

*Celebrating our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! (1822-2022)*

## The “Good News” of St. Paul United Church of Christ

November 2022

*The Mission of St. Paul UCC, a congregation united in Jesus Christ, is to share the gospel of Christ and to share his love for us with others in our community. We will work to bring others to the knowledge of Jesus by showing that we are a caring and welcoming congregation.*

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Staffed Nursery Available

### **Worship Service**

Christian Education	9:00 am
Worship	10:15 am

### **A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARTHA BOYER**

As a teen, I was inspired by the these words of Psalm 9:

“I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;  
I will tell of all thy wonderful deeds.  
I will be glad and exult in thee,  
I will sing praise to thy name, O Most High.”

I set these words to music and played and sang them often, while accompanying myself on the piano. At times when I was hiking, I sang the words boisterously acapella. As we plan our Thanksgiving this year, I recall these words anew, especially giving thanks for minds and memories. Clarity of thought and the ability to reason and discern are gifts that should not be taken for granted, for there are those among us who do not possess them. Using these gifts helps us to enjoy and preserve precious memories that inspire us to move forward into the future that God has prepared for us and there- to create more precious memories.

Let us thank God this Thanksgiving for such precious memories that create attitudes of gratitude among us which motivate us to move forward towards creating even more precious memories of life in our community called St. Paul Church! So today this month I rewrite the lyrics to Psalm 9 to: “I will give thanks to the Lord for St. Paul Church, with my whole Heart; I will tell of all their wonderful God-inspired deeds, I will be glad and give thanks to Thee to Thee, O Most High, O Most High!”

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***NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE...OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY...  
YOU ARE WELCOME AT THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.***

**St Paul United Church of Christ**

Presents In Concert

**Troy D. Winemiller**

**“The Glorious Sounds of Christmas”**

Please join me as I sing some of the most  
**“Beloved”** songs of the Holiday Season.

Such Holiday favorites as  
**“O Holy Night”, “Jingle Bells”, “Away in a  
Manger”, “Silver Bells”**  
and many more.

**December 11, 2022 @ 3 P.M.**

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**Love Offering to benefit  
Children and Youth Services**



**FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:** I have taken the alphabet and divided it into 4 quarters. So for October, November, and December, members should look for food beginning with G, H, I, J, K and L.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**CONSISTORY MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 @ 7PM**

November 5<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Bazaar 9am-3pm

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th AS  
WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION**

**VETERAN'S RECOGNITION—NOVEMBER 13**  
We are grateful for the Veterans in our congregation. They have served and continue to serve our great country defending freedom and justice. This month as we celebrate Veterans' Day, may we remember to name these Veterans and others in our prayers. Thank you for the gift you have given us – FREEDOM!  
You are invited to worship with us on Sunday, November 14 as we observe Veterans Day and recognize those in our congregation who are veterans:

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Richard Allison | Robert Heyne, Jr. |
| Herbert Baker   | Robert Shaub      |
| Curt Berger     | Allan Soto        |
| David Boyer     | Frank Stohler     |
|                 | Dick Winemiller   |

*Deceased:*

- |                      |                   |
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| Harry Bonner         | Reynolds Lehman   |
| Mark A. Cramer       | Oscar Markel      |
| Ralph Cramer         | Robert Markel     |
| Floyd Duerr          | Dick Schroeder    |
| Glenn Fritz          | Henry Sechrist    |
| Charles Griffin      | Lewis Sowers      |
| Robert Heyne, Sr.    | Howard Swartz     |
| Quinton Hildebrand   | Harry Wagner Jr.  |
| David Kennedy        | Harold Winemiller |
| Clyde L. Kiser       |                   |
| Harold E. Klinedinst |                   |

Two large tablets with a more extensive list of all St. Paul Veterans is displayed on Veterans Day Sunday. If you would like to add the name of any St. Paul Veterans, please contact Brenda at the church office: 717 235-7003.

