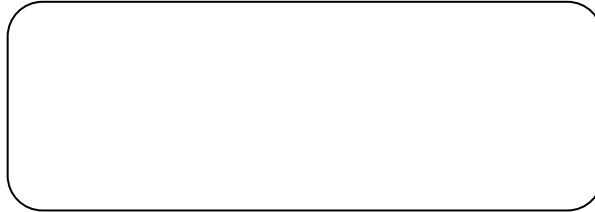


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- Sunday Church School ● 9:15 AM
- Contemporary Service ● 9:15 AM
- Traditional Service ● 10:30 AM

### Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8AM-1PM; 1:30-4:30 PM

### The Upper Perkiomen Child Care Center

- a ministry of St. Paul's  
Weekdays: Mon-Fri 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM  
infant, toddler, 3&4 yrs., Pre-K, 6-12 yrs.

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### ~STATEMENT OF MISSION~

St. Paul's, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a gathering of God's people called to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. To fulfill our mission we are committed to be a faith community that:

- invites and welcomes others to share in the ministry of this church;
- gathers in joyful thanksgiving to be nourished by God's gifts of Word and Sacrament;
- promotes daily discipleship of its members by following Christ's example
- provides a variety of opportunities for making Christ's love known through worship, education, fellowship, service and the stewardship of God's gifts;
- responds to Christ's call for justice and peace in our community and world.

## Partners in Mission in the Body of Christ

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### Committees, Groups & Organizations

Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesday @ 8 PM	
Altar Guild	Bonnie Thomas	679-5553
Appalachia Service Project	Ron Rodenberger/Matt Stever	
Cemetery Association	Henry Thomas	679-2902
Cherub Choir	Patricia Klinger	610-265-3869
Christian Education	Patricia Klinger	610-265-3869
Finance	Charles Shagg	679-2083
Evangelism		
Kitchen	Donna Stever	679-7521
Men's Fellowship	Church Office	679-5553
Music Committee	Mr. Reiner Mauer	679-6886
Narcotics Anonymous	Sunday @ 8 PM	
Newsletter – Vision	Church Office	679-5553
Prison Ministry	Bonnie Bonser	679-9126
Property	Frank Grim	679-5553
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Cub Scouts	Tracy Lauanders	215-703-3162
Youth Team		

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



1	Mark Cummins	
	Anne Gable	
	Cindy Marks	
2	Sandra Bergey	
	Jean Croisette	
3	Diane Leister	
	Kaitlyn Scoma	
	Corryn Twisdale	23
	Kassandra Walter	
4	Kim Watts	
6	Marianne Schatz	24
	Brian Thomas	
8	Linda Shagg	
9	John Dunwoody	
	Lewis Hill	
	Bryce Lesko	
	Brenden Malloy	25
10	Lorraine Fox	
	Jayna Lynch	
	Tracy Peart	
	John Wilson	
11	Ed Lapinski III	26
	Loren Schultz	
13	Bonnie Ferrero	27
	Karen Juzbasic	
	Nancy Yerger	28
14	Devyn Kerr	
15	Robert Wood	
16	Todd Fogel	29
17	Collin Enright	30
	Jesse Keyser	
	Donna Montich	
18	Donna Gerhart	
	Karen Quinn	
	Denise Wenzel	
19	John Haines	
20	Brian LaSalle	
21	Grant Garges	
	Amy Stever	
22	Cameron Klavon	
	Kevin Mench	
	Gary Peterman	
	Jennifer Twisdale	
	Ramon Lapinski	
	Sandra Roth	
	Ronald Shup	
	Megan Feldmose	
	Nicholas Ferrero	
	Miles Hontz	
	Mary Leister	
	Cheryl Lord	
	Elizabeth Marion	
25	Emily Foreman	
	Abigaille Fox	
	Abner Karver	
	Matt Rose	
	Pat Walter	
26	Alex Sole	
27	Frannie Lechner	
	Robert Mensch	
	Kristen Wampole	
28	Louis Heintz	
	Morgan Klavon	
	James May	
29	Nicholas Lapinski	
30	Thomas Henry	
31	MaryLou Stoneback	

*Did we miss your birthday? We apologize, and hope you will let us know so we can add it to our list.*

