

“YOU ARE THE
MESSIAH,
THE SON OF THE
LIVING GOD.”

MATTHEW 16:16, NRSV



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, August 27– Saturday, September 2, 2017

Hospitalized: *If you or someone you know is hospitalized or ill, please call the church office at 610-944-0406. If you do not want the name listed in the bulletin, please notify the church office as well. Thank you for your help.*

On-going Prayer Needs: Ross McKenty, Fern Shankweiler, Steven Sutherland, Elizabeth Ressler, Jane Folk, Bruce Schutt, Eleanor Wanner, Roger and Lilli Simon, Dennis Raudenbush, Brian Arndt, Mike Berg, June Wanner, Karen Shollenberger



Mae Border... Please sign the “Thinking of You” card in the Narthex. It will be mailed tomorrow.



How Can we “LIVE the story” & BE THE CHURCH?

Over the past several months, some amazing ideas have come out during facility planning, open & affirming, and other conversations. We want to keep these ideas moving forward, as well as get your ideas on how St. Paul's can actively... **SHARE GOD'S LOVE**

Come join our **St. Paul's BE THE CHURCH Discussion Group**

Every 4th Sunday of the Month at 9 a.m. in the **LOUNGE**

(with the adult Sunday school class) Starting TODAY and help us come up with even more amazing ideas for St. Paul's.



For the month of August, we will be collecting cans or plastic jars of applesauce for our pantry families. If you have a garden that is overflowing with produce, please consider dropping it off for our pantry families. We will take donations two days prior to our distribution date. Thank you for your continued donations for our families each month.



Youth Ministry Scrips Gift Card Fundraiser

Support St. Paul's Youth Ministry by purchasing gift cards for groceries, gas, restaurants, & clothing at over 375 retailers like Sheetz, Weis, Giant, Dunkin Donuts, Target, Walmart, & Olive Garden. The complete list can be found in the social room or at www.shopwithscrips.com. Each card has a rebate of 2% to 16% that comes back to the Youth Group. Cards can be ordered at any time and there will be some for sale in the narthex on the first Sunday of each month. Contact Kim Levan 610-823-7677, klevan@comcast.net or John Folk for more information or to place an order. This will be an ongoing fundraiser.



Open and Affirming: Save the dates:

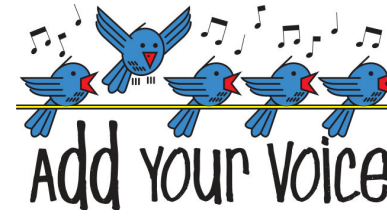
Aug 2017 Submit Statement to Congregation
Oct 2017 Vote on Statement by Congregation

A statement is a definite or clear expression of something in speech or writing. So, why do we write an "open and affirming statement"? Our statement is a description and expression of the people who are welcomed and affirmed as part of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Fleetwood, PA. Our statement is far more than about sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Our statement reveals our beliefs about such things as racial matters, physical and/or mental abilities, ethnicity, class, age, and marital status. Our statement will be our words, our thoughts, our feelings, and most of all an example to the world of what this Christian community believes. Please continue to pray for our church as we discern the words we use that will help write this next chapter in the life of our congregation. As always our meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend and are held after the 10:25 services on the third Sunday of the month. A light lunch is served prior to our conversation.



Fleetwood Friends Relay for Life team is looking for new members...

We're looking to add new members to our team. Many families have had a member or friend who has had to deal with cancer, so if you have an interest or desire to help find a cause for this terrible disease, please consider taking part in Fleetwood Friends. We meet five or six times a year to plan fund-raisers such as shoo-fly pie and mum sales which benefit the annual Relay for Life Walk at Kutztown University that takes place on a weekend in June. Erin Goldman is the team captain - feel free to contact her to learn more about this worthwhile activity.



Choirs are starting up soon! We are also forming a NEW choir that will sing once a month at the 8:55 service. This is to provide the early service congregation an opportunity to hear a choir once a month and also provide a group for folks who usually attend the early service to sing. Rehearsals will be minimal- we will rehearse for just a few minutes right after the early church service in the choir room. This choir will include folks who sing in the 2nd service as well as any new members who would like to just sing at the earlier service. Please get in touch with Jill if you are interested. Rehearsals for this choir will start Sunday, September 24, and we will sing usually on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Chancel and bell choir rehearsals start on Wednesday evening, September 13 at 6:15 (bells) and 7 (chancel choir).

Children's choir starts Sunday morning, September 17, at 8:30 am in the choir room. We welcome children 4-12 years old.

Bells...Chancel... Early service... Children's....lots of choices and we welcome you to any of them! Looking forward to a GREAT year.

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BOOK GROUP Book Group for August 2017

The St. Paul's Book Group will meet on Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the lounge off the narthex. At our June meeting the group agreed to flip the order of our reading and do *The Widow* by Fiona Barton in July because folks were experiencing some difficulty in obtaining the Towles book. Consequently, the book for August is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. A synopsis of the book can be found on amazon.com. Mary Ann Hayes will serve as our discussion leader. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, contact Sharon Dreibelbis at 610-916-4848 or Mary Ann Hayes at 610-796-7044. Everyone is welcome!