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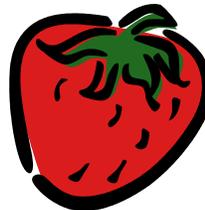
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IT IS EASY BEING GREEN

This month: **Reduce trash.** The average household produces 4.5 pounds of solid waste each day. Every pound of waste in a landfill generates 2 pounds of greenhouse gases, causing the atmosphere's temperature to rise continually, melting the polar caps and leading to rising sea levels. So **reduce, reuse, recycle**, and start a compost in your back yard for your kitchen scraps.



Scholarship Applications

Both Trinity and St. Paul's are taking applications for scholarships for the 2011/2012 academic year. Application forms are available at both churches or will be mailed to you upon request. The deadline to apply is **June 10 at St. Paul's**, and at Trinity, return to Glenn Crouse by **June 25.**



Special Offering for Church World Service

On June 19, we will be taking a Special Offering for Church World Service (formerly known as "The Blanket Fund"). With your donations, you will support various projects nationally and worldwide that help give a future to those in dire need. Your money will go towards providing blankets, clean water, tents, garden tools, seeds, education, and much more. For more information, go to www.churchworldservice.org

Peach Recipes Needed

For Trinity's Peach Festival on August 20, we will prepare a booklet with peach recipes to be sold. If you have a recipe for anything made with peaches, please submit it to Anna Rotz or Pastor Valeria. Thank you!



Peach Festival August 20

On Saturday, August 20, Trinity will hold its First Annual Peach Festival at the Community grounds from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. In case of rain, the festival will be held inside the building of Freedom Lighthouse Ministries. There will be an art show, craft vendors, a food stand with Chicken barbeque and baked goods (peach pie, peach cobbler, peach sundaes...), musical entertainment, games for children, a pie eating contest and pie baking contest, pie auction, quiz, and much more. Save the date and watch for further announcements! For more information, please contact Anna Rotz.



Trinity's Women Invited to Ann Hayes' House

Trinity's women are invited to Ann Hayes' home on Monday, June 13, at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of food, fellowship and a tour of her beautiful rose gardens. If you plan to attend, please put your name on the sign-up sheet at church.

CHURCH FINANCES

Trinity's Financial Update

Month	Received	Budget	Expended
Jan/Apr	\$18,702.59	\$23,486.00	\$19,055.32
May1-22	\$4,249.27	\$5,420.00	\$3,982.98
Total	\$22,951.86	\$28,906.00	\$23,038.30

Note: The Spring Festival on May 14, resulted in total receipts of \$1,188.45 and good fellowship on a rainy day. Thank you to all who participated. All members are encouraged to regularly contribute to and participate in Trinity's programs and activities: this is particularly crucial during the normally slower summer months. Don't take a vacation from your church!



Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting
May 10, 2011

It was noted that the due to rising costs of fuel the amount paid monthly into the Fuel Oil Account will increase from \$236/month to \$340/month.

Roy Hornbaker is investigating the possibility of purchasing a used sign for the front of the church which would be less expensive.

The church boiler has passed inspection and the new certificate will be posted.

The Custodial agreement has been signed. A copy will be kept in the church office.

Sign on Rt. 30: Glenn has been notified that the claim for the sign is under review. It is hoped we will receive a check for the damage soon. Material for the new sign is ready and post holes will be dug.

The painting of the basement walls is progressing.

It appears there was some confusion in the church over the last month's report of the removal of the Christian Flag at the front of the church. Consistory members noted that in its present location it is often tangled around the pole and because of the awning below it is very difficult to access it without bringing in special equipment. The flag will be removed from its present location and moved to the left of the front door where it will be more accessible.

A volunteer is needed to be our contact person with O.C.W.M. Please contact Pastor Valeria if you are willing to do this.

Ft. Loudon Community Vacation Bible School will be held July 10-15 at the Freedom Lighthouse Ministries.

A list of volunteers needed will be posted in the church in the upcoming weeks.

Bethany Crouse has proposed that the church purchase new t-shirts to identify members at various functions. A design will be created and information about cost will be solicited.

