



The Courier

St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Indianland
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A DIFFERENT TABLE

Then Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. (Luke 22: 19 – 21)

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As Jesus and the Disciples celebrated the Passover together for the final time, they gathered at a large table in the Upper Room. We know that tables come in many shapes and sizes and all are not used for sitting down for a meal. Some hold magazines or other reading materials, some hold lamps and other electronic devices and some just get used to collect "stuff" that one day might get dealt with. As we enter the month of October there is a table of love, a table of remembrance, a table of celebration, and yes, a table of sustenance prepared for us to come to, along with every Christian sister and brother. The special Sunday is World Communion Sunday and we are invited to come to this table, because Christ himself becomes our gracious host inviting us together. While we will certainly be gathering in a different way as a result of the pandemic, we still will gather at more "tables" than ever; yet it is the One and Only Savior of the World inviting and hosting us, just as He hosted the disciples on that night in Jerusalem at the large table. This meal for us is a symbolic meal reminding us again of Christ's sacrifice for all of God's human creation. It is to be a table of unity and yet it has become a table of divide and exclusion over the years. We need to "qualify" to come to this table and in all truth, not a one of us does qualify to come. Yet, Jesus welcomes us as we are, even as he welcomed Judas to the table that night of betrayal and desertion.

This is a special meal offered to us from Christ. Bread and fruit of the vine are given to remember a decimated body and a bleeding Savior. Not something so picturesque to view, yet so engrossed in love that we have to come, and we need to come, and we ought to come, and yet there are some who are afraid to come, or feel unworthy to come. Why? What has happened at this table? Luther and Zwingli could not agree on the symbolization of the bread and the fruit of the vine. They argued "It is the body and blood of Christ" and "It represents the body and blood of Christ." Division over that which Jesus gave to his disciples and the world – how obscene, and yet how significant that no matter how we view these gifts, we are to be united at this table. United with the host who knows us far better than we will ever know ourselves. What are we to do? Especially because of the challenges of this pandemic! We are invited and we will come to the table, however, the normal table will not be

Christian Education News

(Pastor's message continued from page one)

We gather, united by the Spirit of God together, no matter how far apart we might physically or spiritually be! This year those who gather in our Sanctuaries will be given, upon entrance, a piece of bread and a grape in a plastic bag, safely prepared by me for you. Prepared with gloves and prepared to alleviate concerns of who touched these elements. Prepared so that Christ's love may be celebrated, remembered, and shared together, no matter where we physically are. This has been something that I have prayed about and deliberated over with church leaders within our congregation and outside of our congregations. Is it ideal? Probably not, yet it is very, very symbolic of Christ's love and sacrifice for our sins.

So, my friends, I invite you to join me on this World Communion Sunday, October 4th, wherever you feel comfortable being, as we "do this in remembrance of Jesus!"

In service through Christ's name.

Pastor Martin

Bible Sunday

On September 20, 2020, three Children in our Sunday school received their Bibles. The names of the children are: Raelynn Angstadt, Kensley Rodney, and Riley Strohl. Now our children have a tool they can read to learn more about Jesus and His love for each one of us.

Sunday School

In September, a note with registration form/s were sent to all children in our Sunday school program. Even though we are not able to meet in person, I would appreciate the forms returned to either the church or to me personally. I do keep track of the children's ages, contact persons, emergency persons, and email addresses. **Pastor Martin will be working on a weekly lesson to post to our Facebook page on Sunday mornings for the children to listen to. You may check it out anytime after 9:00AM on a Sunday morning.**

WOMEN UNITED FOR CHRIST

A meeting was held on September 2nd. It was decided that regular meetings will be discontinued until spring of 2021.

The food basket project which was started in Spring was cancelled. There were too many complications to continue that project. Food that was collected was donated to the Northampton Food Bank. Hopefully, we can start fresh with that project in the spring of 2021.

The ladies will again have the **holiday sweet roll sale** before Thanksgiving. If you would like to order one or more for the holiday, please contact any member of the group or the church office. The usual types of rolls are available (nut, apricot, red raspberry, poppyseed, lekvar, and

Church Happenings Now and Yet to Come

The LLW committee would like to say Welcome Back after a super long break!! Currently, the committee is attempting to host some local favorite events but please keep in mind that each event will be a bit different, allowing us to at least come together to support the church. The Chili Dinner, Dream Come True, Penny Party and the Gift Card BINGO previously scheduled have been cancelled leaving us with the hope of these events returning next year.

