

## Maturing

In my daily devotional I came across this quote from James Finely, who authored a book titled *Merton's Palace of Nowhere*, a reflection on the writings of Thomas Merton. Finely writes: "Merton once told me to quit trying so hard in prayer. He said: "How does an apple ripen? It just sits in the sun." A small green apple cannot ripen in one night by tightening all its muscles, squinting its eyes and tightening its jaw in order to find itself the next morning miraculously large, red, and juicy beside its green counterparts. Like the birth of a baby or the opening of a rose, the birth of the true self takes place in God's time. We must wait for God, we must be awake, we must trust in his hidden action within us."

I love the image constructed by Finely in my mind's eye of the tiny green apple squinting and straining to become big and juicy and ripe. But to no avail – maturity takes time. And so it is with spiritual maturity. To be the kind of person God wants us to be spiritually, it takes time. We cannot, by squinting our eyes, tensing our muscles, become the spiritual giant of a Thomas Merton. It takes time, plenty of time of praying and reflecting; of listening and obeying; of allowing the word of God to have an impact on who we are and the way we act.

In February on Youth Sunday, I had the opportunity to visit all of our Sunday school classes. I don't know what took me so long but after four years I thought it was time. What I found were little green apples with wide-eyed enthusiasm, learning how to become the person God created each one of them to be. As I made my way from primary to adult, I could clearly see that there was progress being made, and it made my heart smile and I was thankful that this was my church and their church and God's church.

# MARCH

## 2012

### For Members and Friends of St. Paul's UCC Fleetwood

As we progress through this season of Lent I hope you are opening yourself up to the Spirit of God at work in your life. May we all keep hanging and maturing, patiently waiting for God to work in our lives, steadily growing into the person God created us to be.

Blessings,  
Pastor Pat

### Our Worship at a Glance

**Sunday, March 4, Second Sunday in Lent** – Holy Communion at both services. Sermon text: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

**Sunday, March 11, Third Sunday in Lent** – Girl Scout Sunday. Sermon text: Psalm 19

**Sunday, March 18, Fourth Sunday in Lent** – New Member Sunday. Sermon text: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

