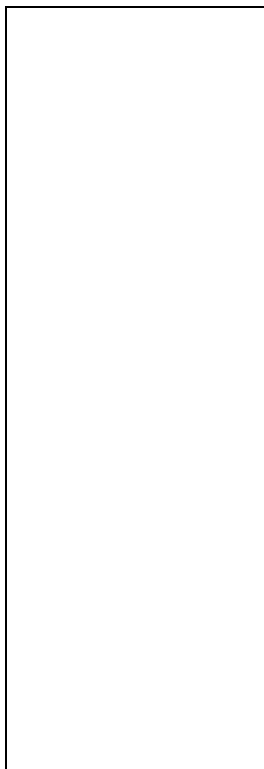


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The Next 500 Years

October 31st, 1517. Martin Luther marched down to his church with a hammer and a fist full of complaints he had against the church. He looked at the institution he loved and saw that ministers were taking advantage of those that trusted the one in the ministerial office. Shortly after he nailed his 95 Theses on the church doors in Wittenberg, he was forced into hiding as the church was hunting him.

About 500 Years before that, the Eastern Orthodox church split from the Holy Catholic Church. Around 500 years before that, the church became the official seat of power in Europe. 500 years before that, there was a radical named Jesus who came to reform the Jewish community to remain 'the faithful'.

Though I am two months in, and though Methodist ministers have the ability to be moved every year, I'm left thinking about what the next 500 years of the church will look like. We see that a lot of similarities exist between the church of today and the church of 1517. Ministers can abuse their power, take advantage of those who are trusting, and often the religious are looking at how they can control the actions of everyone. If you study history and read authors like Brian McLaren and Phyllis Tickle, you will easily see a 500-year trend has emerged in church history and that we are at the beginning the of the next great movement in the church.

My question for us to ponder is what do we want it to look like? As things may seem to be changing outside and inside the church, I hope you know that we, you all included, have a voice in this. I hope you'll join me as we march as faithfully as we can into what God has in store for the next 500 years.

Peace,

Daniel



OUTREACH NEWS

Another summer has gone by! Our Hero Central Vacation Bible School was a great time for the (average) 40 children who attended, along with all the volunteers - snack preparers, craft and science lab leaders, team and worship leaders—who made it all happen. Many thanks to Brad and Jessica Newlin for orchestrating this effort. Thank you also to Leslie Hosterman for organizing the Ice Cream Social, which was held the final evening of VBS.

The daily Bible School Mission Offering totaled \$534. The kids *loved* feeding the pig! Additionally, the wider St. Paul's Church family had been generously supporting the children's mission efforts. Contributions offered through our July Mission envelope, plus excess monies given to support our geranium sale in May, increased the total to \$1,057. **A check has been sent to Heifer International to further their global initiative to eliminate hunger and poverty.** Thank you, everyone!



LEWISBURG CROP WALK: OCTOBER 8, 2017

The Lewisburg Council of Churches is working with Church World Services to plan our 40th annual CROP Walk. In the past 39 years, the people of Lewisburg have raised more than \$300,000 to fight world hunger. One-fourth of that money is shared with various *local* food programs—Supplemental Food Bank, Donald Heiter Center, Dinner by the River, to name a few.

Registration will be held at 1:30PM, at St. Paul's UM Church, with the walk beginning at 2:00PM. Both a one-mile route and a five-mile route will be mapped out and available to walkers.

Please see Pat Elliott or Pastor Daniel for more information.

FALL MISSION OFFERINGS

Each fall, St. Paul's becomes a flurry of activity and generosity as our annual Operation Christmas Child mission effort picks up steam! In preparation, **we will focus our Mission Offering in Sep-**

"LIFE AFTER LOSS"

Coping with the loss of a loved one is never easy...that's why Evangelical Hospital is offering a 6-week bereavement group called "Life After Loss." ***This outreach will meet Wednesday afternoons beginning September 20.*** Those over age 18 are invited to attend.

Registration information and further details are available on our bulletin boards in the large fellowship area.



HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Are you searching for a volunteer experience that is meaningful? Hospice of Evangelical may have the opportunity you're seeking and all the training you'll need. No experience necessary - just a caring heart and time are required.

Volunteers work with staff to provide visits and support to patients, and their families, who are facing a life-limiting illness. Certified pet therapy and music volunteer support are also welcome.

A free training is planned for **September 11 and 12.** Please visit our bulletin boards for additional details and contact information.

