



# The Courier

St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Indianland

**OCTOBER, 2019**



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As October approaches there are changes in the weather as the Fall season blooms in a new and often vibrant color scheme all around us. Cooler temperatures also begin to blow as the seeming gloom of winter beckons to us. One of the more powerful aspects of October, for me, is the World Communion Celebration. It is on this day that Christians from everywhere are to come to the table of the Lord. This is one day, I feel, when we are truly united in Christ. Even with all our liturgical and theological differences, Christ has made each one of us His disciple. Yes, we should always and everywhere be united in Christ, however, He knew we would not be. That is one of the reasons He prayed in the Garden to God that we might be as one (John 17: 21). Sounds like something easy, yet we all have many experiences where it just has not been the case. There are traditions that do not welcome us at the Lord's Table, and we have our thoughts and beliefs as to what the bread and cup symbolize as others have their interpretations of the elements as well. Yet it is Christ who extends to all the invitation to come to the table, at World Communion or at any other communion service. It is not an invitation that we have to RSVP for; we just come, come at the Lord's invitation.

So friends and fellow disciples of the Living Christ, I extend an invitation to every one of you to come to the Table of the Lord on Sunday, October 6th during our worship service. Heed Christ's invitation, and recognize again the Lord himself in bread and cup. Remember the power of those elements as we remember, as we reflect, as we give thanks, and as we gather with one another and with Christ at His Table.

Scripture reminds us of Jesus' words to His disciples about this Holy meal. His body broken for us; His blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Yet the meal is meant as a memorial celebration, always reminding us of God's mercy through Christ and the completion of the blood sacrifices that God instituted with the earliest of believers. We are not required to spill blood for our salvation and forgiveness; Christ's blood is that sacrifice. We are called to remember that sacrifice, just as God called the Hebrew people to celebrate the Passover meal each year to remember the blood that was shed to save them from the angel of death, as well as the lives that were sacrificed in order



# Christian Education News

## RALLY DAY 2019

September 8, 2019 marked the start of Church school, our Rally Day here at St. Paul's. This year's curriculum begins with "REAL WORLD/REAL FAITH". The Real World/Real Faith Unit begins with "What does it mean to Follow Jesus?" The program year has begun and I would like to **thank our volunteer teachers** for taking time out of their already busy schedules to prepare and teach the children of St. Paul's. Nursery/Beginners – **Lisa Strohl**; Primary – **Kim Drey**; Youth — **Devon Angstadt and Greg Glovas**. Without these teachers and previous years of dedicated teachers many children might not know Jesus. St. Paul's is fortunate to have adults willing to devote time to children and youth. **This is going to be a fantastic year.**

## EXPLORING SCRIPTURE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

As a New Program year has begun, I would like to invite all adults to attend the **Adult Faith Formation Class on Sunday Mornings at 9:00am**. What a great way to understand Scripture more fully. Also, a chance to talk/discuss the content of the Sermon with Pastor. We didn't stop learning about our Christian Faith after confirmation. One thing I do miss about college is hearing the different interpretations of an article, scripture or a passage from a book. We are ALL responsible for the Faith Formation of the people within our congregation and within our community. **Faith Formation is a lifelong process**. Our Christian Education Program **needs you** not only as teachers but also as students to learn and share your faith stories with our children/youth and also other adults. We are the disciples of the 21st Century. If you have any questions, please see Beth Sikorsky.

### Lehigh Township Historical Society presents

### **Pennsylvania German Gravestones and Cemetery Walk & St. Paul's One-Room School Open House**

The Lehigh Township Historical Society is holding our annual **Open House of the St. Paul's One-Room School on Saturday, October 12, 2019**. We will also be holding a **special presentation about Pennsylvania German Gravestones** and a walk through the old cemetery behind the church following the program. **The school will be open before and after the program.**

The **program will start at 11:00am** and our speaker, Michael Emery, will present a power point to illustrate early Pennsylvania German Gravestones and discuss materials used, engraved text and decorative styles found on these old grave markers. Mr. Emery is currently the site administrator at Cornwall Iron Furnace and has worked for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for over 20 years. He has studied Pennsylvania German arts and architecture for 23 years.

