



# St. Paul's Summer Hill UCC

## June 2024 Newsletter



### Pastor's Page

Greetings Summer Hill!

As we transition from Spring to the Summer months, our minds are on all the fun and relaxing warm weather activities we have planned with our families. Schools are out for the summer, graduation parties and celebrations are taking place, and summer sports are underway. Folks have been busy working in their yards and gardens and the farmers have their crops planted and praying for a great growing season. Vacations are being planned with great anticipation of some much needed down time to unwind and get our batteries recharged. There are plenty of things to keep us extremely busy over the next few months.

The world certainly always seems to be running at full throttle and trying to pack in as many activities as possible in the short time we have to enjoy the outdoors. And in many ways, that is a wonderful thing! Being able to enjoy God's creation and the beauty that surrounds us with our friends and family is absolutely one of the best gifts from God. Hopefully we all remember that all we do and have been given to enjoy, is exactly that, a gift from God. And when someone gives us such wonderful and amazing gifts, hopefully we will remember to respond with hearts full of gratitude and remember to also find some time to dedicate to praising God from whom all blessings flow.

It is easy to get sidetracked and pulled away from the church during these fun summer months that are full of great activities. But while we are out and about enjoying those things, the church is still here ready to meet the spiritual needs of those who are facing life's challenges. The church will still be having weekly worship services to give us the opportunity to acknowledge all that God has done for us. The church is still responding to the needs of our neighbors and those in need of the love of Christ. People will still be looking to the church to help provide comfort and relief when life becomes overwhelming. But to be the Body of Christ here in our community, we need you, even during the busy summer months.

The church needs your support in many ways. We need your presence, your time, your talents, your spiritual

gifts and your financial support. In fact, the church simply cannot do it without you, because you are the church!

As I praise God for the spiritual high on which I am floating on after the Easter season and remembering how the church received the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, I also need to remind myself that we are all running a marathon, and not just a sprint. We need to be in the spiritual race for the long run, through all the seasons of life and not just during the exciting times of Christmas and Easter. Which is why God sent the Holy Spirit to be with us. The Spirit guides us and strengthens us and teaches us. The Spirit helps us reignite our ministries and nudge us back onto the path from which we sometimes stray. The Spirit fill us with the joy and happiness that is found being part of a community of faith which is dedicated to teaching, sharing, and living God's love with all of our neighbors near and far.

Even though we are entering the summer months, we still have many wonderful ways to get involved in the life of the church. We have baptisms and new members receptions scheduled, outdoor worship services, Vacation Bible School, home visitation needs, mission trips, community service programs like the Food Bank, Scouts, fundraising activities, neighbor assistance opportunities, and a lot of new energy around reaching out to our neighbors in need. And we also have some wonderful fun fellowship activities planned as well.

If you have ideas or inspiration on how Summer Hill can really let our hearts full of love shine, let me or anyone on our great Consistory know. Then get involved and help make it happen because we cannot do it without you. Invite your friends and neighbors to become part of our ministry and see why we are all part of the one family of Christ.

Please enjoy your summer months and all the wonderful activities you have planned. May God be with you and keep you safe on your travels and refresh your minds, bodies, and souls. And please remember that you are part of the Body of Christ, and we also need your presence and support now more than ever!

Summer Hill Blessings,  
Pastor Ken

## Communion Offerings

The June Communion offering is designated to Locust Lake Camp Ministries.

The July Communion offering is designated to the One Rock One Community Music Concert.

The August Communion offering is designated to the Alzheimer's Association.

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## Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule will begin on **Sunday, June 2**. During the months of June, July and August, worship will be held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. There will be no Sunday school during this time. Worship will resume at 10:30am on Sunday, September 1.

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## PSEC Spring Meeting

Our 2024 Spring Annual Meeting will be part of the  
**“Together We Are Stronger”**

Keystone UCC Conferences June Meeting

**June 7-9, 2024**

at The Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center,  
State College, PA

Join all four Pennsylvania UCC Conferences for a weekend of discernment of our four conferences coming together as one. Including workshops, worship, fellowship and relationship building.