**Sunday, March 25, Fifth Sunday in Lent** – Sermon text: Jeremiah 31:31-34





## *Happy Birthday*

3/1	Karen Burkert	3/13	Lilah Gilmore	3/23	Ken White
3/2	Michele Kramer	3/14	Margie Martin	3/24	Richard Mason Sr.
3/2	Patricia Lenhart	3/14	Ardath Aulenbach	3/24	Stephen Werner
3/2	Darlene Krumanocker	3/14	Ken McDowell	3/24	Connor Ammon
3/2	Michael Ruemmler	3/14	Peter Laucks	3/24	Brayden Nichols
3/2	Andrea Dietrich	3/14	Eric Marsteller	3/25	Cindy Herbein
3/2	Lacey Greiss	3/14	Kaitlyn Kachel	3/25	Donna Mell
3/3	William Strause	3/15	Anna Miller	3/25	Ashley Posey
3/3	Gina Capozzi	3/15	Christopher Bitzel	3/25	Ethan Smith
3/4	Leona Wright	3/15	Lisa McGuire	3/25	Kayla Laucks
3/4	Evan Angstadt	3/15	Cynthia Adams	3/25	Rylee Reardon
3/5	George Kinney	3/15	Charlotte Jones	3/26	James Ott
3/5	Haley McAllister	3/16	Maxine Brey	3/26	Brian Simmons
3/6	Marjorie Geiger	3/16	Teresa Schutt	3/26	Marc Hill
3/6	Marilyn Miller	3/16	Amanda Mccullough	3/27	Helen Lenhart
3/6	Joseph Scalese	3/16	Ian Snyder	3/27	Linda Simmons
3/6	Ashley Weeast	3/16	Kiley Hallman	3/27	April Wells
3/6	Brock Miller	3/16	Jakin Valick	3/27	Chad Levan
3/6	Alexandra Watkins	3/17	Arlan Burkert	3/28	Josephine Muth
3/6	Abigail Carpenter	3/17	Hank Hoover	3/28	Drew Stilwell
3/7	Noyce Nester	3/17	Leif Greiss	3/28	Nora Biehn
3/7	Angela Soumas	3/18	Jesse Reifsnyder	3/29	Russell Seyler
3/8	Michael Richards	3/18	Nicole Carlson	3/29	Kevin Kauffman
3/8	Angela Gurney	3/18	Sydney Levan	3/29	Mark Wilson
3/8	Caitlin Petro	3/18	Timothy Baker	3/29	Teresa Merkel
3/8	Kiley Petro	3/18	Malcolm Dreibelbis	3/29	Jeffrey Davis
3/9	Mason Hoare	3/19	Sarah Wilson	3/29	Leah Richards
3/9	Logan Fritz	3/19	Veda Hartman	3/29	Katie Reinkemeyer
3/10	Dennis Kramer	3/20	Donna Wertz	3/29	Nick Daniels
3/10	Timothy Long	3/20	Linda Seyler	3/30	Elaine Kemmerer
3/10	Nathan Kutz	3/20	Arlene Smith	3/30	Heidi Henry
3/11	Kenneth Barlet	3/20	Diane Hollenbach	3/30	James Goldman
3/11	Deidre McDowell	3/20	Timothy Koller	3/30	Douglas Stutzman
3/11	Timothy Mack	3/21	Alva Hafer	3/31	Linda Kunkel
3/12	Reuel Thomas	3/21	Cheryle Baer	3/31	Samantha Hughes
3/12	Leonard Bailey	3/21	Sharon Dreibelbis	3/31	Brianne George
3/12	Linda White	3/21	Roslyn Adams	3/31	Dylan Parfet
3/12	Matthew Hicks	3/21	Alyssa Rufo	3/31	Nicodemus Fry
3/12	Zoe Robertson	3/22	Ramona Wolf	3/31	Haley Hallman
3/13	Debbie Reinert	3/22	Ronald Hix		
3/13	David Schuler	3/22	Stephanie Troxell		
3/13	Gwen Hoffmaster	3/23	Kevin Pavlick		
3/13	Alyssa Sell	3/23	Kayla Spayd		
		3/23	Rachel Stump		

**If your birthday is not listed or is incorrect, please call the church office at 610-944-0406 so it can be recorded for future birthday lists.**



**March 4**

8:55 a.m. - Ro Wolf, Samantha Wolf, Ann Heinly, Joel Schaeffer, Janice Lenhart, Lorraine Bingaman, Rob Stilwell, David Bingaman

10:25 a.m. –Ken McDowell, Jessica Keck, Marcia Moll, Jim Goldman, Mary Ann Hayes, Dwight Bigg, Christopher Vojtasek, Bonnie Weida

**March 7 – Lenten Service**

**6:30 p.m.** (Note time difference)  
Pat Sausser, Tom Hoch, Mike Richards, Malcolm Dreibelbis

**March 11**

8:55 a.m. – Ro Wolf, Samantha Wolf, Ann Heinly, Joel Schaeffer  
10:25 a.m. – Ken McDowell, Jessica Keck, Marcia Moll, Jim Goldman

**March 14 – Lenten Service**

**6:30 p.m.** (Note time difference)  
Ro Wolf, Samantha Wolf, Ann Heinly, Joel Schaeffer

**March 18**

8:55 a.m. – Mary Ann Hayes, Dwight Bigg, Christopher Vojtasek, Bonnie Weida  
10:25 a.m. – Pat Sausser, Tom Hoch, Mike Richards, Malcolm Dreibelbis

**March 21 – Lenten Service**

**6:30 p.m.** (Note time difference)  
Pat Sausser, Tom Hoch, Mike Richards, Malcolm Dreibelbis

**March 25**

8:55 a.m. – Pat Sausser, Tom Hoch, Mike Richards, Malcolm Dreibelbis  
10:25 a.m. – Ken McDowell, Jessica Keck, Marcia Moll, Jim Goldman

