

JESUS SAYS...



⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.¹ Romans 12:4-5 NRSV

THE EVANGEL

SEPTEMBER 2021



**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
HANOVER, PENNSYLVANIA 17331**

Purpose: **We are called through Christ to praise God
and love generously**

-Some thoughts on preaching the Gospel

The story goes, that two elderly, Southern women were sitting together in the front pew of their church listening to a fiery preacher. When this preacher condemned the sin of stealing, these ladies shouted out at the tops of their lungs, 'AMEN, BROTHER!' When the preacher condemned the sin of lust, they cried out again, 'PREACH IT, REVEREND!' And when the preacher condemned the sin of lying, they jumped to their feet and screamed, 'YOU TELL IT PREACHER...AMEN!' But when the preacher condemned the sin of gossip, the two got very quiet. One turned to the other and said, 'He's quit preaching now and started to meddlin'.'



My homiletics professor never claimed preaching was easy. One thing she often repeated was this: "If your preaching doesn't offend someone, you're probably not sharing the truth of the Gospel."

St. Paul described the message of Christ as scandalous, something foolish, even offensive to those who value things of this world.

On occasion, someone will tell me that the sermon sounded like it was being preached directly to them. More often than not, it was simply the message of the Gospel for the day. It was not aimed directly at anyone and there was no intention of meddlin'. But when the Gospel is faithfully preached it can cut deeply and it does convict us by it bringing to light in us the sins and offenses that lie hidden beneath the surface of our lives. When the sermon has that effect, I would suggest that you keep listening.

The other thing that the professor never failed to make clear was our need to tell the Good News of the Cross of Christ. Jesus died for sinners. All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, but by His death and resurrection, Jesus offers us forgiveness as a free and unearned gift. And that is an act of utter grace.

When the Gospel message points directly at the sins and errors of our lives, it gives us reason to confess those sins and come to Jesus for forgiveness. Hopefully, it leads us to a continuous examination of our lives and a change of our ways.

Good preaching is supposed to meddle in our lives, and by the faithful Word of God, lead us from sin to the cross, because that is where the love of Christ is waiting to meet us.

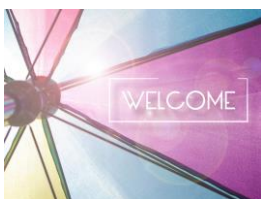
Peace be with you,
Pastor Burkhart

Got a question ...need to talk?
The office is open and the phone is working.

All Committee Night is September 8th, and Council meeting is September 15th.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING

New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need with emergency crisis assistance, food pantries, rent/mortgage assistance, help with medical needs, heat/utility assistance, transportation assistance, counseling, referral services, youth programs, holiday food baskets and gifts. In addition to basic needs, NHM offers ongoing support and guidance to help people become self-sufficient and stable over the long term through financial literacy, nutrition education, GED, employment preparation, and job training programs. NHM received an overall score of 97.24 out of 100 from Charity Navigator, the most utilized evaluator of the financial stability and best practices of charities in the U.S.



We will continue having two services each Sunday until at least October 24th. We will have an outdoor service at 8AM and an indoor service at 9:30AM. Masks are required for the indoor service.

We are in need of volunteers to help with both set-up and tear down at each service, as well as ushers. If you will be able to give some of your time helping on any Sunday, please either call the office or Suzanne Butler (717-637-8496) to let us know, Thank you.

Worship and Music Committee

Choirs are an integral part of worship and a lot of fun! Please feel free to try out any of our choirs – there's no obligation to stay if a choir is not the right fit for you. Know, too, that all of the choirs work 3-6 weeks ahead, so there is flexibility if you need to miss rehearsals or worship services. Please be in touch with one of us or any member of our choirs with questions. We'd love to have you!



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Gretchen Walter, Children's Choir Director -
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Greetings all,

Some of us have experienced church members questioning (or even complaining) about the new masking policy. Here is some information that supports why we moved in this direction:

"The added wrinkle is that with Delta being more transmissible, even vaccinated individuals have the chance of spreading it to others who are not, including children, even if they themselves never get seriously ill.