## *In Our Prayers*

### **~Hospitalized In The Last Month~**

Norm Benner – Grand View Hospital  
Robert Stevens – LV Hospital

### **~At Home~**

Forrest Allebach  
Barry Angstadt Cousin of Shirley Kaiser  
Paul Angstadt Cousin of Shirley Kaiser  
Ronnie Angstadt Cousin of Shirley Kaiser  
The Blanchek Family – Cousins of  
Diane McMurtrie  
Gloria Bobyak – Friend of Linda Shagg  
John Bolton  
David Brey – Brother of Edith Stevens  
Richard Croisette – Claude's brother  
Jean Cupach – Sister of Alice Oliver  
Joe DiCarlo  
Harry Diehl – Brother of Barbara Roeder  
Jennifer Dorshimer – Friend of Grim's  
Michael Dziedzic- brother L Foreman  
Gregg Fetterman - – Cousins of  
Diane McMurtrie  
Lewis Fluck- father of Anne Gabel  
Jeffrey Fox- son of D & L Fox  
Don Fuoss- Donna Montich's father  
Orphia Gardian-D Richard's mother  
Evelyn Gerhard  
the Goodwin family  
Steve Green- son of Barb Green  
Ray Grucello  
Jeff Gruskaw -son in law of Lechner's  
Ward Haines- Bonnie Ferrero's dad  
Lindee Harney- friend of K Creghan  
Miles Hontz  
Wm. Kelso- neighbor of Leister's  
Shirley Keyser  
Eleanor King-home  
Carol Kratzer  
Diane Landis  
Kevin Langenbach -*Father of Kip &  
Kristen*  
Frannie Lechner  
Donald Lechner  
Alma Leister  
R & G Leister- Alice Hager's parents  
Betty Lonergan- K Cummins' mother  
Robert Mack- home  
Bob Mackon  
Nick Mantell

Shirley Marconi- D Turofski's mother  
Molly Mauro- J McMurtrie's cousin  
David McMurtrie- deployed  
Sharon McMurtrie-sister-in-law of Jeff  
Steven Moyer,Jr.-USN son of  
N McClain

Louise Mest  
Donald Moll- friend of Loretta Baver  
Delue Moyer  
Sharon Moyer- *wife of Scott Moyer*  
Bill Mullin- *friend of Carol Elias*  
Jamie Nase- *grandson of Nancy Nase*  
Gary Peterman - *brother of F Lechner*  
Pastor Phillips- *LCT Nursing*  
Elsie Rehak  
Franklin Renninger  
Tom Roth – *Son of Fern Roth*  
Lee Rose- *friend of the Grim's*  
Sandy Roth- home  
Jim Russ – *Uncle of Betsy Ferwerda*  
Tom Sands  
Marianne Schatz  
Christoph Schmidt  
Mildred Seasholtz  
Marie Seever- *friend of the Grims*  
Kelly Sell- *Diane Schantz's daughter*  
Braden Sell- *nephew of Jeremiah Sell  
& Heather Walter*  
Linda Shagg  
Landon Shoemaker- *grandson of  
Cheryl & Larry Weiss*  
Judy Shupe- *friend of Edith Stevens*  
Laura Harriet Smith- *A Zepp's sister*  
Arlene Smoll  
Walter Stevens- *cousin of Betty  
Treffinger & Leroy & Rbt Stevens*  
Kevin Steinman- *nephew of Ida Benner*  
Regina Stifter- *freind of Janet Hill*  
Sarah Sweinhart- *sister of D Schaffer*  
Jeanette Terpoilli  
Carl Thomas- *brother of H Thomas*  
Verna Thomas  
Betty Treffinger  
Barry Troxel  
Bob Twisdale  
Ray Valentine- *J Fox's grandfather*  
Gene & Barbara Woehr  
Gene Woehr  
Herbert Wolf  
Robert Wood  
Nancy Yerger

### **~In Memory~**

We remember in our prayers the friends & family of Robert Mack who was laid to rest on September 13, 2011. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Mack, Reeder, Walter, Rehak and Yerger families.

We remember in our prayers the friends & family of George J. Christy, who was laid to rest on September 20<sup>th</sup>, as well as Calvin and Esther Walter, and Harvey S. Keller who were laid to rest on September 24, 2011.

## **Retirement & Nursing**



**Frederick Mennonite Community**  
Norman Benner  
Ginny Dale  
Charles Keck  
Don & Frannie Lechner  
Anna Mensch

**Life Quest, Quakertown**  
Grace Leister  
Gordon Leister

**Little Lehigh Manor**  
George & Patricia Hoffman

**Lutheran Community at Telford**  
Betty Mensch  
R. William Phillips  
Evelyn Gerhard

**Souderton Mennonite**  
Alverda Smoll

**Pennsburg Manor**  
Dalton Boehm  
Theresa Kautz  
Marion Henry

**Manor Care Home, Allentown**  
Gladys Hetrick

*~Health Advocates Ministry~*

If you've passed any local pharmacy lately, you'll know that flu season is here. "Flu Shot" signs are everywhere for good reason. Influenza is not a disease to be taken lightly as deaths do occur. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older gets a yearly flu vaccine.



Our flu season generally starts this month, usually peaks in February, and can continue until as late as May. It takes 2 weeks for your body to develop an immune response after you receive the vaccine, so getting vaccinated as soon as possible offers you the most protection. Did you know that you can get infected by someone who has the flu one day before they develop symptoms and up to 5 to 7 days after they actually become sick? How is it spread? Can you get the flu from the vaccine? Are "stomach flu" and influenza the same thing? Take the flu IQ quiz at [www.FLU.gov](http://www.FLU.gov) - or ask one the Health Advocates.

