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A New Perspective

Whether or not you realize it, you have experienced the power of a change in perspective. Maybe it was as simple as climbing a mountain or climbing a tree, looking at the landscape below and seeing a broader view of where you have been. Maybe it was looking out an airplane window or watching the passing scenery from the window of a car.

You've probably also tried putting yourself in someone else's shoes, learned from another student's insights in the classroom, or revisited a place from childhood, which doesn't look so big anymore.

Maybe you've practiced challenging your emotional or mental perspective, asking yourself to see things in another light or to take a break and come back to a question when your mind is fresher. Perhaps you've recognized that your own internal dialog can be very limiting, keeping you from seeing a broader picture or a different angle and accessing the full scope of your own creativity. If so, you know that challenging our own perspective can be hard. It can also be infinitely valuable.

Changing your perspective is powerful. In fact, it can be life-changing to look at a situation, problem, or question in a new way. We tend to get stuck in our own heads, stuck on one train of thought, or stuck applying the same solutions to new problems, simply because they are the solutions that most readily come to hand. Gaining a new perspective on life can be a great way to deal with worry, moving us to a place of meaningful thought and action and away from unproductive ruminating.

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Mission Statement

We, the congregation of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, who have accepted the gift of love and salvation through Jesus Christ, strive to take this message into the world through our prayers, words and deeds. We invite all people to accept these gifts with us.

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But for the same reasons finding a new perspective can be so valuable, it can be tough to find on our own. We tend to become entrenched in our usual ways of looking at things. That's one of the many reasons counseling and coaching are valuable--they can challenge our established viewpoint. Conversation with wise friends can do the same. But it is possible to alter your own perspective too. Here are some tips for doing so:

- **Get outside yourself**--Try looking at your situation from someone else's point of view. How does it look through the eyes of your best friend, your spouse, your neighbor? Maybe ask someone different from you to tell you how they see it (without asking for advice). Try to see it the way someone else might.
- **Swap age groups**--Imagine a child in a similar (age-appropriate) circumstance. Or someone who is much older than you. How would you see this at a different age? What advice would you give a younger or older person you love?
- **Change the context**--Imagine how your life would look to someone from a different place in history. What solutions might he or she generate? How about someone who lives in a different place in the world? You might have resources available that you haven't even noticed.
- **Focus on facts**--Our brains love shortcuts, and it's easy for all of us to jump right into our own habitual interpretations of events, rather than focus on what we actually know to be true. We might assume a situation is hopeless, it's all about us, or our worst fears are coming true, and we'll probably be completely wrong. So what does the clear evidence indicate? Try looking at the actual facts, outside your own internal story.
- **Change your space**--Physically go to a different environment--one that's very different, if possible. If you're inside, get outside. If you're on low ground, go high. If you're in the city, get out. If you're by yourself, join a crowd. You get the idea. A physical change in our environment can stimulate memories, sensory experiences, and creative powers that have been taking a nap.
- **Change your posture**--If you can't change where you are, change how you are. Moving from lying down to standing, sitting to walking, moving to being still, can change the way we see and think about our circumstances.
- **Go bigger than yourself**--Ask yourself, based on what you know of God and his character, "How does this look to God?" What might be God's view of your circumstances? Better yet, go to Scripture and actually read some passages that will remind you of God's truth. This can utterly transform your perspective.

All these exercises have the potential to help you see differently and to recognize and access your own resources. They can also help you think creatively at times when you might think your creativity has deserted you. So pick one, try it, and see in a new way!

Looking Ahead

August 5	Church Picnic
August 10-12	Bowmansville Days
August 12	Community Service
September 3	Labor Day
September 9	Rally Day

Bowmansville Days will soon be here! The dates are August 10, 11 and 12th.



St. Paul's will be participating again with their pastry stand. We will need lots of help to setup and take down, donate baked goods, and help work in the stand throughout the weekend. There are signup sheets posted for volunteers. If you have any questions please call or stop by the church office.

Consistory Updates

Alpha Course:

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome.



Different sessions are being held throughout the week at St. Paul's. If interested please see Pastor Bob for more details.

Shelter Meal:

We will be providing another meal at the Women's Shelter in Ephrata on Thursday, August 23rd. If you would like to help with the meal by preparing a dessert or side dish or to help serve please see Tim, Nancy or Ron. We prepare a meal for approximately 15 women and children once a month on an ongoing basis.



Community Service:

The annual community service will also be held this year on August 12th at Bowmansville Park. It will begin at 10:00 am under the large white tent. Please bring your lawn chairs. The offering this year will benefit Cross Net Ministries. Please make your checks out to them.



