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**FEBRUARY, 2016**

On Wednesdays in Lent we will be exploring some approaches to Christian devotion and practice that have their roots in Celtic Christian tradition, and Marlane will lead a study on these traditions sprinkled with allusions to her recent trip to Ireland. The fact that these traditions are part of the historic Irish Catholic heritage is not an issue for us. We appreciate and honor this witness to Christian tradition. We even have a national holiday celebrating Ireland's patron saint, Patrick. But this benevolence has not always been the case.

In the December 2015 issue of *Philadelphia Magazine* I found an alarming article about one of the most significant religious riots to occur in America, and it happened just a few miles from the sports stadiums in South Philly. ([Bullets and Bigots, Remembering Philadelphia's 1844 Anti-Catholic Riots](#), by Sandy Hingston, December 17, 2015.)

By the summer of 1844 tensions in Philadelphia were running at a high level. Much of the tension was related to growing fears among the American population of being overwhelmed by waves of immigration. Between the years of 1840 and 1850 alone more than 1.7 million immigrants flooded into the United States. A large proportion of these immigrants were Irish, fleeing the potato famine and German, fleeing a series of revolutions culminating in 1848. Cities such as Philadelphia received large proportions of these immigrants.

Many Americans, especially those of modest means, resented the Irish and German immigrants coming in and taking jobs that might otherwise be available to them. But particularly odious to these same Americans and others was that a large proportion of these immigrants were Roman

Catholics. Many of the early settlers of the United States had left Europe, in part, to escape frequent and bloody religious wars. Mindful of this, the government formed around the constitution was intentionally not tied to a particular religion. But colonial Americans had been overwhelmingly Protestant and saw their country as, unofficially-officially, Protestant. The growing number of Catholics threatened this historic consensus.

As immigration numbers grew in the first half of the eighteenth century "native" Americans (not to be confused with Native American Indians who were definitely not a part of this movement) began to form quasi-secret societies to combat the growing sway, or so it was perceived, of "foreign" influence in American government and society.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1844 members of a political organization called the American Republican Party (not connected to the modern Republican Party) held a public rally in Kensington, then a suburb of Philadelphia, in the midst of a largely immigrant Irish neighborhood. One of the chief complaints of this nativist party was the belief that Roman Catholics were trying to have the Bible removed from the public schools. The Catholic Bishop of Philadelphia, Francis Kendrick, had complained to school officials about the exclusive use of the Protestant King James Bible among public school students and the studies of this Bible which were essentially Protestant in content. The bishop requested that the Catholic Bible also be available and that Catholic students not have to attend the Protestant Bible studies in school. This didn't sit well with the majority Protestant Philadelphia population who began murmuring of a Catholic plot to remove the Bible from their schools altogether. (An identical argument was happening in New York City around Archbishop John [*Dagger John*] Hughes).

As might be imagined, the May 3<sup>rd</sup> nativist rally in Kensington led to violence. What is shocking was the scale of the violence. Two Roman Catholic parishes, the Church of St. Michael and the Church of St. Augustine, were burned to the ground along with two Irish firehouses and about 30 private homes. The mayor of Philadelphia, John Morin Scott, appeared to plead for calm, was struck on the head by a rock, and rendered unconscious. There were at least fourteen other casualties over four days. Eventually, authorities were able to restore order to the area, the streets were cleared, a curfew enforced and an uneasy calm

settled over Kensington. That calm was broken when word came that several nativist groups were planning a Fourth of July parade through the immigrant neighborhoods of South Philly. Unbeknownst to the Philadelphia Bishop, the brother of the priest of St. Philip of Neri Church obtained permission from Pennsylvania governor David Rittenhouse Porter to stockpile weapons from the local arsenal in the church basement in case of attack and form a volunteer militia to guard the church. Word of this arming soon leaked out and was declared as proof of a wider papist plot to overthrow the government and impose Roman Catholic Canon Law on the nation. Nativist crowds besieged the neighborhood around the church.

