

*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!

2020 was a difficult year. A frustrating year for many. The pandemic presented challenges that most of us did not foresee. Vacations were cancelled. Family gatherings postponed. Schooling, overnight, became virtual. In many instances the commute to work was replaced with a short walk to the dining room table or the home office. As a church, we were not able to meet together in-person for a time, and even when we were able to do so, things were very different.

Thanksgiving feasts and Christmas parties, for many, were very different. Zoom calls and FaceTime chats took the place of warm embraces. Instead of "over the mountains and through the woods, to grandmother's house we go," and the jingling of bells on the sleigh, families were forced to gather together around laptops and cellphones -- visits over cookies and hot chocolate replaced with staring into screens, WiFi and cellular connectivity issues.

These changes, cancellations, and postponements exacted a toll on many. Fatigue, exhaustion, fear, worry, and despair started to rear their ugly heads.

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The birth of "Emmanuel" -- God with us. God with us in the good moments of life. God with us when life is going great and things could not be any better. But also, God with us in the not-so-great times. God with us when we feel overwhelmed and on the verge of being overcome. God with us when we feel alone, weak, spread -too-thin.



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

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

## Pastor's Page, Cont'd

*From Our*



Visitation  
Pastor

In a recent conversation, I asked a friend what that good news meant for her, in this season of life, as she was dealing with some things that were weighing heavily upon her shoulders and on those of her family members. Her answer was powerful. "To know that God is with me, means that I am not alone, as I go through this. That God is with me means that there is reason to hope, even when I don't feel all that hopeful. Because God is with me, I know that although I may not understand everything that is going on, I can face it and I can live and love with confidence."

Because of Emmanuel, because God is with us, there is reason to hope.

Because of Jesus, we have hope for now and all eternity. Because of the Holy Spirit, we have comfort, peace, wisdom, and discernment in the here-and-now, even when we feel like we are out-of-our-depth and on the verge of being overwhelmed.

Because of the love of God the Father, as revealed through God the Son, and attested to by God the Holy Spirit, we know that we are loved with a love that will never let go.

May you and yours experience love, joy, peace, and hope as you walk with God in 2021.

Blessings!  
Pastor Josh Rhone

It is difficult now to look ahead and guess what the new year will hold when our present year 2020 has changed almost daily! We have lost persons we care about; a sense of being secure; and the expression, "same old same old", is no longer valid when expressing how our life has been! Our personal freedoms have become based on what is good and safe for all in the midst of a "Pandemic", instead of the question, "What would you like to do today?" Our personal choices this year can impact many people in a serious way with numbers on the tv screen keeping us up to date! These thoughts have both tempered my outlook and provided a reality in which we live! I recently heard an older woman, saying with a smile, "it's over" when she heard a vaccine was on its way! That expression showed a sense of relief for something that she thought would "forever go away now"!

Looking forward to a calendar "NEW YEAR" reminds me that all is not lost, but brings "HOPE" for those who are downtrodden and feel alone, pointing me to the "newness in God's Word! Psalm 40:1 says that "I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. ... 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord." This reminded me that you and I are ultimately not in control! Isaiah 65:17 gives a NEW perspective when God says, "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind."

In the midst of an uncertain world and time, the Lord breaks through reminding of newness he created and that the pain we've experienced will be forgotten. As Christians, our ultimate HOPE is in Jesus Christ, our personal Lord and Savior! We are not alone but look to the cross knowing that He gave us new life and lives today still caring for us. It is difficult to wait for some things to be "over" but He gave us a new heaven and earth eliminating all suffering. Rev. 21:1-8 As Christians, we wait for God's promises to be fulfilled! May the Lord Bless and Strengthen YOU in this NEW YEAR.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Eddie

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

# Stewardship Report

## NOVEMBER, 2020 FUNDS SUMMARY

Current Month Beginning Cash Balance: \$105,015.40 (Per M&T)

### GENERAL FUND

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
Income:			
All Giving, Specials, Interest, Misc.	\$ 33,027.95	\$ 43,566.70	\$ (10,538.75)
<u>EXPENSES:</u>			
Dues, Payroll, Committee Expenses	\$ 26,499.44	\$ 40,304.21	\$ (13,804.77)
DIFFERENCE OF:	\$ 6,528.51	\$ 3,262.49	\$ 3,266.02
Current Month Ending Cash Balance	\$ 111,543.91		
<u>LESS:</u> Restricted Designated Funds Bazaar, Building Fund, Music Fund, Missions, etc.	\$ (101,996.88)		
Total Non-Designated Funds	\$ 9,547.03		

