

COME DRINK FROM THE WELL!

I like good water. Not water that taste like chlorine, or iron. I like good, clean water. When we built our house almost two years ago there was a well on the property. It had been there for 10 years. When we dropped the pump in the water was cloudy and never cleared up. My brother-in-law Tom and I put in a filtering system. Now I have good, clean water.

We use to but bottled water when we lived at Blandon. I had nothing against Blandon water, I just liked bottled water better. I have to tell you I was brand sensitive. I can tell the difference between the one kind of bottled water from another.

A bias I have toward spring water may be due to my memories of drinking water from the spring house when I was a boy. My dad owned a farm that was several miles from where we lived. When my brothers and I would go there to work, digging thistles or cutting brush, there was never a need to bring water to drink. We could always go to the spring house and be refreshed with the clearest, coldest water in the world.

I am sure many of you can resonate with what I am saying. The fact of the matter is, being refreshed by the waters of a spring is nothing new. In fact it is a concept that is as old as time itself. That is why the imagery of Jesus as "living water" is such a powerful image in the New Testament.

No where is this image more powerful than the story of Jesus and his encounter with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. (John 4:1-42) This woman was not only a social and religious outcast, but also a person of questionable moral character. However, because of her encounter with Jesus she was able to drink from the well

of "living water." And the most amazing thing is, not only was her life changed, but because of her testimony, "many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him." (v. 4:39)

Just as water was a source of life to people in one of the most arid regions of the world, Jesus was and continues to be a source of life to a thirsty soul. During this season of Easter I urge you to come to the spring house and drink deep from the waters of the well. My prayer for you is that you will experience the life giving and life changing powers of the "living waters" of Jesus Christ.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Pat

"Whoever **drinks** the **water** I give him
will **never thirst**."



Cheryl Weiser 05/01
 Barbara Wink 05/01
 Phil Reppert 05/03
 Brittany Bryniarski 05/04
 Brandon Keeny 05/04
 Christopher Laverdure 05/04
 Rebecca Merkel 05/04
 Greg Miller 05/04
 Logan Templin 05/04
 Ralph Dengler 05/05
 Robin Hughes 05/05
 Kate McGlinchey 05/05
 Preston Oxenreider 05/05
 Stephen Ruhmel 05/05
 Bret Spayd 05/05
 Michael Wagner 05/05
 Todd Weiss 05/05
 Karen Kauffman 05/06
 Tonya Levan 05/06
 Craig Pieja 05/06
 Nancy Fritz 05/07
 John Koller 05/07
 Evan Leibelsperger 05/07
 Scott Nothwehr 05/07
 Kery Reifsnyder 05/07
 Kevin Reinkemeyer 05/07
 Richard Bergeman III 05/08
 Michael Siggins 05/08
 Ann Wentzel 05/08
 Gloria Diehl 05/10
 Kenneth Fink 05/10
 Colin Snyder 05/10
 Mary Ann Weidner 05/10
 Abner Arndt 05/11
 Lauren Merkel 05/11
 Sherry Mumma 05/11/
 Travis Pytleski 05/11
 Marie Boyer 05/12
 Timothy Burkert 05/12
 Ronald Moyer 05/12
 Benjamin Kemmerer 05/13
 Annalise McDowell 05/13
 Keith Ruch 05/13
 Penelope Wentz 05/13
 Betty Bleiler 05/14
 Dennis Sayer 05/14
 Lisa Bogacki 05/16
 Cynthia Katzenmoyer 05/16
 Caryn Rufo 05/16
 Michael Werner 05/16
 Donna Frey 05/17
 Thomas Hoch 05/17
 Lindsay Stilwell 05/17



BIRTHDAYS

Camilla Frederick 05/18
 Wilma Hawker 05/18
 Elizabeth Ressler 05/18
 Denise Hamm 05/19
 Alex Edinger 05/20
 Minerva Gauker 05/20
 Mya Mark 05/20
 Lorrie Collinge 05/21/
 Jodi Gauker 05/21
 Jeanne Landis 05/21
 Barbara Moyer 05/21
 Linda Schlegel 05/21
 Steven Gordon 05/22
 Carolyn Lysy 05/22
 Ashley McKinney 05/22
 Macall Miller 05/22
 Scott Smith 05/22
 David Angstadt 05/23
 Anthony Blessing 05/23
 Dennis Wanner 05/23
 Larry Warner 05/23
 Josh Brightbill 05/24
 Alexandra Bryniarski 05/24
 Lauren Caffrey 05/24
 Anne Juntunen 05/24
 Mason Long 05/24
 Christian Rufo 05/24
 Missi Siegfried 05/24
 Alan Weidner 05/24
 Chris Young 05/24
 Cassandra Batz 05/25
 Taylor Fink 05/25
 Michaela Ernst 05/27
 Matthew Luckenbill 05/27
 Scott Bungo 05/28
 Bradley Dengler 05/28
 Gregory Dengler 05/28
 Lydie Mae Miller 05/28
 James Weber 05/28
 Ann Heinly 05/29
 Douglas Katzenmoyer 05/29
 Beth Lindenmuth 05/29
 Judith Moyer 05/29
 Janette Schumacher 05/29
 Timothy Yerger 05/29
 Elizabeth Wilson 05/30
 Charles Bergstresser 05/31
 Robert Gore 05/31
 Brooklyn Klopp 05/31
 Chelsey Schweitzer 05/31

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.



May 7
8:55 a.m. – Church Consistory
10:25 a.m. – Church Consistory
May 14
8:55 a.m. - Church Consistory
10:25 a.m. – Church Consistory
May 21
8:55 a.m. – Church Consistory
10:25 a.m. – Church Consistory
May 28
8:55 a.m. – Church Consistory
10:25 a.m. – Church Consistory

ACOLYTES



May 7
8:55 am – Michaela Ernst and Emma Bigg
10:25 a.m. – Sam Ruemmler and Bret Spayd
May 14
8:55 a.m.– Emma Ertel and Jiasu Gore
10:25 a.m. – Angela Snyder and Brooke Mowry
May 21
8:55 a.m. – Nicholas Hill and Caroline Blickley
10:25 a.m. – Taylor Pavlick & Connor Raudenbush
May 28
8:55 a.m.– Jonathan Maurek & Kayla Himmelreich
10:25a.m. – Olivia Downs and Ryan Levan



May 7
8:55 a.m. – Sarah Herrold
10:25 a.m. – Jim Goldman
May 14
8:55 a.m. – Family Worship
10:25 a.m. – Marcia Moll
May 21
8:55 a.m. – Blue Grass
10:25 a.m. – Blue Grass
May 28
8:45 a.m. – Melissa Ruemmler
10:25 a.m. – TBA

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.



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

Youth Ministry Schedule

Date	Event	Time	Contact
Thursday 5.4	Fleetwood Food Pantry	3pm-6pm	Leona
Fri-Sat 5.5-5.6	Mission Trip Retreat		
Sunday 5.7	Movie Night at the Levan's	6pm	
Sunday 5.14	Mother's Day No Youth Tonight		
Fri - Sat 5.19-5.20	Second Year Confirmation Retreat		
Sunday 5.21	Mini Golf Please bring \$5.00 for golfing & \$\$ for ice cream afterward.		
Sunday 5.28	Youth Fellowship		



Open and Affirming

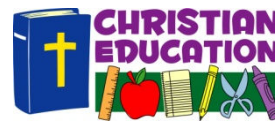
As we continue to work through the Open and Affirming process as a congregation, we felt that this would be a good time to offer a recap of how much we have accomplished and a sense of what remains to be done. The following is a quick timeline for the ONA process from where we began to where we are now along with an estimated timeline leading up to the Congregational vote. Our meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month following the 10:25 am worship service. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Allen Crockett, Pastor Pat or Pastor John.

- Aug 2016 Process approved by Consistory
- Sept 2016 Announcement to Congregation and survey
- Nov 2016 Meeting #1 "Understanding of Gender and Sexuality" by Dr Jason Crockett
- Dec 2016 Meeting #2 "A Sharing of Our Stories and Questions"
- Jan 2017 Meeting #3 "What About the Bible?" by Dr Julia O'Brien
- Feb 2017 Meeting #4 "Call Me Malcolm" documentary
- Mar 2017 Meeting #5 Open Town Hall (Discussion on Race/Class/Ethnicity, etc)
- Apr 2017 Meeting #6 Participant Reports
- May 2017 Meeting #7 Drafting our Statement
- Jun 2017 Meeting #8 Drafting our Statement #2
- Jul 2017 Meeting #9 Drafting our Statement #3
- Aug 2017 Submit Statement to Consistory
- Aug 2017 Submit Statement to Congregation
- Oct 2017 Vote on Statement by Congregation



Thank you for all the donations, gifts, and well wishes. Keep us in your prayers.
Dennis, Judy and Ryan Raudenbush

"I would like to thank the congregation of St. Paul's for all the kind words and support I have received since I have been the organist here. It is very uplifting and I appreciate it. If there is a specific song that enhances your worship experience or that you would like to hear, please let me know and I will try to include it. Blessed to be here, Greta"



Christian Ed News

- ❖ Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness
- ❖ Children's Choir Rehearsals @ 8:30 am each Sunday (except 5/28).
- **May 7th (Good Shepherd/ Rogation Sun.):** Remember Jesus as our Good Shepherd & bless the seeds /soil for the planting season.
- **May 14th (Mother's Day/ Worship Sun.):** During the 8:55 a.m. Worship Sunday service, members of the Sunday School will perform musical prelude selections as our "Musical Tribute to Moms". Flowers will also be presented to the women of the congregation.
- **May 21th (Blue Grass Sunday.):** The children's choir will sing during the prelude of both Blue Grass services.
- **May 28th:** The biannual Safe Church training session will be held directly after the second service.
- **Mark your calendars!!!**
 - VBS 2107: **ROME**
 - June 19-23
 - **EVERYONE** (not just kids) invited!
Stacy Laucks
Coord. Of Educational Ministries



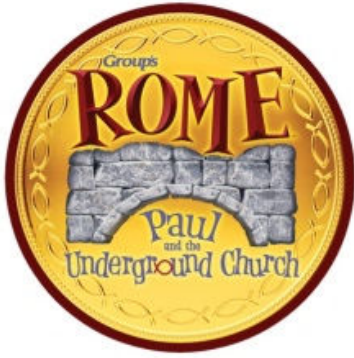
On Sunday, April 23rd the confirmation class and Youth group participated in the Potato Seed Cutting event for Potato Project. The potato project provides fresh produce for the families who attend the Fleetwood Food Pantry.

Fleetwood Food Pantry
On Thursday, April 6th, 60 families were served at the Pantry in the Fleetwood Community Center. 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, May 4th. It will be OUR 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 paper products like paper towels, toilet paper, napkins etc 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.

Opportunity House
The Kitchen Krew will be serving at Opportunity House this month.

Helping Hands
There were calls and one transport.



Vacation Bible School Adventure 2017

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)

This year we are inviting everyone!
(not just kids)

Bring your entire family 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.

[Click Here for Registration Form,](#)

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



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 2016. The graduates will be recognized during both services on June 11, 2017. 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 _____

Jump
for JOY!



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

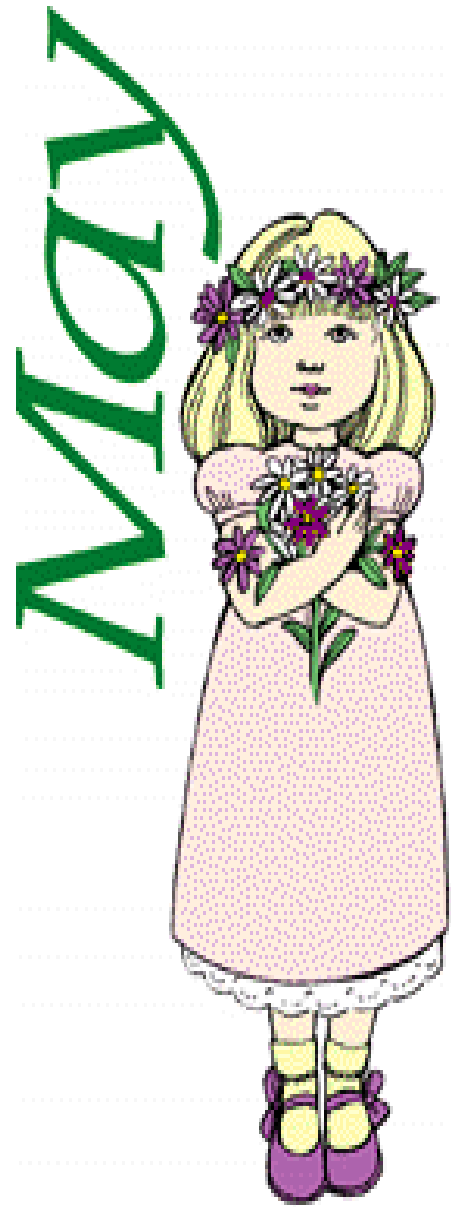
Spring has sprung around School....

