



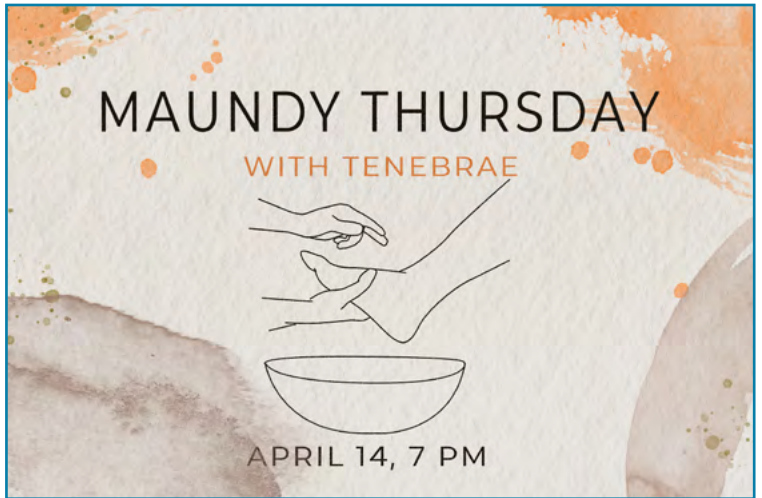
# THE MESSENGER

OUR MISSION IS TO GROW IN FAITH, TO WORSHIP GOD, TO SERVE OTHERS, AND TO WELCOME ALL.



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Visit the Synagogue in Sunbury - April 3, 12:30





## SUFFERING AND RESURRECTION

I don't like to suffer. I try to evade it at all costs. But I know, in real life, there is no way to avoid it.

Holy Week and Easter are a reminder of that. There is no Easter without Good Friday, no new life without suffering. Jesus was clear about that. Jesus announces to his disciples that he will have to suffer, will be betrayed, unjustly accused, and die.

His disciples, the ones closest to Jesus, try to keep him from suffering. The rock, Simon Peter, is determined to keep Jesus from suffering. But Jesus confronts him. As clear as day, he says, "You will deny me; you will abandon me; I will be suffering; I will be crucified; I will die!" There is no way around it.

Our scriptures describe Jesus as the suffering servant, like a lamb that is to be butchered.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are an invitation to become more aware of our suffering and of the suffering of others. It is an invitation to connect us more deeply with Jesus. His path of suffering leads him to the garden where he is wrestling with God. Jesus is clear, "I don't want to

suffer." But he also knows, there is no way around it.

So clear and inevitable is our suffering, that St. Paul says that our suffering adds to Jesus' suffering and completes it. St. Paul was wrestling with "a thorn in his flesh." He prays fervently to be relieved of it. But it does not go away (2 Corinthians 12).

Jacob is wrestling at night with an angel, a demon, God (we don't know exactly who it is), and he is almost overcome by this superhuman force. He is wounded in the wrestling and barely escapes with his life (Genesis 32:22-32).

What is your share of suffering? What is it you are wrestling with? What do you try to avoid, but it does not go away?

I love Jesus because he is so real and realistic. He participates in our suffering, and we participate in his suffering. There is no Easter without Good Friday. There is no new life without suffering and dying. I love the Bible because it is so clear about it. Our suffering is an opportunity to connect us more deeply to Jesus.

I am excited about Easter. It is the

amazing celebration of new life, of rising with Christ from our suffering to new life. As the sun rises after the darkness of the night, so do we with Jesus. God raises us to new life.

We emerge from the pandemic, from cocoon and tomb. We "hatch" like a butterfly, grow wings, and take flight. The butterfly has been a symbol of transformation and resurrection for ages. God raises us to new life. But it does not happen in the absence of suffering, darkness, and brokenness. When you look at pictures of the risen Christ, he is often pictured with his wound marks.

I don't like to suffer. I try to evade it at any cost. Yet, in real life, there is no way to avoid it. It is in and through the suffering that we are raised to a new life.

I want to experience that more deeply this year. Both the inevitable suffering and the resurrection life. I invite you to join me on this journey.