### BUILDING FUND

Current Month Beginning Cash Balance: \$5,844.00

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
INCOME	\$ 2,567.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 767.00
PAID ON LAND LOAN	\$ (4,339.00)	\$ (1,800.00)	\$ (2,539.00)
Current Month Ending Cash Balance	\$ 4,072.00	\$ —	\$ 4,072.00
Land Loan Beginning Principal Balance	\$ 17,617.04		
minus \$4,100.58 paid in November, 2020 = Remaining Principal	\$ 13,516.46		

### GENERAL FUND - YEAR TO DATE FUNDS SUMMARY, JAN.-OCT., 2020

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
YTD INCOME:			
All Giving, Specials, Interest, Misc.	\$ 446,633.29	\$ 484,533.31	\$ (37,900.02)
YTD EXPENSES:			
Dues, Payroll, Committee Expenses	\$ 442,648.76	\$ 496,636.74	\$ (53,987.98)
DIFFERENCE OF:	\$ 3,984.53	\$ (12,103.43)	

# Tithes & Offerings

## Offerings & Tithes for NOVEMBER, 2020

SERVICE DATE	S.S.	GIVING	SERVICE DATE	S.S.	GIVING
<b><u>Nov. 1 - 8:45</u></b>	\$0	<b>\$6,039.00</b>	<b><u>Nov. 15 - 8:45</u></b>	\$0	<b>\$3,539.00</b>
Building Fund		932.00	Building Fund		205.00
Missions		305.00	Flowers		40.00
Advent Offering		25.00	Bazaar		1,206.15
Bazaar		40.00	<b><u>E-Giving</u></b>		<b>\$1,819.00</b>
U.M. Student		10.00	Missions		5.00
Clothing Bank		49.00	Offset Fee		6.45
<b><u>E-Giving</u></b>		<b>\$2,374.00</b>	Music Program		20.00
Missions		25.00	Roof Fund		5.00
Offset Fee		29.05	<b><u>Nov. 22 - 8:45</u></b>	\$0	<b>\$3,729.00</b>
Clothing Bank		20.00	Building Fund		435.00
Music Program		20.00	Advent Offering		6.00
Roof Fund		45.00	Flowers		84.75
<b><u>Nov. 8 - 8:45</u></b>	\$0	<b>\$3,952.00</b>	U.M. Student		1.00
Building Fund		565.00	<b><u>E-Giving</u></b>		<b>\$1,779.00</b>
Flowers		40.00	Missions		5.00
Sunbeam Station		1,400.00	Offset Fee		6.70
<b><u>E-Giving</u></b>		<b>\$1,859.00</b>	Music Program		20.00
Missions		60.00	S.P.Y.		25.00
Offset Fee		6.95	Clothing Bank		10.00
Music Program		20.00	Advent Offering		50.00
Roof Fund		150.00	Christmas Eve		30.00
			Roof Fund		15.00
			Outreach/Missions		10.00
			<b><u>Nov. 29 - 8:45 AM</u></b>	\$0	<b>\$2,691.00</b>
			Building Fund		210.00
			Missions		10.00
			Advent Offering		245.00
			Bazaar		25.00
			Flowers		58.50
			U.M. Student		10.00
			<b><u>E-Giving</u></b>		<b>\$1,949.00</b>
			Missions		30.00
			Offset Fee		21.05
			S.P.Y.		25.00
			SPARK		15.00
			Music Program		20.00
			Food Bank		25.00
			Clothing Bank		25.00
			Roof Fund		30.00

Attendance for  
**NOVEMBER, 2020**

**8:45 AM Worship**

- 11/1 – 97+42 (online)
- 11/8 – 99+25 (online)
- 11/15 – 103+23 (online)
- 11/22 – 85+20 (online)
- 11/29 – 81+40 (online)

**Sunday School**

No Sunday School classes  
due to COVID-19. May  
resume in new year.

**8:45 AM Worship  
ONLY**

**until further notice.**

All services are  
recorded and can be  
viewed online



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



On Thanksgiving Day, Jack Morningstar was taken to his eternal home with Jesus. He was a member of this church for 23 years. A service was held here on Saturday, December 5. Our thoughts and prayers are with Linda and his family during this time.

Harold Wagaman entered into rest on Monday, November 30. He had been a member here for 15 years. His service will be private. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Dot and their family.



Andrew & Andrea Matthews welcomed their second daughter, Kendall Harper into the world on November 10<sup>th</sup>. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was 20". Kendall's big sister is Brynn, her aunt is Lauren Matthews and her grandma is Kay Matthews. Blessings and best wishes to the entire family!

### PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION

Elizabeth Bruaw has moved to Holiday Retirement Home in Harrisburg. Her corrected phone number is below:

Phone: 717-858-0773

### CORRECTION TO BIRTHDAY LIST

Tyler Buffington's birthday was omitted on the November birthday calendar. Her birthday was November 17. Hope it was happy Tyler!