Linda Best

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Impressions from our Trip to Germany – by Anna Rotz

Pastor Valeria, accompanied by Denise Grissinger, Linda Garber, Elaine Armstrong, Carol Hensley, Linda Best, Joe Rotz and Anna Rotz, flew to Frankfurt for several days of touring her homeland, Germany. After a train ride to Dusseldorf, we were met at the station by Pastor Carsten of Thomas Church and our host families. We would spend the first four days of our trip with them. While there, we visited Thomas Church, attended a Bible study in both German and English and were guests at a reception and dinner.

We toured Dusseldorf, a beautiful town that gets its name from the Dussel River and its importance from the Rhine. In Old Town, the legendary square along the Rhine, we strolled on cobblestone pavements especially designed for the Rhine embankment promenade. It's often referred to as "the longest bar in the world," due to its 300 restaurants, pubs, inns, rustic breweries and cafes. The home of the Alt Beer.

We visited the Schiffahrt Museum in the old palace tower, the only remains of a 13th century castle that was destroyed by fire in 1872. It's now a maritime museum with a delightful little café at the top where we enjoyed coffee and delicious slices of marzipan, chocolate and almond cakes and a spectacular view of the Rhine River.

One of the oldest parts of Dusseldorf is Kaiserswerth on the Rhine. While there, we were given a guided tour of the Deaconess Institute of Kaiserswerth where the Deaconess Movement began. It was begun by Theodor Fliedner and his wife Friederike Munster. He had traveled through Europe in the 1830's and was appalled by the suffering of the sick, poor, aged and outcasts of society. Young, unmarried women from his small congregation were invited to join in this venture of faith. It became a model for Deaconess work all over the world. Florence Nightingale spent three months in Kaiserswerth before beginning her famous work in England. She spoke of her experience with the Fliedners as the turning point in her life. The women's training was to be spiritual, intellectual and technical. This concept changed the entire image of nurses who were not held in high esteem in the 19th century. Their lifestyle and work became part of the women's movement of modern times. They were the pioneer professional women of the church. Parish nursing today is a reincarnation of that movement. The Fliedners opened a halfway house for women prisoners, a kindergarten, a nursing school, an orphanage and a mental hospital. These women were educated to be nurses, teachers, and social workers and were called deaconesses.

While visiting Cologne (Koln), we toured the Antoniter Church. The Antonites cared for the sick and through donations from grateful patients, were able to build this church. A unique sculpture, The Memorial Angel, a larger than life-sized human figure, hangs suspended by a chain hanging from the ceiling. It was to be a memorial to the war dead of WW I. This medieval church stands in sharp contrast to the futuristic glass front of a nearby department store.

Then we toured the Cologne Cathedral that took 632 years to complete. It was started in 1248 and completed in 1880. It is said to contain the Sarcophagus of the Magi. One can also climb a spiral stairway of 533 steps. The panorama of the city has been dominated by the Cathedral's gigantic pair of towers and it is the pride of the people of Cologne.

Our final day in Dusseldorf, we visited the Benrath Castle, one of the greatest baroque castles in Germany. It was built as a pleasure and hunting palace for the Elector Karl Theodor. The beautiful gardens and ponds border the Rhine River. It is one of Europe's rare total works of art of the late rococo period.

That afternoon, we visited Pastor Valeria's former church in Gerresheim, Gustav-Adolf- Kirche. While we enjoyed cake and coffee, Pastors Frau Osswald and Herr Schnapp discussed the history of the church, downsizing from three churches to one and engaging in a massive construction project to be completed in September. We toured the construction area and a nearby former glass factory. After attending a bilingual evening church service anticipated, we enjoyed a dinner and fellowship with members of the church.



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On Sunday morning we bid a fond farewell to our host families. It was with mixed feelings. Sad that we were leaving, happy that we had made new friends in Germany. It turned out to be a very positive experience and we found we had a lot in common.

