



TRINITY SUNDAY

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

A welcoming Christ-centered community...

We're Glad You're Here!

Welcome: *St. Paul's creates experiences of joyful fellowship where children, youth, adults, and the elderly build open and honest relationships of mutual support. In welcoming the ongoing transformative power of the Holy Spirit, we find freedom from social stigmas and shame. This in turn empowers us to address isolation and marginalization in ourselves and in our wider community.*

Today's Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1-2:4 + Matthew 28:16-20

Ministers of the Gospel – All Who Gather for God's Worship

Guest Worship Leader– Pat Babel

Reader – Nancy Dragan

Ushers – Wanda Druzba and Nancy Hughes

Accompanist – Barb Moyer

Acolyte – Doug Johnson

Flower Dedication

To the Glory of God in memory of Clyde Johnson by the Johnson family

Join us for Sunday Morning Music & Worship

9:30 – 10:30am Sunday In-Person / Zoom Worship

Connect online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86359317508>

Or by phone to listen to the service:

Call 1-646-876-9923 and when prompted, enter the meeting ID: 863 5931 7508

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Church wifi: StPauls / havefaith

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

(please rise, in body or in spirit)

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 8)

One: O Holy One, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: We admire the work of your hands in awe and thanksgiving!

One: O Holy One, our Redeemer, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: Who are we that you come to us, empower us, and give us rest?

One: O Holy One, our Companion, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: Let us worship the Triune God with honor and glory! How majestic are your many names in all the earth!

Opening Hymn: **“All Things Bright and Beautiful” WHM #77**
[Worship His Majesty Hymnal]

Invitation to Confession

People: Creator, we give thanks that creation does not end; it rests. In your created order, rest is often the time and space necessary for renewal. Transformation happens in rest. Too often, we adopt the pace of the world that adopts hurry as normative and beneficial. Yet, we know, Holy Love, that when you began the work of creation, it served to bring order out of chaos, and it was good. As we seek your goodness today, we confess that we live in chaotic times. We affirm that you have charged us to care for this creation and have made us like you. Use us then to bring order in a chaotic world and to use rest as a necessary step for transformation and renewal. Help us discern the balance of rest and work that will yield good fruit. Amen.

(a moment of quiet reflection)

Words of Grace

Leader: Beloved, the God of Many Names has declared you good. You need not seek perfection. Creator has called you as a co-worker in the continual progressive acts of shaping the beloved community envisioned. The Holy One is with us in our work and with us in our rest.

People: Thanks Be to God!

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Hymn: “Jesus, Name Above All Names” WHM #183
[Worship His Majesty Hymnal]

We Listen For God’s Word: Scripture
Genesis 1:1-2:4 + Matthew 28:16-20

Storytelling: A Story of a Blessing

Hymn: “Come, Holy Spirit” WHM #289
[Worship His Majesty Hymnal]

Apostle's Creed

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the
dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Gathering the Prayers of the People

After each petition, we will say the following -

Leader: Holy One, in your mercy,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Creator, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Offering

Leader: Generous God, just as you provided for all our needs in your creative acts, you have made us caretakers of your good creation. Let us accept the call to faithful discipleship, the opportunity to trust in your provision, and the generous nature you have embedded in us.

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE!!! BIRDSBORO SHARES IS LIVE!!!!

Birdsboro Shares is a mutual aid network that we have been working on. This is a network of neighbors helping neighbors. Whether you have a need, a resource/skill to share, or both, we all enter the network the same way., through the Birdsboro Shares form on St Paul's website. See link:

<https://stpaulsbirdsboro.org/birdsboro-shares-mutual-aid-network/>

Your help is needed to get the word out, so please share with friends and neighbors!!.

Bible Study is held in the upper room in the church each Sunday beginning at 8:30am. Join us for good conversation and discussion about the books of the bible.

“Prayers of the People” – Our current Elders will be holding meetings on the 4th Thursday evening of each month at 6pm via Zoom. All are welcome including phone participants. Contact Pat Babel at 484-949-5033 to be included in the email distribution. Thank you!

Caring Closet starting for 2025-2026 school year

Ashley Griffith, the coordinator for the Daniel Boone School District’s “Caring Closet” sent a flyer to the church asking for the following:

- * Boys underwear for our Primary Center & Intermediate Center, S-XL & 4/5-12; & all sizes for Middle & High School
- * Girls underwear for our Primary Center & Intermediate Center, S-XL & 4/5-12; & all sizes for Middle & High School
- * Universal items such as applesauce squeeze pouches & individual goldfish snacks; children’s toothpaste & toothbrushes; deodorant; tampons & panty liners

Redner’s Save-A-Tape – We are still collecting Redner’s tapes for which St. Paul’s can receive 1% of the total bill (Excluding items controlled by the government such as tax, milk and tobacco products). Redner’s accepts receipts for redemption up to three years from their printed date and there is no dollar limit. Start saving tapes today! You can drop your receipts in the weekly offering plate or mailed to the church office.

