

# The Circuit



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## *Young Thoughts*

May and June are Graduation months. I know because I have already attended one and am about to attend the second of three this season. Even without graduation, June is a time for school children and youth to realize they must say good-bye to the familiarity of their classrooms and prepare to meet new situations.

This year, 2019, is such a year for St. Paul's UCC. The time will come sometime this year when you will be "graduating" or "promoted". The familiarity of our time together in this extended Interim period will come to an end. You'll get to meet your new Teacher and Pastor. And this Interim Pastor and Teacher will be in a position to possibly meet a new "class".

In the classroom analogy everything feels pretty bleak in June because everyone was used to the routine. It may be also that a particular teacher in a particular year was especially significant in a life. With graduation there is the experience of completely new ventures looming before a student that had become accustomed to the academic life. No one says change is without pain.

But change is really about new possibilities. Those who are about to graduate or be promoted are equipped to experience that change with anticipation, joy, and excitement.

When Jesus talked with his disciples at the time he knew his earthly ministry was coming to an end, he basically told them "You are going to be all right." "You have been prepared for this time." And sure enough, they were equipped for life and ministry. The Church we know today is because those disciples ultimately trusted that God would be with them in the form of the Holy Spirit and together great things would happen. What was true for the disciples is also true for St. Paul's.

Although I can't give you any specifics about the when, I can tell you that you are prepared to carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ through St. Paul's United Church of Christ. It is time for you to be aware of the marvelous good news.

*Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Clara*





## PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Need your picture!

Can't wait to see your photos!!

### WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILDREN JOIN A CHURCH CHOIR?

May 2006

Julia Ring Danley Lambert

1. We teach them to sing. Children who can't yet follow a melody CAN learn to – if they come to rehearsal regularly. Those who already sing tunefully will learn vocal and music reading skills that will stay with them throughout their lives.
2. We train them as worship leaders. Most who feel that their presence in choir is important to God, the church and their parents continue to center their lives in church, long after their beginning choir experience is over. We are building the church choirs of tomorrow.
3. We augment their Christian education. Scripture, praise and prayer that are sung remain for years.
4. We offer the opportunity for children to learn first-hand about serving God with their time and talent.
5. Those who trade family time and play time for choir time will reap later rewards.
6. Children who become used to singing in front of worshipers lose their shyness and develop poise that transfers into all areas of life.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- o June 9 – Pentecost Sunday with Communion
- o June 16 – Father's Day, Congregational Meeting to elect consistory and church officers
- o June 30 – Installation of the Consistory, Trustees, and Church Officers
- o July 6 – Youth group from Kensington, CT will spend the night at St. Paul's during their mission trip
- o July 14 – Teen Challenge will lead worship
- o July 14 – 18 – Vacation Bible School at the United Methodist Church



### PEOPLE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Betty Crane Larry Gochenour Valorie Hockman Wes Irvin Jake Johnson	Daniel Rohne Kasten Michael Kavaras Marcie Lambert Nora Long Cheri Davidson May	Gail Mayberry Spencer McIntosh Rev. James Medley Fern Orndorff Jessie Payne	Janet Sibert Rev. Charles Wood Pete Wright St. Paul's church family
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## OUR CHURCH HISTORY

St. Paul's UCC

### Congratulations to our Graduates! 2005

from high school...

**Jonathan Sollenberger** will be graduating from Central High School this month. He has had a fantastic sports career at Central in football, basketball, and baseball, with baseball being his favorite. A star Varsity pitcher with at least three special pitches, he has received much press in the Northern Virginia Daily, including a heartwarming feature article relating how he values his sports abilities as a way to honor his mother. After spending the summer working and being with his friends, Jonathan will head to Radford University in the fall, where he plans to study Criminal Justice.

from college...

**Mary Danley** graduated from Eastern Mennonite University on May 1<sup>st</sup> with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, fulfilling a career goal she had set for herself many years ago. Although Mary has been a registered nurse for twenty-three years, she was determined to earn the B.S. degree, too, and has spent the last 18 months commuting to night classes with 20 other adult degree nurses. Mary feels like she has experienced higher education on every campus in the northern Shenandoah Valley and recommends all of these schools, as well as continuing education for students of any age. She plans to keep working until Uncle Sam says she can retire—the last time she checked it was 66 years, 7 months!