Even though language posed a barrier, the people were warm, friendly and welcomed us into their homes and lives. As Linda Garber commented, "We did not feel like tourists, we felt like guests." Coming from two different cultures, we were able to form lasting bonds. There were lots of hugs. We laughed a lot. We're looking forward to Pastor Carsten and members of his congregation visiting us in October 2012.

We left on the ICE (Inter City Express), a high speed train to Berlin. The countryside was dotted with fields of golden rape (used to make canola oil) and many, many wind turbines. We spent the next two days at the Sophienhof, similar to a hostel. We took a hop on, hop off bus tour of Berlin. We saw the Brandenburg Gate, where Pres. Reagan made his famous remark: "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall." We visited Checkpoint Charlie, the crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. We saw the Holocaust Memorial, 2711 rectangular concrete blocks of various heights and sizes, dedicated to the Jewish victims of the Nazi genocide. In the TV Tower, we had a breathtaking 360 degree view of Berlin. It is now a landmark of the reunited Germany and contains a viewing platform, observation deck and a revolving 1970's style restaurant.

Before leaving the city, we toured the Stadtmission, an inner city mission that offers a homeless shelter, a halfway house for prisoners, senior assisted living, programs for prostitutes, drug and alcohol addicts. All is based on the Christian faith and offers opportunities to talk about spirituality and faith. We left again on the train for Frankfurt where we would leave the next day on an eight hour flight back to Philadelphia.

It was a fast paced trip. In keeping with the German culture, we walked everywhere, when we weren't on a train or bus. In several days, we visited magnificent, centuries old cathedrals, churches, castles, beautiful gardens, historical landmarks and monuments. Whether through meals at our host families, the church dinners, the restaurants, outdoor cafes or bakeries, we were introduced to so many different German foods. - Wiener Schnitzel, Bratwurst, Currywurst (bratwurst with catsup and curry powder), white asparagus, sauerkraut, knuckle of pork, pretzels, Black Forest ham, blood sausage, liver sausage, Sauerbraten, German salami, all kinds of breads, cakes and cheeses and of course, ice cream. It was a food lover's paradise.

We now have a better understanding of our Pastor Valeria's homeland. We will always remember the warm, gracious hospitality of her people and are looking forward to their visit to Pennsylvania next year.



Stewards of Good News

"Parthians, Medes, Elamites..." Acts 2:8

I like to think of the Day of Pentecost as the first recorded use of social media by the church! Instead of keeping the joy of the Spirit to themselves, the disciples were compelled, impelled and thrown pell-mell into communicating with lots of people they don't know in languages with which they are unfamiliar! You think learning the new languages of Twitter or Facebook is hard, try Parthian! Those disciples told the story of Jesus in new languages so that others might know the joy, power, forgiveness and love of God they had come to know as they worked with Jesus. They trusted the Spirit, and the Spirit gave them the power and courage to communicate in ways they had never imagined.

The Spirit can work in cyberspace in the 21st century just as effectively as in a courtyard in Jerusalem full of strangers in the first century. What the Spirit needs is willing disciples to tell the story and welcome those who seek. We need to remember that before we are stewards of church buildings or church budgets, we are stewards of a story, of grace, of hope. There are people out there in the streets of our cities and towns waiting to hear it. How can your church work to share the good news in languages that may be outside your familiar comfort zone?

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

**ST. PAUL'S CONSISTORY
SUMMARY OF APRIL/MAY MEETINGS**

By: M. Haubrick, Consistory Secretary

Members Absent: April Meeting: Denise Grissinger May Meeting: Jonna Baker, Sally Cover and Denise Grissinger

Discussion and action was taken on the following:

MEMORIAL FUND: \$100.00 to Japan Earthquake Fund and \$50.00 for gasoline card purchase for a church friend.

BASEMENT LIFT PROJECT:

All permits and paper work are completed for project to begin in six to eight weeks.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Approval was received from Retha Glazier heirs to make a change in the Trust Agreement that will allow scholarship awards to be made for the Fall 2011/Spring 2012 semesters. Applications must be received prior to the June 14 Consistory meeting.

OLD COMPUTER FROM CHURCH OFFICE:

An offer was made to both congregations to purchase the old church computer, but there was no response. Computer will be "cleaned" and offered at St. Paul's Yard Sale. Old TV will also be offered at the yard sale.