The **Chicken and Pulled Pork Dinner** is planned for **Saturday, October 10th, 2020 from 2pm-6pm**. This meal will be take out only with parking lot pickup to comply with social distancing guidelines while maintaining the safety of our volunteers and guests. The meal price will remain the same at **\$11/meal** including a half grilled chicken or a generous portion of pulled pork, baked potato, corn or green beans, cole slaw or applesauce, and a roll. To assist with effectiveness with ordering and food preparations and efficiency during delivery please be prepared to specify corn OR green beans and applesauce OR cole slaw during ticket purchase. Dessert and drinks will not be provided for this event. Please tell your friends and look for more information about tickets in the bulletin. Tickets are available for purchase from Dawn Vilanova, Pastor, or by calling the office. Advance reservations are recommended for an accurate count with a limited amount of tickets available at the door the day of the event. **Directions for pick up of meals are as follows:** Please enter the upper parking lot at the schoolhouse entrance and follow the roped off area around to the church side of the lot. Someone will meet you there, confirm your order, call it in to the volunteers in the kitchen and when it is prepared, you will drive down to Fellowship Hall, Maple Street and pull up to the curb—church side and your meal(s) will be brought out to you. No one will be entering the building. **Orders are due by Sunday, October 4th.**

The **Basket Social** is going to be a little different this year since it was postponed earlier this year. A **3-day event on Thursday, November 12th 3p-7p, Friday, November 13th 3p-7p and Saturday, November 14th 9a-1p is planned**. The reasoning behind the extended event is to limit the amount of people in the Fellowship Hall at any given time. The path inside the building will be clearly marked and tables will be spread out throughout the space because **the kitchen will NOT be open**. Advertising will begin shortly so please tell your friends and **see Dawn Vilanova with any donations or if you have a good place to hang a sign** as this is a well established fund raiser.

The **Filling Sale is planned for just in time for Thanksgiving. Each container will be 2 pounds for \$7**. Orders are due by November 15th with pick up after church on Sunday, November 22nd, 2020. Filling will be made November 20th. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call the office and leave your order on the answering machine.

Finally, we are beginning to think about the process for the **annual Thanksgiving Dinner**. So many things have been cancelled this year. This is the church's way of giving to the community with all items donated. Soon, we will make a determination if the meal will be sit down and/or take out only.

The next LLW meeting will be held **Wednesday, October 14th, 2020** and all are welcome to attend.

Fire Side Chat with the Pastor

PRAYER LIST

Current Need:

Debbie Budinetz	Jessica Smith	Sheila Doll	Gloria Newhard	Brenda Usher
Dustin Miller	Sallie Weaver	Karen Hantz	Jack Doll, Jr	Beverly Putt
Janice Beck	Stockton Rodney	Robert Knot	Carol McDonald	Mike Hartman
Charlene Petruska	Theresa Carbonell	John Weaver	Jean Hankee	Anne Harrity
Robbie Moore	Judy Silnik	Evan Hantz	Nancy Green	Pete Coughlin
Zachary Long	Courtney Bloom	Kristen Meeker	The Bauer Family	Kay Bolus
Pat Neff	Vicki Hall	Cole Ruch	Kevin Reilly	Nigel Mease
Joseph Vadenya	David Jones	Linda Barkley	Aryiah	Becky
Harold Frable	Jeff Reihoff	Donna Whitman	Charles Wagner	Jerry
Linda Baumgartner	Logan Krick	Alyzah Borger	Sharon Coughlin	Diane Cimo
Nadia Cosper	Julie Gelfuso	Jessica Harris	Kayla Bartholomew	Jeanette Haram
Terry Carlton	Debbie	Carol and Angela	Mike Miller	Orlando Zaya
Carol Williams	Carol Gardner	Kim Mickey	Darlene Blocher	Jimmy Hurstman
Sharon Green	Angie	Johnny	Dale Coughlin	Andrea Coughlin

Longer Term Need:

Darryl Wentz	Tina Rehrig	Brandon Snyder	Franklin Dorshimer	Joe & Deb McGeary
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	Pamela Martin	Susan Zachary	Joan Drey
Stan Butz	The Thomson Family	Kim Rey	Sam Steinmetz	Faye Neff
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	Pat James	Amber Steffie	Corey Doolan
Karen White	Ryan Holmes	Peter Rosales		
Janet Erickson	Cindy Hogman	Larry Rehrig		
Gary Kresini	Louise King	Edie		
Ashley Henninger	Mary Beatrice	Richard Vesely		
Katie & Maggie Paules	The Chupa Family			
Clark Plummer				



OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All events are tentative! Check website and phone for any updates!						
				1	2	3
4 10:30A —Worship in Sanctuary, online or via the telephone World Communion Sunday	5 7:00P — Confirmation Class via Zoom	6 7:00P — Elders	7 Bulletin Information is Due	8	9	10 2:00P — 6:00P Chicken and Pulled Pork Dinner Curbside Pickup
11 7:30A — Contemporary Praise service — no communion served 10:30A —Worship in Sanctuary, online or via the telephone	12	13	14 7P —Worship and Arts 7:30P —Lay, Life and Work Bulletin Information is Due	15 November Newsletter Articles are Due!	16	17
18 10:30A —Worship in Sanctuary, online or via the telephone 4:00P — Fireside Chat with Pastor Martin	19 7:00P — Confirmation Class via Zoom	20 7:00P — Consistory	21 Bulletin Information is Due	22	23	24
25 10:30A —Worship in Sanctuary, online or via the telephone Reformation Sunday	26	27	28 Bulletin Information is Due	29	30	31 Halloween Turn clocks back one hour at bedtime!

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 cellphone, 484-707-7006 or by email to **pastor@indianland.org**. Church website is www.indianland.org. Thank you.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

people & Places

Exceptional 80's Club

27 — Monroe Balliet

Wedding Anniversaries

3 — Tami & Wes Miller —

5 years

6 — Diane & Chris Kuntz —

30 years

7 — Sherri & David Penchishen —

25 years

15 — Melissa & Scott Fritz —

21 years

21 — Debra & Michael Budinetz —

42 years

22 — Melissa & Daniel Siegfried —

15 years

25 — Inge & Joe Nierer —

51 years

25 — Diane & Frank Cseve —

7 years

27 — Tina & Michael Ressler —

30 years

31 — Marlene & Richard Kriner, Jr —

39 years

November

2 — Ellen & Pastor Martin Nuscher —

24 years

2 — Jessica Long

3 — Dean Beers

4 — Julie Beltz

5 — Donna Miller

6 — Christopher Rehrig

8 — Rebecca Laponuke

9 — Eva Langley

13 — Amber Bickert

21 — Tammy Marsh

Katelyn Bickert

22 — Shane Herschman

25 — Emily Fritz

27 — Monroe Balliet

November

2 — Lillian Field

5 — Sherri Heffelfinger

8 — Kirsten Bickert



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

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.

Houston teens learn wage activism from working adults like them

This summer, with a grant from the United Church of Christ's Neighbors in Need offering, 24 high school students from an economically challenged Houston neighborhood learned about activism and carried out a local campaign for a \$15 minimum-wage law.

The idea came from the basic insight that many Houston residents find it hard to make ends meet, especially workers in fast-food and other service industries. The Rev. Darnell Fennell serves some of those people in both his callings. He is pastor of Just Love Church, affiliated with the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He also teaches high school social studies.

With a background in community organizing, Fennell knows people don't have to sit still for economic injustice. He knows the wider UCC feels the same, as seen in statements such as a 2017 General Synod resolution, "A More Just Economy: \$15 Minimum Wage, Living Wages and Job Creation." So he sought the NIN grant to introduce young people to local activists in the national Fight for \$15 wage campaign and involve them in learning by doing.