'Regardless of school or business recommendation, we know that masking can help to slow the spread of COVID-19,' said Dr. Mark Goedecker, vice president and chief medical officer for primary care, WellSpan Health. "If you find yourself in a space where you feel social distancing cannot be maintained, it is best to mask up, even if you are fully vaccinated, to help slow the spread.' "

From Wellspan's website
<https://www.wellspan.org/news/story/five-things-different-about-the-covid-19-delta-surge/N6487>

This is why we are masking at church. Vaccinated people can still spread this new variant even if they don't get sick themselves. Council feels wearing a mask to prevent infecting others is part of Jesus' command to "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

God bless,
Russ K

Volunteers Needed

St. Paul's will have a booth at the Snack Town Street Fair (formerly Dutch Days) on Saturday, Sept. 18. We will need help with the following:

- Gathering and preparing materials
- Setting up &/or tearing down the booth
- Manning the booth, including:
 - running children's games
 - talking with people

You can sign up for a two-hour slot or do more.

If you're interested in helping, please contact Russ Kaltreider or sign up outside Pastor's office.



THE CHOIRS OF ST. PAUL'S

"Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful." – Psalm 149:1

"Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song." - Psalm 100:2

There is a choir for every age at St. Paul's!

YOUTH CHOIR



Youth Choir

This is the choir for youth from grades 6-12. We generally rehearse on Sundays and sing 1-2 Sundays per month at a worship service. No time has yet been set for rehearsals. If you are interested in participating please let Steven know.

HERITAGE CHOIR

Heritage choir sings once a month, at the 8:00 am service. We rehearse the Saturday before the Sunday worship on Saturday at 9:00 am for 30 minutes in the sanctuary choir loft. We sing songs



from our Christian heritage. The first rehearsal is Saturday, September 11th, with our first musical offering on Sunday, September 12th.



Heritage Choir

SENIOR CHOIR

This is our most active choir. We rehearse on Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. We sing most Sundays, with a few breaks from September through May. We sing either at the 8 or 10:45 am service according to a rotating schedule. The Senior Choir prepares extended choral music for Reformation Sunday, Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Good Friday Tenebrae, Easter and Pentecost Sunday worship. Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, and Basses are especially needed. We will help you learn to sing in a group and will also help you learn to read a music score enough to have fun while you help to lead the congregation's worship!

Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the choir loft in the sanctuary.

ST. PAUL'S BAND/ORCHESTRA

Grade 7 and up

All instruments are needed. We will play various times throughout the year with rehearsals scheduled prior to performances. See Steven Ruppright – Director of Music if you are interested.

St. Paul's



Band/Orchestra



THE CHOIRS OF ST. PAUL'S - continued

BELL CHOIR

If you are interested in playing in the handbell choir, we will begin rehearsals late in September on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM. We usually perform 1-2 times per month. Please indicate your interest to Lori Rebling or any current member of the handbell choir.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Age 3 – 6 Grade)

The Children's Choir is our Rotation Sunday School/Faith Formation Class (3 years to 6th grade). Once a month this group shares a song they have learned in class as the anthem during the worship service. ***Although encouraged, participation in the worship service is always optional.***

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and be sure to follow ***St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church*** on Facebook!

* You do not need a Facebook account to view the page.

In musical service,
Gretchen Walter
Director of Children's Music
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FALL FUN FAITH FORMATION

for children 3 years through 6th grade **begins September 19th**.
Please Join Us!!!

We will meet in the courtyard on the 2nd floor of the education wing every Sunday at 9:30am, concurrent with the 9:30am indoor worship service. We will focus on a different Bible story every four weeks while rotating through crafts, games, songs, and theater activities designed to reinforce the principal concepts of the story. We will finish in time to bring the children down to the sanctuary to commune with their family and participate in the conclusion of the service. Once a month we will also share a musical offering with the congregation at this time.