*~To Ensure Hospital Visitation~*

To ensure pastoral visitations, please give permission to the hospital to include your name in the patient information directory and also to notify the church office.

*~A Special Thank You~*

I would like to thank my friends and family for all of their prayers, cards and visits when I was in the hospital recently. A special thanks to Pastor Vanderslice and Vicars Christopher and Ryan for their prayers and visits. Sincerely,  
Betty Treffinger

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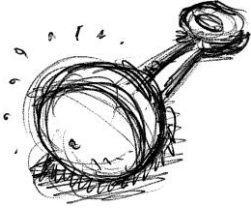
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~Bible Quiz~

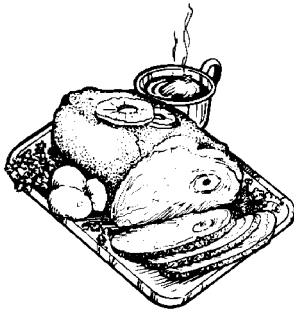


Many new parents choose “Bible names” for their babies. Of the following names, which two (one boy’s and one girl’s) are not found in Scripture?

- A. Eunice
- B. Priscilla
- C. Judith
- D. Clara
- E. Derek
- F. Obed
- G. Reuben
- H. Joel

ANSWERS: D and E

~Upcoming Events~



**ASP**  
**Appalachia**  
SERVICE PROJECT

Please join the ASP as they host their annual Ham Dinner to help benefit their outreach projects for the upcoming year. The Ham Dinner will be held on November 12, 2011 in the fellowship hall and all are welcome. We hope to see you all there! Let’s share some fellowship, great food, and our resources with the ASP so they can go out into the mission field and represent St. Paul’s – Red Hill next summer.

~Thrivent~

**Take a fresh look at your finances**

With the kids back in school, September is an ideal time to review your finances. Here’s how:

- 1. Identify financial goals.** Where have you made progress or fallen short? Update goals that have changed.
  - 2. Evaluate life changes.** Events such as getting married, having a baby or getting a new job can have a big impact on your finances. Plan ahead to make the transition smoother.
  - 3. Protect your assets.** Ensure you have adequate health, auto, life and disability insurance coverage.
  - 4. Evaluate investments.** Calculate the return on each of your stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Make sure you’re satisfied with their performance and your assets are diversified.
  - 5. Review your retirement plans.** Contribute the max to your employer’s 401(k) plan or an IRA.
  - 6. Prepare for the unexpected.** Review your will to ensure it still reflects your desires.
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St. Paul’s – Red Hill participates in the Thrivent *Care in Community*® matching funds program by supporting a local food pantry, soup kitchen, prison ministry, medical assistance and annual servant trip for home repairs in the Appalachia mountains.

A new program *Thrivent Choice* enables benefit members to designate Thrivent Choice dollars to St. Paul’s benevolent fund.

Pastor Vanderslice serves on the Upper Montgomery Chapter Board as Vice President and Coordinator of the *Care in Community*® program.



**~Church Phone Extensions~**

When calling the church or UPCCC, enter the extension for the person or classroom you wish to contact.

Callers without a touch tone phone will be transferred to the church office automatically.

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Pastor	Ext. 111
Vicar (Pastoral Intern)	Ext. 112

***Upper Perkiomen Child Care Center***

Little Explorere	Ext. 118
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Pre K	Ext. 119
Pre-School	Ext. 115
Twoodles	Ext. 120
School Age/Fellowship Hall	Ext. 116
Nursery	Ext. 117
Church Library	Ext. 123

**~The Lunch Bunch~**  
*A Fellowship Group for the Young at Heart*

**LUNCH BUNCH CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

The Date is **Wednesday, October 12 at 11:30 am in Church Fellowship Hall.**

We ask that you bring your lunch and your mug. Enjoy the Anniversary Cake and Ice Cream. Everyone aged 50 + is welcome. Bring your friends and relatives. We want to fill the room.

Our featured entertainment will be an ensemble of the famous Red Hill Band. They will play for our listening pleasure all types of music including those wonderful marches.

If you have your Redner tapes that you have been saving, please bring them along. Thank you. See you October 12.

**~Cemetery Flowers~**  
***Please assist with the care of the cemetery***  
*Within 30 days after any holiday or special occasion, please remove from the church cemetery floral decoration, flower plants, and faded artificial arrangements*

**~Bulletin & Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship~**  
***Do you want to remember someone? Celebrate something special with a loved one?***  
*Sponsor the Bulletin or Sanctuary Lamp for a given Sunday. A sign-up sheet is located in the elevator hallway on the bulletin board. \$20.00 donation required. We appreciate your support.*

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~Christian Symbols~



**Harp**

This multi-stringed musical instrument is associated with David, who played to soothe King Saul, and later wrote many psalms. The harp also represents praise music in general, as well as all the instruments people use to glorify God (see Psalm 71:22). The idea that angels play harps comes from Revelation 14:2

(“And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of ... harpists playing on their harps”).