**YORK ASSOCIATION MEETING**

November 13<sup>th</sup> at Hayshire UCC, York - Your delegates are Alan Woodford, Tom Wolfe, and Pastor Martha. Several other people are attending the meeting. Others are welcome to attend if interested.

**LUNCH BUNCH – November 8<sup>th</sup>, Lyndon Diner at 12 noon**

**DECORATING FOR ADVENT - NOV. 20 -** Following the worship service, we will have lunch at New Freedom restaurant and return to decorate for Advent. Everyone is invited to attend. See Sandy Schroeder for information.

**Hanging of the Greens-**  
November 27, 10:15 am.

This year's Advent theme is:  
"Journey to Bethlehem"

***Advent Communion will be Dec. 4th.***  
Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Troy's concert

**The Annual Congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, December 18.**

**Christmas Eve Service –2pm, Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Christmas Day service on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – "Arriving in Bethlehem"**

**New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.**  
**Pastor Martha's final service as pastor of St. Paul Church and our final celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.**  
Prelude by Loretta begins at 1:30pm in the Sanctuary. Service begins at 2pm. Refreshments and program to follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.  
"Short Stories of Love and Peace" moderated by Tom and Jenn; you are invited to share short testimonies on how you experience love and peace happening within the communities in which you live and work.

**November 6:**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS, Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pulpit Exchange: Rev. Frank Schaffer will be our guest preacher as Pastor Martha preaches at his church at Solomon's UCC in Macungie, PA.

**Lessons:** Job 19:23-27a, Psalm 98, Haggai 2;15b-2:9

**Sermon:** "I Will Fill this House with Splendor"

**Reader:** Jan

**November 13: VETERAN'S DAY**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 65:17-25

**Epistle Lesson:** 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 2:5-19

**Sermon:** "Vision of Renewal"

**Reader:** Joe

**November 20:**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Jeremiah 23:1-6

**Epistle Lesson:** Colossians 1:11-20

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 23:33-43

**Sermon:** "Thanksgiving Day Togetherness"

**Reader:** Jenn

**November 27: "Hanging of the Greens"**

a variety of scriptures and carols.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

**Reader:** Sandy Schroeder and Janice Hanson



***REMEMBER to set your clock back SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 and gain the hour back that you lost in the Spring!!***

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



11/06	David Boyer	11/12	Pastor Martha & David Boyer
11/13	Frank Stohler	11/14	Frank & Jackie Stohler

*(To the best of our abilities, these listings are correct. If these are not correct or are incomplete, please notify the secretary. Thank you)*

**THE GOOD NEWS OF ST. PAUL – PRAYER LIST**

**Members Homebound**

**MR/MRS RICHARD WINEMILLER**  
 121 W FORREST AVE  
 SHREWSBURY PA 17361

**MR/MRS ALLAN SOTO**  
 38 W CLEARVIEW DR  
 SHREWSBURY PA 17361

**ST. PAUL UCC MEMBERS—SHUT-INS/HEALTH CONCERNS**

NORMA BROWN, PAT CAMPBELL, NANCY LEBER, RAYMOND LEBER, JANE SCHMIEDT, BRENDA & ALLAN SOTO, JACKIE STOHLER, RICHARD & DORIS WINEMILLER

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF THE CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY**

CHRIS TREMMEL	GEORGE HESSE	DEREK	SHIRLEY RUTH
MIKE & JANET SCHRIVER	BOB DENNEY	KELLY KASHNER	TESS SPRADIN
SANDY & KIM STERNER	DELORES LIST	SHARON BLEVINS	BONNIE PRICE
EVELYN RUTH DUBS	STEVE SUTTON	DONNA SMITH	DENNY
BESSIE KISER	BRYAN	NAOMI SHEARER	DEBBIE
NORMA JEAN SCRIVENS	ANDY SCRIVENS	JIM AND JOANNE	

All those who suffer from cancer, have died from cancer, and experience the fear of cancer.