If you would like to assist with Rotation Faith Formation either as the required 2nd adult present (no planning or participation required) or by leading a rotation, please sign up for the Sunday of your choice on the

volunteer bulletin board by the office or contact Gretchen Walter (stpaulschildrensmusic@gmail.com). Thank you!

PASTOR’S OFFICE HOURS ARE 9:00 AM TO NOON

The pastor is available during these hours unless called away.

Appointments are preferred.

Pastor Burkhart can be reached by phone 24/7.

If there is no answer, please leave a message.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

We are pleased to announce the following lay staff changes.

Financial Secretary

- Our Financial Secretary, Sue Wineholt, will be retiring effective Sept. 30th. We will definitely miss Sue’s dedication and accuracy; but after serving St. Paul’s for eleven years, Sue looks forward to traveling and spending time with family. We wish Sue many years of happiness with husband, Bill, their children and, especially, her grandson.

Maureen Kaltreider has been hired to replace Sue. Maureen will be working Monday and Tuesday mornings to count and record weekly contributions and prepare contribution records. Maureen has been serving on the Counting Team and the Auditing Committee. With this experience and her attention to detail, Maureen is well qualified for the Financial Secretary position.

There is now a need for an additional person to serve on the Monday morning Counting Team. If you are interested, please contact Carmen in the Church Office at 717-637-5941 or at stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net.

Housekeeping

– Our two employees Becky Kiser and Toby Tasker have accepted full-time work elsewhere and no longer have the availability to work at St. Paul’s.

Lorraine Mason, who served as our Housekeeper for two years, resigning in 2020 to care for family members who were ill, will be returning to St. Paul’s on Sept. 7th, working Tuesday and Friday mornings plus additional hours during the week as available. With her excellent cleaning and organization skills, we are blessed to have Lorraine rejoin our staff.



THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

EPHESIANS

William Barclay called Ephesians “The Queen of the Epistles.” It is a breathtaking treaty from Paul elaborating the reconciling work of God in Christ Jesus, i.e., making all human beings into one people as “the Body of Christ,” conquering the hostile cosmic powers of sin and death, the creation of a new humanity, and the creation of a new society founded and grounded in God. We approach the letter to the Ephesians “the greatest” and “most relevant of Paul’s works” properly with a sense of awe and wonder.

In Ephesians, Paul elaborates on two fundamental Christian themes. The first theme (chaps. 1-3) regards faithful doctrine regarding the new life and new society in Christ which God has brought into being by the death and resurrection of His Son. The second theme (chaps. 4-6) teaches the new standards for life and relationships expected of Christian believers. This second theme takes us from theory to practice; from “This is the way things are now,” to “therefore, we are to honor God by living like this.”

September Study:

Opening up: 1. When you were a child were you every sent to your room for a “time out?” What did you do to deserve it?
2. Did you have a secret hiding place as a child? Who else knew about it?

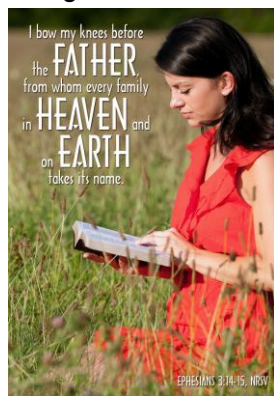
Read Chapter 3, verses 1-13

Dig In: Paul uses his “time out” in prison to ponder the mystery of the Christ, and to write letters.

1. What is the mystery he ponders? (vs 3-4, 6, 9.)
2. How does Paul first discover and then preach this mystery? (vs 2, 7.)
3. What is the role of the church in God’s plan? (vs 6, 10.)
4. How would you explain to someone how they can come to know God? (vs 2:16 & 3: 12.)

Reflection:

1. Paul’s all-consuming desire was to make Christ known. Why was this so important to him? What consumes your life?
2. How do you respond to comments from friends like, “Who needs the church, anyway?” Or “Why do you go?” How do you think Paul would respond to those questions?



3. Why might people feel awkward in your church and what can you do to break down those barriers they are feeling? Why is that important?

