

I NEED . . .

The Rev. Dr. Bernie Zerkel was my mentor what seems like a long time ago. Bernie is now deceased. Back then, Bernie was the Area Conference Minister in the Shenandoah Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ. Back then, Bernie knew me as a farmer in the Valley of Virginia who was trying to discern God's call in his life. Back then, Bernie was a very important part of my life. It seems whenever I reached a point in my life that I need words of wisdom, he is always able to separate the issues, interject invaluable insight, and help me come to some conclusion or resolution. Over the years, when distance and time separated us, I cherished our friendship and I feel my ministry has been blessed ten-fold because of him.

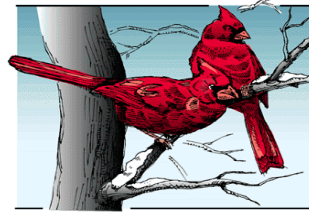
The last time I visited with Bernie in his home we had a pleasant conversation and as our time together came to an end he asked me this question, "What is it you need in order that your ministry might continue to grow? What are the things in your life that you need to address that may be hindering the growth of your ministry?"

In order to get at the heart of the question, he encouraged me to finish the phrase, "I need . . ." As I thought about this phrase then, and as I continue to think about it today, I have discovered (uncovered) some of the things I need. For instance, I need to be more deliberate in my prayer life. I need to be more intentional in connecting with God as a person who has spiritual needs of his own. If I am to be your spiritual leader, I need to tend to my spiritual welfare as well as assisting you with yours.

I need to do a better job taking care of my physical health. I am a diabetic, I do not eat right and so on and on. If I want my ministry to have longevity, I need to take care of myself. (I will start the New Year 80 pounds lighter!)

You get the general idea. As I have thought about these words, I have found it very beneficial in helping me to focus on the content, goals, and direction of my ministry.

As we enter into this New Year, I encourage you to consider the same question as it pertains to your life.



JANUARY 2018

***For Members and Friends of
St. Paul's UCC Fleetwood***

What do you need to do in order that your life might have more meaning and purpose for the coming year? What do you need to do in order that you might be more complete and whole as a person? Perhaps your area of focus will be on relationships; a spouse, a child, a sibling, a parent, a friend or neighbor. Perhaps you to have health problems that need to be addressed. Maybe you need to come to terms with your present place of employment. Whatever it might be, I encourage you to ask yourself, what is it that I need in order to become a more complete person in 2018?

I hope one of your needs is this church community. I feel as though we have grown together as a community of faith. I hope you have found and continue to find the nurture of a loving, Christian community. If you are not connected, perhaps you need to reconnect yourself to this community of faith. If there is something that I can do as your pastor to help you reconnect, please let me know.

My prayer for you is for a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Pat



Craig Olinger 01/01
 James Barnett 01/03
 Ashley Beidler 01/03
 Kayla Himmelreich 01/03
 Ashley Knarr 01/03
 Carol Levan 01/03
 Jacob Mowry 01/03
 Elizabeth Schoellkopf 01/03
 Matthew Williams 01/03
 Hannah Hetrick 01/04
 Bret Kramer 01/04
 Casey Krueger 01/04
 Sherry Kibler 01/05
 John Stutzman 01/05
 Nicole Baer 01/06
 Jenna Sassaman 01/06
 Abigail Stella 01/06
 Jaelin Valick 01/06
 Ryan Carey 01/07
 Shawn McGlinchey 01/07
 Elaine Miller 01/07
 Margaret Fetherolf 01/08
 Todd Koch 01/08
 Noreen Mayer 01/08
 Michael Provost 01/08
 Connor Reardon 01/08
 Ryleigh Soumas 01/08
 Kathryn Wanner 01/08/
 Alyson Zettlemoyer 01/08
 Christi Baer 01/10
 Kerrie Ott 01/10
 Jeanette Gorey 01/11
 Cassandra Harter 01/12
 Guinevere Harter 01/12
 Sydney Plucker 01/12
 Dylan Reardon 01/12
 A J Laucks 01/13
 Corbin Teter 01/13
 Maegan Robison 01/14
 Glen Schaeffer 01/14
 Jill Hoffmaster 01/15
 Emma Walizer 01/15
 Lisa Weidemoyer 01/15
 Kenneth Weidner 01/15
 Caleb Teeters 01/16
 Joshua Wentzel 01/16
 Michael Woerner 01/16
 Linda Yoder 01/16
 Christopher Zettlemoyer 01/16
 David Batz 01/17
 Amy Kepner 01/17
 Taylor Smith 01/17
 Jared Treichler 01/17
 Joshua Weidner 01/17
 John Leibelsperger 01/18/
 Luke Voyer 01/18