Electronic Giving is available with the Vanco Mobile App or through our website "Give" page.



St Paul's Weekly Calendar

Sun, May 31	Sunday Worship (C) New Millennium (CE)	9:30am 7pm-8pm
Tues, Jun 2	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	5:30pm-7pm
Wed, Jun 3	Disciple Bible Study (CE)	9:30am-10:30am
Thurs, Jun 4	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL) Currently Sober (CE)	5:30pm-7pm 6:30-7:30pm
Fri, Jun 5	Beginners Meeting (CE)	7pm- 8pm
Sat, Jun 6	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	8:30am – 2pm
Sun, Jun 7	Sunday Worship (C) New Millennium (CE)	9:30am 7pm-8pm

This Week: Church Office Hours

Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:00am-1:00pm

This Week: Pastor Deb's Office Hours

Tues/remote 9:00am-1:00pm

Wed/in-office 9:00am-1:00pm

Thurs/remote 9:00am-1:00pm



Keystone

CONFERENCE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Covenant Association of the Keystone Conference UCC News from around the Association Greetings!

May 3, 2026

On Sunday, April 26, 2026, the Covenant Association met at St. John's Gernants Church in Leesport. It was a wonderful gathering, and we thank the Rev. Fran Merkel and the members of St. John's Gernants for their hospitality and refreshments. It was great to see friends, colleagues, and new faces as 70 people from around Covenant Association came together as one body.

As we worshiped God together, you could feel the Holy Spirit with us. Thanks to the Rev. Linda Kozlowski, the Rev. Selina Hamilton, the Rev. Rebecca Hoover, and the Rev. Fran Merkel for a wonderful worship experience.

With the creation of the Keystone Conference there was a lot of work that we needed to be about. The first item was to adopt The Conflict-of-Interest Policy. You can find this policy on the Covenant Association Website (covenantassociation.org). Each member of the Executive Committee will be asked to sign that they will abide by that policy. This will be done on an annual basis.

Our second item was to create the "Clergy Care Team" (CCT). Here is a short description of what this team will be about:

The Clergy Care Team serves as a vital support resource for authorized ministers, their spouses, and families within the Covenant Association. Committed to fostering well-being, the team coordinates prayer requests, stays in touch with Conference leadership, and offers both training and guidance to ensure the needs of clergy are met. With a dedication to confidentiality and a strong understanding of United Church of Christ beliefs and theology, members are respected for their administrative and visitation skills.

After much discussion about this proposal around the "term limits" that each of these folks would serve, this proposal was accepted.

The Rev. Mark Johnson, the Rev. Melissa Burkhart, the Rev. Bob Witmyer, the Rev. Mark Stryak, and the Rev. Linda Meredith were introduced as our new Clergy Care Team.

Our third item was discussion about what to do when people were not available for open positions on the Executive Committee. As you may or may not know, we have not had a Vice Moderator for one year. With concerns raised that our lay people need to know how important they are to the well-being of the Covenant Association, the following sentence was added to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Covenant Association:

“Though it is desired to alternate between authorized ministers and lay persons for the position of Moderator and Vice-Moderator, and if this is not possible, then an appropriate volunteer (authorized ministers and lay persons) may fill the role.”

One of the final items we discussed was the election of offices. The following were elected to positions in the Covenant Association:

Mrs. Alexis Ames: Standing side of the (COM)

(COM stands for the Committee on Ministry)

Rev. Domenik Ackerman to the COM

Rev. Jayme Babczak to the COM

Rev. Donald Epps to the COM

Mrs. Linda Lash to fill the unfinished term of Vice Moderator

Rev. Tammie Wisniewski as Treasurer

Mr. Rick Deerfield as Secretary

We celebrated our work and worship together by ending our gathering with communion and singing.

I would like to thank everyone who attended and everyone who helped to make this an amazing gathering! It was a beautiful day in the life of the Covenant Association.

If you missed this gathering, we will be gathering again on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at Huff's Church, 540 Conrad Road, Alburtis, PA. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** Spread the word in your congregation!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Covenant Association, feel free to reach out to your Executive Committee and we will be happy to meet with you.

In the June insert, we would like to begin to highlight our churches in the Covenant Association. PLEASE send one or two pictures of your congregation and include the exciting things that are happening. Send to Rev. Sharon Morris at revsmorris@gmail.com.