PARSONAGE INSPECTION: Loy Garber and consistory trustees will inspect the parsonage. Decided to remove the broken rail fence at the parsonage parking area.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Approved payment of \$464.95 for materials and supplies for the upcoming Sunday School year.

CHURCH DOOR LOCKS:

Approved replacement of the door locks for the church Sunday School door and the doors for the church sanctuary and basement and the installation of a dead bolt lock for the Sunday School Door. All doors will open with one key, and 20 keys will be purchased for church members.

CHURCH DEED COPY FRAMED:

A photo of the original deed of the church and cemetery as recorded in the original deed book stored in Harrisburg has been received from the Pennsylvania Historical Commission. The copy was matted and framed by Tom Duffey and will be presented to the congregation at the May 29th Anniversary celebration. Approved a donation of \$100 to Fulton County Historical Society in honor the anniversary celebration.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS:

Approved transferring St. Paul's Scholarship Fund, St. Paul's Endowment Fund and St. Paul's Organ Fund from Edward Jones Financial Group to The Alexander Financial Group with Wells Fargo that is managed by Todd Alexander.

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

Income for March.	\$ 19,916.18 * (\$14,500 transfer to pay for new roof)
Expenses for March	\$ 20,153.64
Interest on Account	6.28
Loss for Month	-\$ 231.18
Income for April.	\$ 5,498.96
Expenses for April	\$ 3,025.83
Interest on Account	3.52
Gain for Month	+\$ 2,476.65

ST. PAUL'S KID'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

TAKE A BREAK OVER SUMMER!!!

Our last class before the summer will be on Sunday, [May 29](#) . We will reconvene in September. Over the summer, we will meet for a few special events like a pool party and a game night. Watch our weekly bulletin announcements for more information.

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY

- 4 Daniel Barley
 6 Lory Mester
 9 Dorothy Stevens
 11 Andy Barley
 14 Chase Buterbaugh
 Mason Buterbaugh
 Tony Shives
 15 Ross Weller
 Elsie Bricker
 16 Sharyn Zeis
 17 Marie Parkinson
 20 Roy Hornbaker
 22 Arnetta Mellott
 23 Blaire Shives
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St. Paul's Flowers

Nancy Barmont (485-3456)
Linda Garber (485-4902)

Call the above person(s) if you wish
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St. Paul's Ushers

Mary Haubrick
Elaine Armstrong
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Trinity's Ushers

Cheryl & Gary
Shives
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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 Care Team
 Diane Baxter
 Janis Cutchall
 Family of Coey Fritz
 The people of Japan
 The people in the Middle East
 Peg Gordon



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 or corrections to the Prayer and Birthday lists.
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Trinity's Choir 7 p.m. Prayer and Praise, 8 p.m.	2 St. Paul's Choir 7 p.m.	3	4
5 Trinity's picnic at Cowan's Gap, 12:30 p.m.	6 St. Paul's Care Team, 6:30 p.m. Trinity's Peach Festival mtg., 6:30 p.m.	7	8 Prayer and Praise, 7 p.m. St. Paul's Church Women United, 7	9 St. Paul's Choir 7 p.m.	10 Strawberry Festival in McCbg. Penn Central Conference Mtg.	11 Strawberry Festival in McCbg. Penn Central Conference Mtg.
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19 CHURCH WORLD SERVICE OFFERING Trinity's Special offering for the Building Fund HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 	20 Pastor Vale- ria vacation thru the 26th Newsletter Info. Deadline	21 St. Paul's Consistory mtg. 7 p.m.	22. Prayer and Praise, 7 p.m.	23	24	25
26 St. Paul's Salad Sunday Trinity's change collection for Hartman Center	27	28	29 Prayer and Praise, 7 p.m.	30	JULY 1	2



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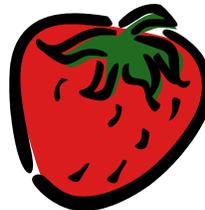
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Two Birth Announcements

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IT IS EASY BEING GREEN

This month: **Reduce trash.** The average household produces 4.5 pounds of solid waste each day. Every pound of waste in a landfill generates 2 pounds of greenhouse gases, causing the atmosphere's temperature to rise continually, melting the polar caps and leading to rising sea levels. So **reduce, reuse, recycle**, and start a compost in your back yard for your kitchen scraps.



