



The Circuit

The Newsletter of
St. Paul's United Church of Christ



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From the Corner of Spring and Main Streets

Dear St. Paul's Family,

When the Lord brought us back to Jerusalem, it was like a dream. (Psalm 126:1 GNT)

When we held our first virtual worship service on March 15, 2020, I remember thinking we surely would be back to in-person worship in time for Easter. Little did I know that it would be Easter, 2021 - 56 weeks later. This season of Easter may feel a bit like the Psalm above. "When the Lord brought us back to the church house, it was like a dream." You never step into the same river twice. How we worship together will not be exactly what we imagined it would be like a year ago.

I suspect most of us will come back with mixed feelings, grateful to be back in the sanctuary, joyful to see familiar faces, overwhelmed by the scent of lilies, and hopeful that more and more persons will be vaccinated. We will grieve those we have lost. We will be disappointed that we are wearing face masks, social distancing, and not singing. We will miss those who do not yet feel safe being present, angry that we are living with these restrictions, and thankful that we have made it this far.

We aren't alone in having mixed feelings. In the earliest ending of Mark's gospel, we find three women on their way to the tomb that first Easter morning. Their grief was overwhelming, and their one goal was to bury Jesus well. They were afraid, knowing that Jesus' fate could be theirs'. They felt pretty hopeless, having no idea who would roll the stone away.

They discovered the stone rolled back, and a young man dressed in white sitting in the tomb, but no Jesus. They were terrified. He said, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Of course, we know what happened. They did tell! Their healing came in the telling of the full story, their terror and their amazement is an important part of the story that blesses us with the promise of resurrection this year! In the midst of impossible obstacles, in the midst of doubt and terror and amazement, Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed

Pastor Anne



APRIL 2021 NOTES FROM PASTOR ANNE:

Rod and I have been overwhelmed with your gracious and generous provision of prayers, cards, meditations, leadership in worship, and meals during my recovery from hip surgery. I continue to make good progress in physical therapy which should continue through April. St. Paul's is one amazing congregation!!!!

Worship

Please note that we will follow safety protocols including social distancing, wearing facemasks, and no singing for all in-person worship services. Our consistory will review the situation on a month-by-month basis in order to respond to increasing or decreasing COVID19 restrictions.

April 4, 2021:

Easter Sunday Worship In-Person (will also be recorded and posted on our website)

Join us for this first in-person worship service for 2021 in our sanctuary at 11:00 am. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper with adherence to safety protocols, and have a time for children.

April 11, 2021:

Worship In-Person (recorded and posted on our website)

The Conference Ministers of the Central Atlantic Conference United Church of Christ are providing this pre-recorded worship service for all conference congregations. Join us in-person in the sanctuary as we worship together.

April 18, 2021:

Worship In-Person (recorded and posted on our website)

April 25, 2021

Worship In-Person (recorded and posted on our website)



Opportunities to Gather On-Line or in Person: If you are interested in any of the options below, please call or email Becky at the church office for more details about how to be involved.

Kola Class – on-line and in person:

Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Join in the discussion and fellowship about upcoming sermon texts and what God might be saying to us through Bible texts.

Email Becky Lytton or Pastor Anne for the Zoom link.

Sacred Season – on-line: Every other week on Thursdays, 4 – 5 pm. Women of faith reflecting about God's presence in their lives.

Email Becky Lytton or Pastor Anne for the Zoom link.

Porch Visits with Pastor Anne

If you would like a visit from Pastor Anne, she would love to visit members and friends of the congregation, respecting social distance on your porch or patio. Please call the church office to schedule a visit.