~Paper Recycling~

Please help support UPCCC by bringing your paper to the recycle bin located in the lower child care parking lot. Newspapers, magazines, and junk mail are welcome. Please, no cardboard, that can't be recycle here. Thanks.



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~Journaling Has Rewards~

Regular writing is a rewarding way to improve your spiritual life. Journaling allows you to:

- express thoughts and emotions in a safe way,
- analyze problems and find patterns,
- face fears by writing them down,
- record and remember God's work in your life,
- record prayers and answers,
- remember life lessons that God is teaching you
- and stay focused on your priorities.

You can reap the many benefits of journaling without much preparation. To begin, all you need is a pen, paper and some regular quiet time.



**CHANGE**

The Latin phrase Ecclesia semper reformanda est means “The church is always reforming”; implied is “And that's good!”

Ongoing change and growth are important for individuals, too, but for many of us, change is hard. Use this prayer poem to embrace positive change, safe in the arms of our unchanging God.

Cradle to grave —  
How shall my life flow?  
Always the same,  
Never daring to grow? Since  
GOD is the same, always faithful and near,  
I'm free to move forward in spite of my fear. So...  
Naming the Lord as my Power through strife, I  
Go forth braving newness — in faith and in life!

—Heidi Mann

### ~First Communion Opportunity~

First Communion instruction will be held on Saturday, October 8 from 9 AM - 12 noon.

*Who is it for?* Anyone baptized who is in kindergarten or older, and has not received Holy Communion.

*What is it?* First Communion Class is an opportunity within the educational ministry of St. Paul's. The program is a family event where parents and children come together for approximately two hours on a given Saturday morning to learn about and reflect upon the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Communion within our lives. Those youth who complete this instruction decide with their parents and the pastor the time to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Normally, Holy Communion for these participants will be received on the first Sunday following the Saturday morning event.

This opportunity has been offered at St. Paul's since the early 1990's. The rationale for this Christian educational experience is based on a national church study completed in the 1970's which indicated that children can have a deep appreciation of the Lord's Supper and can discuss faith issues surrounding the sacraments using age appropriate language. Providing the First Communion Opportunity at an earlier age supports the involvement of our younger members in the worship life of the congregation and sacraments of the church. The family experience is an important part of this program.

*Is this a requirement?*

The First Communion opportunity is a time to grow in the means of grace and develop a closer relationship with our Lord Jesus. Those children choosing not to participate in the first communion class at this time will be offered this opportunity each year up to confirmation class.

*Does First Communion replace Confirmation?*

No. First Communion is one part of our confirmation ministry. The catechetical experience will continue at the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade levels. The sacraments of Holy Baptism and Communion will receive additional study during the catechetical experience.

### ~ Confirmation Ministry ~

Confirmation ministry is underway and is an opportunity to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, affirm the Christian faith, and assume a larger role in the life of the Christian community through service to our neighbors. The Classes are listed below. Confirmation offers us an opportunity to pray for those who are experiencing this ministry and to help and encourage them in their studies.

- 10.02.2011 – Class | October 2 at 4:30 PM
- 11.06.2011 – Class | November 6 at 4:30 PM
- 12.04.2011 – Class | December 4 at 4:30 PM
- 01.08.2012 – Class | January 8 | 4:30 PM – note: 2nd Sunday in January
- 02.05.2012 – Class | February 5 | 4:30 PM
- 02.22.2012 - February 22 | 7:30 PM – *Ash Wednesday Service*
- 03.04.2012 – Class | March 4 | 4:30 PM
- 04.01.2012 – April 1 – no class meeting. Youth attend Wednesday, Lenten and Holy Week Services
- 04.05.2012 – April 5 | 7:30 PM - *Maundy Thursday service*
- 04.06.2012 – April 6 | 7:30 PM – *Good Friday Service*
- 04.08.2012 – April 8 – *Easter Sunday*
- 05.06.2012 – Class | May 6 | 4:30 PM
- 05.27.2012 – May 27 – *Pentecost Sunday / Confirmation*

### ~ Falling Apart ~

Have you noticed that things often seem to fall apart all at once? It could be a string of financial setbacks. First the refrigerator goes out, then the car won't start and next the roof starts leaking. Or maybe our relationships break down or our career unravels.

What can we do when hardships threaten to overwhelm us? Peanuts character Charlie Brown said, "I only dread one day at a time." But we can do better than that.

We can take a deep breath, cling to God's hand and keep walking, knowing that our heavenly Father is always with us.