Yours in faith, hope, and love,

*Pastor Dietmar*

## New Member Class in May

Pastor Dietmar is inviting you on behalf of St. Paul's to consider officially joining our congregation's mission and ministries. Please contact Pastor Dietmar with questions or for more information at [dietmar@saintpauls-ucc.org](mailto:dietmar@saintpauls-ucc.org) or (570) 541-0121.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Let's work together to care for creation! It's time to register for ReNew: The Green VBS!

Place: St. Paul's UCC  
Dates: June 6-10  
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

ReNew VBS invites kids to learn about Jesus, help build our community, and grow as they become stewards of God's creation. Calling all kids in

grades K-5 who want to ReNew! Let's grow in faith, have fun, and change the world!

Registration is going on now. Click [here](#) to register for VBS!

Want to know how you can get involved? Email Torri Stark ([youth@saintpauls-ucc.org](mailto:youth@saintpauls-ucc.org)) or click here to volunteer and Torri will contact you.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

As we continue to learn about Jesus' teachings and parables, we are also preparing our hearts for Holy Week and Easter with discussions about Lent. We will have Sunday school on Palm Sunday as usual but remain with families during the Easter service. Activity bags will be given to all children attending church and to use for a special egg hunt afterwards! If you would like to donate Easter candy to stuff the plastic eggs, please bring them to the Sunday school room downstairs or give them to Torri Stark by Palm Sunday, April 10.



## TEEN GROUP

Calling all teens and their families! We are planning a Youth Group celebration kick-off event for Sunday, April 24 at 5:30 PM. We will have ice breaker games, an event planning brainstorm session, and pizza! More details coming soon but mark your calendars now!



## EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt right after worship on Easter Sunday! If you would like to donate Easter candy to stuff the plastic eggs, please bring them to the Sunday school room downstairs or give them to Torri Stark by Palm Sunday, April 10.



## KIDS GROUP

Art, crafts, games, Legos, and sand - Kids Group has something for everyone! Time to play, a snack, a craft, and an engaging Bible lesson every Wednesday at 3 PM when school is in session. Hope to see you there!

# APRIL

## BIRTHDAYS

- 4/01 Wyatt L. Beaver
- 4/02 Cindy Frymoyer
- 4/05 Ellen Berger
- 4/06 Maggie Frymoyer
- 4/07 Jane Berger
- 4/08 Owen Feiler
- 4/09 Dakota Namminga  
Jackie Naugle
- 4/10 David Lauer, Sr.
- 4/11 Meghan Hawk
- 4/12 Sarah Reed  
Larry Smith
- 4/13 Charles Klingler
- 4/14 Jessica Smith  
Valerie Vankirk
- 4/16 Vivian Beaver
- 4/17 Don Groner  
Sharon Womer
- 4/19 Eric Dahlmann  
Shannon Hermann  
Flo Hummel  
Joe Williams
- 4/21 Emma Herrold  
James Smith, Jr.
- 4/23 Jim Taylor
- 4/24 Jason Martello  
Jack Riegel  
Andrew Womer
- 4/25 Lauren Imhoof
- 4/28 Barb Lewis
- 4/29 Joe Erdley
- 4/30 Brian Derr  
Sarah Garbo

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/21 Ann & Don Groner
- 4/29 Beverly & Steve Sees



# PRAYER LIST

### Members:

- Bob & Debra Brown
- Gayle Dively
- Edna Gingrich
- Kim Haizlett
- David & Helen Hannah
- Gibby Mease
- Wendy Mull
- Devin Rhoads
- Jack & Janet Riegel
- Kathy Ulrich

### Friends:

- The family of Jerry Bogar
- Ian Danner
- Mona Gillespie
- Candice Hinckley
- Dee, Drew, and Dennis R.
- Theresa Risso

The family of Joe Shotko  
Linda Sluck  
Dr. Stacey Pearson-Wharton  
All affected by Covid-19  
All who lost their jobs  
All who keep working in critical situations, especially the health care workers  
All who are grieving  
Those in leadership positions  
Our country - for peace, respect, understanding  
The people of Ukraine and all those suffering from the raging war

Special prayers for all those who are serving in the military, leaders of the world, those who are working for peace and understanding, and all the children of the world.

