



June 2018
For Members and Friends of
St. Paul's UCC Fleetwood

Vacation Reflections

Vacations are not only a good time to unplug and unwind, they also afford you a time to listen to the stories of others, and reflect. A group of our friends were gathered for breakfast while on vacation recently and we started discussing church related stuff. We all go to different churches in the far reaches of Berks County. I offered a story or two but more importantly I heard what these folks were saying. From those conversations I'd like to offer some thoughts & words of thanks about our situation at St Paul's in Fleetwood We are.....

- Blessed to have a wonderful mix of young and old folks, those new to our congregation and those who have been lifelong members. Many churches haven't seen new members in years.
- Blessed to have a Sunday School - which has children and adults attending. Many do not.
- Blessed to have a youth ministry which is led by someone ordained and inspired. Many do not.
- Blessed to have an organist who is not temporary or transient and is truly gifted. Many long for this.
- Blessed to have a choir director who is a renowned composer and can inspire others to achieve. Many wish they had such a talent.
- Blessed to have a choir that does anthems and cantatas and sings with inspiration week after week. Many do not, and long to have this part of their service again.
- Blessed to have two pastors who are inspired ministers and who care deeply about their flock. They have been with us for over a decade. Many churches long to have only one for more than a couple years.
- Blessed by a congregation who are faithful stewards. Many congregations have a hard time predicting who will be there in 3 months.
- Blessed to have ministries for neighbors near (literally next door) and far (half way around the world). This is an amazing opportunity that other churches only do through 3rd party affiliations (if at all).
- Blessed to have a community that recognizes our church as a strong resource, an enabler, a supporter, and a partner. Many churches are only remembered for weddings, baptisms & funerals.
- Blessed to be able to agree to disagree and argue and struggle to find the right middle ground - because people care - not necessarily because they want to control stuff.
- Blessed to have a full kitchen with people that love to prepare for the masses - and do so without being told to do so! This is a function other churches are resolved to pay for.

So you might ask, why take the time to write this? We (like most) focus on our faults, our weaknesses, our shortcomings, our differences, things that get us "steamed". If we spent the time & energy uplifting our positives and focusing on those attributes what would that same energy yield?

While attending a festival in a coastal Carolina town, I was talking with an elderly native lady and she was bemoaning the blight in her city (Wilmington, NC). We started talking about the charm and potential of the historic district and how little by little, house by house folks were fighting the blight with sweat, equity, and creativity. I relayed to her a little about the transformation of West Reading - a victim of the downfall of the outlet stores - which is now thriving. She described her portion of the city, which had an influx of young professionals and artists and the efforts they were making to improve things little by little. Then she paused, looked across the crowded street in front of us and said "*your right... it's not as bad as I thought. Thanks for helping me see that*". And as she walked away a light bulb went on in my head & I thought to myself "yes Thank YOU for helping ME to see that too".

Respectfully Submitted by Bob Wolf

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
 Rita Stiff 06/04/
 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
 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
 Joyce Hottenstein 06/09
 Brock Reifsnyder 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
 James Kramer 06/11
 Hulda Olinger 06/11
 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
 Blake Boyer 06/15
 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
 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
 Ryan Milesosky 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 or
 send an email to
churchoffice@stpaulsfleetwood.org so it can be
 recorded for future birthday lists.**

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Weekly Volunteers

June 3rd :

Readers: 8:55- Sarah Herrold
Acolytes: 8:55- Tristin Farr, Colin Snyder
Ushers: 8:55- Jenn Hoffman, Steve Wentz,
Ro Wolf, Dennis W., Caroline, Dave,
Melissa, Bob W.

10:25- Carol Strause
10:25- Katelin Pytleski Zack Fry
10:25- Jim G., Heidi, Dennis R.

June 10th :

Readers: 8: 55- Dale Hollenbach
Acolytes: 8:55-Cassandra Batz, Aidan Strohl
Ushers: 8:55- Jenn H., Christoph S., Ro, Dave

10:25- Gary Reinert
10:25- Chase Reifsnnyder, Stella Koch
10:25- Heidi, Jason, Marie, Ian M.

June 17th :

Readers: 8:55- Family Service
Acolytes: 8:55-Megan Eberly, Tristin Farr
Ushers: 8:55- Cindy, Dennis W., Melissa, Caroline

10:25- David Balmer
10:25- Colin Snyder Ian Miller
10:25- Jim, Bill, Steve, Dennis R.

June 24th :

Readers: 8:55- Tom Hoch
Acolytes: 8:55-Zack Fry, Cassandra Batz
Ushers: 8:55- Cindy, Dave, Bob, Jamin

10:25- Jason Crockett
10:25- Aidan Strohl, Katelin Pytleski
10:25- Heidi, Ian, Marie, Jason

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

SCHOOL: Time for Summer..... Join us for Summer Camp

May brought graduation for our Advanced Pre K and Pre K students on the evening of Tuesday May 22, 2018. 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 registering for next year and we are excited to report we are filling up quickly. If you or someone you know is interested in our school, please give them our name and number. We have programs for 20 months- 6 years old. We have one to five day programs as well as Playgroup, both Half and Full Day Kindergarten, and Extended Care. Don't lose out, grab a spot. Call the school office at 610-944-5808 for information or visit us on the web at www.stpaulsfleetwood.org.

Summer Camp- We will be offering Summer Camp again this year. It will start June 4, 2018 and will run weekly until July 12, 2018. It will be from 9-12, Monday through Thursday for 3-6 year olds. The cost is \$65.00 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

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Food stand in the Fleetwood Park on Sunday, June 10, (rain date Monday, June 10).
The music group will be Swing Fever Dance Band and they will play from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Bob & Ro Wolf will be again chairing this committee. Please mark your calendars to help or attend this event. Baked foods of finger food variety would be appreciated. You can drop them off at the park at 5:00 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH: Protect the Environment

During the month of May, St. Paul's is thinking more about how we are called to Protect the Environment. How is God calling you to Protect the Environment? How does St. Paul's Protect the Environment? What are church groups doing now? How could we better Protect the Environment? How does the community Protect the Environment? Is God calling St. Paul's to help in any way? Please share your thoughts and ideas with Stacy Laucks, Coordinator of Educational Ministries

A Spring Bazaar

For the fifth year, **The Women's Guild** is expanding its **Annual Clothing Rummage Sale**. Unlike our Christmas Bazaar, it is a two day event

So here is what is happening **Friday, June 1 from 8 a.m.-7 p.m.**

1. Annual Clothing Rummage Sale in the Social Hall
2. Outdoor Flea Market in the Boy Scout Cabin
3. Outdoor Food Stand

Here is what is going on **Saturday, June 2 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

1. Annual Clothing Rummage Sale in the Social Hall
2. Outdoor Flea Market in the Boy Scout Cabin
3. Yard Sale on the church lawn -10'x10' space for \$10 - (your goods, your profit). Includes: parking, event advertising, food concession, and opt. truck take-away of unsold items. Tables not included. **Contact Sandi Stern @610-944-9143 or sls228@ptd.net by May 25 to reserve a space**
4. Outdoor Food Stand (St. Paul's U.C.C. Kitchen Committee) weather permitting 8:00-12:00
5. Miller's Blood Drive-7a.m.-12p.m. **For appointment register online at www.giveapint.org. PROMO CODE: 3302 or contact Sandy Dugan at 610-944-0290.**

Contacts:

Nancy Boyer: 610-944-9335 Clothing Rummage
Carrie Wentz: 610- 926 -3662 White Elephant
Lynda Shenk: 610-451-6732 Food Stand

White Elephant, Clothing Rummage, and the Food Stand all count on your donations. Profits support existing programs and expenses of the church. Volunteers needed. In addition, we will, again, have a blood drive. **For info call Sandy Dugan, 610-944-0290 or register online at www.giveapint.org.**

Music Corner:

Music ministry is starting a library of instrumental solos with piano accompaniment that would be appropriate for worship services. With the summer months coming up, we would like to encourage any instrumentalists who are interested in sharing their talents in worship to see Jill. You can see what music we have and pick a date to share your talents. New music is available for trumpet, sax, clarinet, cello and violin. Jill can find music for other instruments if yours is not listed.

“The Waters of Glacier” music/ video presentation: This is the 1st performance of all new music and videos about Glacier National Park written when Jill was an Artist in Residence there last year. Wednesday, June 6 at 7 pm. Berks History Center: 940 Centre Avenue Reading, Pa. 19601. Tickets available at: Berks Country Fest.com or Meadowood Music, Blandon, PA

DIRECTORY PHOTO DATES

JUNE 5-7	2 p.m.-9 p.m.
June 8-9	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
July 24-26	2 p.m.-9 p.m.
July 27-28	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

If you have not received a phone call from one of the following church representatives:

Linda Schaeffer, Lynda Shenk, Gail Noll, Sandy Dugan and Sandi Stern, please give one of them a call. To make an appointment go to <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/ycn7dq6/>.

There are still dates in July open if you have not made an appointment yet. Please park on Green St, Arch St. or the Municipal Parking Lot across the street as there are no events planned for the church during the day and the Parking Lot doors WILL BE LOCKED!! Bring a school supply and receive a \$5 coupon off your purchase. On the day of your pictures, please arrive 15minutes early. Thanks, Sandi



There are so many ways YOU can be a part of VBS!

- EVERYONE (not just kids) are welcome to attend. Registrations forms are in the office, Narthex, and at stpaulsfleetwood.org.
- Volunteer at VBS! We need people with all kinds of talents. I know that we can use yours. Contact Stacy Laucks, Coordinator of Educational Ministries, to get involved (slaucks@stpaulsfleetwood.org).
- Donate items: check out the Narthex display for needed items or contact Stacy (see above)

Recognition of Graduates:

In June, as in the past, we will recognize our students who will graduate this year or who have graduated from a course of study (high school, trade school, college, university, advanced degree) since July 2017. **The graduates will be recognized during both services on June 10, 2018.** In order to do this we need your help with some information. If you know of someone (including yourself) please notify the church office by phone, email or the accompanying form. We ask that you supply the name of the graduate, home address, phone number, name of school, degree and post graduation plans so that we can make contact with them. Thank you for your help.

Name _____

Home address _____

Contact number _____

School _____ Degree _____

Date of graduation _____

Post graduation plans _____

MEDICAL and SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR GHANA MISSION TRIP

The Ghana mission trip is collecting school and medical supplies to take on our in June. Below you will find a list of items we are collecting

Medical:

Children's Tylenol	Vaseline	Antibiotic ointment
Other over-the-counter children's meds	Assorted vitamins	Antifungal creams
Over-the-counter adult med	ACE bandages	Antiseptic soaps
Echinacea tablets	Adhesive medical tape	First aid kit
Pain medications (infant, child and adult)	Band-Aids	Blood pressure cuff
	Gauze pads (4X4 and 3X3)	Digital thermometers, extra cover
	Gloves	Stethoscope
	Alcohol swabs	

**School:**

	Glue	Markers
Pencils	Colored pencils	Pencil sharpener
Crayons	Scissors	Paper
Construction paper	Tape	Erasers

There will be suitcase in the Narthex for you to put your donations. We will be tithing part of our school supply collection to the Fleetwood School District. You may also make monetary donations as well to help defay the cost of transporting books once they are in Ghana. There will be boxes in the narthex and at the office for you donations during the month of May. Thank you for your help with this important mission project.

The **Parish Visitation Committee** will meet on Monday June 18th from 4 to 5 pm in the lounge off the narthex of the church.

SAFE BERKS MOTHER DAY TOTES: A big thank you to our congregation for the wonderful donations of personal care products for the women and families of Safe Berks. Women's Guild is happy to report we made 34 large and 41 small gift bags plus donated 3 large boxes of sample size products to last throughout the year!

Special thanks go out to:

- Sandi Stern for her knitted booties which were decorated with tassels by Sandy Wildermuth.
- Fay Leida for a special donation of gift bags.
- Prayer Shawl Committee for the beautiful Prayer Squares for each gift tote.
- Martha Deturk for her transport & delivery of gifts to Safe Berks

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Rev. John Folk	Associate Pastor
Miss. Samantha Wolf	Administrative Assistant
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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Rummage Sale 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	2 Rummage Sale 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
3	4 Prayer Shawl 7:00	5	6	7 Fleetwood Food Pantry 3-6	8 PSEC Annual Meeting	9 PSEC Annual Meeting
10 PSEC Annual Meeting Honor Grads! Blood Pressure Screening	11 Consistory 7:00	12	13	14	15	16
17 Father's Day!	18 VBS 6:30	19 VBS 6:30	20 VBS 6:30	21 VBS 6:30	22 VBS 6:30	23 Dutch Springs
24 No Youth	25	26 Book Group 7:00	27	28	29	30