

Bringing You Up to Speed

What's Up with Ken McDowell?

Some of you may be wondering about Ken McDowell since word is out about his serving as pastor at Rosedale United Church of Christ in Laureldale. Last year Ken retired from his position at Air Products. In the fall he enrolled as a full-time student at Moravian Seminary in Lehigh County. His goal is to be ordained as a pastor in the United Church of Christ, which could happen as early as 2018.

Ken is a Member in Discernment in the Covenant Association of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the UCC. He has been licensed by the Covenant Association to serve at Rosedale as a "bridge" pastor until their called pastor comes in October.

Ken has a multitude of gifts to share, and God is at work using his gifts in all types of opportunities. I am very proud of Ken and am excited about this new direction!

Speaking of the Covenant Association

After a very long time of study and deliberation the East Berks Association, of which we were a member, the Reading Association and the Heidelberg Association have merged to form the Covenant Association of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the UCC. The merger comes on the heels of conversation between the PSEC and the Penn Northeast Conference concerning a merger as well.

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

Books for Ghana

Our Books for Ghana project is going very well. You may have noticed the gray shipping container in the parking lot. It is nearly half full at this point. We hope to fill it and have it well on its way to Tama, Ghana by this time next year.

Most of the books we have collected will be donated to Peki Seminary in Ghana. We also have been given many textbooks from the Oley Valley School District thanks to Randy Hoffman. And we have many books that will be placed in the Carrie Morris Memorial Library in Kpando. The books we do not have a lot of are texts for the Ho Polytechnical Institute in Ho, Ghana. If you have connections with a local technical school that teaches things like auto mechanics, food science, nursing, electrical work, plumbing, building and so forth, please send me their contact information.

Thinking About September

I think we would all agree that we are blessed to have outstanding and gifted people leading our music program in Greta Ertle and Jill Haley. Our adult choir has taken a break for the months of June, July and August. We will resume practice in September. We are in need of singers, both male and female. **PLEASE** consider joining us when choir practice resumes in September. You will not only be a blessing to our church family, but you will in turn be blessed by the choir. We have a ton of fun!

Blessings,
Pastor Pat



JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

Rileigh Agnew 06/01
Marlo Dicello 06/01
Bud Levan 06/01
Tyler Mowry 06/01
Paul Myers 06/01

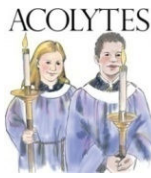
June Wanner 06/01
Michael Weiser 06/01
Nicole Fink 06/02
Zachary Ketay 06/02
Alan Cook 06/03
Lanie Gauker 06/03
Kathleen Harbonic 06/03
Denise Kopicz 06/03
Max Pavlick 06/03
Grace Shollenberger 06/03
Becca Weida 06/04
Mary Elaine Cook 06/05
Jason Crockett 06/05
Lori Dahlquist 06/05
Amanda Fox 06/05
Megan Hoch 06/05
Patty Pytleski 06/05
Kara Collinge 06/06
Quinten Collinge 06/06
Glenn Harbonic 06/06
Lauren Kutz 06/06
Kelly Laverdure 06/06
Evan Watkins 06/06
Tanya Yoder 06/06
Brent Leibelsperger 06/07
Luke Armstrong 06/08
Caroline Blickley 06/08
Treasure Hoover 06/08
Frank Maurek 06/08
Jill McGlinchey 06/08
Joyce Hottenstein 06/09
Brock Reifsnnyder 06/09
Mark Seaman 06/09
Jonelle Daniels 06/10
Bonnie Emerich 06/10
Phyllis Hechinger 06/10
Jade Vojtasek 06/10
Dolores Endy 06/11
Lydia Henry 06/11
Hulda Olinger 06/11
Katie Bergeman 06/12
Chad Walter 06/12
Chad DeLay 06/13
Shawn DeLay 06/13
Jenny Follweiler 06/13
Jack Frederick 06/13
Romain Jensen 06/13
Zachary Kibler 06/13
Diana Mccullough 06/13
James Raudenbush 06/13
Cynthia Schaeffer 06/13
Julie Tich 06/13
Jodie Williams 06/13
Tracy Hagginbothom 06/14
Cathy Hoch 06/14
Elise Miller 06/14
Meghan Cook 06/15
Megan Makovsky 06/15