**March 28 – Lenten Service**

**6:30 p.m.** (Note time difference)  
Janice Lenhart, Lorraine Bingaman, Rob Stilwell, David Bingaman



**March 4** – Sherri McKently

**March 11** – Girl Scouts – Tammy Pinnix

**March 18** – Open

**March 25** - Open



**March 4**

8:55 a.m. – Joan Richards  
10:25 a.m. – Chad Walter

**March 7**

Lent - Sharon Dreibelbis

**March 11**

8:55 a.m. – Mary Ann Hayes  
10:25 a.m. – Ken McDowell

**March 14**

Lent – Bob Wolf

**March 18**

8:55 a.m. – Sandy Dugan  
10:25 a.m. – Jay A. Smith

**March 21**

Lent – Jean Weaver

**March 25**

8:55 a.m. – Melissa Ruemmler  
10:25 a.m. – Rob Stilwell

**March 28**

Lent – Pat Sausser



**March 4**

8:55 a.m. – Klarissa Pierce & Katie Gorey  
10:25 a.m. – Alyson Keller & Alex Plucker

**March 11**

8:55 a.m. – Hannah Sell & David Pierce  
10:25 a.m. – Shawn DeLay & Luke Voyer

**March 18**

8:55 a.m.– Morgan Weidenmoyer & Michael Rufo  
10:25 a.m. – Max Pavlick & Maxwell Ruemmler

**March 25**

8:55 a.m.– Gillian Agnew & Keith Brokoff  
10:25 a.m. – Jeremy Pieja & Chip Mason



## Senior Spotlight Robert Lenhart

This month's Senior Spotlight is shining on Robert Lenhart who is 85 years young. Bobby grew up on a farm near Hamburg in a large family with 7 siblings and graduated from Hamburg High School in 1944. In 1946 the Lenhart family sold their farm and moved to Fleetwood to a home on Arch St., right next to Rev. Kehm's, who was the pastor at St. Paul's. That's when the family started attending our church. Bobby's two sisters, Grace Shollenberger and Marie Boyer, and Janice Lenhart, the widow of his youngest brother Tommy, continue to be active members of our church family.

After several different jobs, Bobby became a rural mail carrier in 1948 for the Fleetwood Post Office, a job which he held for 33 years.

Robert married his first wife, June Kauffman from Hamburg, in 1948. They had two daughters, Susan Zigler and Sherry Grim, who both now live in Gettysburg. He has five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Robert married his second wife, Deane Ritter in 1970. While married to Deane, they lived in the renovated barn on Lenhart Rd. on his in-law's farm near the present day Fleetwood Post Office, where Robert continued to live after Deane passed away in 1989.

After Robert retired from the Post Office in 1981, he started selling real estate. He opened his own business "East Penn Reality" in 1985 and built an office which is now Fleetwood Foot Care on

Lenhart Road. In 1990, he sold this business to his daughter, Sherry and his nephew, Mike Lenhart.

Robert and his wife Pat have been married for 10 years and live at 306 Somerset Street in Fleetwood. Pat volunteers for our Helping Hands and the pot pie suppers as well as many of the Women's Guild projects such as the rummage sale and the bazaar.

Bobby's hobbies include playing bridge, hunting, and playing cards at Berks Encore in Fleetwood. Robert has always been an avid golfer. When he and Deane were first married, they attended her church, the Methodist Church on Washington Street. Since Robert choose to play golf on many Sunday mornings, the minister felt he should not be a member. And that's when he and Deane started attending his former church once again. St. Paul's must have been an "open and affirming" church even in the 70's.

Some of Bobby fondest memories of St. Paul's include attending church at the Chapel (which once stood along Franklin Street on the site of the old post office) and delivering and selling shoo fly pies at the Kutztown Folk Festival.

One of the highlights of coming from a large family for this octogenarian is attending the reunions that the Lenhart "freindshoft" holds every year on the 4th of July and the Sunday before Christmas. From the 8 Lenhart children, there are 25 grandchildren, and with spouses and even more great grandchildren, the clan is ever increasing. Robert proudly showed me this past year's 4th of July picture with about 140 in attendance.

With so many of the Lenhart clan in the area, it's hard to know just who is who in the extended clan and just how many relatives have either been or are current members of our St. Paul's family. So be careful who you talk about to Bobby, since you never know, they could be one of his relatives. With his hearty laugh, Bobby's sense of humor is one of his most evident character traits. What a blessing to have Robert and his wife Pat in our church family!

Interview and article by Dori Hoch.





## Chicken Pot Pie SUPPER

**Kitchen Committee's  
Homemade Pot Pie Supper  
Saturday, April 21, 2012  
3:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

Served family style, all you can eat, dessert, beverage, included. Tickets available at the door.

