them Yellowstone. I bought my first pair of hiking boots and a hiking stick and, yes, we did a lot of hiking, not only at Yellowstone but also at Zion and Bryce Canyon. We saw bison and moose and elk and Old Faithful. So many things to see! And there is always camping!

If someone had told me a few years ago that I would spend vacation time in the woods, camping, **and** I would enjoy it, I would have laughed out loud. The fact is, however, I have had a change of heart toward camping: I've tried it and it's fun! There is something very refreshing about sleeping outdoors, gazing at the stars on a moonlit night, building a fire and watching the flames leap and lick at dry wood, and being in the midst of pine trees that whisper in the wind.

To be honest, I had made a few pre-judgments about camping:

1. It would be too much bother. (lots of stuff to pack up)
2. It was boring.
3. It was not like staying in a hotel with electricity and other amenities.
4. Furry wild animals would bite me.
5. A snake would slither into the tent at night.
6. I would get wet if it rained.
7. Therefore, for all the above reasons, camping would be an unpleasant and unacceptable way to spend a vacation!

I thought all that up before I had even tried camping! I now regret the years that I missed, the opportunities of being around the campfire that I passed up, just because I didn't want to try something new. How often have we made up our minds about something before we have really experienced it? My guess is that we are all guilty of doing that. Whether it is in our personal lives or at our place of employment, whether it is a new idea or an unfamiliar activity, it is easy to pre-judge our reactions.

Our faith, however, teaches us a very different way of going about living. In the New Testament, Jesus is repeatedly shown as one who challenges those around him to try living life in a new way, to give up making pre-judgments about how life might be. There is always the unexpected waiting around the next corner if we but risk and take steps in faith.

Not everyone needs to try camping! But there **is** something God is inviting you—challenging you—to do that is different and rewarding, and may even be fun. Watch for God's wonderful surprises in these days of summer!

Peace,
Pastor Chris

P.S. Number 6 above is true! And we are going out west again to San Francisco, Sacramento, northern California and anywhere else our hearts lead us! We will bring our hiking boots! And, no, we will not be camping.

My final Sunday is June 10. It has been a pleasure to have served as your Bridge Pastor these several weeks and you will always have a special place in my heart. You will remain in my prayers as you begin with your

Interim Pastor and begin your search for your called pastor. Thanks to all for your support and gracious welcome! May God's richest blessings be with you today and in the days to come.

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9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Social Hour – beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School For All – 10:15 a.m.

Church Staff

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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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THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST HAS BEEN SAVED!

Thanks to Steve and Barb Toroney for agreeing to help with the Pancake Breakfasts.

Our next breakfast will be held on June 10th. Ticket prices: Adults -- \$6
Ages 6-12 -- \$3.50 Age 5 and under – Free!
If you would like to help in any way, or have any suggestions, please see Dottie Yocom.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

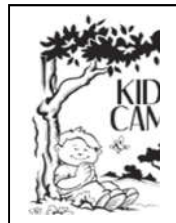


This year, Bible School will be held at Zion's UCC, Sunday, 6/24/18 through Thursday, 6/28/18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The theme is "Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride." Children from 3 years old to 6th grade (finished this year)

are invited to attend. Pink Registration forms are on the Welcome Table. This will be a combined VBS with 4 other churches. We are asked to share the donations. Index cards with requested items are on the Welcome Table. Please return your donation into the plastic tote in the Narthex by Sunday, June 17th. Any questions please see Barbara Mackewicz or Linda Chesney.

"CAMP SONSHINE"

St. Paul's will again host "Camp Sonshine," June 18 – Aug. 24, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Mon-Fri). The camp is run by a group of Christian Educators called "Women on the Move Ministry." The camp is open to kids 5 – 14 years old. The camp provides free breakfast and lunch. If you know a child that would like to attend the camp, contact Regina Astheimer at 484-300-9244.



COMMUNITY MEAL

St. Paul's will be preparing and serving the Community Meal at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, June 21. If you would like to help, please contact Dottie Yocom.

