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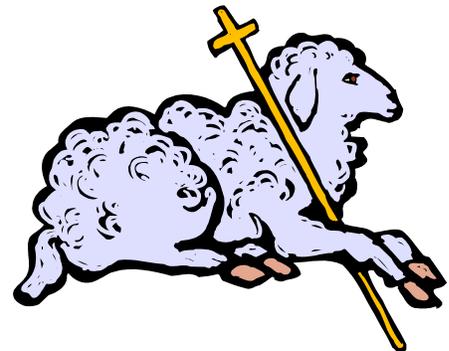
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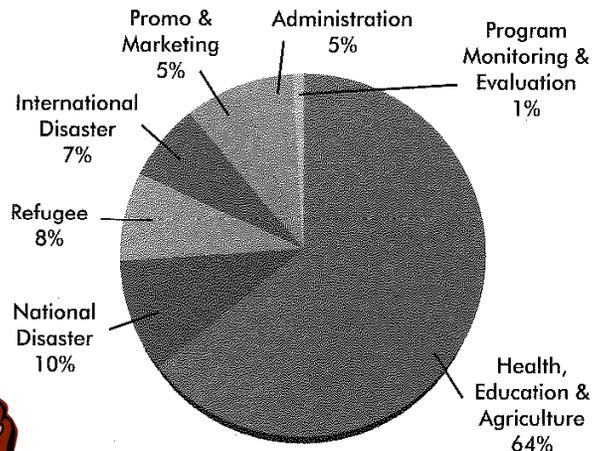
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On April 3, we will take our Special Mission Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing to support national and global projects fighting hunger, disease and poverty. Some examples of where your money may go: Many houses and businesses were heavily damaged when flooding struck Cedar Rapids, **Iowa**. Volunteers from across the US joined to work together to make major repairs and help families return home. **Haiti**: After the devastating earthquake in January 2010, your gifts help to provide vital food, water, medical aid, psychosocial care for those traumatized by their loss, assistance for people with disabilities, and more. **Kenya**: Installation of borehole wells to ensure people no longer have to travel long distances in search of clean water.

Your OGHS dollars at work at home and around the world

In 2009, the United Church of Christ received \$2,833,600 for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. In addition, our churches and members gave more than \$442,600 to UCC special appeals for domestic and international emergencies.

Visit our website at: www.ucc.org/oghs or contact our office toll-free at 1-866-822-8224 x-3215 for more information.



CHURCH FINANCES

Trinity's Financial Update

Month	Received	Budget	Expended
Jan/Feb	\$9,561.47	\$11,744.00	\$8,024.77
Mar 1-20	\$2,766.79	\$16,259.28	\$4,666.77
Total	\$12,328.26	\$16,259.28	\$12,691.51

Note: Contributions and fundraisers provided adequate support for programs during January and February, BUT, March presents those additional quarterly challenges of pastoral pension and various insurance premiums. Please prayerfully consider these factors in your church support.

YARD SALES

If you are getting ready to do some spring cleaning, please keep in mind that we have yard sales coming up at both churches: Trinity will have its annual Spring Festival on May 14 (**no clothing please**), and St. Paul's will have their yard sale May 20 and 21. Donations are always welcome!



TRIP TO GERMANY

On Tuesday, April 26, eight people from Trinity and St. Paul's will depart on their trip to Germany. We will stay with host families in Duesseldorf, visit churches and other interesting sights, see the famous Cologne Cathedral, and then travel to Berlin, Germany's capital, with its rich history and culture. We will return Wednesday, May 1. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel. Loy Garber (485-4902) will be available for pastoral care during this time and will lead worship on May 1.

If you are interested in hearing about our experiences and seeing pictures, please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, May 31, at 7 p.m. at Trinity** to get a full report from our group!



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BLOOPERS FROM CHURCH BULLETINS

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off—let the Church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.



CALLED TO CARE

After a first training on February 19, St. Paul's Care Team has been called to life and is now active in visiting several of our church members. Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 4, at 6:30**

p.m., to share our experiences and discuss how we can move forward. If you are not part of our Care Team yet, this is your chance to come and see what it's all about!