Men's Meeting

Saturday, April 10, 2021 8:15 a.m. at the Woodstock Brew House

PEOPLE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS



Dr. Jerry Germroth Valorie Hockman Wes Irvin Jake Johnson	Daniel Rohne Kasten Michael Kavaras Marcie Lambert Nora Long	Courtney Markham Cheri Davidson May Gail Mayberry Spencer McIntosh	Jessie Payne Janet Sibert Craig Smith Pete Wright
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Bread of Life Food Pantry

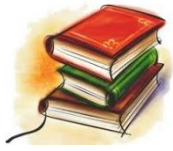
1. We gave out 4738 pounds of food to 54 families consisting of 160 individuals.
2. Of the 160 number of individuals 42 were children
3. Family size - One - 14; Two -11; Three - 7; Four - 9; Five - 9; Six - 2; Seven - 0; and Eight - 2
4. For the second month in a row the number of clients has dropped. As I have stressed in the past, we are a partner with the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in Winchester, VA which requires us to operate within certain rules. One stipulation is the handing out USDA type foods which amounts to 16 items out of 53 items on the food sheets that the clients can make selections from. The point is when a client comes in for food, they are required to be interviewed to see if they are qualified to get the USDA food. Approximately 90%+ are. We still have the option of providing the other food items to those that are not qualified. We rarely turn away a person in need of food. If you are aware of anyone who needs food, we highly recommend you refer them to us preferably on the third Tuesday and Thursday of each month. We can be contacted at other times for emergencies by calling the WUMC at 459-4144 or and me Bill Decker at 459-1928. However, we are not set up to make deliveries at this time.

As always, we are very thankful for the support that we receive from you and the Woodstock community.

Blessings,

Bill Decker and Kay Helsley,
Co-Directors





OUR CHURCH HISTORY

St. Paul's UCC

Pictures and copy of selections from
"National Register of Historic Places" provided by Bill Dalke



The Walton House (now Miller Nursing Home)

The Walton House at 118 North Muhlenberg is an early example of the Queen Anne style. Built in 1885 for Morgan L. Walton, a prominent lawyer and Virginia state senator from 1891 to 1895, the large brick house has projecting bays, a corner octagonal tower with a tall pointed roof, segmental-arched 212 sash windows, massive interior chimneys with corbeled brickwork, and a wraparound porch with fluted Ionic columns on stone parapets. In 1937 the house was converted into a private hospital, and since 1951 it has served as a nursing home.



Muhlenberg Hall, 225 North Muhlenberg Street. The house was built in 1914 as the private residence of Clyde and Maude Walton. At that time Mr. Walton was part owner of Walton and Smoot Drug Store located then on Court Square. From the late 1930s into the 1950s the house was used as a private hospital operated by Dr. Roy Fravel. In the early 1960s the property became National Headquarters for Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

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Section 7 page 10 from the National Register of Historic Places

The Colonial Revival style is perhaps best represented by the Clyde Walton House located at 225 N. Muhlenberg Street. Probably the largest house in Woodstock, the 2 1R-story brick residence has a colossal five-bay front portico featuring Scarnozzi Ionic columns and a heavy turned balustrade. A central front entrance is flanked by sidelights and has an elliptical fanlight with tracery. Situated above the entrance is a balcony with a cast-iron balustrade. Built in 1914, the house is now known as Muhlenberg Hall and serves as the national headquarters for Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

Were you born at the Susan B. Miller Nursing Home building?

After the last newsletter went out to the congregation, one former member (John Golladay) wrote back.

“Many of the children of St. Paul’s mothers were born there, including the Golladay brothers (twins John and Sam) and Bob Wilkins. There is a good possibility that Bill Dalke was born there as well.

My mother and Mrs. Wilkins shared the same room. We were born 2 days apart.”

Bill Dalke was also born there on June 24, 1944. John and Sam were born June 13 and Bobby was born on the 15th the same year.

Tim Dalke and Cathy Dalke were both born at the Miller Hospital. On Cathy’s birth certificate, the hospital name was listed as Cora Miller Hospital and her doctor was Dr. Gearing (we think).