GLEANINGS FROM THE AUGUST 2021 GATHERING OF CHURCH COUNCIL



Mission: To fulfill the command given in Matthew 25:35

“for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” And the King will answer, truly I tell you, just as you did it unto one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did unto me”

Matthew 25:40

- Making a difference moment was the increase of feeding fifty families to seventy to seventy-five families a week through the Saturday Grocery Ministry.
- The designated giving for December is Clearview Terrace.
- Council approved the Property Committee's request to replace the HVAC unit for the sanctuary once all the bids are received. Since the cost of the project will exceed \$10,000.00, Council will call a congregational meeting for final approval of the project.
- Council approved installing an access control system for two doors using a card reader.
- Council approved the survey developed by the Executive Committee to be sent in various ways to members of the congregation.
- Council approved the recommendations of the Lay Personnel Committee to hire Maureen Kaltreider as Financial Secretary for four to six hours a week beginning September 13, 2021, and to hire Lorraine Mason as sexton for sixteen hours per week beginning September 7, 2021. During the personnel discussion, Russ Kaltreider reclused himself from the meeting and returned at completion of discussion.
- Council approved the use of \$3,000.00 from the Adventures in Ministry Fund for the Grocery Ministry.
- Council helped Peg Sennett, chair of the COVID Taskforce, update COVID guidelines.
- Council approved the formation of a Visioning/Steering Committee. The committee will focus on plans and priorities and facilitate projects with committees and individuals.
- Global Ministry is hosting the CROP Walk on October 17, 2021.
- A six month audit of the financials was completed. The financials were found to be in good order.
- The Executive Committee approved use of monies from the Family Crisis fund and updated council on their conversations with Pastor Burkhart.
- Council extends best wishes and God's blessings to Sue Wineholt upon her retirement as Financial Secretary. Sue's resignation is effective September 30th. Thank you, Sue, for your faithful service and diligent care of financial giving.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God,

which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:6-7**



We have been having a lot of technical difficulties with emailing the weekly “Happenings and Reminders”. I have been emailing them on Thursday’s and I know that some people receive it without

any problems, some receive it in their SPAM, and some do not receive it at all. It is very frustrating

I will begin to try to post it to St. Paul’s website every Thursday at least until we get this problem sorted out.

If you do not receive it in your inbox please check your SPAM folder and move it to your inbox so that hopefully you will receive the emails. Also you can check your privacy settings and, if possible, set emails to be allowed from stpaulsyorkst.org.

St. Paul’s Happenings and Reminders

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously

ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT will be held on **Wednesday, September 8th**, at 7:00 pm. If you are on a committee, check with your chairperson as to whether your committee is meeting and, if so, where and how they plan to meet.



All Committee Night

- **2021 Annual Reports** are due in the office by **August 31st**. These reports should contain information from **September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021**.
- **2022 Budget figures** are due in the office by **September 27**. Year-to-date expense reports for your committee will be emailed to Chairpeople hopefully before the 8th.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:

Radio – Sept. 12, 19 & 26 (\$60 or any portion you desire)
Flowers – Sept. 12 (2 vases) & Sept. 26 (1 vase) (\$20/vase)
Communion Bread & Wine – Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (\$12)
Bulletin –Sept. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (\$20)
Eternal Flame –September 5, 19 & 26 (\$10)

If you are interested, please contact Carmen in the Church Office at 717-637-5941 or at stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net.

An excerpt from: ***The Hybrid Church: The Church That Will Rule the Next Decade***

Albert Einstein once famously said, “The measure of intelligence is the ability to change.” This quote stands true for us today — it is not a matter of what we think is correct or right, it is a matter of being willing to change. This means changing for the sake of others, for the sake of our churches, and the sake of the unsaved people in this world.

If we truly want to be the church Christ called us to be, we must be willing to go where the people are. This means reaching people in our communities, in our social circles, and especially online.