**ST. PAUL'S CONSISTORY
SUMMARY OF MARCH MEETING**

By: M. Haubrick, Consistory Secretary

Members Absent: Jonna Baker and Nancy Barmont

McConnellsburg volunteer firemen, Pete Lynch and Jeff Harr gave a demonstration of proper use of fire extinguishers. There are 5 extinguishers located at St. Paul's and Paul Stevens has personally made sure that they are inspected annually. Thank you Paul !

Discussion and action was taken on the following:

MEMORIAL FUND: \$250.00 available for distribution. A donation to the Japan Earthquake fund will be set at the April meeting to be added to special offering from the congregation.

ADDITIONAL FUND BALANCES REPORT

Mary Haubrick reported on the various funds that she maintains for the church and the balances as of March 11:

Koontz/Grissinger Fund for Lift Project \$51,205.18

Bard/Shimer Bequest – Roof Repair \$16,813.06 (\$14,500 was paid for roof)

Scholarship Fund (Edward Jones) \$41,339.00

Benevolence Fund (Edward Jones) \$17,574.00

Organ Fund (Edward Jones) \$19,956.00

Organ Fund – Money Mkt. \$ 3,158.60

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CALLED TO CARE: Pastor Valeria reported that the training session for Called To Care was held in February and well received. Members will be contacting six members of the congregation on a one to one basis. A follow-up meeting will be held in April.

GROWING STRONGER CHURCHES 2011 - JoAnn Sheffield gave a detailed report from the workshop meeting she and Pastor Valeria attended at Harrisburg on March 12.

BASEMENT LIFT PROJECT:

Letter received from Jerre Parson in regard to the purchase of the lift. The vertical wheelchair lift as per the drawings of Dennis Black Engineering, Inc. will be furnished and installed by ThyssenKrupp Elevator Americas, of York, Pa. The price of this lift and installation is \$26,475.00 including sales/use tax, permit fee and one inspection. The proposal also includes three months preventative maintenance/warranty service.

To date the costs for the Lift Project are:

R.H.BUNCH CONSTRUCTION LLC for construction of new lift hoistway shaft, rework one bathroom, install handicapped bathroom as per drawings	\$22,500.00
ThyssenKrupp Elevator Americas – Purchase of Vertical Lift.....	\$26,475.00
Dennis Black Engineering Inc...Professional Services Drawings.....	\$ 3,845.88
Commonwealth Code Permits.....	<u>\$ 944.00</u>
TOTAL.....	\$53,764.88

NEW CHURCH ROOF

Roof repair is completed and payment of \$14,500.00 has been made to Randy Bunch as per bid contract.

SCHHOLARSHIP FUND:

Proposed change suggested by Mary Haubrick and Sally Cover was reviewed and suggested changes made. Approved by general consensus by all consistory; to be forwarded to Attorney Stanley Kerlin for approval by John Glazier and Nancy Martz.

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR 2012:

Approved Pulpit Supply as follows:

May 1, Sept. 18 and Oct. 2 - - Loy Garber

June 26 – Bill Hine

Sept. 25 – Mitchell Snyder of Hoffman Home

PARSONAGE INSPECTION;

Date to be set for annual inspection of the parsonage by Trustees.

MEETINGS:

Mercersburg Assoc. Spring Meeting will be held on Sun. May 1 @ 3:00 pm. in State Line.

The Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting will be held on June 10, 11

SERMONS ON C.D.

Pastor Valeria announced that her recent messages based on The Sermon on the Mount Scriptures are available to anyone interested on CD.

