

Saint Paul's United Church of Christ

Welcomes you on this 25th Sunday Following Pentecost
November 14, 2021

Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900



Welcome to Saint Paul's! Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you join us this day. Here we believe this is God's house, and you are welcome. This is home to all who enter. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as we understand God's kingdom, welcoming saints and sinners alike since 1900. We don't all look or act alike; dress alike; and God knows we don't all think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. Yet, every time we gather, we gather, fellowship, and worship as one big family.

In this place, we do Sunday mornings in some pretty traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang and some that may be more modern as well. In our liturgy, our prayers, and our preaching, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world we live in. I hope your

heart will hear something personal and relevant this day—a word of comfort, a spur to action, and a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor, and if you would, fill out a welcome card. Check out our Facebook page or website to learn more about us, and get involved in whatever way you choose. You may never know, you may have just found your church home. As we like to say to everyone who comes through the door, "Welcome Home."

Peace,
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Saint Paul's United Church of Christ
1125 Mahoning Street, Milton

2021 Advent Concert Series
Join us Sundays in Advent

Nov. 28 - Re-Creation 7 p.m.
Dec. 5 - Sounds of the Season, an evening with local artists 7 p.m.
Dec. 12 - Milton Community Choir "Love was Born a King"
3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Performances

Dessert Reception Following the Concerts

*Christmas
at
Saint Paul's*

Sun, Dec. 19 - 5 p.m. Pageant & Meal
Wed., Dec. 22 - 7 p.m. Blue Christmas
Fri., Dec. 24 - 4:30 p.m. Family Candlelight & Communion
10:15 p.m. Special Music
11:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion
Sun., Dec. 26 - 10:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols

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Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

Michael Haven

Choral Introit

"Oh Worship the King" / R. Grant

*"O Worship the King, all glorious above, and gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise."*

Welcome and News from Home

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Lisa Bernard

Time of Centering

"How Firm a Foundation" / Nigel Williams

Russ Wynn, Jr.

*Invitation to All

Lisa Bernard

Leader: Wherever we are on our journey, God says come.

Family: We come.

Leader: There's a place for us all in God's kingdom.

Family: There's a place for us all here, together.

Leader: Draw us near O, Lord.

Family: We come, let us worship God in a way that brings joy and hope for us all, in a way that brings us even closer to God and one another.

Leader: Draw us near O, Lord.

Family: Lord we come.

*Hymn of Praise, no. 358

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

Proclaiming the Word

God Moments

Concerns of the Family

A Time of Reflection

"Cares Chorus" / K. Willard

*"I cast all my cares upon You, I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet
And any time I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You."*

Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (unison): ****Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Please use name and words most familiar and comfortable to you.

Time with Our Children

Pastor Tim

Anthem

"How Can I Keep from Singing" / arr. L. Larson

Lectionary

Polly Barrall



Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-25
 *Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:1-8
 Leader: This is the word of God for all God's People.
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Response

"Gloria Patri"

*"Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
 world without end, Amen, Amen."*

Sermon

"Keep Calm? And Carry On?"
 Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

Time of Reflection

"Give Thanks" / D. Moen

*"Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks, to the Holy One, give thanks, because God's given,
 Jesus Christ, God's Son. And now, let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich,
 because of what the Lord has done for us, give thanks. "*

Presentation of Our Gifts

Text GIFT & Amount to 570.355.5355 or

You may place an offering in one of the plates at the entrance or exit of the Sanctuary.

Offertory

*Offertory Response

"Doxology"

*"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
 Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen."*

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn, no. 345

"Blessed Assurance"

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

"God Be With You" / J. Rankin

*"God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
 with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again."*

*Postlude

"Let All Give Thanks and Praise" / R.A. Williamson

Russ Wynn, Jr.

*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.



