

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME. In the name of Christ, we offer you welcome to this church. May those who sorrow, find comfort; the weary, rest; the troubled, peace; the stranger, friends; the unhappy, joy; and to all, the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place. If you are new to this parish community, please give your name and phone number to the Rector or sign our guest register on the stand in the back of the Church. As our honored guest, we want to welcome you. *Book of Common Prayer* and the larger blue book is the *Hymnal*.

THE SERVICE. There are two main books used for our service; the smaller red book is the *Book of Common Prayer* and the larger blue book is the *Hymnal*. There is also a *Gray Hymnal*. They can be found in the bookrack on the back of the pew in front of you. A *Bible* can be found at the ends of the pew. The page / hymn numbers in the service bulletin help you find your place in these service books. We invite you to participate fully in our worship.

RECEIVING COMMUNION. Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church is open to all who are comfortable participating in the Communion of the Lords' Table. To receive communion, please form two lines in the center aisle and approach the front of the Celebration Altar.

Please stand with one hand cupped on top of the other to receive the consecrated bread from the Celebrant. Then step to the side to the Eucharistic Minister and **take** the chalice and drink from it; or you may intinct the bread by dipping it in the consecrated wine. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward for a blessing (fold your arms across your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive Holy Communion). Return to your pew by way of the side aisles.

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 24, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Opening Hymn "I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord"

Hymn 304

Call to Worship

Prayer Book, page 355

Collect for Purity

Prayer Book, page 355

Collect of the Day

First Reading Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Insert

Psalms 37:1-12, 41-42

pages 5-6 of bulletin

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Insert

Gospel Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymn 657

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Insert

Gospel Response "If You Believe and I Believe"

Sermon

Rev. J. Patrick Peters

Nicene Creed

Prayer Book, page 358

Prayers of the People

Prayer Leader: Sisters and brothers, do to others as you would have them do to you. Let us pray.

Prayer Leader: Merciful God, help us, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Bishop; James and Barbara, the Bishops of our Lutheran brothers and sisters; Ronald, the Bishop of our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters; clergy, especially Patrick, our Rector; Gina, Ingrid, Sud, Tim, Mark, Peter, Beth, John, and Nancy, the clergy of the Rim Parishes; and all our brothers and sisters of the Rim Parishes, to love our enemies, and to do good to those who hate us. It is a hard thing for us. Make us merciful, just as you are merciful. We have come before you, O God;

All: And here will we wait for you.

Prayer Leader: Holy God, enable our leaders, especially Donald, our President; the Congress and the Courts; Thomas our Governor; the Legislature of our Commonwealth; our Borough Council; and Leo our Mayor, and all who wield power and authority in the world, to make your justice shine like the noonday sun. Vindicate the meek; save the righteous; rescue those who find their refuge in you. We have come before you, O God;

All: And here will we wait for you.

Prayer Leader: We pray, Creator God, for those who experience the pangs of hunger. We cry to you for those dying of starvation. Bless them with provision. Give us a new appreciation for the abundance in our lives. We give you thanks for your loving care and blessings, especially for...

(mention any thanksgivings [if any] listed under the heading of “thanksgivings”)

(then say: “the congregation is invited to add other blessings aloud or in silence”),

(then continue)

Heal these bodies, O God, that you have made from the dust of the earth. Deliver us, and those for whom we now pray, from our infirmities. We pray especially for...

(read the names of the sick listed on the prayer list. Also read the names [if any] listed under “for the special needs of,” read the names [if any] listed under the heading of “for healthy pregnancy and safe delivery”)

(then say: “the congregation is invited to add others names aloud or in silence”),

(then continue)

Raise in power those who have died in weakness, mighty Redeemer. Raise to imperishability those who have died in the flesh. Raise those whose bodies have returned to the dust to greater and eternal glory.

(read the names of the departed listed on the prayer list)

(then say: “the congregation is invited to add others names aloud or in silence”),

(then continue)

We have come before you, O God;

All: And here will we wait for you.

Prayer Leader: Heal families. Heal our families. Heal the families in our Parish Family and in our community. Mend our divisions. Make us ministers of reconciliation. We have come before you, O God;

All: And here will we wait for you.