## ~Chester Squeaks – Er - Speaks~



You know you are getting older when ~ the months seem like they fly by. Okay, it's October. But I enjoy October. It's when God brushes His autumn colors on the trees transforming the landscape. Take time to enjoy the season. You humans are moving at such a fast pace that you don't seem to take

the time to appreciate God's creation and beauty given to you. We critters, on the other hand, recognize and receive all that we have from the hand of God.

September got us back in the swing of things. And this month church activities are going full blast. There is rarely a dull or quiet moment in this old church building. Speaking of this old church building, I felt it move on the day of the earthquake! Quite an experience. But I have been busy scurrying around up and down all over this building checking in on all the various activities. You might only come for a service on Sunday morning, but there is lots more going on around here. It's almost too much for one little mouse to keep up with. NA, AA, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Robotics, music rehearsals, Jr & Sr Youth groups, Confirmation class, Lunch Bunch, child care, Sunday School, church meetings, it's making me dizzy just to think of it all. Then there are specials like the Women's Event, Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> which is Mrs. Chester's absolute favorite morning of fun and faith. And of course the special combination service at 9:15 AM on October 2nd to dedicate the elevator, bless the teachers and children of our Sunday morning program, and the acknowledgment of the pastor's 20 years here at St. Paul's. I am looking forward to hearing Pastor David Genszler, one of St. Paul's very own, guest preach that Sunday.

This month our child care center is celebrating it's 25th anniversary and the Lunch Bunch is celebrating it's 20th anniversary. We have been doing some good things for our community and they deserve recognition. Kudos to you both! We should be thankful for all the Lord has done and is doing through our hands.

Now I need to remind you of one more thing. I'm sure many of you know that we mice like peanut butter. But I want you to know that my family would never take food that didn't belong to us other than the crumbs you all drop on the floor - fair game. I know that St. Paul's is collecting

peanut butter for Open Line which supplies those who are needy in your community. However, you need to step up to the plate and do a better job. Remember, think peanut butter when going to the store. Think giving. Let's face it, a jar of peanut butter is a small investment you can make in helping your neighbors.

So, until next month ~ remember, the walls have ears!  
~ Chester

## ~Let God Be God~

Americans enjoy an abundance of freedoms. From what career we'll pursue to what we'll eat for lunch, we're constantly making decisions about what we want out of life. So it's hard to find peace when our plans go awry and our circumstances seem out of control.

A wise person suggested, "For peace of mind, resign as general manager of the universe." What if we stepped down and let God be God? He created the universe, after all. Shouldn't we trust him to run it?

## ~ Ways to Help~

**Do you know of people on the prayer list who perhaps are not in need of prayer?** We love to offer prayers for all those in need, and it's wonderful that we can come together as a family of faith and do so. Our list has gotten long enough that we may need to do some housekeeping. Please let us know if anyone you've placed on the list is doing well enough that they may not be as in need of prayer. Thank you.

\*\*\***FLOWERS:** There are many openings for people to sponsor Altar and Chancel flowers. Please call Heather Walter at 215-541-4069 if you wish to sponsor flowers. Arrangements start at \$35.00



**~Growing in Grace~**

*“Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. The best invitation we ever received! We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you - your tickets to participation in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust.” 2 Peter 1:3-4 Message Bible*

Last month we talked about knowing God. We begin to know who God is through the One who invited us to God - Jesus. Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God. God came in the form of a man so that we could see, hear, feel, understand, and relate in a manner we could comprehend. Jesus is the complete, total embodiment of God in flesh. Jesus is the One who presented us with the invitation to come to God. He is the Gate, the Door, the Way, the Truth, the Life we are offered in the kingdom of God. And none of us can get there, enter into, or find the kingdom of God without coming through Jesus!

So how can we please God? Well, according to the scripture above, everything that goes into a life pleasing God has been given to us by personally and intimately knowing Jesus, the One who invited us to God. Remember last month we quoted the scripture from John 10:30 where Jesus said, “I and the Father are one.” Jesus often told His disciples if they have seen Him then they have seen the Father. Indeed, we are told to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Jesus is the righteousness of God. He came proclaiming the kingdom. He came to show us God and to open the way into the kingdom to us through His death, resurrection, and ascension. But it requires a personal and intimate relationship with Him to have what He came to give us. There is nothing casual about seeking God. Knowing God requires commitment, time, and energy.

From the Bible and seeing Jesus we learn of God’s character and His ways. In Galatians God says that we will reap what we sow. That means what you plant you will harvest. This may be agricultural terminology, but God is saying whatever we invest our time, talent, energy, money, life into, that is what will come back to us. So the more time we spend reading and studying His Word, the Bible, to personally learn more of Him, the more of Him will be in us.

And not only did Jesus extend to us the invitation to come to God and know Him, but He also has given us great and precious promises. Do you know what those promises are? What good are promises if we don’t know what they are?

The Bible is filled with God’s promises to those who are His, in Christ. Like many things in life that are more appreciated when we have to work for them, we need to dig into the Bible to find these promises. After all, treasure is worth searching and digging for. And the promises of God are more precious than any treasure this world can offer.