The violence culminated on July 7<sup>th</sup> when members of the nativist groups attacked St. Philip Neri Catholic Church with two cannon commandeered from the nearby docks. This initiated several days of skirmishing which left 20 dead and scores wounded before Pennsylvania State Militia troops (4000 in total) quelled the violence. A grand jury later blamed the Catholics for inciting the violence by stock piling weapons despite the governor's permission. The violent events of this era led Catholic bishops to give up on encouraging their parishioners to send their Catholic children to public schools. Instead, they began the Catholic parochial school system still in existence today.

Kensington was but one violent episode in an expanding anti-immigrant/anti-Catholic movement in the United States leading up to the civil war. The American Republican Party eventually gave way to the American Party which newspaper editor Horace Greely labeled the Know-Nothing party. Party members embraced the designation. Know-Nothings, as a national party, won seats in state legislatures all over the nation in the early 1850's and nominated a former president, Millard Fillmore, as a third party candidate for president in 1856.

As it happened, the Know Nothings proved less effective at legislating than they were at channeling anti-immigrant and anti-Catholic sentiment. By the election of 1860 the party had fallen out of favor, swallowed up by bigger national events culminating in the American Civil War. They rapidly went out of existence.

Unsure of his own political party affiliation by 1855 Abraham Lincoln wrote this in a private letter to a friend, *"I am not a Know-Nothing — that is certain. How could I be? How can anyone who abhors the*

*oppression of negroes, be in favor of degrading classes of white people? Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid. As a nation, we began by declaring that 'all men are created equal.' We now practically read it 'all men are created equal, except negroes.' When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read 'all men are created equal, except negroes and foreigners and Catholics.' When it comes to that I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty — to Russia, for instance, where despotism can be taken pure, and without the base alloy of hypocrisy".*

Today, the anti-Catholic vitriol of more than one hundred and sixty years ago is hard to fathom. In fact, the events in Kensington are largely unknown. I was an American history major in college, lived 3 years in Philadelphia, and don't recall hearing of these particular events until last month. But issues of immigration and religious identity are hardly problems existing only in the past, are they?

I can't help but wonder what future generations will think when they consider (if they even consider) our immigration and religious struggles of today. Will they stare unbelieving at their computer screens like I did reading about Kensington? Is there something to be learned? Sometimes just learning the stories of our past is a step in the right direction. The fact is ...on almost any issue ... we've been there before! I can't say for sure what may be learned from this. What I can say is that in Lent we will be exploring Celtic influences on Christian spirituality arising from the early Irish Catholic experience. That we can do this must be a sign that attitudes have changed; right?

--Pastor Frey



#### **MONDAY EVENING ADULT STUDY .....**

The third Monday Adult Study in February will be held on the fourth Monday, February 22, beginning with dinner at 6:00 P.M. The topic will be *The Effect of the Cross-- what happened when Jesus died and what does it mean for us?*

**--WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY, 2016 --**

February 6 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion  
 February 7 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion  
 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School  
 February 10 Ash Wednesday  
 11:00 A.M. – Holy Communion  
 7:00 P.M. – Holy Communion  
 February 13 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion  
 February 14 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship  
 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School  
 February 17 7:00 P.M. – Mid-Week Lenten Service  
 February 20 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion  
 February 21 8:00 & 10:30 AM. – Holy Communion  
 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School  
 February 24 7:00 P.M. – Mid-Week Lenten Service  
 February 27 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion  
 February 28 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship  
 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School

Contributions in memory of **Marie Linsenbigler** given by:  
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JoAnne Merkel	Ann Mengel
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Contribution to the Agape Fund in honor of **Pastor Frey, Marlane, Kitty and Susanne** by Greg & Norma Godon.