# THANK YOU NOTE

*We received a thank you note from Valerie and Herb Vankirk who got married at St. Paul's on February 12.*

Dear Pastor Dietmar and Wife, Sigrid, and St. Paul's Church Council,

I have written this thank you card in my mind so many times. I apologize for finally putting it down on paper over a month later. Herb and I are forever grateful for everything you all did to make it possible for us to be married in a church and under such short notice. We are not sure of all the specifics done behind the scenes to allow it to happen. Plus - we have a new church home now - amen! I miss - Herb and I miss - not being here every Sunday due to my work schedule. It took over a month of packing every day after work, rescheduling, moving a load - one after another around the weather. I'm finally moved into Herb's and now every day after work we are unpacking and seeing more of the floors and rugs every day. LOL!! Anyway, like any wedding a few hiccups happened but a million things



went right! We couldn't have asked for a nicer wedding or ceremony. Pastor Dietmar got to know us personally and incorporated that into the ceremony. Sigrid took beautiful pictures and provided the music we picked out. There are so many more things I'd like to mention from both of us but I'm running out of time and space to write. Pastor Dietmar even came over to help us clean up afterwards. We are looking forward to getting to know everyone and becoming part of this church family.

Sincerely, Herb and Valerie Vankirk

# THANK YOU NOTES



A great thank you to Sue Nentwig for serving as St. Paul's Office Manger for 11+ years. Sue has been faithful, diligent, and committed during her entire time at St. Paul's. Sue has found a new opportunity of working beyond St. Paul's. On behalf of Church Council and the whole congregation, we express our heartfelt gratitude to Sue Nentwig wishing her God speed and all our best!

Dear St. Paul's Friends,

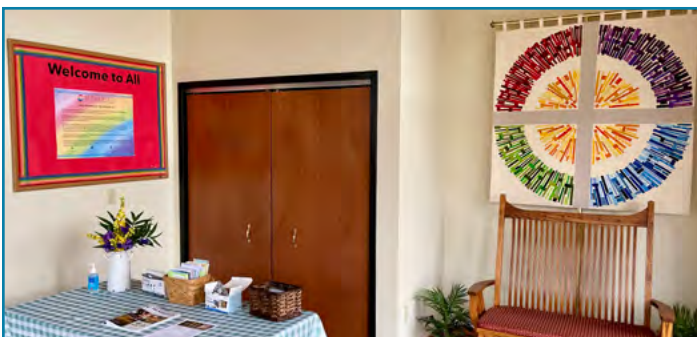
I would like to say "Thank You" for the opportunity I had to work among you for the past 11 years. I've met a lot of great people and forged some lasting friendships while at St. Paul's. Even as I move on, many of you will hold a special place in my heart.

Over the years I've enjoyed working with and getting to know the different committee leaders, as well as learning a lot about the area and the history of St. Paul's from Richard Wagner. He had a lot of interesting stories to tell.

I will miss your smiling faces and the chats that we would have when you came to the office to make copies, pick up your Upper Room devotionals, drop off your offering envelopes or bring in your seasonal flower orders.

Perhaps our paths will cross as we go about our daily activities. I wish the best for all of you and for St. Paul's.

Sincerely,  
Sue Nentwig



Thank you for your support and all the help you gave Dad (Alvah Deans) and Dot over the past several years. The phone calls, visits, trips to appointments, meals...they were all greatly appreciated.

Dad always referred to you as their "church family", and you certainly gave them the love a family does.

God Bless,  
The Deans Family (Kay Deans)

Dear St. Paul's United Church of Christ,

Thank you on behalf of the Staff and Board of Transitions for your contribution of \$1,646.50 on February 8, 2022. Your generosity helps us deliver no-cost, essential, and confidential services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other serious crimes. In addition, with your support we are able to provide counseling, legal and medical advocacy, education, outreach, and safe housing services throughout Union, Snyder, and Northumberland Counties. We greatly appreciate the role you are playing to make our families and communities safer.

