The *"Good News"* of St. Paul United Church of Christ

September 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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Shrewsbury, PA 17361
Phone: 717-235-7003
Email: st.paulucc@verizon.net
www.saintpaulucc.com
Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Martha H. Boyer

Handicap Accessible
Staffed Nursery Available

Worship Service

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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARTHA BOYER

As the Fall approaches, I have been bombarded on the internet with resources for "Back to Church" Sunday, which we are planning for on September 8. Could it be that all churches are working really hard at getting folks to come back to church after the summer vacation from church?

Hopefully your summer provided you with spiritual refreshment and renewal. Won't you bring to worship that day a "Souvenir" or memory from the summer? You will have the opportunity to share it during the worship that Sunday. Now this reminds me of my childhood when we often had "show and tell." I will invite you to share your item or memory with all of us that day. Please come back to church that day!

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

BLOCK PARTY

SOUTH MAIN ST.
SHREWSBURY

September 28th,2019 ---- NOON to 3:00pm

CHURCH TOURS – FREE FOOD – GAMES - FELLOWSHIP

ALL are WELCOME

CHRIST LUTHERAN
105 S. MAIN ST.

KID'S GAMES –1:30 until 2:30
Southern Regional Police UNIT
CLC Pre-School mini TOURS
CLC PRAISE BAND – 2:30
(in the sanctuary)

Christ Lutheran Church
Shrewsbury, PA

Welcoming, Worshiping, Working for CHRIST...Together

ST. PAUL'S UCC
161 S. MAIN ST.

FIRE PIT GOODIES
BOARD GAMES
Fire Company UNIT
EMS UNIT

Saint Paul United Church of Christ
A small church with a big heart

SOUTHERN YORK COUNTY PANTRY ITEMS FOR THIS MONTH: boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, etc., Ramen noodles, applesauce (no glass jars) (make sure the items are not past the expiration date!). The pantry can also use donations of brown paper bags. You may also make a monetary donations. Give so others might LIVE!

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GREETER is needed for September.

BULLETIN SPONSOR for SEPTEMBER
Loretta in memory of her father, Melvin Shaffer Sr.

Bulletin cost: $7/week. Please make checks payable to: St. Paul UCC & give to Sandy Schroeder.

OFFICE HOURS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER. Beginning Tuesday, September 2, Pastor Martha will be in on Mondays & Tuesdays from 8:00—11:00a. or other times by appointment. If you need to reach her at other times, please call 717.858.2991 or email: marthahboyer@hotmail.com.

The secretary will be in the office **Tuesdays** & **Thursdays** from 8:30a until 1p. Other times, please leave messages on the answer machine or email: st.paulucc@verizon.net.

BACK-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY—SEP. 8
Bring to worship that day a "Souvenir" or memory from the summer? I will invite you to share your item or memory with all of us that day. Please come back to church that day!

Adult Sunday School: *"God's Promises for Your Every Need"* begins again on September 8. Please join us at 9:00am for our lively discussions. For more information, contact Pastor Martha Boyer at 717 858-2991.

CONSISTORY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 7 PM. ALL CONSISTORY AND CONGREGATION MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!

LUNCH BUNCH – will meet again on Monday, September 16 at noon at Round the Clock Diner on Memory Lane. Please let Sandy Schroeder know if you plan on going along so she can make reservations. Everyone is welcome!!

CHURCHES ON S. MAIN ST. BLOCK PARTY & OPEN HOUSE—SEP. 28 FROM 12-3pm.
St. Paul Church is joining with Christ Lutheran on September 28 from 12-3pm. There will be food, games, a children's bounce house and more. It is free and will be held rain or shine. *If you are able to volunteer, please see Pastor Martha.*

SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 13—SPECIAL SPEAKER REV CARRIE CALL, PHD, CONFERENCE MINISTER.COVERED DISH TO FOLLOW.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 AS WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION!