**THOSE SERVING IN AND/OR SUPPORTING THE MILITARY & AROUND THE GLOBE**

**BLESS OUR TROOPS** Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**FEDERAL, STATE, CITY AND TOWN GOVERNMENTS**



# NEWS of the 26 Churches of the York Association

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## November 2022 – Newsletter

### Mission Statement

We, the members of the York Association of the United Church of Christ, are called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to represent Christ by:

- supporting one another in our covenantal relationship;
- calling clergy and laity to mutual accountability to the faith and order of the church;
- witnessing together to God’s redeeming love. (Adopted April 28, 1991)

### York Association Annual Meeting Sunday, November 13, 2:00 pm

All authorized ministers and TWO delegates from every York Association church are to attend the York Association Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m. at Hayshire UCC, 100 Haybrook Drive, York, PA 17406. The theme of this year’s gathering is “Connected and Connecting.” **This is your official call to the 2022 annual meeting!** You may EITHER attend IN PERSON or ONLINE.

Here is the ZOOM LINK to join if you prefer to attend ONLINE.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3047880373?pwd=bU1YSGczeklsRUc0WDBMWkN3TE9qUT09>  
Zoom Calling: (301) 715-8592  
Meeting ID: 304 788 0373  
Passcode: 041722

### York Association Opportunities

The following positions need to be filled in the York Association. These positions are for one two-year term for the calendar years 2023 & 2024.

If interested or want more information, please contact Rev. Curt Weber at (717)246-9027 or [webercg40@comcast.net](mailto:webercg40@comcast.net).

We would like to get these positions filled before the York Association Annual meeting on November 13.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

- YA Council Lay Member at Large for York Association Council
- Committee on Ministry member
- Community Outreach Committee members (2 positions)
- Nominating Committee member

**Welcome Rev. Carla Christopher**

### Sunday, October 16 @ 4pm

Please join us. There will be a Renewal Service for Heidelberg UCC including the installation of Rev. Carla as their part-time pastor.

### Getting to Know the York Association

This month’s featured congregation is St. John’s Blymire’s in Dallastown. Thanks to their former pastor, Rev. Curt Weber, for writing the article!

Ron Oelrich, York Association President  
[pastorron@faithuccyork.org](mailto:pastorron@faithuccyork.org)

## St John’s Blymire’s UCC, Dallastown



St. John’s Blymire’s UCC was founded in 1758. It is the oldest church in the Dallastown-Red Lion area. It initially began as a church, cemetery, and school with a small log building. The pastor also served as teacher. It was a Union church served by both a Lutheran and Reformed congregation.

The earliest church records were begun in 1767 by Rev. George Bager, then pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, York, and Philip William Otterbein of First Reformed Church, York. Both pastors also served other small churches in the county.

The two congregations continued to worship in the same building, sometimes at joint services, using alternate Sundays or times, until the early part of the twentieth century, around 1915. A Lutheran pastor was assigned to the church until 1938 when Blymire's Lutheran congregation was declared nonfunctioning. Over that time, over twenty- three Lutheran pastors served at St. John's Blymire's.

The Reformed church was called "Blymire's" because Martin Bymire was part-owner of the land on which the church was located. At that time, it was a common practice to name a church for a nearby landowner.

The burial ground at Blymire's could have existed and been in use as early as 1755. The lots of early church burial yards were not bought as they are today, but the right to bury was a privilege of membership in the church. People were most often buried in the order of their deaths. Currently, there are one hundred and thirty one veterans buried at Blymire's Cemetery from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm.

Four church buildings have been erected to serve this congregation. The first was a log cabin, the second wood frame building was built around 1812, and the third building made of brick was built in 1855 and is still standing. The preaching was in German and English. The total cost of the building was about \$1,250. This building was refurbished and was dedicated in November 1992 as the "Red Brick Chapel." In 1980, the fourth and final building was built and dedicated.

