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Dear Friends,

May is a time for us to remember our mothers who are no longer alive. It is also a time to personally express our thanks to those who still live. They deserve our gratitude because being a mother is not easy, and many times motherhood is undervalued.

Dr. Tony Campolo Christian author and professor confesses that his wife is a brilliant woman. She has a PHD and is capable of pursuing a very profitable career. But she elected to stay home with her children when they were young. Her decision didn't bother her at all except when other women would ask, "What do you do?" She would answer, "I'm a homemaker. I stay home and take care of my children and husband." They would usually respond with "Oh," and then ignore her from then on. So Mrs. Campolo came up with this response when she was asked what she did, "I'm socializing two homo-sapiens in Judeo-Christian values so they'll appropriate the eschatological values of utopia. What do you do?" They would often blurt out "I'm a doctor" or "I'm a lawyer" & then wander off with a dazed look in their eyes.

Women, mothers, grandmothers and even great grandmothers of St. Paul's, we do appreciate you. Your family and this church family owe a great deal to your dedication and hard work.

We thank God for the gifts and grace he has given you to use for our good.

Happy Mother's  
Day,  
Pastor Tim

**Our Bible Study** on the Gospel of John has two more sessions this month, Tuesday, May 1 & 8, 7 PM in the lounge. After May 8 the study will be on break through the summer. It will resume again on Tuesday, September 11 and focus on the second half of John's Gospel. Watch the bulletin and newsletter near the end of summer for the fall start up information.

**Summer Schedule:** For the past several years we have tried a new arrangement and it has seemed to work well. So we are going to try it again this year. Starting Sunday, May 27 (Memorial Day Weekend) and continuing through Sunday, September 2 (Labor Day Weekend), St. Paul's will offer two worship services at 9:00 & 10:30 AM. In place of Sunday school there will be a fellowship time in the Adult Sunday school room between the services, featuring a mini-concert each week by the St. Paul's Orchestra from 10:15 – 10:25 AM and coffee. Sunday school teachers be aware that Sunday, May 20 will be the last day of classes.

**Annual Conference:** Pastor Tim, lay delegate, Sharon Funk and alternate delegate, Lester Gross travel to the Hershey Convention Center May 31, June 1 & 2 to conduct the business of the Susquehanna Conference of United Methodist Church. Please pray for their safety on the highway and wisdom as they vote on the issues presented. If you have an emergency and need to reach any one of them while they are at Hershey, call Tim's cell phone at 717-448-4059.

**Women in the Word Bible Study:** This class is open to all ladies inside and outside the church. Sharon Funk leads the group in a study based on Kay Arthur's book, Lord, I Want to Know You. It meets the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM in the rear of the Sunday school room. The next to last session before summer break is Saturday, May 19. The last session is June 16.

**May Community meal pushed back a week:** Due to the pre-school graduation on Monday, May 14, the Community Meal for May will be held on Monday, May 21 from 5:00 – 6:30 PM in our Fellowship Hall. This outreach continues to meet a need in the Red Lion Borough. About 6 months ago we added an activity time for the children after the meal. In May we will offer the adults a Christian based video in the Sunday school room after they have finished eating. We are very grateful to all those who volunteer from St. Paul's and all the other churches. We especially thank Wanda Strickler. She is the leader from our congregation and puts much time and effort into these meals to make them a success. The menu for May is: Sloppy Joe's, baked beans, potato chips, coleslaw, dessert & punch.

**National Day of Prayer:** This year the Red Lion Ministerium is planning to hold this event at Bethany United Methodist Church (121 W. Broadway) on Thursday, May 3, beginning at 7:00 PM. Please consider joining your prayers with those of other brothers and sisters in Christ from other area churches on this special night. We will pray for our civic leaders, church leaders, our community and church unity in the Red Lion area. Let's have a good representation from St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

**Sight & Sound Opportunity:** The whole congregation is invited to experience "Jesus" at Sight and Sound Theater on Friday, June 8, 7:00 PM. We are checking into a bus to take us there. Tickets are \$69.00 each. The bus may add an extra charge. Contact Pastor Tim if you are interested.



Our Christian Sympathies are spoken to the families of Joyce Sprenkle, who passed away, Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Darnell Wells, who passed away, Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.



