

St. Paul United Methodist Church

THE REMINDER

Pastor's Page

Rev. Joshua Rhone

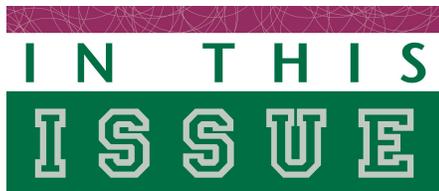
Greetings and blessings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We find ourselves in the season of the church year known as 'Ordinary Time.' In terms of length, Ordinary Time is the longest season of the church year. Yet, while it is the longest season of the church year, Ordinary Time often gets looked over in favor of the 'major seasons': Advent, Lent and Easter.

In many respects this is not at all surprising. When it comes to discipleship, we often do the same thing. We tend to emphasize the mountaintop experiences over the everyday aspects of discipleship. After all, conferences, seminars and concerts are exciting. They cement themselves in our memories. Yet, the majority of our discipleship journey is comprised of the ordinary. That is not to say that the mountaintops experiences are not important. They are. But as important as the 'special events' are, of far greater importance is how we engage Jesus, deepen our love relationship with God, and generously serve God and others the many other days between the special events. That is to say, most of our discipleship journey is to be found in the ordinary, everyday acts of faithfulness: daily prayer and Bible reading; the weekly rhythm of work and rest-- productivity and Sabbath; routine, disciplined giving; and, regular participation in worship and Sunday School.

During this summer season, what are you doing to further cultivate a vibrant, growing relationship with God? What spiritual practices and disciplines could you engage in to deepen your relationship with God and better hear God's voice?

In this season of life, in which COVID-19 is prohibiting us from gathering together in ways that have become familiar and commonplace to us (Sunday School, SPY, SPARK, and times of fellowship), I would like to make a few suggestions:



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**St. Paul U.M. Church
Mission Statement:**

*To share Christ's love
through
Worship, Ministry, Mission
and Fellowship*

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1. **Make daily Bible reading and prayer a priority.** Schedule a time each and every day to read the Bible and pray, either alone, with a spouse, or as a family.
 2. **Make regular worship a priority.** Vacations, health concerns, and weekend camping trips may make in-person worship difficult during the next few months. However, you can remain connected and can join us in worship by tuning in for online worship on St. Paul UMC Manchester's YouTube channel. (A link to the service can also be found on the church's website: <http://www.stpaulmanchester.org>).
 3. **Find creative ways to fellowship.** You might consider: calling each member of your Sunday School class; arranging a conference call with those whom you regularly sit beside in worship; or hosting a Zoom call or Google Hangout with some trusted friends for a time of prayer and Bible study.
 4. **Get out and enjoy God's creation.** Take a hike, go for a walk, sit on the front porch, or weed the flowerbeds. For, as the psalmist declares: "Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy (Ps 96.11-12)." Use your time outside as an opportunity to both worship God and listen for God's voice.
- Practice generosity.** Share the bounty of your garden by blessing a neighbor, friend, or someone in need with some fresh produce. Make a donation to a local charity. Tithe regularly to St. Paul. As we live our lives with open hands, God has a way of filling them back, so that we can continue to live generously; help those who are in need; and participate in God's work in the world.

In conclusion, I would like to challenge you with four questions to begin and close each day. They are as follows: 1) How will I deepen my love relationship with God today? 2) How will I learn to follow Jesus with the support of others today? 3) How will I generously share what I have with God and others today? 4) How will I warmly encourage someone to take their next step closer to God today?

Blessings!

Rev. Joshua Rhone



**Deepen Your
Relationship
With God**

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If you would be interested in joining our newsletter assembly team, please contact the church office.