St. Paul's Financial Information Treasurer's Report by Denise Grissinger

Income for February.	\$ 5,072.04
Expenses for February	\$ 8,480.15
Interest on Account	4.61
Decrease for Month	-\$ 3,403.50

**ST PAUL'S FINANCIAL GIVING COMPARISON REPORT**

Prepared by Seleen Shives – Financial Recording Secretary

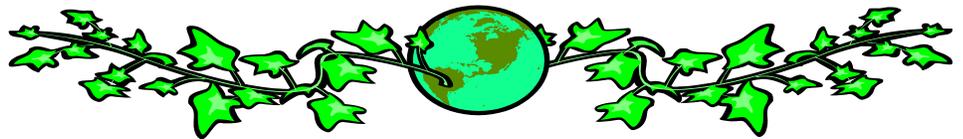
TOTAL GIVING INCOME FOR Feb. 2011 - \$3,774.55

“ “ “ “ Feb. 2010 - \$3,426.00

Increase in giving from previous year - \$ 348.55

DAFFODIL SUNDAY THANK YOU

Bouquets of beautiful yellow daffodils graced the altar area of St. Paul's on Sunday, March 20. Mary Haubrick thanks everyone that generously supported this event. A total of \$332.00 was collected for the American Cancer Society.

**GOOD FRIDAY & EARTH DAY**

April 22nd is both Good Friday and Earth Day. Growing up, Good Friday was always the day we went to my Aunt and Uncle's house and flew kites, home made ones!

This year if the weather is good, get outside and worship the Lord in His creation, praising Him for Jesus' resurrection that we will celebrate together on Easter Sunday. pc



A minister delivered a sermon in ten minutes one Sunday morning, which was about half the usual length of his sermons. He explained, "I regret to inform you that my dog, who is very fond of eating paper, ate that portion of my sermon which I was unable to deliver **this morning**". After the service, a visitor from another church shook hands with the preacher and said, "Pastor, if that dog of yours has any pups, I want to get one to give to my minister".

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY

- 2 Paul Stevens
Mark Washabaugh
5 Janis Cutchall
6 Cindy Armstrong
Jenna Armstrong
8 Lori Rotz
10 Amanda Daniels Neal
12 Jo-Ann Sheffield
14 Gene Bricker
17 Dody Hopkins
19 Pastor Valeria
20 Dennis Carmack
21 Tamela Mellott Bard
Jillian Lassen
23 Heidi Myers
29 Glenn Crouse



St. Paul's Flowers

Sally Cover (485-4144)
Linda Grissinger (485-5446)

Call the above person(s) if you wish to order flowers in memory/

St. Paul's Ushers

Arnetta Mellott
Paul Stevens
Thank You for Serving!

Trinity's Ushers

Zereau Higgins
Corinna Rotz
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PRAYER LIST

Prayer List

Bertha Byers
Betty Daniels
Betty Grissinger
Bob and Nancy Lawyer
Dorothy and Paul Stevens
Gene and Elsie Bricker
Gladys Williams
Joyce and Thurman Hassler
Liberty Crouse
Linda Litton
Linda Hoffman
Marie Parkinson
Military and families
Rev. Steve and Pat Robertson
Roger and Lois Byers
Sponsored Children: Yonatan, Marc Philip, Thierry, Madeline
The people of Haiti
Thelma Miller
Zeis family
Justin Hege
Justin Jr. and Blaze Hege
Malcolm and Lorraine Richardson
Jean McLucas
St. Paul's Sunday School Children and Teachers
Diane Baxter
Janis Cutchall
Family of Coey Fritz
All the people of Japan
All the people of the Middle East



*****Please let us know of any changes, additions or corrections to the Prayer and Birthday lists. Thank You!**

*Submitted by:
Linda Garber*



Very Important People at St. Paul's *Paul & Dorothy Stevens*

Our first “VIP” recognition of 2011 is a two-for-one package. Dorothy and Paul Stevens have given their talents to St. Paul's all their married life, in Dot's case, since her birth on 6/9/31. Anna Horton was Dorothy's mother, and she was a member of St. Paul's German Reformed Church.

Dorothy has always lived in McCconnellsburg and on Maple Street, just in different houses. The East Maple Street area was a saw mill owned by her grandfather. After the mill burned during the Depression, houses were built. Their first home was owned by her uncle Elwood Mellott. The land where their house is presently located was given to them by her grandfather.

Paul was born in Clear Ridge on 4/2/29, but moved to Hustontown. His parents raised him in the Methodist faith. In later years the family moved to McCconnellsburg.

