



# THE EPISTLE - February 2018



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Our Lenten Journey is fast approaching and with it comes many opportunities to worship and mark the season. This year beginning on Ash Wednesday we will continue with two opportunities to worship on Wednesdays. First, the Littlestown Community Ministry Council will continue with our service and soup luncheons, beginning at 11:30am. A full calendar with the theme and location for each service can be found on pg. 5 of the Epistle. In the evenings, we will have our Lenten Soup Suppers at 5:45pm and Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30pm. I hope you will find the time to join in these opportunities for worship and fellowship. Though it is still awhile down the line, during Holy week we will also have the services of the Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Saturday Easter Vigil.

However, hours before our first service on Ash Wednesday I would like to invite you to consider beginning your day with an opportunity to meditate on the truth and promise of Ash Wednesday. This year I will be offering Ashes to Go on the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to receive the imposition of ashes on the way to work or other activities that day please come by. I am tentatively planning to be at the King St. entrance to Sheetz from 7:00am to 9:00am. However, if you have an earlier commute but would like to participate please contact me so I can accommodate. It is my hope that this can begin to be an annual offering to the community.

The words we say with the imposition of Ashes is “we are dust and to dust we shall return.” This is a fact, that one day our bodies will return to the Earth. And a promise, that dust is not the final word, but by the love of God we don’t end in dust. Ash Wednesday offers the paradox of mortality and eternity. It shows that in the cross we see the horizontal line of the ground we will return to and the vertical line of our hope and trust in resurrection.

I pray that this Lenten journey offers time for reflection and growth as we contemplate the meaning of Christ’s mission and sacrifice, walking towards the cross and onto the resurrection of Easter.

God’s Peace as we begin this new season of worship.

Pastor Chris

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**FEBRUARY WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES:**

During the month of **February**, we will continue through the season of Epiphany on the 11<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the festival of **Transfiguration of our Lord**. St Paul's ringers will provide the prelude on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at the 10:15 service. We begin our Lenten journey on Wednesday, February 14 with our Ash Wednesday service that begins at 7PM. Beginning on Wednesday, February 21 we will begin our soup/suppers. Supper begins at 5:45 and the Holden Vesper service begins at 6:30 PM.

**2018 Altar flowers and bulletin sponsorship**

Charts are now available on the sign-up table in the Kammerer Room. Flowers are ordered directly from the florist by the sponsor. Bulletin acknowledgement needs to be given to the Parish Secretary for sponsored Sunday. To sponsor bulletins, donation to the church is \$20.00. You may send to the church office or place in the offering plate with the check or envelope designated "Bulletins." Inform the secretary of your desired Sunday acknowledgement for that that bulletin. This is a thoughtful way to honor loved ones or special occasions, and at the same time provide a service to your church.

**OPEN DATES for FEBRUARY & MARCH 2018:**



**BULLETINS**  
 February 11, 18 & 25  
 March 11, 18 & 25

**FLOWERS**  
 February 4, 11, 18 & 25  
 March 4, 11, 18 & 25



**Weekly Bible Study** Please join us in January for a conversation-driven Bible study focusing on the Gospel text for the coming week. Bible studies are held in the Kammerer Room on Mondays from 6pm-7pm and Thursdays from 12pm-1pm. No experience necessary! Come and join in on the conversation as we dive into the text.

**Dental Donations** Bring in your church bulletin when you visit **Littlestown Dental Associates, PC** and a \$5 donation will be made to the church at the end of the month. *A big thank you to everyone who participated last year, St. Paul's had the most bulletin donations for 2017 and received a check for double their yearly donation!*

# Thank You Notes



Dear St. Paul's,  
Our sincere thank you for the beautiful poinsettia.  
Sincerely, Harry, Irene & Mark Wildasin

Thank you to all who placed poinsettias in honor and memory of loved ones during our Christmas season. Over 40 beautiful red plants filled our sanctuary with color. Extra poinsettias were then delivered by the Altar Guild to twelve shut in and homebound members.

Ruth's Harvest Reverse Advent Calendar boxes and checks have filled the shelves for January and February! Thanks to everyone who so generously donated as we continue to feed children of the Littlestown Area School District. If you still have a box of goods, bring it in or call Sue Mauck (359-7748) for a pickup. Checks can be made out to Ruth's Harvest Littlestown and given to Sharri Plattenburg.

