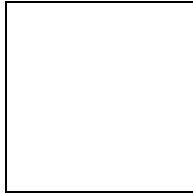


St. Paul's Epistle

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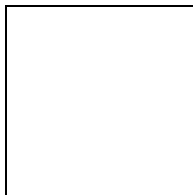
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March / April 2020



Altar Guild

Thanks to Nancy Lafferty and Nancy Downing who served in January and Deb Lush and Tina Watkins who served in February. Serving in March will be Anita Stock and Mary Little. Thanks to all who give their time.



Easter Service

We will celebrate the risen Lord with our Easter Service. Our worship with communion will be at 10:15 a.m. on Easter. Be sure to join us for this special time of reflection and rejoicing.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering (known as OGHS) is an annual offering received by the United Church of Christ that is used to meet human need throughout the United States and World. Storm victims, refugees, hungry people, those in need of a source of clean water,

and those needing help setting up a means to become self-sufficient (like raising chickens for sale in developing countries) all receive aid for the OGHS Fund. All the money collected is administered by the United Church of Christ and its partner churches throughout the world. On average 90 to 93 cents of each dollar collected is used for actual relief of needs with the other 10 to 7 cents covering administration costs.

The OGHS offering will be collected on Palm Sunday (April 5th). Can St. Paul's reach the goal of **\$2000.00** for this important ministry? There are 5 weeks remaining until Palm Sunday. If each member sets aside \$5, or \$10, or \$20 a week for this offering the goal can be reached. Traditionally Lent is a season for Christians to give something *up*. Maybe this year we can take something *on* – giving generously to this offering.

The church council decided in 2016 to tandem the OGHS Offering with the local food pantry. The OGHS Offering collected on Palm Sunday will be split with 80% going to the national OGHS Fund and 20% going to the New Oxford food pantry (New Hope). This means that if we reach our goal of \$2000.00 the local food pantry will receive \$400.00.

Over the next few Sundays more information about the OGHS Fund will

be shared. We hope that each one will give generously to a world in need.

NANCY L'S CORNER

Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring!!!! Ground hogs have been making their predictions since February 2, 1887. This is the 134th year that Phil has made his prediction. People from all over the country and news reporters come to Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pa. to take part in the prognostication celebration, which begins at 3:00am, and at 7:25am he makes his prediction. Sounds to me as though an item to put of my Bucket List!!!! Perhaps Spring is just around the corner.

SPRING FORWARD** March 8th Daylight Savings Time returns and Spring is on the way. Before the season was referred to as Spring it was called Lenten from a word meaning "long". The sun's path was higher in the sky and daylight time was longer. Springtime is the land awakening after a long winter's nap and hope for new beginnings.

THE NEW OXFORD FOOD PANTRY\New Hope Ministries – St. Paul's continues to support this ministry. The pantry is in need of tuna fish. There will be a TUNA FISH DRIVE – March 22nd. Let us strive for a minimum of 100 cans. Your contribution can be placed in the box located by the organ no later than March 22nd. Any questions, contact Nancy L.

LAUNDRY LOVE (LL) – St. Paul's continues to host the LL. THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that helped on February 26th.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – I received a letter just this week from York County thanking our church for our participation in 2019. York County

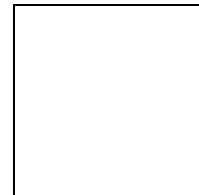
had over 18,059 shoe boxes that were collected by churches. There will be new updates coming for 2020.

SHUT-INS- Think about how you could brighten a day for a shut-in. Please remember outside communication is extremely important for them.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER – “Two lines of Robert Frosts’ poem, “The Road Not Taken” are very well known. “Two roads diverged in a yellow wood and I took the one less traveled’. The words allow us to decide whether to go with the mainstream of things or to step out of the box. We can actually relate this to St. Paul's. Are we ready to welcome new beginnings and step out of the box?

MIND STRENGTHNING – See how many words you can make out of PROGNOSTICATION. Until next time – enjoy the Spring when it arrives. It is supposed to be much colder the rest of this week. DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD!!!! Nancy L

PS – Sandy, I managed to get this done



Souper Bowl Sunday

Thank you to all who contributed to last week's Souper Bowl collection. A total of \$302 will be given to New Hope Food Pantry.

Council Minutes - January

January

Treasurer's Report: An update on the heating fund was given, and so far the church members have contributed over \$5,120. .

Pastor's Concerns:

An Easter Vigil service will not be held this year.

The Romans Study will conclude in about one month. At that time a plan will be together for a different plan on how to deepen our community of family life at the church.

The Pastor will take June 21, July 26, and August 2 off this year. That leaves one more week for 2020 and one carryover week from the year before.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Property/Maintenance:

Wall sanding has been done in the lower level, and trim baseboard will be installed. One estimate on digital programmable thermostats has been received, and another estimate will be obtained. A small leak in the boiler will need repaired. The Committee will be looking at the ceiling of the sanctuary soon now that the holiday decorations are down.

Evangelism/Mission/Sunbeam: We received a thank you from Samaritans Purse for our Christmas boxes and \$500 donation. A drive for the food pantry is recommended.

New Business:

E. Stock was thanked for helping move the piano with his trailer with help from J. Watkins and R. Stock.

Tom Downing was thanked for his service on the Council. The group welcomed Gena Eckert to the Council.