CLOTHES SHARE PROGRAM

In conjunction with the Supplemental Food Program housed at First Baptist Church, the Clothes Share Program offers free clothing to clients who are enrolled the food program, on the first and third Fridays of every month. Also provided are new under-clothes for school age children every fall and new pjs and a hooded sweatshirt to all children at Christmas. They are grateful for all the quality donations that are dropped off, and equally grateful for the volunteers that sort them, all for distribution to their clients.

And....they are in desperate need of a director!

The current director is experiencing some life-changes and is in need of assistance to continue the program. If you are able to offer about 4 hours per week or would like additional information,

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S WORSHIP & BRUNCH

On *Sunday, September 17, at 9:15am*, our morning worship will be **'welcome to/welcome back' to St. Paul's**. All church school activities will be suspended for the morning, as we will follow our worship with a pot-luck brunch.

Please use this opportunity to invite folks to join us—those who will be new to St. Paul's or those who have been missing from St. Paul's, relatives, friends or neighbors. All are most welcome!

So we can better plan, please use the sign-ups on the bulletin board to indicate your attendance and note your contribution to the brunch. Service items and hot beverages will be provided. Please see Brad Newlin with your questions.

ST. PAUL'S 2017 CHURCH CONFERENCE

St. Paul's Church Conference will be held at Christ UM Church, Selinsgrove on **Sunday, November 12 at 4:00PM**. A joint worship celebration will include United Methodists from Lewisburg, Milton, Northumberland, Selinsgrove, Sunbury and Watsonstown. Following worship, various required administrative reports will be reviewed, discussed and considered for vote.



Each member of St. Paul's has voice and vote, while friends of St. Paul's will have voice, on all matters. More details to come!

WITH SYMPATHY

It is with great sympathy that we note the passing of **Ruth Haire Knechel**, mother of Larry (Trish) Haire and grandmother to Jennifer and Melissa.

She entered the church eternal on Sunday, July 16.

Thanks be
to God for the life of Ruth.



In Our Prayers

We also mourn the passing of **Birdie Barnett** on Sunday, August 6. Birdie chose St. Paul's to be her faith community in the years she was able to be involved here in Lewisburg.

Per the wishes of her family, a memorial service will be held, in Montgomery, Alabama. They have also graciously chosen St. Paul's UMC as the recipient of any memorial gifts.

tember on Operation Christmas Child shipping costs. Each packed shoebox requires \$9 to be shipped abroad. Last year, we were able to fully finance the shipping of all the shoeboxes packed at St. Paul's.

In October, our focus will include two efforts. St. Paul's will join our community during October, to focus on Fire Prevention by directing half of October's Mission Offering to the **William Cameron Engine Company**. The remainder of mission contributions from October will be sent to Church World Service to support **CROP Walk 2017**. Donating to both these groups will ensure that your mission monies will benefit our local community.

Please prayerfully consider generous contributions to these three mission efforts, which extend our commitment to "Loving, Serving, and Living like Jesus."

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

For over a decade, Operation Christmas Child has been sharing the message of God's love with millions of children through gift-filled shoe boxes. Again this year, St. Paul's will participate in this outreach. **Our youth, with adult volunteers, will fill the shoe boxes on Sunday morning, November 12.** The list of appropriate items has changed a bit; please pick up a paper showing acceptable donations near the collection box located in the large gathering area.

We do need shoe boxes along with items for the shoe boxes. It is important that the boxes are all similar in size, therefore large boot boxes, children's shoe boxes or unusual sized shoe boxes cannot be used. **All contributions are needed by Sunday, November 5.**

RIVERWOODS AUXILIARY TEAM

The RiverWoods Auxiliary will start its Fall schedule on September 26th with Montandon UM Church providing the program. The Annual Meeting will be October 24th with music by K.J. Reimensnyder and at the final meeting for 2017, November 28th, Beaver Memorial UM Church will provide



the program. The meetings are held in Marlow Hall at 12:00 noon.

September Birthdays

- 1: Jane Rute Hommel
- 3: Jean Johnson
- 4: Roberta Cornelius
- 5: Pat Elliott
Lee Hummel
- 9: Kathy Hans
- 11: Allison Murphy
- 18: Ed Asher
- 19: Tom Oleginski
- 25: Glen Roush
Marian Roush

Free lunch provided. The Auxiliary's mission is to enhance the lives of River-



October Birthdays

- 3: Jennifer Levanowitz
- 5: Dolores Smith
Whitney Chappell
- 7: Craig Chappell
Rachel Dixon
Alex Tittle
- 13: Bob Needham
Judy Walter
- 14: Nancy Asher
Reagan Ranck
- 21: LeeAnn Anderson
- 22: Betty Heim
Kieran Welch
- 25: Dennis Hause
Tiffany Ranck

