



The Courier

St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Indianland

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Letting Go and Holding On

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, do not refuse to hear me, for if you are silent to me, I shall be like those who go down to the Pit. Hear the voice of my supplication, as I cry to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary. Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who are workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors, while mischief is in their hearts. Repay them according to their work, and according to the evil of their deeds; repay them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward. Because they do not regard the works of the Lord, or the work of his hands, he will break them down and build them up no more. Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. O save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever. (Psalm 28, NRSV)

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Oftentimes, we hang on to stuff that is not good to hang onto and forget some things that we prefer not to. We get challenged by life all around us and we wonder how we will make it through. Our strength comes from the Lord per the Psalmist especially when we seem to be so overwhelmed and challenged. As people of faith, we can look to something far greater than ourselves to cope with life and deal with the many challenges that arise. We also have a unique opportunity to "drop stuff" or let go of that which is wise to get rid of.

The tough part in our faith is striving to figure it all out. After all, we are humans created in God's image and often struggling to find out where God might be, instead of focusing on where we might be with God. We hang on to the worst and let go of God when we really need to turn that around and let go of the worst and hang on to God.

What happens if we turn things around? For many a new outlook on life as well as in their faith comes to fruition. The situation might be as desperate as it was before, but when we change our focus to God and not to us, and hang on to that focus, we can certainly live the life God intended for us. We are discussing our 275th anniversary of St. Paul's church. There is a great deal of history in those years and we hold on to that which is worth celebrating. There were also some difficult times in those years and we have found ways to let go of the hurt, the frustration and the an-

Christian Education News

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We are seeing a new light in the midst of continuing challenges today. We still face the uncertainty of tomorrow, and perhaps the fear of it as well. However, the unchanging strength, our God, Our Savior, Our Spirit, is what will guide us, hold us, and strengthen us for the journey. Whatever and whomever you are struggling with, it is time to offer that to God. It is not a sign of defeat, it is a sign of faith and trust, that the Ones who know us best, will provide what we need to survive, not what we think we want.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. This verse, the 7th of the Psalm lifts up our hope and I pray opens our eyes to find ways to not only let go of the junk, but to hang on to the grace, the love, and the strength that is provided.

Have a blessed day and I look forward to letting go of the garbage, and hanging on to God more and more! May His peace be with you and in you always.

Pastor Martin

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A new Sunday school year has begun. On September 11, 2022, we welcomed a guest who entertained us and gave us a wonderful lesson in JOY!! Tootsee the Clown inspired us to go out into the world and pass along the JOY of knowing Jesus. Everyone received a balloon hat and animal to brighten our day.

This year we are breaking down our children into 3 classes. Terrance Field will be teaching our Nursery/Kindergarten class. Lisa Strohl will be teaching the elementary school children and Greg Glovas will be teaching the youth. Devon Angstandt has also volunteered to help in the classes.

We might have the positions for teachers filled, but we still could use additional help. Not everyone can be here on every Sunday morning. We need some teacher substitutes for when a teacher needs time off. If you are willing to share your time and your love of Jesus with our/your children of St. Paul's, please contact Beth Sikorsky. **SAYING YES DOES NOT MEAN A TEACHING LIFE SENTENCE!**

YOUR ARE INVITED!!!!

Each year the Church purchases curriculum for our adults to be used on a Sunday morning at 9AM. The curriculum is Lectionary based, which means the Scripture passages are the same ones Pastor Nuscher is preaching on at the 10:30AM Worship Service. I know we all like to sleep a bit later on Sunday and enjoy that nice cup of coffee or tea as part of our day of rest—the Sabbath. However, by learning about the Scripture before the service, you would be able to ask Pastor questions and gain a better understanding what the Scriptures are saying to you and others.

Why not come and see what this informal class is all about. If nothing else you could have the cup of coffee/tea with some friends.

Christian Education News and More!

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes have resumed in September continuing the use the Zoom format. Please inform Pastor Martin if there are any email changes. Gatherings will be either Sunday or Monday nights, twice a month. The dates for class this month are as follows: **Sunday, October 16th and 30th at 7:00PM and Monday, October 17th and 31st at 7:00PM.** If you have misplaced your Confirmation book, please contact Pastor Martin NOW!!! If there are any additional youth that are entering into the 7th grade or above, and are not currently participating in the two year program, they are eligible for the Confirmation program. It is not too late to register. There is a registration form on our website for those who need one. Please call or text (484) – 707 – 7006 or email Pastor Martin at pastor@indianland.org if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.