Price \$8.00 for adults; \$4.00 for ages 4 to 12; and under 4 free.

Much help is needed for our supper to be a success—as it has been in the past. All help is greatly appreciated. The schedule for the week is as follows:

TUESDAY, April, 17 9:00 a.m.—Clean and process vegetables in the church kitchen

THURSDAY, April, 19 9:00 a.m.—Cook chickens followed by cutting up chickens

FRIDAY, April, 20 4:30 p.m.—Peel potatoes, set up tables and making dough

SATURDAY, April, 21 7:00 a.m.—Make the dough, etc.  
3:00 p.m.—Help in kitchen and/or serve the tables

SATURDAY EVENING, CLEAN UP

Please say YES when you are called to help in some way. Please mark your calendars now. It is essential!!!!

Please remember – LOTS OF DESSERTS ARE NEEDED.

TAKE OUT ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY  
April 13, 2012 Phone 610-944-7300

Thank you all for your faithful support.



**To my St. Paul's family,**

I have completed one round of chemo and 30 radiation treatments. I will begin my next chemo treatment shortly, injecting myself weekly with interferon for 11 months. I am thankful for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, well wishes and support this congregation as shown me. It was comforting to know that so many people were praying for me and it certainly gave me strength to continue. I am feeling well and hope this next round is manageable. Thank you very much.

Karen

**Thank you** to Steve Werner and Mike Fella for their time to locate and install the new heating system in the office. This was paid for with funds from the Building Maintenance Fund.

The Property Committee is also securing estimates to replace the failing heating system in Pastor Pat's office.

This will also be paid from the Maintenance Fund. Thank you to those who contribute to this fund. We have a current balance of just over \$7000.00, a bit less than half of it is committed to the pastor's heater. Please keep supporting this effort.

Thank you from,  
Ron Hix

**On behalf of Fleetwood Area Girl Scouts,** I would like to thank you for allowing our Girl Scout Troops to meet in your building. Girl Scouting teaches girls to “grow strong” and to have courage, confidence, and character. Our volunteers give countless hours to the community by volunteering. We also recognize the gift of a safe and comfortable meeting place for our troops. We appreciate your helping us by allowing our troops to meet in your facility. Thank you for your continued support and know that your assistance is appreciated greatly.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

The Fleetwood Area Girl Scout service unit  
serving Fleetwood, Blandon, and Richmond  
Township, Jenna Masenheimer, Troop 1794

**A heartfelt thank you** to everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits during my hospital stay and recovery. It really makes recouping easier knowing so many of you are thinking about me. I wish to extend a special thank you to the Prayer Shawl Committee, especially to Ann Heinly, for the beautiful shawl presented to me before the operation. It was a great comfort knowing the church family was as close as my shawl. Let me also use this space to thank my wife Nancy for her loving care given to me.

Dennis Boyer



Dennis and Nancy Boyer and Karen and Bill Shollenberger prepared a meal of meatballs, green beans, pasta, homemade cookies and brownies.

Helping to serve the meal were Bill Gehringer, April Dancy, her godson Brandon and friend Lori. We served 42 men, 16 women and 7 children. A hungry and grateful group enjoyed the meal. Thanks to everyone for extending a hand of helpfulness to these folks.



**The Easter Bunny is Hoppin Over to: A Pancake Breakfast at St. Paul's UCC, Saturday, April 7, 2012 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. (last serve 10:30) (Prior to the church Easter Egg Hunt)**

Come join the Easter Bunny at his first stop for Easter. It's an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast at St. Paul's UCC School on Saturday, April 7, 2012. Doors open from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Each child can sit on the Easter Bunny's lap and receive a special egg. Feel free to bring your cameras.

The menu includes: All-You-Can-Eat pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and water.

Advance ticket prices are **\$6 for adults, \$4 for children 2-18 and children under 2 are free. At the door price is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 2-18.**

Please fill out the sheet below and return along with the money by **Sunday, March 25, 2012**. Place everything in an envelope marked "Breakfast with Easter Bunny" and return it to the church or school office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adult tickets \_\_\_\_ X \$6 each  
Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

Child tickets \_\_ X \$4 each  
Amount due \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE FOR ALL TICKETS** \_\_\_\_\_



**The Annual Easter Egg Hunt** for the children of St. Paul's U.C.C. Sunday School and School will be held

Saturday, April 7, 2012, at 11:a.m. on the church lawn. RAIN or SHINE. There are five age groups, from 0-1 thru grade 5. The preschool is sponsoring a breakfast with the Easter Bunny also on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.