Woods residents. In keeping with that mission, the Auxiliary recently

September Anniversaries

- 7: Jared & Rachel Mangle
- 13: Ed & Nancy Asher
- 15: Robert & LeeAnn Anderson
- 23: Bill & Sandy Hoffman

gave \$4,000 toward the purchase of needed therapy equipment. The Auxiliary is open to both men and

October Anniversaries

- 6: Nate & Leslie Hosterman
- 7: Glen & Marian Roush
- 20: Larry & Clara Ellen Kemmerer
- 26: Brad & Jess Newlin



women and dues are only \$5.00 per year! If you have questions, please speak

Upcoming Sermons

I wanted to use this space to offer you all a chance to prepare yourselves for what is coming in the way of sermons. If you are like me, I like to know what I'm getting into before I arrive. If you aren't like me, just ignore this page. Also, if you have anything you think would be a good sermon topic or series topic, please let me know and I'll see what we can do about it.

9/3 – Revelation: Build Your Kingdom Here
Revelation 21:22—22:5

9/10 – The End of the World As You Know It.
(Suicide Prevention Week)
Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

9/17 – Pray and Obey, Part 1
2 Chronicles 7:14

9//24 - Pray and Obey, Part 2
1 Samuel 15:22-23

10/1 – Pastor Daniel is on Vacation

10/8 – Protestant Reformation: Sola Scriptura
2 Timothy 3:10-17

10/15 – Protestant Reformation: Sola Gratia
Romans 3:21-31

10/22 – Protestant Reformation: Sola Fide and Sola Christus
Galatians 2:15-21

10/29 – Protestant Reformation:
Priest Hood of All Believers & Soli Deo Gloria
1 Peter 2:4-9
1 Corinthians 10:23-33

Upcoming
Sermons



These are the current plans. They could change.

Are placed to the Glory of God:

- 3:
- 10:
- 17:
- 24:



GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 3: Bob & Cindy Needham
- 10: Nate & Leslie Hosterman
- 17: Dan & Ann Murphy
- 24: Dave Bostian family



USHER CAPTAIN & SOUND TECHNICIAN

Dan Murphy

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 10:
- 17:
- 24:



FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

- 3: Beverages only
- 10: Pastor Daniel
- 17: Welcome Brunch
- 24:

Each Sunday following worship, volunteers provide refreshments and serve during the Fellowship Time. This hospitality ministry also includes setup and cleanup. Supplies for making hot drinks and paper products are provided. Homemade and/or purchased baked goods, fruit and additional goodies are always welcome!

FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER



When Jesus began his public ministry, he did so by calling together a small group of ordinary men with whom he walked and talked, studied and worshiped, cried and grieved, prayed and celebrated.

There is incredible value for those who regularly meet to pray together, study Scripture together, support one another through difficulties and celebrate together the power of God's love and forgiveness.

So with the beginning of a new fall season comes *an invitation to join a study group at St. Paul's. Current opportunities include:*

- Adult Sunday School Classes meet Sunday following worship.
- Men's Bible Study group meets Monday at 7:00PM.
- Women's Bible Study group meets Monday at 7:00PM.
- Adult Bible Study Group meets Thursday at 11:00AM.

NEW MEN'S STUDY TO BEGIN

Pastor Daniel will be leading a Men's Study, beginning on Monday, September 11, at 7:00PM. Please share your interest or questions with him.

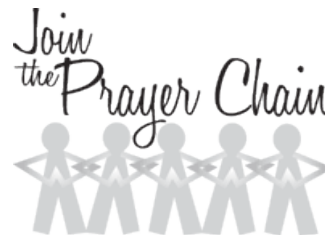


WOMEN'S STUDY RESUMES

Our Women's Bible Study led by Jessica Olenginski will also begin, same date, same time.

All are welcome!

Please join in these times of study and relationship building.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, please call **Clara Ellen**

SEPTEMBER 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 1:30PM Supplemental Food Program	2	
3 9:15AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30AM Church School	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5	6	7 11:00AM Adult Bible Study	8 9 10:00AM Girl Scouts	
10 9:15AM Worship 10:30AM Church School	11 4:30PM SU Music Prep 7:00PM Men's Bible Study 7:00PM Women's Bible Study	12	13	14 11:00AM Adult Bible Study	15 1:30PM Supplemental Food Program	16
17 9:15AM Worship & Welcome Brunch NO Church School	18 4:30PM SU Music Prep 7:00PM Men's Bible Study 7:00PM Women's Bible Study Begins	19 7:00PM Church Council Meeting	20	21 11:00AM Adult Bible Study	22	23 10:00AM Girl Scouts
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