As we continue the planning for our upcoming 275th anniversary of St. Paul's, we wanted to provide some information so you may be able to plan around the dates we have marked to enjoy and celebrate this event. On Sunday, July 2nd, 2023, following our worship service, we will gather outside of the church building and pull the cornerstone that is holding the current time capsule. The contents of the time capsule as well as other historical memorabilia will then be on display in Fellowship Hall throughout the celebration. We will begin the anniversary celebration with special services planned from Sunday, September 10th, 2023 with a concluding celebratory service with Communion on Sunday, October 29th, 2023 — Reformation Sunday. We will also be having a lunch after the service, which is expected to be at the Northampton Community Center and more details will be coming soon.

We are looking at a banner that will be placed on the porch of the Church house to announce our celebration. Other communications and advertising will also be done. We will also be capturing memories, electronically, so that they may be placed in future time capsules to capture some of our thoughts, hopes and joys as members and friends of St. Paul's Church!

We are currently looking into candles to sell as a fundraiser to help offset some of the cost of this celebration, as well as a few other items to be announced soon. Please watch for continued announcements about these items as we move forward. Thank you.

PRAYER LIST

Current Need:

Debbie Budinetz	Gloria Newhard	Brenda Usher	Kirsten Bickert	Debbie Prutzman
Dustin Miller	Sallie Weaver	Linda Hartzell	Chris Kuntz	Dale Coughlin
Linda Baumgartner	Logan Krick	Kathy Heist	Ukraine	Carol Samuels
Carol and Angela	Debbie	Kelse Weston	Gina Sikorsky Mitchell	
Eric Hantz	Robert Knot	Johnny	John Weaver	Magdalaina
Mike Hartman	Mae Fredericks	Anne Harrity	Angie	Terry Carlton
Faye Neff	Kim Mickey	Jimmy Hurstman	Mike Miller	Annamary Sikorsky
Robbie Moore	Judy Silnik	Evan Hantz	Nancy Green	Andrea Coughlin
Zachary Long	Courtney Bloom	Kristen Meeker	Kay Bolus	Carol Williams
Harold Frable	Jeff Reihoff	Donna Whitman	Charles Wagner	Jerry
Nadia Cosper	Julie Gelfuso	Jessica Harris	Kayla Bartholomew	Jeanette Haram
Alyzah Borger	Ernest Muffley	Sergio Nino	Linda McCarthy	Ozzie Mincarelli
Robert Moyer, Jr.				

Longer Term Need:

Theresa Carbonell	Darryl Wentz	Jessica Smith	Pat James	Tina Rehrig
Brandon Snyder	Franklin Dorshimer	Joe & Deb McGeary	Mary Beatrice	Gary Kresini
Pat Neff	Vicki Hall	Cole Ruch	Kevin Reilly	Nigel Mease
Joseph Vadenya	David Jones	Linda Barkley	Aryiah	Becky
Russell Blakeslee	Deborah Peterson	Dawn Stattler	Karen Bet	Bob Bakross
Michelle Brosious	George Borger, Jr.	Marion Bossard	Sharlene Weaver	Shirley Cressman
Lori Rader	Pamela Martin	Susan Zachary	Joan Drey	Ashley Henninger
Stan Butz	Kim Rey	Sam Steinmetz	Clark Plummer	Edie
Jim Miller	Howard & Ida Bachman		John Hine	Darlene Hock
Joanne Peters	Rose Lanus	Dorian Arnwine	Margo Roberts	Robert Custard
Vicki Eltz	Jeannie Yehl	Linda Becker	Laura Rannella	Gail Bauer
Noah Iucci	Lisa Dotson	Amber Steffie	Corey Doolan	Louise King
Karen White	Ryan Holmes			
Peter Rosales	Cindy Hogman			
Katie & Maggie Paules	Janet Erickson			

Those Who Mourn:

The family and friends of Robert Cherry

The family and friends of Dean Spadt

Hands For Prayer



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

people & Places

- 2 — Jessica Long
- 3 — Dean Beers
- 4 — Julie Beltz
- 5 — Donna Miller
Parker Long
- 6 — Christopher Rehrig
- 9 — Eva Langley
- 13 — Amber Bickert
- 14 — Danielle LaBarge
- 21 — Tammy Marsh
Katelyn Bickert
- 22 — Shane Hershman
- 25 — Emily Fritz
- 27 — Monroe Balliet



Exceptional 80's Club

27 — Monroe Balliet

Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 — Tami & Wes Miller —
7 years
- 6 — Diane & Chris Kuntz —
32 years
- 7 — Sherri & David Penchishen —
27 years
- 15 — Melissa & Scott Fritz —
23 years
- 22 — Melissa & Daniel Siegfried —
17 years
- 25 — Inge & Joe Nierer —
53 years
- 25 — Diane & Frank Cseve —
9 years
- 27 — Tina & Michael Ressler —
32 years
- 31 — Marlene & Richard Kriner, Jr —
41 years

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

OUR MISSIONS

Noisy Offering for October is: Northampton Area Public Library

Mission:

To be the first point of access for information, self-enrichment, leisure, and social connections

Vision:

The Northampton Area Public Library strives to be a dynamic source of information, services, and programs in an ever changing community, always something new

History of the Library

The first public library in Northampton opened its doors on August 23rd, 1965. It was located in the bay at the north end of the Northampton Memorial Community Center. At the end of 1966 it was determined that the library location was inadequate for the public needs and a building fund was established by Dr. George A. Eichler, with a contribution on October 19th, 1966, but the fund grew very slowly. In October 1971, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Schisler announced that they would provide \$125,000.00 for the construction of an Area Public Library Building. Mr. Jay Ferreira of Bond and Miller, Associates, was selected to be the architect for the building. In October 1971, the Borough of Northampton deeded the land, located on Laubach Avenue, for the new building. On April 17th, 1972, the charter of incorporation was issued. The charter lists it as a nonprofit corporation which can accept tax deductible monetary gifts. The area it serves includes the boroughs of Northampton, Bath, and Chapmans, as well as the townships of Allen, East Allen, Lehigh, and Moore. On September 30th, 1973, the George H. Schisler Building of the Northampton Area Public Library, Inc., was dedicated in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Schisler.

What are the Library hours?

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Where is the Library located?

1615 Laubach Ave.

Northampton, PA 18067

Is the Library closed on holidays?

The Library is closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Presidents Day

OUR MISSIONS

October Mission: Neighbors in Need

In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on an economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this through a faith lens. Join us by promoting this year's NIN "Behold!" campaign at your church. As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

About the Council for American Indian Ministry

The Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) is the voice for American Indian people in the UCC. CAIM provides Christian ministry and witness to American Indians and to the wider church. Justice issues that affect American Indian life are communicated to the whole UCC by CAIM.

Historically, the forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hock in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. CAIM supports these local churches and their pastors. In addition, CAIM strives to be a resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations and to strengthen their participation in the life of the church.

Justice & Local Church Ministries

Justice & Local Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ supports congregations and other settings of the church in doing justice, seeking peace, and building vibrant faith communities that are welcoming to all. From the National Setting in Cleveland, Ohio, and also from its policy advocacy office in Washington DC, Justice & Local Church Ministries is responsible for supporting local churches with worship and faith forming publications, resources, and education. The ministries and services of Justice and Local Church Ministries are central to the identity of the United Church of Christ. Our Associate General Minister is the Rev. Traci Blackmon.

Where and how are the funds dispersed?

Not only are NIN funds shared with CAIM, they are utilized by staff to develop curated and created social justice resources, i.e. webinars, bible studies, curriculums, advocacy tools, etc. within the program areas of environmental justice, racial justice, LGBTQ justice, economic justice, women's justice, immigration justice, and more. Additionally, a portion of the monies collected are used to fund grants at the following levels and needs:

- Direct Service (\$1,000 – \$3,000) – provides funding to meet the immediate needs of an individual or group (i.e. food, clothing, utilities).
- Advocacy (\$3,001 – \$5,000) – offers funding to assist communities who wish to change policy on

Lay, Life and Work

Fall is here, ready or not!! Let's embrace the cooler weather and shorter days with familiar church related activities.