**Please note -- Lent begins Wednesday, February 10**



Ash Wednesday services at 11 am with soup and bread at noon plus the evening schedule which will continue for the remaining Wednesdays in Lent

6 pm --Soup and bread  
 7 pm-- Service of Holden Evening Prayer  
 8 pm --Book study on Journeying with Celtic Christians

**FROM THE PARISH RECORDS.....**

**Baptism:** 12/27/15 -- **Kaylin Marie Marshall**, daughter of Nathan Marshall and Jessica Berry

Contribution in memory of **Mary Levensgood** given by:  
 Darvin & Mary Levensgood (Memorial fund)

**A NOTE FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COORDINATOR.....**

Folks are asking me if I started counting the days until retirement...not yet. I have too much to finish before I retire July 1 and counting the days would just add more stress. Thank you to everyone who has shown concern for what I will be doing and words of congratulations as I enter a new chapter in life.

Since the beginning of the year I say my hat has changed. I am wearing the hat entitled "mentor." As I do tasks I am asking "who can I show that will take on this part of my job." The Personnel Committee is beginning their process of discernment as to what the needs of the congregation and the staffing may be. We have time to work on this discernment process.

Paul wrote these words to the Philippians in the first chapter of his letter...

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ... And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."* (New International Version)

Paul was such an eloquent writer. To his words to the Philippians, as I reflect on our relationship, I can only say "amen, may it be so."

**Another transition to note:**

**Paper Retriever Program**...As transitions in my position are being discussed, it was decided by Church Council that before I retire we will discontinue the Paper Retriever Program. You all know the problems created when they do not pick up every two weeks. When the bin is full I need to make several contacts to have the bin emptied. For 2015 we recycled 21.51 tons of paper and received \$134.00 for the year. We only receive a check from the company after I call and ask the payment question. The Council felt that this program takes more staff time than the value of the program to our budget. The Council also discussed that we will need to return our recycling behaviors to supporting Amity's curbside pickup. We know that most of us put paper in this bin rather than at the curb because we all think we are getting revenue from this method. So I encourage all of us to spend the next couple of months to change our recycling habits. Do not be surprised when the bin has disappeared later this year. Recycling is important to caring for the earth. We can do our part in many ways.



**Don't forget to order your hoagie for Super Bowl Sunday. Deadline to order is January 31.**

**WOMEN'S RETREAT NEW DATES!!!**

Friday, March 4 from 2 - 8 pm & Saturday, March 5 from 9 am - 3 pm  
at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Library  
Theme: Lavender Springs Spa!

This is a spa-themed retreat where participants relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God using the Book of Psalms.  
Cost: \$ 45.00 includes dinner, lunch, and program materials  
Registration deadline is February 28

**LABYRINTH GROUP**.....

Monday, February 8  
Gather at 10 am at St. Paul's. If the weather is nice we will decide the Sunday before where we will go. And if the weather is not good for a walk we will do devotions in Fellowship Hall.

**WOMAN'S GROUP**.....

Tuesday, February 23 @ 7 pm  
Leader: Kris Kennedy  
Topic: Zentangle

Don't know what it is, good reason to come and find out. Please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex so we have sufficient supplies. A freewill offering will be taken.

**FEBRUARY 14 IS BLANKET SUNDAY: "WRAPPED IN LOVE" .....**

Your gift of \$10 will be used to purchase special blankets used for a variety of purposes during times of need. New Jersey coastal residents received blankets from Church World Service following Hurricane Sandy. You provided the need. You wrapped those who lost much with a gift of love. It is time to replenish our supply so that we can help the next ones in need.



**ADULT FORUM...** meets Sunday morning at 9:15 am in the Church Library. This Adult Class is continuing the study of "Embracing An Alternative Orthodoxy" featuring Richard Rohr on the legacy of St. Francis. Some topics are the cosmic Christ-the Christ mystery, union with God and mystical experiences vs. moralism, Orthopraxy (practice-based) and Orthodoxy (belief-based) Christianity. This will take us until the end of January.