Stewardship Report

JUNE, 2020 FUNDS SUMMARY

Current Month Beginning Cash Balance: \$91,566.60 (Per M&T)

GENERAL FUND

| Income: | ACTUAL | BUDGET | DIFFERENCE |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| All Giving, Specials, Interest, Misc. | \$ 48,590.90 | \$ 38,266.63 | \$ 10,324.27 |
| <u>EXPENSES:</u> | | | |
| Dues, Payroll, Committee Expenses | \$ 46,445.90 | \$ 37,646.44 | \$ 8,799.46 |
| DIFFERENCE OF: | \$ 2,145.00 | \$ 620.19 | \$ 1,524.81 |
| Current Month Ending Cash Balance | \$ 93,711.60 | | |
| <u>LESS:</u> Restricted Designated Funds Bazaar, Building Fund, Music Fund, Missions, etc. | \$ (98,729.39) | | |
| Total Non-Designated Funds | \$ (5,017.79) | | |

BUILDING FUND

Current Month Beginning Cash Balance: \$4,332.00

| | ACTUAL | BUDGET | DIFFERENCE |
|---|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| INCOME | \$ 1,355.00 | \$ 1,800.00 | \$ (445.00) |
| PAID ON LAND LOAN | \$ (4,330.00) | \$ (1,800.00) | \$ (2,530.00) |
| Current Month Ending Cash Balance | \$ 1,357.00 | \$ — | \$ 1,357.00 |
| Land Loan Beginning Principal Balance minus \$4,000.34 paid in June, 2020 = Remaining Principal | \$ 21,617.38 \$ 17,617.04 | | |

GENERAL FUND - YEAR TO DATE FUNDS SUMMARY, JAN.–MAY, 2020

| YTD INCOME: | ACTUAL | BUDGET | DIFFERENCE |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| All Giving, Specials, Interest, Misc. | \$ 257,287.86 | \$ 291,199.97 | \$ (33,912.11) |
| YTD EXPENSES: | | | |
| Dues, Payroll, Committee Expenses | \$ 267,739.69 | \$ 305,700.69 | \$ (37,961.00) |
| DIFFERENCE OF: | \$ (10,451.83) | \$ (14,500.72) | |

Tithes & Offerings

Offerings & Tithes for JUNE, 2020

| SERVICE DATE | S.S. | GIVING | SERVICE DATE | S.S. | GIVING |
|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-----------------------|------|-------------------|
| June 7 - 8:45 | \$0 | \$1,045.00 | June 21 - 8:45 | \$0 | \$6,701.00 |
| Building Fund | | 100.00 | Building Fund | | 320.00 |
| Clothing Bank | | 500.00 | Peace with Justice | | 5.00 |
| Scholarships | | 100.00 | Roof Fund | | 75.00 |
| Roof Fund | | 80.00 | Scholarships | | 5.00 |
| 10:30 Worship | | \$0 | Honor Josh Rhone | | 100.00 |
| E-Giving | | \$2,619.00 | 10:30 Worship | | \$820.00 |
| Building Fund | | 177.50 | Building Fund | | 10.00 |
| Missions | | 167.50 | Roof Fund | | 20.00 |
| Offset Fee | | 31.55 | E-Giving | | \$2,033.00 |
| Music Program | | 20.00 | Building Fund | | 7.50 |
| Clothing Bank | | 20.00 | Missions | | 87.50 |
| Roof Fund | | 34.00 | Offset Fee | | 34.65 |
| June 14 - 8:45 | \$0 | \$7,355.00 | S.P.Y. | | 20.00 |
| Building Fund | | 525.00 | Music Program | | 45.00 |
| Missions | | 227.00 | Roof Fund | | 1,074.00 |
| Peace with Justice | | 22.00 | June 28 - 8:45 | \$0 | \$7,306.00 |
| Sunbeam Station | | 1,400.00 | Building Fund | | 45.00 |
| Clothing Bank | | 100.00 | Missions | | 40.00 |
| Roof Fund | | 1,110.00 | Clothing Bank | | 49.00 |
| Scholarships | | 22.00 | Roof Fund | | 285.00 |
| 10:30 Worship | | \$0 | Masks | | 20.00 |
| E-Giving | | \$1,645.00 | Flowers | | 120.00 |
| Building Fund | | 7.50 | Scholarships | | 3,000.00 |
| Missions | | 177.50 | Land Rent | | 800.00 |
| Offset Fee | | 9.65 | 10:30 Worship | | \$0 |
| Music Program | | 20.00 | E-Giving | | 2,789.00 |
| Roof Fund | | 14.00 | Building Fund | | 42.50 |
| | | | Missions | | 32.50 |
| | | | Offset Fee | | 22.45 |
| | | | Music Program | | 30.00 |
| | | | Roof Fund | | 34.00 |
| | | | Clothing Bank | | 35.00 |