The Chicken and Pulled Pork Dinner was a wonderful success with great food and many conversations enjoyed. Thank you to all who helped and participated in any way!!

Dream Come True is planned for **Sunday, October 2nd** and Becky's Drive-In will allow St. Paul's to run the main stand for lunch. Anyone interested in helping for the day, would be greatly appreciated. The profits benefit our general fund account and a donation will be made to Dream Come True for their work in the community.

College care packages will be distributed in mid November. Please send updated information about college students to Dawn Vilanova. There currently is a collection box in the Narthex for snacks or small toiletries that will accompany a gift card from the Congregation.

A Chili Dinner is planned for Saturday, October 15th from 4-7pm. We will accept donations of chili, hopefully enjoying a wide variety of tastes. A salad, potato and bread bar will accompany the meal and an ice cream bar is planned for dessert. This is a great time to Fellowship and tickets will be available at the door.

Stay tuned for more information about the Filling Sale and Thanksgiving Dinner coming in November.

The next LLW meeting will be held after Worship and Arts on Wednesday, October 12th, 2022.

The church phone number is (610) — 767 — 4572 and the email is office@indianland.org.

WOMEN UNITED for CHRIST

Ladies of WUFC are again taking orders for **sweet rolls** (apricot, lekvar, walnut, poppyseed, red raspberry, pumpkin cheese). If interested, contact a member of WUFC to place an order. **Payment of \$17.00 for each sweet roll is due at time of ordering.** All orders and money are due to Beverly on Sunday, October 30th. Delivery date is November 17th with time to be determined. Call Beverly (610-767-3634) with any questions.

News From the Pews

Lehigh Township Historical Society
St. Paul's One-Room School Open House
Sunday, October 9th, 12 – 3 pm

Old-Fashioned School Lunches (1865-1955)

Come for Lunch! Join us for a sampling of Old-Fashioned One-Room School Lunch food including baked potato (and toppings), hard-boiled eggs and red beet eggs, home-baked bread, veggies, apples, cookies, cake and other goodies from yesteryear. We will also have displays of old lunch tins and other items that local children took to school for their lunches in the late 1800s through the mid-1950s when the “new” Lehigh Elementary School opened with a cafeteria that served lunch to students.

If the weather is nice, we will gather under canopies at the schoolhouse end of the church parking lot. Feel free to bring a lawn chair if you wish. If it is rainy the event will be in the social hall. The Schoolhouse will be open for visitors.

We invite visitors who attended a one-room school to join in a discussion circle to share stories of their experiences in a one-room school.

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by: Lehigh Township Lions Club, The Neffs National Bank, Becky's Drive-In, Gilbert Funeral Home and Country View Farms in Danielsville.

We hope to see you there. If possible, to help with our food prep, an RSVP with number attending by October 3rd would be appreciated. Call 610-440-0151, leave name and number attending or respond to our Facebook event and indicate your interest in attending. (You are still welcome if you do not respond.)

HARVEST HOME

We will be celebrating the harvest on Sunday, October 16th during the 10:30am service. We are asking for donations of non-perishable items for the Northampton Area Food Bank. You may donate any items of food or some non-food items like feminine sanitary products, laundry detergents, soaps, shampoos and cleaning products. Also, perhaps a cake mix with icing for a special birthday or celebration treat would be nice. The food bank is currently accepting turkeys and 5 pound hams for Thanksgiving as well. They do not have a website, however they do have a Facebook page. Thank you for supporting the food bank in whatever way you can.

Worship Information

October 2nd—World Communion Sunday

Flowers: The first vase is presented by John and Sal-lie Weaver in honor of their great-grandson's 7th birthday today.

The second vase is presented by Janet Gaston for Jessica Long's birthday today.

Bulletins: The Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God.

OT: Lamentations 1: 1 — 6

NT: II Timothy 1: 1—14

Gospel: Luke 17: 5 — 10

October 9th

Flowers: The first vase is presented by the Family Trust in memory of Elda Bachman.

Bulletins: The Bulletins are presented by Dustin Miller to the Glory of God.