In Our Daily Prayers

Myrtle Archer and Family
Linda Beaver
Dick and Diane Bettleyon
Peggy & Dennis Birdsall
Eric Boyer
Casey Cassels
Gail Earnest
Gladys Fawcett
Greyson Greenawalt

Steve Harding
Mya, Ruth, and Al Henry
Myrtle Hogan
Isabel Hummell
Kiana Kautz
Mary Rose Knelly
Bob Koch
Katy Mahon
Cindy Mohr

Mya
Raquel Prager
Jane Scurfield
Jon Skarie
Alecia Snyder
The Vincent Family
Michael Haven & Russ Wynn, Jr.
Donna & Russ Wynn, Sr.
Unspoken Requests

*Updates to the prayer list are made weekly from phone calls and Prayers and Love.
Names without updates are removed monthly.*

News from Home

All Church Meeting – Plan to join us on **Sunday, November 21!** Immediately following worship will be our all-church meeting after which we will enjoy our annual Thanksgiving meal. Meeting agenda items include: 1) State of the Church; 2) Approving our 2022 Church Budget; and 3) Electing the Class of 2024 Consistory Members. Turkey is provided ... just plan to bring a favorite side dish to share as we gather together.

Poinsettias - Order poinsettias to be placed in the Sanctuary this year in memory, honor, or celebration of a life of a loved one or friend. The color choices are red or white, the cost is \$10 per plant, and the poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary from December 19 through December 24. You may order online via the bulletin insert, online via our web site, or link here: <https://forms.gle/qLecd9pVDiTMd7Zw8>. You may also contact Donna in the church office (570) 568-1433. Poinsettia orders due by December 12, 2021. Make checks payable to SPUCC or pay online using our secure Engage online giving option using the “flowers” giving fund.

Altar Flowers for 2022 – You can begin now to reserve a Sunday in 2022 to provide altar flowers in memory, honor, or celebration of a loved one. The cost is \$50, and you can schedule dates by calling the church office at 570-568-1433 or by using the online form on the homepage of the church website. Make checks payable to SPUCC or pay online using our secure Engage online giving option using the “flowers” giving fund.

Children’s Choir - Children’s choir rehearses each Sunday from 10 to 10:15 a.m. in the music room. All children in kindergarten through middle school are welcome! If your child cannot read yet, we request that an adult attend with them. The children will sing in worship November 21, December 21, and Christmas Eve 4 p.m. service. If you have any questions, please see Russ Wynn.

Flu Shots Still Available - If you have not had a flu shot and would like to get yours, please reach out to Brad Gill of Lewisburg Pharmacy and schedule yours either here at the church on Sunday mornings or at this pharmacy. The flu shot is offered at no cost to you. If you have an insurance card, please bring it with you. Over three dozen shots and counting!

Church Directory – Saint Paul’s offers a secure online directory. If you do not have the capability to access an online directory or need assistance in setting yours up, please contact Donna in the church office.

Christmas Wreaths – We are accepting orders for Christmas Wreaths through November 28. See the display in the outside entryway. Order forms are on the podium as you enter the Narthex. Cost is \$18, including the bow.



COVID-19 Protocol

We continue to suggest the following COVID 19 Pandemic precautions.

1. Please do not attend worship or any church events if you are feeling ill.
2. Advise Pastor Tim or contact the church office should you need anything.
3. While 90% or more of our adults in the congregation are vaccinated, we would ask that if you are not vaccinated, that you please mask. If you are vaccinated and would be more comfortable wearing a mask, you are encouraged to as well.
4. Sanitize often and please be respectful of one another's personal space.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we strive to balance the normality of church-based events and keeping everyone safe. Be good, be kind, and as always let's be the church.

Mission and Outreach News

Pack the Pantry - We have seen an increase in need with the number of families we are serving. Going into winter, let's pack the pantry for emergency needs in the upcoming days, weeks, and months. As supplemental help begins to wane, supplies seem to go down, and costs for groceries and household items increase, your help is needed more than ever. Our need currently is for canned vegetables, breakfast cereal, frozen proteins, boxed meal helper, or if you are able or inclined, gift cards to Giant, Weis, and Walmart. For a full list of needs, check out the holder by the red wagon, stop by the pantry, check in with Diane Bettleyon or Dane Santos, or call the church office. Together we are community, neighbor helping neighbor.

