



The Beacon

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.~ [1 Peter 2:15-17](#)

The Newsletter of
St. Paul's
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
McConnellsburg, PA
Trinity
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
Fort Loudon, PA
October 2023

Trinity and the Peach Fest Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Peach Festival a great success. We were glad to have help from St. Paul's and appreciate everyone who volunteered. We had some unexpected challenges this year but with everyone's help we had our best festival ever. The Peach Festival proceeds keep the doors of Trinity open and ready to serve our members and the community. Thank you again everyone for any part you played from donations, funding, volunteering or just praying for our success. There are already vendors signing up for next year! *Linda Best*



**The Fort Loudon-McConnellsburg Charge
United Church of Christ
228 North 2nd Street
McConnellsburg, PA 17233**

STAMP



Dear Church family,

Welcome to my very favorite month: October! The month of harvest, pumpkins, and beautiful fall foliage delights us, but also keeps us on our toes. To say nothing of the spooky, Halloween-themed critters hiding behind every corner, the mornings are cool enough that I find myself doing something that would have been unthinkable just a couple weeks ago... wearing a jacket! If it were just me, I might leave it behind, but Rosie would be too cold without one. So, instead of bursting out the door for our AM bike ride, our morning routine now has the additional step of checking the temperature to make sure she's prepared for the morning

chill.

This extra step feels natural to do for my child, but as Philippians teaches us, we should always have such concern for our other people: *"Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."* (Phil 2:4). It's easy to be mindful of our own needs, but the needs of *others* are often harder to detect. Some are afraid to ask for help. Others grow numb to their needs. But God knows all our needs and sends the Spirit to help us and to inspire us to care for one another.

This month, remember to "check the temperature" for those around you. There is a great deal of need in our community, and as the October weather gets cooler, there will be even *more* need for physical as well as spiritual warmth. Yet, we as neighbors, as Christians, as people empowered by the Holy Spirit—we have plenty of warmth to share.

With hope,
-Pastor Peter

P.S. Here's some extra photos of Rosie to make up for last month.

***-I will hold open office hours 10am-2pm at Trinity on Tuesdays, and at St. Paul's on Thursdays.
-My cell phone is (609) 477-9194. Please feel free to call or text. I may not reply on Friday. (My day off.)***



Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.
And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."
2 Corinthians 9:6



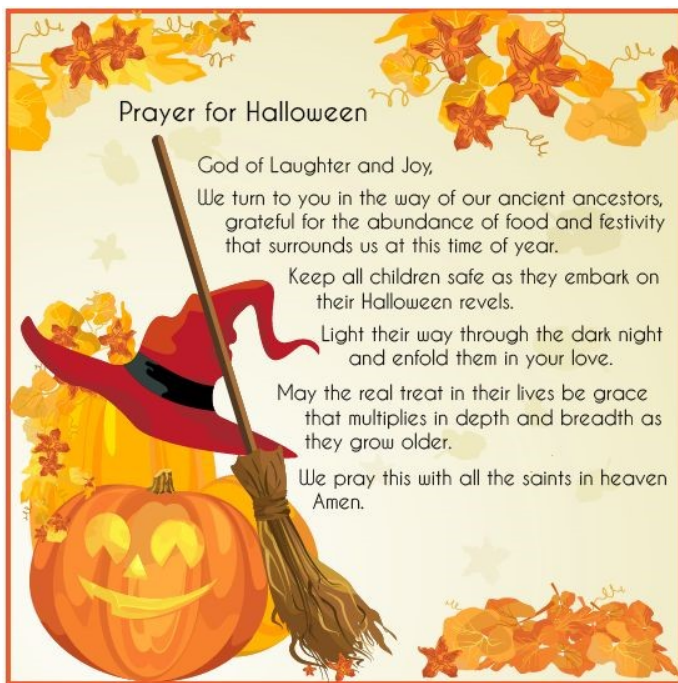
St. Paul's

General Fund

Total Income August, 2023	\$5,136.03
Total Expenses August, 2023	\$12,713.80
Interest Earned GF August, 2023	\$50.12
Net LOSS	-\$7,527.65

***January –August 2023 NET GAIN \$3,383.17**

It's BACK!!! St. Paul's after worship FELLOWSHIP luncheon will return on November 5th. Bring a covered dish, if you can, there is always plenty, if you can't!



St.

Paul's will be doing community outreach with trick or treat at the church from 5-7 p.m. On October 31st.

