

**St. Paul's United
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Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday School : 9am
Sunday Service: 10am
Fellowship Time in the Social Hall
following Worship.

Our Staff

Pastor: Rev. Debra Hebden
Secretary: Amy Jazowski
Organist: Barb McGuire
Sexton: Glenn and Birgit Limbaugh

Church Office Hours

Wednesday
8:15am -11:15am

Friday
8:15am -11:15am

Reminder:

Please add all meetings and activities (including times) to the calendar on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

All information for the bulletin is due by Wednesday morning at 9am.

St. Paul's Epistle

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PASTOR'S LETTER

May/June 2013

How many of us are really comfortable with prayer? Especially praying with other people? I still remember as a young person sitting on the floor in a circle with other young people in my Youth Group. It was the end of the meeting and we now were expected to go around the room and say a prayer. Even though, our youth leader said it was ok to just say one or two words...or even 'pass', I still remember my heart pounding in my chest and my palms sweating as it came around to me and I mouthed the word, "Pass". I left feeling like I let God down because I couldn't "pray right".

It is now many moons since those years, and I still feel clumsy praying out loud, even as a pastor. However, since then, I am pleased to say that though the feeling still makes an appearance, I am more comfortable praying to God and know that God is not disappointed in my prayers...even if I still feel awkward.

What exactly is this activity we call 'prayer'? According to one dictionary, prayer is "communication with God through thoughts, words, and gestures whereby we express what we believe about God and our relationship to God and to one another. In prayer we express God's activity in and presence to us. In faith we pray believing that God is concerned about and responsive to human need." (p.223, Dictionary of Christian Spiritual Formation).

Prayer is the way we communicate with our divine Creator. Even when we don't know what to say, we have the Holy Spirit who interprets our prayers to the Father. The Apostle Paul encourages the believers in Rome, "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will." (Romans 8:26-27, NIV)

This summer for our Wednesday evening Study, we will be studying different forms of prayers, including healing prayer. The Study will begin Wed. July 17th to Wed. August 21st, at 7pm.

As the beginning of Summer is coming soon, have a happy and safe Summer!

Blessings,

Pastor Debra

Opportunities for Discipleship and Fellowship

- 5/1 2pm Prayer Meeting
- 5/2 6pm Finance Meeting
- 7pm Trustees

Looking Ahead

- 5/8 2pm Prayer Meeting
- 5/15 2pm Prayer Meeting
- 5/18 8am-? Church Flea Market (details below)
- 5/19 New Member's Recognition**
- 5/20 10am Worship Meeting
- 5/22 12:30pm Care Ministry
- 2pm Prayer Meeting
- 5/29 2pm Prayer Meeting
- 6/5 2pm Prayer Meeting
- 6/6 6pm Finance Meeting
- 7pm Trustees Meeting
- 6/9 Healing Service**
- 6/12 2pm Prayer Meeting
- 6/13 7pm Ad Council
- 6/19 2pm Prayer Meeting
- 6/22 Hoagie Sale
- 6/24-6/28 Vacation Bible School
- 6/24 10am Worship Meeting
- 6/26 12:30pm Care Ministry
- 2pm Prayer Meeting

Church Women United Program 1pm Friday
May 3rd at Christ Lutheran Church in Conyngham.

**Please bring wrapped pennies!

New Member's Class Forming

Content: What is Methodism? What is meant by Connectionalism?; Faith Beliefs; Commitment; Being a Disciple of Jesus Christ; Faith Disciplines. During each class, we will discuss topics and entertain questions. If you are already a member and want to brush up on these topics, please feel free to come and be part of the discussions!

If you are interested in joining, please see Pastor Debra

St. Paul's One Day Flea Market
Saturday May 18th 8am- ?

The flea market will be set-up in the church parking lot. If you want to rent a table(6ft), the cost is \$10 or 10% of sales to the church. Contact the Church Office at 570.788.3051 and leave a message if you would like to rent or set up your own table.

There will also be a Bake sale and refreshments for sale.