Although the convenience of eCommerce and virtual meetings is great, we cannot deny that we are human beings who desperately need human interaction. We were created to be in community because God knows how dark things can get when we are constantly isolated. The author of Hebrews hits on the idea in Hebrews 10:24-25 :

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Gathering together is vital for the Body of Christ, but gathering may just look a bit different than it once did.

The future is not a strictly digital church and the future is not a strictly physical church. The future is bringing these two worlds together to have the biggest impact possible on all people. It is a form of being “all things to all people” as Paul speaks of in 1 Corinthians 9:22-23:

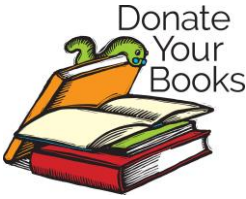


“To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.”

As we look forward to this next decade, there are so many possibilities for the church to grow and further expand their reach to people they never could before. Digital media has made it possible for the church to reach beyond their four walls which has proven vital during the pandemic of 2020. However, physical gatherings in churches are not going away anytime soon. People need to be around people to thrive and grow, but we may just need to adjust the methods in which we gather to accomplish this.

As time goes on, we can rest in the promise of God to establish and uphold His church. He will always make a way for people to hear His Gospel of peace. Whether it is online, in-person, or somewhere in between, the news of Jesus Christ shall go forth to all nations!

Submitted by a St. Paul's Member with permission



MEN IN MISSION FALL USED BOOK SALE

Our Used BOOK SALE will be held Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9.

Donations of used books, puzzles and DVD's are being accepted. You can place your books along the right-hand wall in Fellowship Hall. (No encyclopedias, please) Proceeds benefit our youth.

Watch upcoming bulletins and Evangels for more information and if there are any changes to be announced.



Since we have a severe shortage of volunteers, if you sponsor flowers for the church services, please let the office know when you will pick them up from the church as we currently have no one to deliver them.

They may be picked up after the service at 9:30AM on Sunday or anytime when the office

is open during the week



Senior High Youth!

We're heading to Minneapolis next July for the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering! Youth entering grades 9-12 are invited to join our group for this once-in-a-lifetime chance to join 30,000+ fellow Lutheran youth in large group gatherings, fun, learning, and service. It'll be an opportunity you won't want to miss! Plans are underway and will continue throughout the year. Check out the links below for more information about the event (or search "2022 Youth Gathering" on YouTube). Any questions, contact Nancy Smith or Deb Sowers for more information!

What is a Gathering?: <https://youtu.be/W6Hrq793T1E>
boundless: God beyond measure: <https://youtu.be/CJXWcl1otWc>

*Sisters in Faith Fall
Retreat!!
Nov. 12 - 14*



Women in the congregation (and friends), wouldn't it be nice to relax and spend some time on a relaxing weekend away? Consider joining us again this fall at Mar-Lu-Ridge (near Frederick, MD) for our time together. As in the past, our group will enjoy meals prepared for us (!) in a "hotel-like" setting in the mountains (with beautiful fall views!). The theme is "Pray Always", and we'll plan worship with a beautiful view of the Potomac River. There will be time on Saturday afternoon to explore the area or just relax on your own. We hope to have a campfire this year! Check out the camp by visiting <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/>. We are staying at The Ridge Inn.

COST OF THE EVENT:
+\$155 for the whole weekend (2 nights/4 meals)
+\$110 for Fri. night/3 meals
+\$95 for Fri. night/2 meals
(checks payable to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church")

Please sign up by contacting the church office and pay at least half of your total expense (based on nights you plan to stay) by SEPTEMBER 15. Final payment will be due on NOVEMBER 1. Contact Deb Sowers (debsowers@gmail.com) with any questions!

PLEASE KNOW--Mar-Lu-Ridge continues to follow strict COVID-19 protocols as established by the American Camping Association (ACA). We have been told we can cancel even up to the last minute should the pandemic worsen closer to the event.



SCHOOL KITS

The Faith in Action Committee will be packing our school bags on Monday, Sept 27, at 930 in Fellowship Hall.