Following his presentation we will walk about the cemetery to view the old stones. The cemetery has been on this property since 1756 when it was purchased from John and William Penn. The earliest legible gravestone is that of Wilhelm Best, a veteran of the French and Indian War, who died in 1762.

# *Church Happenings Now and Yet to Come*

## **COLLECTIBLES for FUNDS**

Did you know that we participate in the **save-a-tape program** through Redners Warehouse Markets? If you shop at Redners we ask you to get a reward card, have it scanned when you make any purchase at the store and then place your receipts in the 3-tier container in the Narthex near the entrance of the church. We will receive 1% of the Save-a-Tape total for the church. In 2018, we received \$571.25 from our submitted Redners' receipts and so far in 2019 we have been blessed to receive \$206.89. Thank you to all who support this giving program. If you have any questions please see AY Hughes. Thank you.

We are also collecting the **soda can tabs** to be recycled and the funds then sent to **The Ronald McDonald House** for their continued service to families with sick children. We have sent funds and tabs to the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House and to the Hershey Ronald McDonald House in the past years. This is a small way to make a huge difference in these families' lives. Collection containers are located in the Narthex for your tabs. Thank you!

## **Financial Update**

As we have now received financial information **through August** of this year, we are comfortable with our current financial situation, even though we are still in an overall deficit position in our General Fund. Here are some of the highlights of our financial year so far. Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity and support for the ministry and mission of St. Paul's church!

For the year, through August, we have spent **\$8,900 more** than we have received. Our overall deficit, however, is **\$1,759** better than it was this time last year. There are a few significant factors that are contributing to this as well as expense timing and those seasonal challenges we face. **Last year**, at this time, **our deficit was \$10,659. Fuel oil** purchases and **snow removal** costs are a large expense from the winter season as well as grass cutting in the summer season which are all are weather dependent. **Generosity and receipts through August are \$351 less than they were at this time in 2018.**

**We offer our thanks to all of you for your generosity and support for the ministry of Jesus Christ** in our midst, in our community and in the world. Blessings and peace to all as we celebrate God's love for us in Jesus Christ. We are looking forward to getting back to our full schedule and activity levels and for your participation with us. Blessings!

## **Confirmation Class**

# PRAYER LIST

## Current Need:

Pauline Santee	Debbie Budinetz	Jessica Smith	Tami Miller	
Dustin Miller	Joy Muffley	Sallie Weaver	Sheila Doll	Mark Thomas
Karen Hantz	Leon Borger	Angie	Theresa Carbonell	John Weaver
Charlene and Michael Petruska		Robbie Moore	Nancy Costenbader	Judy Silnik
Zachary Long	Courtney Bloom	Warren Kuntz	Kristen Meeker	Bob Fredericks
Pat Neff	Elaine Watto	Vicki Hall	Cole Ruch	Kevin Reilly
Joseph Vadenya	David Jones	Linda Barkley	Aryiah	Becky
Harold Frable	Derrick Redcay	Jeff Reihoff	Donna Whitman	Charles Wagner
Linda Baumgartner	Logan Krick	Alyzah Borger	Jimmy Hurstman	Nadine Yakowy
Nadia Cospier	Julie Gelfuso	Jessica Harris	Kayla Bartholomew	Jeanette Haram
Stan Butz	The Thomson Family	Kim Rey	Jamie Hughes	Sam Steinmetz
Jim Miller	Howard & Ida Bachman	Edie	John Hine	Darlene Hock
Terry Carlton	Debbie	Keith Lenhart	Carol and Angela	Mike Miller
Carol Williams	Kay Bolus	Mike Hartman	Nigel Mease	The Bauer Family
Faye Neff	Evan Hantz	Nancy Green	Jean Hankee	