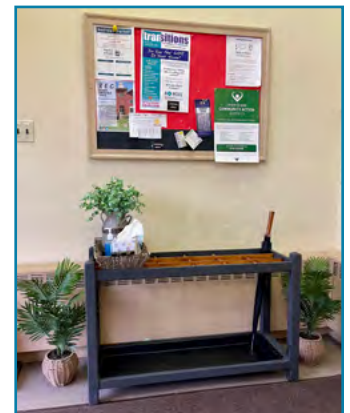
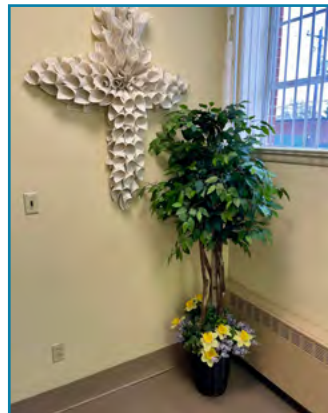
This is Transitions' 46th year of service to the community. Transitions could not exist without your support. Our best wishes for a good year in 2022!

We are so grateful for the kindness and support you've shown us and the help you are giving to victims and survivors!

Sincerely,  
Mae-Ling Kranz  
Chief Executive Officer

We express heartfelt gratitude to Barbie Reed for re-decorating our foyer and the side entrance for the season and for helping us unclutter the coat room. Barbie gave it a special touch and it looks beautiful and inviting.

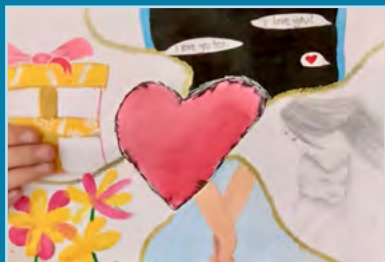
Thank you!  
Pastor Dietmar



# ST. PAUL'S COUNCIL MEETING

## MARCH 8, 2022

The Confirmands shared in worship on Sunday, March 13, their works of art on God's love, our love, and how we can love in and through our actions. Below you see the paintings and images of the confirmands and mentors with brief comments on their art-works.



### Jane Berger

Jane Berger - A big red heart is at the center showing that love is central. We love through hugs, gift giving, affirmation, and acts of service, how we help others hands-on.



### Danika Burd

Our heart is big and open for many joys, blessings, family, friends, acts of kindness, and caring. These are represented by the many colorful dots.



### Amelia Gentile

I feel close to God when I am in nature, by the river. The birds give me a sense of freedom.

*Because of the timing of the newsletter publication, these newsletter minutes are not the official, approved minutes. After the minutes have been approved at the next meeting, the final minutes are available upon request.*

**Attendance:** Sara Adams, Kim Burkhart, Amy Caron, Bob Engel, Peggy Peeler, Pastor Dietmar Plajer, Sigrid Plajer as guest, Shane Sanders, Craig Stark, Randy Tanner, Linda Turner, Allen Wetzel, Mike Zettlemoyer.

**Excused:** Bev Heinemann, Kathy Ulrich, Josh Wenrich.

**Minutes from February Council:** Minutes were sent earlier via email by Randy Tanner, no changes were noted. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Linda Turner, seconded by Bob Engel, and the motion was approved.

**Financial Report:** The report was sent earlier via email. Linda Turner highlighted some of the figures outlined. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Randy Tanner and seconded by Kim Burkhart. The motion was approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Dietmar sent out his report earlier via email. He expanded briefly on the items in his report to Council.

### Unfinished Business & New Business

**Worship Service:** Pastor Dietmar spoke with Council about changing our current mask protocol. He noted the recent decline in new cases of Covid reported and much positive discussion ensued among Council. A unanimous decision was made to make changes to St Paul's mask policy effective Sunday, March 13. The sanctuary main level will be a mask optional area and singing is encouraged. The upper-level area will be a safe zone with masks required and singing not allowed. Our choirs, ensembles, and oth-

ers performing are to use their judgment and leave the majority of those in said groups to make their own mask decision. Overall, feedback continues to be positive regarding all our worship opportunities: in person, online, and phone-in.