Please note there will not be a church service held at St. Paul's that morning. Everyone is encouraged to attend the service at the park.



Consistory Meeting

The next consistory meeting is scheduled for **Friday, September 7th at 9:30 AM.**

Prayer Concerns: We will be updating our prayer list monthly by starting a new list at the beginning of every month. Please continue to review the list and if there are any updates during the month please see Dee Sprecher. We also have prayer request cards located in the parlor room and in the pews upstairs for your convenience. You can fill out the request and hand it to Pastor Bob or place it in the offering plate.



As you continue your own prayers and concerns outside of the sanctuary this week, please remember the concerns we have raised as a community.

Our list of prayer concerns from July

Bob, Brian, Catherine & her family, Cheryl’s principal, Christina, Crystal, Dick, Doris, Gary, Jean, Jim, Linda, Patty, Richard, the soccer team and rescuers, the boat tragedy, our leaders, and presidents.

Suggested Prayer... “Most gracious and loving God, we lift up our list of prayer concerns this day and every day that all who are listed might know and feel your presence with them in their time of need. God, continue in your support for all of our friends and family listed and those who are forever in our hearts so that they might feel you with them each day, Amen.”



If you would like to ask for prayers for someone you may contact Pastor Bob. Below is a list of the individuals on our Prayer Chain that will pray for you throughout the week.

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| Pastor Bob Peiffer | Lynda Cooper |
| Kieran Connelly | Nancy Caffrey-Schafer |
| Donna Ozga | Steve Renninger |
| Chris Storms | |

Remember our Shut-Ins

Please remember those members and friends in nursing homes and retirement villages in your prayers:

Ray Freeman
Brethren Village Retirement
Community Room 230
3001 Lititz Pike
Lancaster, Pa. 17606

Betty Sweitzer
Jim Waddell
Lois Kirkpatrick
Retirement Villages in Garden Spot Village
433 South Kinzer Ave, New Holland, Pa. 17557

Richard Pennypacker
The Gardens at Stevens
400 Lancaster Ave Room 306W
Stevens, Pa. 17578



Pastoral Visits or Emergencies

If anyone is in need of any pastoral assistance you may contact Pastor Bob Peiffer at 717-925-6520 or at his email rpeiffer55@gmail.com. You can also call the church office at 717-445-6256.



Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am until 1:00 pm.



Hear all the latest...

Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for the annual church picnic!

Where: Woodcrest Retreat in Ephrata
Cedar Lane Pavilion

When: Sunday, August 5th
11:00 am

We will begin with worship followed by a picnic lunch. Pool tickets and the waterslide will also be available at 1:00 pm.

Don't forget to signup!



Architects of Excellence Program



On August 20, at Zion's, we will be gathering to discuss a new program titled "Architects of Excellence" to help decide how best to move forward with the congregations at St. Paul's and Zion's.

The program will be introduced by Nora Foust, the Associate Conference Minister for Congregational and Ministerial Excellence. It will begin at 6:00 PM and sandwiches and drinks will be provided for supper.

It is open to everyone and you are encouraged to attend. Please see Pastor Bob if you are interested.

Teachers' Meeting



Our next Christian Ed meeting is scheduled for August 30 at 11:30 am at Ranck's Restaurant.

Christian Quote for the Day

When one door closes, another opens, but we so often look upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us.

~ Alexander Graham Bell



Birthdays

August

- 19 Jordan Sellers
- 26 Brian Martin
- 31 Donna Ozga



Happy Birthday!

Sandwich Sales:

The Women's Guild will not be having any sandwich sales during the summer months of July and August. We will start up again in September. Have a great summer and thank you for supporting our fund raisers.



Anniversaries



- Aaron & Sue Weinhold –
44 years on August 3
- Harold & Barbara Good –
58 years on August 8
- Tim & Pat Lutz –
42 years on August 22
- Steve & Donna Ozga –
45 years on August 26

Food Bank News

August need– During the past several months we have been serving more families resulting in a growing need for more donations.

Currently, the food bank is asking for the following items from our church; **applesauce**.

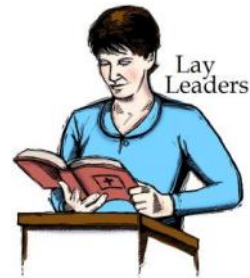
If you can make a donation please place them in the shopping cart by the side door entrance.

Thank you!