**WE WILL BE TAKING IN NEW MEMBERS on Sunday, March 18, 2012.** If you are

interested in joining St. Paul's please see Pastor Pat or contact the church office at 610-944-0406.



**Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause.**

You're invited to an **Applebee's® Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast** to support **St. Paul U.C.C. Fleetwood Mission Committee**

JOIN US AT:  
**Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar**  
 3050 N 5th Street Hwy, Reading, PA 19605  
**Saturday, March 17, 2012**  
 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
 \$7.00 per person  
 Kids 10 and under \$3.00

Tickets will be available on Sunday mornings in the church narthex between services or contact Dori at 610-926-1634 or Sharon at 610-916-4848

Valid only at participating restaurant listed above. Ticket valid for pancake event only. Applebee's menu items are not included as part of purchase.



## St. Paul's UCC School

Love and Fun is in the air. We celebrated Valentine's Day by hosting our seventh annual Valentine Social. Teachers, parents and children danced to all kinds of dances. The children were dressed in their finest clothing and brought parents, grandparents or significant others. We enjoyed celebrations for Valentine's Day with secret Valentine's, parties, candy houses, games and lots of yummy treats. Our Three Day Classes went on a much loved trip of bowling at Heister's Lane. The technique of between the leg bowling is a special talent by this age group. We finished the month of February off with a visit from a dental hygienist.

**We are in full swing for registration for next year and excited we are filling up quickly. If you or someone you know is interesting in our school, please give them our name and number. We have programs from 20 months- 6 years old. We have one to five day programs. Playgroup through Kindergarten. We also have extended care and full day programming. Don't lose out, grab a spot. Call the school office at 610-944-5808 for information or visit us on the web at [www.stpaulsfleetwood.org](http://www.stpaulsfleetwood.org).**

**OPEN HOUSE- Everyone is welcome. Our annual open house will be Tuesday March 13, 2012, 6:00-8:00pm. There will be food for purchase and lots of games and prizes. A Luau Book Fair is our theme and we will have special challenges and events during the week. This is for community members, church members, current students, and new prospective students. Book Fair- March 11-16, 2012 Please join us for our bookfair in the social room. You may browse the bookfair all week and see Mrs. Nahrgang or a volunteer for purchases. You may also shop online this year. This benefits the school directly.**

**Everyone is welcome.**

**Half Day and Full Day Kindergarten-** Our kindergarten program will run Monday through Friday. It will provide a positive school experience for your child. Our unique curriculum prepares your child for the primary grades in a personalized private and nurturing environment.

**Extended Care** – Before and after school is provided for families of students of St. Paul's UCC Church and School. If you are having difficulty matching school

hours and work hours, this is finally your answer. It will be supervised and maintained by the school and provide loving care for your child when you are not available. Please give us a call.

**Summer Camp-** We will be offering Summer Camp again this year. It will start June 4, 2012 and run weekly until July 23, 2012. It will be from 9-12, Monday through Thursday for 3-6 year olds. The cost is \$50.00 a week. You can register for one week or all six weeks. We have all kinds of fun and themes planned this year. Applications are available on the information board in the narthex or at the school office. We will not have camp the week of June 18<sup>th</sup> or July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser-** We will be selling gift cards and having a night out at Texas Roadhouse on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mrs. Peggy Nahrgang, School Director

### **Upcoming School Events- All are welcome to Participate**

1. **Hoagie Sale from March 7.2012**
2. **Open House and Book Fair March 13<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm**
3. **Texas Roadhouse Night for our school. March 27<sup>th</sup>. See invitation below, **must present at door.****
4. **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny April 7, 2012 - 8-11am. See ticket order form elsewhere in this issue.**

**FUNDRAISING!**

**TEXAS ROADHOUSE**

**St. Paul's UCC School  
Tuesday March 27th  
4pm - 10pm**

**10% Donation**

Support this cause by presenting this invitation to the listed Texas Roadhouse® location and Texas Roadhouse® will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the fundraiser!

