



The St. Paul's Spirit

Pottstown, Pennsylvania

July 2018



AN UPDATE FROM OUR CONSISTORY

Greetings and blessings,

As most of you are aware, our pastoral situation at St. Paul's has been in a state of ongoing change for the past several years. Since our last called pastor Rev. Brenner retired, we've had several Interim pastors, with Supply pastors filling in the gaps

While Rev. Jim Dunn was our Interim pastor, we began to work on the process of finding our next called pastor. We established a Search Committee and began to work on our church profile, per UCC guidelines. With the information received from the congregation through questionnaires and our gathering after the April 22nd service, the Search Committee continues to work on the profile and moving us forward in the process of finding our Called Pastor.

While the search process goes on, we have been fortunate to have Rev. Christine Pifer-Foote act as our "Bridge" Pastor while we search for an Interim. I want to take a moment and thank Pastor Chris for her support and for the work she's done while with us. She has not only acted as Supply, but has regularly visited our shut ins and folks in the hospital. She's been a blessing.

The consistory has voted to draft an agreement to present to Rev. Corrine Dautrich to serve as our next Interim. Assuming she accepts our offer, she would start as our Interim Pastor on July 15th. We look forward to her guidance and support as we move forward to finding our next Called Pastor.

These may not be the easiest of times, but remember that with God nothing is impossible. I ask for you to pray for our congregation, search committee, consistory, and for God's wisdom. If you have questions or concerns, please talk to any consistory member. We are committed to making decisions that will best serve this congregation and the future of this church, and we want to hear from you. Your input is valuable.

In closing, I wish you and your families a healthy, happy, and safe summer. God bless.

Warm Regards,

Vince Kehrer, President

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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

Instructor

Robert and Barbara Stouch, Sextons

Consistory 2018

President – Vince Kehrer – 610-406-8702

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Dave Risko

Dottie Yocom

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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FOR YOUR REFLECTION



The following are the lectionary scriptures for this month:

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

July 8 – 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48 or Ezekiel 2: 1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10; Mark 6: 1-13

July 15 – 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24 or Amos 7: 7-15; Psalm 85: 8-13; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 14-29

July 22 – 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a; Psalm 89: 20-37 or Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2: 11-22; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

July 29 -- 2 Samuel 11: 1-15; Psalm 14 or 2 Kings 4: 42-44; Psalm 145: 10-18; Ephesians 3: 14-21; John 6: 1-21

August 5 – 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a; Psalm 51: 1-12 or Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78: 23-29; Ephesians 4: 1-16; John 6: 24-35

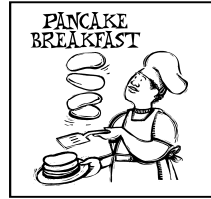
STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

ADOPT A BILL

We recently had to have repairs made to our Risograph copy machine. The cost was \$238.

If you would like to adopt this bill or any of the church's regular monthly bills, please mark your check appropriately, and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Andi in the church office.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Thanks to all who have supported our Pancake Breakfasts! The breakfast will be on hiatus until September. Watch for more info on dates.

CHURCH STAFF



ON VACATION

Our church secretary, Andi, will be on vacation from July 29 through August 4. Should you need anything from the church office, please contact Andi by July 23.

FUEL OIL INCREASE

We have received our payment coupons for the upcoming 2018-2019 heating season. Due to increased costs of fuel and increased usage last year (which used up our surplus from the year before), our payments will be increased from \$550 per month to \$887 per month.



Please carefully consider this increase when you are planning your giving. You can use the designated monthly envelopes in your envelope pack, or use one of the Special Offering envelopes on the welcome table.

“CAMP SONSHINE”

“Camp Sonshine,” continues to meet at St. Paul’s through 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





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

- 2 Peggy Cressman
- 6 John Kulp, Dave Yocom Sr.
- 8 Fay Kulp
- 12 Tina Ludy
- 13 Vicki Fiorillo
- 16 Harry Moore
- 17 Gary Chesney, Barb Faison
- 19 Deborah Yingling
- 20 Ruth Leyrer
- 21 Quinn Davis
- 23 Jim Hutchinson, Marla LaBelle
- 25 Kevin Simmons
- 30 Peggy Davis
- 30 Paige Stouch
- 31 Laura Yost

ST. PAUL'S VISITATION LIST



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PA 19512, 610-369-1430

Betty Essick – Manatawny Manor, C-318, 30 Old
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

Barbara Lessig - Keystone Villa, Room 126, 1180
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JULY SERVICE SCHEDULES

Greeters

July 1 –

July 8 – Linda Chesney

July 15 – Donna Risko

July 22 – Linda Chesney

July 29 –

August 5 -- Linda Chesney

Ushers

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

July 8 – Laurie & Jasmine Lucas, Cheryl Albright-
Repko, Scott Moyer

July 15 – Steve & Barb Toroney, Frank Chesney,
Dave Risko

July 22 – Mike Faison, Fred Faison, Jackie
Turnbach, Betty Turnbach

July 29 – Dave Risko, Scott Moyer

August 5 – Barb & Chub Stouch, Carol Hunter-
Stouch, Kay Miller

Soundboard

July 1 – Nash Ohlinger

July 8 – Terry Hallman

July 15 – Frank Chesney

July 22 – Mike Faison

July 29 – Nash Ohlinger

August 5 – Terry Hallman

Serving Communion

July 1 -- Dave & Dottie Yocom, Terry Hallmna,
Betty Turnbach

August 5 – Linda & Frank Chesney, Trudy Perretta,
Rick Moser

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A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the
land of the free and
the home of the brave,
desperately need You.

Oh that we would leave our ways
of seeking to be blessed
and instead seek to bless others.

We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.

We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.

And we praise you for the freedom
we have through the blood of Your Son.
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.

Amen

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JULY 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 COMMUNION Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m.	2 Consistory 7 p.m.	3	4  OFFICE CLOSED NA 8:00 p.m.	5 FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	6	7
8 Worship 9:00 a.m. 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
15 Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.m. & 4 p.m.	16	17	18 NA 8:00 p.m.	19 FIWC 7 -9 pm Worship Team - 7 pm AA 8:30 p.m.	20	21
22 Worship 9:00 a.m. FIWC – 11 a.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
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