Scholarship Applications

Both Trinity and St. Paul's are taking applications for scholarships for the 2011/2012 academic year. Application forms are available at both churches or will be mailed to you upon request. The deadline to apply is **June 10 at St. Paul's**, and at Trinity, return to Glenn Crouse by **June 25.**



Special Offering for Church World Service

On June 19, we will be taking a Special Offering for Church World Service (formerly known as "The Blanket Fund"). With your donations, you will support various projects nationally and worldwide that help give a future to those in dire need. Your money will go towards providing blankets, clean water, tents, garden tools, seeds, education, and much more. For more information, go to www.churchworldservice.org

Peach Recipes Needed

For Trinity's Peach Festival on August 20, we will prepare a booklet with peach recipes to be sold. If you have a recipe for anything made with peaches, please submit it to Anna Rotz or Pastor Valeria. Thank you!



Peach Festival August 20

On Saturday, August 20, Trinity will hold its First Annual Peach Festival at the Community grounds from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. In case of rain, the festival will be held inside the building of Freedom Lighthouse Ministries. There will be an art show, craft vendors, a food stand with Chicken barbeque and baked goods (peach pie, peach cobbler, peach sundaes...), musical entertainment, games for children, a pie eating contest and pie baking contest, pie auction, quiz, and much more. Save the date and watch for further announcements! For more information, please contact Anna Rotz.



Trinity's Women Invited to Ann Hayes' House

Trinity's women are invited to Ann Hayes' home on Monday, June 13, at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of food, fellowship and a tour of her beautiful rose gardens. If you plan to attend, please put your name on the sign-up sheet at church.

CHURCH FINANCES

Trinity's Financial Update

Month	Received	Budget	Expended
Jan/Apr	\$18,702.59	\$23,486.00	\$19,055.32
May1-22	\$4,249.27	\$5,420.00	\$3,982.98
Total	\$22,951.86	\$28,906.00	\$23,038.30

Note: The Spring Festival on May 14, resulted in total receipts of \$1,188.45 and good fellowship on a rainy day. Thank you to all who participated. All members are encouraged to regularly contribute to and participate in Trinity's programs and activities: this is particularly crucial during the normally slower summer months. Don't take a vacation from your church!



Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory Meeting
May 10, 2011

It was noted that the due to rising costs of fuel the amount paid monthly into the Fuel Oil Account will increase from \$236/month to \$340/month.

Roy Hornbaker is investigating the possibility of purchasing a used sign for the front of the church which would be less expensive.

The church boiler has passed inspection and the new certificate will be posted.

The Custodial agreement has been signed. A copy will be kept in the church office.

Sign on Rt. 30: Glenn has been notified that the claim for the sign is under review. It is hoped we will receive a check for the damage soon. Material for the new sign is ready and post holes will be dug.

The painting of the basement walls is progressing.

It appears there was some confusion in the church over the last month's report of the removal of the Christian Flag at the front of the church. Consistory members noted that in its present location it is often tangled around the pole and because of the awning below it is very difficult to access it without bringing in special equipment. The flag will be removed from its present location and moved to the left of the front door where it will be more accessible.

A volunteer is needed to be our contact person with O.C.W.M. Please contact Pastor Valeria if you are willing to do this.

Ft. Loudon Community Vacation Bible School will be held July 10-15 at the Freedom Lighthouse Ministries.

A list of volunteers needed will be posted in the church in the upcoming weeks.

Bethany Crouse has proposed that the church purchase new t-shirts to identify members at various functions. A design will be created and information about cost will be solicited.