**Family Sponsorship:** Further inquiry into sponsoring a displaced Afghan family is no longer necessary as all the families being housed in temporary quarters have been placed. Hallelujah!

**Community Opportunities:** With Pastor Dietmar's sabbatical rapidly approaching, a consensus was fielded to put this project on hold until after he returns.

**St. Paul's Vision:** Pastor Dietmar mentioned how important it is for us to discern St. Paul's vision for the future post Covid. He will contact our UCC Penn Central Conference to access their staff for support on moving forward with vision building.

**Sabbatical Pastor:** Pastor Dietmar explained the need for a job description for a sabbatical fill in minister in light of the length of time (three months). A motion to adopt the suggested position description was made by Linda Turner and seconded by Kim Burkhart. The motion was approved. Pastor Dietmar had spoken with Rev. Darin Namminga about his interest/availability to take on the job. Rev. Namminga is interested and has the availability to perform the job with a concern about the current pay for fill-in pastor. Pastor Dietmar agrees that pay needs to be updated to a more current rate for the position. A motion was made by Shane Sanders to increase the pay rate for the fill-in pastor/Sabbatical pastor to \$8,000 for the total of three months, as recommended by the Stewardship and Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Sara Adams and was approved.

## COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

**2022 Lenten Worship Series:** Pastor Dietmar shared his thoughts and resources, including a favorite book of his, for deciding on this year's series. The series encourages us to follow Jesus' Lenten journey, following him through his darker, harder times and challenges.

**Personnel Committee Report:** Status quo continues in their search for the ongoing open positions and, with regret, the Office Manager position. Our Office Manager, Sue Nentwig, submitted her resignation. With regret, Council accepted her resignation. A motion was made by Bob Engel and seconded by Craig Stark. The motion was approved. A motion to authorize the Personnel Committee to update the office manager position description and advertise the position was made by Bob Engel and seconded by Randy Tanner. The motion was approved.

**Messy Church** is fast approaching on Sunday March 13 with "Celebrating Small" - Parable of the Mustard Seed being the topic.

**The Sunday school class** with Lois Bruno/Marty Blessing has embarked on a Lenten devotional series entitled "The Long Haul". Initial input from the class is very positive. Thursday Evening Group: The current series on race relations and becoming antiracist through diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) has one more week of study left.

**Kids Group & Children's Sunday School** continue with Torri Stark and Linda Turner and many volunteers assisting in leading the children.

**Vacation Bible School:** It is planned for June 6-10 entitled "ReNew". The Living into Right Relations/The Green Team is asked to support the VBS project about helping the earth with recycling and renewal.

**Confirmation Group:** The class will be ending with the Confirmation service on Pentecost Sunday on June 5.

**Visitation Ministry Coordinator:** The

search continues for the position, and anyone interested in visiting/calling on our homebound members, please let Pastor Dietmar know.

**Day of Remembrance Essay Contest:** St. Paul's raised \$1000 for one of the prizes awarded to the students. The winning essays will be shared with St. Paul's in the future.

**Church Council Vacancy:** Ivana Lluveras submitted her resignation from church Council. Ivana regrets leaving her position, but ongoing health concerns don't allow her to continue. This creates a short-term vacancy on Church Council as Ivana's term expires December 2022.

**Vacation:** Pastor Dietmar will be on vacation March 18-20. A motion was made to approve Pastor Dietmar's vacation by Linda Turner and seconded by Sara Adams. The motion was approved. Rev. Darrin Namminga will fill in for worship during Pastor Dietmar's vacation.

### Committee Reports:

**Property and Grounds:** They are seeking bids for replacement of the Mill St. door remote entry system and ongoing exploration of alternative avenues in the replacement of the furnace. They are also looking to repair/replace concrete work in the exterior stairwells.

**Green Team & LRR Group:** A Zoom planning meeting has been scheduled for March 15 at 7pm for those interested in assisting the planning of PFLAG Selinsgrove. The group will be participating in VBS June 6-10, projects are being formed on Renewal/ Recycling. They are also exploring to connect with the Community Garden.