Jessica Wolf 01/18
 Tyler Wolf 01/18
 Janice Kintz 01/19
 Bruce Rader 01/19
 Gregory Wink 01/19
 Kathi Fry 01/20
 Todd C Jones 01/20
 Pamela Miller 01/20
 Henry Peters 01/20
 John Burkert 01/21
 Laurabeth Werner 01/21
 Richard Brokhoff 01/22
 Alex Hoffmaster 01/22
 Alec Miller 01/22
 Mary Schock 01/22
 Wolfgang Schwan 01/22
 Rebecca Hauser 01/23
 Judy Raudenbush 01/23
 Kyle Brightbill 01/24
 Randy Geisinger 01/24
 Brenda Kuzmann 01/24
 Stacy Laucks 01/24
 James Schoellkopf 01/24
 Joseph Daniels 01/25
 Thomas Heinly 01/25
 Kristina Smith 01/25
 Melissa Ruemmler 01/26
 Joanne Sholedice 01/26/
 Kim Fella 01/27
 Scott Hauser 01/27
 Jenna Landis 01/27
 Stacy Maurek 01/27
 Deborah Mayernik 01/27
 Elaine Bleiler 01/29
 Carmella Collins 01/29
 Matthew Harner 01/29
 Dorene Leibelsperger 01/29/
 Samuel Ruemmler 01/29
 Jennifer Skipper 01/29
 Lonnie Stuffle Jr. 01/29
 Sandra Stump 01/29
 Penny Vojtasek 01/29
 Helen Kerr 01/30
 Eileen Koller Gilmore 01/30
 Steve Miller 01/30
 Mary Woods 01/30
 Madison Armstrong 01/31
 Samantha Baer 01/31
 Debbie Barnett 01/31
 Joyce Beck 01/31
 Connie Keller 01/31/
 Ross Mckently 01/31
 William Spotts 01/31/
 Zach Warren 01/31

**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.**



January 7
8:55 a.m. –

10:25 a.m. –

January 14
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10:25 a.m. –

January 21
8:55 a.m. –

10:25 a.m. –

January 28
8:55 a.m. –

10:25 a.m. –



January 7
8:55 a.m. – Dale Hollenbach
10:25 a.m. – Sue Creswell

January 14
8:55 a.m. – Sandy Dugan
10:25 a.m. – Jim Goldman

January 21
8:45 a.m. – Family Service
10:25 a.m. – Gary Reinert

January 28
8:55 a.m. – Laura Walizer
10:25 a.m. – Sue Kline



January 7 – Sharon Koller and Eileen Gilmore
January 14 – Dennis and Judy Raudenbush
January 21 – Reinert/Thomas Family
January 28 – Valick Family

ACOLYTES



January 7
8:55 am – Michaela Ernst and Jade Vojtasek
10:25 a.m. – Ethan Raudenbush and Nicholas Hill

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



Book Group for January 2018

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the lounge off the narthex. The book for January is *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. A synopsis of the book can be found on amazon.com. In the event of inclement weather, please check with either Sharon or Mary Ann to confirm that the group is meeting. 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 School -- Happy New Year!

December brought us celebrations for the birth of Jesus. December brought us special visitors throughout the month. We had a certain man dressed in red visit on December 20th. We shared the wonderful Christmas story with the children. We had a fabulous loud and fun caroling session with the children, the parents and grandparents. Thank you Mrs. Greta Ertel for her assistance with her beautiful musical talents. Thank you also to Mr. and Mrs. Wildermuth with the special help of the day and Pastor Pat Morris.

Starting January 3, 2018 we will be accepting applications for current students and church members for school for the 2018-2019 school year. Please see Ms. Brown or call the school office for more information. Remember our classes fill quickly, so please register early. Starting February 1, 2018, we will be accepting applications from the outside, so please do not delay.

DON'T FORGET- FULL DAY/HALF DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM, All Day Preschool AND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT www.stpaulsfleetwood.org and click on school or see Ms. Brown for more information.

We are having a wonderful exciting adventure this year, with all the children in the journey of the children's futures.

Respectfully,
Ms. Peggy Brown, School Director



I want to thank the faithful, caring congregation and school at St. Paul's UCC for welcoming me into your church family for the past 10 years. It has been a wonderful part of my life and I will miss you all so much. Thanks for the lovely retirement party and all the special gifts and cards. I will treasure my memories of St. Paul's family and count you as friends forever.

Love and blessings,
Linda



The morning after our "Christmas Tea" finds me back here to serve in a small way to sit in the office and answer the telephone.

Thank you to all who attended our tea last evening. Cookies looked very delicious. Thank you to bakers. Many thanks to my helpers, Mary Jane Burkert, Jeanette Burkert, Jean Seidel, Joanne Sholedice and to all helpers at the Tea!

I hope you all enjoyed the musical program presented by FAHS talented musicians under the direction of Mr. Charles Ebersole.

Thank you,
Dee Eastland



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR REPORT

Well by now everyone knows the Christmas Bazaar is over and was another success but how successful was it. The profits from the bazaar were \$5,838.73 and with profits from other fundraising events we are able to give \$7,500 to the church.

