SAINT PAUL’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania  
_Rally Day_  
_September 10, 2017_

**GATHERING PRAYER**

God, you have called us from our summer wanderings. You have brought us together as newcomers and familiar members. We give you thanks for this church, for this community of faith where we are welcomed and can make new friends; where we can worship and learn more about you; and we can discover ways to reach out and help others. Amen

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**INTROIT**

PROCESIONAL HYMN  
“Pass it On” (vs. 1 & 3)  
(see page 8)

**PASSING THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Pastor: Let us share signs of Christ’s peace with one another.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

Recognition of Perfect & Admirable Attendance  
Recognition of and Thanks to Mary Lou Knerr

**CENTERING**

PRELUDE  
“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”  
F. Challinor

(Congregation Standing)

Leader: God called the people of Israel to be ready to leave slavery in Egypt  
Student: Are you ready for God to lead you into new life?  
People: Yes, we are ready!  
Leader: St. Paul reminds us of Jesus’ call to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
Student: Are you ready to love one another?  
People: Yes, we are ready!  
Leader: Jesus calls us to work out our differences, and find ways to get along.  
Student: Are you ready to work together to proclaim the gospel?  
People: Yes, we are ready!

**RALLY DAY GREETINGS**

Stacy Laucks

**KNOW THE STORY**

Scripture Recap (8:55)  
Stacy Laucks  
Scripture Excerpts (10:25)

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Love in Any Language"  
Allen Crocket  
(Ushers will collect Prayer Cards)

**TELL THE STORY**

Scripture Story (8:55)  
Modified from wholepeopleofgod.com  
Scripture Reading: Exodus 12:1-14 (10:25)  
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**LIVE THE STORY (MESSAGE)**

Our Journey… Live the Story / Be the Church

(All may be seated)

(Congregation Stands)

**RENEWING THE COVENANT**

Pastor: Long ago, the Hebrew people – after they had reached the Promised Land and settled down – gathered to recovenant together. They had made a sacred covenant, or promise, at Mount Sinai to be God’s people and follow God’s loving ways. The people settling in the Promised Land were the children and grandchildren of those who had made the original covenant. So they decided to renew the promises that had been made there, and this became an annual ritual for them. Following their example we today covenant together to be God’s people serving God in our community.

Today is Rally Day, a time when we regather after a summer filled with a variety of experiences to form a new community, and to make some promises to God and to each other about the year that lies ahead.
Pastor: People of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, do you covenant to be God’s people in this place, and to strive to live according to God’s way of love in the world?

All: We covenant together to be God’s people, spreading God’s love in our community.

Pastor: God has called certain people into leadership positions. Everyone in the community of faith is a leader at times and everyone in the community of faith is a follower at times. There are those who are staff and there are many, many more who volunteer their time in various roles. Whether we lead or follow, will we journey together?

All: As St. Paul’s UCC, we covenant to…

KNOW GOD’S STORY by teaching and learning together,
TELL GOD’S STORY by joyfully proclaiming God’s love and message,
LIVE GOD’S STORY by sharing God’s love with neighbors near and far.

We promise to be led by God and to work together to uphold and support one another as we fulfill our ministry.

(All may be seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY Sunday School Sing-a-long

(Congregation Stands)

DOXOLOGY (All, singing)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENDING

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN “They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love” (see page 7)

THE BENEDICTION

Modified from wholepeopleofgod.com

CHORAL SENDING: Three-fold Amen

CHIMES

POSTLUDE “Jesus Loves the Little Children” G. Root

Many thanks to all of the many volunteers who are a part of our educational ministries...

Nursery: Erin Goldman, Kitty Yenser, Linda Yoder, Eileen Gilmore, Emma Bigg, Penny Vojtasek, Sammy Wolf, & Jessica Wolf

Primary: Marie Richdale, Sandi Remniger, Mary Keck, & Brandi Hill

Junior/Junior High: Gillian Agnew & Audrey Agnew

1st Year Confirmation: Barbara Hoffman

2nd Year Confirmation: John Folk, Deb Reinert, Ro Wolf, Erin Goldman, Max Ruemmler, Jim Goldman, David Pierce, Audrey Agnew, Tyler Mowry, & Lydia Heffner

Senior High: Ian McKinney & David Pierce

Generations: David Balmer & Tom Agnew

Mid-week Bible Study – Pat Morris

Coordinator of Educational Ministries: Stacy Laucks

Youth Ministry: John Folk, Leona & Jim Wright, Erin & Jim Goldman, Deb & Gary Reinert, Bob & Ro Wolf, John & Cindy Rothenberger, Dawn & Kerry Kachel, Pastor Pat Morris, Brian & Kim Levan, Ian McKinney, Hali Hoch, Bob & Tammy Gore, Christy & Matt Hetrick, Jenn Hoffman, Barb & Randy Hoffmann, Melissa & Mike Ruemmler, David Pierce, Sarah Rothenberger, and Lynda Shenk