May Birthdays

- 1st Daniel Covert
- 5th Sarah Florkiewicz
- Tanya Albertson
- Annikah German
- 6th David Keck
- 10th Nancy Lazo
- Robert Shelhamer Jr
- 11th Jim Young
- 21st Florence Heintzelman
- 23rd Matthew Keck
- 26th David Sabatos
- 30th Debbie Coleman
- Holly Slowik

June Birthdays

- 2nd Steve Naulty
- 6th April Makarewicz
- 7th Lois Down
- 8th Jerry Gruver
- 12th Anthony Kimsal
- 14th Corinna Farleigh
- Justin Reimiller
- 19th Mildred Marchetti
- 20th Chuck Kerschner
- 21st Emily Sabatos

June Anniversaries

- 8th Rich & Susan Bognar
- 13th Robert & Yvonne Thomas
- 26th Jim & Corinna Farleigh

May Anniversaries

- 19th Carl & Molly Snyder
- 25th Jerry & Alice Gruver
- Donald & Angela Reinmiller
- 27th Dave & Dawn Sabatos
- 31st Adam & Amy Cartwright III

Imagine No Malaria: Share the Love, Save Lives, A Mother's Day Tribute

Sunday May 12, 2013

Each year, more than 655,000 people die from malaria in Africa. Up to 90% of them are women and children. Pregnant mothers and children under the age of 5 are the groups most vulnerable to the deadly disease.

100% of contributions will go to the fight against malaria. Together, we are making a difference as the people of the United Methodist Church.

Thank you,

Gary Henderson Executive Director, Global Health Initiative

Greeters for May

5th Erin Sutliff
 12th Jerry & Alice Gruver
 19th Hal Potoeski
 26th Bill & Donna Klinger

Greeters for June

2nd Erin Sutliff
 12th Jerry & Alice Gruver
 19th Hal Potoeski
 23rd Glenn & Birgit Limbaugh
 30th Bill & Donna Klinger

Liturgist for May

5th Gene Miller
 12th Bill Klinger
 19th Carol Kingsley
 26th Glenn Limbaugh

Liturgist for June

2nd Drew Gemme11/
 Anthony Kimsal
 9th Henry Parks
 16th Gene Miller
 23rd Bill Klinger
 30th Carol Kingsley

Ushers for May

5th Ronnie Ahlbrandt
 Bill Klinger
 12th Ronnie Ahlbrandt
 John Sanute
 19th Ronnie Ahlbrandt
 Glenn Limbaugh
 26th Ronnie Ahlbrandt
 Dave Miller

Ushers for June

2nd Ronnie Ahlbrandt
 Henry Parks
 9th Ronnie Ahlbrandt
 Harry Filbert
 16th Ronnie Ahlbrandt
 Glenn Limbaugh
 23rd Ronnie Ahlbrandt
 Gerry Gruver
 30th Ronnie Ahlbrandt
 Bill Klinger

Lectionary Readings for May

5th Acts 16: 9-15
 Psalm 67 (UMH 791)
 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
 John 14: 23-29
 12th Acts 16: 16-34
 Psalm 97 (UMH 816)
 Revelation 22:12-14
 16-17, 20-21
 John 17: 20-26
 19th Acts 2:1-12
 Psalm 104:24-34 (UMH 826)
 Romans 8:14-17
 John 14: 8-17 (25-27)
 26th Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
 Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
 Romans 5:1-5
 John 16:12-15

Lectionary Readings for June

2nd 1 Kings 18:20-39
 Psalm 96 (UMH 858)
 Galatians 1:1-12
 Luke 7:1-10
 9th 1 Kings 17:8-24
 Psalm 146 (UMH 858)
 Galatians 1:11-24
 Luke 7:11-17
 16th 1 Kings 21:1-21
 Psalm 5:1-8
 Galatians 2:15-21
 Luke 7:36-8:3
 23rd 1 Kings 19: 1-15a
 Psalm 42 (UMH 777)
 Galatians 3:23-29
 Luke 8:26-39
 30th 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14
 Psalm 77:1-2,11-20
 (UMH 798)
 Galatians 5:1, 13-25
 Luke 9:51-62

Thank you very much for my birthday gift. Your generosity is truly appreciated and my gift will be put to good use. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Blessings,

Pastor Debra

Care Ministry...Ministering to the needs of our Congregation.

*Care to Homebound Members- Visitation, Communion, Car Transportation, Phone contact, Card Showers

Card Shower for May

Mildred Marchetti

16 Lions Dr.

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Card Shower for June

Joyce Bell

1051 St. Johns Rd.

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Happy  Mother's Day



Deadline for the July/August Newsletter is

June 23rd!!!