In February we will begin a six week, new study on Forgiveness, featuring snippets from the film "The Power of Forgiveness". We will glean scripture, and explore what it means to participate in God's redemptive work through the act and process of forgiveness. We will explore common misconceptions, blocks to forgiveness, and learn some fundamental steps in the process of HOW to forgive.

Please contact Anne Cormier, facilitator, for further information.

**FEBRUARY 7 IS SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY.....**

Bring a can of soup to Sunday Church School and Church on this day. The soup will be forwarded to the Amityville Food Pantry. Youth will be stationed at the nave door for your cash donations for Souper Bowl of Caring.



**HOPE RESCUE DINNER .....**

The dinner for the hopeless went really well. Your contribution of food was great. We had 10 volunteers that went along and prepared and served the food. It was a challenge to get everything prepared but we all worked together and made the time schedule on time. I think we all had had a feeling of satisfaction for a job well done. The men were so appreciative and thankful. How can we not be thankful for what we have and a good feeling that we are doing the work our God would want us to do. Many thanks to everyone that donated food; also the 10 people that prepared and served the food. We hope to do another dinner sometime in the future.

--Betty Clark, Jane Kinder, Mary Graefe

**FOOD DRIVE DURING LENT.....**

Social Ministry Committee will collect food for Amity Food Pantry during the season of Lent. Put all food donations in the wishing well.

**OLEY CLUSTER BREAD, BOWL AND BIBLE.....**

"The Cross"

Sundays, March 6 & 13 & 20, 2016

4:00 - 7:00 pm

@St. Joseph's (Hill) Lutheran Church

244 Koch Rd, Boyertown PA 19512

March 6 "Making Sense of the Cross"

Rev. Dr. David Lose, President Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

March 13 "Unleashed in the Cross"

Rev. Dr. Samuel Zeiser, Bishop of NEP Synod

March 20 "Palm and Passion in Addiction and Other Suffering"

Rev. Jack Abel, Director of Spiritual Care for Caron Treatment Centers

St Paul's is responsible for soup and bread on March 20. Speak to Ms. Marlane if you can help by providing soup or bread for this event.

**WORLD HUNGER MESSAGE.....**

The holidays are over and most of us have taken decorations down and are feeling the effects of winter. For me the months of January, February and March are coldest and usually seem the longest. We do have the food we need and the warmth of our homes. Some, in fact many, do not have their basic needs. At the holidays many different organizations supply meals for the needy but the holidays are over and many are again having a problem of properly feeding their families.

ELCA World Hunger helps feed the hungry all year long. May we always remember the less fortunate and contribute whatever we can to World Hunger. Each dollar helps someone to have the food they need.

Thank you for your continued support.

--Mary Graefe

**OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE FLOWERS:**

February 14	August 14	September 18
May 22	August 21	October 9
August 7	September 11	November 20

Cost is \$34 per Sunday.

**OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE BULLETINS:**

February 14	April 24	May 29
March 6	May 15	June 12
April 10	May 22	July 10
		August 28

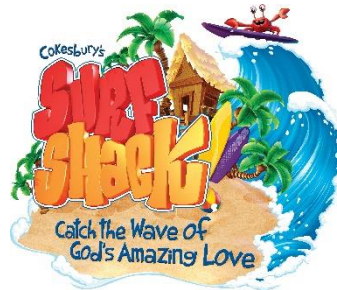
Cost is \$25 per Sunday.  
 Call the church office if interested in any of these dates. There may be other opportunities throughout the year as well.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING THIS SUMMER!.....**

Sunday, June 19 - Thursday, June 23  
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (dinner at 5:30 pm)

Planning has begun for another fun filled week.

Theme: Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love



Registration fee: \$14 (covers all program expenses which include T-shirt, music CD, craft supplies, snacks, etc.)  
 If you would like to be a leader in any of the program areas, contact Michele Fisher ([memomj@ptd.net](mailto:memomj@ptd.net)). Leaders are needed in the areas of dinner, snacks, crafts, music, science, story, games, and shepherds.