Paul joined the Army as WWII ended and served in the Calvary division of the “Army of the Occupation” in Germany. Light tanks replaced the horses of the Army Calvary. Paul was discharged in 1946 only to strike up a relationship with the young Horton girl who worked at the Rexall Drug Store. By 1948 they were married. Paul became a truck driver and transported eggs to New York City for his boss. The young couple soon were a family of five. Gary, Randy and Tami now occupied 631 East Maple Street.

The Stevens' children attended St. Paul's Sunday School and youth programs. Dorothy became a Sunday School teacher in the nursery department with Elizabeth Kerlin, where the church office is presently located.

Paul changed employment and Letterkenny became his life for 35 years. Not only that, each of his children worked there. The boys retired from the army depot, and Tami still works at the new depot facility in Mechanicsburg.

Paul and Dot have helped enhance the church by assisting with the remodeling in the 1950's after the fire. They painted walls and stained the hardwood floors to mention a few of their contributions. Paul served on the Consistory several times over the years offering his practical talents to sustain our church and its structure. At some point he was put in charge of the fire extinguishers. To this day he makes sure they are inspected annually and replaced every five years. Presently he is organizing a fire safety review and use of the extinguishers by our local fire chief.

Dorothy's expertise is cooking. She became a cafeteria cook at the school. At church she linked up with Faye Koontz in our church kitchen and turned out great meals. She later teamed with Reverend Barley in cooking Friday night suppers for our youth.

The kids and five grandchildren have moved away, health issues moved in, and the post retirement job of delivering travel trailers all over the United States has ended; but their church dedication has not ceased. Paul is now serving another term on the Consistory. When Kathleen Jones was in the nursing home, they visited her on a regular basis. Their hobbies of baking, cooking, and tending a small orchard of apples and peaches to give away to family and friends, keep them valuable assets to our church family.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 21:

With Holy Communion around the table, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's

Good Friday, April 22:

McConnellsburg Community Service 12 – 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian church

Fort Loudon Community Service 7 p.m. at Trinity

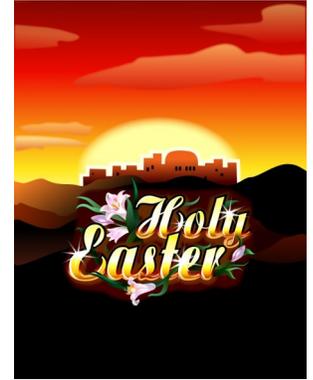
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Fort Loudon Community Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. at Freedom Lighthouse. Outside, weather permitting.

McConnellsburg Community Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. at the United Methodist church.

Celebration Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m. at Trinity, and 11 a.m. at St. Paul's.

Please join us to celebrate these life changing events!



Extravagant Generosity

“So Joseph took the body....and laid it in his own tomb.” Matthew 27:59-60

In the week beginning with Palm Sunday, the stories we read are full of people giving extravagantly. Think about it and you see giving everywhere. Someone gives Jesus a donkey to ride into Jerusalem, a valuable beast in that time. A woman buys expensive ointment to massage Jesus' tired body. Someone shares their house for Jesus and his disciples to celebrate Passover. His followers buy and prepare food for the feast. Jesus gives them bread and tells them he will soon give his body, his blood, his life for them. From the cross, Jesus gives the promise of forgiveness and eternal life to a thief. Then this lovely story in Matthew of a Pharisee named Joseph risking his reputation by giving his personal tomb for Jesus' burial. Then, in the resurrection, God not only gave Jesus life, but in so doing gave us forgiveness and a promise not to desert us, even when we desert God. Can there be a more extravagant gift?

How do we respond to all this generosity? It needs to be more than colored eggs and new clothes. It needs to be more than gardens of flowers in church and Easter baskets. How do we respond to all this generosity? With our own generous discipleship every day of our lives. Happy Easter.