**Call AHEAD**  
SEATING

**(610) 373-9600**  
2803 Papermill Rd.  
Wyomissing, PA



**IT'S TIME TO ORDER  
EASTER PLANTS  
TO ADORN OUR ALTAR  
ON EASTER MORNING!**

There are two ways you can help.

1. In Memory Of, In Honor Of, or just for your own enjoyment. \$1.00 per name. These monies will be used to buy plants.
2. You can buy a plant at \$6.50 each which is yours to keep and can be picked up after the 10:30 service on Easter. You can also have them designated In Memory of, In Honor of, or just for your own enjoyment. The **absolute** deadline is March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Paul's U.C.C. Book Group**

On Tuesday, March 27, 2012, we will meet and discuss *If You Ask Me (And of Course You Won't)* by Betty White at 7 p.m. in the church lounge. Based on our voting, we will learn which books we will be reading from April until August, 2012. Anyone is always welcome to join our group!

Synopsis of *If You Ask Me (And of Course You Won't)* by Betty White

Drawing from a lifetime of lessons learned, seven-time Emmy winner Betty White's wit and wisdom take center stage as she tackles topics like friendship, romantic love, aging, television, fans, love for animals, and the brave new world of celebrity. *If You Ask Me* mixes her thoughtful observations with humorous stories from a seven-decade career in Hollywood. Longtime fans and new fans alike will relish Betty's candid take on everything from her rumored crush on Robert Redford (true) to her beauty regimen ("I have no idea what color my hair is and I never intend to find out") to the Facebook campaign that helped persuade her to host *Saturday Night Live* despite her having declined the hosting job three times already.

Featuring all-new material, with a focus on the past fifteen years of her life, *If You Ask Me* is funny, sweet, and to the point-just like Betty White.

**EASTER PLANTS  
Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinths, Miniature Daffodils**

**\$1.00 per name** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$6.50 per plant** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount enclosed**

**Type of flower** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Committees:** Please appoint someone on the committee to notify the church office with meeting dates and times so your committee can be assured a room for your meeting. Thank you so much for your cooperation.



Oksana was thrilled to see the number of personal care items that were placed into the grocery cart during February. The generosity of the St. Paul's congregation filled her heart with many wonderful feelings not just for Valentine's Day but for all 29 days in the month. Even though, like all of us, she experienced a rather mild Pennsylvania winter she is looking forward to spring. Thinking of the change of season reminds Oksana of the foods she enjoys on the savanna. While her diet consists of seeds, grasses, shrubs, and flowers she knows these are not often the choices of her human friends. However, a common food item for both humans and ostriches is fruit. This gave Oksana the idea for the grocery cart collection for March – canned fruits and vegetables. While Oksana may enjoy the fruits she sees added to the cart she reminded the mission committee members she would not help herself to any of the cans. After all, she would not want to damage her beak and her smile while opening the cans. **Thank you** for your participation and know that all canned fruits and vegetables added to the cart during March will be distributed at the Fleetwood Food Pantry on April 5<sup>th</sup>.



**BRASS REHEARSAL**

for the Easter dawn service will be the following Sundays after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service: March 18, 25, and April 1. A rehearsal will also be Wednesday April 4 at 8:30 p.m.



Spring clean up day is Saturday March 31st from 9-11



**Youth Group This Month**

- Sunday 3.4 Mystery Dinner Requesting donation of \$5.00 per person
- Tuesday 3.6 Krispy Kreme Sale
- Sunday 3.11 Youth Fellowship
- Sunday 3.18 Youth Fellowship
- Sunday 3.25 Game Night at the Community Center
- Saturday 3.31 Spring Cleanup Day



**SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR MARCH**

- Loan Reduction – March 4
- Building Maintenance – March 18
- One Great Hour Of Sharing – March 18

**January Financial Report...**

Total Income Deposited Towards Budget as of 1/31/12	\$36,115.03
Budgeted Expenses as of 1/31/12	\$34,307.53
Total Budgeted Expenses for 2012	\$464,567.00



## Mission News

### Helping Hands

Joanne Knoll will be the Helping Hands Coordinator for the most of the month of March. If you or a family member are in need of a "Helping Hand" please call Joanne at 610-944-8513 or the church office at 610-944-0406.

