

The “Good News” of St. Paul United Church of Christ

April 2019

The Mission of St. Paul UCC, a congregation united in Jesus Christ, is to share the gospel of Christ and to share his love for us with others in our community. We will work to bring others to the knowledge of Jesus by showing that we are a caring and welcoming congregation.



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Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Martha H. Boyer

Handicap Accessible
Staffed Nursery Available

Worship Service

Adult Sunday Church School	9:00 am
Worship	10:15 am

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Each morning, as I begin my morning prayers in my home office, I write emails to all of my buddies and then pick out a song for the day, to lift my spirits throughout the day. I know hundreds of songs by memory, many of them favorite hymns like “In the Garden” and “How Great Thou Art,” as well as others too numerous to mention.

This morning, my song was “Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to work we go.” I do enjoy coming to work at St. Paul Church, mainly because of the wonderful Christian relationships we share here and the great missions which we foster.

St. Paul Church is truly “a small church with a big heart.” I say to myself each time I enter the sanctuary the words from Psalm 122:

- 1I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.
- 2Our feet shall stand within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together:
- 4Where the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.
- 5For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- 6Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love you.
- 7Peace be within your walls, and prosperity within your palaces.
- 8For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within you.
- 9Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

During April this year, we celebrate Holy Week with Easter on April 21. I hope that we might truly celebrate the resurrection on Easter this year and that our hearts can truly resound the spirit of this Psalm 122 that we may re-echo the affirmation of all those who have worshiped here with the same sentiment, “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord.”

***NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE...OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY...YOU
ARE WELCOME AT THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.***



SERVICES



Palm Sunday, April 14

Worship @ 10:15A

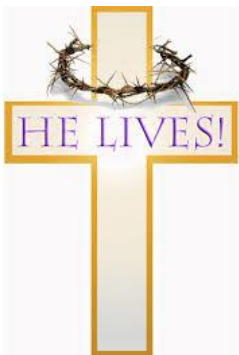
Wave your Palm Branch in celebration of Jesus' triumphant march into Jerusalem.



Maundy Thursday, March 29

Service of Healing & Tenebrae Worship @ 7P

Meditate on the picture of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane as we receive Holy Communion by intincture. Let us pray together for spiritual and physical healings as we are anointed with oil.



Easter Sunday, April 21

Breakfast 8:30am

Worship@ 10:15A-Celebration of Holy Communion

Join us for Easter Breakfast and then come to the sanctuary as we celebrate the joyful resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Our joyous hymns will be accompanied by trumpet and violin music as well as organ.



SOUTHERN YORK COUNTY PANTRY Items for this month: **Pancake mix, Syrup, and fruit.** Please remember to bring pantry items the **first Sunday of the month!** The pantry

can always use any non-perishable food item. Brown paper bags in good condition—not torn. A final note, some want to give but do not know what to give. We can accept cash or checks for our general fund or our fuel fund. Visit www.southernYorkCountypantry.org

PANCAKE SUPPER UPDATE There were approximately 22+ people who attended. The food was delicious and the fellowship was great! Thanks to the kitchen cooks and helpers and also thanks to David and Andrew for setting up the bingo games. The free-will offering amount was \$96.00.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS "God's Promises for Your Every Need" continues. Please join us at 9:00am for our lively discussions. For more information, contact Pastor Martha Boyer at 717 858-2991.

EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



will be held on Sunday, April 7. Come and share the fun and fellowship of this festive occasion, when everyone celebrates

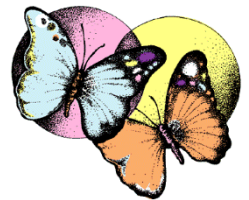
their birthday on the same day! Volunteers are needed to set-up & decorate tables. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. See the sign-up sheet or see Nancy Seim.

APRIL CONSISTORY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 8 (2nd Monday of the month) AT 7P. All congregation members are invited and encouraged to attend.