Rochelle A. Stackhouse is the Senior Minister of The Church of the Redeemer, United Church of Christ,



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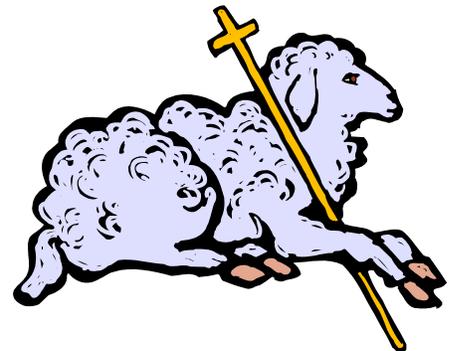
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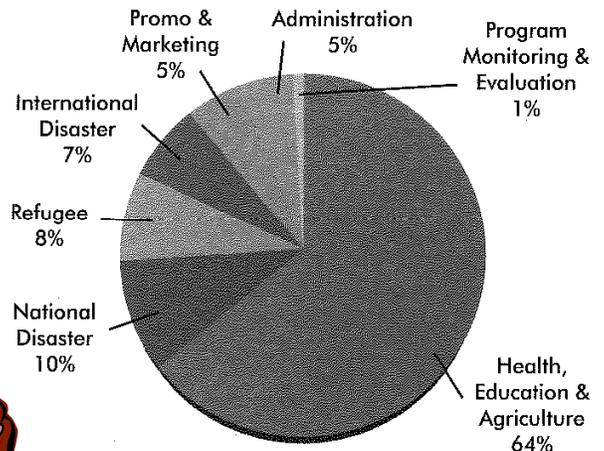
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On April 3, we will take our Special Mission Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing to support national and global projects fighting hunger, disease and poverty. Some examples of where your money may go: Many houses and businesses were heavily damaged when flooding struck Cedar Rapids, **Iowa**. Volunteers from across the US joined to work together to make major repairs and help families return home. **Haiti**: After the devastating earthquake in January 2010, your gifts help to provide vital food, water, medical aid, psychosocial care for those traumatized by their loss, assistance for people with disabilities, and more. **Kenya**: Installation of borehole wells to ensure people no longer have to travel long distances in search of clean water.

Your OGHS dollars at work at home and around the world

In 2009, the United Church of Christ received \$2,833,600 for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. In addition, our churches and members gave more than \$442,600 to UCC special appeals for domestic and international emergencies.

Visit our website at: www.ucc.org/oghs or contact our office toll-free at 1-866-822-8224 x-3215 for more information.



CHURCH FINANCES

Trinity's Financial Update

Month	Received	Budget	Expended
Jan/Feb	\$9,561.47	\$11,744.00	\$8,024.77
Mar 1-20	\$2,766.79	\$16,259.28	\$4,666.77
Total	\$12,328.26	\$16,259.28	\$12,691.51

Note: Contributions and fundraisers provided adequate support for programs during January and February, BUT, March presents those additional quarterly challenges of pastoral pension and various insurance premiums. Please prayerfully consider these factors in your church support.

YARD SALES

If you are getting ready to do some spring cleaning, please keep in mind that we have yard sales coming up at both churches: Trinity will have its annual Spring Festival on May 14 (**no clothing please**), and St. Paul's will have their yard sale May 20 and 21. Donations are always welcome!



TRIP TO GERMANY

On Tuesday, April 26, eight people from Trinity and St. Paul's will depart on their trip to Germany. We will stay with host families in Duesseldorf, visit churches and other interesting sights, see the famous Cologne Cathedral, and then travel to Berlin, Germany's capital, with its rich history and culture. We will return Wednesday, May 1. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel. Loy Garber (485-4902) will be available for pastoral care during this time and will lead worship on May 1.

If you are interested in hearing about our experiences and seeing pictures, please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, May 31, at 7 p.m. at Trinity** to get a full report from our group!



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BLOOPERS FROM CHURCH BULLETINS

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off—let the Church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.



CALLED TO CARE

After a first training on February 19, St. Paul's Care Team has been called to life and is now active in visiting several of our church members. Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 4, at 6:30**

p.m., to share our experiences and discuss how we can move forward. If you are not part of our Care Team yet, this is your chance to come and see what it's all about!