Make a New Friend

Monthly Volunteers



August 5	Picnic
August 12	Community Service
August 19	Cheryl Borja
August 26	Dee Sprecher
September 2	Sara Renninger
September 9	Cheryl Borja
September 16	Mary Renninger
September 23	Dee Sprecher
September 30	Sara Renninger

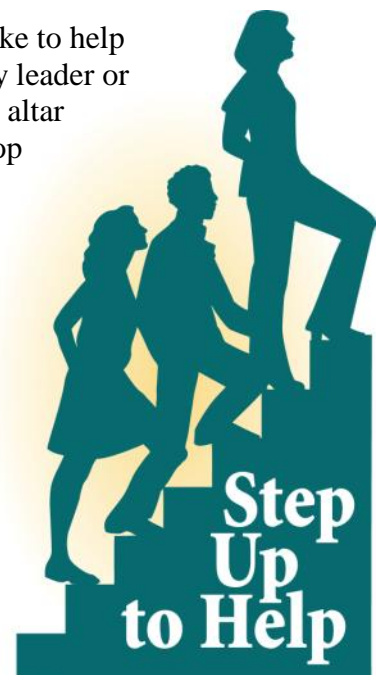
August 5	Picnic
August 12	Community Service
August 19	Mary Renninger
August 26	Lynda Cooper
September 2	Mary Renninger
September 9	Sharon Blechschmidt
September 16	Kieran Connelly
September 23	Lynda Cooper
September 30	Sharon Blechschmidt

** Indicates communion



August 5	Picnic
August 12	Community Service
August 19	Chuck Eckenroth
August 26	Kieran Connelly
September 2	Clint Cooper
September 9	Ron Frederick
September 16	Patty Lutz
September 23	Gretchen Martin
September 30	Cheryl Borja

If you would like to help as a greeter, lay leader or be a part of the altar guild please stop by the church office for details.



Treasurer's Report

The monthly report for
June 2018:

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$60,161.20
+ Receipts	9,138.22
- Disbursements	9,153.74
- Transfers	0
Ending Balance	\$60,145.68

A copy of this information can also be found at the mailboxes in the slot marked financial reports.

June's offering only total was \$6,892.00.



Offering Ushers



August 5	Tim Lutz Patty Lutz Kieran Connelly Nancy Connelly
August 12	Pete Martin Sharon Blechschmidt Ron Frederick Larry Klaassen
August 19	Brian Martin Gretchen Martin Bill Sprecher Grace Sprecher
August 26	Clint Cooper Lynda Cooper Jeff Sprecher Dee Sprecher



If you are unable to usher on your Sunday please find a replacement. If you have any questions regarding the schedule please see any one of the Deacons.

The following individuals are responsible for counting the offering after worship;

August 5	Tim Lutz & Patty Lutz
August 12	Community Service no counters needed today
August 19	Gretchen Martin & Brian Martin
August 26	Alta Hoshour & Clint Cooper



Sponsors



August 5	Picnic
August 12	Community Service
August 19	Tim & Patty Lutz
August 26	open
September 2	open
September 9	open
September 16	open
September 23	open
September 30	open



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August 12	Community Service
August 19	open
August 26	open
September 2	open
September 9	open
September 16	open
September 23	open
September 30	open

Flower and Bulletin Sponsor Sheet

The flower and bulletin charts for **2018 are posted**. If you would like to sponsor a week please sign your name on the chart for any Sunday you wish. Please fill out the appropriate form and see that Dee gets your dedication information at least one week prior to it going in the bulletin. The cost for the flowers is **\$30.00**. We will place silk flowers in the sanctuary and place your dedication information in the bulletin. If you wish to purchase real flowers you may still do so on your own. The cost of the bulletins is **\$10.00** each week. Payments can be given to Dee Sprecher. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Deadline for article submissions: The third Sunday of each month.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Church Picnic @ Woodcrest 11:00 Fresh Hope 1:00	6	7	8 Card Club 6:00	9 Setup Pastry Stand	10 Bowmansville Days	11 Bowmansville Days
12 Community Worship 10:00 @ Bville Park	13	14 Depression & Bipolar Support Mtg @ Zion's	15	16 Fill Food Bank Orders	17	18
19 Worship 10:30 Fresh Hope 1:00 Newsletter Due	20 PRC @ Zion's 6:00 Architects of Excellence Program	21	22 Card Club 6:00	23 Good Samaritan Shelter Meal 5:00	24	25
26 Worship 10:30	27	28 Depression & Bipolar Support Mtg @ Zion's 7:00	29	30 Christian Ed meeting @ Ranck's 11:30	31	