

What Brand Are You?

I had an appointment recently for a procedure at a nearby medical center. When I was taken back for the test I was greeted by a young man named Frank. He was quite pleasant as he offered me a seat in the examining room. He very quickly began to explain what was about to happen, making sure I was relaxed and my mind was at ease for what was about to come.

Frank asked me what I did for a living and I told him. Interestingly enough, he was a graduate of Fleetwood Area High School and had many fond memories of growing up in the Blandon area. He knew our church and remembered going to school here as a child.

As we talked he shared with me that he is Catholic, and it was apparent he had paid attention for the seven years he had attended Holy Name in his earlier years. Our conversation covered a lot of territory from the Reformation to the current status of religion. It was quite refreshing for me to have this conversation with one labeled as a millennial for it was obvious to me that he was fully engaged in what was going on in his world.

Driving home, I started thinking about how our culture likes to label people. Labels are nothing more than huge paint brushes

that we use to talk about large numbers of people without taking time to consider the individual. I am a Baby Boomer; before me were The Lost Generation and The Greatest Generation, and after me are The Generation X'ers and The Millennials. It is actually very confusing at times to keep it all straight.

My hope for all generations of people, those before me and those after me as well as my own, is that we can simply stand united as people -- people who love each other, people who care about each other, and people who desire the best for all people. Yes, I know it is an outrageous dream, but you can't blame an eternal optimist for trying!

Blessings,
Pastor Pat



Ronnie Guinther 08/01
 Tracey Sholl 08/01
 Steven Barlet 08/02
 John Folk 08/02
 Wallace McCulley 08/02/
 Zachary Mourar 08/02
 Michael Noll 08/02
 Florence Stein 08/02
 Brittany Shick 08/03
 Elizabeth Becker 08/04
 Wendy Bergeman 08/04
 Elizabeth Faust 08/04
 Mekena Messer 08/04
 Andrea Nothwehr 08/04
 Micah Wentzel 08/04
 Brian Keck 08/05
 Jennifer Spangler 08/05
 Kaitlyn Wagner 08/05
 Judy Fink 08/07
 Parker Milyo 08/07
 Karen Hix 08/08
 Alexis Kopicz 08/08
 Barry Sload 08/08
 Cheryl Conrad 08/09
 Jean Fegley 08/09
 Laura Fox 08/09
 Trisha Geist 08/09
 Doris Hoch 08/09
 Darwin Schaeffer 08/09
 David Schlegel 08/09
 Mason Strohl 08/09
 Nadine Bednowicz 08/10
 Katie Gorey 08/10
 Gabriel Grasley 08/10
 John Krueger III 08/10
 Brennan Schutt 08/10
 Frederick Keller 08/11
 Brenda Ludwig 08/11
 Joan Yoder 08/11
 Susan Landis 08/12
 David Mark 08/12
 Katie Markley 08/12
 Kaitlyn Spangler 08/12
 Alana Sprecher 08/12
 Michael Leiby 08/13
 Codi Logsdon 08/13
 LeRoy Renninger 08/13
 Doreen Schweitzer 08/13
 Jeffrey Fink 08/14
 Amanda Hart 08/14
 Wyatt Hetrick 08/14
 Brett Shick 08/14
 Barry Koch Jr 08/15
 Jeremy Raifsnider 08/15
 Dorothy Miller 08/16
 Patrick Morris 08/16
 Brooke Rutherford 08/16
 Susan Snyder 08/16
 Charles Wanner 08/16
 Jennifer Provost 08/17
 Leroy Fies 08/18
 Virginia Herb 08/18
 Deborah Jones 08/18
 Kim Levan 08/18