Most of the Wright family kids (including Margie Cook, Becky Lytton, Mary Lou Odum, Pete Wright, and probably all of the others) were born down the street at the Fravel Hospital, now the Tri-Sigma.

Phil Stoneburner was also born at the Fravel Hospital. He said that his mother worked there as probably an assistant to Dr. Roy Fravel.

Please let us know if you were born at Dr. Miller’s (Cora Miller) Hospital or the Fravel Hospital. It will be interesting to see. The Shenandoah Memorial Hospital was built in 1951 so the younger folks were born there if born in Woodstock.



ST. PAUL’S NEWS

Consistory Happenings!

The St. Paul’s Consistory met March 11th using Zoom.



Highlights from the meeting include:

- Treasurer’s Report:
 - o The monthly reports were presented.
 - o Members met with Eric Dalke to review the endowment accounts at Edward Jones.
 - o The church is not eligible for the second round of the PPP.
- Worship and Music:
 - o Community Lenten services are on Zoom Wednesdays at noon.

- Christian Ed:
 - o Continuation of Zoom meetings for Kola Class and Sacred Seasons
 - o Rev. Anne continues to meet on Zoom with the youth to stay connected.
- Stewardship & Missions:
 - o Herb Dish-Gardens project is in the works and will be ready for sale on May 2nd.
- Building & Maintenance:
 - o Total Pest Services will be cleaning and removing items from the porch at the sexton house on March 12th for a quote of \$350.
 - o Price quotes are coming in for the repairing or replacement of the boiler that is not working. Mountain Valley Home Comfort gave a quote of \$10,995 for a boiler replacement. Waiting to hear from Orttts and HN Funkhouser
 - o Gene's Plumbing checked the sewer drain. All it clear.
- Pastoral Report:
 - o Repurposing the Church workshop update – Two people will be asked to chair this group and the consistory will monitor.
 - o Rev. Anne appreciates the support of care after surgery through cards, prayers, and meals.
- Old Business:
- New Business:
 - o A decision will be made to open for in-person worship on Easter Sunday, April 4. All safety protocol will be followed. Outside groups will be able to meet again in April. (AA, TOPS, and Girl Scouts)
 - o The wedding of Lerin Tusing and Ronald Baker will be allowed to meet (May 22) for the family only for the ceremony. Their reception will be held at another venue.

Next Meeting: April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

NOTE: The full copies of all consistory minutes can be found in the notebook on the desk outside the pastor's office.



SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all the folks who stepped up to help continue the worship services as Rev. Anne was recuperating from hip surgery.

Mary Catlett
 Layla Baker
 Patty Snarr
 Senior choir
 Rev. Dr. Katie Low
 Rev. Derek Ritenour
 Joe Lehnen
 Rod Chamberlain

Courtney Brill
 Sharon McCarthy
 Nathan Eye
 David Brill
 Julie Ritenour
 Barbara Rhodes
 Craig Orndorff
 Becky Lytton

STEWARDSHIP AND MISSIONS

Herbinmachin!

You have all heard of Schwaginmachin – the making of Christmas swags – now Team StewMish would like to introduce you to a brand new concept – Herbinmachin!

Yes, your Stewardship & Missions team will be gathering in late April to make and sell herb dish gardens just in time for your gardening season! Each of these attractive planters will contain three herbs, grown locally by Adam's Apples of Woodstock. Following are the details:

- Preorder by calling or emailing the church office by Sunday April 18th
- Herb gardens are available for pick-up at the church on Sunday May 2nd
- Cost: \$15.00 per container
- All proceeds will go to the church's emergency fuel assistance fund which helps those in need of paying fuel bills, an electricity bill or even a tank of gas for the car!

~ Joe Lehnen

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Spring has sprung! With it, comes the promise of better days ahead. The Worship and Music Committee met on March 15 to plan for those better days. The best news is that with vaccinations in full swing, the Covid numbers are dropping and our Consistory has decided to start in-house worship on Easter Sunday, April 4th!