Anyone that wants to join in and share this event Is welcome, maybe dress as a Bible character!



St. Paul's Church Women United will be sorting through the church's Christmas decorations at their meeting on October 11th. At 6:30 p.m.



"Together again and it feels so good." Just brought him home to stay. Yay!

SOME OF THE MOST AMAZING PEOPLE I KNOW ARE THOSE WHO ARE RECOVERING FROM TRAUMA BUT STILL SHOWING UP FOR LIFE.



*Our thoughts
And prayers
Are with you.*



Word is that Skip is back at the farm!

SHOEBOX:

St. Paul's Sunday School will again be participating in filling shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Ministry. Please consider donating gift items to help fill the boxes on Sunday, Nov. 5. Brochures with instructions and also empty shoeboxes are available in the upstairs S.S. room. Donation of \$10 per box is needed to cover shipping costs. Deadline for collecting filled boxes is Sunday, Nov. 19. For more info, please contact Pam or Seleen.



SUGGESTIONS TO PACK IN AN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE-BOX

First determine the age category and gender for each box..... Boy or Girl

Age 2-4 years

Age 5-9 years

Age 10-14 years.

Crayons

Coloring Books

Pencil & Pens

Pencil Sharpener

Glue Sticks

Scissors

Small Notebook

Highlighters

Chalk

Watercolor Paint Set

Colored Pencils

Glitter

Small Crafting Kit

Paper (can be rolled to fit)

Post It Notes

Small Etch a sketch

Play Doh

Silly Putty

Card Games

Puzzle in small box

Pom Poms

Tape

Small Back Pack

Finger Puppets

Travel Size Games

Jump Rope

Balloons

Comb/Hair Brush

Hair ties...barrettes..ribbons

Bracelet

Bandanna

Hat Cap or knitted

Sunglasses

Socks

Ball of any sport

Scarf

Toothbrush (Toothpaste cannot be included !)

Washcloth

Bar of soap..(Put in plastic bag to keep scent contained)

Chap stick

Travel Pack of Tissues

Flashlight with extra batteries

Harmonica

Plastic Cup

Matchbox cars, trucks, etc.

Dolls

Flip Flop shoes

Small Stuffed Animals

Doll Accessories

T Shirts

Pants...short or long

Dresses



FOR OLDER BOYS:

Tools—hammer, screwdriver, wrench or pliers, duct tape, measuring tape,
Small Fishing Kit, fishing line, hooks, Binoculars, Watch, Collapsible Water Bottle,
Small calculator, Handkerchief, Soccer ball (collapsed) and Ball Pump

FOR OLDER GIRLS:

Small sewing kit, Clip on earrings, Jewelry, Coin Purse, Ink Pad and stamp set,
Colored Sharpies, A friendship bracelet with extra string so they can make more.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; Candy or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.
DO NOT PACK ANY CANDY OR TOOTHPASTE !

TOYS: include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

ACCESSORIES: t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

A PERSONAL NOTE: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

Remove packaging from your items so that you allow for more room in your box and so that they don't have much trash to throw away.



Some, may remember Rev. Wealand and his family. Mrs. Wealand went home to be with our Lord on August 12, 2023.



Deanna J. Wealand

October 26, 1937 - August 12, 2023

Deanna Jane Wealand was a loving and caring wife, cherished by her family. Born October 26, 1937, in Lancaster, PA, she died on August 12, 2023, at age 85, in Ephrata, PA, after an extended illness.

She is survived by her husband, The Rev. Dr. Charles W. Wealand (Bill), and their family: daughters Jane Leister (Jeffrey), Janice Stouffer (T. Stephen), and Rev. Joyce Wealand, grandchildren Kyle Leister (Tammy), Michael Leister, Joshua Stouffer (Kristy), Matthew Stouffer, Laura Cowart, Cassandra Zalipski (Kyle), and Tyler Reid (Sydney). Great grandchildren Christopher, Tejon, Kyle, Damian, Jazmin, Nina, Kailey, Brooklyn, Liliana, Aria, Caroline, Amelia, Madeline, Elizabeth, and Elijah. Deanna is predeceased by her parents, Ralph and Mary Fry, and brother, Daryl Fry (Bonnie).