**Finance:** The committee had made a recommendation of re-investing \$35,000 currently in the checking account. This amount is above the ongoing balance carried in our checking. Re-investment would allow us to gain dividends on the extra money as opposed to no dividend on checking accounts. A motion was made by Randy Tanner to act on the Finance Committee's recommendation



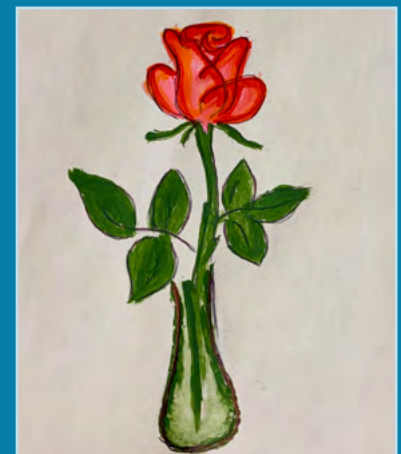
**Kristin Hayes**

I feel blessed that God guides me. I am grateful for the gift of love, all my pets, grandparents, my home, and friends.



**Katie Proger**

Love comes in many colors, shapes and sizes which is represented in the stained glass style heart. At times our heart will break.



**Lori Proger**

Love can find expression in the simplicity and beauty of a single coral colored rose.



**Jack Stark**

One way of showing love is by giving gifts.



**Torri Stark**

At the center of the heart as symbol of love is a cross which reflects God's love. The bright colors and rainbow heart represent the various forms and expressions of love.



**Linda Turner**

Life can be dark at times, but it is balanced by the shining sun and the love we share and experience.



**Dietmar Plajer**

God's love is burning like flames in our hearts and is radiating and reflected in how a mother hold and loves her baby .

### COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

and seconded by Linda Turner. Motion was approved.

**Next Council Meeting** is scheduled for April 12, 2022, at 7pm. Bob Engel will provide devotions. Closer to the meeting Council will decide on the feasibility of having the meeting in-person, via Zoom

or hybrid.

Prayer concerns were expressed, and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Tanner, Council Secretary

## PASTOR'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2022

Our St. Paul's Mission is to grow in faith, to worship God, to serve others, and to welcome all.

February 27 was the highlight and conclusion of our "Drawn In: Living Creatively" worship series. The wonderful rose artwork is complete and reflects the beauty of creation, the creative process, and our participation as co-creators with God in our spiritual growth. Along the series, we explored Sunday by Sunday how growing in faith can be understood as a creative process with stages of inspiration, rumination, courage, listening, integrating, resting, and celebrating. I am deeply grateful to the worship team who, with Carolyn Fair's leadership, make our services visually and tangibly engaging. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to all who provide Children's Messages, read scriptures, and share their special gift of music.

Messy Church focused on March 6 on the Parable of the Lost Coin. It is good to be reminded that when we feel lost or disoriented, God is looking for us. It is always wonderful to explore a scripture passage hands-on through activities, crafts, and games. Messy Church is a key ministry of St. Paul's for all ages with 40-50 persons participating. A wonderful team with Sigrid Plajer as their leader, plans and organizes the monthly events. Thank you to all who volunteer to make it happen.

Caring for members and friends of St. Paul's who are facing life-altering challenges has been more demanding in February due to the number of persons and families affected. I continue to follow up with people and continue to coordinate the Card and Care Ministry together with our Office Manager, Sue Nentwig. I am very grateful that we currently have a group of 14 members and friends of St. Paul's who pray, care, and write notes to those who are facing challenges.

Kids Group on Wednesday afternoons and Children's Sunday school are going well. Our Youth Leader, Torri Stark, is wonderfully committed to the children, parents, and families. Thank you to all who support Torri Stark as helpers and volunteers. Torri is planning for the "Re-New: A Green VBS" Vacation Bible School that will focus on sustainability. All of us can learn how to become better stewards and caretakers of God's creation. The VBS is planned for Monday-Friday, June 6-10, 5:30-7:30 PM.

I am grateful that we have a new Joyful Noise Children's Choir director, Sarah Fluke, a Music Education student at Susquehanna University who is phenomenal in engaging the children. The Senior Choir continues under Amy Caron's leadership and Adam Dietz as accompanist.