Attendance for
JUNE, 2020

8:45 AM Worship

- 6/7** — 131 (online)
- 6/14** — 88+176 (online)
- 6/21** — 107+49 (online)
- 10:30** - 45+26 (online)
- 6/28** — 69+3 (online)

Sunday School

No Sunday School;
classes due to
COVID-19. Will re-
sume in the fall.

8:45 AM Worship
ONLY
until further notice.

All services are
recorded and can be
viewed online



From Our Visitation Pastor

As I write this, it is on a bright, beautiful summer day. Of course, seven months earlier in the midst of winter, I could have said the same about a particular day except perhaps for a different seasonal temperature! Now we are in a different season; not governed by temperature, weather patterns and such, but a time of disease, unrest and confusion where every day is unpredictable!

In Luke 14:25-35, Jesus taught of a NEW season that He was initiating so unlike the norm of the DAY! He taught about the cost of being His Disciple where we make the choice to change and pay the price for faithfulness to Him! You see, we don't have a choice today as to what will take place on a daily schedule because we are affected differently by the actions and responses of others that create fear, uncertainty and hurt!

When Jesus called and calls us to respond to His Call, "Follow Me", it is because we know there is a cost as we let our world behind, Trusting and Learning from Him! It takes someone who believes, receives and responds to the dedication He demands of us! Yes, every day is new as a born again Christian because we have but one Master who both leads us to carry our own cross of discipleship winning souls and also growing by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit! Leaving behind the familiar while He leads, He says that is the only way to be His disciple!

In this Lukan passage, it is All or Nothing! He says that to FOLLOW Him, we must count the cost before we follow like those preparing to build a house, a king preparing to wage a war, and a desire to be SALTY in our desire to succeed for HIM! We must pray, study the scriptures and be willing to go where he sends us or else we will be Saltless in our endeavors!

Worshipping together is different than before and WE are the church not the building! Praising God with our voices in prayer, praises and song binds us together, so let's March on to Zion here and now until WE are called Home with Him!

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Eddie*

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St. Paul Church Is Open!!!

Reservations for worship will be required until further notice.

Due to social distancing guidelines, we need to ask that you contact us via e-mail karen-heath@stpaulmanchester.org or by phone 717-266-2506 (church office) to let us know that you plan to attend on Sundays. We can only accommodate 50% of our total capacity. **WE WILL BE HAVING ONE SERVICE ONLY, AT 8:45 AM until further notice.** Please see the COVID-19 instructions printed below:



COVID-19 INFORMATION

- ◆ Please stay home if you are sick or have been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- ◆ Bring your own Bible from home.
- ◆ Arrive early to allow time for seating.
- ◆ Use hand sanitizer when entering and leaving.
- ◆ Sit at least 6 feet apart, except for families.
- ◆ Wear your mask, including when singing.
- ◆ Greet others by waving only.
- ◆ There will be no nursery or children's church.
- ◆ There will be no choir.
- ◆ Offering plates will be at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Dismissal will be from the back of the Sanctuary to front.
- ◆ There is no formal Fellowship Time.

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Notes of THANKS

Dear St. Paul Church,
I really appreciated all the cards and your prayers during my time in quarantine for this Covid-19 pandemic. You lifted my spirits and my outlook. Thank you very much for thinking of me.
God bless you all.
Millie Stough

Thank you for the scholarship and your support in my next step after high school. I can't wait to get started at Penn State. I really appreciate all the support the church has given me.
Ryan Hussey

Martha Da Cunha would like to thank those who spent time during the Coronavirus lockdown, making lots of prayer shawls. We now have a nice supply of them for future needs.

