



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 22:1-14 + Romans 6:12-23 + Matthew 10:40-42
Ministers of the Gospel – All Who Gather for God's Worship

Worship Leader– Rev. Deborah Parker-Hill

Reader – Wanda Druzba

Ushers – Pat Babel & Wanda Druzba

Accompanist – Barb Moyer

Acolyte – Diane Johnson

Flower Dedication

To the Glory of God by Linda Bordic and family
in loving memory of father John “Jack” Bordic

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

Leader: We gather as a people to worship the Holy One who considers our cries and responds to our conditions.

People: We gather even when wearied by the world because we trust in God's steadfast love.

Leader: Our souls may ask, "How long, Holy One?" Yet our hearts rejoice in God's saving acts.

People: We gather even when shaken and sorrowful because we hope in God's steadfast love.

Leader: We gather to sing to the Holy One who has been generous with us.

People: Our worship and our work testify to the goodness of God, who prevails.

All: Let us worship the God of Life together!

Opening Hymn: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

NCH #410

[The New Century Hymnal]

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

Leader: Let us pray. God who provides, we acknowledge your presence that invites us to draw near to you. In your presence, we also acknowledge, life is complicated. We hold high ideals and always fall short. So this morning, we come to you as we are, with our hopes and dreams, our joys and sorrows, trusting you to provide what we need in this moment, to transform what is broken and make us whole. Transform us by your grace as we pray together:

All: God of the Covenant, in you, we have new life. In you, we have a faithful companion. Yet, difficult moments confront us with the limits of our trust in you. We struggle to release control so that we might participate fully with you without fear, hesitation, or resistance. Help us, O God, to be your faithful servants who trust you even through the tests and trials of life. May we know the assurance and peace of your eternal love, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(a moment of quiet reflection)

Words of Grace

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: The Holy One loves you and has made you participants in an everlasting covenant. God will not abandon you. Rather, the one who creates also sustains. Our Sovereign God will continue to provide. Receive the grace of God. In Christ, you are forgiven and set free to be the people God calls you to be.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

We Listen For God's Word: Scripture

Genesis 22:1-14 [page #14] + Romans 6:12-23 [page #119] +
Matthew 10:40-42 [page #8]

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

Hymn: “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” NCH #543
[New Century Hymnal]

Gathering the Prayers of the People

After each petition, we will say the following -

Leader: Holy One..

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.

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Doxology

[The New Century Hymnal- tune #780, words #778]

(please rise in body or in spirit as the doxology begins)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Offering Dedication

“Great is Your Faithfulness”

NCH #423

[The New Century Hymnal]

Benediction

Postlude

Liturgy adapted from:

Worship Ways, "It Shall Be Provided: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Year A," by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ, ©2026.

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Announcements

Save the Date for the church picnic. It will be on July 12th! 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 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, June 28	Sunday Worship (C)	9:30am
	New Millennium (CE)	7pm-8pm
Tues, Jun 30	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	5:30pm-7pm
	Woman's Club (CE)	7pm
Wed, Jul 1	Disciple Bible Study (CE)	9:30am-10:30am
Thurs, Jul 2	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	5:30pm-7pm
	Currently Sober (CE)	6:30-7:30pm
Fri, Jul 3	Beginners Meeting (CE)	7pm- 8pm
Sat, Jul 4	Nancy Moyer Counseling (CE-LL)	8:30am – 2pm
Sun, Jul 5	Sunday Worship (C)	9:30am
	New Millennium (CE)	7pm-8pm

This Week: Church Office Hours

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

This Week: Pastor Deb's Office Hours

Monday Pastor's Sabbath Day; available for emergencies only
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. 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

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 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
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

Thank you for taking time to read this insert!

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