ASSISTING MINISTERS SEPTEMBER					
	September 1	**September 8**	**September 15**	**September 22**	**September 29**
FLOWER SPONSOR(S)					
READER	Jan	Nancy	Tom	Andrew	Joan
BULLETIN SPONSOR(S)	In loving memory of my father, Melvin Shaffer Sr., by Loretta.				
HOSPITALITY					

ASSISTING MINISTERS OCTOBER				
	October 6	**October 13**	**October 20**	**October 27**
FLOWER SPONSOR(S)				
READER	David	Pr. Martha	Mark	Jan
BULLETIN SPONSOR(S)				
HOSPITALITY				

CHECKING SUMMARY 07/01 THROUGH 07/31

Balance as of 07/01 ..... $2,491.67
July Inflow 8,327.70
July Outflow ..... (5,307.11)
Balance as of 07/31 ..... $5,512.26

Copies of the minutes (unapproved) from the June 10, 2019, Consistory Meeting are available in the narthex.

September 1 ***Pentecost 12*** Sermon: The Ministry of Hospitality *Holy Communion*

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 2:4-13
Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Reader: Jan

September 8 ***Pentecost 13*** Sermon: Identity Crisis *Back to Church Sunday*

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11
Epistle Lesson: Philemon 1:1-21
Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:25-33

Reader: Nancy

September 15 ***Pentecost 14*** Sermon: Lost and Found

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10

Reader: Tom

September 22 ***Pentecost 15*** Sermon: Good Living

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 8:18—9:1
Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:1-13

Reader: Andrew

September 29 ***Pentecost 16*** Sermon: Surprise

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19
Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:19-31

Reader: Joan

We are looking for scripture reader volunteers who would want to read for various Sundays. Please see Pastor Martha or Joan if you would like to be put on the schedule.

[CR] Craft Room (upstairs) **[FH] Fellowship Hall** **[S] Sanctuary**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ***Pentecost 12*** **10:15A Holy Communion**	**2** *(Office Closed)* **LABOR DAY** 7-8:15p NA Mtg. [FH]	**3** 9A–5P WIC [FH]	**4** 12noon NA Mtg [FH]	**5**	**6**	**7**
8 ***Pentecost 13*** **9:00A Adult Sunday School** **10:15A Worship** ***Back to Church Sunday***	**9** **7P Consistory** 7-8:15p NA Mtg. [FH.	**10**	**11** 12noon NA Mtg [FH]	**12**	**13**	**14**
15 ***Pentecost 14*** **9:00A Adult Sunday School** **10:15A Worship**	**16** **12noon Round the Clock-Memory Ln.** 7-8:15p NA Mtg. [FH]	**17**	**18** 12noon NA Mtg [FH]	**19**	**20**	**21**
22 ***Pentecost 15*** **9:00A Adult Sunday School** **10:15A Worship**	**23** 7-8:15p NA Mtg. [FH]	**24**	**25** 12noon NA Mtg [FH]	**26**	**27**	**28**
29 ***Pentecost 16*** **9:00A Adult Sunday School** **10:15A Worship**	**30** 7-8:15p NA Mtg. [FH]					

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/09 Pat Bonner
Janice Fritz
09/26 Tom Wolfe
09/30 Sandy Schroeder

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THANK YOU TO:

Mark for arranging for the Brodbecks Band to play at our special worship service on August 4.

Jan and friends for organizing the fellowship covered dish afterwards.

Everyone who attended and brought a covered dish to share!

EVERYONE'S HELP WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn, or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude

Celebrating An Anniversary This Month

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09/09 Vernon & Nancy Seim
09/13 Jason and Nicole Smith-Zeigler
09/27 Brenda & Allan Soto

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

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Our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Doris Heyne who passed to the church triumphant and peace on July 5. Doris was a lifelong member of St. Paul and a faithful servant. Please keep this family in your prayers.

To: Pastor Martha & congregation of St. Paul U.C.C. The family of Doris Heyne would like to express our gratitude for your support and condolences upon her passing. A special thank you to everyone who helped with the funeral luncheon. Doris always looked forward to Pastor Martha's monthly visits and those of the ladies of the church. It meant so much to Doris & us also. Thank you all and God bless.