## Longer Term Need:

Darryl Wentz	Tina Rehrig	Brandon Snyder	Franklin Dorshimer	Joe & Deb McGearry
Russell Blakeslee	Deborah Peterson	Dawn Stattler	Karen Bet	Bob Bakross
Michelle Brosious	George Borger, Jr.	Marion Bossard	Sharlene Weaver	Shirley Cressman
Smokey Hartzell	Lori Rader	Wanda Trexler	Susan Zachary	Joan Drey
Joanne Peters	Rose Lanus	Dorian Arnwine	Margo Roberts	Robert Custard
Vicki Eltz	Jeannie Yehl	Linda Becker	Laura Rannella	Gail Bauer
Noah Iucci	Lisa Dotson	Pat James	Amber Steffie	Corey Doolan
Katie & Maggie Paules	Karen White	Ryan Holmes	Peter Rosales	Clark Plummer
Janet Erickson	Cindy Hogman	Larry Rehrig	Gary Kresini	Louise King
Ashley Henninger	Mary Beatrice	Joan Cottier		
Richard Vesely	Pamela Martin			

## Those Who Mourn

The family and friends of Richard Mohr.



# OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>10:00A —</b> Women United for Christ <b>7:30P —</b> Elders	2	3	4	5 <b>9:00A —</b> Deco- rate for Harvest Home
6 <b>9:00A—</b> Christian Educa- tion <b>10:30A—</b> Worship Service <b>World Communion Sun- day</b> <b>Dream Come True</b>	7	8	9 <b>7:00P—</b> CLIA and Worship and Arts <b>7:30P—</b> Lay, Life and Work	10	11	12 <b>10:00A to 2:00P — Hall Usage</b> Lehigh Township His- torical Society
13 <b>7:30A—</b> Praise Worship Service <b>9:00A—</b> Christian Educa- tion <b>10:30A—</b> Worship Service	14 <b>7:00P —</b> Con- firmation Class Online	15 <b>7:00P—</b> Consistory	16	17	18 <b>6:00P to 8:00P</b> — Family Fun Night	19 <b>4:00P to 7:00P</b> — Chili Dinner
20 <b>9:00A—</b> Christian Educa- tion <b>10:30A—</b> Worship Service <b>Harvest Home Celebra- tion</b>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <b>7:30A—</b> Praise Worship Service <b>9:00A—</b> Christian Educa- tion <b>10:30A—</b> Worship Service	28 <b>7:00P —</b> Con- firmation Class Online	29	30	31 		

**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](mailto:office@indianland.org) or call 610-767-5751. In Case of emergency, please contact Pastor Martin Nuscher at his home, 610-06 or by email to [pastor@indianland.org](mailto:pastor@indianland.org). Church website is [www.indianland.org](http://www.indianland.org). Thank you.



# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

## people & Places

### Exceptional 80's Club:

27 — Monroe Balliet

### *Wedding Anniversaries*

3 — Wes & Tami Miller —  
4 years

6 — Chris & Diane Kuntz —  
29 years

7 — David & Sherri Penchisen —  
24 years

15 — Scott & Melissa Fritz —  
20 years

21 — Michael & Debra Budinetz —  
41 years

22 — Daniel & Melissa Siegfried —  
14 years

25 — Joe & Inge Nierer —  
50 years

25 — Frank & Diane Cseve —  
6 years

27 — Tina & Michael Ressler —  
29 years

31 — Richard, Jr & Marlene Kriner —  
38 years

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



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, we are SORRY. Please contact the church office so we can add you to our listing! Thank you.



# OUR MISSIONS

Noisy Offering for October is: Allentown Rescue Mission

Since 1900, The Allentown Rescue Mission has fed multitudes of hungry and hurting people. Today we embrace all those experiencing homelessness with the compassion of Jesus Christ.

Your generosity at work in 2018;

55,191

8,632

30,380

VOLUNTEER HOURS

MEALS SERVED

NIGHTS OF SHELTER

## **THE EMERGENCY SHELTER:**

The Emergency Shelter receives men over the age of 18 who have exhausted all support and typically have multiple and long-term problems, many involving mental health and drugs and alcohol.

The Emergency Shelter provides 72 beds for homeless men, in an air conditioned / heated dorm, with limited storage for personal belongings, shower facilities, medical clinic, case management, connection to outside agencies, and home cooked meals.