LUNCH BUNCH'S April meeting will be on the 3rd Monday (April 15) at Mamas Pizza in Loganville. Everyone is invited to come and share in the laughter and fellowship

APRIL 21 – EASTER BREAKFAST will be held at 8:30a. So that enough food can be prepared, please sign up with Sandy Schroeder.

BUTTERFLY SUNDAY CELEBRATION!!!



A symbol of new life and the resurrection is the butterfly. Therefore, on the Sunday after Easter, we continue to celebrate. On April 28 at 10:15am, St. Paul Church will celebrate by having Butterfly Sunday. Is there new life after Easter? **Please wear your butterflies and come and help us celebrate!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Church YARD SALE

Mark your calendars for our annual yard sale to be held on Friday May 3 & Saturday, May 4 from 9a-2p. We are seeking items (toys, books, small appliances, knick-knacks, etc.—in good working order) to sell. Please see Nancy Seim with questions.

JOIN WITH US ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH AND SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST EASTER DAY BREAKFAST AT 8:30a.m. AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS MONTH				
	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
FLOWER SPONSOR(S)				.
READER	Jan	Nancy	Tom	Andrew
GREETER(S)	[Volunteer Needed]			
BULLETIN SPONSOR(S)	[sponsorship available]			
FELLOWSHIP				

ASSISTING MINISTERS NEXT MONTH				
	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
FLOWER SPONSOR(S)				
READER	Pastor Martha	Mark	Jan	Nancy
GREETER(S)	[Volunteer Needed]			
BULLETIN SPONSOR(S)	[Sponsorship Available]			
FELLOWSHIP				

If you would like to host the fellowship time with light refreshments before and after worship, please see Nancy Seim to sign up.

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 02/01/19\$3,264.81
 Total inflows\$5,130.61
 Total outflows.....(\$6,153.98)
 Balance 02/28/19\$2,241.44

THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 18, 2019, CONSISTORY MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW. PLEASE SEE COPIES ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

April 7 ***Lent 5*** *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 126)

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel Lesson: John 12:1-8

Sermon Title: Something New

Reader: Jan

April 14 ***Palm/Passion Sunday***

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Lesson: Luke 19:28-40

Sermon Title: Join the Celebration

Reader: Nancy

April 21 ***Easter Day*** *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

A Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:25-34

A Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

Sermon Title: No Worries

Reader: Tom

April 28 ***Easter 2*** *Butterfly Sunday*


Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 150

A New Testament Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

Sermon Title: The Living Witness

Reader: Andrew

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00-8:15p NA Mtg. [FH]	2 9A-5Pp WIC (Women, Infants, & Children) [FH]	3 12noon NA Mtg.	4	5	6
7 <i>Lent 5</i> 9:00AM Sunday School 9:45AM Fellowship Time 10:15AM Communion 11:15AM Everyone's Birthday Covered Dish Social	8 7P Consistory Mtg. 7:00-8:15p NA Mtg. [FH]	9	10 12noon NA Mtg.	11	12	13
14 <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i> 9:00AM Sunday School 9:45AM Fellowship Time 10:15AM Worship 11:15AM Fellowship Time	15 1P Lunch Bunch @ TBD 7:00-8:15p NA Mtg. [FH]	16	17 12noon NA Mtg.	18 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7P Worship	19	20
21 <i>Easter Day</i> 8:30AM Breakfast 10:15AM Communion	22 7:00-8:15p NA Mtg. [FH]	23	24 12noon NA Mtg.	25	26	27
28 <i>Easter 2</i> Butterfly Sunday 9:00AM Sunday School 9:45AM Fellowship Time 10:15AM Worship 11:15AM Fellowship Time 3:00PM Benefit Concert w/Troy Winemiller	29 7:00-8:15p NA Mtg. [FH]	30				

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

April 03 Alan Kerchner
 April 04 Harold Fritz
 April 14 Dot Edsall
 April 16 Norma Brown

(To the best of our abilities, these listings are correct. If these are not correct or are incomplete, please notify the secretary. Thank you)

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

April 02 Sarah & Richard Leber

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining."

In the first words of Genesis, God ends the reign of darkness and chaos and replaces that reign with dawn and order. So the first day came to be! Jesus rises in the morning on the first day after the Sabbath. Again God conquers darkness and chaos. Light and order reign. In John's gospel, the believers are called to silently contemplate the risen Lord. Mary Magdalene does not at first recognize Jesus and later Jesus has to show His wounds to the disciples before they acknowledge that it is the Lord. These stories convince us that every Christian has the spiritual task of contemplating the person of Jesus and coming to know Him as the Resurrected One.

Through His death and resurrection, Jesus is transformed. That is what we will become. Jesus' transformation took an instant as He shed His mortal body. Our transformation will take a lifetime, but in the end, like Jesus, we will rise transformed! Knowing the risen Jesus transformed the early Christians who then went out and witnessed to others. We, too, are transformed as we witness to the wonders that Jesus has done in our lives.

Let us then rise to the new dawn! As we contemplate the risen Lord and share Him with others, we become an "Alleluia" people on the path to transformation!

SAY "HELLO" TO THE TREE

Pastor Kenneth Chafin tells of being in beautiful east Texas one lovely April Sunday. Wild flowers, azaleas, redbud and dogwood trees had put on their glorious Spring colors. Yet Dr. Chafin had not taken time to fully absorb the spectacular scene before him. Basically, he was tired from the previous week which had been stressful. On the first day of the new week, he was mentally preparing himself to preach in a large church and thinking of his schedule to follow. He and his wife decided to walk to the church along with their 4-year-old daughter, Nancy. Nancy's short little legs made it difficult for her to keep pace with her parents. Furthermore, her attention was captured by the blooming flowers and trees all about her. Her eyes came to focus on one spectacular dogwood tree in particular. She stopped to study its lovely blossoms. Then she decided the tree needed to be addressed. "Hi, tree!" she said with a friendly smile. Dr. Chafin said that word of acknowledgment to the tree made him ashamed of himself. "I had been in such a hurry to get to church," he later wrote, "that I had missed my Creator's sermon growing by the sidewalk." Perhaps this Spring we need to not only take time "to smell the roses" but to thank God often for the loveliness of creation. And, if no one is around, we might even say "Hi" to a tree or two.

—Adapted from Daily Guideposts

Members Homebound

DOT EDSALL

APT 313
100 LUTHER RD
SHREWSBURY PA 17361

DORIS HEYNE

AUTUMN HOUSE – RM #B15
2618 E MARKET ST
YORK PA 17402

BETTY HILDEBRAND

5699 SWAMP RD
FELTON PA 17322

DEB MORTHLAND

440 E KING ST / APT. 127
YORK PA 17403

CORDELIA WOLFE

9415 YELLOW CHURCH RD
SEVEN VALLEYS PA 17360

ST. PAUL UCC MEMBERS WITH HEALTH CONCERNS

DAVID BOYER, MARK CRAMER, JANICE FRITZ, NANCY LEBER, RICHARD LEBER, BRENT MORTHLAND, BOB & JANE SCHMIEDT, NICOLE SMITH-ZEIGLER, ALLAN SOTO, RICHARD & DORIS WINEMILLER, CORDELIA WOLFE

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY

DIANE PAXTON
QUENTIN LIST
GEORGE HESSE
BETTY AREY
KENNY AREY
BOB DENNEY
SANDY HUNT

BONNIE PRICE
DAWN ULRICH
DENNY, DEBBIE, DERRICK
JUDY FAILING & FAMILY
BOB TYRRELL
KELLY KASHNER
SHARON BLEVINS
DONALD GEETING

HENRY WHERLEY
SANDY & KIM STERNER
KIM MARKLE
PAUL ENGEL
SHIRLEY RUTH
MARTY SAUBEL
NOLA SMITH
CASEY TYRRELL

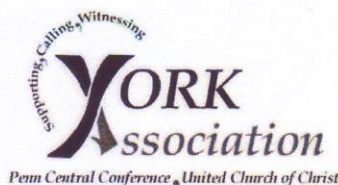
TAVEN
MICHAEL BLESSING
JESSIE WRIGHT
ISABELLA ROSE KUPISCH
TESS SPRADIN
MARY ALICE BUTKOFKY
DAN & TRACY RUSSELL

PEOPLE AROUND THE GLOBE EXPERIENCING FLOODS, EARTHQUAKES,
TSUNAMIS, FIRES, FAMINES, VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS, ETC.

BLESS OUR TROOPS Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SERVING IN AND/OR SUPPORTING THE MILITARY & AROUND THE GLOBE:

PRESIDENT TRUMP, FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, CITY AND TOWN GOVERNMENTS



**Partners in Blessing - Cooperative Mission,
April 2019 - Newsletter**

NEWS of the 27 Churches of the York Association

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 Cooperative Ministry
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Mission Statement

We, the members of the York Association of the United Church of Christ, are called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to represent Christ by:

- supporting one another in our covenantal relationship;
- calling clergy and laity to mutual accountability to the faith and order of the church;
- witnessing together to God's redeeming love. (Adopted April 28, 1991)

Greetings from the York Association

Here we are the start of Lent, where did the first 3 months go? We start our way to the CROSS. As I was reading my devotions and going through Facebook this past week, I came across this and thought I need to share.

NEED WASHING

A little girl has been shopping with her Mom in Wal-Mart. She must have been about 6 years old, this beautiful red haired, freckle faced image of innocence. It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there, under the awning, just inside the door of the Wal-Mart.

We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day. Her little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in, "Mom let's run through the rain," She said. WHAT? Mom asked. Let's run through the rain!" She repeated. No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit," Mom replied. This young child waited a minute and repeated: "Mom, let's run through the rain..." We'd get soaked if we do," Mom said. No, we won't Mom. That's not what you said this morning," the young girl said as she tugged at her mom's arm. "This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?" Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, "If God can get us through this, He can get us through anything!" The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one left. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith. "Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If GOD lets us get wet, well maybe we just need washing, Mom said. Then off they ran. WE all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they

darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They got soaked. They were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars. And yes, I did. I ran, I got wet. I NEEDED WASHING. Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away our health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories. So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories every day. To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven. I HOPE YOU STILL TAKE THE TIME TO RUN THROUGH THE RAIN They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

May you find Peace, Blessing and Walk through the Rain
 JoAnn Kreeger, President

York Association Executive Board

President JoAnn Kreeger, Vice President Ron Oelrich, Secretary Kathy Seiler, Treasurer Rob Brown, Communication Chair Ron Oelrich, Parish Life Ruthann Seibert, Nominations Dennis Weidler, Community Outreach Kathy Sherry

Evening Lenten

Worshipful Experiences Around the Table

Join us on Wednesday nights, 6:30 – 8 pm for a light dinner and worship as we explore how to BE THE CHURCH today.

Mar 20	Racism @ Faith UCC, 500 Pacific Ave, York
Mar 27	Disabilities @ Dover UCC, 100 Canal St, Dover
Apr 3	LGBTQ @ St Paul's UCC, 205 W. Main, Dallastown
Apr 10	Climate @ Heidelberg UCC, 47 W. Philadelphia St, York

YA Celebration Banquet - April 28, 2019

Where	Wyndham Garden, York
Time	Doors open at 12:00 pm Program starts at 1:00 pm Lunch served at 1:15 pm
Keynote:	
Cost	\$20 per person
Menu	Sliced Roast Beef, Stuffed Chicken Breast or Garden Pasta
To Register and/or Questions	Annette Masenheimer – 717.578.5862 or email masenheimer.annette80@gmail.com Info needed: church name, number of people, and menu entrée choices
Registration Deadline	Monday, April 15. After the 15 th , send late registrations to Joannkreeger06@gmail.com or call 717.579.5674
Bring	Community Outreach committee is asking each church to fill ONE reusable grocery store bag and bring it to the Celebration Banquet in support of Mr. Sandy's Helping Hands for Veterans.

*The York Association
invites your presence at
and participation in
the Pastoral Installation
of The Reverend Sue Oelrich
on Sunday, April 7, 2019
at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary
of Locust Grove United Church of Christ
1035 Locust Grove Road, York, PA 17402
A light meal will be served
immediately following the Installation.
Clergy are invited to robe and wear a Red (or a favorite) stole.*

YORK UCC MINISTERIUM 2019 MTGS	
4-30-19 Tue, 6PM Dutch Apple Dinner Theater (\$57 due 3-14-19) Buffet	"Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"
5-15-19 Wed, 10:30 – noon Dover UCC	

Around the Association

Zion UCC, 100 Lafayette St., York (south side of Penn Park)

What: Public Forum

When: Tue, April 9, 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

- A "Black Collective" community forum will be held, in cooperation with Crispus Attucks, featuring County Commissioners and York City Council members and candidates, moderated by Ron Martin. It will be held in our large Sunday school room & refreshments will be served.

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What: Arts Exploration Program, @ Zion UCC

When: Wed, Apr 17, 24, May 1, 8

- Following a very successful after school "Arts Exploration" program for kids 5-10 in the Fall, through our partnership with Creative York, Zion will again sponsor the program on successive Wednesdays. Info and pre-registration forms may be obtained by contacting Charles (Chub) Neiman, 717.792.1658 or email can@gte.net

Hayshire UCC, 1035 Locust Grove Rd, York, PA

What: Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, April 6, 1-2:30pm

- Hop on over to Hayshire UCC for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Children ages 3-10 are invited to come search for candy-filled eggs, enjoy a snack and drink, and take pictures with the Easter Bunny! The event will be held rain or shine. For more information call 848-4007 or visit our website at hayshireucc.org.

Locust Grove UCC, 1035 Locust Grove Rd, York, PA

What: Chicken barbecue and bake sale

When: Sat, April 6, 2019, beginning at 11:00 AM, rain or shine.

- The public is invited. Dinners will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, until sold out. The cost of the dinner is \$9.00. The dinner will include one-half chicken, baked potato, applesauce, dinner roll and butter, cupcake, and beverage. Dinners can be eaten on site or carried out. To reserve dinners please call, 717-755-1318.

"Hate Has No Home Here" Signs



Each church will receive one sign free. Additional signs will be available at Association events for a donation of \$5.00 each. We would like each church to take a picture of the sign as it is displayed at your church and send it to info@yorkassociationucc.org to be placed on the York Association Facebook page.

Thank you! Community Outreach Committee

MAY newsletter deadline is, APRIL 11.

Send articles to the Newsletter Editor – Sue Barnes @

Editor Email: news@yorkassociationucc.org.

In addition, email church news, events and photos to Joe Kirkenir, Comm. & Social Media Mgr. for inclusion on the YA website and Facebook @ his

Email: info@yorkassociationucc.org.

**St. Paul United Church of Christ
Presents in Concert**

Troy D. Winemiller

In Honor of Cordelia Wolfe

**and remembering loved ones and
friends who have passed with cancer**

Special Guests

Lynn Henderson Payne—Vocalist
(First public performance in 5 Years)

Ron Bellamy—Hand bell Soloist

Carole Knisely—Pianist

Rachel Wertz—Soloist

50-voice New Song Choir

April 28, 2019 @ 3 P.M.

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April

Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month.

WORSHIP — 10:15 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9:00 AM

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