

The MONTHLY Messenger - February 2017

We Remember In Our Prayers:

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| Jay Baldi | Clara Castorina | Colin Enright | Nancy Grim |
| Elaine Hockenberger | Jennifer Hull | Stacia Jewell | Brenda Koder |
| Fred Martin | Jeff McMurtrie | Holly Pettit | Betty Treffinger |
| William Vanderslice | Amy Walter | Herb Wolf | Lara Wood |

Worship Times

- 8:00AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 9:30AM Family Centered Worship Service with Holy Communion.
- 9:30 AM - each month on the 2nd Sunday we have One Unity Worship Service with Holy Communion. Fellowship follows that service so please bring a finger food or dessert to share.



Religious Education Offerings

Sunday School/Adult Education: Meets from 8:30 to 9:15 AM weekly from September through June. There is no class on Fellowship Sunday, which happens every 2nd Sunday.

Confirmation: Meets February 12, March 12, April 23 and May 14 at 4PM in fellowship hall. Students in 7th grade and above who have not been confirmed are welcome to participate

News!

The Council has interviewed the new candidate and will be updating the congregation as soon as possible.

We will strive to keep the congregation up-to-date on our progress while protecting confidentiality. An email account has been created for individuals to send questions, comments, or concerns throughout the process. If you would like to reach the members of the Call Committee, please direct correspondence to call-committee@stpaulredhill.org.



God Bless,
Jonathan Walter, Call Committee Chair
Joanne Hersh - Nancy Jewell - Linda Smith - Erin Uber - Bob Walp

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Annual Meeting Reminder: Mark your calendar to join us for our Annual meeting on February 12th during our fellowship time after our Unity Worship Service.



REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION -

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the founding of the Lutheran/Reformation tradition when Martin Luther nailed the 95 thesis to the church door at Wittenberg. This year we are joining with six other churches which trace their history back to that act of Martin Luther by joining together to remember and celebrate this historic and life changing event. The participating churches are St. Mark's Lutheran, Pennsburg; St. John's Lutheran, Sumneytown; Palm Schwenkfelder, Palm; Pennsburg UCC, Pennsburg; New Goshenhoppen UCC, East Greenville; Frieden's UCC, Sumneytown; and of course, us - St. Paul's, Red Hill. There are five events planned. Put them on your calendar and plan to participate in them all.

- Event Two - Day of Service hosted here at St. Paul's Lutheran on February 11th from 12:30 to 3:30 PM. There will be a brief time of worship followed by several service projects including a project for Stop Hunger Now which will be the packaging of 10,000 meals for distribution around the world. Up to 50 volunteers are needed for this alone. There are also a number of other service projects which are available. We need folks to sign up for which project you would like to participate in by going to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0945afaf2ca5fd0-february/> If you need help signing up, Pastor Jim is available after church or any time in the office to help you go on line.
- Event Three - An Ascension Day Service at Palm Schwenkfelder Church being May 25th at 6:00 PM with hot air balloon rides.
- Event Four - Community worship at New Goshenhoppen Park on Sunday, August 27th at 10:30 AM including some special music.
- Event Five - Our closing Celebration will be on Reformation Sunday, October 29th at 3:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran, Summeytown.

Help Wanted:

St Paul's IT Committee is looking for help. We need 2-3 volunteers who can be available to help with small office support tasks and the website. With many hands it will be very light work. Please contact the Church Office to volunteer.

St Paul's Seeks a Sexton - interested? Click [this link](#) for the job description.

Electronic Giving NOW at St. Pauls!

St. Paul's offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to transfer funds automatically from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Credit and Debit Card Giving (Discover, MasterCard and Visa) allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.



Online Giving allows you to go to www.stpaulredhill.org at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation, or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. If you have additional questions or need assistance, please contact Vanco Services at 800-675-7430. As always, the church staff is available and happy to assist as well.

OR [Click Here to Sign Up!](#)



ASP Ham Dinner - March 4th - 3 to 7PM

Join us Saturday, March 4th from 3 to 7 in Fellowship Hall for a fabulous ham dinner featuring:

ham, homemade potato filling, corn, green beans, pickled cabbage, applesauce, bread from Sadie's Bake Shop, and assorted desserts

Items for sale:

Sadie's Raisin Bread \$4 a loaf &

Pickled Cabbage \$4 a qt.

PRICES: Adults: \$11 Children (6-12) \$6 Children (under 6) Free

All Proceeds Benefit the Appalachian Service Project Team which participates in a home building mission trip each summer.

If you are interested in helping at the dinner, please contact Amy McPherson at 215-939-5612

Soup Kitchen News

On Sunday January 8th, Bob and Laura Foreman travelled to the Victory House to serve the residents there. The team served steak fajitas, fresh salsa and guacamole and arroz con gandules. Dinner was served at half time and eagerly gobbled with many compliments. Some residents returned



for multiple plates, one young man eating seven fajitas himself. Chips, guacamole and salsa were left for the group to munch on during the remainder of the play off games.

