



Newsletter of St. Paul's United Church of Christ

The St. Paul's Spirit

Pottstown, Pennsylvania

July 2021



FROM THE PASTOR

Friends,

Have you seen God lately? This is a serious question. In one of our Gospel readings for the month of July (July 18th, in fact), Mark describes the scene as Jesus and the apostles emerge from a boat and the crowd gathered "at once recognized him." At a time without photographs, cell phones or social media, this group of people was able to recognize Jesus, whom they had never met in person. They knew him because of the things Jesus did.

So, when did you last see Jesus? I assure you, you most certainly have! In fact, I saw Jesus just yesterday at Giant helping an older woman reach something off of a higher shelf. And just last week, Jesus was driving a car and slowed down just enough to allow me to safely merge onto I-76. I wasn't seeing things; it wasn't *actually* Jesus. But in a way, it was. You see, when we care for others we help those folks encounter God's love...*we help them see Jesus*. How can we, as a church, help others see Jesus? I'd love to hear your thoughts!

In love,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Rev. Lauren Cain".

Pastor Lauren Cain

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.
Social Hour – beginning at 8:30 a.m.
and continuing after worship

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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
began; it was dedicated in 1980.

2021 is our 137th 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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WE ARE OPEN!

We are open for in person worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Face masks and social distancing are still required.

We will also continue to broadcast our service live on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsuccpottstown>.

Be sure to join us!

COMMUNION JULY 4th



We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, June 6, at 9:00 a.m. **in the sanctuary**. The service will also be live streamed on our Facebook page. If you are watching the services online, have your bread and wine/grape juice handy so you can participate.



Do you have a celebration, joy, something that you are proud of, or a happy event that you would like to share with your St. Paul's Church family? Let Andi know so that we can highlight it in *The Spirit*.

St. Paul's UCC

Back-to-School Drive



Helping the kids
of Pottstown!

Items needed:

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|---|-------------------------|
| Gently used kids' clothing
(shirts, pants, shoes, jackets) | Pens & pencils |
| Loose leaf paper | Zippered pencil bags |
| Notebooks | Small pencil sharpeners |
| Folders | Highlighters |
| Binders | Safety scissors |
| Printer paper reams | Tissues |
| Crayons | Hand sanitizer |
| | Kids' masks |

Items can be donated in the Narthex of St. Paul's on Sundays and on Wednesday mornings at the church office

927 N. Franklin St.

Giveaway event will be on August 14th from 10am-12pm

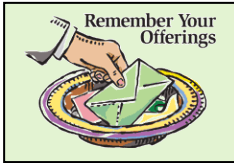
FOR YOUR REFLECTION



The following are the lectionary scriptures for this month:

- July 4** – 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48; Ezekiel 2: 1-5 and Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10; Mark 6: 1-13
- July 11** – 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19 and Psalm 24; Amos 7: 7-15 and Psalm 85: 8-13; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 14-29
- July 18** – 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a and Psalm 89: 20-37; Jeremiah 23: 1-6 and Psalm 23; Ephesians 2: 11-22; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56
- July 25** – 2 Samuel 11: 1-15 and Psalm 14; 2 Kings 4: 42-44 and Psalm 145: 10-18; Ephesians 3: 14-21; John 6: 1-21

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE



If you are not attending worship in person, please feel free to mail your Sunday contributions to the church office. They will be taken care

of on a weekly basis. Your continued donations are appreciated.

Financial Snapshot

General Fund Income as of 6/30/21 \$ 46,150

General Fund Expenses as of 6/30/21 \$ 47,919

Year to Date Shortage (\$ 1,769)

ADOPT A BILL

If you would like to adopt all or part of 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.



Please remember that even though you may be away from church due to vacation (or the Corona virus), the church's expenses still go on. Your donations are greatly appreciated. You can mail your envelopes to the church office, or "catch up" when you return..

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.

- 6 John Kulp, Dave Yocom, Sr.
- 8 Fay Kulp
- 12 Tina Ludy
- 13 Vicki Fiorillo
- 17 Gary Chesney, Barb Faison
- 20 Ruth Leyrer
- 23 Marla LaBelle
- 25 Kevin Simmons
- 30 Peggy Davis

ST. PAUL'S VISITATION LIST



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

Betty Essick – Manatawny Manor, 30 Old Schuylkill Rd., Pottstown, PA 19465; (Call 610-705-3700 to visit)

Dolly Gift – LifeQuest #E-10-B, 2450 John Fries Highway, Quakertown, PA 18951 (Call 215-536-0770 to be transferred to her phone)

Barbara Lessig - Keystone Villa, Room 319, 1152 Benjamin Franklin Hwy., Douglassville 19518

Janet Millard – 872 Crestview Lane, Pottstown, PA 19464

JULY

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Sun

Mon


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Fri

Sat

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4  COMMUNION Worship 9:00 a.m.	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Worship 9:00 a.m.	12	13	14	15  COMMUNITY DINNER Community Meal @ First Presbyterian Church	16	17
18 Worship 9:00 a.m.	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Worship 9:00 a.m.	26	27	28	29	30	31