**Update on Special Collection for Recycled and Redeemed** Last month St. Paul's held a special offering to benefit the work in Guatemala of our Member, Erin Schumaker. We are happy to report that we raised \$500 to be used on speech therapy resources throughout the villages Erin will be serving in! Erin asked that we share her response to the congregation: "Tears fall from my cheeks as Pastor Chris tells me the amount you all have raised for the mission, \$500. My heart skips a beat as I feel a rush of love streaming from a place so far away. Words cannot describe how grateful I am to all of you. I feel humbled and honored to do the work God has chosen for me and I feel so loved and supported by all of you. I am here doing work but without your support I am nothing. Thank you. Thank you all."

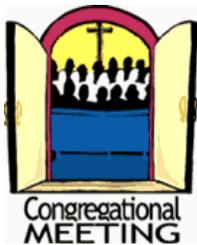
Thank you for permitting us to use your facility for our meetings. We're grateful for your support. Sincerely, Littlestown Garden Club

Dear Pastor Chris,  
On behalf of my mother's family, I would like to thank you for the spiritual care you administered to her. She had a very strong faith, and lived her life accordingly. Also, my appreciation for your comfort expressed to our family during this difficult time. I seemed to always be crying when you were here. Mom called to the Lord to take her home and he has. We find comfort in knowing she is with her family in heaven. Our gratitude forever. St Paul's is very fortunate to have you as their Pastor. Respectfully, Pam Reed, Linda Evans & Cindy Powers (Margaret Wallen's' daughters)



**Collection of Sports Attire & Equipment** We are seeking gently used sports equipment and sports-related clothing. Check your garage! Look through your closet! What is under your bed?! St. Paul's Sr. High Youth is collecting any and all used sports equipment for a **KID'S GIVE AWAY** this spring. Please bring items to church by **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. (If you aren't using it, shouldn't someone else have a chance?)

**Save the date** May 4th - 6th, 2018 for St. Paul's Family Retreat! **CATCHING GOD'S VISION FOR ST. PAUL'S!**



The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place on Sunday, February 11, 2018, following the 10:15 AM service. Yearbooks for the 2017 year in review will be distributed. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

**Debt / Line of Credit Reduction Opportunity** St. Paul's has an opportunity to seriously reduce or even eliminate our \$37K Line of Credit balance. Between now and June 30, 2018, any contributions by St. Paul's members towards the Line of Credit will be matched dollar for dollar. Seizing this opportunity will relieve some of the financial stress St. Paul's is experiencing, and eventually will allow us to put those budgeted loan payments towards our core missions. So please check your existing and upcoming finances to see if there is any way you can help. Also, please remember that contributions to the Line of Credit should be over and above your normal giving. If you have any questions about the details of this opportunity, please ask Pastor or a Council Member.

### **LITTLESTOWN COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

Food distribution will take place on the **4th Wednesday** of the month at Bart's Centenary on King Street from 3 to 5 pm. If you would like to donate your time or resources, please come to Bart's Centenary anytime from 1 to 6 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> in December) Wednesday of the month, or use your monthly giving envelope. There is a shopping cart in the Kammerer Room for donations to the **Littlestown Food Pantry**. Other non-perishable food items are encouraged at any time as well. **The next food pantry will take place Wednesday, February 28.**

# St. Paul's Lenten Events

Once again our journey toward Holy Week & Easter is approaching and begins on Wednesday, February 14 with our Ash Wednesday Service. During Lent we will meet for our Vespers services on Wednesdays at 6:30P.M. in the sanctuary. Our soup suppers will be held in the social hall beginning at 5:45P.M. The Vespers and soup suppers will be held on Feb. 21, 28, March, 7, 14 & 21. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Kammerer Room for those who would like to donate soups, bread, beverages and assist in set-up & clean-up. Sign up early so you can get the date that suits you best. If you can arrive early, we will be starting at 5:45P.M. and continue to serve and socialize until our service at 6:30P.M. If you are unable to attend the soup supper please feel free to join us in the sanctuary. Please plan to attend as many of the following services as possible so you can follow Jesus in his journey toward the glorious resurrection.