**Ryan Markel** graduated from Elon University (a UCC related school) near Burlington, North Carolina, with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems and minors in Computer Science and Business. Several programs he designed are currently being used at the school, and he has presented them at conferences in Las Vegas and Montreal. He was asked to present his senior research project on multiple platform development to the Elon Board of Trustees. Ryan was also part of the drum line in the marching band. After a week on the Outer Banks with some friends, Ryan will be working for a software development company in Reston, designing anti-terrorism applications for the FBI.

**Andrew Walton** graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Social Studies. He will begin work on a master's in Secondary Education next January and hopes to teach high school after graduation. Andy also enjoyed playing sports at school and someday would like to coach cross-country or track. While he was attending JMU, Andy was called to active duty in the army reserves and spent seven months in Uzbekistan during Operation Enduring Freedom! He recently reenlisted for another tour in the reserves and may decide to become a commissioned officer someday. Meanwhile, he will be busy spending the summer as a teaching assistant at JMU, working part-time, and spending two weeks active duty at army summer camp in Pennsylvania.

*Graduates from the Past!*





# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

Consistory Happenings!  
The St. Paul's Consistory met on May 1<sup>st</sup>.



Highlights from the meeting include:

## Ministry Reports:

**Treasurer's Report and Budget and Finance:** There is no update on reconciling of issues related to the 941 forms the 2015 and 2017 tax issues. Two of the trustees have signed the entity authorization forms at the bank to protect the church's bank accounts.

**Ministry of Worship and Music:** Junior Choir had a picnic after practice on May 1<sup>st</sup>, which was enjoyed by all. They will sing again on Mother's Day. Law Enforcement Service will be May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. The service to recognize graduates will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Ministry of Christian Education:** Six youths served soup at the Maundy Thursday service. Members of the youth will be visiting the Bible Museum and Law Enforcement Museum on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Ministry of Stewardship and Missions:** This year's Heifer Project will benefit the church in Paradise, California that was destroyed by wildfire.

**Ministry of Building and Maintenance:** There has been no further work on the air conditioning units or church garden beds. The canopy for the red doors facing Main Street has been ordered. The Consistory will be getting a quote to repaint the sign in the front of the church as the north side of the sign is in need of some clean up.

**Pastoral Report:** The Association Conference Minister, Audrey Price, will be attending the service on May 5 and preaching. Law enforcement service and reception will be Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Young will be on vacation May 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> and Rev. Rhodes will be conducting the service, which includes honoring our graduates, that day.

## Business Items:

**Pictorial Directory:** Congregational families/members have been asked to submit a photo to the church office for inclusion in the church directory.

**Consistory members:** Four members' terms are ending in June: Melissa Andrews, Travis Cooper, Gabi Fream, and Susan Fream. Travis Cooper has agreed to remain as church Treasurer. Gabi Fream has agreed to stay on for an additional year. The election of Consistory members will be June 16<sup>th</sup> with the installation on June 30<sup>th</sup>.



~ Susan Fream

## STEWARDSHIP & MISSIONS MINISTRY

### Life out of the Ashes

As you might remember from last month's newsletter, Stewardship and Missions has decided to engage in a domestic, non-Heifer mission project by supporting the congregation of Craig Memorial Congregational Church in Paradise, California. This was the church that lost its house of worship in the hugely devastating Camp Fire.

In a recent conversation with their pastor, the Rev. Andrew McHenry, he relayed to me the following:

- Many of our congregation have scattered to other places in California, Oregon, and across the country. Before the fire we typically had 75 to 85 in attendance on Sundays, now it's around 30 to 40.
- I can only think of nine or ten families whose homes **survived** the fire -- and they were also impacted since there was so much smoke damage.
- Fortunately, praise God, none of our church members died in the fire. We have had two members die since the fire -- one who was over 100 and another who was in his 70s but was in frail health. We could speculate on the impact of the evacuation experience and all that followed and whether that accelerated their deaths, but thankfully none of our ranks died in the fire itself.
- As of April 25<sup>th</sup>, FEMA contractors have begun the church debris removal, more than five months after the Camp Fire.

Reading this again gives me pause, for none of us can imagine the sheer magnitude of destruction that this fire caused in city of 27,000 residents. For the people of Craig Memorial church, and the folks in Paradise California, their lives will be forever changed.

