

St. Paul United Methodist Church

THE REMINDER

Pastor's Page *Rev. David Brenneman*

"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." – Hebrews 10:24-25

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This passage from Hebrews is often used to encourage people to continue—or start—attending Sunday morning worship services. And rightfully so! Church attendance is so important to our spiritual health. On Sunday mornings, we gather to lift our praises to our God; our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We worship Him for all that He has done and all that He is. We recharge our spiritual batteries and find strength and courage to face the week ahead.

But what if the writer of Hebrews meant something more? What if we're being encouraged to gather beyond our normal Sunday morning worship times? What if it "not giving up meeting together" means meeting for a cup of coffee? Or to celebrate a birthday? Or to share a meal? Or to grieve a loss? Or to celebrate a personal milestone?

Worship is one of the most important things we can do as God's Church, but it's not the only thing we can do! We were created for community. We are built for relationships. We are the united Body of Christ, and we are meant to *live life* together, not just worship together.

Proverbs 27:17 tells us that "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." In other words, spending time with other Christians is a great way to develop our faith, to grow in our knowledge, and to nurture the gift of love that God has blessed us with. Time and again throughout Scripture we see that God never intended for us to walk through this life alone. Even us introverts need other people!

So, I encourage you this month to spend more time "meeting together" beyond church on Sundays. Go to your neighbor's house and spend some time sitting on the front porch talking about the weather. Invite your friend to Bible study or Sunday School. Go on a mission trip. Volunteer for a ministry of the church. Call someone from the congregation that you don't talk to very often and just ask how their day has been. Find a way to speak love and kindness into the life of your brothers and sisters in Christ, and I'm sure you'll find that your life is blessed as a result.

May God bless you and surround you with His grace and peace,
Pastor Dave

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Mission Statement:**

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

From Our *Visitation Pastor*

The parable of the SOWER is appropriate for not just the month of May but all year long! In Mark 4:1-20 is found Jesus teaching His disciples and we believers today what it means as we attempt to lead others to Christ! Believers are those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior and have a heart to reach out to others in love for them also to accept Jesus!

Perhaps the parable of the SOWER was used because it was understandable in Jesus' time! As much as the believer cares about people to follow Jesus, those persons might not all have the same desire as he does to make a change in their life! That's why Jesus not only taught the parable but also explained that not everyone will follow in the long term! It isn't that the believer doesn't try hard enough to win those over he cares about, but that some are not ready or are distracted by Satan!

Reviewing the situations in that parable helps to explain its meaning. The ground reflects the depth and ability of individuals not only to hear but also accept the WORD! The SOWER just throws the seed (WORD) out to all who hear but the acceptance and response is different many times. Mark 4:14-20 explains why some not only hear and also why they respond in a certain way! Reading this parable may not only help an individual to comprehend why some not only receive and believe immediately but also those who cannot remain in what they have heard or seen!

As a pastor, I have seen each of the scenarios and I was often surprised as to the results as to who grows in the WORD and who doesn't when the GOSPEL is presented. All that we can do to minister to persons, is to tell and live out Jesus ourselves and be the witness as an example to those who then seek Him!

*note: This parable is also found in Matt. 13:18-23 and Luke 8:11-15

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Eddie



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Stewardship Report

MARCH, 2022 FUNDS SUMMARY

Current Month Beginning Cash Balance: \$269,775.50 (Per M&T)

GENERAL FUND

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Income:			
All Giving, Specials, Interest, Misc.	\$ 39,377.14	\$ 37,122.71	\$ 2,214.43
<u>EXPENSES:</u>			
Dues, Payroll, Committee Expenses	\$ 41,809.96	\$ 35,477.22	\$ 6,332.74
DIFFERENCE OF:	\$ (2,472.82)	\$ 1,645.49	\$ (4,118.31)
Current Month Ending Cash Balance	\$ 267,302.68		
<u>LESS:</u> Restricted Designated Funds Bazaar, Building Fund, Music Fund, Missions, etc.	\$ 61,201.55		
Total Non-Designated Funds	\$ 328,504.23		

BUILDING FUND

Current Month Beginning Cash Balance: \$ 28,583.90

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
INCOME	\$ 630.00	\$ 1,708.34	\$ (1,078.34)
PAID ON LAND LOAN	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Current Month Ending Cash Balance	\$ 29,213.90	\$ 1,708.34	\$ 27,505.56
Land Loan paid off April, 2021			