Special Thanks to the volunteers who served during the 2016-2017 school year: Ken McDowell, Jenn Hoffman, Katie Kachel, Erin Bogacki, Jay A. Smith, Jim Goldman, & Pastor Adamson

Current Educational Ministries Committee

Chairperson: Barb Hoffman

Secretary: Jenn Hoffman / Lee Farr

Staff: Stacy Laucks, John Folk

Consistory Representative: Jenn Hoffman
Thanks also to all of the many volunteers that made Vacation Bible School possible this year! At the risk of missing a name, we’d like to thank Gillian Agnew, Tom Agnew, Betsy Becker, Mary Boeshore, Faye Buckalew, Linda Bullock, Jack Creswell, Allen Crockett, Jason Crockett, Sandra Eberly, Colby Eckert, Eileen Gilmore, Erin Goldman, Jim Goldman, Cassie Harter, Gwen Harter, Brandi Hill, Barbara Hoffman, Jenn Hoffman, Randy Hoffman, Sue Landis, Paul Moll, David Pierce, Gary Reinhart, Chris Scheffler, Miriam Seifrit, Lynda Shenk, Bev Thomas, Bill Thomas, Alex Watkins, Heather Watkins, Carrie Wentz, Steve Wentz, the Wentz Family Painters/Constructors, Jessica Wolf, Sammy Wolf, Audrey Agnew, Dakota Bryniarski, Megan Eberly, Nick Hill, Kayla Himmelreich, Jonathan Kupp, AJ Laucks, Kayla Laucks, Emily Laucks, Jonathan Maurek, Stephen Maurek, Parker Milyo, Connor Raudenbush, Ethan Raudenbush, Alex Scheffler, Jaiden Valick, Jamin Valick, Evan Watkins, Riley Wentz, and everyone who donated supper/vendor food.

Perfect Attendance for 2016-2017…

Joan Yoder 55 years
Linda Yoder 50 years
Kitty Yenser 36 years
Jim Goldman 20 years
Erin Goldman 15 years

Admirable Attendance (close to perfect): Rileigh Agnew, Emma Bigg, Jack Gilmore, Lilah Gilmore, Emily Laucks, Kayla Laucks, JaelinValick, Jaiden Valick, Jakin Valick, JaminValick, JarrenValick,
MISSION STATEMENT

As Followers of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves to:

• Enthusiastically proclaim and teach God’s love through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
• Share God’s love with neighbors near and far.
• Live as a Christian community of hope, acceptance, and encouragement in a rapidly changing world.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL’S

• If you are visiting and would like to know more about St. Paul’s please fill out the visitor’s card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. One of our pastors will contact you.
• There are assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired available at the sound board in the rear of the church.
• Adult Sunday school is held at 9 a.m. - Generations Class in the Lounge off the Narthex. Also, Adult Bible Study is held Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. See Announcement sheets in the bulletin for details.
• Children are always welcome in our worship space (as are the joyful noises that they sometimes add). For those moments when it might be needed, we do have a nursery room in the rear of the church that anyone with younger children is welcome to use. The room is equipped with a speaker that will allow you to continue enjoying the service. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.
• Activity bags for children can be found on a rack in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(For the week of September 10, 2017)

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Randy and Barbara Hoffman in honor of all Grandparents. The Organ Arrangement is sponsored by Marie Boyer in memory of her husband, Raymond “Red” Boyer.
The Bulletins are sponsored by Sam and Elaine Kemmerer in honor of the marriage of Justin and Erin Kemmerer on September 9, 2017. The Upper Room Publication for this month is sponsored by Peggy Wulterkens and Cheryle Baer in memory of their parents, Fern and Walter Fishpaw.

Coffee Time Sponsor: Women’s Guild

Ushers: 8:55 a.m. – TBA
10:25 a.m. – TBA

Readers: 8:55 a.m. – Rally Day/Family Service 10:25 a.m. – Jack Creswell

Acolytes: 8:55 a.m. – Emma Ertel and Herbert Dunkelberger
10:25 a.m. – Alex Sheffler and Jonathan Maurek

Attendance: September 3, 2017 8:55 a.m. – 125  10:25 a.m. – 74

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Year to date

| General Acct | $271,830.10 | $327,252.74 | -$55,422.64 |
| Other Accts  | $ 75,126.72 | $ 74,982.16 | $ 144.56 |