**LOOK WHAT IS BEING PLANNED FOR SPYY!!** (St. Paul's Younger Youth).....

February 6 – Bowling from 3—5:00 P.M. Sign up in the narthex.

**2015 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.....**

While this year did not seem as busy as other years, we did have a successful event. Thank you to all who helped. 143 people (22 Thrivent members) contributed 925 volunteer hours. Financial report:

Area/Committee	Income	Expenses	Profit
Advertising	\$0.00	(\$281.05)	(\$281.05)
Attic Corner	\$921.05	\$0.00	\$921.05
Candy	\$399.00	(\$59.99)	\$339.01
Cookies	\$961.75	(\$62.49)	\$899.26
Crafts	\$594.00	(\$17.23)	\$576.77
Greens	\$5,756.50	(\$938.97)	\$4,817.53
Kitchen	\$2,303.25	(\$537.58)	\$1,765.67
Pantry	\$611.50	(\$30.00)	\$581.50
Pies	\$5,899.00	(\$1,277.01)	\$4,621.99
Raffle	\$1,120.00	(\$141.42)	\$978.58
Other	\$128.45	\$0.00	\$128.45
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$18,694.50</b>	<b>(\$3,345.74)</b>	<b>\$15,348.76</b>

Thank you to Thrivent Financial Southeast Berks Chapter for supplemental funds of \$777.00 added to our contribution to the Reading Hospital Visitors Program



**A BIG THANK YOU.....**

Thank you to all who helped with the Bazaar. Many, many hands went into making this event a success. This could not happen without the dedicated efforts of many volunteers. In the weeks and months preceding the Bazaar, there were innumerable people working in the different areas. Our success occurred because of you, the volunteers.

A special “Thank You” goes out to you for all your hard work and the giving of your time to help make St. Paul’s a better place.

A “Thank You” also goes out to all who came and supported the Bazaar.

\*\*\*\*\* THANK YOU \*\*\*\*\*

Look how many volunteers there were! If we missed your name on this list we are sorry. We know some people did things at home and dropped them off without a name attached. Thank you also to all those anonymous volunteers.

**Coordinators** = Donna Saylor, Marlane Druckenmiller

**Advertising** = Marlane Druckenmiller, Susanne Leier, Carol Renninger and all those who distributed flyers

**Attic Corner** = Alice Sprague, Joan Wendel, Norma Godon, Joanne Guss, Kathy Jablonski, Sue Scheittly (non-member), Wendy Frey, Everett Frey, Judy Focht, Olivia Raber, Dave Focht, Ada Marchewski and Marlane Druckenmiller

**Candy** = Connie Hunter, Joan Wendel, Gerry Trauger, Marlane Druckenmiller, Mary Graefe, Helen Strain, SPYY and all those who made candy at home

**Cookies** = Arlene Hildebeitel, Helen Strain, Jan Schell, Jane Kinder, Jo Merkel, Aja Betts, Marcus Betts Marianne Graefe, Wendy Frey, Cindy Manning, Judy Focht, Zachary Gougler, Courtney Gougler, Rosalynda Crichton, Darlene Light, Nancy Moyer, Mary Graefe, Judy Gross, Ada Marchewski, Nancy Centrella, Michele Fisher, Ann Mengel, Susie Kresge, Kay Bonslaver, Amanda Dibler, Susan Kubovsak, Joanne Guss, Michelle Hensley, Faye Schadt, Bea Mohr, Rebecca Miller, Emma Serrian, Jeane Serrian, Kathryn Berger, Rebecca Miller, Cory Miller, Jared Miller, Evan Miller, Wendy Yambor, Craig Yambor, Marley Yambor, Luke Yambor, Gretchen Parduski, Jason Parduski, Kim Sarro, Katie Sarro, Lauren Sarro, Sue Fix, Morgan Kelly, Marlane Druckenmiller, Donna Saylor and all who baked at home.