Thank you to everyone for all the cards, e-mails, and phone calls following the passing of my sister, Margaret Feeser. Your kindness and love is greatly appreciated by our whole family.

Connie and Dick Aldinger

Dear St. Paul friends,
I want to express my appreciation and thanks for all of the beautiful birthday cards and phone calls I received. Since we are locked in here at Autumn House East, it's nice to know that my friends at St. Paul haven't forgotten me. I am truly blessed!

Thanks and God bless,
Emma Welsh

Bruce Rost wanted to express his gratitude for all who remembered Marge with cards on her 80th birthday on July 19. Cards from St. Paul friends made it special.



NORTHEASTERN CLOTHING BANK HAS REOPENED

The Northeastern Clothing Bank is blessed by your generosity. Due to the COVID-19 shutdown we were unable to be open for 2 3/4 months. Facing financial uncertainty we extended a plea for additional funding to reopen and continue this outreach ministry. We received a large amount of funds from our church members as well as the Susquehanna Lions Club. Our prayers were answered and we are open for business. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity. We continue to be in need of volunteers to staff the Clothing Bank during business hours. Please prayerfully consider giving a few hours a month to help us maintain this outreach ministry. You may contact Karen Binkley (717-266-4239) or Connie Aldinger (717-266-3193). Your help will be appreciated.

God Bless
Benjamin W. Binkley



Ken Matthews left us unexpectedly to go and be with Jesus on July 2 while at the beach. Our hearts go out to his wife Kay and their family and we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. A private family graveside service was held on Thursday, July 9.

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Daily Devotional UPPER ROOM

July / August Upper Rooms

If you wish to sign up to have the Upper Room issues placed in your mailbox, please contact the church office. Upper Rooms are available on the table next to the mailboxes, at church entrances and in the holder on the signup table for your use. Please also let the office know if you no longer wish to receive them in your mailbox. During this time of social distancing, please call the office if you would like us to mail it or make other arrangements for you to get it.



The Outreach Committee continues its collection of supplies for the Northeastern Food Pantry. In the month of **August**, they will be collecting **Canned Potatoes**. Place your items in the grocery cart located in the Narthex.



You will find pledge sheets in the hallway if you would still like to make a pledge. If you have not already done so, please consider giving to support this project. Thank you to those families who have already made a commitment to do so. There is also a fund set up for those using e-giving. A total of **\$104,880.00 is needed for the new roof.**

Total amount received from pledges, unpledged and memorials as of 07/12/20 - \$72507.00
Total amount of pledges yet to be received - \$1516.00
Amount needed to pay complete bill - \$32373.00
Total amount of repair bill - \$104,880.00

Northeastern Food Pantry

4832 N. Sherman St. Ext.
Mt. Wolf, Pennsylvania 17347

July 2020 e-Newsletter

Thank you for helping us provide supplemental groceries and personal care items to 116 people during the month of June 2020. There were 53 families which included 19 children, 44 adults, and 53 seniors.

The Northeastern Food Pantry remains open. We continue to operate with a reduced schedule and reduced volunteer staffing to minimize person to person contact. We are following Federal and State guidelines to protect our clients and volunteers. We are still not able to accept donations of food or personal care items at this time.

We are so very grateful for your continued support. Thank you.

Be Safe,
Kim Weigle
northeastern.foodpantry@aol.com

Change of Phone Number

Faith Rider's new cell phone number is 717-479-2664



GROCERY GIFT CARDS

This week we paid \$185.00 for the 2nd quarter profits toward reducing our building fund debt. This was done through our Grocery Gift Card Program. Thank you to all that participate in this program. Gift cards are sold from 8:20-8:40 AM on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall, or you can contact Sara Walters to make other arrangements.