- 2 - Michelle & Charles Schussler
- 4 - Jamie & Kevin Zieber
- 6 - Susan & Alan Blouse, Carol & David Gillmen
- 8 - Jan & Brad Keener, Noelle & Travis Hake
- 9 - Marta & Thomas Frutiger
- 10 - Pamela & Timothy Moore, Wanda & Robert Strickler
- 11 - Susan & Gary Wineholt
- 14 - Sandra & Walter McCarthy, Lisa & Stephen Petzar
- 16 - Megan & Matthew Natale
- 21 - Lori & Dirk Young
- 24 - Christine & Robert Nagle, Dawn & Michael Poff
- 28 - Kay & Henry Herrman
- 29 - Lynda & James Howell, Christine & Jeffrey Gingerich

- 30 - Erin & William Fry
- 31 - Barbara & Marc Sprenkle



- 1 - Barbara Byrd, Charles McDaniel, Tonya Snyder, Tony Wise
- 2 - Cain Adamson, Zachary Poff, Marcus Stefanelli
- 3 - David Ferree, Kobe Warren, Virginia Wise, Heather Yartymyk
- 4 - Todd Smeltzer, Savannah Smith
- 5 - Kacie Yeakel
- 7 - Terry Sprenkle
- 8 - Lora Deller
- 9 - Lucy Brenneman, Steven Hannigan
- 11 - Michelle Snyder, Susan Zarfos
- 13 - Eric Astor, Burnell Sprenkle
- 14 - John Ruby, Goldie Snyder
- 15 - Hadley Brooks, Sarah Gillmen, Neil Shirey
- 16 - Jon Anderson, Rebecca Blouse, Jane Fuhrman
- 17 - Brice Downs
- 18 - Joni Horne
- 20 - Betty Barshinger, David Ehrhart, Adam Smith
- 21 - Leah Dinsmore, Libby Glock, Brett Henise, Allyson McClure, Evan McConaghy, Ronald Snyder
- 22 - Dean Wise
- 24 - Brittany Lane, Jennifer Lane, Dakota Zook
- 28 - Gavin Brown, Connor Fry, Justin Henry
- 29 - Daylon Gohn, Jo Ann Hyson, Michael J. Smith
- 30 - Joyce Berger, William Scott
- 31 - Olivia Moore, Michael Poff, Andrea Rider

**Blanket Sunday**

The United Methodist Women are observing Blanket Sunday on Mother’s Day. This is the 19<sup>th</sup> year for honoring or remembering a mother or friend. Placing \$5 in an envelope will purchase a blanket to be used in time of need. We will place a flower with names of the honored on our blanket which will be displayed in the front of the sanctuary. Checks should be made payable to **St. Paul’s UMC**.



### Ushers

Edwin Brown Captain

Jeanne Burke  
Sarah Gillmen

Eric Grove  
Joyce Wise

William Wise

### Head Ushers

May 6 - Lisa Petzar  
13 - William Wise  
20 - Arlene Neff  
27 - Carol Gillmen

### Nursery Helpers

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Service

May 6 -  
13 - Joni Horne  
20 -  
27 - Lucy Brenneman

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

May 6 - Sharon Funk & Jeanne Ratliff  
13 - Sharon Funk & Sandy Brown  
20 - Sharon Funk &  
27 - Sharon Funk & James Loyer

### Scripture Readers

May 6 - Jean Helock  
13 - William Ritz  
20 - Deborah Mitzel  
27 - Melissa Ehrhart

### Sunday School Schedule

May 6 - Andrea Rider & Tim Funk  
13 - Melissa Grove, Sandy Brown & Eric Grove  
20 - Lucy Brenneman, Trina Robertson &  
Jodi Sprenkle



**Pre-school Graduation:** This special event is Monday, May 14, 6:30 PM in the Sunday school room. Pre-school committee members are needed to help with the refreshments after the program. Congratulations and God's best to the little ones who will move on to more learning.

Dear Church Members,

Another year is wrapping up and it truly is hard to believe this is the last month of the school year. We have

had a great year and have seen the kids mature and develop into capable students.

In May, we will be discussing the solar system. We will discuss the planets and the moon, sun, and stars. We have a final field trip to the York Township Park in Spry where the kids have an opportunity to play with their parents and classmates.

Our final day of school, Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, is always a party day planned by the teachers.

We issue the final report cards and offer conferences for any parent that would like one. Our Graduation program is Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Adult Sunday School room. Please come join us if you would like!

We also spend this month looking ahead to the next school year. Our registration enrollment has already been strong, however, spots are still available. If you know any 3 or 4 year old child who is looking for a preschool please pass on our information!!

Thanks again for your continued support! Have a great summer.

Patience Martin

Dear Church Members,

This month we will be having a fun morning of play at York Township Park for our field trip. The children will be able to run and play with their friends before the summer break begins. In class, we will continue learning the alphabet, finishing up with letters "y" and "z". There will also be a review of all the letters and numbers that we have learned this year. The few days of class after the graduation program, we will work on writing their names.

As our preschool year comes to an end, I am amazed at the progress that the children have made in the 2 day class. The amount of academic knowledge that they have gained is impressive. I have also watched them come out of their shells, play with the other students (instead of alongside), and look forward to seeing their friends every class. I will miss them all terribly, especially since they were the first class that I taught. Everyone of them will achieve great things in their future!!