Jenna Scott 08/18
 Susan Barlet 08/19
 Elisa Blessing 08/19
 Alicia Pell 08/19
 Anne Smith 08/19/
 Ross Spangler 08/19
 Adam Follweiler 08/20
 Kassidy Hill 08/20
 Amanda Hottenstein 08/20
 David Hottenstein 08/20
 Timothy Noll 08/20
 Justine Smith 08/20
 Kimberly Mark 08/21
 Brian Sprecher 08/21
 Richard Bergeman IV 08/22
 Kayle Daniels 08/22
 Curtis Frey 08/22
 Heather Hartman 08/22
 Ryan Hermany 08/22
 Robert Shick 08/22
 Thomas Barlet 08/23
 Michala Emerich 08/23
 Paul Fretz 08/23
 James Nothwehr 08/23
 Joshua Reinert 08/23
 Zachary Siegfried 08/23
 John Barlet 08/24/
 Clark Frederick 08/24
 Daniel Hoch 08/24
 Amber Bungo 08/25
 Kale Follweiler 08/25
 Erin Goldman 08/25
 David Kline 08/25
 Zackery Radka 08/25
 Phyllis Wagenhurst 08/25
 Ellen Weir 08/25
 Todd Jones 08/26
 Linda Bullock 08/27
 Zachariah Fry 08/27
 Randy Hoffman 08/27
 Nicholas Snyder 08/27
 Seth Walizer 08/27
 Heather Watkins 08/27
 Nancy Boyer 08/28
 Erinn Carey 08/28
 Hayley Kepner 08/28
 Nicole Mason 08/28
 Glonda Stepler 08/28/
 Gregory Adams 08/29
 Patricia Gehringer 08/29
 Haylee Negri 08/29
 Melissa Kopicz 08/30
 Jessica Melochick 08/30/
 Melissa Pieja 08/30
 John Rothenberger 08/30
 Angela Torres 08/30
 Rodney Treichler 08/30
 Olivia Downs 08/31
 Christopher Skipper 08/31
 Gregory Souders 08/31
 David Weeast 08/31

If your birthday is not listed or is incorrect, please call the church office at 610-944-0406 so it can be recorded for future birthday lists.



August 6

8:55 a.m. – Tom Agnew, Mary Ann Hayes, Grace Hetrick, Heidi Pierce, Cindy Rothenberger, Linda Schaeffer, Christoph Snyder, Steve Wentz, Robert Wolf

10:25 a.m. – Betsy Becker, Jack Creswell
Donna Rader, Bruce Rader

August 13

8:55 a.m. – Mary Ann Hayes, Grace Hetrick, Stephen Maurek, Mike Werner

10:25 a.m. – David Balmer, Ian McKinney, Jenni Hoffman, Heidi Pierce

August 20

8:55 a.m. – Grace Hetrick, Cindy Rothenberger, Christoph Snyder, Robert Wolf

10:25 a.m. – Betsy Becker, Allen Crockett, Donna Rader, Bruce Rader

August 27

8:55 a.m. – Stephen Maurek, Linda Schaeffer, Dennis Wanner, Steve Wentz

10:25 a.m. – Allen Crockett, Ian McKinney, Heidi Pierce, Chris Vojtasek



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8:55 a.m. – Catharine Delcamp

10:25 a.m. – David Balmer

August 13

8:55 a.m. – Sarah Herrold

10:25 a.m. – Sue Kline

August 20

8:55 a.m. – Family Service

10:25 a.m. – Jason Crockett

August 27

8:55 a.m. – Ro Wolf

10:25 a.m. – Sue Creswell



The deadline for news and information to be included in the September Tower Tymes is August 15th. Thank you for your cooperation



August 6 – Joe & Gerry Knoll and Joanne & Bob Knoll

August 13 – The Ruemmler Family

August 20 – The Bigg Family

August 27 – Barb and Mike Werner

ACOLYTES



August 6

8:55 am – Alex Scheffler and Parker Milyo

10:25 a.m. – Emma Ertel and Jade Jajtasek

August 13

8:55 a.m.– Jaiden Valick and Ethan Raudenbush

10:25 a.m. – Nicholas Hill and Herbert Dunkelberger

August 20

8:55 a.m. – Jade Vojtasek and Alex Scheffler

10:25 a.m. – Jonathan Maurek and Michaela Ernst

August 27

8:55 a.m.– Herbert Dunkelberger and Jaiden Valick

10:25a.m. – Parker Milyo and Emma Ertel



Tues., 8/1	Opportunity House Lunch at Church Fleetwood High Tour Reading Phillies	TBD
Wed., 8/2	Dorney	10 am 28.50
Thurs., 8/3	Reading Museum Food Pantry	10:30am 3pm
Fri., 8/4	Philadelphia Tour	TBD
Sat., 8/5	Free Day with Host Family	
Sun., 8/6	Worship at Mennonite Picnic Pool Party Creswell's	TBD 2pm
Mon., 8/7	Tour DEKA Blue Marsh for hiking, biking, swimming	8:30am 12 noon
Tues., 8/8 Wed., 8/9 Thurs., 8/10 Fri., 8/11	Lancaster Evening Picnic at Gore's Depart for NYC Tour NYC & leave USA	8am 2pm



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

For all the crafter and vendors in the congregation, it's that time of the year to think about the Annual Christmas Bazaar, Nov. 11. If you are interested in a table at the bazaar, please contact Sandi Stern.