FOR YOUR REFLECTION



The following are the lectionary scriptures for this month:

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

June 10 – 1 Samuel 8: 4-11, (12-15), 16-20; Psalm 138 or Genesis 3: 8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1; Mark 3: 20-35

June 17 – 1 Samuel 15: 34-16:13; Psalm 20 or Ezekiel 17: 22-24; Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, (11-13), 14-17 or 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17; Mark 4: 26-34

June 24 – 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; Psalm 9: 9-20 or Job 38: 1-11; Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41

July 1 – 2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27; Psalm 130 or Wisdom of Solomon 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24 or Lamentations 3: 22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15; Mark 5: 21-43

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

- 9 Debra Cooper, Corrine Repko
- 11 Trudy Perretta
- 17 Katelyn Hutchinson
- 19 Bill Becker
- 22 Carol Stouch
- 24 Susan Albright

ST. PAUL'S VISITATION LIST



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

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JUNE SERVICE SCHEDULES

Greeters

June 3 –

June 10 – Lynda Zeleznick

June 17 – Barb Stouch

June 24 – Linda Chesney

July 1 –

Ushers

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

June 10 – Mike Faison, Fred Faison, Jackie Turnbach, Betty Turnbach

June 17 – Terry & Angie Hallman

June 24 – Barb & Chub Stouch, Carol Hunter-Stouch, Kay Miller

July 1 – Andy & Kim Astheimer, Bill Becker, Andi Shollenberger

Soundboard

June 3 – Nash Ohlinger

June 10 – Terry Hallman

June 17 – Frank Chesney

June 24 – Mike Faison

July 1 – Nash Ohlinger

Serving Communion

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

July 1 –



10 Fun Facts

1. You can't see your ears without a mirror.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose with your tongue out.
4. You just tried number 3.
6. When you did number 3 you realized that it is possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You are smiling right now, because you were fooled.

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In May of 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Wash., sat in church listening to a Mother's Day sermon. She decided she wanted to designate a day for her dad, William Jackson Smart. Dodd's mother had died in childbirth, and Dodd's father, a Civil War veteran, had taken the responsibility of singlehandedly raising the newborn and his other five children. The following year, Dodd wanted to celebrate Father's Day on June 5th, her father's birthday, and petitioned for the holiday to be recognized in her city. Needing more time to arrange the festivities, Spokane's mayor pushed the date back by two weeks, and the first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, according to the Spokane Regional Convention and Visitor Bureau.

While Congress was quick to officially declare the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day in 1914, after it was first celebrated on May 10, 1908, it took much longer for Father's Day to be legally recognized. But thanks to Dodd's celebration, Father's Day steadily gained popularity. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge said that he supported it, in order to establish closer relationships between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations, according to the Library of Congress. And the holiday gained more traction in 1938 when a trade organization, the National Council for the Promotion of Father's Day, which was formed by men's clothing retailers in New York City, decided to take up the cause, according to *Consumer Rites: The Buying and Selling of American Holidays* (Princeton University Press, 1995).

President Lyndon Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers in 1966, but it wasn't until 1972 that President Richard Nixon signed the public law that made it a permanent holiday. Since then, Father's Day has become a time to recognize the many different father figures in our lives.

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

JUNE 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2
3 COMMUNION Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m.	4 Consistory 7 p.m.	5	6 NA 8:00 p.m.	7 FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	8	9
10 Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m.	11	12	13 NA 8:00 p.m.	14 Flag Day  FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	15	16
17 FATHER'S DAY Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m. & 4 p.m.	18 Camp Sonshine begins	19	20 NA 8:00 p.m.	21 COMMUNITY MEAL FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	22	23
24 Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m. Vacation Bible School @ Zion's UCC 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	25 Vacation Bible School @ Zion's UCC 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	26 Vacation Bible School @ Zion's UCC 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	27 Vacation Bible School @ Zion's UCC 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. NA 8:00 p.m.	28 Vacation Bible School @ Zion's UCC 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	29	30

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