I officiated the marriage of Valerie





**PASTOR'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2022 CONTINUED**

Hulm and Herbert Vankirk in our church sanctuary on February 12. Valerie and Herb are looking for a church to belong to and get engaged in, and St. Paul's is becoming that place for them. Thank you for welcoming them with open hearts.

The recently formed Living into Right Relationships Team (LRR) met on February 17 and continues to explore how we can integrate our commitment to sustainability, diversity, equality, LGBTQ+ inclusion and advocacy. The LLR Team supports establishing a PFLAG support group for teenagers, parents, families, and advocates of persons who identify as LGBTQ+ in Selinsgrove. The intent and goal of the LRR Team is for all of us to become more Christ-like.

We participated in supporting "Days of Remembrance" in Lewisburg, an organization whose mission is to keep the remembrance of the Holocaust alive through an essay contest for students from middle and high schools in the Susquehanna Valley. This essay writing contest will create a greater awareness among students and their families of the causes and the atroc-

ities of the Holocaust. Learning from history, will help prevent brutality and human rights abuses in the future. The mission of "Days of Remembrance" aligns with our St. Paul's values of extravagant welcome, respect, diversity, equity, and inclusion. I am very grateful to those who contributed financially to sponsor winning prizes for the essay contests.

Thank you for your prayers, your witness, your giving, your service, and your faithfulness to God and to God's work through St. Paul's. You are the hands and heart of Jesus in action!

February 1-28, 2022

Days worked	21
Days off	07
Continuing Education	00
Vacation days	00
Holidays	00
Total Days	28

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Dietmar Plajer

## COME VISIT THE SUNBURY SYNAGOGUE SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 12:30 PM

We invite you, the friends and members of St. Paul's, to join us and the Confirmation Class for a visit of the synagogue in Sunbury at 249 Arch Street. After our 10:30 AM worship service on Sunday, April 3, we will have some pizza and snacks in the fellowship hall before driving to Sunbury where we will meet Rabbi Nina Mandel at 12:30 PM. Rabbi Nina will give us a tour of the synagogue and explain to us what Congregation Beth-El is about. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn together with our Confirmation Class about our Jewish sisters and brothers and how they practice their faith. Children are welcome to participate in the visit.





We welcome Mercedes Nadal as our Kids Group Helper and Nursery Attendant. Mercedes is in her second year at Susquehanna University where she is working towards her bachelor's degree in Luxury Brand Marketing and Management. Originally from New Providence PA, she is one of 8 children and has many years of experience working with young children.



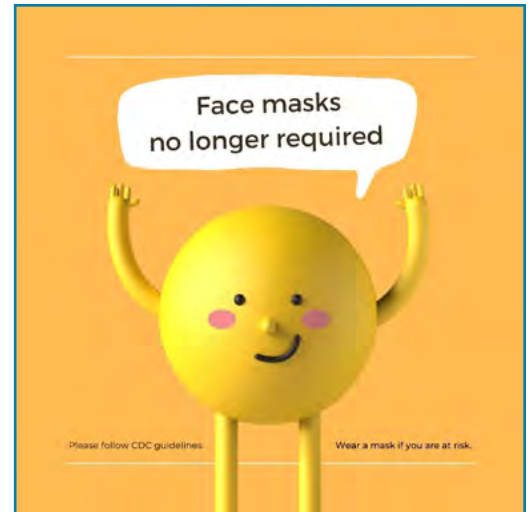
St. Paul's is looking for a Church Secretary to work an average of 15 hours/week, preferably Tuesdays-Thursdays from 9 AM-2 PM. The position requires good language, computer, and communication skills. It is important in this profession to keep confiden-

tiality. A background check will be required. For more information go to [saintpauls-ucc.org/jobs](http://saintpauls-ucc.org/jobs) and/or email [jobs@saintpauls-ucc.org](mailto:jobs@saintpauls-ucc.org). Please share this job opening broadly and widely in your circle of influence.



St. Paul's UCC is looking for a treasurer, a person who is knowledgeable in accounting and has good computer skills. For more

information go to [saintpauls-ucc.org/jobs](http://saintpauls-ucc.org/jobs) and/or email [jobs@saintpauls-ucc.org](mailto:jobs@saintpauls-ucc.org).