Linda Best

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Impressions from our Trip to Germany – by Anna Rotz

Pastor Valeria, accompanied by Denise Grissinger, Linda Garber, Elaine Armstrong, Carol Hensley, Linda Best, Joe Rotz and Anna Rotz, flew to Frankfurt for several days of touring her homeland, Germany. After a train ride to Dusseldorf, we were met at the station by Pastor Carsten of Thomas Church and our host families. We would spend the first four days of our trip with them. While there, we visited Thomas Church, attended a Bible study in both German and English and were guests at a reception and dinner.

We toured Dusseldorf, a beautiful town that gets its name from the Dussel River and its importance from the Rhine. In Old Town, the legendary square along the Rhine, we strolled on cobblestone pavements especially designed for the Rhine embankment promenade. It's often referred to as "the longest bar in the world," due to its 300 restaurants, pubs, inns, rustic breweries and cafes. The home of the Alt Beer.

We visited the Schiffahrt Museum in the old palace tower, the only remains of a 13th century castle that was destroyed by fire in 1872. It's now a maritime museum with a delightful little café at the top where we enjoyed coffee and delicious slices of marzipan, chocolate and almond cakes and a spectacular view of the Rhine River.

One of the oldest parts of Dusseldorf is Kaiserswerth on the Rhine. While there, we were given a guided tour of the Deaconess Institute of Kaiserswerth where the Deaconess Movement began. It was begun by Theodor Fliedner and his wife Friederike Munster. He had traveled through Europe in the 1830's and was appalled by the suffering of the sick, poor, aged and outcasts of society. Young, unmarried women from his small congregation were invited to join in this venture of faith. It became a model for Deaconess work all over the world. Florence Nightingale spent three months in Kaiserswerth before beginning her famous work in England. She spoke of her experience with the Fliedners as the turning point in her life. The women's training was to be spiritual, intellectual and technical. This concept changed the entire image of nurses who were not held in high esteem in the 19th century. Their lifestyle and work became part of the women's movement of modern times. They were the pioneer professional women of the church. Parish nursing today is a reincarnation of that movement. The Fliedners opened a halfway house for women prisoners, a kindergarten, a nursing school, an orphanage and a mental hospital. These women were educated to be nurses, teachers, and social workers and were called deaconesses.

While visiting Cologne (Koln), we toured the Antoniter Church. The Antonites cared for the sick and through donations from grateful patients, were able to build this church. A unique sculpture, The Memorial Angel, a larger than life-sized human figure, hangs suspended by a chain hanging from the ceiling. It was to be a memorial to the war dead of WW I. This medieval church stands in sharp contrast to the futuristic glass front of a nearby department store.

Then we toured the Cologne Cathedral that took 632 years to complete. It was started in 1248 and completed in 1880. It is said to contain the Sarcophagus of the Magi. One can also climb a spiral stairway of 533 steps. The panorama of the city has been dominated by the Cathedral's gigantic pair of towers and it is the pride of the people of Cologne.

Our final day in Dusseldorf, we visited the Benrath Castle, one of the greatest baroque castles in Germany. It was built as a pleasure and hunting palace for the Elector Karl Theodor. The beautiful gardens and ponds border the Rhine River. It is one of Europe's rare total works of art of the late rococo period.

That afternoon, we visited Pastor Valeria's former church in Gerresheim, Gustav-Adolf- Kirche. While we enjoyed cake and coffee, Pastors Frau Osswald and Herr Schnapp discussed the history of the church, downsizing from three churches to one and engaging in a massive construction project to be completed in September. We toured the construction area and a nearby former glass factory. After attending a bilingual evening church service anticipated, we enjoyed a dinner and fellowship with members of the church.



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On Sunday morning we bid a fond farewell to our host families. It was with mixed feelings. Sad that we were leaving, happy that we had made new friends in Germany. It turned out to be a very positive experience and we found we had a lot in common.

Even though language posed a barrier, the people were warm, friendly and welcomed us into their homes and lives. As Linda Garber commented, "We did not feel like tourists, we felt like guests." Coming from two different cultures, we were able to form lasting bonds. There were lots of hugs. We laughed a lot. We're looking forward to Pastor Carsten and members of his congregation visiting us in October 2012.