\$4,200 and Still Going ... with Special Thanks to this Year's Soup, Bake, & Craft Sale Organizers – Amy Rearick, Lisa Bernard, and Diane Bettleyon - Missions at Saint Paul's has always been a high priority and frankly one of the things that attracted my family and me to this community of faith. Each of the past 5 years of ministry here we have seen an average of 17% of our total income be shared in the greater community for mission and outreach ministries. Each year sees new and different needs throughout the year and each end of year allows us to help our local ministry partners as we strive to practice good stewardship of what we have been given to share. The last two months of each year also brings with them both our largest missional gifts and our largest missional stewardship sharing. This year will be no different for any of these facts. And thanks to the great generosity of so many 2021 will reveal a stronger than ever missional giving faith community in Saint Paul's.

As of October 31, 2021, we have received \$3,419 in gifts and offerings to our Missions Fund. As of that same date, we have shared \$4,245 in mission ministry outside the walls of Saint Paul's. If you ever wonder where that money is used, here are some of the break downs:

- \$ 560 Orphanage Support - Internationally
- \$1,000 UCC Ministry Partners - Nationally
- \$1,032 Homeless Assistance - Locally
- \$ 725 Food Assistance - Locally
- \$ 500 Utilities Assistance - Locally
- \$ 250 Community First Responders - Locally

This is just the beginning, over the months of November and December we will share an additional \$1,500 with our ministry partners through the United Church of Christ and locally we will provide housing and household assistance to several families continuing to provide food, shelter, and utilities support, as well as offering more support for our community first responders and child care organizations, helping local women and children get back on their feet and of course feeding all who come to us with a need.

Too, let us never forget the hours upon hours of volunteer time our members and friends spend distributing groceries and meals, over 2,500 hours already this year that have been joyfully given. I give thanks to God for calling us in this manner and for all those who give and work so hard to answer that call.



Gifts for Local Children this Holiday Season - The Donald Heiter Center in Lewisburg organizes gifts for local children for the Holiday season. We would appreciate your support for the children this holiday season. There is a tree in the narthex with gift tags, one for each kid. You can always team up with another family to support one child. Below is information about how to help with this project:

- Gifts should be delivered no later than 12/6/21, to the DHCC (100 North 5th St Lewisburg PA 17837). They can be delivered Mon-Fri 6am-5:30pm. If you want to bring them to the church, please bring the gifts no later than November 28.
- Make sure you include the code number on your donation. The gifts should be left unwrapped.
- The goal is to buy everything on the list. If you can't get something on the list, please let Jen know asap.
- If you have any questions, please email Jen Arnold at family1arnold@gmail.com or call/text Jen at 570-713-5995.

Christian Engagement News

The season of Advent offers time and space for Christians to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas through reflecting on the story of salvation. In *All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*, a group of diverse scholars will take you on an Advent journey guided by the practices in John Wesley's (the father of Methodism, known today as the United Methodist Church) means of grace. John Wesley's emphasis upon practices of piety and mercy—or good works—drew from the larger Christian tradition. Such practices are often referred to as means of grace. We will journey through the four weeks of Advent by reflecting on biblical passages in light of an aspect of Wesleyan means of grace highlighted by illustrations and stories. We will look at:

- preparing the way for God,
- the impact and significance of prayer,
- the substance of good works and caring for others, and
- sharing God's mission to the world.

In this season of Advent as we await the birth of the Christ child remember and know God's goodness and love for us. Will you join us, Wednesday evenings, in the Parlor, starting at 6:30 p.m. November 17, December 1, 8, and 15. Let us journey together.

"Sunday Morning Head Start" meets Sunday morning at 9:15 in the parlor. Get a head start on exploring the day's scripture reading with facilitator Dane Santos. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

"Monday Morning Reflections" meets Monday mornings at 10:30 in the parlor. Meet with Pastor Tim and dig even deeper into the week's scripture.

"Wednesday Evening Exploration" meets in the parlor at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Join us for the new Advent Series, "All the Good," beginning November 17. *All are invited:* Come, let's journey together as we dig into *"All the Good."*

"Children's Church" - Children's Church, ages 3 to second grade is available. The children engage in sharing a lesson complimentary to the one being shared in worship today. Children's Church begins immediately following the anthem and the children return for the closing hymn. The group is led by Colleen Franciscus and other volunteers. Please contact Colleen if you are able to help in this way.

"Nursery" - Saint Paul's nursery for children ages infant to two years is open. Please contact Colleen, Pastor Tim or the church office if you feel called to volunteer.

"3rd Sunday Fun!" - Families and youth of all ages gather third Sundays of the month at 5:30 p.m. The evening includes dinner, fellowship, and age-appropriate lessons and crafts. Our next gathering is Sunday, November 21! #seeuhere



Stewardship News

Giving of Time, Talents and Offerings: To all who offer their time, talents and gifts to create this community, our special thanks! It is good always and everywhere to give thanks to God.

Gifts & Offerings, Sunday, November 7, 2021:

Attendance In Person: 92 (8 Visitors)	Plate Giving	\$ 6,474.00
Attendance on LIVE: 309	Loose Plate	\$ 87.00
Virtual Reach: 2,804	Online Giving	\$ <u>1,074.68</u>
Christian Exploration: 17	Operational Total	\$ 7,635.68
	Restricted Giving	\$ <u>3,715.45</u>
	Total Giving	\$11,351.13

This Week at Saint Paul's

Our church office is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday

- Mon., Nov. 15** **Happy Anniversary Eric and Polly Barrall**
Monday Morning Reflections in the Parlor 10:30 a.m.
6 to 8 p.m. ARC (in the Youth Room)
- Tues., Nov. 16** **Happy Birthday Max Bossert**
Happy Birthday Mallory Sample
- Wed., Nov. 17** **Happy Birthday DeAnn Hansum**
Wednesday Evening Exploration 6:30 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.
- Fri., Nov. 19** **Happy Birthday Chad Kister**
- Sun., Nov. 21** Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:50 a.m.
Sunday Morning Head Start 9:15 a.m.
Children's Choir Rehearsal 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Milton Area Community Choir Rehearsal 2:30 p.m.

Visit the Saint Paul's website calendar for all church events: <https://www.spuccwm.org/calendar>

Upcoming Birthdays:

Nov. 24 – Karl Sampsell
Nov. 25 – Maggie Barrett & Donna Spear
Nov. 26 – Polly Barrall
Nov. 27 – Pat Bender

Upcoming Anniversaries:

Nov. 24 – Steve and Robin Brown

Upcoming Worship:

November 21, 2021

Christ the King Sunday

"Who's in Charge Here"

Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Worship Leader: Lisa Bernard

Lector: Amy Armstrong

Flower Sponsor: Available

Offering Counter: L. Bennett; D. Spear

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

"Characters of Christmas: Zechariah"

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 1:5:25

Worship Leader: Polly Barrall

Lector: Sue Overdorf

Flower Sponsor: Available

Offering Counter: R. Newton; D. Spear

November Usher Team: Earl Fisher, Terri Fisher, Amy Mahon, Sue Mahon, DeAnn Hansum, Jen Arnold



Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
Minister of Music/Organist	Russell Wynn, Jr.
Assistant Minister of Music/Asst. Organist	Sharon Styer
Assistant Accompanist	Michael Haven
Nursery Attendant/Children's Church	Open / Colleen Franciscus
Children & Youth Leader	Colleen Franciscus
Sexton	Steve Brown
Groundskeepers	Robert Greenly/Ethan Hamilton
Tech Team	Chip Palazzo, Keegan Gill, Heath Hansum
Financial Secretary	Dianne Covert
Treasurer	Amy Snider

Consistory

Sharon Klose ('21) – President/Deacon	Brad Gill ('22) – Vice President/Trustee
Jen Arnold ('23) – Deacon	Lisa Bernard ('23) – Trustee
Merle Kay Englehart ('21)- Deacon	Drew Faust ('22) – Trustee
Earl Fisher ('21) – Deacon	Colleen Franciscus ('22) –Secretary/Deacon
Rhonda Newton ('23) – Deacon	Amy Rearick ('22) – Deacon
Brent Sample ('21) - Trustee	

Contact and Connect

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 Church Mailing Address: PO Box 85, West Milton, PA 17886
 Church Office Contact: 570-568-1433 / admin@spuccwm.org
 Pastoral Emergencies: 570-975-9536 (Pastor Tim's cell)
 Pastor's Email: PastorTim@spuccwm.org

Church Online Directory: <https://engage.suran.com/spuccwm>
 Church Online Events Calendar: <https://www.spuccwm.org/calendar>

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, catch our weekly services on FaceBook and YouTube and connect with online at: <http://www.spuccwm.org>
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