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Notes of **THANKS**

*I wanted to thank everyone who was involved in the in sending love boxes this past Valentine's Day. As a college student approaching one of the busiest times in the academic year, it made me feel thought of and supported. I hope you all are well and looking forward to the warmer days ahead, just as I am.*

*Love,  
Ava Krebs*

*Dear members of St. Paul U.M. Church, On behalf of Manchester Borough and the Manchester Recreation Commission, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your generous donation of \$800 to the Griffith Scholarship/Endowment Fund. Your continued support helps ensure that recreation remains accessible to members of our community who may benefit from the scholarship assistance donation. Contributions such as yours play an important role in allowing Manchester Recreation to provide meaningful equipment, activities and opportunities to residents of all ages. We are grateful for your commitment to supporting the Manchester community and helping to strengthen opportunities for our residents. Please accept our sincere thanks for your generosity and partnership.*

*Tiffany Mays,  
Borough Manager*



United  
Women  
in Faith

**NEXT UWF MEETING**

Monday, April 13 at 6:30: "Surviving in a Chaotic World" The meeting will include tips on "survival" and the making of survival bags to be distributed at the Honoring Our Mothers Dinner in May. Refreshments will be served.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH  
TRIP TO MISSION CENTRAL**

The UWF will carpool from the church at 8:15 AM on Wednesday, April 29. They will work at Mission Central from 9:15-11:45 and stop at Hoss's for lunch on the way home. They are collecting the following to take along: Hand Towels, 4-9 oz. Air Fresheners and Children's Scissors. There will be a bin in the Narthex for these items, as well as a signup sheet. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Upcoming SPY EVENTS**

April 11 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Help with Alyssa Loych's Clothes for Kids event

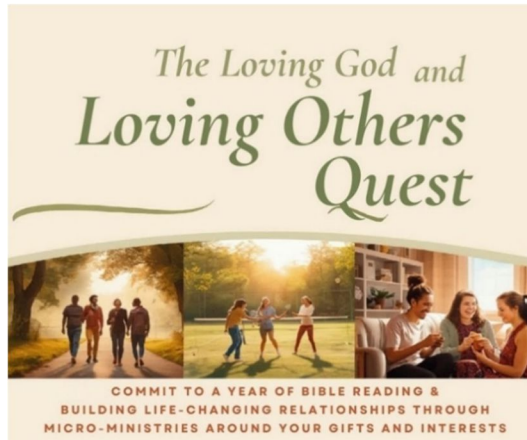


YARD SALE  
DONATIONS  
NEEDED

**Yard & Craft Sale  
Sat. May 2,  
8am-1pm**

Vendor spaces available for \$25 to sell independently or bring us donations to sell to raise money for the church.





## Loving God and Loving Others Quest

Get Ready to Embark on a Transformative Journey!  
*Beginning April 19*

The time has come to prepare for the inspiring "Loving God and Loving Others Quest." This is more than just an event; it's an opportunity to deepen your connection with God and make a meaningful impact in the lives of those around you.

### **How Can I engage beyond my personal reading? Pastor's Bible Study (Loving God Quest)**

Bring your questions about last week's readings  
**Wednesday evenings - In Person**  
begins 4/22 at 7PM in the Overflow Room

### **Monday evenings - On ZOOM**

begins 4/27 at 7PM  
Topic: Pastor Tammy's weekly Bible Reading Review  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88198776039?pwd=UUpArJ0Grijp2hPTBsM9gptFqf6u15.1>

Meeting ID: 881 9877 6039

Passcode: 301596

**LIVE each day at noon** – Monday – Friday on our St. Paul UMC Facebook page  
Pastor Tammy or another St. Paul leader reading the day's reading aloud.

**The sermons** each Sunday in worship will be taken from our shared reading of the previous week.

## April and May Loving God Reading Check List

### 4/20 Week 1 – Creation & the Patriarchs Begin

- Day 1: Genesis 1–3, Psalm 1, Proverbs 1
- Day 2: Genesis 4–7, Psalm 2
- Day 3: Genesis 8–11, Psalm 3
- Day 4: Genesis 12–15, Psalm 4
- Day 5: Genesis 16–18, Psalm 5

### 4/27 Week 2 – God's Covenant Family

- Day 1: Genesis 19–22, Psalm 6, Proverbs 2
- Day 2: Genesis 23–26, Psalm 7
- Day 3: Genesis 27–30, Psalm 8
- Day 4: Genesis 31–34, Psalm 9
- Day 5: Genesis 35–38, Psalm 10

### 5/4 Week 3 – Joseph & the Journey to Egypt

- Day 1: Genesis 39–42, Psalm 11, Proverbs 3
- Day 2: Genesis 43–46, Psalm 12
- Day 3: Genesis 47–50, Psalm 13
- Day 4: Exodus 1–4, Psalm 14
- Day 5: Exodus 5–8, Psalm 15

### 5/11 Week 4 – Deliverance & Covenant

- Day 1: Exodus 9–12, Psalm 16, Proverbs 4
- Day 2: Exodus 13–16, Psalm 17
- Day 3: Exodus 17–20, Psalm 18
- Day 4: Exodus 21–24, Psalm 19
- Day 5: Exodus 25–28, Psalm 20

### 5/18 Week 5 – God Dwells with Israel

- Day 1: Exodus 29–32, Psalm 21, Proverbs 5
- Day 2: Exodus 33–36, Psalm 22
- Day 3: Exodus 37–40, Psalm 23
- Day 4: Leviticus 1–4, Psalm 24
- Day 5: Leviticus 5–7, Psalm 25

Our Quest launches on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>. This year long focus is based on the following response Jesus gave when he was asked about what the greatest commandment was. <sup>37</sup> *He said to him, " 'You shall **love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall **love your neighbor** as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."*

**Loving God Quest** – We are pursuing our Love for God by reading through the entire bible together as a community in one year. The sermons each Sunday in worship will be taken from our shared reading of the previous week. We will also engage in conversation and questions during weekly bible study in-person and via zoom.