Stewardship and Missions thanks all who supported the recent plant sale by the Youth Group. The proceeds of the sale are dedicated to helping the folks of Craig Memorial.

Please continue your prayerful and monetary support of this mission project. Donations can be made to St. Paul's Church, with a designation of "Craig Memorial Church Fund".

*~ Joe Lehnen*



### JUNIOR CHOIR BLESSES US!

Bless you! Bless you! Is not only for ah-choo!  
Bless you! Bless you! Is not only for ah-choo!  
Bless you! Bless you! Is not only for ah-choo!  
cause we all need blessings too.



The Jr. Choir concluded their year on Mother's Day blessing us with exuberant singing and leading of worship. We are grateful for this enthusiastic group of youngin's and celebrate them as well as their families.

We can bless the food we eat.  
We can bless the friends we greet.  
We can bless the things we do.  
Bless you! Bless you! Bless you!

A huge shout out to our parents who supported the musical and spiritual goals of our group. Together the children were always ready to learn and have fun! While the big ones helped the small ones, friendships were strengthened and laughter was contagious!

We can bless the pets we have.  
We can bless our moms and dads.  
We can bless our teachers too.  
Bless you! Bless you! Bless you!

Blessings flowed freely from the first October rehearsal through the final verse of “This Little Light of Mine” through singing, ringing, dancing, eating, playing, laughing, learning, and loving!!

When we show we’re thankful for the ones we love  
And celebrate our blessings, we can live--as one!

Oh dear Clara and congregation, you smiled and supported us every step of the way. Thanks for your flexibility and nurturing!

Our picnic this year was held at the church. After rehearsal the children frolicked from station to station for guided activities and “fun in the sun”! Yes, Mary agreed to the sponge toss!!! Many thanks to Shelly Eye and her mom, Faye Cullers who helped each choir member create a card for their mom. We thought you’d enjoy their kind sentiments... Have a wonderful summer and until next year.....BLESS YOU!

During the Junior Choir picnic, the children made a gift for their mothers. Below are their writings with their own spelling about why they love their mom!!

### **I love my mom because...**

Vincent – “She takes care of me. She cares about me and she loves me and buy’s me things.”

Caroline – “She takes me to my sports practices and games. She also plays with us and cooks, does laundry, helps with homework, and packs lunches. She is also very, very nice. She lets me invite my friends over.”

Karsen – “She is pretty. She plans birthday party’s for me. She let’s me have friends over!”

Kenadie – “She’s sweet, nice, over protective, which is fine for me. She does almost every thing for me! She spoils me. She cares a lot I mean a lot about me. She treats me really well. I love my mom.”

Leiyana – “She makes food sometimes she takes us to the store and she gets us icecem.”

Lauren – “She clen my room. She tes me to the poow.”

Marilyn – “She hugs me. She takes me to the river.”

Macie – “She plays with me xoxoxo Mom”

Lucas – “Feeds me, Walmart, Ram Cake, Jr Choir.”

William – “She trn the tv on for me”

Jacob – “We go walking. She takes me to the dentist. We snuggle.” Dictated

Picnic pictures: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/GshGyb4p3HBQTX2w8>

Mother’s Day pictures at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/S5jY514h8GvkNcNk9>



## **THANKS TO ALL THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS!**

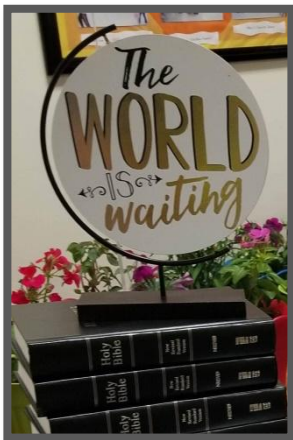
It was a great evening with a lovely service and a delightful reception as we honored our local law enforcement on May 8! Special thanks to all who attended to help us honor these special people. Thanks to Jennifer Dalke for decorating and organizing the reception and all the folks who assisted her by providing the food and drinks.