We welcome any volunteers to help us.

Youth and Family News

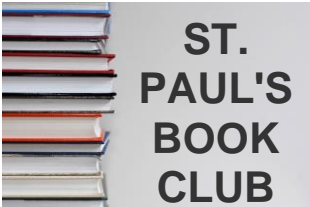
At our August planning meeting youth and families shared their visions for Youth and Family Ministry at St. Paul's! The group suggested that all youth (grades K-12) and their family meet once a month. After a meal and opening activity together, each age group will separate for age-appropriate activities.

Our first gathering is **Sept. 19**. Check out additional plans below and plan now to join us!

****All events this fall will be held after "late" worship.****

- Sept. 19 "Boundless" (our theme for the year)
- Oct. 17 CROP Walk -*after the walk, we will have a cookout and games time together at Codorus
- Nov. 21 #Blessed

Upcoming events: (dates TBD)
+Caroling
+weekend retreat (gr. 6-12)
+Family Game Night



The St. Paul's Book club will meet **Wednesday, September 29, 2021** at the home of Peg Sennett at **7:00 pm**. The book we will be discussing is The Good Lord Bird by James McBride. This book is a National Book Award Winner and a good read.

Join us for good discussion and good fellowship. All are welcomed.

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB CHANGES

St. Paul's Book Club has made some changes in their meeting locations for the coming months. Please see the changes below:

- Wednesday, October 27, 2021. - North Pointe Community Center near Carla Hausmann's home. - **7:00pm**
 - Book--Back Roads by Susan Crandall
- Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Janet Haack's home - **7:00pm**

- Book--The Tender Land by William Kent Kruegar

Please join us for good discussion and fellowship. See you there.



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

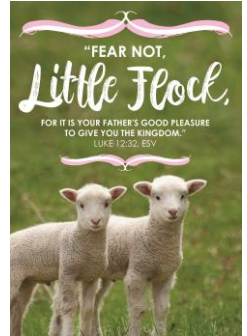
Outdoor Worship – 8:00 am, Indoor Worship – 9:30 am

Aug. 8	42	38	ZOOM.....	5
Aug. 15	48	30	ZOOM.....	4
Aug. 22	26	37	ZOOM.....	10
Aug. 29	36	38	ZOOM.....	No ZOOM

STEWARDSHIP IS ABOUT GOOD PRIORITIES

Jesus taught, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” -Luke 12:32

The Bible makes it clear that God has given us all that we have and all that we are. This includes not just our money and possessions, but also our relationships, our character strengths, our time, our intelligence, the special talents, and skills we may possess, and so much more.



Biblical stewardship invites us to use all these gifts in God-pleasing ways -- not for God’s benefit, but for ours. We are the ones who benefit when we invest ourselves, our time and our possessions in ways that are in sync with God’s purposes.

The more we align our lives with God’s purposes, the happier and more fulfilled we become. And why not? We are learning to live more fully as disciples of Jesus, approaching more fully the abundant life he promised us. We grow in awareness and set new priorities that bring us closer to God.

If that sounds appealing to you, why not begin? Pick an area of your life that you’d like to align with God’s purposes. Maybe your relationships? Your money? How about your time?

Then, honestly and prayerfully consider: How are you using that gift? Talk it over with your pastor or prayer partner. Ask God to give you insight and to reveal your blind spots. Pray for guidance on how you can better use your gifts.

It takes time, but it’s so worth it. When our priorities are in sync with God’s purposes, we are not only stewarding our lives well, but also opening the door to greater personal fulfillment and joy.

--Rob Blezard

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FINANCIAL REPORT



Note: All numbers are as of July 31

Cash Accounts	Subaccount if Applicable	Amount
Business Checking	Operating	\$ 59,316.48
Business Checking	Property	\$ 19,470.97
Business Checking	Memorial	\$ 12,823.81
Savings	Organ Fund	\$ 3,379.42
Checking	People's Bank	\$ 42,055.86
Checking (PNC)	Youth Group	\$ 8,552.43
People's CD		\$ 20,085.85
Petty Cash	Operating	\$ 21.50
Petty Cash	Food Bags	\$ 83.44
Total		\$165,789.76

NOTES:

- 1) Regular Giving is \$40,176.17 under budget
- 2) Operating Expenses are \$13,740 under budget
- 3) Our Second PPP Loan has been totally forgiven (\$36,908)
 - a. This has tremendously helped our cash flow

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

General	\$559,001.32
Family Crisis Fund	\$ 11,222.27
Sabbatical Policy Fund	\$ 51,219.68
Marsh Family Fund	\$ 74,619.74
Mission Trip Fund	\$ 11,329.17
Total	\$707,392.18

Frank R. Hueske

Treasurer

HELP IS NEEDED! Our Grocery Ministry is in search of volunteers to help in various ways. How can YOU help us serve our neighbors? Volunteers needed for:



- **unloading and organizing** donations received (Fridays from 3:00 - 4:00)--some heavy-lifting is involved BUT we are also in need of good organizers and sorters (no lifting)
- **visioning** team (time TBD by volunteers)--to what is God calling us; how can we improve on what we are called to do?
- **communication** team (on your own time!)--send thank you notes; PR in the community
- **distributors** (9-11:30 Saturday mornings)--no need to come every Saturday...but WHICH week could you serve?
- **donations**--we continue to seek monetary donations for the items we purchase (eggs and produce each week)

Contact Deb Sowers (debsowers@gmail.com) or Nancy Smith to volunteer.



Thank you so much for all the cards that I have received since coming down with COVID19 in April. I also thank everyone for all of the prayers for my recovery. I have only recently returned home, for which I am so thankful, and am continuing to recover.

Betty Sheets



Saint Vincent de Paul Church is hosting “Bluegrass and Bluegrass Gospel Jam Sessions” on Friday nights between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the Parish Auditorium, 65 South Street, Hanover, PA. All levels of Bluegrass pickers, singers, and listeners are welcome to join. Bring your guitar, fiddle, banjo, or dobro and join the fun! Note: This is strictly a Bluegrass event. No country, electric instruments or drums please! A

sound system will be provided. Donations appreciated to cover the weekly cost of the auditorium rental. For more information, please contact "Al" at (717) 253-2294.



*"If my people who are called by my name
humble themselves, pray, seek my face,
and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will ... forgive their sin ..."*
2 Chronicles 7:14, NRSV

14 If my people, which are called by my name, **shall humble themselves**, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

Heavenly Father, the times we're in right now feel so uncertain. We're battling fear and worry at every turn. We don't know what the future holds, but we believe you're holding us and won't let go. We're desperate to

feel your presence surrounding us.

We humble ourselves before you, aware of our need for you and believing in your great power. Thank you that no matter what we face, we know you are still greater. We praise you for your truth and are so grateful you've set us free from the clutching grasp of sin and death. Forgive us God, for the times we've missed the mark. Help us to live strong and walk wisely, filled by the power of your Holy Spirit within us.

We ask that you would be with your people, extending your grace, granting your freedom, providing your protection, and empowering with your strength. We pray that you'd bring about an awakening of your presence as never seen before. May your name be proclaimed in all the earth and may every evil plan of the enemy be thwarted.

We pray that many would come to know you as Lord and Savior, that nations would see your Light. Open blind eyes and bring your healing and freedom to the prisoners in every nation.

We pray for unity among God's people for the glory of your great name, that all who call themselves believers would humble themselves and pray, turning from sin, and seeking your face as never before.

Wake us up Lord! Remind us to live aware, to redeem the time, to listen to your words, to be willing to make a difference in this world.

We pray for all those in authority, that you would give them your wisdom and discernment as they lead. We ask that you would appoint strong, faithful men and women to serve the nations and people.