Ash Wednesday	February 14
Soup Supper/Vespers	February 21, 28 March 7, 14, 21
Palm Sunday	March 25
Mandy Thursday	March 29
Good Friday	March 30
Easter Vigil	March 31
Easter Breakfast	April 1
Sunday School	April 1
Easter Service	April 1



## Good Friday Cross Walk:

Starts at Redeemer's UCC @ 10:30 AM on Friday, March 30. Concludes with reading of "The Passion" at St. Aloysius.



## 2018 Littlestown Community Ministry Council

*(previously known as the Littlestown Ministerium)*

### Lenten Lunch Schedule

Lenten Lunches will be held on Wednesdays during Lent. They will begin on Ash Wednesday (2/14) and continue through Holy Week (3/28). The events will start at 11:30AM and the cost per person will be \$5.00. Each luncheon will begin with a worship opening and message from the host pastor, then enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread together. The theme for the messages will be "Sensing the Gospel". In Jesus Christ, the salvation God provided happened in human flesh. The messages offered will invite us to think about Jesus' ability to make God known in tangible, sensory ways. (**Inclement weather policy:** if Littlestown school district is closed or has a two hour delay the day of the event, the luncheon will be cancelled)

#### February 14

Hosting Church: Redeemer's UCC  
Topic: Dust to Dust

#### February 21

Hosting Church: St. Aloysius  
Topic: Smell

#### February 28

Hosting Church: St. Luke's  
Topic: Touch

#### March 7

Hosting Church: St. Paul's  
Topic: Sight

#### March 14

Hosting Church: St. John's  
Topic: Taste

#### March 21

Hosting Church: Bart's Centenary  
Topic: Hearing

#### March 28 (Holy Week)

Hosting Church: Christ UCC  
Topic: Suffering and Death



## **Please take a moment to notify the church office:**

- ◆ When you (or a family member) would like a visit from the pastor
- ◆ When there is a death or serious illness in your family
- ◆ When you wish to add or remove someone from the prayer list
- ◆ When you move to a new address or your phone number has changed
- ◆ If you wish to be added to the Epistle emailing list
- ◆ When you wish to borrow tables/chairs from the church
- ◆ When you wish to fill out a form of use for the Social Hall
- ◆ (policy is at least 30 days in advance)
- ◆ When you need information about scheduling a baptism or wedding
- ◆ When you wish to submit an article for the newsletter and/or bulletin announcements
- ◆ When you wish to update with graduation information



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Please note: Phone & email messages are checked  
only office hours on weekdays

For a **Pastoral Emergency**, please contact:

Pastor Chris Thomas (517)-202-9388

or [pastor@stpaulslittlestown.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulslittlestown.org)

**WEBSITE:** [www.stpaulslittlestown.org](http://www.stpaulslittlestown.org)

**Information for MARCH Epistle is due by Wednesday, FEB 21.** All contributions of articles/information from all corners of St. Paul's are encouraged! Please submit material via email of-  
office@stpaulslittlestown.org or by placing it in the secretary's mailbox in the church office. Please note: Items submitted after the deadline may be held until the subsequent newsletter, so information can be dispersed promptly. Thank you!

### **St. Paul's Church Council & Officers for 2018 are as follows:**

President: Charlie Abruzzo

Vice President: Kimberly Airing

Secretary: Casey Miller

Treasurer: Michele Colvin

Financial Secretary: Barb Schwartz

Accepting New 3 year terms are: Charlie Mauck, Ben Messinger & Candy Rule.

Complete Council List: Charlie Abruzzo, Kimberly Airing, Rich Burnette, Janet Cutsail, Mary Hall, Charlie Mauck, Ben Messinger, Casey Miller & Candy Rule.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH NURSING TEAM:

For the past two plus years, articles of wellness prevention and disease specific topics focusing on disease management awareness have appeared in each of the monthly church newsletters from the Parish Nursing Team. In addition to that, the extent of the parish nursing duties for this year included 2 or 3 blood pressure screenings provided after the 8:00 am and 10:15 am worship services, and some home visits. In 2016, CPR certification class was provided to 6 persons within the congregation and an AED, Automatic External Defibrillator, was placed for use within the church as an emergency management measure for cardiopulmonary resuscitation. We, as parish nurses, would now like to see if there is opportunity to expand this ministry to meet the physical, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of our church family. But, we obviously need your help to identify what you feel could be done.