Prayer Leader: Living God, you spoke to your people of old. Give to this Parish Family of Saint Paul, ears to hear your voice speaking in our day, even through those we name as enemy. We have come before you, O God;

All: And here will we wait for you

Prayer Leader: Lord, in Jesus you have given us the first fruit of your dominion. Plant your life-giving Spirit in us and in this Parish Family of Saint Paul, that we may bring forth justice and peace. We have come before you, O God;

All: And here will we wait for you

Prayer Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(pause a short period for the private confession of our sins)

Confession of Sin
Absolution
The Peace

Prayer Book, page 360
Prayer Book, page 332
Prayer Book, page 360

Greetings and Announcements

Presentation Hymn “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”
Offertory
Eucharistic Prayer
Sursum Corda
Sanctus
Memorial Acclamation
The Great Amen
Our Father
The Breaking of the Bread
Prayer of Humble Access
Communion
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Blessing
Closing Hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Dismissal

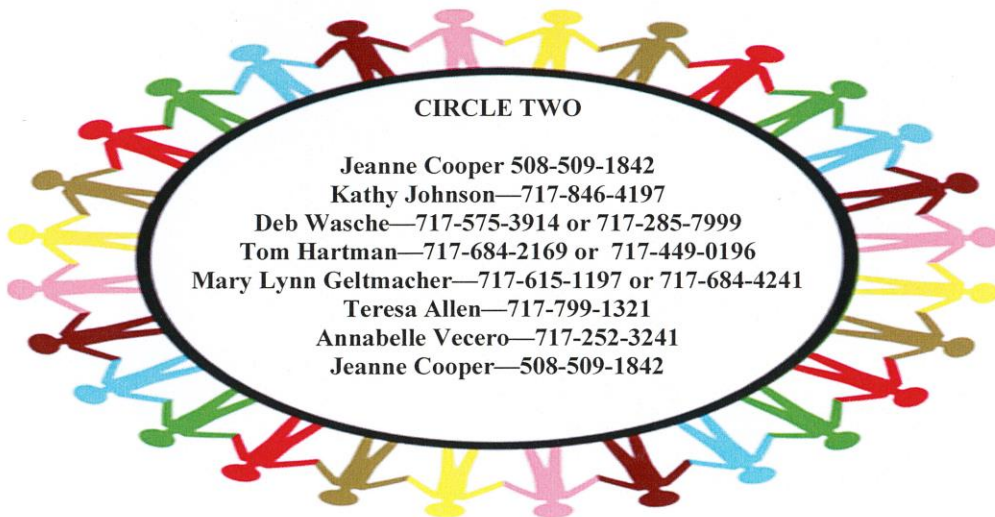
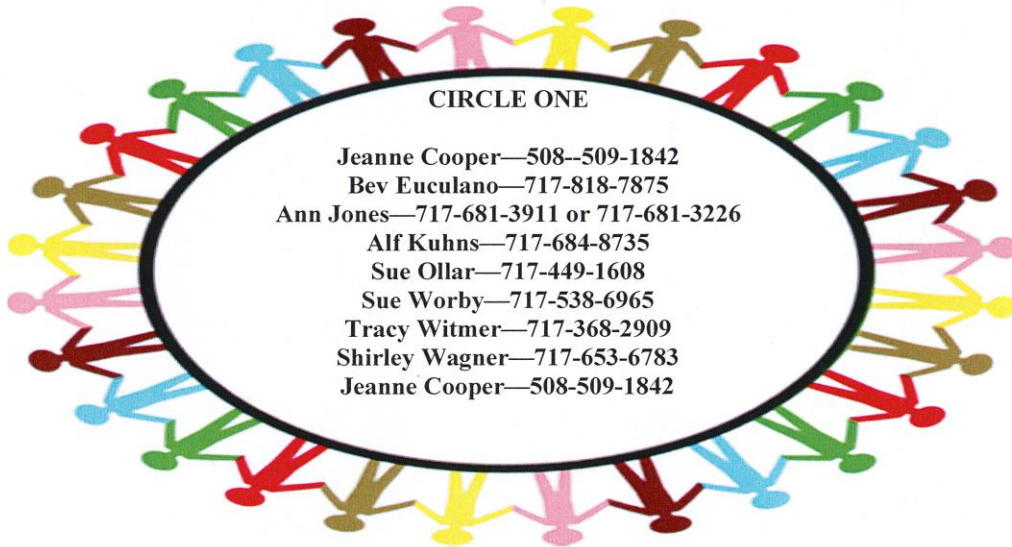
Hymn 602
Prayer Book, page 367
Hymnal S-120
Hymnal S-130
Mass of Creation
Mass of Creation
Celtic
Prayer Book, page 364
Prayer Book, page 337
Prayer Book, page 366
Hymn 390

PRAYER CIRCLE

Dear Members of St. Paul,

The person at the top (Jeanne Cooper) will call the next person on the list. Ex.: Jeanne will call Bev Euculano; Bev will call Ann Jones; Ann will call Alf Kuhns; and so on. The last person on each list will call Jeanne back, thus completing the circle.