UNLEASHING POTENTIAL (formerly Neighborhood Houses) OF ST. LOUIS, MO

Denise Carter, early childhood education director, was well aware of a rather large need within the population served by Neighborhood Houses. Many of the families are low wage earners, 75% of them earn less than \$20,000 annually. Truthfully, some simply struggle to provide many basic needs for their children. To that end, she designed a program to meet the health and development needs of infants and toddlers. Thus, the "Baby Essentials" program was birthed. The main goal was to provide diapers and formula for all of the children enrolled at the early childhood education center for families who could not afford a consistent supply. Denise met with interim director of development, Christine Krueger, and shared her desire and need for funding. Christine went in search of those sources. She applied wherever she felt the need of the program matched the granters requirements. Fortunately, she filled out an application for a NIN direct service grant and was awarded \$3,000 in 2019. In 2020, it was reported back to us that 100% of babies ages six weeks to 12 months received milk they needed while attending the Center. 50% of those babies also received one canister of formula per month for home consumption. Lastly, 100% of babies/toddlers ages six weeks to three years had diapers needed for Center and home use. According to Christine, "Thanks to the Neighbors in Need grant, our babies are dry and their tummies are full, and parents, who are

OUR MISSIONS

October Noisy Offering: Bethany Children's Home

Mission & Vision

The mission of Bethany Children's Home is to continue an open and affirming Christian ministry, begun in 1863, to serve children and families within our care. We strive to provide a safe place of nurture, protection, and supportive care to aid our residents in their self-understanding, growth, and healing toward a brighter, healthier future.

Our vision is of a community where all youth and staff are safe in their environment and feel safe within themselves. To bring this vision into reality, we provide the resources needed to children and families to work through their losses, enabling them to have a brighter future.

Bethany Children's Home follows the model of trauma-informed care in all programs. Therefore, each program is hosted on campus in Womelsdorf, PA. Because of that, our children's home follows the house-parent model; and are On Call Campus Supervisors (OCCS) available 24 hours a day. Most importantly, Bethany makes sure our youth is safe and secure.

Youth in all of our programs are provided the following:

- Intake Health Screening
- Health oversight and referral
- Psychiatric Services on site
- Observant Spiritual Assessments at intake
- Spiritual Services including moral development
- Siblings can be placed together and receive sibling counseling
- Sibling and family visits available
- Bethany Education Coordinator located on Conrad Weiser School District Grounds responsible solely for Bethany Youth
- Daily life skills training for all youth through cottage living
- Arts and Crafts and Recreation with dedicated programming staff

Finally, our campus includes a full gym with fitness center, multipurpose room, racquetball courts, basketball-volleyball-tennis courts, low ropes course, hiking trails, fishing pond, church with its own recreation center, softball field, arts and crafts building with ceramics studio, health clinic and working farm. Because of all our programs Bethany remains one of the best organizations in the area.

Let's Make a Difference

Bethany Children's Home is a registered 501 (c)(3) organization that provides high quality residential care for school-aged children who are unable to live in a traditional family setting. Currently, Bethany serves over 300 children annually through its residential, shelter care, and short term care pro-

Worship Information

October 4th—World Communion Sunday

OT: Exodus 20: 1 — 4, 7—8, 12—20

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33 — 46

Flowers: None Presented

The bulletins are presented by Scott and Alice Rehrig in honor of Chris's birthday on October 6th.

October 11th

OT: Exodus 32: 1 — 14

NT: Philippians 4: 1 — 9

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1 — 14

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

The bulletins are sponsored by Lisa Strohl in memory of her parents Helen and Bill Kratzer.

October 18th

OT: Exodus 33: 12 — 23

NT: I Thessalonians 1: 1 — 10

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15 — 22

The first vase is presented by Nancy and Jay Shoemaker in memory of Nancy's mother Roma Marsh.

The second vase is presented by Nancy and Jay

The Consistory for October is Ken Stott and members of the Consistory.

The Consistory for November is Leon and Stephanie Prutzman.

October 25th—Reformation Sunday

OT: Deuteronomy 34: 1 — 12

NT: I Thessalonians 2: 1 — 8

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34 — 46

Flowers: None Presented

The bulletins are sponsored by Robert and Claudine Fritz in honor of Granddaughter Emily's 20th birthday today.

November 1st—All Saints Day

NT: Revelation 7: 9—17

NT: I John 3: 1—3

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1—12

The first vase is presented by the Family Trust Fund in memory of Emma Mack.

The second vase is presented by Pastor Martin to Ellen for their wedding anniversary tomorrow.

The bulletins are sponsored by Max and Eli Nuscher in celebration of their parent's wedding anniversary tomorrow.