As a reminder, there is no “one size fits all model” of a parish ministry program. A Parish nursing ministry can be as little or as much as a congregation desires/ needs based on an actual member assessment and their willingness or desire to participate. The following is a survey that lists the usual activities and services that parish nursing programs can provide. We are asking you to identify what you would like or feel this ministry could provide for the people of St. Paul’s Church.

First and foremost, a parish nursing program links body, mind, and soul together by helping congregations care for one another by attaining, maintaining and/or regaining the best possible ‘whole person health’ that can be experienced. The most important roles a parish nurse can fulfill in a congregation are listed below: To act as:

- A Personal Health Counselor/ Advocate- This may include home or hospital visits to discuss options for services needed while transitioning to home and/or for discussions on clarity of health care goals, medications and support to ensure member understanding.
- A Referral Source- The nurse will assist with the network of health care resources to best fit the needs of the member in either community or established networks to promote maximum rehabilitation and achieve success during recovery.
- A Facilitator- This may include acting as a liaison from member to the member’s health care provider (s) after complete discussion and agreement by the member. This is also helpful when family support is lacking, again to ensure understanding and clarity of physician’s orders for health care.
- An Integrator of health and healing education-This includes health care education that encourages understanding to the connection of attitude, faith and wellbeing as important facets to overall whole body healing. We call this wholistic care, not to be confused by holistic care which uses alternative means of medicine.
- A Spiritual Caregiver: This may include spiritual discussions that makes ministry understandable while sharing devotions and prayer.

The parish nurse usually does not provide “hands on nursing” care that duplicates a higher level of nursing service already available to the member. Much of parish nursing activity is completed on a case by case basis of each individual that uses the nursing process to assess for physical, emotional, spiritual and social needs.

Now it is your turn. Please complete and return the following survey with your honest feedback, as your opinions will drive strategic goals for continuation of this ministry. Personal identification is optional, but age and gender is very helpful. We thank you in advance for completed surveys.

*Janet, Jill and Sue*

**PARISH NURSING SURVEY  
FEBRUARY, 2018**

You may return your completed survey to the office, in the collection plate with your regular giving envelope; or give to Pastor Chris, any council person or identified parish nurse. Thank you in advance for completion.

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 1-12 \_\_\_\_\_ 13-17 \_\_\_\_\_ 18-30 \_\_\_\_\_ 31-50 \_\_\_\_\_ 51-68 \_\_\_\_\_ 69-80 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male

Do you or a family member you are caring for currently have a health-related illness?  Yes  No  
If yes, please explain how a parish nursing program could benefit you or while you care for others?

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Given the background information on parish nursing activities that accompanied this survey, how do you visualize the parish ministry team providing help to St. Paul's members that is currently not being done? (This will be helpful for strategically planning for future activities this year and in the future).

- Visit hospitalized members to discuss transition to home when identified needs arise
- Make home visits post hospitalization to ensure understanding of physician discharge and medication orders when agreed to in discussion with Pastor Thomas, or upon referral from family
- Provide referrals for programs to assist and support a member's independence in the community  
Setting when that need is identified by family, pastor or others in the community
- Provide more periodic blood pressure screenings
- Provide expanded education on the following topics:
- Visit shut-ins and offer communion more often
- Provide a consistent Prayer Chain

Other Suggestions :

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Topics of interest for future newsletter publications that would interest me or my family are?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medications                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospice Services                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disease specific topics: _____                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Loneliness                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special diet management<br>Please specify: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Stress Management               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise Recommendations                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss/Grief                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CPR/AED  | <input type="checkbox"/> Anger Management                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety  | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Needs: Please specify |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bipolar Disorder                |

Other Suggestions:

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I feel that I could serve the parish ministry program by offering the following services:

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chore Services       | <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription Pickup                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Babysitting      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | <input type="checkbox"/> Meal preparation for short term disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Chain     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery shopping     | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving on health ministry team            | <input type="checkbox"/> Homebound Visits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Pantry                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth's Harvest   |

Other:

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Name: (Optional, but beneficial for providing services)

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# FINANCIAL CORNER

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Littlestown PA

Donations Account Balances

(12/01/2017 - 12/31/2017)