Election of Officers:

M. Deatrick was nominated by W. Hickman to remain President. This was unanimously endorsed.

S. Ruhlman nominated R. Stock as Vice President, which was approved.

R. Stock nominated G. Eckert to replace S. Sensel as Secretary, which was approved.

R. Stock nominated E. Stock to continue as Treasurer, which was approved.

Other Committees – S. Ruhlman will follow up on the Audit Committee. Two suggestions were Bob Berwager and Jackie Millhimes. R. Stock will ask if D. Ruhlman wants to continue with the Property/Maintenance Committee.

For Planning Purposes, the following meeting dates were scheduled: February 19, March 18, April 15, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 19, September 16, October 14, November 11, and December 9, 2020.

We need a new flower supplier. The group decided on the Flower Boutique at \$35 for two vases.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balance as of Jan. 31, 2020
General \$ 68,673.87

Improvement \$ 42,784.99
 Memorial \$ 12,226.73
 Budgeted Offering \$ 6,372.50
 Actual Offering \$ 4,251.00

25 Megan Stock
 27 Jackie Millhimes

*If anyone's birthday has been missed, please let us know. The office list is not complete.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EVERYONE!

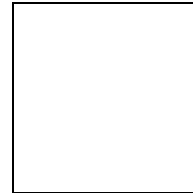
Happy Birthday

March Birthdays

1 Dorrie Miller
 Mark Mummert
 3 Steve Sipe
 Bentley McClelland
 4 Lindsey Rocks
 6 Karen Markle, Linda
 Novak, Marcena Walker
 8 Chris Morgret
 9 Detra Herrman
 11 Ed Schneider
 13 Michele Deatrick
 Brenda Hinkle
 16 Lanny Mummert
 Sebastian Stock
 20 Jett McClelland
 22 Joshua Craley
 23 Betty Millhimes
 24 Jennifer Kershner
 25 Dean Norris
 26 Vicki Craley, Timothy
 Eckert, Sarah Ruhlman
 Kayleigh Weathers
 27 Rick Moyer
 28 Mary Ellen Berwager
 29 Keith Mummert

April Birthdays

8 Ronald Platts
 Freddie Weaver,
 Kelsey Wood
 9 Deb Stock
 11 Alexis Dupler
 14 Becky Black
 17 Kevin Eckert
 18 Kayla McClellan
 Sue Sensel
 20 Courtney Brown
 22 Scott McCowen



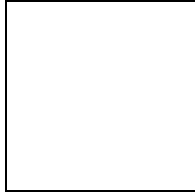
Prayer List

Gary Daum	Geneva Mummert
Jennifer Farrar	Linda Novak
Donna Gray	Cliff Reynold
Claire Kemp	Doris Jean Stock
Tom Meiser	Mary Stock
Jackie Millhimes	Linde Uffelman

New Hymnals

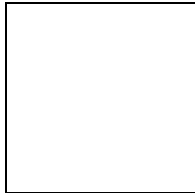
The new hymnal committee proposed the purchase of 125 new hymnals so that two hymnals could be placed in each hymnal rack. To date 83 hymnals have been ordered by members and friends of the congregation. The Council voted to order 125 of the new hymnals with 42 being purchased with funds from the Memorial Fund so that the project can be completed. During the month of March, those who are willing may purchase one or more additional hymnals so that the amount taken from the Memorial Fund is decreased. The additional hymnal may be ordered in memory or honor of a person or just simply given with no designation. Hymnal Purchase Forms remain on the table at the back of the sanctuary. An additional hymnal given without designation (in

memory, honor of) may be paid for by including an additional \$20.00 in your offering envelope and marked, "Additional Hymnal" \$20.00.



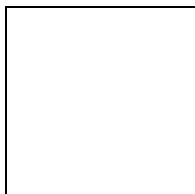
In the Event of Snow

In case of inclement weather that would cause driving to be a hazard and church would be cancelled, announcements will be made over WGET Gettysburg and WHVR Hanover radio stations. We may also run an announcement over the TV on channels 8 or 43.



The Warm Gift Tree

For this years donations, we received the following: 2 coats, 1 scarf, 1 pants, 13 hats, 18 pair of gloves, 24 pair of socks, 12 underwear and lots of wipes. Thanks to everyone that donated. The school



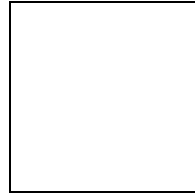
Ice Cream Social

We are having an ice cream social on Sunday, March 22nd, beginning at 6:30 PM. This is open to anyone who wants to enjoy some food, fun, and fellowship. You may bring a favorite topping or snack to share if you wish, or you may just come and spend an enjoyable

nurse thanks us. These will help a lot of children.

May / June Newsletter

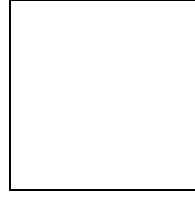
The deadline for the May /June newsletter will be Sunday, April 26th. Please have all information into the church office by then. Thank you



2020 Calendars for Newsletters, Flowers, Bulletins, and Choir

Anthems are posted in the Narthex. If you would like to sponsor any of these for any special date, please sign up. Newsletters are \$35, flowers are \$35, bulletins are \$12, and Choir Anthems are \$25.

evening playing games, socializing, or just relaxing while the homemade ice cream is being prepared. Mark your calendar now so you don't miss this fun evening at St. Paul's.



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