The person being prayed for will remain on the list for 30 days; then they will be taken off unless you request that we keep them in our prayers longer. If there are any questions, please call Jeanne Cooper.



Prayer Requests February 24, 2019

Hospitalizations

Homebound

Delores Baker (Saint Anne); Ethel Edelman (Autumn House West); Alverta Hossler (Mennonite Home, Eshelman Run, 1520 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster 17601)

Intercessions

Sue Ellen; Ruth; Ethel; Alverta; Mike; Joann; Carolyn; Neil; Alf; DJ; Bryan; Bobby; FatherTim; Robert; Bentley; Mitch; Terry; Toni; Joan; George; Janet; Rich

Birthday

2/25 Bill Weinberg; 2/27 Jean Geesey, Bishop Charlie McNutt, Jr.

Anniversary

Departed

William Wood; Albert Weaver; Peggy Brommer; John Vecero; Jean Graham; Zelma Kuhns

For Those in Positions of Public Trust

President Donald Trump; Governor Tom Wolf; Mayor Leo Lutz; All legislative bodies & all courts of law; for the leaders of all nations and people

For our Bishops, Rector, and Parish Members

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and his staff; The Most Rev. Michael Curry and his staff; The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan and her staff; The Rev. J. Patrick Peters; the staff and people of this parish, especially Ethel Edelman; Jean Geesey; Bea Warfel

World Cycle of Prayer

2/24 Mali; 2/25 Malta; 2/26 Marshall Islands; 2/27 Mauritania; 2/28Mauritius; 3/1 Mexico; 3/2 Federated States of Micronesia

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

2/24 Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, The Rt. Rev' Julio Murran Thompson, Primate of IARCA and Bishop of Panama; 2/25 Malakal, The Most Rev'd Hilary Garang Deng; The Rt. Rev'd John Gattek; The Rt. Rev'd John Gettek, The Rt. Rev'd Peter Gatbel Kunen, The Rt. Rev'd David Kiir Mayath (Assistant Bishops); Toamasina, The Rt. Rev'd Jean Paul Solo; 2/26 Malek, The Rt. Rev'd Peter Joh Abraham Mayom; Tohoku, The Rt. Rev'd John Masato Yoshida; 2/27 Malek Rup, The Rt. Rev'd Peter Marial Agok; Tokyo, Vacant; Toliara, The Rt. Rev'd Todd McGregor; The Rt. Rev'd Samitiana Jhonson Razafindralambo, Assistant Bishop; 2/28 Malindi, The Rt. Rev'd Lawrence Dena; Toni, The Rt. Rev'd Peter Yuol Gur; 3/1 Manchester, The Rt. Rev'd David Walker; The Rt. Rev'd Mark David Ashcroft; The Rt. Rev'd Mark Davies; Torit, The Most Rev'd Bernard Oringa Balmoi, The Rt. Rev'd Martin Abuni, The Rt. Rev'd Isaac Deu Chon (Assistant Bishops); 3/2

Mandalay, The Rt. Rev'd David Nyi Nyi Naing; Toronto, The Rt. Rev'd Jennifer Andison; The Rt. Rev'd Peter Fenty; The Rt. Rev'd Kevin Robertson; The Rt. Rev'd Riscylla Shaw; The Most Rev'd Colin Robert Johnson; The Very Rev'd Andrew Asbil

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

2/24 Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa; 2/25 Westminster Presbyterian Church; 2/26 Church of Bangladesh; 2/27 Church of Pakistan; 2/28 Church of North India; 3/1 Church of South India; 3/2 Evangelical Church in Germany

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and Parish Cycle of Prayer:

St. James, Mansfield and their congregation; St. James Lutheran Church, Columbia and their congregation

Companion Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Ecumenical:

Rev. Beth J. Costlow and the people of Saint John Lutheran Church, Columbia

Rev. Mark Kopp and the people of Saint James Lutheran Church, Columbia

Rev. Stephen Kelley and the people of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Columbia