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## Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Time (aka, coffee hour): Join us for conversation, along with a cup of coffee and light refreshments following our 9:30am worship service on **Sunday, June 9**. We will gather in the rear of the Sanctuary the Second Sunday of each month. Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and stay up to date on everything happening at St. Paul's. And best of all, it's free of charge!! Help is needed: If you would be interested in helping to assist in hosting a fellowship hour, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Ken.

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## Prayer Shawl Committee

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Tuesday of each month from 10am-12noon in the conference room. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 11**. If you are interested in crocheting and/or knitting, we can hook you up! If you know of someone who could use a prayer shawl, please contact the church office or Nancy Dewald.

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Day and Picnic

On **Tuesday, June 11**, the Schuylkill Haven Borough will host the 17th Annual Senior Citizen Appreciation Day and Picnic at the Island Park Pavilion from 4-8pm. All persons 60 years of age or older who live within the Schuylkill Haven Borough or are members of churches from the Schuylkill Haven and Vicinity Council of Churches or the Schuylkill Haven Senior Citizens Organization are invited to attend, free of charge. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta salad, ice cream, watermelon and lots of goodies! There will also be health screenings, informational booths, prize bingo and entertainment. RSVP is appreciated at 570-385-1313.

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## Special Offering

On **Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day)**, we will be collecting a special offering designated to Locust Lake Camp Ministries. Special envelopes will be available on the bulletin table in the narthex.

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## Motorcycle Ministry

The third Sunday of the month is designated as “Bring your motorcycle to church” Sunday. The upcoming dates are **June 16, July 21, August 18, and September 15**. Spread the word, invite your friend, and join us for some fun and fellowship. If you would like to be notified of other rides throughout the summer, please notify the church office to have your name added to the “Biker” email list!

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## Calling All Graduates

During our 9:30am worship service on **Sunday, June 30**, we will be recognizing and congratulating the graduates from our congregation. If you or someone you know is graduating from High School, College, a Technical School or some other institution of higher learning, please contact the church office by **Sunday, June 16**, so that we may recognize them for their fantastic achievement.

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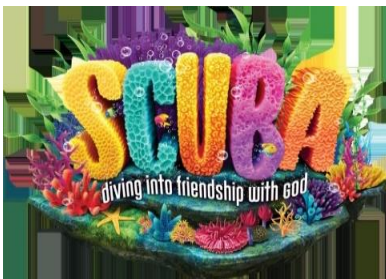


The Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry is in great need and accepts all non-perishable food items and paper products. Items can be dropped off at the church during the week or placed in the shopping cart at the back of the sanctuary. **NO OUTDATED FOOD PLEASE.** We will be helping **Monday, June 17** at 8:30am and **Friday, June 21** at 1pm. Please speak to Verna Ebling or the church office if you would like to help or donate items.

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The next Consistory Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 16** at 7:00pm. (No meeting in June)

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**WELCOME  
TO SCUBA  
DIVING  
INTO  
FRIENDSHIP  
WITH GOD!**

Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Paul's **June 17-21**. All children ages 4-12 (grade 6) are welcome and invited to attend. Please save the date and share with all your relatives, friends and neighbors. A registration form is included with this newsletter. Forms can be submitted to the church office or to [wareber@comcast.net](mailto:wareber@comcast.net).

More information will follow via church newsletter, bulletins, email and Members of St. Paul's Facebook.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

## Sunday School

*"Sing to him a new song; play skillfully and shout for joy!" - Psalm 33*

I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. We hope to see you at our annual VBS- Scuba on June 17th- 21st, 2024. It will be a fun filled week of fun!!