Also, The Miller Blood Bank is taking appointments for that date. Some time slots are already booked. Sign up at www.giveapint.org promo code 3302 or contact Sandy Dugan.



As we approach the fall of 2017 it is time to begin planning for the Sunday

morning gifts to the church for the coming year. These gifts include the altar flowers, the bulletins, The Upper Room publication and special flower tributes. For 2018 the cost of the bulletins will be \$35.00 per week and for The Upper Room booklet \$60.00 per month both of which are payable to the church. The cost of the flowers is determined by and payable to the florist.

We will continue to utilize the services of Tracey's Flowers in Fleetwood to supply the flowers for church on a Sunday morning. The church secretary, Linda Speece, will place the flower order with Tracey unless you, as the sponsor, choose to order the flowers from another florist. If you do choose another florist, please let Linda know your wishes when she contacts you for the wording to be placed in the bulletins.

The schedule of gifts for 2018 does not automatically carry over from the previous year; therefore, we will begin filling in 2018 Sundays in September, 2017. Please stop by the table in the narthex to sign up for the Sunday you wish to sponsor one of the weekly gifts. You may also contact Sharon Dreibelbis at 610-916-4848 to indicate your preference or obtain additional information.



HELP IS NEEDED- If everyone in the church could tell 5 families about our school, we would be extremely grateful. So the school challenges each one of you to get the word out to the community and encourage them to call or visit our website. Thank you in advance. (www.stpaulsfleetwood.org) 610-944-5808

Summer Camp Was Awesome-We had a great summer camp. We had fun with rockets and water balloons. We played baseball and soccer. Next year.....you will have to join us for a summer explosion.

If you or some one you know is interesting in **preschool, playgroup, extended care or kindergarten**, please give them our name and number. We have programs from 20 month old to 6 years old. We have one to five day programs as well. We also have full day hours for students. Don't loose out, grab a spot. **Call the office at 610-944-5808 for information.**

Half Day and Full Day Kindergarten- Our kindergarten program will run Monday through Friday. It will provide a positive school experience for your child. Our unique curriculum prepares your child for the primary grades in a personalized private and nurturing environment.

Extended Care – Before and after school is provided for families of students of St. Paul's UCC Church and School. If you are having difficulty matching school hours and work hours, this is finally your answer. It will be supervised and maintained by the school and provide loving care for your child when you are not available. Please give us a call.

Church Donation- We are thrilled that we were able to give a gift to the church again at the end of this school year. We donated \$5,000 to the general fund of the church for this year. We are thrilled to be an outreach mission of St. Paul's UCC Church to the surrounding community. Thank you to St. Paul's UCC Church and St. Paul's UCC consistory. We hope that everyone is having a great, safe and enjoyable summer!!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Ms. Peggy Brown, School Director



The choirs at St. Paul's welcome new members.
 We have chancel choir for the worship services, children's choir for ages 4-12 which sing once a month at worship, and bell choir which plays once a month during worship service. Bell choir rehearses at 6:15 on Wednesday evenings - reading music is not a requirement. Chancel choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, and the children's choir rehearses on Sunday morning at 8:30- right before Sunday School. Please talk to Jill if you have any questions or concerns. We would love to have you join us!!