Over its history St. John's Blymire's has had forty one Reformed (UCC) ministers. It was a two point charge with St. Paul's UCC in Dallastown for many years. Its first sole church pastor was Rev. John Fureman in 1974. In January 2016, Rev. Curt Weber was named Pastor Emeritus after serving almost twenty-four years. Rev. Lou Ann Jones retired in May 2022. Currently, Rev. Dr. Rick Pulling serves as Interim Pastor.

Vibrancy and collaboration are two words that describe the current life of St. John's Blymire's. Active lay leadership and wide participation have energized fellowship and social groups in the church, such as a men's and women's group. There are several missions, locally and worldwide, that the church supports, such as ASAPH and Homewood Auxiliary and the local ecumenical Emmanuel's Closet. Outreach to the community include a monthly outdoor and indoor concert series from June until October and a monthly Chicken Barbecue from April through November. Exercise classes at the church are open to the public. As with most churches that are going through an interim period in 2022, St. John's Blymire's is now discerning how to best become a hybrid church and how to best reach the next generation. The interim tasks will help the church answer the questions: **Who are we as St. John's Blymire's United Church of Christ? Who are our neighbors? Who is God calling us to become as we journey into God's future? What is our unique niche at this point of time in Dallastown?**

From the 1981 Church Dedication booklet comes this quote: "May it ever be a place of comfort for the bereaved, strength for the disheartened, courage for those with vision, inspiration for the young and hope for the aged. From its doors may men and women go forth to foster righteousness,

justice and peace in all of life. May this church be a spring of faith, hope and love for generations to come."

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## Art for the Earth

Kids of all ages can join in the United Church of Christ's Climate Hope Cards art contest. Participating children will design postcards that highlight hope for and love for the earth. Any child can enter, but church youth especially are encouraged to participate. The deadline is Nov. 30th. More info at [www.ucc.org/climatehopecards](http://www.ucc.org/climatehopecards)

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## Seeking Part Time Ministry Coordinator

**Shiloh UCC** is looking for a Family and Children Ministry Coordinator. It is a part time position. You can find the job description at [www.ShilohUCCYorkPA.org](http://www.ShilohUCCYorkPA.org).

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## St Paul UCC Shrewsbury

161 S Main St, Shrewsbury, PA

**What: Holiday Festival (Bazaar)**

**When: Sat, November 5, 9am-3pm**

One day sale featuring, seasonal decorations-fall and Christmas, handmade crafts, ornaments, homemade jelly and jams, food and soup for sale, jewelry and various other items.

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## New Hope "Fissel's" UCC

3426 Fissel's Church Road, Glen Rock, PA

**What: 5th Annual Holiday Make-it/Take-it Craft Day**

**When: Sat, October 22, 9am-2pm**

Come and spend the day with us creating crafts, having lunch & supporting, (Relay for Life & H.O.P.E.).

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Please mark your calendar for the next meeting:

**York Association UCC Clergy Gathering**

**Wednesday, November 9, @ 11 am**

**Lion's Pride Restaurant**

**20 Dairyland Square, Red Lion, PA 17356**

Please email me updates of contact information as well as other important information that you might like to have shared with your fellow clergy through emails.

Contact: Martha Boyer, Pastor, St. Paul UCC, Shrewsbury & Communicator, 717.858.2991, [marthahboyer@hotmail.com](mailto:marthahboyer@hotmail.com)

**Boundary Training - Nov 16, 10-noon,**

by ACM Nora Foust at Trinity United Church of Christ, 200 East Market St, in Hallam.

Contact Kelly Shiflett for more information. [jkelly@gmail.com](mailto:jkelly@gmail.com)

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The York Association Website is back up and running. Please check it out -

<https://www.yorkassociationucc.org/>

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*The next newsletter will be emailed Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. Please send all articles to [news@yorkassociationucc.org](mailto:news@yorkassociationucc.org) by Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank You!*



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**WORSHIP — 10:15 AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9:00 AM**

*Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month.*