Rev. Anthony Swamy Anthappa, MSFS and the people of Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church, Columbia

Rev. David Powers and the people of The Columbia Presbyterian Church, Columbia

Rev. Thomas Grubbs and the people of The Columbia United Methodist Church, Columbia

Rev. Patricia McAllister and the people of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Columbia

Rev. Hub Smith and the people of The Columbia Christian Fellowship, Columbia

Rev. Greg Impink and the people of Ironville United Methodist Church, Columbia

Rev. Mary Ann Kingsborough and the people of Concordia Lutheran Church, Columbia

Rev. Dione Kleptka and the people of Saint John Herr Estate Retirement Community

Rim Parishes of the Lancaster Convocation:

Rev. Gina Bautista and the people of Saint John Episcopal Church, Marietta

Rev. Ingrid Andersen and the people of Saint Luke Episcopal Church, Mount Joy

Rev. Sud Tiwari and the people of Saint Paul Episcopal Church, Manheim

Rev. Tim Small and the people of Hope Episcopal Church, Mt. Hope

Rev. Mark Scheneman and the people of Bangor Church, Churchtown

and the Revs. Beth Mollard, Pete Greenfield, John Emmert, Ellie Garner and Nancy Rementer

Peace and Justice

South Sudan; Nigeria; Iraq; Israel; Kenya; Afghanistan; Palestine; Somalia; Iran; Libya; Syria; Egypt; Tunisia; Yemen; Ukraine; Venezuela; North Korea; Turkey

Amount needed each week to meet the 2018 income budget:	\$2,763.00
Amount budgeted each week from fundraisers and investment income:	\$1,764.00
Amount needed each week in pledge and plate to meet income budget:	\$ 999.00
Amount needed each week to meet the 2018 expense budget:	\$3,535.00
Amount expected each week from fundraisers and investment income:	\$1,764.00
Amount needed each week in pledge and plate to meet expense budget:	\$1,771.00

	02/17/19	02/18/18
St. John Herr Estate	16	05
9:00 a.m.	<u>28</u>	<u>23</u>
	44	28
Pledge and Plate	\$1,312.00	\$672.00 (snow)

Weekly Impact: w/e 2/17/19: 319

Be Thoughtful
Be Silent
Be Reverent.....
For this is the House of the Lord
Before the service,
speak to the Lord
During the service,
let the Lord speak to you
After the service,
speak to one another

REVERENT



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

March 2, 2019

St. John Herr Estate

5:30 p.m.

Lector:	Darlene
Eucharistic Minister:	Les
Prayers of the People:	Charlene

March 3, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Lectors:	Mary Lynn/Jessica
Eucharistic Ministers:	Danielle/Ralph
Crucifer:	Ralph
Server:	Ralph
Gospel Bearer:	Danielle
Prayers of the People:	Mary Lynn
Ushers:	George/Ralph
Greeters:	Evelyn/Ralph
Verger (Open):	Tracy
Verger (Close):	Bev

Ash Wednesday

March 6, 2019

9:30 a.m.

Lector:	Bev
Eucharistic Minister:	Alf
Prayers of the People:	Bev

7:00 p.m.

Lectors:	Danielle/Evan
Eucharistic Ministers:	Christine/Ralph
Crucifer:	Ralph
Server:	Georgie
Gospel Bearer:	Georgie
Prayers of the People:	Mary Lynn
Ushers:	George/Bill W.
Greeters:	George/Bill W.
Verger (Open)	Christine
Verger (Close)	Father Patrick



THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL

Sun: 8:50 AM – Sunday School in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center
9:00 AM – Eucharist – Church
10:30 AM – Annual Parish Meeting/Vestry Elections in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center
4:00 PM – Girl Scouts meet in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center

Mon: 7:00 PM – Adult Forum – St. John Herr Estate – **“Who Are the Moravians”**

Tues:

Wed: 9:30 AM – Morning Prayer and Healing Service in the Rector’s Office

Thu:

Fri:

Sat: 7:30 AM – Free Community breakfast sponsored by Columbia Christian Fellowship in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center
5:30 PM – Eucharist at St. John Herr Estate

Sun: 8:50 AM – Sunday School in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center
9:00 AM – Eucharist – Church – Birthday Sunday
10:30 AM – Coffee Hour in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center
10:45 AM – Finance Committee Meeting

A man who does a daily blog named Seth Godin recently wrote the following and I have to think this describes where Saint Paul is right now:

There are two polar opposites: Staying Still and Breaking. It’s easy to visualize each end of the axis, whatever the activity. In between is Stretching.

