



**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 12:1-9 +  
Romans 4:13-25 + Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26  
Ministers of the Gospel – All Who Gather for God's Worship

Guest Worship Leader– Pat Babel  
Reader – Nancy Dragan  
Ushers – Wanda Druzba and Doug Johnson  
Accompanist – Barb Moyer  
Acolyte – Wanda Druzba

## **Flower Dedication**

“To the Glory of God in loving memory of Larry Reeser by wife Judy and 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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## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*(please rise, in body or in spirit)*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Let us rejoice and call upon God's name!

**People: Holy God, your people have gathered in this space to sing your praise.**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Make melody to God with voices, hearts, and strings!

**People: Sing to God a new song; play skillfully and shout for joy!**

Leader: Like Abraham, we are a people called to move forward by stages.

**People: Empower us to speak for justice and sing of your peace on the road.**

Leader: From the first steps of faith to the quiet moments of healing, God is faithful.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, come! Let us journey and sing together!**

**Opening Hymn: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" WHM #553**

*[Worship His Majesty Hymnal]*

### Prayer of Transformation and New Life

Leader: Jesus promises that the Spirit of truth abides with us, comforts us, and advocates for us. Trusting in God's unfailing mercy, let us confess the ways we have quieted the songs of grace on our collective journey. Let us pray together:

**All: God of mercy, we confess that we have often ignored the needs of others to avoid our own discomfort. We have let our boundaries become barriers and fanned the flames of division. Forgive us, renew us, and remove all fear from our hearts. Lead us by your Spirit into the way of compassion, tuning our hearts to your mercy as we travel. In Christ, we pray...**

*(a moment of quiet reflection)*

### **Words of Grace**

Leader: Hear the good news: In Christ we are forgiven and called to live as witnesses to God's unfailing mercy.

**People: Thanks Be to God!**

### **Passing the Peace**

Leader: May the Spirit and peace of the risen Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### **We Listen For God's Word: Scripture & Hymn Prayer for Illumination**

First Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9 (Abraham Journeys on by Stages)

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn Response: "The God of Abraham Praise" WHM #26**  
*verse 1 only [Worship His Majesty Hymnal]*

Second Scripture: Romans 4:13-25

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn Response: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" WHM #519**  
*verse 1 only [Worship His Majesty Hymnal]*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn Response: "Amazing Grace" WHM #429**  
*verse 1 only [Worship His Majesty Hymnal]*

## THE COMMUNITY IN SONG

### The Invitation to Song

Leader: Our faith is a journey, and song sustains us as we walk on that journey. God does not reveal the whole map at once; rather, we are called to travel onward by stages. In moments of joy, doubt, or transition, music binds our steps together. At this time, we will begin our hymn sing. All songs will be from the Worship His Majesty Hymnal. Barb Moyer will be selecting our favorite hymns.

### Gathering the Prayers of the People

*After each petition, we will say the following -*

Leader: Holy One, in your mercy,

**All: 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

*(please rise, in body or in spirit)*

**Sending Hymn: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" WHM #443**

*[Worship His Majesty Hymnal]*

### Benediction

Leader: Go forth into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold fast to what is good. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, and help the suffering. May the God who calls you to journey onward by stages bless your going out and your coming in, now and forevermore.

**All: Amen.**

## Postlude

*Rest Made Holy: Service Prayers for Trinity Sunday Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.*

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## Announcements

**Congregational Meeting** will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> following worship.

**Meet and Greet!** The next meet and greet is Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, following the congregational meeting.

**Our Daily Bread** for June/July/August 2026 has arrived! Pick up your copy today!

**Save the Date for the church picnic.** It will be on July 12<sup>th</sup>! Details to follow.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, June 7	Sunday Worship (C) New Millennium (CE)	9:30am 7pm-8pm
Tues, Jun 9	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	5:30pm-7pm
Wed, Jun 10	Disciple Bible Study (CE)	9:30am-10:30am
Thurs, Jun 11	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL) Currently Sober (CE)	5:30pm-7pm 6:30-7:30pm
Fri, Jun 12	Beginners Meeting (CE)	7pm- 8pm
Sat, Jun 13	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	8:30am – 2pm
Sun, Jun 14	Sunday Worship (C) Congregational Meeting Meet & Greet New Millennium (CE)	9:30am <i>following worship</i> <i>following meeting</i> 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

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

June 7, 2026

Summer has officially arrived! With children out of school, I hope this season brings a slower pace—though that may be wishful thinking—and time to rest in the presence of Almighty God.

Activity in the Covenant Association does ease somewhat during the summer, and I am grateful for that. Even so, I have some wonderful news to share.

The Covenant Association now has a Clergy Care Team. Since the merger of the four Pennsylvania conferences, 20 Associations have been served by just 4 staff members. In the Covenant Association alone, we have 75 clergy. Because all authorized ministers—commissioned, licensed, and ordained—fall into this group, one conference staff member cannot adequately care for all clergy in region 1 of the Keystone Conference, which includes 7 Associations. In response, we created this Clergy Care Team to support you.

This team is here to care for clergy as they celebrate joys, grieve losses, or face health concerns. It is made up of five respected and trusted clergy members.

If any clergy member needs pastoral support, please email [covenantclergycareteam@gmail.com](mailto:covenantclergycareteam@gmail.com). One of the five team members will be in touch.

This team does not report to the Committee on Ministry, which oversees clergy standing. The process is confidential, and the team will walk alongside clergy throughout their ministry journey.

**REMINDER:**

The Fall Association gathering will take place on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at Huff's Church, 540 Conrad Road, Alburtis, PA. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** Spread the word in your congregation!

Your Executive Committee stands ready to answer any concerns or questions that you or your congregation may have. Please feel free to contact us at [covenantassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:covenantassociation@yahoo.com)

**REQUESTS!!!!!!**

1. Please send details about your church events taking place in July or August 2026 so we can include them in this newsletter. This will help promote your event to members across our 43 congregations. Send submissions to Rev. Sharon Morris at [covenantassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:covenantassociation@yahoo.com) by June 25, 2026. Thank you!
2. How can Covenant Association strengthen relationships among our churches and members? We welcome your ideas—perhaps a shared meal, a workshop, conversations about shared pastoral leadership, a fun event, or a mission project. Please send your suggestions to [covenantassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:covenantassociation@yahoo.com)
3. Are you interested in how the wider church works? Contact the Executive Committee, and we will gladly help you find ways to use your God-given gifts in service to our churches. Covenant Association needs people who are passionate about strengthening both the church and our communities. Contact us at [covenantassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:covenantassociation@yahoo.com)

Thank you for taking time to read this insert!

Blessings,  
Rev. Sharon S. Morris  
Moderator, Covenant Association