Carol Strause will be joining the team of HH Volunteer Coordinators. We are currently updating our list of volunteers. If you haven't signed up to be a HH volunteer, but feel that this might be a ministry for you, please contact either Joanne Knoll or Dori Hoch. We could especially use more volunteers for driving members to doctor appointments and for meal preparation, our two most used services.

### Fleetwood Food Pantry

On Thursday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 108 families were served at the pantry. It was St. Paul's turn and we had a wonderful turn out of volunteers, both adults and youth, who helped make the distribution and clean up an easy one. Thank you, volunteers!

The next regular distribution will be held on Thursday, March 1st from 3:30-6:00 pm. While it is not our church's official turn, volunteers are always welcomed especially youth to bag orders and to carry them to the client's cars. Plastic bags are needed to pack orders. Please drop plastic bags in the church kitchen.

### Hands of Hope 2012

Our St. Paul's adult mission team will be heading to Cosby, Tennessee to work with the Sunset Gap Community Center mission trip the week of April 15th-21st. If you are interested in joining this year's mission team, please contact Leona Wright (610-562-7492) or Malcolm Dreibelbis (610-916-4848) to find out more detailed information. The deadline to commit to this trip is April 1st.

### Parish Visitors Meeting

Calling All Parish Visitors: Our next meeting will be Tues., March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the lounge. Dr. David Bingaman, one of our members who is a retired educator and now a social worker, will be presenting an interactive workshop entitled "Enhancing Your Visits."



## Easter Music

### Musical Moments

Additional voices are welcome to join the Festival Choir which will sing at both morning services on Palm Sunday April 1st and at the middle and late services on Easter April 8th.

Festival Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, February 29th at 7:45 in the choir room. Please consider joining us for these special services with uplifting music. See Ken White with questions?



If you shop at Boyer's Market please consider taking a St. Paul's courtesy tag and have the cashier swipe it before you pay. The church will receive 1% of all sales. This is "free money" for us and the total we are earning has decreased dramatically during the past year. Tags can be found in the church office or in a basket in the narthex. Please pick one up if you are interested. Thanks.



**Deadline for articles and information for the April issue of the Tower Tymes is March 15th**



### Consistory Notes

The regular monthly meeting of the Consistory was held on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, with Vice President Ro Wolf presiding.

The Consistory received reports from all of the standing committees. Highlights of the meeting included the following items:

- Drawings/specs for handicapped curbing have been completed, and the Property Committee will be receiving estimates for the work
- Consistory approved hiring AP Merkel to install a new heating system in Pastor Pat's office
- Consistory authorized the calling of a special congregational meeting to discuss and vote on the proposed Columbarium Project in the near future
- Beginning on Sunday, March 4, gluten-free elements will be available at all communion services.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 2012, at 7 PM in the lounge off the narthex. Our meetings are, of course, open to the congregation, and we invite you to attend.

As always, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve you, our St. Paul's family, as together we serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessings,  
Mary Ann Hayes

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March 2, 3, 4

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March 9, 10, 11

Fri. March 2 & 9 7:30 pm

Sat. March 3 & 10 6:00 pm  
Dinner Show (by reservation only)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Food Pantry	2	3
4 Communion <i>Communion</i> 	5 Prayer Shawl 7pm	6 Krispy Kreme pick up Mission Cmte 7pm Grief 1pm Hospitality 7pm	7 Bible Study 9am Lenten Soup 6pm & Worship 6:45 pm	8	9	10
11 Girl Scout Sunday 	12 Consistory 7pm	13 Parish Visitors 7pm	14 Bible Study 9am  Lenten Soup 6pm & Worship 6:45 pm	15	16	17 Pancake Breakfast- Mission Fundraiser 8-10 Applebees 
18 	19	20 Grief 1pm  Worship Committee 7pm	21 Bible Study 9am  Lenten Soup 6pm & Worship 6:45 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 Book Group 7pm  Property 6pm	28 Bible Study 9am  Lenten Soup 6pm & Worship 6:45 pm	29	30	31 Clean-up Crew  8-Noon
	<b>Church</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Mon-Thurs</b>	<b>8 - 4</b>	<b>Fri 8 - 3</b>