Thank you to all that have donated time, money or food. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

The St. Paul's soup kitchen committee will be traveling to the Victory house again on Sunday, February 12th, 2017. If you are interested in traveling to the Victory House to help serve,

would like to prepare some food prior to the trip or have any questions about the Victory House at all, please contact Bob or Laura Foreman at 267-923-8895 or via email at foreman3@hotmail.com.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me... - Matthew 25:35



Youth Group News

On Friday, January 13th, 2017 the junior and senior youth groups met at St. Paul's for games and fellowship fun. The group played Deal or No Deal, Angry Potatoes and Orange as well as discussed anger and how our angry words can knock down a friendship faster than it takes to build that friendship up. When we are slow to anger and take time to think about our words and the situation, we can avoid needless hurt of others. Talks of planning a lock in at the church have begun and dates are being explored.

Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Chili Cook Off and Talent Show on April 1st at 6pm. Bring a chili, talent, willingness to serve or other food and come ready for laughs, fun and a great cross generational event! More details will follow shortly.

The next gathering of the junior and senior youth groups will take place on Friday, February 10th at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Bob or Laura Foreman at 215-272-1445 or foreman3@hotmail.com for more information on the youth group, the carding party or if you are interested in helping guide and support the youth of our congregation.

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; - James 1:19.

Social Groups & Ministries to Join

Appalachia Service Project Mission Team seeks members to join our annual Trip in 2017. The minimum age for youth to travel is 14 at the time of the trip or 13 & having completed grade 8. We will go to West Virginia from 7/8 to 7/15. Participants on the Trip will pay \$75. To Sign up, Contact Gary Hager by email (click link) or by phone 215-470-3537.



Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts: Mondays at 6:30PM

Daisies-Brownies: Every other Friday at 6:30PM in downstairs classrooms Sept. to June.

Fellowship Sunday: (Unity Sunday): Every 2nd Sunday of the month we have a single service at 9:30AM with a time of fellowship following the service. Please bring a finger food or dessert to share and Join us in the Fellowship Hall.

Jr/Sr Youth Groups: Grades 1-12 meet on the 2nd Friday of the month at 7PM in fellowship hall. Please contact Bob or Laura Foreman at foreman3@hotmail.com or 267-923-8895 with any questions about youth group.

Lunch Bunch: Will not be meeting in February.

Lutheran Chicks: A health advocates gathering held the Third Monday of odd numbered months at 12:30PM in the library.

Theology on Tap: Meets on Thursday, February 2nd at the Main Street Hotel in Bally at 7PM. All over 21 are welcome to join this non-judgmental discussion of faith while sharing fellowship.

Men's Breakfast: Meets on Saturday, February 4th at the Valley Café at 8AM. We invite our gentlemen to come on over and share fellowship, food and faith discussions.

Women's Breakfast: Meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month (next meeting is February, 18 at 8:30AM.) We will meet at Pennsburg Diner. *Please note for April, due to Easter, we will meet on the 22nd instead of the 15th.* We invite our ladies to join us for fellowship and faith discussions.

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous: Wednesdays 8PM

Narcotics Anonymous: Sundays 8PM

Committees

Cemetery Committee: Third Monday 7:00PM in the library
Congregational Council First Wednesday at 7:30PM.

Christian Ed Committee: Second Sunday 10:15AM in Feb; April; Dec. Second Wednesday 7:30PM in library for June and August.
Changes do occur - please watch the weekly bulletin.

Church Council: (by election) Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM.

Finance Committee: (by election) Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM.

Health Advocates: A committee of health oriented members, including nurses, doctors, and other health care folks who provide information and services in our community. Contact the church office with questions.

Property Committee: Meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00PM.

Soup Kitchen Committee (all are welcome): We travel to the Victory House on the 2nd Sunday of each month. If you are interested in traveling to the Victory House to help serve, would like to prepare some food prior to the trip or have any questions, please contact Bob or Laura Foreman at 267-923-8895 or via email at foreman3@hotmail.com



February Birthdays:

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| 1 Andrew Brown | 9 David Hoffman | 17 Shae Reinhart |
| 2 Jane Cooper | Cael Martin | 19 Emily Henry |
| Andrew Johnson | Michael Wimmer | Rebecca Walter |
| 3 Kyle Fisher | 10 Cindy Godshall | 20 Mildred Dulin |
| Daron Pijanowski | 11 Craig Frank | Debbie Eisenhart |
| 4 Olivia Stauffer | 12 Jennifer Crossan | 21 Leah Frank |
| 5 Lynn Compton | Donald Lechner | Alecsander Rea |
| Janine Losinno | 13 Alan Richard | 23 Quinten Felton |
| Clyde Richard | Erin Uber | 25 Alan Gryshuk |
| Virginia Zimmerman | Mary Lou Weber | Brenda Koder |
| 6 Dusti Fisher | 14 Adam Burnley | Robert Kratzer |
| Britt Kerr | Diane Greisemer | 27 James Schmidenberg |
| Fern Roth | 15 Benjamin McCormick | Angelina Spiezio |
| 7 James Henry | 16 Karen Creggan | Robert Walp |
| Edith Stevens | Erna Heintz | 28 Doris Brendlinger |
| 8 Elaine Belick | Ronald Leister | Daniel Heinrichs |
| Charles Shagg, III | Peter Sattler | Alexandra Miller |
| Kevin Weeks | 17 Connor Rea | |

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