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OFF-TIME (Over Fifty Fellowship)

There will be no more meetings as a group until further notice. We have cancelled all activities that we had planned for the remainder of the year 2020, however, we are planning to continue our ministry of providing items to the LifePath Christian Ministry for Men and the Women's Shelter Ministry. A list of items needed for the men's ministry will be provided in the September newsletter and a box will be provided in the Narthex to collect the items. The same procedure will be followed when gathering items for the women's ministry in January.

Though we are not able to continue our normal activities at this time, we wish to continue our ministry in this area. Thank you for your continued support and for your understanding as we work through these difficult times. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me. Thank you.

Carol Witmer

BAZAAR NEWS

After many phone calls and careful consideration, the Bazaar Committee has decided that it is in the best interest of all involved to cancel this year's Annual Bazaar scheduled for November. With the COVID situation constantly evolving, it is possible that our committee may find an alternative way to help you usher in the Christmas season sometime this fall. Details will be made available when we figure them out!!

Sharon Allen is still planning to set up her secret shop for the Sunbeam Station children in early December. Please consider volunteering if she needs your help.

If you ordered an historical wooden building or any other item at last year's Bazaar, we will notify you by phone or e-mail when it is ready for pickup.

Any concerns or questions should be addressed to Claire (717-266-1259) or Faith (717-817-565). Thank you for your understanding.

The Bazaar Committee



No Annual UMW Picnic This Year

Ladies- UMW is not having their annual picnic at Musser's Pond. Until we are able to meet again, please send your offerings to Caroline Long, 1095 Copenhaffer Rd, York PA 17404.

Sunday School Schedule

Bible Buddies (3 yrs. Thru Kindergarten)
Teachers: Lori Bradley, Roberta Rohrbaugh & Connie Aldinger

August 2 Troublesome Twins (Jacob & Esau)
 August 9 Jacob & Esau (Birth Right)
 August 16 Jacob Runs Away
 August 23 Jealous Brother (Joseph's Coat)
 August 30 Joseph Meets the King

The Stars and the Eagles combine their classes during the summer months.

The Stars (Grades 1, 2 & 3)
Teacher: Pat Smith

August 2 TBD
 August 9 TBD
 August 16 TBD
 August 23 TBD
 August 30 TBD

Eagles (Grades 4, 5 & 6)
Teachers: Kelly Walters & John Rode

August 2 TBD
 August 9 TBD
 August 16 TBD
 August 23 TBD
 August 30 TBD

Brother's Keepers (Adults)
Teacher: Evelyn Rider

This class will continue a study in the book, **"Are You Fired Up or Burned Out?"** by James W. Moore during the month of August.

Faith & Film Sunday School Class
 Various Facilitators

This class, which meets in the Library, bases their lessons on DVD series and movies. All adults are welcome to attend. This class does not meet during the summer months but will resume classes in September.

Youth Sunday School
 (Junior & Senior High)

Teacher: Barbara Heilman

The Teen Sunday School Class continues to study Biblical lessons and apply them to their daily lives. One of the major resources for the content of the lessons is a website specifically for teen lessons. The seasons of the church calendar are reviewed and discussed as they occur. A weekly objective is for the students to use the Bible to locate books and chapters appropriate for the day's lessons. Students are encouraged to take turns reading aloud. Discussion is held. Students also take turns each week to close the class in prayer.

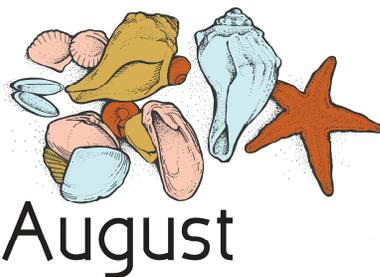
Double Ring Class (Adults)
Teacher: Leo H. Walters

This class bases the weekly presentations on a quarterly lesson plan developed by the Cokesbury Publishing Company. Our goal is to provide insight on a scriptural topic while exploring ways that we can incorporate the teaching into our daily lives. A study guide is provided for each attendee.

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 August 9 TBD
 August 16 TBD
 August 23 TBD
 August 30 TBD



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