### Important Dates:

June 17th-21st, 2024- VBS- Scuba  
Sept 8th, 2024- Rally Day

Christian Education Secretary,  
Amy Zimmerman

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## Outdoor Worship

Outdoor worship services will be held once a month, the fourth Sunday of the month. Grab your lawn chair or favorite blanket and join us once again amidst the beauty of God's creation. Our first outdoor service will be held on the front church lawn on **Sunday, June 23** at 9:30am. We will also worship outdoors on **Sunday, July 28, Sunday, August 25 and Sunday, September 22**. Please note: in case of inclement weather, the services will be moved inside and held in the sanctuary.

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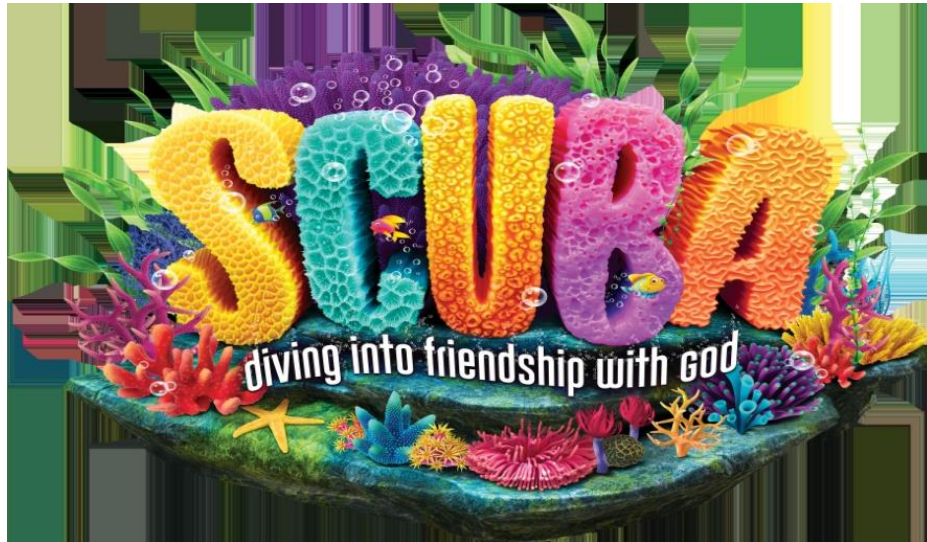
## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering

On **Sunday, June 30** we will collect the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering which is designated to the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Food Pantry. Special envelopes will become available.

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## Help is Still Needed For Mowing the Church Lawn

As you know, we are well into mowing season! Volunteers are still needed to mow the church lawn. A zero turn mower is provided. A signup sheet is on the table in the narthex. Please contact the church office for more information.



**St. Paul's UCC (Summer Hill)  
VBS Registration Form (One per child)  
June 17-21 6:00 to 8:30  
Closing Program June 21**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's gender \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best phone number to contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Best email address to contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you give your permission to allow any pictures that may contain your child to be posted on social media? \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_ at phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

# WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Christian stewardship is grateful and responsible use of God’s gifts in the light of God’s purpose as revealed in Jesus Christ. Christian stewards, empowered by the Holy Spirit, commit themselves to conscious, purposeful decisions.

Stewardship is lived out in:

- Living and telling the Good News
- Sharing God in seeking justice, peace, and the integrity of creation in an interdependent universe
- Wisely employing God-given human resources, abilities, and relationships
- Sharing the material resources we hold and giving them in service, justice, and compassion
- Providing for future generations
- Sharing in the life, worship, and responsible stewardship of the Church and of its mission
- Both for the individual and for the community, stewardship is a joyful act for the sake of God’s world.