OT: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4 — 7

NT: II Timothy 2: 8 — 15

Gospel: Luke 17: 11 — 19

October 16th — Harvest Home

Flowers: None Presented.

Bulletins: The Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God.

OT: Jeremiah 31: 27 — 34

NT: II Timothy 3: 14 — 4: 5

Gospel: Luke 18: 1 — 8

October 23rd

Flowers: The first vase is presented by Donna Henninger in memory of her father, Lewis Ellis.

Bulletins: The bulletins are presented by Lee and Lisa Strohl in memory of Lisa's parents Bill and Helen Kratzer.

OT: Joel 2: 23 — 32

NT: II Timothy 4: 6 — 8, 16—18

Gospel: Luke 18: 9 — 14

October 30th

Flowers: The first vase is presented by Tara, Terrence, Brennan, James, and Jules for Lilly Field's 10th birthday on November 2nd.

Bulletins: The bulletins are presented by Max and Eli Nuscher for Pastor Martin and Ellen's Wedding Anniversary on November 2nd.

OT: Habakkuk 1: 1 — 4; 2: 1 — 4

NT: II Thessalonians 1: 1 — 4, 11—12

Gospel: Luke 19: 1 — 10

ATTENTION!

For those who have been calling in to listen to the worship service, we will be changing formats so you will have to use a different phone number and code to access the service. Here is the necessary information and this will begin on Sunday, October 2nd:

Telephone: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 267 831 0333 or +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 646 518 9805

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Any Issues: Call 484-707-7006 on Sunday morning except for Sunday, October 9th. On the 9th please call 570-713-8515. Thank you.

The consistory for October is Jack Doll and friends.

The next Communion service (served in the pews) will be World Communion Sunday on October 2nd during the 10:30am service.

There will also be Communion (by intinction) served at the 7:30am Contemporary Praise service on Sunday, October 16th. Please note that this is the 3rd Sunday in Octo-

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>2 9:00A — Christian Education Online and in-person</p> <p>10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone</p> <p>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</p> <p>Dream Come True</p>	3	<p>4 7:30P — Elders</p>	5	6	7	8
<p>9 9:00A — Christian Education Online and In-person</p> <p>10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone</p>	10	11	<p>12 10:00A — “To 275” Meeting</p> <p>7:00P — Worship and Arts</p> <p>7:30P — Lay, Life and Work</p>	13	14	<p>15 4P — 7P — Chili Dinner</p> <p>November Courier Articles are Due!</p>
<p>16 7:30A — Contemporary Praise Service with Communion</p> <p>9:00A — Christian Education Online and in-person</p> <p>10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone</p> <p>7:00P — Confirmation Class</p>	<p>17 7:00P — Confirmation Class</p>	<p>18 7:00P — Consistory</p>	19	20	21	22
<p>23 9:00A — Christian Education Online and in-person</p> <p>10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone</p>	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p>30 9:00A — Christian Education Online and in-person</p> <p>10:30A — Worship Service — on-line, in person, in the parking lot or on the telephone</p> <p>7:00P — Confirmation</p>	<p>31 7:00P — Confirmation Class</p>		<p>OFFICE HOURS: The office hours vary. Please call the office to schedule an appointment if you need to. General messages may be sent to office@indianland.org or call 610-767-5751. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Martin Nuscher on his cell phone, 484-707-7006 or by email to pastor@indianland.org. Church website is www.indianland.org. Thank you.</p>			

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Please note that the next Courier for publication will be the **November 2022 newsletter**. Please plan your submissions accordingly and submit no later than **October 15th**. If there are any questions or concerns please call the office at **610-767-5751** or email them to **office@indianland.org**. **Thank you very much.**

Traditional Worship Service — Sundays at 10:30 am — in person, on-line, FM transmitter (.25 mile radius from church) or via your telephone

Christian Education Hour — Weekly lessons will be on Face Book at 9:00am.

Christian Education in person gatherings Sunday mornings at 9:00am.

Contemporary Praise Worship — in person only service on the 3rd Sunday of the month, October only, at 7:30am.

Please send any prayer requests to office@indianland.org or call and leave them on our answering machine at 610 — 767 — 5751. We love to **PUSH** — that is **Pray Until Something Happens**.

Celebrating Our 274th Anniversary — 1748 — 2022