If we want these promises, the God kind of life, and to personally know our God, we cannot live like the world lives. The kingdom of God is open to us through Jesus. But to live in it, we must leave the world behind. In other words, we can not live like hell and think we will go to heaven. We must change. And the first thing that has to change is our thinking. The only way that is going to happen is for us to diligently study the Bible. For the Bible teaches it is the Word of God that transforms our minds, renews our thinking, and by grace we change or start to conform to God’s ways. We begin to participate in the new life God has for us. But it does require us to turn our backs on the world’s thinking and ways of living and doing things.

Pursuing the kingdom of God is serious business and God takes it seriously. He does not compromise to condone our half hearted efforts. We need to be zealous for Him because He is zealous for us. He gave His best, His only Son, to die for us. Why should He not expect our very best? And even then our very best will not be enough. That is why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us. God knows our make-up and that we are but dust the Psalmist tells us. God is for us. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us. What a promise! We are the ones who need to never leave Him. Read your Bible and find the promises of God for yourself. They are terrific!

***Grace ~ the power of the Holy Spirit to do in us what we cannot do for and by ourselves.***

**~Peanut Butter~**

Please remember we are the community’s “peanut butter church” for the Open Line. Please keep those jars of peanut butter coming!

*~Upper Perkiomen Child Care~  
A weekday early childhood educational  
ministry of St. Paul's*

Nursery ~ Our Nursery is not only welcoming the fall season, but also 2 new friends; Alex and Kenzie. This time of year has us enjoying going outside and looking at all the changing colors. We are also enjoying learning and practicing American Sign Language.

Little Explorers ~ Autumn time is fun time in the Little Explorers! We are having fun by playing in leaves, carving a pumpkin and finger painting. We are also having a fall festival so that we can celebrate this beautiful season.

Twoodles ~ We have been busy in the Twoodles room! Our theme for the month is fall and we are learning about the color orange. Fire safety is our "hot" topic and we are working on several projects such as the Manners Bear and the Fire Dog. Of course we are also working on potty training!

Preschool ~ While we were sad to say goodbye to Miss Ashley, we have been having fun learning about apples, the color red, fire safety and our five senses. We are doing apple stamping and we are also making homemade apple crisp. YUM! We are also enjoying reading our new books from the Book Mobile.

Pre-K ~ Fall is here and the Pre-K class is celebrating the season by focusing on our themes of harvest, community helpers, and fire prevention. We are also learning about the letters F, G, W, and H and the color orange. One of our highlighted activities is a trip to a pumpkin patch/apple orchard and we are also doing a fall leaf project. As a special treat, we are cooking a pumpkin pie!

Kindergarten ~ It's back to school time and our class would like to welcome its newest friends, Shannon, Cailyn, Jimmy, Eva, Morgan, and Bryan. We are all having fun in our new Kindergarten classrooms while working on our monthly themes of self concept, apples, safety, and rules and our interest area of our 5 senses. We are also learning the letters T and M and the numbers 1 and 2. We are excited about our special projects, "Who's Who," "Circle Prints," "Apple People," and "Toothpick Sculptures."

School-Age ~ We would like to welcome our School-Age staff, Sarah Sensinger, Vicar Ryan Ferwerda and Cecelia Najera-Kriebel, and our newest children, Daryn Kelly, Miamor Colon, Erik Ollikainen, Brody Saitta, Madison Smith and Meghan Dickson. The before and after School-Age program is in full swing and we are busy doing after school homework, many fun-filled projects and practicing lines and music for our Christmas program. Tentative date for the School-Age Christmas musical is Thursday, December 8th, at 7:00 in the church sanctuary. More to come about this even in the November Vision!



There will be a Harvest Festival held on the grounds of St. Paul's – Red Hill on October 23, 2011 starting at 3PM. Events will include: scarecrow making, healthy family information, family apple launch and scarecrow judging, hot dog roast. Please join us for this event! If you have any questions, contact us at [stpaulredhill@comcast.net](mailto:stpaulredhill@comcast.net).



~Upcoming Events~

**Sunday Church School** | Ages 2 - grade 6 runs from 2nd Sun. of Sept. through the 4th Sun. of May on Sunday Mornings • 9:15 AM

**Jr. Youth Fellowship** - Grades 1 - 6  
Second Friday • 6:30 PM

**Sr. Youth Fellowship** - Grades 7 - 12  
Fourth Sunday • 4:30 PM

**Bible Study** Thursdays • 7:00 PM  
First & Third Thursday • 1:00 PM

**Cemetery Committee** • Third Monday • 7:00 PM

**Finance Committee** • Fourth Tuesday • 6:45 PM

**Congregational Council** • Fourth Tuesday • 7:30 PM

**Cub Scouts** meet Mondays • 6:30 PM

**Frontier Girls** (a new program) Fridays at 6:30 PM

**Daisy and Brownie Scouts**  
Meet Fridays • 6:30 PM (brownies every other week)

**Robotics Team** Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM &  
Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

