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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, October 1– Saturday, October 7, 2017

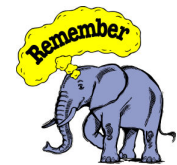
**Hospitalized:** *If you or someone you know is hospitalized or ill, please call the church office at 610-944-0406. If you do not want the name listed in the bulletin, please notify the church office as well. Thank you for your help.*

**On-going Prayer Needs:** Ross McKently, Fern Shankweiler, Steven Sutherland, Elizabeth Ressler, Jane Folk, Bruce Schutt, Eleanor Wanner, Roger and Lilli Simon, Dennis Raudenbush, Brian Arndt, Mike Berg, June Wanner, Karen Shollenberger, Emily Mast, Richard Knoll, Pastor Pat

**Kathleen Herman...** Please sign the “Thinking of You” card in the Narthex. It will be mailed tomorrow. **Also, please sign the birthday cards for Mary Lou Knerr who will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and Mary Jane Anderson who will celebrate her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 9<sup>th</sup>.**



Our Shut-In of the Week



Prayer Shawl	10/2	7pm
Ed Committee	10/3	7pm
Blessing the Animals	10/7	10 am



**Shopping Cart in Narthex**

It's that time of year, when the weather is getting cooler and we think about making warm soups. Our families would greatly appreciate chicken, beef, or vegetable stock/broth and cans of mixed vegetables to help make healthy soups. Thank you for your continued donations for our families each month.



**FLU SHOTS SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 7-CANCELLED**



**Youth Group**

Support St. Paul's Youth Ministry and get all of your Christmas Shopping done EARLY! Purchase gift cards for family, friends, teachers and business associates from over 375 retailers such as American Eagle, iTunes, Game Stop, Toys R Us, Starbucks, Panera, Red Lobster, Staples, Lowes, Home Depot, Amazon, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble and Shutterfly. Cards from Weis, Giant, Walmart and Target cards can help with your Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and entertaining. The complete list of retailers can be found in the social room or at [www.shopwithscrips.com](http://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 on hand. Contact Kim Levan 610-823-7677, [klevan@comcast.net](mailto:klevan@comcast.net) or John Folk for more information or to place an order. This will be an ongoing fundraiser.



**The Fleetwood Friends Relay for Life Team** has a table at the Bazaar. If anyone is interested in knitting or crocheting scarves for the team to sell at the Bazaar, we would appreciate it. We do not need dish cloths because we have a supply of them. We would need the scarves by October 29<sup>th</sup>. Please see or call Erin Goldman (610-507-4559) with any questions. Fleetwood Friends Relay for Life team is looking for new members. We need supporters and walkers to help raise funds to fight cancer. We also need able bodied folks to help with set up and taking down of our site on the days of the event which is Friday June 1, 2018 to Saturday, June 2, 2018. As far as preparing for the event, we meet five or six times a year at the church to plan fundraisers such as shoo-fly pie and mum sales. You don't need to attend all the meetings to be a member/helper with our team. The event takes place at Kutztown University. Erin Goldman is the team captain - please feel free to contact her at 610-507-4559 to learn more about this worthwhile event.



**2018 GIFTS TO THE CHURCH: THANK YOU** to everyone who has signed up to sponsor gifts to the church for 2018. Several dates remain available for sponsors: **altar flowers:** March 18; June 10, 17; July 1, 22; September 2; October 14; November 25; December 23, 30; **bulletins:** January 7; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 13, 20, 27; July 29; August 12; September 16, 30; November 18, 25; December 2, 9, 30; **The Upper Room** (daily devotional): April, June, July, August, and December. If you are interested in sponsoring one or more of these gifts please contact Sharon Dreibelbis in the narthex or at 610-916-4848.



Thinking of helping out with any of our church programs that involve children and youth under 18 years of age? Want to know more about the Safe Church concept? Come to our...

## *Safe Church Training Session*

**Sunday, October 22, 2017  
after the 2nd Service**

**Sign-up sheet in the Narthex**

This training session is required for all church volunteers who work with children or youth under 18 yrs of age who have **NOT**

- 1) Gone to a safe church training session in the past 3 years or
- 2) Had a PA Act 31 Training Certificate on file at the church.

Contact Stacy with any questions at [slaucks@stpaulsfleetwood.org](mailto:slaucks@stpaulsfleetwood.org). (or to sign-up!)



Everyone is invited to be part of the fun!

## *Educational Ministries*

### *Committee Meeting*

**Tuesday, October 3 @ 7pm**



### **CROP WALK....SAME WALK, DIFFERENT LOCATION!!!!**

Come and walk in the 36th Annual Crop Hunger Walk on NEXT Sunday, Oct 8 at Gring's Mill Recreation Area. 75% of the money raised goes to support Church World Service's mission to feed hungry people around the world by helping them develop self-sustaining methods of growing crops and raising livestock. 25% of the money raised will go to the Greater Berks Food Bank, which provides food locally for those in need. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. and the walk starts at 1:30. By sponsoring a youth from our church, you are helping someone feed their family.

**COME ONE, COME ALL, ANY AGE**



## **Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! TODAY!**

After many months of discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit our ONA discernment journey has come to an end. The ONA Discernment Team has submitted their statement to Consistory who unanimously accepted the statement at its August meeting. A special church business meeting has been called for next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM. This will take place between services much like our annual meeting. The statement we will be voting on appears at the end of this article. If you have any questions please see Pastor John, Steve Wentz or Allen Crockett.

Grounded in God's commandment to love our neighbors and the desire of Jesus "that they may all be one," St. Paul's United Church of Christ Fleetwood publicly affirms the commitment we have long strived to put into practice: to welcome and nurture everyone who comes through our doors as beloved children of God without exception.

Echoing the good news that God's house has room to spare as well as the call for believers to be one body with many members, we seek to journey together as people of different races, ethnicities, nationalities, cultures, faith backgrounds, socioeconomic statuses, political orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, sexual orientations, marital statuses, family structures, ages, physical / mental abilities and health statuses, personal histories, and many other characteristics. Each person is a vital part of our community with a set of unique gifts and perspectives, and we invite all to fully share in the worship, rites, sacraments, and ministry of this church. We recognize that there are differences among us, but believe that we can love alike even though we may not think alike. Regardless of our beliefs or experiences, we seek to treat all people with love.

As a forgiven people, we acknowledge that we are all still growing together and do not claim to be perfect or to have "figured it all out". With God's help, we covenant to learn together as a community grounded in hospitality, compassion, justice, liberation, forgiveness, and Christian love.



**Blessing of the Animals - Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**