Stretching is growth. Extending our reach. Becoming more resilient, limber and powerful. Stretching hurts a bit, and maybe leaves us just a little bit sore.

But then, tomorrow, we can stretch further than we could yesterday. Because stretching compounds. If you’re afraid of breaking, the answer is not to sit still but to dedicate yourself to stretching.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF: William Wood by his sister Jan Wood.

The Altar Flowers are available for the weeks of March 3, 10, 24, 31.

The Sanctuary Candle is available for the weeks of March 3, 10, 24, 31.

The Bread and Wine is available for the weeks of March 3, 10, 24, 31.

Prayer Ministry: Please take an active part in our three Core Prayer Ministries:

- 1) Send those birthday cards to the people who have a birthday in February. The names and dates are on the Prayer Calendar you received and there is also a list on the table in the back of the church. Birthday cards are available in the back of the church for a small donation.
- 2) Remember your Prayer Partner every day in February. Take the time to pray for them and the needs that they may have. Just remember them and ask God to bless them.
- 3) The Daily Prayer Intention Calendar was sent out for February. Please use it. Prayer changes lives! Lots of prayer changes lots of lives! Your prayers are heard and answered! Pray always!

Prayer Meditation: Each month you will find a meditation by Steven Charleston in our Sunday bulletin. These messages are taken from his book “The Medicine Wheel”. I pray you will find Bishop Charleston’s meditations/visions are as inspirational as I have. Shirley Wagner

For February

Love will not lose, even if the evidence of the daily news seems to suggest that it will, even if we despair of the values we thought we shared, even if we imagine the divisions between us have grown too wide to bridge: love will not lose. Love cannot not be constrained by legal walls, political pieties, or institutional fear. Love is the subversion of power by mercy. It is the uncontrolled spirit of hope that erodes the authority of oppression. Love is the human soul made visible. Once we see it one another’s eyes, no force on earth can compel us to deny its reality. Those who cling to what was will not win, for what is now will never cease to be. No matter what it takes, no matter how long it takes, love will not lose.

For March

Each person defines faith for themselves. We determine what it is and how it works. Even if we sit in the pews with a thousand others, we all still process what we believe individually. Part of that definition is received, imparted to us by culture and community. Part is internally developed over time and through experience. Faith, therefore, is a process. It is active within and exercised without as we encounter life. It can solidify or liquefy depending on the situation. Being conscious of what faith means to us is being aware of how life works for us. As Socrates is supposed to have said: the unexamined life is not worth living.

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday is March 6, 2019. To begin our Lenten Season, we will have two services in the main church:

9:30 a.m. Eucharist with imposition of ashes

7:00 p.m. Solemn Eucharist with the imposition of ashes

Our 7:00 p.m. service will be a joint Eucharist with our brothers and sisters from The Columbia Presbyterian Church. Pastor David Powers will concelebrate and preach. A light reception will follow the service in the back of the church. This is a great time to bring someone back to church. Do you know anyone?

Stations of the Cross: This year we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross on two Fridays in Lent. On Friday, March 15, we will join our brothers and sisters from Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church on Second Street. On Friday, March 29 our brothers and sisters from Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church will join us here at Saint Paul beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Stations or Way of the Cross is a wonderful service that helps us walk with Jesus the incredibly painful way of the cross that he walked for us. Come and pray! This is a great service to bring a guest – just a simple song and prayer. “Could you not spend just one hour with me in prayer?”

Wednesday Morning Prayer and Healing Service: Our Wednesday Morning Prayer and Healing Service is held in the Rector’s Office at 9:30 a.m.

Missed You Cards: Father Patrick continues to send his weekly "Missed You Cards". Coming together each week is very important and we hope that you will make every effort to attend our Sunday Eucharist. Common Family Parish Prayer on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning is important every week.

“Rediscover Jesus”: On the table in the back of the church are copies of “Rediscover Jesus”. If you would like a copy of this book, please take one after the service. There is no charge for the book.

-CHRISTIAN FORMATION-

Sunday School: Our Sunday School-for children age 4 through 10 will continue today at 8:50 a.m. in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center.