**Loving Others Quest** – Each person in our worship community is being encouraged to pursue a micro-ministry with one or two individuals during our Quest. This is simply identifying one or two people who don't know Jesus, or who have not been actively pursuing their faith and find something you could do together on a regular basis that you both enjoy. (taking a walk, gardening, golfing, playing pickleball, catching up on the phone, playing penguin, ...) During this time your job is meet with them regularly to pray for their best interest, and to show them love. As you build a relationship, if they ask, share openly about your faith. Invite them to join you at church or events or worship as it feels appropriate. That's it. They can be friends, family members, neighbors or people who just like the same activity you do. Start thinking about it now, what is your micro ministry, who will you pour your love into over the coming year for Jesus?

## My Loving Others Quest

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my full name

## Who I am investing God's love in?

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first name

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first name

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first name

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

An online site where one can access multiple translations of the bible <https://www.biblegateway.com/> - audio versions of bible on same website. <http://biblegateway.com/resources/audio/> (recommend ESV or NIV version)

You could install the YouVersion Bible APP on your computer or phone at [www.bible.com](http://www.bible.com)

another free online audio bible English Standard Version <https://www.biblestudytools.com/audio-bible/esv/>

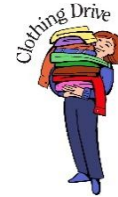
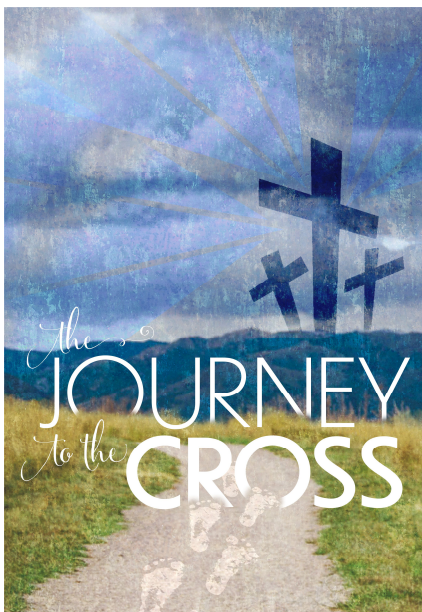
You can also visit the Join Our Quest page on our website at: [www.stpaulmanchester.org](http://www.stpaulmanchester.org)

Hard copies of Bibles are also available upon request.



## Holy Week Schedule

- **March 29 at 9:30 AM – Palm Sunday**  
A day of celebration and singing as we welcome Christ.
- **April 2 at 6:30 PM – Maundy Thursday**  
A meaningful dinner service in our Fellowship Hall, remembering Jesus' last meal with his disciples.
- **April 3 at 2:00 PM – Community Good Friday**  
Service at Pleasant Grove UMC
- **April 3 at 7:00 PM – Good Friday**  
A Tenebrae service as we reflect on the depth of Christ's love shown on the cross.
- **April 5 – Easter Sunday**
  - 6:30 AM Sunrise Service in the Biblical Garden
  - 9:30 AM Easter Worship  
Come and rejoice in the good news of resurrection and new life!



## Clothes for Kids

Alyssa Loych is again collecting clothing for kids. This time, she is collecting spring and summer clothing for a donation drive on Saturday, April 11 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. We will be in need of volunteers between 8am and 2pm to help set up, help families looking for clothing, and clean up. Donation needs are below:

- New or gently used children's clothing sizes  
infant through children's 14/16
- New packages of children's socks and underwear

There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the table by the Narthex. Clothing donations may be dropped off in the labeled bin in the back left corner of the overflow area of the sanctuary. Feel free to tell anyone you know who may be in need, to stop by for clothing! Thank you so much for making this event possible! Alyssa Loych is in charge.



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**St. Paul U.M. Church  
Mission Statement:**  
To share Christ's love with everyone.

**Our Vision:**  
To walk together with others on our journey with Christ.

**Our Goals:**  
To love all, share with all, serve all and care for all.



**St. Paul UMC**  
Manchester, PA

*St. Paul United Methodist Church*  
**THE REMINDER**

*From the Pastor's Desk*

*Rev. Tammy Blose*

St. Paul friends and family,  
Grace and peace to you as we enter the sacred and hope-filled month of April. This is a season where the story of our faith comes alive in powerful ways—inviting us to walk with Jesus through the joy of welcome, the intimacy of the table, the sorrow of the cross, and the radiant hope of the empty tomb.

I warmly invite you to join us for Holy Week as we journey together. (see the schedule on the next page.) As we celebrate Easter, we also look ahead with anticipation. On **Sunday, April 19**, we will launch our year-long **Loving God and Loving Others Quest**—a shared journey shaped by Jesus' teaching to love God with all that we are and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Together, we will grow in our love for God by reading through the entire Bible as a community. Our Sunday worship and weekly studies will flow from this shared rhythm, deepening our understanding and strengthening our faith.

At the same time, each of us is invited to step into a simple but meaningful expression of loving others. Through a "micro-ministry," you are encouraged to intentionally connect with one or two people—sharing time, conversation, and care in everyday ways. Whether through a walk, a shared hobby, or regular conversation, these relationships become opportunities to reflect Christ's love with authenticity and grace.

I encourage you to begin praying now: Who might God be placing on your heart? How might you share life and love in the coming year?

My prayer is that this season will not only renew our hearts in worship but also send us out with purpose—to love God deeply and to love others faithfully.

I look forward to walking this journey with you. With hope in the risen Christ,

*Pastor Tammy*