**Table Talk** - Faith & Fellowship • 3rd Sunday • 4:30 PM

**Confirmation Ministry** | Grades 7, 8 & 9  
Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

**Victory House** – October 9th at 4:00 PM

**Property Committee** • October 3 • 7:30 PM

**Lunch Bunch** – October 12 at 11:30 AM

**Health Advocates** – Service at Pennsburg Manor  
October 19 at 10:00 AM

~Music Notes~

**Generations Choir** An inter-generational Choral Group  
Sunday Evening Rehearsal • 6:30 PM

**Handbell Choir** Sunday Evening Rehearsal • 7:30 PM

**Praise Team** Rehearsal on Mondays • 7:30 PM

**Youth Christmas Program**  
Rehearsals on Sunday, October 2 at 10:30 AM

~ Support Groups ~

**AA** – Meets every Wednesday at 8:00 PM

**NA** – Meets every Sunday at 8:00 PM



Saturday, October 1 from 2 – 7 PM to support Lutheran Disaster Response. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket, please see Pastor Vanderslice.

Tickets are \$20 per adult and include entertainment, and a meal of German sausages, spaetzle noodles, red cabbage and a beverage of your choice. It's a great cause, good fellowship and a fun afternoon.

In fact Jason Lauders who worships at 9:15 and the Vicar are entering a home brew beverage in their beverage competition at the Oktoberfest.

~Elevator News and Dedication~

**Sunday, October 2 at 9:15 AM**

*There will be one combined worship hour on Sunday, October 2 as we gather for the.....*



- ◇ dedication of the Elevator
- ◇ blessing of children and teachers for a new school year
- ◇ recognition of those participating in the educational ministries of St. Paul's
- ◇ Pastor David Genszler will be our guest preacher
- ◇ lunch following in Fellowship Hall

*Background on the Elevator* Following a year-long feasibility study in 2010, the congregation approved the elevator project.

Construction on the elevator project began in the hallway of the educational building in January 2011 utilizing a stairway access that connected all three levels of the church facility. The assembling of the elevator and related components began in March once the elevator shaft and electrical work was completed.

The elevator eliminates barriers that were not considered when the present church building was constructed in 1897. This two story church structure placed the sanctuary on the second floor to maximize heating efficiency when a coal furnace with center floor heating grates allowed the heat to rise throughout the building.

Today's church facility from 1897 is the fourth building on the present site used by the congregation since it moved from East Greenville to its current location in the 1730's. An educational wing was added to the church facility in 1957 to accommodate the expanding congregation's mission to the community.

**Reminder one combined service at 9:15 on October 2**

~Quotes~

“Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren.”

—Martin Luther

“No man ever got very high by pulling other people down.... Don't knock your friends. Don't knock your enemies. Don't knock yourself.”

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson

“God is in the business of taking old pieces of our lives, refinishing them and, at just the right time, surprising us with newfound beauty.”

—Susan Duke

~Adopt an Inmate~




Looking for a way to be salt and light in this world?

There is someone in prison who needs to see the love and grace of God in a very practical way.

If you have a heart for the lost and are willing to take the time to write a card or letter and to give \$30.00 of support per month, please contact Bonnie Bonser.

You can call, email or see Bonnie in person. Jesus is in business of changing lives, and we can help.

Go to [www.stpaulredhill.org/who-we-are/faith-in-action/prison-ministry](http://www.stpaulredhill.org/who-we-are/faith-in-action/prison-ministry) to view the powerful video *Taking One Small Step to Change Someone's Life*. One of the lay chaplains we relate to and support is featured in this video.



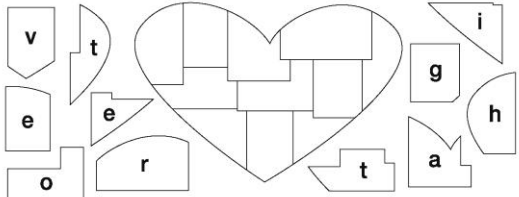
# PUZZLE

## How to give

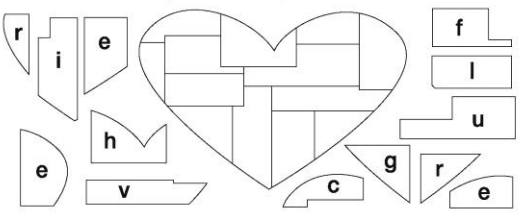
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

~Victory House~

On Sunday Sept, 11<sup>th</sup> Bob and Laura Foreman traveled to the Victory House to serve dinner to the residents there. Laura prepared a pot of roast beef at home that cooked all afternoon. The tender, full flavor roast beef, gravy and mashed potatoes, veggies and garlic bread made many faces smile and warmed many a stomach. One resident commented that it made him think of his mothers cooking and most enjoyed more than one serving. Even though the conversations were short that day, the enjoyment and gratitude that the residents shared with the team was wonderfully received.