I would like to THANK everyone for their donations of food, baked goods, items for the Silent Auction, White Elephant, Toy Room and helping to setup and tear down of the bazaar. It take 2 days to setup everything and 3 hours to tear down and get the Sunday School Rooms back to the original settings. Also to all the ladies that help in all the different rooms.

Our next meeting will be April 12 at 7:00 in the social room and we will be discussing our Mother's Day Gift Bags to Women in Crisis and Rummage Sale. Along with other new projects we are considering. Please plan to attend.

Sandi Stern, President



“A New Light A-Comin”

The title of this newsletter article was the title of the Christmas Cantata that the choir performed on December 10. I find myself humming the melody with trying to remember the words. It was a catchy little number! It is also an appropriate way of taking a peek into the beginning of the New Year. There is a “new light” that will be shining in the church office.

On December 31, 2017 Linda Speece retired as our administrative assistant. For the past ten years Linda did a marvelous job and was a beacon of light to all who called or stopped by the church office. She was a dedicated servant of the Lord who will be letting her light shine elsewhere. I wish her the best in whatever lies around the corner.

It is my pleasure to welcome Samantha Wolf as our new administrative assistant. Samantha is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science degree in history and a minor in sustainability studies. Samantha works part-time at Berks Historical Center.

It is important to note that Samantha will only be part time. Our new office hours beginning January 1 will be 9 AM to 1 PM. If you call prior to or after those hours you will most likely get the answering machine. If for any reason you are calling as a result of a pastoral emergency, you may call Pastor John or me. At this point, we are uncertain of other changes in the work responsibilities of our new administrative assistant. We will simply have to “live into” this new way of being the church and adjust accordingly. I am certain and have full confidence that we will continue to offer to our church membership the same level of care that they have had in the past 10 years. If you are in a leadership position at the church, please stop by and introduce yourself to Leslie so she can begin to put faces with names.

On a personal note, Samantha is the daughter of Bob and Ro Wolf!

Blessings,
Pastor Pat

Jan. Christian Ed News

BE THE CHURCH: Reject Racism

Children’s Choir Rehearsals @ 8:30

- Jan 7th: Cultural Nativity Sets
Heifer Mission Project start
- Jan 14th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday
- Jan 21st: Sunday Sch. Worship Sunday
- Jan 28th: Kindness Sunday

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Sunday School Christmas Program:

SHARING

God’s Gifts, Love, & Peace

It was great to see the student gifts / talents used to promote hope, peace, love and joy.



Reject Racism

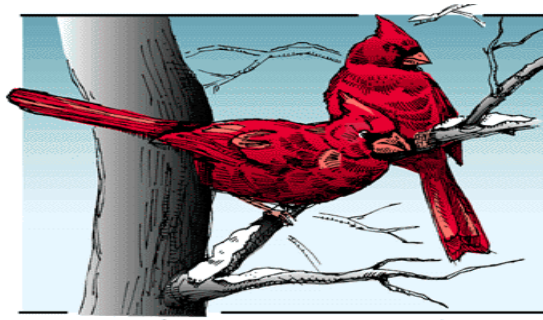
During the month of January, St. Paul’s is thinking more about how we are called to Reject Racism.

What do you know about Rejecting Racism?
How is God calling you to Reject Racism?
What do you already do?

How does St. Paul’s Reject Racism?
Why are there so few non-white people here?
What is God calling us to do?


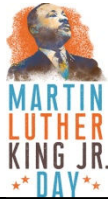
How does the community Reject Racism?
Is God calling us to help them in any way?

Please share your thoughts and ideas with Stacy Laucks,
Coordinator of Educational Ministries
(slaucks@stpaulsfleetwood.org)



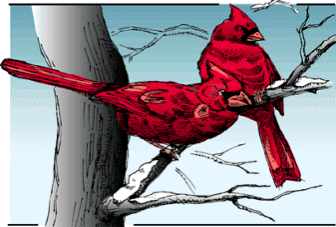
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Happy New Year!	2	3	4 Pantry 3:30-6pm	5	6
7 Communion Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am Youth Dinner	8 Prayer Shawl 7pm	9	10 Bell Choir 6:15 Chancel Choir 7	11	12	13 Consistory Retreat 8am-4pm
14 Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am Youth	15  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	16 Relay for Life 7pm	17 Bell Choir 6:15 Chancel Choir 7 Bible Study 10am	18	19	20
21 Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am Youth	22	23	24 Bell Choir 6:15 Chancel Choir 7	25	26	27
28 Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am	29	30 Book Group 7pm	31 Bell Choir 6:15 Chancel Choir 7			

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Mrs. Sue Creswell	Bookkeeper
Mrs. Stacy Laucks	Coordinator of Education Ministries
Mrs. Greta Ertel	Organist/Accompanist
Mrs. Jill Haley	Coordinator of Music Ministries
Ms. Peggy Brown	School Director
Mr. Thomas Agnew	Sexton