



# 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  
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OF CHRIST  
Fort Loudon, PA

September 2023



*St. Paul's Youth/Kiddo Sunday school will be picking back up on September 17th. Miss Donna will be teaching the littlest and Miss Jo will lead the Youth class at the parsonage. You Middlers will be doing new and exciting things, be there to share! Adult class is always open to you please come and join in. If you are interested in being a part of the Sunday school please talk with Seleen Shives or Pastor Pete.*

*Mark 10:14<sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "**Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.**"*

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Happy September, Church family!

There's no other time in our calendar like this one. September is a time of fresh starts: classes and programs resuming; new groups and clubs beginning. This pattern of community reassembly makes September a unique time full of new experiences *and* new relationships. (And that's to say nothing of the long-awaited seasonal change from summer's heat to what is objectively the best season of the year. Autumn!)

All of these qualities remind me of the fresh start we have in Jesus. As we are reminded *every* Easter, and *every* Sunday during the Assurance of Pardon, we are forgiven and redeemed in God's love. Every morning is a new chance to make the most of our day—to use our lives in the service of the Gospel. This September, when you feel the first cool breezes of the season, remember the fresh start you have in Jesus. Allow the Holy Spirit to interrupt your schedule and inspire a new God-bearing pattern in your life.

With joy,  
-Pastor Peter

*-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.)*



**St. Paul's ACCOUNT SUMMARY:**

**General Fund**

Total Income July, 2023	\$13,582.51
Total Expenses July, 2023	\$7,493.48
Interest Earned GF July, 2023	<u>\$50.79</u>
<b>Net GAIN</b>	<b><u>\$6,139.82</u></b>
January-July 2023 - Net GAIN	\$10,910.82

**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*



# Prayers for the Sick - Heal Sickness with Faith

[Rebecca Barlow Jordan](http://www.rebeccabarlowjordan.com) [www.rebeccabarlowjordan.com](http://www.rebeccabarlowjordan.com)

Jesus, you control all the parts of my body, and you know when they're not working at their best. Sickness leaves me stressed and steals time from everything I want to do. I'm honest, Lord. I don't like to be sick. But times like this also make me rest in you, so I thank you for this chance simply to wait on you.

I come to you today asking for your touch, Lord. Help me to be patient and allow you to do your work. If doctors are involved, give them wisdom, and thank you for providing the help I need, however you choose to provide. Whether this is a test, or simply a time to trust, I want my response to honor you. As my Good Shepherd, I know you will lead me beside quiet places and restore my soul and body. I trust you and want to follow your leading. Help me to welcome this time not as an interruption in my carefully planned schedule, but as an opportunity to draw strength and nourishment for the journey ahead. You are my healer and my Great Physician. I look to you and give thanks for the promises in your Word that assure me of your presence and your help.

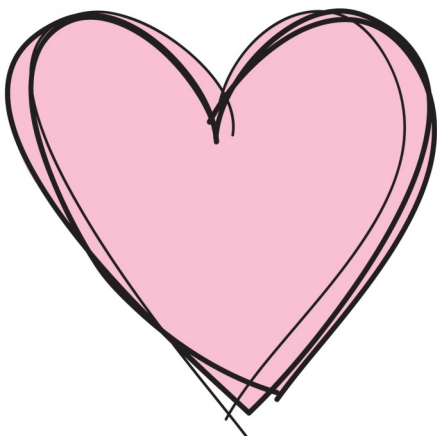
Teach me what you want me to learn during these unpleasant times, Lord. Help me not to take out my discomfort on those around me, and show me how to be a good patient while I'm recovering. In these days of sickness, Lord, I'm trusting you and asking you to make me well. And when you've restored my health, give me wisdom so I can treat my body as the temple of your Spirit. I'm eager to get back on my feet serving you, but I realize that even in sickness, I can still draw near to you.

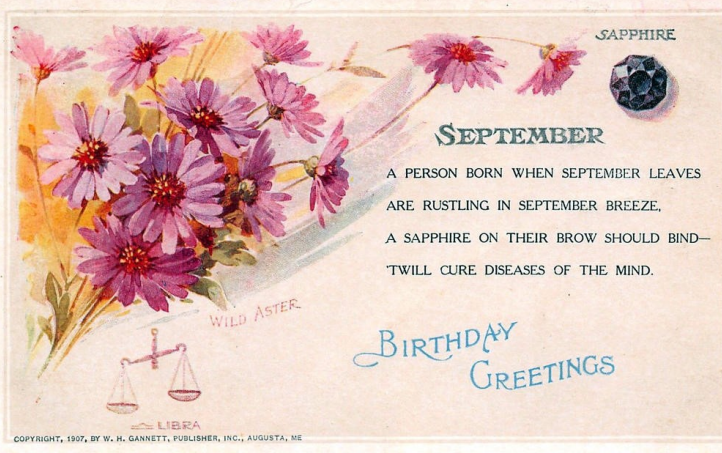
Thank you, Jesus. Amen!

- Rebecca Barlow Jordan

*"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. **Fear not**, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."* [Matthew 10:29-31](#)

***From your church family, we send prayers and hugs to those in our midst that are struggling, healing, waiting, needing. May you and your families feel our love and prayers and give you strength for the journey.***





- 1 Linda McLucas
- 7 Amber Myers
- Jason Fox, Jr.
- 8 Sam Rotz
- Shari Washabaugh
- 10 Leah Hamil
- 14 Reese Alexander
- 17 Jeff Zeis
- 18 Elizabeth Kerlin
- Holden Will
- 23 Barb Bricker
- 24 Kathy Hess
- 25 Jerry Armstrong
- 28 Troy Ott
- Richard Sheffield
- 29 Ryan Koontz
- 30 Linda Weller



**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**
- 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**



# 2023

# SEPTEMBER

**Third Sunday each month: Trinity's Building Fund Offering**

**PLEASE NOTE: Thursday afternoon book study online is canceled for now.**

**Wednesday, September 13 Trinity Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, September 13 St. Paul's Church Women United meeting, 7:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 St. Paul's Youth Sunday School start up!!!**

**Wednesday, September 19 St. Paul's Consistory meeting, 6:30 p.m.**

Quick message from Cathey Johnson: *We're still looking for cooler days but every day is a blessing. Praying for everyone at St Paul's.*

*Thinking of Loy and Linda and Skip often. I'm friends with both on FB so I hear what they are going through.*

*Take care.*

*Cathey*



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