Deanna lived a beautiful life of faith and service. In addition to raising her family with love, Deanna worked in admissions at Ephrata Community Hospital, was director of food services for church camp at St. John's UCC, Chambersburg, PA, office manager for the Institute of Pastoral Care, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director of the Ohio Council of Churches, and Registrar for the Outdoor Ministries of the Heartland (Ohio) Conference United Church of Christ. As the wife of a local pastor, she was active in many churches throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Florida, and extended hospitality in her home or where needed. She was particularly active in assisting her husband in the establishment of a new UCC church in The Villages, FL, and participated in many Disaster Response Ministries in Florida. Deanna enjoyed being with her family, playing piano, knitting, and traveling. She was known for accepting challenges and striving for goodness in life's experiences.

A Celebration of Life will be held on September 9, 2023 at Bethany, United Church of Christ, Ephrata, PA, with visitation at 10:00am and the service at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Charles W. Wealand for the "Deanna Wealand Compassion Award" to be established with Ephrata Area School District.

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"HANDS & FEET OF HOPE" – 2023

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August 15, 2023

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Attn: Pam Carmack and Joann Sheffield
228 North Second Street
McConnellsburg, PA 17233

Dear Pam, Joann and Congregation,

We sincerely thank you for providing the delicious chicken dinner that included macaroni & cheese, corn and deserts on Tuesday evening for the Hands & Feet of Hope campers and staff. We are greatly encouraged by your generosity and support.

This year's projects concentrated on structural and functional improvements to make local homes for our aging residents safer and more accessible.

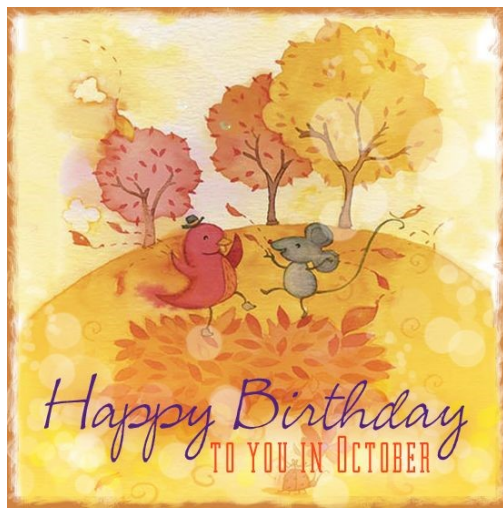
Please retain this letter for your tax records. No goods or services have been provided to you by Hands and Feet of Hope in consideration of this donation. Hands & Feet of Hope is a non-denominational, volunteer organization that connects the many faithful churches of Fulton County and is a non-profit organization with 501-C-3 IRS status.

Thank you for partnering with us in changing the world one life at a time !

Sincerely,

The Staff of Hands & Feet of Hope, 2023

**A Christ-centered Youth Workcamp, rooted in Holy Scripture, grounded in the Gospel,
and led by Faith in Jesus Christ**



- 6 Donna House
- 7 Betty Burns
- 11 Pacey Richards
- 12 Connor McElhinny
- 15 Kimberly Pryor
- 15 Matt Pryor
- 17 Loy Garber
- 17 Karen Rosenberry
- 18 Jeanne Sweeney
- 18 Benson Mester
- 19 Barb Hurst
- 21 Cecil Mester
- 24 Bethany Wynn
- 24 Skip Daniels
- 29 Linda Garber
- 30 Amanda Zeis



Please send additions and corrections to the church office>>>mcbucc@embarqmail.com

Prayer Request

The healing of our nation + world

- Kathy Hess
- Kathy and Bill Kendall
- Glenn Crouse and family
- Betty Burns
- Amanda Mitchell
- Linda Sowers
- Mary Haubrick
- Lana Pine
- Kylene McLucas Arwood
- Elizabeth Kerlin
- Chase Andrews
- Korbyn Rotz
- Skip and Betty Daniels
- Nicole Hummel
- Carl and Carol Mellott
- Dennis Hess
- Robert Door
- Nancy Barmont
- Ann Hays
- Military Members and families
- Emily Rotz
- Leah Hamil
- Loy and Linda Garber and family
- Kathleen Pappas
- Patrick McCarthy
- Daniel Harper, grandson of Linda Best.
- Our Church & ministries, Sunday school classes
- teachers and students
- 522 Youth Group



2023



Third Sunday each month:
Trinity's Building Fund Offering

Sunday, October 1

World Wide Communion
St. Paul's Neighbor in Need Offering, \$100.00 from our worship offering will be sent

Wednesday, October 11

Trinity Consistory meeting, 6:30p.m.
St. Paul's Church Women United meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17

St. Paul's Consistory meeting, 6:30p.m.

Tuesday, October 31st.

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