GENERAL FUND - YEAR TO DATE FUNDS SUMMARY, JAN-MAR., 2022

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
YTD INCOME:			
All Giving, Specials, Interest, Misc.	\$ 104,947.66	\$ 111,347.29	\$ (6,399.63)
YTD EXPENSES:			
Dues, Payroll, Committee Expenses	\$ 110,400.91	\$ 106,108.55	\$ (4,292.36)
DIFFERENCE OF:	\$ (5,453.25)	\$ 5,238.74	

Tithes & Offerings

Offerings & Tithes for MARCH, 2022

SERVICE DATE	S.S.	GIVING	SERVICE DATE	S.S.	GIVING
Ash Wed. 3/2		\$307.00	March 20 - 8:45 AM	\$66.00	\$5,381.00
March 6- 8:45 AM	\$67.00	\$5,883.38	Initial Offering		20.00
Building Fund		160.00	Outreach/Missions		90.00
Missions		46.00	UMCOR		16.00
Outreach/Missions		180.00	Lenten Offering		21.00
Lenten Offering		85.00	Flowers		190.00
Ash Wednesday		16.00	Partition Fund		100.00
Church Facilities		150.00	E-Giving		\$1,951.00
Sunbeam Station		1000.00	Building Fund		5.00
Flowers		43.00	Missions		5.00
N.E. Food Pantry		80.00	Offset Fee		6.70
E-Giving		\$2,800.00	SPY		25.00
Building Fund		175.00	Music		20.00
Missions		85.00	March 27 - 8:45 AM	\$94.00	\$2,904.00
Offset Fee		20.95	SPY Mission Trip		60.00
SPY		20.00	Initial Offering		5.00
Endowment		20.00	Outreach/Missions		90.00
Music		20.00	UMCOR		120.00
Roof Fund		20.00	Lenten Offering		25.00
March 13 - 8:45 AM	\$48.00	\$2,554.00	Maundy Thursday		20.00
Building Fund		215.00	Church Facilities		50.00
Missions		41.00	Flowers		25.00
UMCOR		20.00	E-Giving		\$1,891.00
Lenten Offering		25.00	Building Fund		15.00
Flowers		160.00	Missions		5.00
N.E. Food Pantry		20.00	Offset Fee		11.05
E-Giving		\$1,602.00	Music		20.00
Building Fund		55.00	Outreach/Missions		20.00
Missions		5.00			
Offset Fee		6.45			
Music		20.00			
Other		50.00			

Attendance for
MARCH, 2022

8:45 AM Worship

3/2 – 50 (+82 online) Ash W
3/6 – 159 (+146 online)
3/13 – 117 (+106 online)
3/20 – 136 (+138 online)
3/27 – 160 (+93 online)

Sunday School

3/6 – 34
3/13 – 26
3/20 – 34
3/27 – 35

All services are recorded and can be viewed online.





Notes of THANKS

I would like to express my appreciation for the cards, prayers and phone calls I received following the passing of my sister, Charlotte Ahrens. Thanks also to Pastor Eddie for his many visits.

Erma Schaffner



Unavailability for Pastor Eddie

Pastor Eddie will be going along with the Offtimers to see "David" at Sight & Sound on May 5 so he will be unavailable until 6:00 PM that day and on May 7, he will be unavailable all day, due to his brother's memorial service in Chambersburg. He will also be attending Annual Conference from June 1-3 and not be available.

Vacation Time

Both Karen and Pastor Dave have quite a bit of vacation time to use before their summer anniversary dates so the below schedule was decided upon:

Pastor Dave: He will be taking the week of May 1 to May 7 and going on the mission trip. He will also be taking May 24 to May 30. He will be unavailable from June 1 to June 3 for Annual Conference. Finally, he will be on vacation from June 12 to June 19.

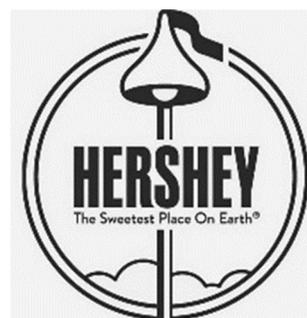
Karen: Karen will be taking the week of May 16 to May 20 and will need to get some office coverage for part of the day each day, maybe from 9-1 or 10-2. Anyone able to help out in the office should contact Karen by phone or e-mail. To use the rest of her vacation, Karen will be taking Fridays off in May and beginning of June so the office will be closed on those Fridays.

All of this will be reflected on the calendar in the bulletins.