**ST. PAUL'S CONSISTORY
SUMMARY OF MARCH MEETING**

By: M. Haubrick, Consistory Secretary

Members Absent: Jonna Baker and Nancy Barmont

McConnellsburg volunteer firemen, Pete Lynch and Jeff Harr gave a demonstration of proper use of fire extinguishers. There are 5 extinguishers located at St. Paul's and Paul Stevens has personally made sure that they are inspected annually. Thank you Paul !

Discussion and action was taken on the following:

MEMORIAL FUND: \$250.00 available for distribution. A donation to the Japan Earthquake fund will be set at the April meeting to be added to special offering from the congregation.

ADDITIONAL FUND BALANCES REPORT

Mary Haubrick reported on the various funds that she maintains for the church and the balances as of March 11:

Koontz/Grissinger Fund for Lift Project	\$51,205.18
Bard/Shimer Bequest – Roof Repair	\$16,813.06 (\$14,500 was paid for roof)
Scholarship Fund (Edward Jones)	\$41,339.00
Benevolence Fund (Edward Jones)	\$17,574.00
Organ Fund (Edward Jones)	\$19,956.00
Organ Fund – Money Mkt.	\$ 3,158.60

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CALLED TO CARE: Pastor Valeria reported that the training session for Called To Care was held in February and well received. Members will be contacting six members of the congregation on a one to one basis. A follow-up meeting will be held in April.

GROWING STRONGER CHURCHES 2011 - JoAnn Sheffield gave a detailed report from the workshop meeting she and Pastor Valeria attended at Harrisburg on March 12.

BASEMENT LIFT PROJECT:

Letter received from Jerre Parson in regard to the purchase of the lift. The vertical wheelchair lift as per the drawings of Dennis Black Engineering, Inc. will be furnished and installed by ThyssenKrupp Elevator Americas, of York, Pa. The price of this lift and installation is \$26,475.00 including sales/use tax, permit fee and one inspection. The proposal also includes three months preventative maintenance/warranty service.

To date the costs for the Lift Project are:

R.H.BUNCH CONSTRUCTION LLC for construction of new lift hoistway shaft, rework one bathroom, install handicapped bathroom as per drawings	\$22,500.00
ThyssenKrupp Elevator Americas – Purchase of Vertical Lift.....	\$26,475.00
Dennis Black Engineering Inc...Professional Services Drawings.....	\$ 3,845.88
Commonwealth Code Permits.....	\$ 944.00
TOTAL.....	\$53,764.88

NEW CHURCH ROOF

Roof repair is completed and payment of \$14,500.00 has been made to Randy Bunch as per bid contract.

SCHHOLARSHIP FUND:

Proposed change suggested by Mary Haubrick and Sally Cover was reviewed and suggested changes made. Approved by general consensus by all consistory; to be forwarded to Attorney Stanley Kerlin for approval by John Glazier and Nancy Martz.

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR 2012:

Approved Pulpit Supply as follows:

May 1, Sept. 18 and Oct. 2 - - Loy Garber

June 26 – Bill Hine

Sept. 25 – Mitchell Snyder of Hoffman Home

PARSONAGE INSPECTION;

Date to be set for annual inspection of the parsonage by Trustees.

MEETINGS:

Mercersburg Assoc. Spring Meeting will be held on Sun. May 1 @ 3:00 pm. in State Line.

The Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting will be held on June 10, 11

SERMONS ON C.D.

Pastor Valeria announced that her recent messages based on The Sermon on the Mount Scriptures are available to anyone interested on CD.

St. Paul's Financial Information Treasurer's Report by Denise Grissinger

Income for February.	\$ 5,072.04
Expenses for February	\$ 8,480.15
Interest on Account	4.61
Decrease for Month	-\$ 3,403.50

**ST PAUL'S FINANCIAL GIVING COMPARISON REPORT**

Prepared by Seleen Shives – Financial Recording Secretary

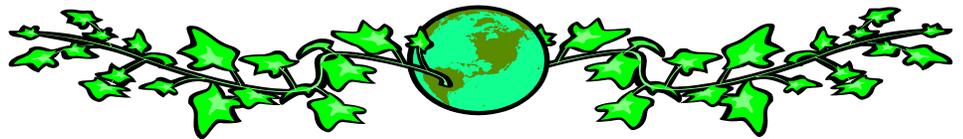
TOTAL GIVING INCOME FOR Feb. 2011 - \$3,774.55

“ “ “ “ Feb. 2010 - \$3,426.00

Increase in giving from previous year - \$ 348.55

DAFFODIL SUNDAY THANK YOU

Bouquets of beautiful yellow daffodils graced the altar area of St. Paul's on Sunday, March 20. Mary Haubrick thanks everyone that generously supported this event. A total of \$332.00 was collected for the American Cancer Society.