Wednesday, January 3, 2018 Account	Period Activity	Page 1 of 1 YID Balance
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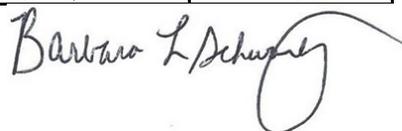
***Giving Accounts***

801 - ENV CONTRIBUTIONS	14, 278.21	139,515.36
802 - Initial Offering	10.00	490.00
803 - Loose	561.38	2,355.27
804 - Sunday Church School	36.00	540.25
805 - Good Friday	0.00	445.00
806 - Lent	0.00	685.00
807 - Ash Wednesday	0.00	398.00
808 - Maundy Thursday	0.00	280.00
809 - Easter Sunrise	0.00	1,340.00
810 - Christmas Eve	2,128.00	2,138.00
811 - Music	0.00	475.10
812 - Weekly Bulletins	40.00	745.00
813 - Youth	35.00	446.00
815 - Major Building Impro	150.00	1,590.00
81 6 - Memorial Fund	150.00	2,725.00
817 - Funeral Fund	0.00	500.00
818 - Line of Credit	120.00	1,291.00
828 - CROP Walk	0.00	328.00
831 - NC	110.00	25,004.96
860 - Food Pantry	100.00	1,505.50
861 - Luth World Relief	80.00	691.00
862 - Heifer Int' Fund	0.00	0.50
863 - Lutheran Home	0.00	30.00
864 - Seminary	0.00	95.00
867 - Benevolence	25.00	130.00
868 - Ruth's Harvest Fund	125.00	1,815.10
869 - Auxiliary to SpiritTrust Gettysburg	0.00	133.00
871 - Flowers	77.00	237.00
872 - Out Reach	0.00	50.00
874 - Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services	0.00	203.00
876 - Angel Tree	0.00	143.00
877 - Grace Bemiller Scholarship	210.00	210.00
878 - Utz Terrace - SpiritTrust	0.00	5.00
899 - Misc. Donations	50.00	2,149.00
<b>Total Giving Accounts</b>	<b>\$18,285.59</b>	<b>\$188,689.04</b>

**Weekly Envelope Income Report**

Envelope Budget YTD: \$9189.00  
 Envelope Giving YTD: \$6806.00  
 Surplus/Deficit YTD: \$2383.00

Count: 34  
 Period: 12/01/2017 - 12/31/2017  
 Year: 2017



# FINANCIAL CORNER

2017 Income and Expenses								
Month	Actual Expenses	Funded from Savings / LoC	Current Expenses	Actual Offering	Other Income	Added to Savings	Current Income	Surplus / (Deficit)
Jan	\$ 13,177		\$ 13,177	\$ 17,473	\$ 5,508	\$ 5,645	\$ 17,336	\$ 4,159
Feb	\$ 16,691	\$ 351	\$ 16,340	\$ 16,770	\$ 1,865	\$ 4,395	\$ 14,240	\$ (2,101)
Mar	\$ 13,574		\$ 13,574	\$ 22,923	\$ 2,073	\$ 10,645	\$ 14,351	\$ 776
Apr	\$ 40,303	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,303	\$ 19,543	\$ 4,620	\$ 3,830	\$ 20,333	\$ 5,030
May	\$ 16,026		\$ 16,026	\$ 11,836	\$ 2,813	\$ 797	\$ 13,852	\$ (2,173)
Jun	\$ 15,114	\$ 54	\$ 15,060	\$ 11,198	\$ 44,362	\$ 42,345	\$ 13,215	\$ (1,844)
Jul	\$ 62,697	\$ 48,500	\$ 14,197	\$ 12,052	\$ 3,750	\$ 615	\$ 15,187	\$ 990
Aug	\$ 22,862	\$ 913	\$ 21,949	\$ 13,590	\$ 1,583	\$ 215	\$ 14,958	\$ (6,991)
Sep	\$ 13,411	\$ 60	\$ 13,351	\$ 14,225	\$ 2,228	\$ 148	\$ 16,305	\$ 2,955
Oct	\$ 22,532	\$ 3,982	\$ 18,550	\$ 17,525	\$ 3,852	\$ 140	\$ 21,237	\$ 2,687
Nov	\$ 16,740		\$ 16,740	\$ 13,268	\$ 1,800	\$ 347	\$ 14,722	\$ (2,018)
Dec	\$ 20,435		\$ 20,435	\$ 18,286	\$ 3,462	\$ 300	\$ 21,447	\$ 1,012
<b>2017</b>	<b>\$ 273,561</b>	<b>\$ 78,860</b>	<b>\$ 194,701</b>	<b>\$ 188,689</b>	<b>\$ 77,916</b>	<b>\$ 69,421</b>	<b>\$ 197,184</b>	<b>\$ 2,483</b>