Council decided at its last meeting to lift the mask requirement at church. There will be singing in worship on Sundays on the main floor of the sanctuary. The balcony will be reserved for those who continue to wear masks and refrain from singing. Please help us by meeting one another with love, kindness, and compassion.

## PASTOR DIETMAR'S SABBATICAL LEAVE

Pastor Dietmar will be taking a sabbatical renewal time from June 6 to September 5, 2022. Ministry at St. Paul's has been especially challenging and demanding through the pandemic. As specified in the call agreement with St. Paul's, Pastor Dietmar is guaranteed a three month sabbatical after every five years of service. This March it has been fifteen years since Pastor Dietmar has been serving St. Paul's. During the time of Pastor Dietmar's absence, Rev. Darin Namminga will lead the Sunday worship services and will provide pastoral care for any and all situations. Rev. Namminga will officiate funerals and will be available for any additional concerns. He will cooperate closely with Church Council during this time. You will receive the contact information for Rev. Namminga next month. Church Council and the Pastoral Relations Committee express their deep gratitude to Rev. Namminga for his willingness to share his gifts, time, and energy during Pastor Dietmar's sabbatical.

# EASTER FLOWERS & NON-LILY MINISTRY FOR HOFFMAN HOMES

## EASTER FLOWERS PRESENTED BY:

- Amy Caron in honor of Raven & Marv Rudnitsky. Blessings to us all.
- Lisa Krex in honor of Ronan, Reed, Magnolia McCabe.
- Leon Fetterolf in honor of Mary.
- Leon Fetterolf in memory of Carol.
- Charlotte Barben & Susan Harman in honor of Kim Haizlett.
- Erin Goedegebuure
- Susan & Michael Bolig in honor of Mary Bolig, our children and our 6 granddaughters.
- Caroline Kissinger & family in memory of Jerry Kissinger.
- Randy Tanner in memory of Howard & Frances Tanner.
- Sigrid & Dietmar Plajer in honor of our sons Max and Felix.
- Linda Turner in memory of Mom, Dad, & Elaine.

## NON-LILY MINISTRY FOR HOFFMAN HOMES PRESENTED BY:

- Charlotte Barben & Susan Harman in memory of Edward S. Barben.
- LaMar & Sue Henise in memory of Stanley, Georgina, and Judy Wagner.
- Caroline Kissinger & family in memory of daughter, Pam, and son, Marcus.
- Carol Miller in honor of Charles & Dolly Klingler.
- Randy Tanner in honor of God's children.
- Sigrid & Dietmar Plajer in honor of all the children of St. Paul's.
- Bill & Mary Ann Weader in honor of their children and grandchildren
- Bill & Mary Ann Weader in memory of Tom & Kate Valunas and Mike & Kippy Weader
- Ray Benner in memory of Betsy Benner



## LOVE BRINGS YOU HOME - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

When disaster strikes, love responds. On Memorial Day 2019 a tornado swept through the Miami Valley of Ohio, destroying hundreds of homes and apartments, leaving a trail of downed trees and power lines in their wake. Many families lost their homes. Yet not all was lost. The Stephen family connected with the Miami Valley Long-Term Recovery Operations Group which, with the support of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, help them rebuild their home and their lives. Your offering to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) will help families like the Stephens. When you give to OGHS, people in need around the world and in our own communities are helped. When disaster strikes, love responds. Please give generously through our [website](#), with your offering envelopes, or by check made out to St. Paul's UCC, with OGHS in the memo line. Thank you!



## MESSY CHURCH

We invite you to come to our April Messy Church! We will make our own little Easter garden, bake resurrection rolls, decorate towels, make Easter cards, have an egg race, and much more. Just come and see for yourself! All are invited to join in the fun and explore the Easter story with us. This time we will share a simple meal together (pizza). Hope you can come and join the fun! Sign up [here](#) so we can plan for enough supplies and pizza!



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## CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

We thank God for...



THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME TO MESSY CHURCH IN MARCH