Have a wonderful Spring and Summer!

Sincerely,

Tammy Rutzebeck



Church Stewardship  
March, 2018

Balance 01/01/2018	100,649.91	
Receipts:		
Envelopes	53,333.00	
Loose Offering	802.00	
Sunday School	228.00	
Mid-Week	315.96	
Maintenance	523.00	
Lent	660.00	
Easter	10.00	
Rental/weddings	1,550.02	
Bulletins	75.00	
Advent	5.00	
Pre School	7,570.00	
Staffing		523.00
Miscellaneous	4,891.12	
Goldman Hall	1,250.00	
Parking Lot	679.41	

Total	72,415.51
Expenses:	
Salaries	45,498.43
Related to Salaries	10,519.73
Administration	1,906.13
Program	1,706.53
Miscellaneous	311.46
Property	20,352.19
Outreach	10,559.25
Total	90,853.72
Balance 03/31/2018	82,211.70

#### **ARE YOU GRADUATING?**

**Please contact the office with the name of your school or college, what your future plans might be & drop off or email to the church office by May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be honoring our graduates on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Intergenerational Sunday School:** It is held the first Sunday of each month. That makes Sunday, May 6 the next time adults, youth and children combine for one class. It will also be the last one until our summer break. It meets at 10:15 AM in the Sunday school room. Andrea Rider is the facilitator.

**Mazie Gable After-School Program:** This ministry is growing. The enrollment has been expanded ever since National Honor Students have been volunteering. A total of 60 elementary children are signed up now. An average of 32 children attend each Tuesday and Thursday. That means we need more resources, school supplies like pens, pencils, markers, crayons, etc. Please contact Andrea Rider (717-449-9942) to donate what you can.

## **May's Events:**

### *St. Paul's Family Activities:*

Remember we are **ALL** a part of St. Paul's FAMILY

Our last Multigenerational Sunday School lesson before we begin our summer schedule, will be held on Sunday, May 6, 2018. The topic will be a surprise because the kids will be the teachers. However, I can tell you that there will be a lot of laughter.

#### ***New Ministries:***

**RAKe Team** – A team of youth and adults who help individuals who cannot do small projects for themselves such as weeding their yard.

**St. Paul's Pals** – see informational form included in this newsletter

\*If you have any questions or if you would to become a part of these ministry programs, contact Andrea at 717-449-9942 or [arider168@comcast.net](mailto:arider168@comcast.net)

#### **Monthly Family Activity:**

Saturday, May 19, 2018 4 PM Miniature Golfing at Heritage Hills. A sign up form will be included in a weekly bulletin prior to this date.

#### **Save the Date:**

I am excited to announce that St. Paul's will plan and host a Rally for Parents, Youth and Youth Workers on **Saturday, September 22, 2018.** The featured speaker that day will be Dr. Walt Mueller from the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding. Watch for details because we will need volunteers.

TENTATIVE plans:

Activities to watch for.....

June – Creation Sleepover

July – Bowling

August – Movie Night

September – Apple Fest

\*\*We have several activities in the planning stages, please watch for these activities to be announced in the weekly bulletins.

#### Sub & Sandwich Sale

The last day to place an order is Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Orders should be paid for at the time of ordering. Orders may be picked up on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall. Return this order form to the church office.

12 inch Subs \$5.50 each ( lettuce, tomato & onion wrapped separately)

\_\_\_ American with American Cheese

\_\_\_ Italian with Provolone Cheese

\_\_\_ Roast Beef with Swiss Cheese

\_\_\_ Turkey with American Cheese

\_\_\_ Ham with Swiss Cheese

**Pretzel Sandwiches \$5.00 each**

\_\_\_ Ham with Swiss Cheese

\_\_\_ Smoked Turkey with Provolone Cheese

\_\_\_ Roast Beef with Swiss Cheese

\_\_\_ Sweet Bologna with American Cheese

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

#### Faith Beyond the Pews

St. Paul's will once again be participating in the Faith Beyond the Pews Work Camp, June 11-15. This is an opportunity for us to provide home maintenance and repair services to homeowners who, for whatever reason, are unable to do the work themselves and are unable to pay professionals to do the work for them. Senior citizens, people with disabilities, and single parents are the primary focus.

There are several ways in which you can help. The first is by volunteering time to work during the week. You don't have to be a skilled professional, just be willing to help in whatever way you can. You can work all week, 1 or 2 days, or even just part of a day, if that is all the time you have. If you are interested in volunteering to work at one of the job sites, pick up- a volunteer registration form lying on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. **Deadline to apply is May 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Another way to help is by providing monetary contributions to buy food. Our Outreach Committee has