**We also need your help in meeting the financial needs of our church ministries.  
Use this chart to help guide you in determining your level of generosity.**



Weekly Giving Guide			4%	6%	8%	10%	12%	15%
ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME	WEEKLY INCOME						
18,000	1,500	346	14.00	21.00	28.00	35.00	42.00	52.00
25,000	2,083	481	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	58.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	69.00	87.00
40,000	3,333	769	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	92.00	115.00
45,000	3,750	865	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	104.00	130.00
50,000	4,167	962	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	115.00	144.00
60,000	5,000	1,154	46.00	69.00	92.00	115.00	138.00	173.00
75,000	6,250	1,442	58.00	87.00	115.00	144.00	173.00	216.00
100,000	8,333	1,923	77.00	115.00	154.00	192.00	231.00	288.00
125,000	10,417	2,404	96.00	144.00	192.00	240.00	288.00	361.00
150,000	12,500	2,885	115.00	173.00	231.00	289.00	346.00	433.00
175,000	14,583	3,365	135.00	202.00	269.00	337.00	404.00	505.00
200,000	16,667	3,846	154.00	231.00	308.00	385.00	462.00	577.00
225,000	18,750	4,327	173.00	260.00	346.00	433.00	519.00	649.00

***Fear closes the hand and hoards – Faith opens the hand and shares.  
--Bruce A. Barkhauer***

## Mailing Addresses, Phone Numbers and Email Addresses

In an effort to keep our records up to date, we are asking that if you have had a change to any of your information, would like to add a cell phone number or email address, or just want to be sure we have your most current info., please contact the church office.

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### AV System Volunteers

We are still looking for some additional people to help run our sound and video equipment on a Sunday morning! Please let us know if you would be willing to help. We will then figure out a good mutual time to “train” those who are interested! Ideally, we will get a few people interested, and then sign up for Sundays either on a weekly or monthly basis, somewhat like the lectors.

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### Altar Prep Volunteers

We are still in need of altar prep volunteers. Everyone is welcome! It will be a rotation schedule on a weekly basis. You can sign up for one week or multiple weeks. Your assistance is needed to change the altar paraments, make sure altar flowers are changed and the oil candles are filled. “Training” will be provided! It’s a minimal commitment, but a great help in keeping our services running smoothly. If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please speak to Kelly Palerino.

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Your Consistory met on May 21, 2024 and discussed the following items:

Briefly mentioned the progress being made by Boy Scout Noah Morgan on the improvements to the picnic grove and bandstand

Mentioned the possibility of other options for testing our water

Discussed to a greater extent the intended usage of the monitors for the church sanctuary

Graduation Recognition Sunday will be on June 30, 2024

June Communion offering will support the Locust Lake Camp Ministries

July Communion offering will support One Rock One Community Music Concert

August Communion offering will support the Alzheimer’s Association

The next Consistory Mtg. will be held on July 16, 2024.

Respectfully yours,  
Trevor Smith, Secretary

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## Thank You!!

-to Nancy and Mark Dewald for sponsoring the shut-in mailing for June 2024

-Sunday School Christian Board,

Thank you for the monetary gift. It was greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Love,  
Amy Zimmerman

-Dear St. Paul’s,

I want to extend a very special thank you to all the people who donated meals and other support to my husband, Tom and my mom, Marion, while I was away with my son, Joe and his family for three months, during which time when we were staying at a Ronald McDonald House following fetal surgery on Mathias and awaiting his birth. I want to especially thank RaeAnn Borger for organizing and coordinating all the meal deliveries. She did a fantastic job! Thank you all for caring so much! We love and appreciate everything that all of you did for all of us! God bless all of you!

Sincerely,  
Lucinda Nagle

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## Special Dates

- Flag Day, *June 14, 2024*
- Father’s Day, *June 16, 2024*
- Juneteenth, *June 19, 2024*
- First day of summer, *June 20, 2024*

# Confirmation Class Sign-ups

It's time to register for Confirmation class. 1st year confirmation classes are available to any young adult turning 12 or entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year.

To register, please turn in a completed form to the church office by **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**. Confirmands will identify someone to serve as their mentor. Mentors must be either persons currently serving on Consistory or a member of the Spiritual Council and may not be immediate family members.