We will be celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1st for those whom have entered into the church triumphant



Flower and bulletin sponsorships are available on the following dates. Please let the church office know which dates you are interested in, and in whose honor or memory you are sponsoring. Bulletins can be sponsored at \$8 for each Sunday, and flower vases are \$15 per vase and there are 2 available each Sunday unless otherwise noted. Send an email to office@indianland.org or call the office at [610-767-5751](tel:610-767-5751)

Flowers are available:

Oct 11th (one vase) and 25th

Nov 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

Dec 6th, 13th (one vase), and 27th

Bulletins are available:

Dec 20th and 27th

Worship services will continue to be **in-person, with masks and social distancing, on-line via Facebook and through the telephone.** We realize the phone has had some interference from our sound system and we have corrected that issue. Please feel free to leave a message on the church phone if there is a problem with your ability to hear the service. We can not fix what we do not know. We also have a transmitter that you may tune in to in the parking lot or within a quarter mile radius of the church. **This month we will also hold a Contemporary Praise service in-person only on Sunday, October 11th at 7:30am and masks will be required for this service as well.** If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Martin via phone, email, or outside the church after the service. Pastor Martin leaves at the end of the service to greet everyone as they are leaving the Sanctuary. We are also changing the seating configuration in the Sanctuary to be every other pew instead of every three. Have a blessed day and stay close to God as we continue the journey, no matter where we are worshipping, we are worshipping the same God!

COMMUNION

As you know, we have not held regularly scheduled Communion services since the pandemic began. We will be celebrating the Sacrament on Sunday, October 4th—World Communion Sunday! As you have already read, Communion will be different if you are joining us in the Sanctuary with a grape and bread safely bagged for each congregant. As for our by-law requirement that for active membership within St. Paul's, one must commune four times per year, the Consistory has determined that whatever your membership status was at the end of 2019, that is what your status will remain at the end of 2020 and until further notice. We are unsure if we will have any more Communion services this year. If you are homebound and would like Pastor Martin to visit, please let him know as he is willing to visit those who feel comfortable with a visit and he will bring Communion with him. For those who are watching at home or listening on the phone, just get a cracker, piece of bread and then some water, wine, juice or a grape and you may also participate in the Communion for the Holy Spirit is not limited to the church Sanctuary.

News from St. John's

St. John's UCC—Howertown, 22 Atlas Road, Northampton invites you to their **basket social on Thursday, October 22nd, Friday, October 23rd or Saturday, October 24th** for their basket social. The times are Thursday and Friday from 3:00pm to 7:00pm and Saturday from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. There will be many items to choose from and winners will be able to pick up their prizes on Sunday, October 25th from 10:00AM to Noon or by other arrangement. Also, the **quilters will**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SURVEY

We would like to engage all the children in our Sunday school program in some manner. Since we have not been able to meet in person since March, Beth has found that she misses the questions our children ask and the joy of getting to know each one of them better. We would like to know what is on your mind and how we can have conversations with each other without meeting at church. Therefore, we believe that most of you have laptops, ipads, smart phone, etc. so we are looking for some information and then we will develop a new program for our Christian Spiritual formation. What is your address for the following?

FACEBOOK _____

EMAIL _____

Do you or your family look at St. Paul's UCC Website OR the St. Paul's Facebook Page on a regular basis?

0 ___ Yes ___ No Both _____ Website _____ Facebook _____

Since we are not able to meet in person, we are exploring different ways for the children to hear/read the Sunday school lesson/crafts. There are possibly two options we are considering.

1. Sending the lessons/crafts to your family one month at a time.
2. Have teacher led lessons taped on our Facebook page.

Please indicate which option would help your family/children be a part of St. Paul's Church Family while we are not gathering in Christian Education. 1____ 2____

If you have any other suggestions, please indicate them below and either mail them to the church or give them to Beth Sikorsky when you come to church. This survey will also be placed on our website as well. Thank you for your time and we value your input greatly!

OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

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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 15th 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 272nd Anniversary — 1748 — 2020



Please note that the next Courier for publication will be the **November 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 or via your telephone

Christian Education Hour — remains on hold as of now

Praise Contemporary Worship — One in-person service only on the 2nd Sunday of the month for now.

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**. Please get the individual’s permission to be on the prayer chain and to have their name spoken in church and on-line.