We left on the ICE (Inter City Express), a high speed train to Berlin. The countryside was dotted with fields of golden rape (used to make canola oil) and many, many wind turbines. We spent the next two days at the Sophienhof, similar to a hostel. We took a hop on, hop off bus tour of Berlin. We saw the Brandenburg Gate, where Pres. Reagan made his famous remark: "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall." We visited Checkpoint Charlie, the crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. We saw the Holocaust Memorial, 2711 rectangular concrete blocks of various heights and sizes, dedicated to the Jewish victims of the Nazi genocide. In the TV Tower, we had a breathtaking 360 degree view of Berlin. It is now a landmark of the reunited Germany and contains a viewing platform, observation deck and a revolving 1970's style restaurant.

Before leaving the city, we toured the Stadtmission, an inner city mission that offers a homeless shelter, a halfway house for prisoners, senior assisted living, programs for prostitutes, drug and alcohol addicts. All is based on the Christian faith and offers opportunities to talk about spirituality and faith. We left again on the train for Frankfurt where we would leave the next day on an eight hour flight back to Philadelphia.

It was a fast paced trip. In keeping with the German culture, we walked everywhere, when we weren't on a train or bus. In several days, we visited magnificent, centuries old cathedrals, churches, castles, beautiful gardens, historical landmarks and monuments. Whether through meals at our host families, the church dinners, the restaurants, outdoor cafes or bakeries, we were introduced to so many different German foods. - Wiener Schnitzel, Bratwurst, Currywurst (bratwurst with catsup and curry powder), white asparagus, sauerkraut, knuckle of pork, pretzels, Black Forest ham, blood sausage, liver sausage, Sauerbraten, German salami, all kinds of breads, cakes and cheeses and of course, ice cream. It was a food lover's paradise.

We now have a better understanding of our Pastor Valeria's homeland. We will always remember the warm, gracious hospitality of her people and are looking forward to their visit to Pennsylvania next year.



Stewards of Good News

"Parthians, Medes, Elamites..." Acts 2:8

I like to think of the Day of Pentecost as the first recorded use of social media by the church! Instead of keeping the joy of the Spirit to themselves, the disciples were compelled, impelled and thrown pell-mell into communicating with lots of people they don't know in languages with which they are unfamiliar! You think learning the new languages of Twitter or Facebook is hard, try Parthian! Those disciples told the story of Jesus in new languages so that others might know the joy, power, forgiveness and love of God they had come to know as they worked with Jesus. They trusted the Spirit, and the Spirit gave them the power and courage to communicate in ways they had never imagined.

The Spirit can work in cyberspace in the 21st century just as effectively as in a courtyard in Jerusalem full of strangers in the first century. What the Spirit needs is willing disciples to tell the story and welcome those who seek. We need to remember that before we are stewards of church buildings or church budgets, we are stewards of a story, of grace, of hope. There are people out there in the streets of our cities and towns waiting to hear it. How can your church work to share the good news in languages that may be outside your familiar comfort zone?

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**ST. PAUL'S CONSISTORY
SUMMARY OF APRIL/MAY MEETINGS**

By: M. Haubrick, Consistory Secretary

Members Absent: April Meeting: Denise Grissinger May Meeting: Jonna Baker, Sally Cover and Denise Grissinger

Discussion and action was taken on the following:

MEMORIAL FUND: \$100.00 to Japan Earthquake Fund and \$50.00 for gasoline card purchase for a church friend.

BASEMENT LIFT PROJECT:

All permits and paper work are completed for project to begin in six to eight weeks.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Approval was received from Retha Glazier heirs to make a change in the Trust Agreement that will allow scholarship awards to be made for the Fall 2011/Spring 2012 semesters. Applications must be received prior to the June 14 Consistory meeting.

OLD COMPUTER FROM CHURCH OFFICE:

An offer was made to both congregations to purchase the old church computer, but there was no response. Computer will be "cleaned" and offered at St. Paul's Yard Sale. Old TV will also be offered at the yard sale.