Bryan Schutt 06/15
Julian Tich 06/15
Michele Heydt 06/16
Derek Keller 06/16
Joyce Sprecher 06/16
Vivian Burnish 06/18
Alexis Daniels 06/18
Brittney Geisinger 06/18
Taylor Rohrbach 06/18
Cathy Berg 06/19/
Laura Fritzingler 06/19
Lois Guinther 06/19
Joshua Nasados 06/19
Gabrielle Scalese 06/19
David Stump 06/19
Calvin Epler 06/20
Samantha Kohler 06/20
Lori Souders 06/20
Austin Stern 06/20
Laura Walizer 06/20
Lorraine Bingaman 06/21
Sandra Renninger 06/21
Carol Kutz 06/22
Jeremy Pierce 06/22
Heather Gruber 06/23
Rebecca Hagginbothom 06/23
Emily Kershner 06/23
Matthew Kershner 06/23
Morgan Mull 06/23
Sandra Dugan 06/24
Courtney Hawkins 06/24
Christi Hill 06/24
Dolleen Eroh 06/25
Kerry Faust 06/25
Christina Miller 06/25
Stephanie Stump 06/25
Bruce Beck 06/26
Ellyn Henry 06/26
Blake Moyer 06/26
Janel Smith 06/26
Andrew Wilson 06/26
Harry Lysy 06/27
Ann McDowell 06/27
Ian Miller 06/27
Janet Stein 06/27
Dorothy VanBuskirk 06/27
Joanna Blessing 06/28
Matthew Richards 06/28
Rachel Eberly 06/29
Steven Fegely 06/29
Austin Gracely 06/29
Marilyn Noll 06/29
Peg Ruch 06/29
Ryan Werner 06/29
Justin Kemmerer 06/30
Donald Kunkel 06/30
Heather McDowell 06/30
Brooke Ruhl 06/30
Samantha Simmons 06/30

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.



June 4
8:55 a.m. – Church Consistory
10:25 a.m. – Church Consistory
June 11
8:55 a.m. - Church Consistory
10:25 a.m. – Church Consistory
June 18
8:55 a.m. – Church Consistory
10:25 a.m. – Church Consistory
June 25
8:55 a.m. – Church Consistory
10:25 a.m. – Church Consistory



June 4
8:55 am – Jaden Valik and Ethan Raudenbush
10:25 a.m. Nicholas Hill and Herbert Dunkelberger
June 11
8:55 a.m.– Jade Vojtasek and Alex Schaeffer
10:25 a.m. – Jonathan Maurek and Michaela Ernst
June 18
8:55 a.m. – Herbert Dunkelberger and Jaiden Valik
10:25 a.m. – Parker Milyo and Emma Ertel
June 25
8:55 a.m.– Michaela Ernst and Jade Vojtasek
10:25a.m. – Ethan Raudenbush and Nicholas Hill



June 4
8:55 a.m. – Laura Walizer
10:25 a.m. – Sue Kline
June 11
8:55 a.m. – Sharon Dreibelbis
10:25 a.m. – David Balmer
June 18
8:55 a.m. – Family Service
10:25 a.m. – Marcia Moll
June 25
8:45 a.m. – Bob Wolf
10:25 a.m. – Jason Crockett

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, so consider a gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation.

Youth in June

Thursday 6.1	Fleetwood Food Pantry	3pm-6pm	Leona
Fri-Sat 6.2-6.3	Rummage Sale / Relay For Life		
Sunday 6.4	Confirmation Sunday		
Fri-Sun 6.9-6.11	PSEC Annual Meeting in West Chester		
Sunday 6.18	Father's Day No Youth Tonight		
Mon-Fri 6.19-23	VBS		
Sunday 6.25	Church Picnic		
6.28 - 7.4	General Synod of the UCC Baltimore, MD		



June 4 – The Walizer Family
June 11 – Karen and Bill Shollenberger
June 18 – Randy and Barb Hoffman
June 25 – PICNIC



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



Time for Summer.....

Join us for Summer Camp

May was exciting and fun. We had our end of year carnival on Thursday May 4, 2017. May also brought graduation for our Advanced Prek and Pre K students on the evening of Tuesday May 23, 2017. We are excited for the children as they expand their wings and embark on the fun adventures. Congratulations and Good Luck to all of our graduates.

We are in full swing of registration for next year and we are excited to report we are filling up quickly. If you or some one you know is interesting in our school, please give them our name and number. We have programs from 20 months- 6 years old. We have one to five day programs. Playgroup through Kindergarten. Don't loose out, grab a spot. Call the school office at 610-944-5808 for information or visit us on the web at www.stpaulsfleetwood.org.

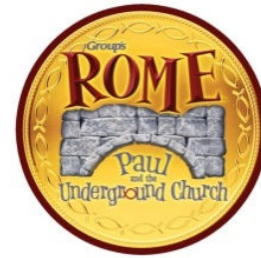
Kindergarten- Our kindergarten program will run Monday through Friday. It will provide a positive school experience for your child. Our unique curriculum prepares your child for the primary grades in a personalized private and nurturing environment. **We will offer Full Day and Half Day Kindergarten.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

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.

Summer Camp- We will be offering Summer Camp again this year. It will start June 5, 2017 and run weekly until July 13, 2017. It will be from 9-12, Monday through Thursday for 3-6 year olds. The cost is \$60.00 a week. You can register for one week or several weeks. We have all kinds of fun and themes planned this year. Applications are available on the information board in the narthex or at the school office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Peggy Brown, School Director



Vacation Bible School-Adventure 2017

**WE WANT EVERYONE!
(not just kids)**

It's the Family Vacation of a Lifetime!
June 19-23

Dinner: 5:45 pm
Program: 6:30 pm
(Program ends at 8:30 pm)

Bring your entire family (& friends & neighbors) to the ancient city of Rome! You'll travel back into Bible times —without setting foot outside our community.

Experience this fun, hands-on Bible-times Empire at
St. Paul's UCC, Fleetwood.

Each day, your family members can become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Rome during Bible times! You'll explore authentic Marketplace shops, visit the Apostle Paul (who's under house arrest), sneak to the cave where the Underground Church meets, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about the early church.

Get your **Registration Forms**

on-line: stpaulsfleetwood.org/christianeducation/VBS-2017.aspx or in the church Narthex.



Christmas in July Toy Drive

We often use the term "Christmas in July" to feel cooler in the hot summer, to celebrate a joyful time of year in another month, at church to sing beloved Christmas carols, or in the case of stores, to run special sales. Perhaps we can take this idea a step further and reach out to children whose "real" Christmas is not always the happy time of year it may be for us.

Locally, each year Berks Connections/Pretrial Services and Opportunity House's [2nd Street Learning Center](#) are in need of gifts. BCPS hosts a Christmas party for the children of incarcerated parents. Gifts are distributed at the party. Opportunity House distributes gifts to the children at the learning center.

How can we help? An easy way to participate is to buy a gift for a less fortunate child in one of these programs. We hope to divide the gifts giving half to each group.

What kinds of gifts? Baby dolls, Barbie dolls, other dolls, clothes for these dolls, cars, trucks, footballs, soccer balls, craft kits, games, infant toys, most anything that your young children and grandchildren like to play with.

If you prefer, the Mission Committee will accept money donations and buy the gifts for these children.

Please see Laura Walizer or Leona Wright with any questions for information or clarification. The Mission Committee thanks all of you for reaching out to a child in love and caring. Here is a list of toys that are always kid "favorites":

- 1) Legos for all ages
- 2) Footballs, soccer balls, basketballs
- 3) Disney Princess toys and dolls
- 4) Disney DVD's and books
- 5) Crayola Art Sets
- 6) Playdoh sets
- 7) Matchbox cars and racetrack sets
- 8) Leapfrog toys for infants and toddlers
- 9) children's books, coloring books, stickers

Happy shopping! Toys can be dropped off in the Christmas box in the narthex and outside the church office.

Potato Seed Cutting event for Potato Project:

On Sunday, April 23 from 1-4, Pastor John, Laura Walizer, and eight of our youth helped cut potatoes for planting for the Potato Project that helps feed families in need through local food banks and the Greater Food Banks of Berks County.

Save the date for Saturday, September 2 from 9-12 to help with the first harvesting of potatoes to be given to the families of the Fleetwood Food Pantry.

Opportunity House

The Kitchen Krew served the meal in May and the Barb and Mike Werner will be serving on behalf of St. Paul's in June.

Fleetwood Food Pantry

On Thursday, May 4th 79 families were served at the Pantry in the Fleetwood Community Center. It was our turn to serve and our team of dedicated volunteers did a fantastic job at working together to fill additional bags for the families as only 65 were initially prepared. Frozen meats, a variety of canned goods, bread item, box of pasta and a choice of fresh vegetables and fruit were some of the items distributed. The next date for the pantry will be Thursday, June 1st and it will be Maiden Creek 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

The pantry will be collecting bottles of salad dressing and toppings to make a healthy salad for the families of the food bank. These items can be dropped off in the grocery cart in the church narthex or in the box by the church office.

Helping Hands

We had 6 transports and 6 phone calls.



There will be no Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting in July, 2017. We hope to see you in August.

New members are always welcome. If you can't knit or crochet, we will teach you how to do this.



Join us at the Church Picnic!

COME OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN at our ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

June 25, 2017

**** Location: St. Paul's UCC Fleetwood****

Schedule of Picnic Events

**8:55 a.m. Worship Service in Church Sanctuary
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
(Come to 10:30 service and Picnic!)
Youth/Teachers help set-up picnic games**

**10:25 a.m. Worship Service in Church Sanctuary
VBS Participants - come to sing & Celebrate!**

11:30 ish Children's games w/ prizes by EMC

**12:00 Noon: Prayer and Meal
Organized by the Kitchen Committee**

1:00 ish Entertainment by Worship Committee

**Games by the Educational Ministries
Committee (EMC)**

**Bingo for Adults by Hospitality
Committee**

**** Bounce House & Dunk Tank after services****

Food sign-up sheet in the Narthex!!



BOOK GROUP

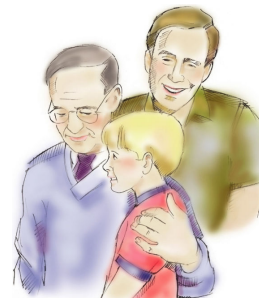
The St. Paul's Book Group will meet on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at 7 p.m. at the home of Dori and Frank Hoch. The book for this month is *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. A synopsis of the book can be found on amazon.com. Ro Wolf will serve as our discussion leader.

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!



Women's Guild News




Mother's Day Tote bags for Women of Safe Berks was a great success. Thank you to our congregation for the wonderful abundance of personal care items and tote gift bags. We were able to assemble 30 large totes for Mothers Day gifts and 45 smaller bags for an as need basis. A big thanks again to Martha Deturck for delivering our many gift bags to the facility. Special thanks to Sandi Stern and Sandy Wildermuth for making beautiful knitted slippers for all the ladies. Thank you Joan Miller for the monetary donation to buy decorative totes and liners! Finally, thanks to Fay Leida for her donation of gift bags and tissue paper. What a great group of helpers!



Happy Father's Day

JUNE

2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Food Bank	2 Rummage Sale 8 am – 7 pm	3 Rummage Sale 8 am - Noon
4  Confirmation Sunday Communion 8:55 & 10:25 am	5 Prayer Shawl 7pm	6	7	8	9	10
11 Honor Grads Sunday Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am 	12 Consistory 7pm	13	14	15 Mission House 3-5pm	16	17
18 Family Service/ Victor Mikari guest speaker Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	19 VBS ALL WEEK Dinner 5:45 Program 6:30	20 VBS ALL WEEK Dinner 5:45 Program 6:30	21 VBS ALL WEEK Dinner 5:45 Program 6:30	22 VBS ALL WEEK Dinner 5:45 Program 6:30	23 VBS ALL WEEK Dinner 5:45 Program 6:30	24
25 Picnic Worship Service 8:55 & 10:25 NO Sunday School 	26	27 Book Group 7pm	28	29	30	

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