Rev. Anne will be back, and supported by Rev. Barbara, she will lead the service on April 4th. As the saying goes, "It takes a village!", and St Paul's has proven that we have that village. Thanks to all who have participated in the services and daily devotional presentations during Anne's absence. When the call came, you all stepped up and did your part. Becky says she didn't even have to twist any arms!

On April 11, we will meet at church, and will enjoy the CAC service as planned previously. Although most of the service will be shown "on the big screen", we will enjoy each other's company. No, we won't be serving popcorn, but we will be serving up some hospitality through smiling eyes (and smiles behind our masks), and elbow bumps!

Be prepared to hear the choir back in service on April 18th, and April 25th. Although we won't be singing, there will be some beautiful bell ringing. Mary has done some arranging and preparation of harmonies and countermelodies with some of your favorite hymns. Practice will begin on April 13th at 7:00 pm. **Anyone** who is interested in ringing, is advised to come to practice. There are plenty of bells to go around!

We look forward to being together again, and to sharing all the joyful music we can muster.

Can't wait to make a joyful noise!

Sincerely,

Mary, Patty, and team



THANK YOU KATE AND STEVE!!



Special thanks to Kate and Steve Schindler who did the work on completing the printout and filling in the names of the people in the 1938 church photo!! Check it out! It is posted on the table in the parlor.

Note: Kate is the daughter of Ann Benchoff Stamm and Dr. Charles Stamm and granddaughter of Major Guy Benchoff and Katharine Hottel Benchoff.

Thanks Kate and Steve!
What a gift of love!



Birthdays for St. Paul's

April 2 – Nathan Terry
3 – Tim Dalke, Mathew Linaweaver
4 – Chuck Walton, Cathy Boze
5 – Jodi Orndorff
7 – Kaye Lehen
9 – Derek Snarr
10 – Lucas Ritenour
12 – Cory Grubbs
14 – Michael Baylock, Barbara Wright,
B. J. Goodier
15 – Joe Lehen, Susan Brill
16 – Tom Snarr
17 – Courtney Brill
19 – Evelyn Neff
21 – Carol Rhea, Amy Palatnick
29 – Janice Heishman, Miranda Funkhouser
30 – Jerrold Foltz

May 2 – Ashley Funkhouser
3 – Allen Brill
4 – Kathleen Kennan
5 – Stephanie Dysart
6 – Matthew Bray
7 – Shelly Eye
8 – Lerin Tusing, Alisha Williams
9 – Hanna Lehen Palmer
11 – Betty Lambert
12 – Andrew Dalke, Katie Lehen
14 – Mitchell Heishman
16 – Margie Cook
17 – Linda Sheetz
19 – Ron Bankert
21 – Josh Orndorff
22 – Josh Rhea
23 – Teddy Snarr
24 – Steve Wood
28 – Marcie Lambert, Price Timmerman IV
30 – Travis Cooper, Marilyn Cooper,
Henry Palatnick

Anniversaries for St. Paul's

April 10 – Eric and Jennifer Dalke
29 – Alisha and Trent Williams

May 19 – Patty and Tom Snarr
25 – Dawn and Dale Funkhouser

Scripture Readers

April 4 – Melissa Sndrews
11 – Andrew Miller
18 – Susan Brill
25 – Davon Ridgley

May 2 – Craig Orndorff
9 – Kaye Lehen
16 – Allen Brill
23 – Julie Ritenour
30 – Jane Miller

Greeters

April –
May –

Junior Church – Jennifer Dalke

Elementary Class – Marsha Cooper

Youth Class –

Altar Flowers (if we are meeting in-person)

April 4 – Easter
11 – Susan Brill
18 – Susan Myers
25 – Barbara Rhodes

May 2 – Patty Snarr
9 – Joe Lehen
16 –
23 – Becky Lytton
30 – Melissa Andrews