**Crafts** = Betty Clark, Bonnie Steever, Sue Walley, Susie Kresge, Donna Saylor, Marlane Druckenmiller, Sue Kucharik, Barbara DePrefontaine, Debbie Reid, Marci Keim, Cindy Matosky, and all who made things at home.

**Dining Room** = Connie Hunter, Carol DeLong, Karen Glaser, Karla Rosenbusch, and Phyllis Harwood. “Thank You” to Barbara DePrefontaine for the beautiful table centerpieces.

**Entertainment** = Anne Weiser, Lauren Sarro, Pastor Frey, Charlie Weiser, and Anne’s flute students.

**Greens** = Diane Hartline, Judy Trout, Jim Trout, Dave Renninger, Dave Focht, Judy Focht, Rick Centrella, Gert Rohrbach, Betty High, Len Trauger, Richard Geiger, Sieglinde Fretz, Barry Fretz, Bob Fisher, Barry Leier, Jane Kinder, Jan Schell, Maureen Benedict, Mary Graefe, Joanne Guss, Janice Goodman, Norma Godon, Nati English, Tim Schell and Cindy Manning.

**Kitchen** = Gary Weidner, Cindy Weidner, Ashleigh Weidner, Ann Mengel, John Serrian, Jeane Serrian, Emma Serrian, Tim Schell, Cindy Manning, Jo Merkel, Nati English.

**Money Counters** – Joanne Guss, Marlane Druckenmiller, Cindy Matosky, Joe Koury and Dave Renninger

**Pantry/Baked Goods** = Susanne Leier, Barry Leier, Jan Bause, Amy Bartra, Anna Brown, Denise Millard, Amy McCormick, Phyllis Harwood Eileen Swavelly, Diane Hartline, Betty Clark, Nancy Centrella and all you contributed to the pantry and baked goods

**Pies** = Anna Brown, Charlie Brown, Dorothy Brown, Paul Reber, Gerry Trauger, Carl & Carlene Yerger, Pat Levensgood, Jeane Rohrbach, Helen Strain, Darlene Light, Nancy Moyer, Rick Centrella, Kay Reber, Kay & John Bonslaver, Judy Gross, Barbara Keim, Sara Hartline, Jane Kinder, Kathy & Ron Rhoads

**Soup** = Nati English, Helen Strain, Paul Reber, Kay Bonslaver, John Bonslaver, Charlie Brown, Judy Trout, Diane Hartline, Jane Kinder, Jan Schell, Mary Graefe, Karen Schreier, Arlene Hildebeitel, Joanne Guss, Marlane Druckenmiller and Gary Weidner

**Raffle** = Helen Strain, Gloria Rhoads, Mary Graefe, Arlene Hildebeitel, Ann Mengel, Marlane Druckenmiller and members who sold tickets to their family and friends

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Raffle a success.

Special thanks to the following who generously donated the prizes: My Dad’s Carpet, New Rhoads Limousine, Quilters, Manatawny Creek Winery, Sue Walley, Dave Bause, Calvin Sheeler, Betty Clark, Godiva Chocolates,

**Set-up & Clean-up** = Len Trauger, Pastor Frey, Wendy Frey, Everett Frey, Charles Weiser, Rich Saylor, Donna Saylor, Judy and Dave Focht, Frank and Kathy Jablonski, Joan Wendel, Alice Sprague, Marlane Druckenmiller, Nancy Centrella, Connie Hunter, Brian Hicks, Greg Hensley, Ethan Berger, Gerald Rohrbach, Jim Trout. Thank You Dave Focht for taking our “leftover treasures” to Homeworks!



## WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE -- WEDNESDAYS--9:00 AM

We pray for every member of the congregation on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. If you see your name here it is not because we think you have a specific need for prayer, but to let you know you are in our prayers whatever your need may be. On Wednesday mornings we also pray for churches around the world, leaders in the ELCA, our staff and council members, our political leaders, those in the military, special requests, and many more. If you are free a Wednesday morning, stop in and join us. We are always finished before 9:30 AM. Included this month in our prayers will be: Patricia Roland, Karla Rosenbusch, Mason Rotelli, Taylor Rotelli, Keith Royer, April Royer, Stephen Royer, Jeffrey Royer, Eric Royer, James Sarro, Kimberly Sarro, Katherine Sarro, Lauren Sarro, Richard Saylor, Kristin Saylor, Ruby Saylor, Mya Saylor, Chase Saylor, Warren Saylor, Donna Saylor, Faye Schadt, Jan Schell, Timothy Schell, Connie Schittler, Bradley Schittler, Goldie Schittler, Laura Schmale.. If you have anyone to add to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card found in the pew racks or call the church office. Please pray for those with special concerns: Audrey Serrian, Jane Baron, Marsha Springel, Frank McManus, Millard Watson, Rowan Milne, Robert Geiger, and all others listed below and those we name in our hearts: Delphine Altland, Geraldine Barbone, Matthew Barron, Lloyd Beaverson, Olivia Blair, Bryan B., Geri C., Robin C., Tom Campbell, John Chambers, Shelli Davidheiser, Brenda Delgrosse, Barbara DePrefontaine, Jack Dilks, Linda Domergue, Barry Eidell, Cindy Fake, Joanne Ferreri, Melissa Flannery, Joan Fleming, Thor Floreen, Lauren Freeman, Robert Fucinato, Aaron Gabriel, John Gallagher, Ida Gilbert, Michael Giorgio, Ron Glaser, Judy Grabowicz, Robert Graeff, Arlene Hafer, Jamie Harp, Ron Harris, June Henninger, Geraldine Ingram, John & Margaret Kakas, Kaley, Sue Keay, Todd Kelly, Jarrod Knowlden, Judith Kraft, Kurt Kramer, Dustin Kratz, Chloe Kucharik, Jack Lebo, Liane Lefever, Gloria Lutz, Bob Lyon, Lewis M., Ronald McCarragher, Jill March, Charles Marquette, Jr., Linda Merkle, June Miller, Laurel Miller, Marianne Moyer, Dan Muldoon, Sandy Murphy, Carol Nocera, Vita Marie Pierno, Richard Pool, Ryan Pool, Heather Powers, Thomas Quinter, Arletta Reisch, Carole Rhoades, Jocelyn Rice, Lisa Rock, Robin Rohrbach, Louise Ruth, Susan Ryan, Greg Scheer, Gabriel Schulze, , John Serrian, Sr., Gene Stewart, Dale Szajek, Kim Szajek, Hank Thode, Linda Troil, Grace Vickers, Gloria Walt, Cheryl Willman, Gretel Witkowski, Talin Woolstenholine, Jill Wrigley, Norman Yocom, homebound—Alton Brown, Frank Brown, Grace Frey, Jan Haas, Pearl Miller, Gerry Reinert, Laura Schmale, Alma Shirey.



Note there are Prayer Request Cards in the pew racks.