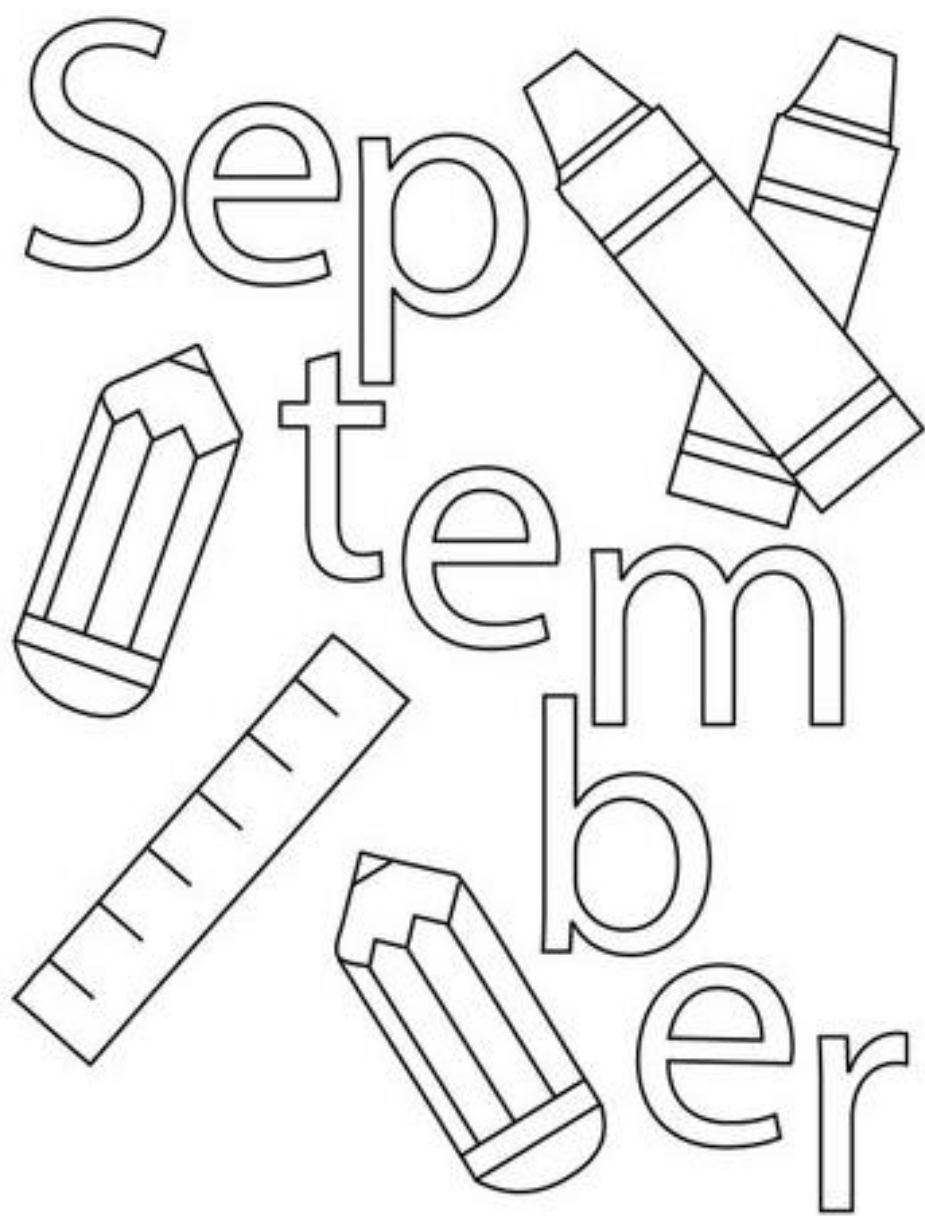
We pray for your great healing in our lands. Shine your face on us dear God. We need you now, more than ever before. Our times are in your hands.

Thank you that you are rich in mercy and full of grace. Thank you for your forgiveness and love. Thank you that you are strong and mighty,

and that you fight for us still today. Bring honor to your name, oh Lord,
for you alone are worthy. In Jesus Christ' Name, Amen.

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