The soup kitchen committee will be traveling to the Victory House again October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. If you are interested in preparing food, traveling to serve or helping in any other capacity, please contact Laura Foreman at [foreman3@hotmail.com](mailto:foreman3@hotmail.com), 215.272.1445 or sign up on the sheet located in Fish Tank Hallway. Thank you to everyone that has shared their time, money and prayers for the Victory House ministry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

*The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Women's Event 9AM
2 Combined Svc. 9:15AM Confirmation 4:30PM Generations Ch. 6:30PM Bells 7:30 NA 8PM	3 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Praise Team 7:30PM Property Com. 7PM	4 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Robotics 6:30PM	5 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Christian Ed 7PM AA 8PM	6 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Bible Study 7PM	7 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM J. Youth 6:30PM Frontier - Bromies Daisies 6:00PM	8 Robotics 9AM First Communion Class 9AM
9 Early Service 8AM Contemp. SCS 9:15AM Late Service 10:30AM Confirmation 10:30AM Victory House 4:00PM ASP Meeting 4:00PM Generations Ch. 6:30PM Bells 7:30 NA 8PM	10 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Cub Scouts 6:30PM Praise Team 7:30PM	11 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Robotics 6:30PM	12 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Lunch Bunch 11:30AM AA 8PM	13 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Bible Study 1PM Bible Study 7PM	14 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Frontier Girls, Daisies 6:30 PM J. Youth Something Pumpkin Nt 6:30PM	15 Robotics 9AM
16 Early Service 8AM Contemporary 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Late Service 10:30AM Table Talk 4:30PM Generations Ch. 6:30PM Bells 7:30 NA 8PM	17 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Cub Scouts 6:30PM Cemetery 7PM Praise Team 7:30PM	18 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Robotics 6:30PM	19 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Health Advocates of Pennsburg 10AM Men's Bible 7PM AA 8PM	20 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Bible Study 7PM	21 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Frontier Girls, Bromies & Daisies 6:30 PM	22 Robotics 9AM
23 Early Service 8AM Contemporary 9:15AM Sunday School 9:15AM Late Service 10:30AM Harvest Festival 4PM Generations Ch. 6:30PM Bells 7:30 NA 8PM	24 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Cub Committee 7PM Praise Team 7:30PM	25 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Robotics 6:30PM Finance 6:45PM Council 7:30PM	26 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM AA 8PM	27 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Bible Study 7PM	28 Weekday Child Care 6:30 AM-6 PM Frontier Girls, Daisies 6:30 PM	29 Robotics 9AM
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	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Comm Assist</b>	<b>9:15 Ushers</b>	<b>10:30 Ushers</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Counters</b>
<b>2</b>	8 AM Nicole Oswald 10:30 AM Stephanie Smith Wash Nancy Yeager	10:30 - #	8 AM Lewis Hill 10:30 AM Joanne Hensh	9:15 AM Team C  Bob & Mary Lou Webber	10:30 AM #6 Floyd Treflinger John Hinkle	10:30 AM Lewis Hill	Monday 3 - #6 Sandy Bergey Claude & Jean Croissette
<b>9</b>	8 AM Sandy Landis 10:30 AM Wash	10:30 - #	8 AM Cheryl Weiss 10:30 AM Robert Walp	9:15 AM Team D  Carol Elias Brad Hendershot	10:30 AM #7 Barbara Green Paul Goodshall	10:30 AM Cheryl Weiss	Mon 10 - #1 Sandy Bergey Diane Leister Eleanor King
<b>16</b>	8 AM Nicole Walter 10:30 AM Wash	10:30 - #	8 AM Henry Thomas 10:30 AM Jan Woertz	9:15 AM Team E  Debbie Gryshuk Katie Gryshuk	10:30 AM #8 Leroy Stevens  Tom & Sandy Landis	10:30 AM Henry Thomas	Mon 17 - #2 Fern Roth Dorie Brendlinger Linwood Genszler
<b>23</b>	8 AM Barb Miller 10:30 AM Wash	10:30 - #	8 AM Sandy Bergey 10:30 AM Vicar Ryan	9:15 AM Team F  Ron Rodenberger George Bonelkamper	10:30 AM #1 Bruce Bayer Lavonne Keyser	10:30 AM Sandy Bergey	Mon 24 - #3 Tom Sands Charles Shagg
<b>30</b>	8 AM Alan & Diane Richard 10:30 AM Wash	10:30 - 3	8 AM Charles Shagg 10:30 AM Robert Walp	9:15 AM Team G  Rich & Traci Kressley	10:30 AM #2 Nancy Yeager Pati Walter	10:30 AM Charles Shagg	Mon 31 - #4 Sandy Bergey Alan & Diane Richard