More pictures at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/gh1APHwrGMCzto8B9>



## YOUTH

Congratulations to our high school seniors, Zebadiah Dyer and Trent Williams, Jr.  
Our CHS graduates, Zeb (parents: Shaun and Magan Alkire) and TJ (parents: Trent and Alisha Williams)



What a pleasure to have this special time to wish these young men all the best in their future endeavors!  
More pictures at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/GWhHHQWP6X19UYHM6>

### Birthdays for St. Paul's

June 1 – Troy Payne  
2 – Zachary Dysart, Lauren Eye  
5 – Becky Lytton  
7 – Richard Lambert  
10 – J. W. Painter, Mary Lou Odum  
11 – Erin Goodier, Trey Gregg  
12 – Janet Sibert  
13 – John Golladay  
14 – Bonnie Bowman  
16 – Craig Orndorff, Matt Sheetz  
20 – William Dalke  
21 – Randall Kennedy III, Anna Ritenour  
23 – Debbie Good  
24 – Bill Dalke III  
26 – Bill Linaweaver  
27 – Peter Foltz, Melody Funkhouser  
30 – Ben Harrison, Josh Shrum

July 1 – Cathy Dalke, Dickie Hinchee  
6 – Maria F. Baylock  
9 – Jack Sheetz  
13 – Paula Orndorff, Leigh Catlett  
15 – Cindy George  
16 – Charlie George  
20 – Joyce Golladay  
21 – Bubba Kennedy, George Swecker  
22 – Wayne Cullers, Bailee Sollenberger  
25 – Ashley Bray  
26 – Rev. Charles Wood  
27 – Steve Heishman  
28 – Julianna D. Bankert  
31 – Roberta Dysart

### Anniversaries for St. Paul's

June 7 – Dawn and Phil Stoneburner  
12 – Faye and Wayne Cullers  
12 – Shelly and Chris Eye  
17 – Karen and Bob Wilkins  
24 – Maria and Alan Baylock  
25 – Kaye and Joe Lehnen

July 1 – Jason And Susan Fream  
3 – Chad and Michelle Sheetz  
5 – Richard and Marcie Lambert  
20 – Dan and Bonnie Bowman  
21 – Kline M. and Gayle Wilkins



### Acolytes

June 2 – Vincent Charity  
9 – Kyrsten Alkire  
16 – Caroline Eye  
23 – Connor Neff  
30 – Anna Ritenour

July 7 – Aiyana Charity  
14 – Gabi Fream  
21 – Ethan Gregg  
28 – Nathan Eye

### Scripture Readers

June 2 – Kaye Lehnen  
9 – Abbe Kennedy  
16 – Jane Miller  
23 – Meg Trott  
30 – Trudy Knode

July 7 – Patty Dellinger  
14 – Becky Lytton  
21 – Joe Lehnen  
28 – Alberta Smith

### Greeters

June – David and Susan Brill  
July – Senior Choir

Junior Church – Marsha Cooper & Jen Dalke

Elementary Class – Alisha Williams

Youth Class – Abby Neese

### Altar Flowers

June 2 – Shelly Eye  
9 – Meg Trott  
16 – Becky Lytton  
23 – Mary Catlett  
30 – Jennifer Dalke

July 7 – Betty Lambert  
14 – Linda Sheetz  
21 – Trudy Knode  
28 – Patty Dellinger





## LETTING GO

The following reading, "Letting Go," has profound and inspirational insights. Life is full of learning to let go. This reading looks at "letting go" as adding some very positives to our lives and to others.

May you be blessed as you read this:

*To let go doesn't mean to stop caring, it means I can't do it for someone else.*

*To let go is not to cut myself off, it's the realization that I don't control another.*

*To let go is not to enable, but to allow learning from natural consequences.*

*To let go is to admit powerlessness, which means the outcome is not in my hands.*

*To let go is not to try to change or blame another, I can only change myself.*

*To let go is not to care for, but to care about.*

*To let go is not to fix, but to be supportive.*

*To let go is not to judge, but to allow another to be a human being.*

*To let go is not to be in the middle arranging all the outcomes, but to allow others to affect their own outcomes.*

*To let go is not to be protective, it is to permit another to face reality.*

*To let go is not to deny but to accept.*

*To let go is not to nag, scold, or argue, but to search out my own shortcomings and to correct them.*

*To let go is not to adjust everything to my desires but to take each day as it comes and to cherish the moment.*

*To let go is not to criticize and regulate anyone but to try to become what I dream I can be.*

*To let go is not to regret the past but to grow and live for the future.*

*To let go is to fear less and love more.*

Author unknown

From *IN THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS*