

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

Message to Congregation

Our church leaders are mindful of the general decline in church income and the deficit as it compares to operating expenses. On April 15th, I stood before you as your Consistory President to address our church's financial picture directly. Although it cannot and does not drive every decision, cash flow needs to be a consideration.

At the present time, our 2018 General Fund expenses exceed our 2018 income by \$33,161.02. Typically at this time of year we get a little tense because summer is coming and the Sunday collections drop off due to vacations. Then we exhale a sigh of relief because the Easter collections bolster us for a while. This year our attendance at Easter was great! All together, it was more than double our weekly average attendance. However, the collection plate did not enjoy the same abundance. We did not significantly close our financial gap as we expected.

There are many ideas of what we could say to this concern:

- Five Sundays in April....we will make it up.
 - We could do nothing
 - Someone else will help
- OR
- Work together AS God's people to be the church FOR God's people.

Because we collectively ARE the church. We then need to prayerfully BE the church. We are facing challenges. We are growing and changing. Society and our community are growing and changing as well. We strongly believe there is not one solution to our deficit, but it will take a multifaceted approach and ideas to resolve it. Some ideas are:

- Raise funds through fellowship events i.e. golf outings, concerts, dinners, etc.
- Increase membership to increase cash inflow.
- We need to manage our costs by considering different things and making difficult decisions.

So I challenge you to help us with suggestions, ideas and outreach in the coming weeks and months. Please ask yourself, "How can I help?", "How can I make it better?" Feel free to share positive suggestions and ideas with the Consistory or either of the Pastors. Bring your physical, mental and financial gifts to be shared among God's people. We need you to be an active part of this church. There are things we all can do. There are signup sheets, and calls for volunteers, appeals and envelopes, events and services to attend. How can you respond to help close the gap between our income and expenses and improve OUR church? JUST DO IT!

Blessings,
Jenn Hoffman
Consistory President

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
 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
 Travis Pytleski 05/11
 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
 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
 Camilla Frederick 05/18
 Wilma Hawker 05/18
 Elizabeth Ressler 05/18
 Carl Bieber 05/19/
 Denise Hamm 05/19
 Alex Edinger 05/20
 Minerva Gauker 05/20
 Mya Mark 05/20
 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
 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
 Scott Bungo 05/28
 Bradley Dengler 05/28
 Gregory Dengler 05/28
 Matthew Luckenbill 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
 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.**

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Weekly Volunteers

May 6th:	
Readers: 8:55- Bob Wolf	10:25- Sue Kline
Acolytes: 8:55- Ian Miller, Cassandra Batz	10:25- Madison Woerner, Nicholas Hill
May 13th:	
Readers: 8: 55- Family Service	10:25- TBD
Acolytes: 8:55- Katelin Pytleski, Megan Eberly	10:25- Wyatt Hetrick, Jonathan Maurek
May 20th:	
Readers: 8:55- Ro Wolf	10:25- Jim Goldman
Acolytes: 8:55- Chase Reifsnyder, Zack Fry	10:25- Colin Snyder, Stella Koch
May 27th:	
Readers: 8:55- Sandy Dugan	10:25- TBD
Acolytes: 8:55- Aidan Strohl, Chase Reifsnyder	10:25- Ian Miller, Megan Eberly

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



Yes the queen bees are sailing, we would like you to go along with us on a cruise to Canada and New England. It is 8 Days and 7 Nights from June 1st to the 8th we will be traveling to Cape Liberty New Jersey cruising to Portland Maine, Bar Harbor Maine, St John New Brunswick and Halifax Nova Scotia. We hope you will all consider joining us for a wonderful cruise and beautiful scenery! **Please call Jane Folk for pricing at 610 926-2673 or Linda Bullock at 610 914 9933**

Women's Guild: Safe Berks Shelter: Women's Guild is once again collecting **toiletries, tote bags** and **gift bags** for our annual Mother's Day Tote Bag 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 & brushes, nail files or other toiletries a woman can use). A designated box will be provided across from the church office and in the narthex. **Please contact Beth Gauker for more information, (610) 823-0011.** Attend this year's Tote assembly on **Thursday, May 3 at 7pm** St Paul's Conference room. The more the merrier! Last year we assembled 28 large Mother Day Gift Totes and 70 small sample size gift bags to donate to the Safe Berks Women's Shelter.

School: Spring has sprung around School....

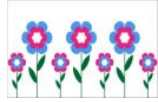
May brings our school year to a close. We will have graduation on the evening of Tuesday May 22nd. We are excited for the children as they expand their wings and embark on the fun adventure of kindergarten.

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 interesting 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 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



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.**

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

- Saturday, May 26 - 9 a.m. to noon
 Tuesday, May 29 - 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 30 - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

- Saturday, May 26- 9 a.m. to noon
 Sunday, May 27- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 29- 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 30- 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Heavy items, call Carrie Wentz for appointment. 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.**

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

May Educational Ministries News

- ❖ BE THE CHURCH: Fight for the Powerless
- ❖ Children's Choir Rehearsals @ 8:30 each Sunday (not Mother's Day).
- ❖ The Sunday School students are collecting money in their Bunny Banks to support FASD students in need. Money and banks are **due back** on or before **May 13th** (Mother's Day)
- **May 13: Mother's Day, Worship Sunday & our annual Musical Tribute to Mom (1st service)**
All children are invited to share a musical prelude on this Sunday. This is a great way to use those musical talents (not to mention your already prepared recital/concert pieces) that you have been practicing all year! Contact Director of Music Ministries, Jill Haley (jilhaley@ptd.net) to sign-up.
- **May 20: Confirmation (2nd Service only):** Come support our confirmands on this big day!

Submitted by: Stacy Laucks, Coord. Of Educational Ministries slaucks@stpaulsfleetwood.org

Mark your calendar! VBS 2018 June 18-22

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)

BE THE CHURCH: Fight for the Powerless

During the month of May, St. Paul's is thinking more about how we are called to Fight for the Powerless. How is God calling you to Fight for the Powerless? What do you already do to Fight for the Powerless? How does St. Paul's Fight for the Powerless? What are church groups doing now? What is God calling us to do? How does the community Fight for the Powerless? Is God calling St. Paul's to help in any way? Please share your thoughts and ideas with Stacy Laucks, Coordinator of Educational Ministries. (slaucks@stpaulsfleetwood.org).

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.

Please mark your calendar and look for a phone message from a church representative May 7-11

Scheduling can begin as soon as you receive this Tower Tymes by going to this website: <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/yccn7dq6/> and follow the simple instructions. If you do not have access to a computer a committee member will be calling to make an appointment for you. There will be a posting of this website on the church website and the church's Facebook site. If you are planning a family picture, please remember these important steps: Make an appointment for yourself, then make an appointment for the other family members that will be in the family picture, and lastly make a third appointment for the entire family. Remember this is a three appointment process. If you are planning to have a pet in the picture with you, please schedule your appointment as one of the last for the day, being considerate of people with allergies. The mission committee will be collecting supplies this summer for the Fleetwood School District. If you bring any kind of school supplies, pens, pencil, notebooks, binder, markers, etc. you will get \$5 off your purchase. There will be a person in the narthex on May 20th and 27th to also help in making appointments. You will be receiving a free 8x10 when you have your picture taken and there is NO obligation to buy. If you are still having problems or need to cancel, **call Gail Noll at 610-944-0319**. Here's hoping this Directory will be even better than the last one.

Thank you, The Committee



Flowers for Pentecost: We would like to adorn the Church alter with red Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday in honor of the Confirmation Class of 2018. Orders will be taken until May 6th, 2018. Cost is \$5.00 per plant. Place order in an envelope marked flower order for Pentecost in the offering basket.

Name _____

Number of Plants _____

Total Order Plants _____

Money enclosed _____

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 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:

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

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.

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Our Staff

Rev. Patrick W. Morris	Pastor
Rev. John Folk	Associate Pastor
	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
Mr. Thomas Agnew	Sexton
Miss Samantha Wolf	Secretary



2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Hospitality Painting 5-8 Social Room	2	3 Guild gift baskets 7:00 Conference Room	4	5 Health Screening 6- 9:30 Conference Room Greta Recital 2:00
6 Communion	7 Prayer Shawl 7:00 Lounge	8 Hospitality Meeting 7:00 Lounge	9	10	11 2 nd Year Confirmation Youth Sleepover	12 2 nd Year Confirmation Youth Sleepover Ham Dinner 4-7
13 Mother's Day Blood Pressure Screening	14 Consistory 7:00 Conference Room	15 County of Berks Meeting 5:30-9	16	17	18	19
20 Pentecost Confirmation and First Communion	21	22 Pre-School Graduation 5-9	23	24	25 Mission Trip Retreat	26 Mission Trip Retreat
27	28 Memorial Day	29 Book Group 7:00 Lounge	30 Rummage Set Up Social Room	31		