OFF-TIME TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND TO SEE "DAVID"

The Off-Time group is planning to go to Sight and Sound Theater to see the show "David" on **Thursday, May 5 at 11:00 AM.** Cost for a ticket is \$63.68. For those interested, we will be stopping after the show for lunch at Diener's. Cost will be \$18.33. A signup sheet is located in the Narthex. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 8:45 AM. Any questions, please contact Carol Witmer, 717-384-6261.



Volunteer at Hersheypark!

Volunteer at Hersheypark this summer and go back to the park another day for free! Look for the form in your bulletin. Return it to Curt & Judy Bleacher. Also contact the Bleachers if you have questions about this Outreach/Missions project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SPY MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING

Mission trip fundraising is underway! If you would like to donate any money for our youth, please see Christian McBride. Stay tuned for opportunities in the near future including a Hoss' fundraiser dinner.

In Loving MEMORY

Charlotte Ahrens went to her eternal home on Tuesday, April 5. She had been a member here since 1945. Our thoughts and prayers are with her sister Erma Schaffner and the family. A private service was held on Friday, April 8, with Pastor Eddie Miller officiating.

Mildred E. Keech Stough went home to her Lord on Sunday, April 3. She was a member here from 1940 until 1998. She was the mother of Larry Stough and sister of Connie Aldinger. Our thoughts and prayers are with these families. The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 10, 2022, at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Lee Landis, who attended the contemporary service and joined in 2010 but had been shut in and blind for many years since, has died on April 12, 2022. There was no funeral service. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones.

Rachael Gromling passed on to eternity with Jesus on April 11. She had been a member here for 68 years. A service was held for her at Little's Funeral Home on Saturday, April 23, with Pastor Eddie officiating. Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter, Kim Perone and the family.



SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

It's that time of year again, time to start thinking about sunny days and cool nights around a campfire! Church Camp 2022 is back and the counselors at Camp Penn, Mt. Asbury, Greene Hills, and Wesley Forest can't wait to see you! This year's theme is Creation Speaks! All kids who are in first grade through their senior year of high school are eligible for camp! The list of camps and registration details can be found at www.susumcamps.org and early bird registration (May 1st) saves you \$25. As always, the church will pay for half of each camper for one summer camp session. Please let Marianne Hileman, the church treasurer, know if you will be sending someone to camp this year! If you have any questions about church camp or the camping experience please feel free to reach out to Erica Main at elpalmer9@aol.com! Happy Camping!



The United Methodist Women will again host the Mother/Daughter Banquet on Monday May 9th, 2022 @ 6 PM Fellowship Hall. A Baked Ham meal will be prepared and served by the men of the church. A Free Will Offering will be taken at the banquet. Entertainment will be provided by The Fuller Family Singers. All ladies of the church are invited. Sign-up sheets are on the Narthex table and the deadline is: May 1st.

Youth Sunday will be on May 8!

Youth should let Christian know if they wish to participate in some way, during the service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE'S CLOSET

Since we no longer have the Northeastern Clothing Bank, there is another resource for donating gently used clothing and household items. Hope's Closet is located at the Pathway Community Church, lower level, at 1731 W. Philadelphia St., York, PA 17404. Hours of operation are 1st and 3rd Fridays, 5-8 PM and 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10AM-1PM. Cost for items is a donation. For more information about this ministry, please visit www.pathwaycc.org or call 717-793-8070. Volunteers are needed also.

NEW PARTITION

The Trustees have approved a new partition for Fellowship Hall. This partition will be a sound-proof wall with a door for entering/exiting the space. This will allow for two different groups of people to be able to share the space without disturbing one another. Any donations from the congregation to help defray the cost of this partition would be greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance.



Mother's Day is just around the corner on May 8 and the United Methodist Women are again inviting the congregation to honor or memorialize the special women in their lives by donating **one dollar per name**. There will be **TWO** Clipboards on the signup table, one to honor someone and one to memorialize someone. There will also be envelopes attached for the money. The list of names will appear in the May 8 bulletins. The same will be done for Father's Day.

Northeastern Food Pantry

4832 N. Sherman St. Ext.
Mt. Wolf, Pennsylvania 17347
717-266-6785

April 2022 e-Newsletter

Pantry Hours

Tuesdays: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays: 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Thursdays: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Fridays: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

We always need volunteers. Please contact the NEFP at 717-266-6785 if you are interested in helping others through the Food Pantry. Please leave a message and we will return your call.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

As of April 1, 2022, the Food Pantry is now open for clients to come into the Pantry. Volunteers will still sign the paperwork for the clients through June 30, 2022.