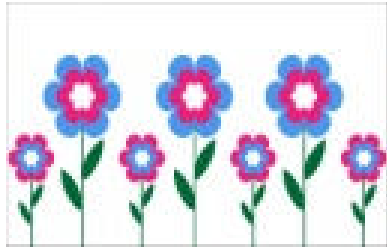
May is exciting and fun. We will have our end of year fun and games day on Thursday May 4, 2017 at the Fleetwood Park. We are in need of volunteers for this activity, even if you can help for one hour. For the fun and games day this year our theme is Sports. Please see Peggy Brown if you can volunteer your time for part of this day. May brings our school year to a close. We will have graduation on the evening of Tuesday May 23rd. We are excited for the children as they expand their wings and embark on the fun adventure of kindergarten.

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 Half and Full Day 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.

Half Day and Full Day Kindergarten- Our kindergarten program will run Monday through Friday for half day or full day. 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 are registered with the Department of Education. **Come join us for a wonderful kindergarten experience.**

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.





? A Spring Bazaar ?

For the fourth year, The Women's Guild is expanding its Annual Clothing Rummage Sale. And unlike our Christmas Bazaar, it is a two day event!

So here's what is going on Friday, June 2nd 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

And here is what is going on Saturday, June 3rd from 8 a.m. – noon

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 31 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.

Donation Drop-Off Schedule for clothing, shoes, and purses (social hall)

Saturday, May 27 - 9 a.m. to noon
Tuesday, May 30 - 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wed., May 31 - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Donation Drop-Off Schedule for Flea Market (Boy Scout Cabin)

Sunday, May 28- TBA in bulletin
Tuesday, May 30- TBA in bulletin
Wednesday, May 31-TBA in bulletin or
Call Carrie Wentz at 610-737-6834.

Please look for detailed sign-up sheet for food donations in the Narthex

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.

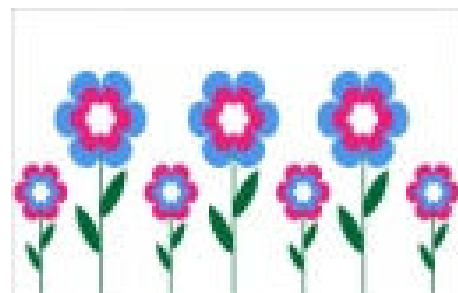
Volunteers needed.

In addition, we will, again, have a blood drive .For info call Sandy Dugan,610-944-0290 or register online at www.giveapint.org.

Don't forget Women's Guild is also collecting gift bags and baskets for our annual Mother's Day Basket project. We would appreciate donations of unopened **SAMPLE** and **FULL** size body care products (shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, body wash, soap, shower pouf, purse size tissue, small toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, small combs & brush, nail files or other toiletries a woman can use). A box will be provided across from the church office and in the narthex. Please contact Beth Gauker for more information, (610) 944-9352. We will be assembling the baskets and gift bags Tuesday, May 3rd at 7pm in the conference room, please come join in the fun. Last year we assembled 28 large Mother's Day Gift baskets and 70 small sample size gift bags to donate to the Berks Women's Shelter.


Thank you in advance for your anticipated support.

The Women's Guild





2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Prayer Shawl 7pm	2 Bible Study 7pm	3 Kitchen Committee 7pm Bible Study 10am	4	5	6
7 Seeds & Soil Communion 8:55 & 10:25 am	8 Consistory 7pm	9 WIC Baskets 5-8pm Bible Study 7pm	10 Bible Study 10am Chimes 6:15 Choir 7:00	11 School-Gym Guild 7pm	12	13
14 Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am <i>Happy</i>  <i>Mother's Day</i>	15	16 Bible Study 7pm	17 Bible Study 10am Chimes 6:15 Choir 7:00	18	19 Spring Confirmation Retreat	20 Spring Confirmation Retreat
21 Blue Grass Worship Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am	22	23 Preschool Graduation Evening all rooms Bible Study 7pm	24 Last day of Preschool Bible Study 10am Chimes 6:15 Choir 7:00	25	26	27
28 Worship 8:55 & 10:25 am	29	30 Book Group 7pm Bible Study 7pm	31 Bible Study 10am Chimes 6:15 Choir 7:00			

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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



**WE ARE STARTING SOMETHING NEW!!
RED GERANIUMS TO ADORN OUR ALTAR ON CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

There are two ways you can help.

1. In Memory Of, In Honor Of, or just for your own enjoyment. \$1.00 per name. These monies will be used to buy plants.
2. You can buy a plant at \$4.00 each which is yours to keep and can be picked up after the service. You can also have them designated In Memory of, In Honor of, or just for your own enjoyment. **The deadline is May 28th.**

RED GERANIUM PLANTS

\$1.00 per name _____

\$4.00 per plant _____

\$ _____ Amount enclosed

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____