**GOOD FRIDAY & EARTH DAY**

April 22nd is both Good Friday and Earth Day. Growing up, Good Friday was always the day we went to my Aunt and Uncle's house and flew kites, home made ones!

This year if the weather is good, get outside and worship the Lord in His creation, praising Him for Jesus' resurrection that we will celebrate together on Easter Sunday. pc



A minister delivered a sermon in ten minutes one Sunday morning, which was about half the usual length of his sermons. He explained, "I regret to inform you that my dog, who is very fond of eating paper, ate that portion of my sermon which I was unable to deliver **this morning**". After the service, a visitor from another church shook hands with the preacher and said, "Pastor, if that dog of yours has any pups, I want to get one to give to my minister".

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY

- 2 Paul Stevens
Mark Washabaugh
5 Janis Cutchall
6 Cindy Armstrong
Jenna Armstrong
8 Lori Rotz
10 Amanda Daniels Neal
12 Jo-Ann Sheffield
14 Gene Bricker
17 Dody Hopkins
19 Pastor Valeria
20 Dennis Carmack
21 Tamela Mellott Bard
Jillian Lassen
23 Heidi Myers
29 Glenn Crouse



St. Paul's Flowers

Sally Cover (485-4144)
Linda Grissinger (485-5446)

Call the above person(s) if you wish to order flowers in memory/

St. Paul's Ushers

Arnetta Mellott
Paul Stevens
Thank You for Serving!

Trinity's Ushers

Zereau Higgins
Corinna Rotz
Thank You for Serving!

PRAYER LIST

Prayer List

Bertha Byers
Betty Daniels
Betty Grissinger
Bob and Nancy Lawyer
Dorothy and Paul Stevens
Gene and Elsie Bricker
Gladys Williams
Joyce and Thurman Hassler
Liberty Crouse
Linda Litton
Linda Hoffman
Marie Parkinson
Military and families
Rev. Steve and Pat Robertson
Roger and Lois Byers
Sponsored Children: Yonatan, Marc Philip, Thierry, Madeline
The people of Haiti
Thelma Miller
Zeis family
Justin Hege
Justin Jr. and Blaze Hege
Malcolm and Lorraine Richardson
Jean McLucas
St. Paul's Sunday School Children and Teachers
Diane Baxter
Janis Cutchall
Family of Coey Fritz
All the people of Japan
All the people of the Middle East



*****Please let us know of any changes, additions or corrections to the Prayer and Birthday lists. Thank You!**

*Submitted by:
Linda Garber*



Very Important People at St. Paul's *Paul & Dorothy Stevens*

Our first “VIP” recognition of 2011 is a two-for-one package. Dorothy and Paul Stevens have given their talents to St. Paul's all their married life, in Dot's case, since her birth on 6/9/31. Anna Horton was Dorothy's mother, and she was a member of St. Paul's German Reformed Church.

Dorothy has always lived in McCconnellsburg and on Maple Street, just in different houses. The East Maple Street area was a saw mill owned by her grandfather. After the mill burned during the Depression, houses were built. Their first home was owned by her uncle Elwood Mellott. The land where their house is presently located was given to them by her grandfather.

Paul was born in Clear Ridge on 4/2/29, but moved to Hustontown. His parents raised him in the Methodist faith. In later years the family moved to McCconnellsburg.