### 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](mailto: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**

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards, called on the phone and brought food for me and my family while I was recuperating from my shoulder surgery. You are some awesome Christian friends! May you all stay safe and have a blessed Holiday

Love,  
Carolyn Zeigler

Dear United Methodist Women & Congregation of St. Paul U.M. Church,  
Thank you so much for the gift card!  
Randy, Haleigh, Conleigh, Piper & River  
Wilhide

United Methodist Women & Congregation,  
It is always such a blessing to receive your thoughtful gifts every year around Veterans Day! Thank you so much! It means a lot to have your thoughts, prayers and immense support for our troops. It's people like you that fill us with pride to serve our country. I hope you continue to stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season.

Thank you!  
Danielle Schriver

Dear Friends of St. Paul Church,  
Thank you all very much for all of the birthday cards and well-wishes.

Roma Schriver

Cheryl and I would like to thank the St. Paul's congregation for all the prayers, cards, words of encouragement and the gifts that we received during the blessed season of the birth of Jesus; Christmas.

May each of you continue to receive His blessings as we look forward to 2021 as a New Year and a New Life in Christ!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Eddie and Cheryl

Thank you for all of the Christmas and birthday cards, gifts and well-wishes we received this year. We are grateful for all of the friends we are blessed with at St. Paul UMC! Hoping that everyone had a blessed and peaceful Christmas season and that all have a safe and happy 2021.

In Christian Love,  
Tony & Karen Heath

Dearest friends, thank you so very much for your kindness and thoughtfulness to our family this Christmas season. The cards, gifts, and phone calls are greatly appreciated and mean so very much! Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Blessings!

Pastor Josh, Crystal, Quinton, and Madison



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Daily Devotional UPPER ROOM

### January / February 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.

### Offtimers Women's Shoebox Collection

The Offtimer's group will again be collecting items for the women's shoebox ministry in January. We will have a drop-off box in the Narthex the last two weeks in January. Items to be collected will be the same as in the past - personal hygiene items, toiletries, towels, wash cloths, socks, etc. Thank you for your continuing support of this very worthwhile endeavor.



### Outreach Committee and Sunbeam Station Food Collection

Because of the pandemic, the Northeastern Food Pantry is not currently accepting food collections but would greatly appreciate any monetary contributions. They remain open and are still helping families. You can contribute monetarily to the food pantry. There is a box for your monetary donations in the Narthex. The Outreach/Missions Committee has decided that they will now collect for the Homeless Veterans Center. Collection item for January is Dish Detergent, Bleach, Bleach Wipes.

## Northeastern Food Pantry

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

## December, 2020 e-Newsletter

Thank you all for helping us provide supplemental groceries and personal care items to **168** people during the month of November 2020. **WOW !!!!**

The total households (families) served was **63**. We assisted 50 children, 69 adults and 49 seniors. **The households served in November included 16 new families with 23 children, 20 adults and 10 seniors.**

We are still experiencing an increase in need and new families seeking assistance.

Our hours of operation are:

<b>Tuesdays:</b>	<b>9:30 to 11:30 a.m.</b> <b>6:30 to 8:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<b>1:30 to 4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Fridays:</b>	<b>9:30 to 11:30 a.m.</b>

Volunteers are needed so we can maintain these hours to serve our community. If you are interested in volunteering or have friends who may be interested, please call the Food Pantry at 717-266-6785 and leave a message. We are still NOT able to accept donations of food, non-perishables or personal care items. Monetary contributions are always appreciated!!! Thank you for your support!!

As we close out 2020, let us continue to be kind and generous to ALL!!

Prayers and Blessings for a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and New Year!!

**Barbara Krier**

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# Sunday School Schedule

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

Sept. 6      TBD  
 Sept. 13     TBD  
 Sept. 20     TBD  
 Sept. 27     TBD

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

Sept. 6      TBD  
 Sept. 13     TBD  
 Sept. 20     TBD  
 Sept. 27     TBD

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

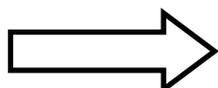
Sept. 6      TBD  
 Sept. 13     TBD  
 Sept. 20     TBD  
 Sept. 27     TBD

**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. There are no plans at this time, for the class to meet in the fall.



**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.

Sept. 6      TBD  
 Sept. 13     TBD  
 Sept. 20     TBD  
 Sept. 27     TBD



Due to COVID-19 concerns, the Sunday School Department has opted to forgo meeting for Sunday School this fall. Hopefully, we will be able to resume classes in the winter.