2/1	Lee Hart	2/14	John Wolfe
	Abigail Trombley	2/15	Jennifer Bonetz
	Pam Umbenhower		Beth Gabel
2/3	Pr. Greg Frey	2/16	Lynn Grace
	Arlene Hildebeitel	2/17	Carole Berry
	Stephen Royer		Nick Chroscinski
2/4	Mark Eisenhuth		Joanne Guss
	Jay McClafferty		Alex Hackett
	Ryan Sonon		Carol Hafer
2/6	Rachel Lau		Beth Jablonski
2/7	Kevin Fisher	2/18	Marcus Betts
	Jacob Hasara		Michael Casciano
	Jay Musselman		Kevin Hilbert
2/8	Lisa Bowersox		Magdalena Nygard
	Gene Buckwalter		Warren Saylor
	Mary Graefe	2/19	Norma Godon
2/9	Marilee Cassidy		Emily Poole
	Brynn Hennessey	2/20	Shawn Boyd
	Ian Oister		Stuart Crichton
	Nathan Shingle		Morgan Kelly
	Gene Stewart	2/21	David Barr
2/10	Denise Buckwalter		Riley Haring
	Erika Meyer		Kristopher Moyer
	Kristin Saylor	2/23	Maeve Bartra
2/11	Audrey Bokosky		Robert Swavely
	Chase Saylor	2/24	Cindy Dominick
	Olivia Sypherd		Rebecca Miller
2/12	Patti Hetzell		Joan Schaeffer
	Alma Shirey	2/25	Lori Hoag
2/13	Amanda Childs		Adrienne Stumhofer
	Cameron Hunter	2/26	John Dollhopf
	Mason Montiero		John Levengood
	Al Suglia	2/27	Alex Maloney
2/14	Sue Childs		Deb Smith
	Lauren Decker	2/28	Palmer Loughin
	Rich Kucharik		



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO –**

Darrell & Margaret Reitmeyer 2/1 41 yrs.  
 Craig & Diane Guest 2/11 26 yrs.  
 Jeffrey & Joan Schaeffer 2/14 35 yrs.  
 Kevin & Barbara Hilbert 2/15 19 yrs.  
 Franklin & Dorothy Brown 2/17 65 yrs.  
 Lee & Sandra Hart 2/21 48 yrs.  
 Ed & Denise Chroscinski 2/22 19 yrs.



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*With Heartfelt Thanks* .....To the Congregation of St. Paul's,  
 Your most generous gift at Christmas was greatly appreciated.

Pastor Frey    Kitty    Bonnie & Pat  
 Marlane        Susanne

**--YTD Giving thru December, 2015 --**

	<u>Jan—Dec. 2014</u>	<u>Jan-Dec. 2015</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% chg.</u>
Offerings	\$ 378,695	\$ 363,074	(\$ -15,620)	-4.1
Renovation Contr.	\$ 115,640	159,114	43,474	37.6
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$ 494,335</b>	<b>\$ 522,188</b>	<b>\$ 27,853</b>	<b>5.3</b>
 Mortgage Balance		\$885,917.42		



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**PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION.....**

Enrollment for the 2016-17 school year is now open. Register your 3- or 4-year-old child by calling the registrar, Sue Kucharik, at 610-327-3853. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday										
	<b>1</b> 8 AM—Pastors breakfast 6 PM—Girl Scouts 7 PM—Christian Ed. --- Fastnacht Sale-----	<b>2</b> Quilting 2 PM—TOPS 6:15—Child Dev.	<b>3</b> 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6 PM—Girl Scouts	<b>4</b> Noon—Amity Fr. Circle 6 PM—T3 Comm. 7 PM—Choir 7 PM—Girl Scouts	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 3—5 PM—SPYY Bowling 6 PM—Holy Com.										
<b>7</b> <i>Souper Bowl</i> 8 & 10:30—Holy Com. 9:15—Sunday School 9:30—Finance Com. Hoagie Sale 7 PM—Nar-Anon	<b>8</b> 10 AM—Labyrinth Gr. 6 PM—Girl Scouts 7 PM—Pastoral Care	<b>9</b> Quilting 2 PM—TOPS	<b>10</b> <i>Ash Wed.</i> 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 11 AM—Holy Comm 6 PM—Soup & Bread 6 PM—Girl Scouts 7 PM—Holy Comm.	<b>11</b> 6:15 PM—Executive Comm. 7 PM—Council 7 PM—Girl Scouts 7 PM—Prayer Shawl	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6 PM—Holy Com.										
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