Paul joined the Army as WWII ended and served in the Calvary division of the “Army of the Occupation” in Germany. Light tanks replaced the horses of the Army Calvary. Paul was discharged in 1946 only to strike up a relationship with the young Horton girl who worked at the Rexall Drug Store. By 1948 they were married. Paul became a truck driver and transported eggs to New York City for his boss. The young couple soon were a family of five. Gary, Randy and Tami now occupied 631 East Maple Street.

The Stevens' children attended St. Paul's Sunday School and youth programs. Dorothy became a Sunday School teacher in the nursery department with Elizabeth Kerlin, where the church office is presently located.

Paul changed employment and Letterkenny became his life for 35 years. Not only that, each of his children worked there. The boys retired from the army depot, and Tami still works at the new depot facility in Mechanicsburg.

Paul and Dot have helped enhance the church by assisting with the remodeling in the 1950's after the fire. They painted walls and stained the hardwood floors to mention a few of their contributions. Paul served on the Consistory several times over the years offering his practical talents to sustain our church and its structure. At some point he was put in charge of the fire extinguishers. To this day he makes sure they are inspected annually and replaced every five years. Presently he is organizing a fire safety review and use of the extinguishers by our local fire chief.

Dorothy's expertise is cooking. She became a cafeteria cook at the school. At church she linked up with Faye Koontz in our church kitchen and turned out great meals. She later teamed with Reverend Barley in cooking Friday night suppers for our youth.

The kids and five grandchildren have moved away, health issues moved in, and the post retirement job of delivering travel trailers all over the United States has ended; but their church dedication has not ceased. Paul is now serving another term on the Consistory. When Kathleen Jones was in the nursing home, they visited her on a regular basis. Their hobbies of baking, cooking, and tending a small orchard of apples and peaches to give away to family and friends, keep them valuable assets to our church family.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 21:

With Holy Communion around the table, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's

Good Friday, April 22:

McConnellsburg Community Service 12 – 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian church

Fort Loudon Community Service 7 p.m. at Trinity

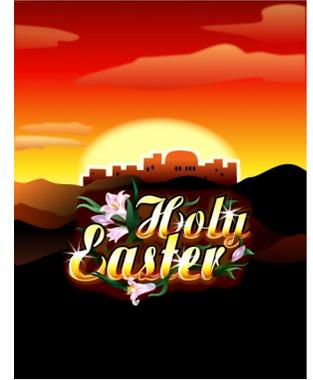
Easter Sunday, April 24:

Fort Loudon Community Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. at Freedom Lighthouse. Outside, weather permitting.

McConnellsburg Community Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. at the United Methodist church.

Celebration Worship with Holy Communion at 9 a.m. at Trinity, and 11 a.m. at St. Paul's.

Please join us to celebrate these life changing events!



Extravagant Generosity

“So Joseph took the body....and laid it in his own tomb.” Matthew 27:59-60

In the week beginning with Palm Sunday, the stories we read are full of people giving extravagantly. Think about it and you see giving everywhere. Someone gives Jesus a donkey to ride into Jerusalem, a valuable beast in that time. A woman buys expensive ointment to massage Jesus' tired body. Someone shares their house for Jesus and his disciples to celebrate Passover. His followers buy and prepare food for the feast. Jesus gives them bread and tells them he will soon give his body, his blood, his life for them. From the cross, Jesus gives the promise of forgiveness and eternal life to a thief. Then this lovely story in Matthew of a Pharisee named Joseph risking his reputation by giving his personal tomb for Jesus' burial. Then, in the resurrection, God not only gave Jesus life, but in so doing gave us forgiveness and a promise not to desert us, even when we desert God. Can there be a more extravagant gift?

How do we respond to all this generosity? It needs to be more than colored eggs and new clothes. It needs to be more than gardens of flowers in church and Easter baskets. How do we respond to all this generosity? With our own generous discipleship every day of our lives. Happy Easter.

Rochelle A. Stackhouse is the Senior Minister of The Church of the Redeemer, United Church of Christ,



St. Paul's Easter Sunday

After worship on Easter Sunday, we will be having an Easter egg hunt behind the church for the children. Baskets will be provided. The children will be sent out to hunt for things to fill their baskets.

If you would like to help with this, please see Pam Carmack or Pastor Valeria.