Bob & Deb Heyne

Members Homebound

DOT EDSALL
APT 313
100 LUTHER RD
SHREWSBURY PA 17361

BETTY HILDEBRAND
5699 SWAMP RD
FELTON PA 17322

DEB MORTHLAND
APT 127
440 E KING ST
YORK PA 17403

CORDELIA WOLFE
9415 YELLOW CHURCH RD
SEVEN VALLEYS PA 17360

MEMBERS:

MARK CRAMER, JANICE FRITZ, NANCY LEBER, RICHARD LEBER, DEB MORTHLAND, BOB & JANE SCHMIEDT, NICOLE SMITH-ZEIGLER, ALLAN SOTO, RICHARD & DORIS WINEMILLER

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY

EVAN ANDERSON
DELORES LIST
JEFF PAXTON
GEORGE HESSE
BETTY AREY
KENNY AREY
BOB DENNEY
SANDY HUNT
BONNIE PRICE
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
TAVEN
JESSIE WRIGHT
ISABELLA ROSE KUPISCH
TESS SPRADIN
MARY ALICE BUTKOFSKY
DAN & TRACY RUSSELL

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

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.

PRESIDENT TRUMP, FEDERAL, STATE, CITY AND TOWN GOVERNMENTS

Supporting, Calling, Witnessing
YORK Association
Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ

Partners in Blessing - Cooperative Mission, Cooperative Ministry

NEWS of the 27 Churches of the York Association

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September 2019 - Newsletter

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

On July 28-Aug 2 Starview United Church of Christ hosted the Servants Home Help Work Camp for the Northeast area. We have been hosting this camp at Starview for 10 years with the help of 4 churches in the area serving the 60 volunteers' breakfast and dinner each day. Then on Friday evening the homeowners are asked to join us for a dinner and to share their time with us. The homeowners are so very grateful the time that is spent repairing their homes inside, outside, lawns, fences, roofs, and caring for small children and just the time spent in conversation with them. So, my prayer for you is that if you can find the time next year to come and spend time with us at Starview United Church of Christ please do so by contacting our office or ask for JoAnn Kreeger and I can give you more information. This is truly God's Work and a great helping hand in the community.

As I was reading my daily devotion this stuck with me.

WE'VE COME THIS FAR

"By faith Abraham obeyed...By faith he stayed. By faith he received."

Hebrews 11:8-11 (NRSV)

The writer of Hebrews is on a roll. He is working himself up to make a point, and it's a good one: This blessed path we call life is made by putting one foot in front of the other and taking one risky leap after another--in faith, without a net.

Every time we say "yes" to hope, life starts over again. Whenever we trust the power of love, an entirely different future begins to take shape. Greatness becomes possible when we are willing to become fools. Of course, there are no guarantees. That's what makes it faith. Still, history suggests that God is faithful even when we are not, that miracles can happen even after we've laughed in God's face. The road that got us here was paved by flawed people who trusted God's promise of life abundant. By faith they had received a vision of another, better world, and so they kept going even when they could not see the way forward. Take a moment today to remember and give thanks for your heroes in faith, both the ancestors who made your sweet life possible and the current companions who inspire you every day. Take another moment to recall the twists and turns in your own journey, taking special note of what happened when you risked everything, and how that ever-unspooling thread of grace kept pulling you forward.

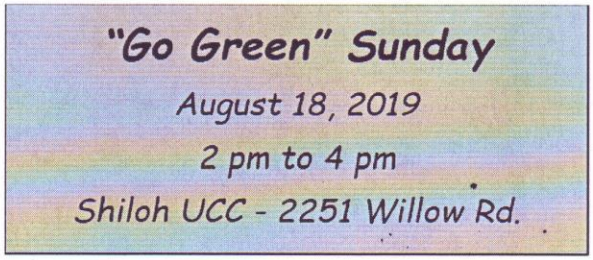
With that in mind, consider again the challenges ahead. Trusting in what is yet unseen, resolve to run the race with perseverance and hope and love. Trustworthy God, we've come this far by faith. Don't let us turn around now.

Blessings,
JoAnn Kreeger, President of York Association

Child on Child Sexual Abuse Workshop

Adults & teens age 12 and up are invited
to attend an educational workshop:
Child on Child Sexual Abuse Recognize. Respond. Intervene.
September 22, 2019, 2:00-4:30 pm
Hosted by St. Paul's United Church of Christ,
2173 Stoverstown Rd, Spring Grove, PA 17362
717-225-6357
Facilitated by Deb Helt of Samaritan Counseling Center,
Samaritan Safe Church Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

Plan to join the York Association:



Seeking a Church or Churches to Share in Kenya Partnership

Emmanuel United Church of Christ, York has partnered for more than ten years with Mercy Home Orphanage in Luanda Kenya. Beginning in 2007 the congregation raised money to pay for the high school education fees for 10 girls who live at Mercy Home Orphanage. (In Kenya public education is free only through grade 8.) In 2008 17 girls were sent to high school. Beginning in 2009, Emmanuel has sent $5,000 each year to cover the high school fees for 21 of their students. The money is raised by our sandwich sales, yard sales, pecan sales and occasional concert. As a congregation, we choose to help educate the young women out of love and joy. We delight in the many benefits to society, cultures and to the world when young women are educated. (Link) https://centralasiainstitute.org/top-10-reasons-to-support-girls-education/

Three of our Emmanuel covenant participants have traveled multiple times to visit the Orphanage to witness the abundant life of these joyful people, to encourage the students in their studies and to share their stories with our congregation.

As we recently worked on our church profile, we reflected on how this partnership has transformed us as a congregation over the years; and how close we feel to this group of Kenyan people who are continents away and who are living so differently than ourselves.

Because we have witnessed their simple yet joy filled lifestyle, we are more aware of the use and abuse of our own natural resources. We actively seek to lessen our carbon footprint by altering our personal and congregational lifestyles with regards to fossil fuels, food, and personal possessions. As Kenya is a patriarchal society, we feel that educating young women helps them to develop a voice to state their cause, and we have become more aware of gender equality issues in our own country.

Emmanuel has become more appreciative of the reality that there is more than one "right" way to view the world. Each of us is very much defined and shaped by the culture in which we were born and raised, even down to the faith in which we practice. When one becomes more aware of this dynamic, it allows for an openness to better understand and appreciate those "different" from us.

We seek a church(es) who might also be looking for a transformational mission. Your help could be in the form of prayer for the young women, money to support their education, or help with selling for our sandwich or pecan sales. If this captures your imagination and attention, just send us an email at emmanuelucc@gmail.com or call 717.801.1084 and leave a message and we will communicate with you.

Submitted by Emmanuel UCC, York

Around the Association

Hayshire UCC, 100 Haybrook Drive, York, PA

What: Hayshire Preschool Openings

- Classes for 3 and 4-year olds. Two, three or five days a week. Call Jackie Bailey at 717:852-8607 for more information.

What: Hayshire UCC Car, Truck & Bike Show
When: Sat, Aug 24, 10:30-3 pm

- ALL makes and models of cars, trucks & motorcycles are welcome. Registration fee is $15/vehicle and can be completed in advance by calling the church office at 717:848-4007 or on the day of the event from 9-10:30 am. There will be food, music, and crafts for kids.

New Hope (Fissel's) UCC, 3426 Fissel's Church Rd, Glen Rock (located below Susquehannock High School)

What: Holiday "Make It & Take It Craft Day"
When: Sat, Oct 19, 9am – 2pm

- Come and spend the day with us making crafts & gifts. All items individually priced, make as many items as you wish, all supplies are provided. This event is not promoting any specific projects, just the love of crafting. Light lunch and bake sale items will be available. Proceeds benefit the *"Relay for Life & H.O.P.E"* . Check us out on Facebook @ *newhopefissels* for up-to-date information and pictures. For more information call Pam at 717:521-4259 or the church office at 717:235-2033

What: Friday Mornings' Coffee and a Prayer
When: Fri, Sept 20 thru Fri, Nov 22, 7am – 8am

- Join us Friday mornings for Fissel's Drive-Thru coffee and a prayer time. See you in the parking lot in front of the church. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the church office at 717:235-2033. Everyone Welcome!

OCTOBER newsletter deadline is, **SEPT 12.**
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

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

Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month.