MONDAY NIGHT ADULT FORUM

SPONSORED BY:

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
ST. JOHN'S HERR ESTATE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
and
ST. PAUL EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

All sessions, except as noted, take place in the dining room of the St. John's Herr Estate Retirement Community. Please enter through the Personal Care entrance and go down the hallway toward the rotunda. The dining room is on your right. There is plenty of parking.



All sessions, except as noted, begin at 7:00 pm.

All are welcome!

There is no charge for any of the sessions, and you do not have to register in advance. Just come and enter into God's presence in this holy place!

February 25 WHO ARE THE MORAVIANS?

Moravians were heavily persecuted in Europe and came to Pennsylvania on the promise of religious freedom. This Christian community struggled against fierce opposition from other Christian denominations. Why were they so persecuted? How did they become established in this area? Locally, the Borough of Lititz was established as a Moravian community. Come learn about our brothers and sisters of the Moravian Church. The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are in full communion with the Moravians.

Rev. John Fritts
Pastor, Covenant Moravian Church
York, PA

Inquirer's Class: We will have an Inquirer's Class this spring. This class is for any adult (16 and above) who wishes to:

Be Baptized / Confirmed
Be Received into the Episcopal Church (already Baptized)
Renew the basic and core fundamentals of our faith

The classes will be on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Rector's office and will run no more than 90 minutes. Topics will be:

The Basics of Scripture – Old and New Testaments
Prayer
Sacraments
Worship – The Book of Common Prayer
History of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion
Open Question and Answer time at each session

The dates are as follows:

March 24
March 31
April 7
April 28
May 5

If you wish to enroll, please call the Parish Office (717-684-8496) no later than March 10. This will give time for the gathering of sufficient materials. This is a great way to learn – one of the Practices of “The Way of Love.”

Rim Parish Wednesday Lenten Program: In communion with our brothers and sisters of the Rim Parishes of the Lancaster Convocation – Saint John (Marietta), Hope Church (Mt Hope), Saint Paul Church (Manheim), Saint Luke Church (Mt. Joy) and Saint Paul Church (Columbia) – there will be a joint Lenten Education / Reflection Program. The program will be held on five Wednesdays during Lent:

March 13 Saint Luke – Mt Joy
March 20 Saint Paul - Manheim
March 27 Saint John - Marietta
April 3 Saint Paul – Columbia
April 10 Hope – Mt Hope

Our topic will be “Death—Let’s Talk About It.” Each night we will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a light dinner with the program / reflection beginning at approximately 6:45 p.m. We close the evening with Compline / Night Prayer and end about 8:15 p.m. If you would like to car-pool, please let Father Patrick know so he can make arrangements.

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT

Please, Please, Please: If you missed church the past several weeks due to the weather, please make up your weekly contribution so that we can keep on budget. The treasurer needs to pay bills whether you are here or not. Thank you.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Food Donations: You are reminded to bring your food items to church each week so that on the last Sunday of the month we can present them to the Lord for blessing and then give them to the food bank. Whenever you go shopping, please add extra non-perishable items to your order for this outreach ministry. Jesus never forgot the last, the lost and the least in his ministry and neither can we.

Adult Cereals (less sugar)
Soups
Spaghetti Sauce

Peanut Butter
Rice

Jelly
Boxed Potatoes

Let's all bring one non-perishable food item each week as committed to in our Mission and Ministry Plan.

Food Bank Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The Columbia Food Bank is closed on holidays.

Community Meals: Our Free Community Breakfast is on Saturday, March 9 – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and our Free Community Dinner is on Saturday, March 16 – 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please sign-up to donate your time and/or by going to the sign-up sheets on the Sign-Up Board in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center.

Greeting Cards: We are collecting old greeting cards so that adults with autism and other intellectual disabilities can recycle them into new greeting cards. Don't throw away your greeting cards – just bring them to the church and put them in the box on the back pew. This will be an ongoing outreach ministry project. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATION

Annual Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting/Vestry Elections will be held today in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center immediately following the service. Nominations for Vestry are: Jean Dosch; Mary Lynn Geltmacher; Ann Jones; and Christine Weinberg. Nomination for Delegate to Convention is Bill Weinberg; Alternate Delegate is Christine Weinberg.

Parish Office Hours: The Parish Office hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Office is closed on holidays.

Use of St. Paul's Facilities: Please call the Parish Office if you want to reserve the Parish Hall or Church.