Confirmation Classes will begin on Rally Day **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** at 9:15 AM, with a confirmand, parent and mentor meeting. At this time, confirmation requirements and expectations will be reviewed with confirmands, their parents and mentors signing the Confirmation Covenant. A blessing of the Confirmands will be conducted during Worship after the meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Ken McDowell.

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## Eligible Mentors:

### Current Consistory Members...

Pam Clauser	Clint Clauser
Mike Fessler	Robin Ferguson
Kathy Kline	Carol Mengel
Lori Moyer	Jeff Palerino
Mike Reber	Terri Saunders
Tom Saunders	Trevor Smith

### Spiritual Council Members...

Deb Bailey	Brian Clauser
Rob Clauser	Verna Ebling
Debra Koch	Lori Moyer
Paul Moyer	Earl Phillips
Bill Reber	Libby Zimmerman
Pam Clauser	Cookie Mengel
Jeffrey Palerino	Eric Reber
Tom Nagle	Helen Michelson
Ray Riegel	Mike Fessler
Kathy Kline	Robin Ferguson

## Confirmation Class Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please include middle name)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Entering in Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptismal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptismal Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_



## June Birthdays

- 1 - Richard Reis
- 3 - Amy Crouse
  - Adalyn Marra
- 4 - Natalie Rubinkam
  - Kate Rubinkam
  - Brandon Elo
- 5 - Mark Palerino
  - Jackie Eckert
  - Brandon Fry
  - Darren Heim
- 6 - Charles Eckert
  - David Deibert
  - Hannah Nagle
- 8 - Katie Miller
- 12 - Jessica (Moyer) Kehl
  - Kaylee (Clauser) Kerchner
- 13 - Esther (Cookie) Mengel
- 15 - Nelson Moyer
  - Charles H. Fix
- 16 - Shirley Deguire
- 17 - Ronald A. Faust
- 20 - Anna Mae Minchhoff
- 23 - Cindy Clauser
  - Elijah Shawver
- 24 - John Ulsh
  - Deborah Reed
  - Stephanie Krause
- 26 - Kelly Palerino
  - Connor Kerstetter
- 27 - Nancy Wesner
  - Ann McDowell
- 28 - Denise Miller
- 30 - Vicky Borger
  - Callie Palerino
  - Heather Carey

## June Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 - Larry and Sally Reber
- 4 - Dawn and Bill Mattes
- 10 - Kevin and Jill Kerstetter
- 11 - John and Beth Satterwhite
- 13 - David and Pauline Smith
- 14 - Deborah and Gregory Reed
- 15 - Nancy and Peter VanDeest
  - Jessica and Gregory Kehl
- 18 - Rebecca and Mark McBreen
- 24 - John and Linda Epler
- 26 - Tom and Lucinda Nagle
- 28 - Brian and Cindy Clauser

- 30 - Earl and Lorraine Phillips
  - Paul and Sharon Shealer

## June Baptismal Anniversaries

- Matthew William, son of Christopher Krause and Ashley Heffner Hasenauer
- Elias Joseph, son of Joseph and Tamara Nagle
- Abram Joseph, son of Joseph and Tamara Nagle
- Connor Anthony, son of Jonathan and Melissa Rodnick
- Jett Wilson, son of Justin and Kelly Clauser
- Brantley Irvin, son of Michael and Sarah Wolfe
- Damien Joseph, son of Michael and Sarah Wolfe
- Gatlin James, son of Michael and Sarah Wolfe
- Caroline Grace, daughter of Adam and Laura Carll
- Silas Aaron, son of Josiah and Angela Meck
- Wesson Nicholas, son of Kayla Jones and Vincent Hoppes
- Bailey Louise, daughter of Kayla Jones and Vincent Hoppes

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## Lectionary Readings:

### Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 2

- 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
- Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18
- Deuteronomy 5:12-15
- Psalms 81:1-10
- 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
- Mark 2:23-3:6

### Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 9

- 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
- Psalms 138
- Genesis 3:8-15
- Psalms 130
- 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
- Mark 3:20-35

### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 16

- 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
- Psalms 20
- Ezekiel 17:22-24
- Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15
- 2 Cor 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
- Mark 4:26-34



### Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, June 23

I Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

Psalms 9:9-20

Psalms 133

Job 38:1-11

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

### Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, June 30

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalms 130

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalms 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 7

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalms 48

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalms 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

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## Bible Quiz

King Ahab, assisted by his conniving wife Jezebel, appropriated for himself something belonging to a man named Naboth. What did he take?

- A. Naboth's oxen
- B. Naboth's farm
- C. Naboth's vineyard
- D. Naboth's house

Answer: C (See 1 Kings 21:1-16.)

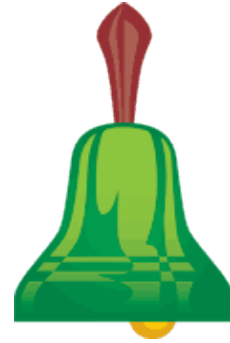
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## What Forgiveness Is — And Is Not

Forgiveness does not mean ignoring what has been done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means, rather, that the evil act no longer remains as a barrier to the relationship. Forgiveness is a catalyst creating the atmosphere necessary for a fresh start and a new beginning. It is the lifting of a burden or the canceling of a debt.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

## Christian Symbol



**BELL** — A bell symbolizes the call to worship, reflected in the ringing of bells in many churches to announce or open a service. A bell also symbolizes the proclamation of the Gospel to the world: hence, the ringing of church bells at the close of some services as worshippers depart to spread Christ's good news in their daily lives.

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## An Ode To Dads

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight.

The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add, He knew his masterpiece was complete, and so, he called it ... Dad.

—Author unknown

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*“Whenever you are about to find fault with someone, ask yourself the following question: What fault of mine most nearly resembles the one I am about to criticize?”*

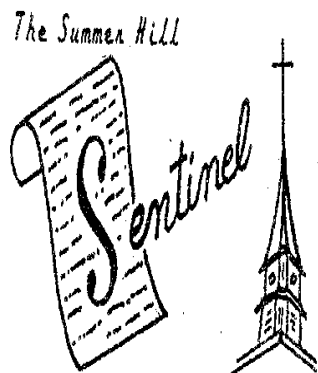
—Marcus Aurelius

*“Oh, be swift to love, make haste to be kind!”*

—Henri-Frédéric Amiel

**June 2024**

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
1235 Summer Hill Road  
Auburn, PA 17922**



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**Website: [www.summerhillucc.com](http://www.summerhillucc.com)**

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### **Church Staff**

**Pastor:** Rev. Ken McDowell  
**Church Administrator & Cleaning:** Kelly  
Palerino  
**Music Director/ Pianist:** Rae Ann Borger  
**Organists:** Jacob Challenger/ Colin Andrew  
(Supply)

### **Lay Leaders**

**Consistory President:** Pam Clauser  
**Consistory Vice President:** Jeff Palerino  
**Secretary:** Trevor Smith  
**Assistant Secretary:** Mike Fessler  
**Treasurer:** Lori Moyer  
**Financial Secretary:** Kathy Kline

**Board of Christian Education:**  
**Chairperson** - Laura Carll  
**Vice-Chairperson** - Vicky Borger  
**Secretary** - Amy Zimmerman  
**Sunday Morning Coordinator:** Trevor Smith  
**Assistant Sunday Coordinator:** David Deibert  
**Stewardship/Mission:** Lori Moyer, Tom  
and Terri Saunders, Kathy Kline, Carol  
Mengel and Trevor Smith  
**Budget Committee:** Pam Clauser  
**Personnel Committee:** Lori Moyer  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry Chair:** Nancy Dewald

**June 2024**