Donation Items Needed

The following items are needed: PAPER TOWELS, JUICE, PUDDING (regular and sugar free), RAMEN NOODLE packs, and TOOTH BRUSHES.

Items can be placed in the donation box located near the entrance of the Food Pantry behind Starview UCC. Please call ahead if you want to drop off the items during Pantry Hours.

MARCH 2022 food distribution statistics

We were open 18 days in March. We provided supplemental groceries and personal care items to 134 people. New households served was 6 with 27 new individuals. Total households served was 51. We assisted 47 adults, 35 seniors and 52 children.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!!

Barbara Krier NEFP Newsletter Editor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daily Devotional UPPER ROOM

May / June 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 also 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



Outreach Committee and Sunbeam Station Food Bank Collections

The Food Pantry is now able to resume taking donations. Our collection item for **MAY** will be **CANNED VEGETABLES**. The monetary donation box is still available in the Narthex for your monetary donations to the pantry. Thank you for your continued support of the N.E. Food Pantry!



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VISITATION PASTOR CONTACT INFO

In order to facilitate a better response to those in need of me, please contact me **DIRECTLY!** I write this due to being contacted after others were informed of the need! I want to be available as quickly as possible. To contact me directly please use any of the numbers listed above.

Thank you,
Pastor Eddie



Adult Mission Trip to Kentucky

The Outreach Mission Committee is planning to connect with Servants for a Mission Trip to Kentucky to help with the cleanup from the tornados that hit numerous towns in December. They will be gone from May 1-7. Pastor Dave will be joining the other adults on this trip. Prayers for safe travels and a successful week will be appreciated.

THE ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM

Plus a visit to

Lexington, KY – Horse Country

**5 Days, 4 Nights Bus Trip, October 17-21,
2022**

Join Janetta and Lloyd Douglas from October 17-21, 2022 for a bus trip to the Ark Encounter, Creation Museum....plus a visit to the horse country of Lexington, KY. Complete itineraries and registration forms can be found on the sign-up table in the narthex. Contact Janetta to confirm your reservation or if you have any questions - 717-855-2136. janetta@travelleaders.com

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

4 Dinners, including a Riverboat Dinner Cruise and Dinner w/ Entertainment
4 Nights Lodging
4 Breakfasts
Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm
Taxes, Meal Gratuities
Kentucky Horse Park
Admission to the Ark Encounter
Admission to the Creation Museum
Guided Tour of Cincinnati, Ohio
Luggage Handling
Souvenir Gifts
Motorcoach Transportation

Sunday School Schedule

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

May 1	Jesus Walks with Us
May 8	Love for Mother (Mother's Day)
May 15	Jesus Teaches About Prayer
May 22	Remembering (Memorial Day)
May 29	When the Wind Blew (Pentecost)

The Stars (Grades 1, 2 & 3)
Teachers: Sarah Elkin & Roberta Rohrbaugh

May 1	Early Believers
May 8	Peter Heals
May 15	Lydia
May 22	Paul and Silas
May 29	Paul and the Philippians

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

May 1	The Ascension
May 8	The Holy Spirit
May 15	Philip and the Ethiopian
May 22	Saul to Paul
May 29	An Angel Frees Peter

Brother's Keepers (Adults)
Teacher: Evelyn Rider

This class will continue a study in the book by James W. Moore, entitled, "When the World Takes the Wind Out of Your Sails."

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.

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)

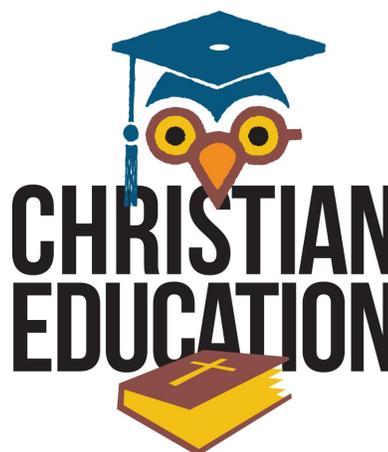
Teacher: Leo H. Walters

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.

FOLLOW

Unit 2— THE STEPS YOU TAKE

May 1	A Sabbath Jubilee
May 8	Faithful Stewardship
May 15	In Awesome Wonder
May 22	The Redemption of Creation
May 29	Acts of Generosity



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