The Emergency Shelter's operating hours are 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and we are open 24/7 on weekends

The Emergency Shelter offers up to a 30 day stay. During this time the men are encouraged to get a job and save money, connect with an agency to develop a plan to end their homelessness, or apply for the Mission's long term transitional program called the Transformation Program.

## **THE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM:**

Our Transformation Program is a residential rehabilitation program created to free men from the control of drugs, alcohol, and other destructive behaviors by establishing an active relationship with God.

The Transformation Program can accommodate up to a 100 adult (18 years or older) men a year, who engage in systematic Bible study, biblical counseling, case management, and regular drug screening. Additional curriculums includes: Job readiness and computer skills, financial guidance, and anger management. After completing the Transformation Program, our graduates enter a Transition Period where they work for our Clean Team, continue with their biblical studies, and connect with a local church.

Our men are mentored through a gradual transition back into the community to aid in the restoration of family relationships, and to build a strong relationship with a mentor church to help prevent relapse and ensure the graduate's continued growth and accountability.

## **THE CLEAN TEAM:**

The Clean Team is a program of the Allentown Rescue Mission that teaches clients how to work their way out of homelessness. Clean Team participants are paid above PA state minimum wage and

# OUR MISSIONS

## October Mission: Neighbors in Need

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

In 2018, the Neighbors in Need special mission offering and grant pool committee examined the ways in which it could spotlight, the UCC identity and missional initiative: 3 Great Loves campaign, LOVE OF NEIGHBOR. Emmaus United Church of Christ, in Vienna, Virginia, applied and received a \$3,500 NIN grant to aid them to work for justice within their community. They partnered with VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) in hopes of securing the outcome they desired. Emmaus UCC senior pastor, Rev. Kristen McBrayer shares, "In 2018 we set out to listen to our neighbors. We learned that the greatest concerns in our schools this year are student support for mental health counselors as well as the retention of 'good teachers'. From these listening sessions and meetings with key leaders, we set forth an agenda to increase the funding for mental health counselors so that students have a 250:1 ratio. This ratio is the minimum needed to provide basic support for our students. Retaining our best teachers is key to the success of our school system. Increasing teacher pay is essential to this goal." Additionally, Rev. McBrayer reports, "In October, 1,300 people from our VOICE institutions met with Virginia's Governor and Attorney General to ask for their support on our agenda. Among those present were more than 600 students, parents, and teachers concerned about our schools. The Governor continues to work with VOICE on funding for mental health and good teacher pay and we believe the ground work we did in 2018 has set the stage for some big wins for our students in the 2019 budget cycle and general assembly." As people of faith, we are encouraged to advocate for all those who are marginalized by institutional systems as well as individuals. Being able to use one's voice, even at the ballot box, is a key to fulfilling that biblical missional mandate. We are proud to have been a partner with Emmaus UCC as they embarked to make a difference in their community to aid their neighbors in need.

St. Peter's UCC in Louisville, Kentucky was a recipient of a \$5,000 NIN advocacy grant to work for justice in their community. Their project focused on helping women and men who had been incarcerated to reintegrate into society once released. According to St. Peter's pastor, Rev. Dr. Jamesetta Ferguson, MOLO Village, a nonprofit ministry of the church, "provides a foundation of support for persons as they reestablish and stabilize their lives when entering the Russell Neighborhood following a period of incarceration and/or recovery from drugs and/or alcohol. The reentry and recovery programs will help lead participants to a life of sobriety as well as a reduction in incarceration through education, job preparation, case management and advocacy." Dr. Ferguson further states, "Since implementation in January 2018, MOLO has served 138 participants various 12



# Lay, Life and Work

Fall is here and as we welcome the cooler weather and anticipate shorter amounts of daylight, the LLW committee continues to be quite busy planning several fun events!!

**The Chicken and Pulled Pork Dinner** was a HUGE success with 237 meals served and an anticipated nice profit exceeding \$1700. Thank you to all who were able to help in any way and a special thank you to the youth who helped set up the hall, bake desserts and serve meals because the extra hands made the day pass by very smoothly.

**Family Game Night** on Friday, September 13th, 2019 by fellowshiping around the fire pit was a fun time enjoyed by many. This is a fun time to fellowship with one another while enjoying a simple dinner and since the first one of the fall at the fire pit in the top corner of the parking lot was a success we will try it again in October if it isn't too cold. The date planned is **Friday, October 18th from 6p-8p**. All are welcome. Feel free to bring a light dish, chairs and a game to play. St. Paul's will provide hot dogs, smores and drinks.

The collection box for the **College Care Package** items has been placed in the Narthex. We ask the congregation to supply snacks and simple microwave meals that can accompany a gift card provided by LLW. Packages will be distributed prior to finals for the fall semester. Please forward information for your college students to Dawn Vilanova. Currently, we have identified 6 young adults continuing their education after high school.

**Dream Come True** is scheduled for **Sunday, October 6th** with a rain date of October 13th, 2019. LLW is going to provide lunch items in the **new concession stand** at Becky's from **11am to 4 or 5pm**. This is an awesome fundraising opportunity and we are in need of many volunteers to help make the day run smoothly. Please speak with Dawn Vilanova, Pastor or Marlene Kriner if you are interested in helping.

**The Chili Dinner** is quickly approaching on **Saturday, October 19th from 4p-7p**. Tickets will be **\$7/adult and \$4/child** under ten years old. Chili donations will be appreciated and typically range from MILD to WILD. A salad, bread and dessert bar will accompany the meal. This is a family focused meal allowing for fellowship and as typical with ALL fundraising functions 10% of the profit will be donated to a local mission.

Because of its success last year, another **Gift Card BINGO** is planned for **Sunday, November 3rd from 2pm-4pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The **doors will open at 1pm** and **the kitchen will be open for lunch following our 10:30 church service**. Tickets will be **\$20 for 20 games if purchased (paid for and picked up) prior to the day of the event**. Tickets purchased **at the door will be \$25 each**. **Extra games packets** will be available for purchase for **\$5/pack, limited to 3 additional packs**. Rules will be clearly communicated and consolation prizes will be available for multiple game winners. Please invite friends and family and plan accordingly as seating is limited.

Finally, please mark your calendars for the **Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 28th, 2019**. Additional details will follow but if you know someone who would like to enjoy a home cooked meal will others please feel free to invite them to join us.

The next meeting will be held **Wednesday, October 9th, 2019** after Worship and Arts.

# Additional News For the Parents

## Service of Remembrance and Healing

A Service of Remembrance and Healing marking October as the month of pregnancy and infant loss awareness month will be held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Northampton on Sunday, October 20 at 2 pm in the parlor of the church.

The service also welcomes those who have lost young children after birth.

There will be refreshments offered.

Please R.S.V.P. to the church at 610-261-2910 by Sunday, October 13. All are welcome.

## Women United for Christ

**WUFC ladies** are now accepting orders for **holiday sweet rolls**. Order now for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please see any lady of WUFC or call Beverly Putt (610-767-3634) to order one or more; nut, apricot, lekvar, poppyseed, raspberry or pumpkin cheese roll today. **Cost is \$16.00** to be paid at time of ordering. **Orders are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>**. Your support is appreciated. Their next meeting is on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

## Youth News

**Venture Crew 115(Youth Group)** is having a **basket raffle fund raiser. 3 tickets for \$1**; there is a Cleaning, Food and Entertainment basket. You may take a chance on one or all three. The baskets are in Fellowship Hall. The **drawing** will be at Dream Come True **on Sunday October 6, 2019**. Also at Dream Come True, they youth will be selling **peach cobbler near the main screen**. Come on out, have some sweet dessert and take a chance at a basket or three! Thank you!

## Harvest Home

# Worship Information

## **October 6th — Worldwide Communion Sunday**

Flowers: None Presented.

Bulletins: None Presented

OT: Lamentations 1: 1 — 6

NT: II Timothy 1: 1 — 14

Gospel: Luke 17: 5 — 10

## **October 13th**

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

Bulletins: Presented by Marion Heffelfinger in memory of Loved Ones.

OT: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4 — 7

NT: II Timothy 2: 8 — 15

Gospel: Luke 17: 11 — 19

Lay Reader: Charlene Petruska

## **October 20th — Harvest Home**

Flowers: None Presented

Bulletins: None Presented

OT: Jeremiah 31: 27 — 34

NT: II Timothy 3: 14 — 4: 5

Gospel: Luke 18: 1 — 8

Lay Reader: Doug Niebell

## **October 27th — Reformation Sunday**

Flowers: None Presented.

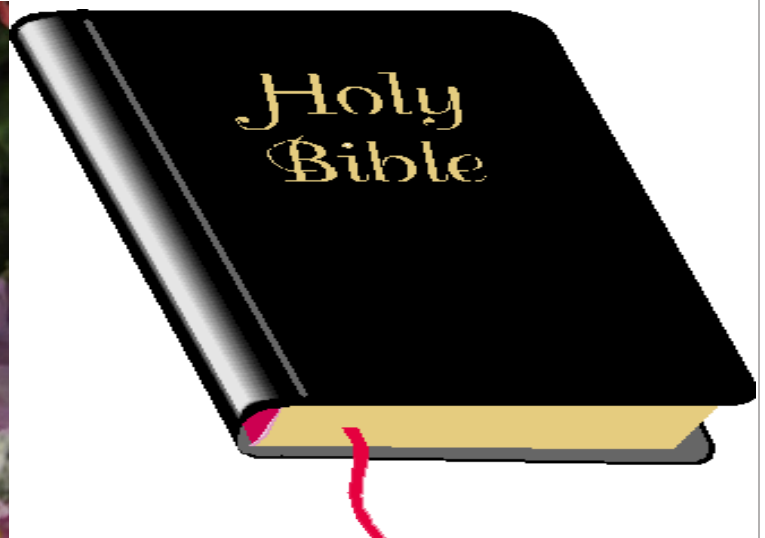
Bulletins: Presented by Max and Eli Nuscher for their parents' wedding anniversary on November 2nd.

OT: Joel 2: 23 — 32

NT: II Timothy 4: 6 — 8, 16—18

Gospel: Luke 18: 9 — 14

Lay Reader: Beth Sikorsky



**The Consistory for October is Sallie Weaver and Greg Glovas.**

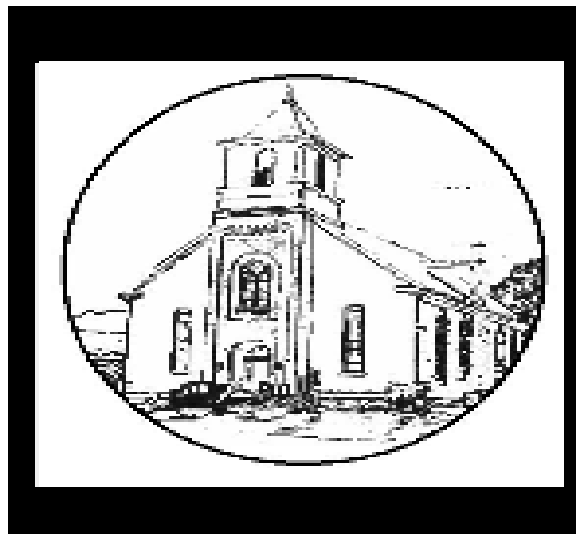


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Submissions for The Courier are welcome at any time. If you have submissions please contact the church office by phone or email before the 20th of the preceding month.

Thank you for taking the time to “catch up” with St. Paul’s UCC of Indianland. We look forward to seeing you soon at worship or anywhere else God has our paths cross!

## Celebrating Our 271st Anniversary —1748-2019



Please note that the next Courier for publication will be the **November 2019 newsletter**. Please plan your submissions accordingly and submit them by **October 20th**. 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—the 1st Sunday of each month is Holy Communion**

**Christian Education Hour— 9:00 am every Sunday**

**Praise Contemporary Worship — 2nd and 4th Sundays at 7:30 am—Holy Communion served**

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**.