PARSONAGE INSPECTION: Loy Garber and consistory trustees will inspect the parsonage. Decided to remove the broken rail fence at the parsonage parking area.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Approved payment of \$464.95 for materials and supplies for the upcoming Sunday School year.

CHURCH DOOR LOCKS:

Approved replacement of the door locks for the church Sunday School door and the doors for the church sanctuary and basement and the installation of a dead bolt lock for the Sunday School Door. All doors will open with one key, and 20 keys will be purchased for church members.

CHURCH DEED COPY FRAMED:

A photo of the original deed of the church and cemetery as recorded in the original deed book stored in Harrisburg has been received from the Pennsylvania Historical Commission. The copy was matted and framed by Tom Duffey and will be presented to the congregation at the May 29th Anniversary celebration. Approved a donation of \$100 to Fulton County Historical Society in honor the anniversary celebration.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS:

Approved transferring St. Paul's Scholarship Fund, St. Paul's Endowment Fund and St. Paul's Organ Fund from Edward Jones Financial Group to The Alexander Financial Group with Wells Fargo that is managed by Todd Alexander.

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

Income for March.	\$ 19,916.18 * (\$14,500 transfer to pay for new roof)
Expenses for March	\$ 20,153.64
Interest on Account	6.28
Loss for Month	-\$ 231.18
Income for April.	\$ 5,498.96
Expenses for April	\$ 3,025.83
Interest on Account	3.52
Gain for Month	+\$ 2,476.65

ST. PAUL'S KID'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

TAKE A BREAK OVER SUMMER!!!

Our last class before the summer will be on Sunday, [May 29](#) . We will reconvene in September. Over the summer, we will meet for a few special events like a pool party and a game night. Watch our weekly bulletin announcements for more information.

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY

- 4 Daniel Barley
 6 Lory Mester
 9 Dorothy Stevens
 11 Andy Barley
 14 Chase Buterbaugh
 Mason Buterbaugh
 Tony Shives
 15 Ross Weller
 Elsie Bricker
 16 Sharyn Zeis
 17 Marie Parkinson
 20 Roy Hornbaker
 22 Arnetta Mellott
 23 Blaire Shives
 28 Jody Buterbaugh
 Amy Headley
 29 Lorraine Richardson



St. Paul's Flowers

Nancy Barmont (485-3456)
Linda Garber (485-4902)

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

St. Paul's Ushers

Mary Haubrick
Elaine Armstrong
Thank You for Serving!

Trinity's Ushers

Cheryl & Gary
Shives
Thank You for Serving!

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 Care Team
 Diane Baxter
 Janis Cutchall
 Family of Coey Fritz
 The people of Japan
 The people in the Middle East
 Peg Gordon



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

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Trinity's Choir 7 p.m. Prayer and Praise, 8 p.m.	2 St. Paul's Choir 7 p.m.	3	4
5 Trinity's picnic at Cowan's Gap, 12:30 p.m.	6 St. Paul's Care Team, 6:30 p.m. Trinity's Peach Festival mtg., 6:30 p.m.	7	8 Prayer and Praise, 7 p.m. St. Paul's Church Women United, 7	9 St. Paul's Choir 7 p.m.	10 Strawberry Festival in McCbg. Penn Central Conference Mtg.	11 Strawberry Festival in McCbg. Penn Central Conference Mtg.
12 PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION Trinity's change collection for Hartman Center	13 Trinity's Woman at Ann Hayes', 6 p.m.	14 Trinity's Consistory Mtg. 7 p.m.	15 Prayer and Praise, 7 p.m.	16 St. Paul's Choir 7 p.m.	17	18
19 CHURCH WORLD SERVICE OFFERING Trinity's Special offering for the Building Fund HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 	20 Pastor Vale- ria vacation thru the 26th Newsletter Info. Deadline	21 St. Paul's Consistory mtg. 7 p.m.	22. Prayer and Praise, 7 p.m.	23	24	25
26 St. Paul's Salad Sunday Trinity's change collection for Hartman Center	27	28	29 Prayer and Praise, 7 p.m.	30	JULY 1	2