Reminder: Please remember that when you use the Parish Hall nothing can be put on the walls or the woodwork. Using scotch tape, duct tape, masking tape, and even some types of painter's tape has the possibility of pulling the paint off the wall or damaging the surface. Items can only be placed on the wooden food bank cabinets or the metal kitchen window and its metal surround. Only masking tape or painter's tape can be used on these surfaces. This applies to both parish members and outside groups that use the hall and is clearly stated in the policy outlining use of the parish hall or the church. Thank you.

PARISH EVENTS

Shrove Tuesday Dinner and Mardi Gras Party: Lent begins this year on Wednesday, March 6 (Ash Wednesday) so our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be Tuesday, March 5 beginning at 5:00 p.m. This dinner is an ancient Christian tradition. Our Shrove Tuesday Dinner and Mardi Gras Party will be held in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center with a wonderful supper of pancakes, eggs, and ham. Come join us for an evening of fun, great prizes, and wonderful food. As part of the evening, there will be a Crazy Auction and a 50-50 raffle. There will be awards for the best Mardi Gras mask. The cost for the supper is \$6.00 with all the proceeds going to the General Fund. The supper and party are open to all in the community, so bring a friend!

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration: On Sunday, March 17 we will celebrate the Patronal Feast of the Rector at our 9:00 a.m. Sunday service. It will be a "grand celebration." Come and bring your friends to honor the Apostle to the Irish. Patrick, like Paul, was an evangelizer who spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to new peoples. Following the service, Father Patrick is treating everyone to a light breakfast in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center. At 4:00 p.m. there will be a Traditional Irish Dinner in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center. We will have Shepherd's Pie, Corn Beef and Cabbage, Irish Coffee, and wonderful desserts. There will be plenty of Irish "Liquid Grace" for those who are of a certain age. This day will be a time of celebration of faith – faith in Jesus Christ and the faith that we have in our mission and ministry together in this place. Please note: We **will** have our Saturday evening service (March 16) in the Chapel of the Saint John Herr Estate at 5:30 p.m. as normally scheduled. There is a sign-up sheet on the Sign-Up Board in the Parish Hall.

Friendly's Family Fun Night: The next Friendly's Family Fun Night is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20 between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the Friendly's on Centerville Road. Come have dinner, fellowship and at the same time, help with this fundraiser which goes to our Parish General Fund.

Attention Readers: St. Paul has a small library located in the Mary Elizabeth Bair Parish Center – Middle Classroom. Feel free to borrow a book (or books). When you have finished reading it, please drop your book into the “Book Return” basket located to the left of the book shelves. We have also included a donation box if you would like to make a contribution. Enjoy! Thanks to Vickie Stump for all her hard work in organizing and setting up our library.

Quilts for Kids – If you know how to quilt, want to learn how to quilt, know how to sew, don’t know how but want to learn, or just have a relaxing hour or two finding out how, we can cheer up a sick kid with a quilt. If you have quilting supplies you do not need anymore, we may be able to use them too. Call Gayanne Basham through the parish office (717-684-8496) if any questions. The quilting group meets Wednesday afternoons.

Homemade Easter Eggs: The women (and some men) of the parish will once again make homemade Easter eggs during Lent. They will begin on Monday, February 25, and will continue through the week of April 8. They are making Peanut Butter (light and dark), Peanut Butter Krispy (light and dark), Coconut (dark), Cherry (dark), and Butter Cream (dark). You can order eggs by calling the parish office at 717-684-8496. **Cost:** \$11.00 a dozen or \$1.25 each. Orders must be placed by 11:00 a.m. the Tuesday before the Friday you intend to pick them up. The first pick-up is Friday March, 15 and the last Friday pick-up is Friday, April 12. Egg orders may be picked up in the parish hall between 11:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Friday mornings or after the service on Sunday mornings.

OTHER EVENTS

Safeguarding God’s Children Training: On Saturday, March 30th, St. John’s, Lancaster will be hold a training class from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. If you have not taken the class in the past three years, please call the parish office to register.

Free Sunday Breakfast: On the last Sunday of every month, the Columbia United Methodist Church offers a Free Community Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in their Fellowship Hall. All are invited.

Thank You! Thank you for all your prayers for our son Bryan who recently had a bone marrow transplant. Bryan is now home with his family and continues to recover. Continued prayers would be appreciated. Larry and Rose Huber