Thank you, Thank you for all the birthday wishes. I sincerely appreciate all the friends I have here at St. Paul's.
 Blessing,
 Linda Sue

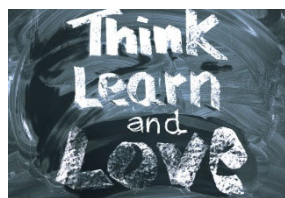


August Christian Ed News

- ❖ **July 28- Aug. 12 (German Visitors)** - Our German friends from our sister church will be visiting. Check out the youth activities to see what great activities and fellowship we have in store for their visit.
 - ❖ **Aug. 20 (Confirmation Meeting)** - Students (and their parents) who are interested in participating in our confirmation program (7th grade or older) should come to this informational meeting.
 - ❖ **Aug. 27 (Promotion Sunday)** – Meet your new Sunday School Teacher during the last 10 minutes of class
 - ❖ Remember Sunday School still runs throughout the summer & we would love to have your help. Please contact Stacy at slaucks@stpaulsfleetwood.org to volunteer.
 - ❖ Thank you to everyone who supported our youth and Young Adult Mission Trips!
- Mark your calendar –
- ❖ Sun. Sept 3 New classes start.
 - ❖ Sun. Sept. 10 **RALLY DAY**

Stacy Laucks
 Coord. Of Educational Ministries
slaucks@stpaulsfleetwood.org

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!



St. Paul's Think Tank

Merriam-Webster.com defines a think tank as “an institute, corporation, or group organized to study a particular subject...and provide information, ideas, and advice.”

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 Think Tank** Sunday Mornings at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room Starting August 6th and help us come up with even more amazing ideas for St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Because Labor Day is on Monday, September 4, our “Hook and Needles Crew” will meet on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Please



note our change of location for our meeting. New members are always welcome!



The Health and Wellness Committee will hold its first meeting on Thursday, August 17 at 7 pm in the Conference

Room. Here's what we'll do at the meeting;

- Review the survey of the congregation.
 - Discuss future plans.
 - Plan for blood pressure screening in September
- Everyone is welcome --- no experience is needed!
If you have questions, please contact Cindy Rothenberger (610) 698-9307 or rothenberger131@msn.com
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Open and Affirming

It is written!!! After 8 months of studying, prayer, conversation, and discernment we have officially finished the ground work that has lead us to crafting our Open and Affirming statement. We believe this statement speaks to the heart of our ministry here at St. Paul's and within the community which we represent. Our next step in the process will occur in August when the statement is presented to Consistory for approval and then will be forwarded to the congregation for review and approval. More information on the congregational aspect of the process will be announced in the September "Tower Tymes". As we near the end of this part of the process I ask for your continued prayers.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all those who participated in the sessions, who offered input, who prayed (and continue to pray), and for those who offered countless hours of work. I would especially like to thank Pastor Pat and Pastor John for your wisdom, guidance, and support. Dr. Jason Crockett and Dr. Julia O'Brien who helped provide us with understanding of terms and biblical perspective. Last, but certain not least, the Open and Affirming Discernment Team: Steve Wentz, Linda Young, Marilyn Miller, Melissa Ruemmler, Max Ruemmler, Hannah Hetrick, and Ian McKinney.



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Fleetwood Food Pantry

On Thursday, July 13th, 51 families were served at the Pantry in the Fleetwood Community Center. It was St.Paul's Lutheran's turn to serve. There were very few volunteers but four of our St.Paul's Lutheran church's youth braved the storms and torrential down pours to help us in serving our pantry families.

The next date for the pantry will be **Thursday, August 3rd** volunteers are needed from 3:30-6. It is Fleetwood Bible Church's turn to serve. Thank you to all who continue to volunteer each month and help provide food donations to the pantry.

Shopping Cart in Narthex

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.

Opportunity House

The Board of Christian Education will serve the meal at Opportunity House in August.

Potato Project

Save the date for Sunday, September 3rd-(1:00-3:00) first weekend of harvest for the potato project. All potatoes harvested by our church group of volunteers will be given to the families at the Fleetwood Food Pantry.

Helping Hands

We had 8 calls,1 email, 5 transports, 1 visitation and 1 errand run. Thanks to all who help.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Food Pantry	4	5
6 Communion 8:55 & 10:25 am Think Tank 9am Conference Room	7 Prayer Shawl 7pm	8	9	10	11	12
13 Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am Think Tank 9am Conference Room	14 Staff 10am Consistory 7pm	15	16	17 Wellness Committee 7pm	18	19
20 Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am Think Tank 9am Conference Room	21 Worship Committee 6pm	22	23	24	25	26
27 Sunday School Promotion Day Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am Think Tank 9am Conference Room	28	29 Book Group 7pm	30	31		

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