The current value of Unrestricted Investments available for support of any future additional deficits is: \$ 162,390

Line of Credit Balance owed is: \$ 36,702

**Mission of the Month Envelopes** A different organization will benefit from the Christian generosity of St. Paul's via our blue Mission of the Month envelopes. The following organizations have been identified by council to be recipients of these gifts in 2018. If you would like to suggest an organization, please contact a council member.

- January:** United Lutheran Seminary
- February:** Adams County Rescue Mission
- March:** Ronald McDonald House
- April:** Lutheran Camping Corporation
- May:** Adams County Library
- June:** OPEN
- July:** OPEN
- August:** Ruth's Harvest
- September:** Konde Diocese
- October:** Crop Walk
- November:** Angel Tree
- December:** OPEN



# St. Paul's - FEBRUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Diana Spamer	3 Richard Messinger
4 Bonnie Simon	5	6 Carina Snyder Steve Snyder	7	8 Nancy Boyd	9	10
11  <i>Darryl &amp; Suzanne Thompson</i>	12	13 Rachael Hanson	14	15	16 John Bentzel	17
18	19  <i>Harry &amp; Bonnie Strine</i>	20 Ellen Kerstetter	21 Mike Cibula	22 Jeff Keller Veronica Stellhorn Jennifer Yingling	23 Andrew Thompson	24
25	26	27 Tracy DeGroft  Evelyn Herring	28 Elizabeth Plunkert  Nicole LaMotte (29)	If you wish to add, remove or make a correction, please contact the church office. (717)359-4822 / <a href="mailto:office@stpaulslittlestown.org">office@stpaulslittlestown.org</a>		

# FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 12-1PM Bible Study  1:30PM Ruth's Harvest Packing	<b>2</b>  Groundhog Day	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship 6-7:30PM Confirmation @ St. Paul's	<b>5</b> 6-7PM Bible Study	<b>6</b> 6-8PM Girl Scouts	<b>7</b> 6:00PM Bell Rehearsal  7:00PM Chancel Choir	<b>8</b> 12-1PM Bible Study  1:30PM Ruth's Harvest Packing	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship Congregational Meeting 6-7:30PM Confirmation @ St. Paul's   Transfiguration SUNDAY	<b>12</b> 6-7PM Bible Study  7PM Committee Meetings	<b>13</b> 6-8PM Girl Scouts	<b>14</b> 11:30 Lenten Lunch @ Redeemers  1:30PM Ruth's Harvest Packing   7PM Ash Wednesday Service	<b>15</b> 12-1PM Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship 6-7:30PM Confirmation @ St. Paul's 7-9PM LAMB Rehearsal   First Sunday in Lent	<b>19</b> 6-7PM Bible Study  7PM Council Meeting	<b>20</b> 6-8PM Girl Scouts	<b>21</b> 11:30 Lenten Lunch @ St. Aloysius   5:45PM Soup Supper  6:30PM Vespers  7-8:30PM Chancel Choir or Bells (TBD)  <i>Epistle Info. Due</i>	<b>22</b> 10AM Ruth's Harvest Packing  12-1PM Bible Study  12:30-3PM Garden Club	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:00AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Worship 2-4PM LAMB Rehearsal 6-7:30PM Confirmation @ St. Paul's   Second Sunday in Lent	<b>26</b> 6-7PM Bible Study	<b>27</b> 6-8PM Girl Scouts	<b>28</b> 11:30 Lenten Lunch @ St. Luke's   5:45PM Soup Supper  6:30PM Vespers  7-8:30PM Chancel Choir or Bells (TBD)  <i>Food Pantry</i>			

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### **The Church Staff**

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### **Congregational Council**

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### **Church Committee Chairs**

**Christian Education:** Jan Sweigart

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**Christian Witness:** Charlie Mauck

**Finance:** Don Snyder

**IT:** Jeff Plattenburg

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**Parish Nursing:** Janet Cutsail

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