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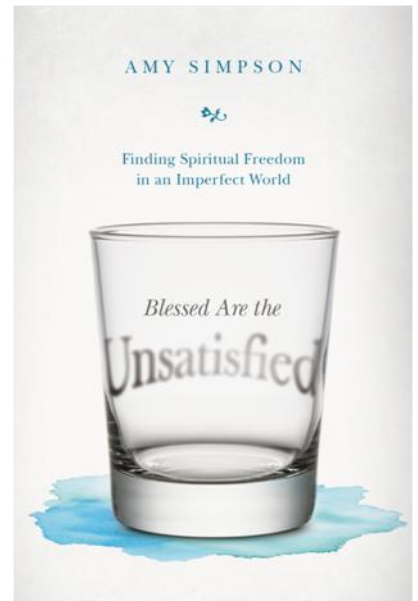
Are You Unsatisfied?

"I'm a Christian, and I am unsatisfied with my life. I hope you're unsatisfied too.

"You see, I don't subscribe to the common belief that once our souls get right with God, we should expect to be deeply, completely satisfied in this life we're living. In fact, I think the opposite is true: the more we know God and find ourselves longing for what he wants for us, the less we feel truly at home in the places and times we inhabit.

"This may sound like bad news, but embracing an unsatisfied life throws the gospel into relief, highlighting how much we need God to rescue us. And it's good news because living an unsatisfied life has its upsides—including freedom from living in pursuit of something we will not achieve in this life. So if you're like me and you have found true satisfaction elusive, or if you have been afraid to acknowledge that you still live with a deep sense of longing, you're in good company right now."

These are the opening lines in the introduction to Amy Simpson's next book, *Blessed Are the Unsatisfied*, which will launch in February 2018. I'm excited to share this excerpt with you, and I hope many of you who read it will, as the subtitle promises, find spiritual freedom in an imperfect world.



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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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Many people--including pastors and popular Christian teachers--will tell you that what God wants most for us is deep and full satisfaction in our lives here and now. They'll say that knowing Christ makes this possible for us. Like Amy, I disagree. And if you're honest with yourself I think you'll agree you haven't found this kind of satisfaction in your life. A look through the pages of Scripture reinforces my belief that instead, God wants to transform us and make us fit for another world, beyond the consequences of rebellion against our Creator.

I believe the best way to live is not to seek satisfaction in this life, but to embrace dissatisfaction and to find the many blessings that come with this way of life. I hope you'll read Amy's new book and find these blessings for yourself.

Pastor Bob



Be Yourself for God

Rabbi Joseph Liebermann describes a dream where he dies and goes to stand before God's judgment seat. As he waits, the rabbi fears that the Lord will ask him, "Why weren't you a Moses ... or a David ... or a Solomon?" Instead, God surprises him by simply asking, "Why weren't you Rabbi Liebermann?"

When our lives are over, God won't ask us why we weren't a Mother Teresa or another saintly soul. He simply wants us to be who he created us to be.

"We are his workmanship," St. Paul writes in Ephesians 2:10. In Greek, *workmanship* means "a piece of art." You are God's masterpiece. Life isn't a game of comparison. It's a journey of discovery of how God has uniquely created you to perform specific tasks in this life.

Your life is God's canvas. Don't hinder the painting process!



—Mike Paulison

Looking Ahead

August 6	Church Picnic
August 11-13	Bowmansville Days
August 13	Community Worship
August 18	Movie Night
August 19	Choir Boot Camp
September 4	Labor Day
September 10	Welcome Back Breakfast/ Rally Day
September 24	Sunday School classes begin

Consistory Updates

Bowmansville Days: This year Bowmansville Days will be held on August 11th thru the 13th at the park. St. Paul's will be participating with the pastry stand. Anyone willing to donate their time or pastries please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board.



On Sunday, August 13th, a community worship service is planned at 10:00 am under the tent. St. Paul's, Bowmansville Mennonite and Pine Grove Church will be participating. Please bring your lawn chairs and enjoy with us this community gathering.

It looks to be another great year with lots of games, activities, great music, and closing with the community service. For a more detailed list of activities check out the poster hanging on the bulletin board.

FREE Movie

Night: On August 18th St. Paul's will be showing "Finding Dory" outside beginning at 8:30 pm in the



church parking lot. Free hot dogs, popcorn and ice cream will be available. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for an old time drive-in movie experience with your family and friends.

Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It typically includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and a light snack together at tables. All elements are for, and should include, people of all ages, adults and children.



St. Paul's is set to kick off our version of "Messy Church" beginning in October. We are excited to provide a new opportunity for learning in the community. Please watch your bulletins and newsletters for more detailed information to come.



The next consistory meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 1 at 7:00 PM.**

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:

Castile, Police, Consistory, Donor family, June, Pearl, Paul, Linda's friend, Esther, Jean and her dogs, Unruh family, Young men in Bucks County, Steve's Dad, Karen, Harshburger family, Ron's friend and Refugees.

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

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 445-6256.



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



Hear all the latest...



Church Picnic

On August 6th we will be having our annual church picnic at Woodcrest Retreat in Ephrata. Worship will begin at 11:00 am under the Cedar Lane pavilion.

Following the service we will share in a picnic lunch; please bring a covered dish to share. If you would like to use the waterslide and pool please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board so we can order our tickets. Lots of fun games will also be available during the afternoon for young and old alike.

If you need directions or a ride please stop by or call the church office. Invite your family and friends, we always have a great time and there is plenty to do for all ages. It will be held rain or shine. Hope to see you all there!

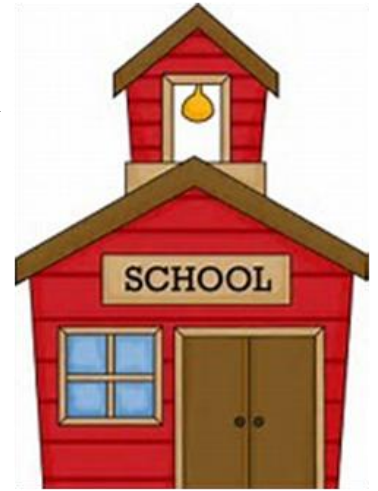
Teachers' Meeting



Our next Christian Ed meeting is scheduled for August 16th at Ranck's Restaurant at 11:30 am.

Sunday School's Origins

Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes' work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free. Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.



Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

Well into the 20th century, Sunday school served as the church's main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.



Birthdays

August

- 15 Samuel Tarasenko
- 19 Jordan Sellers
- 26 Brian Martin
- 31 Donna Ozga



Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries



- Aaron & Sue Weinhold –
44 years on August 3
- Harold & Barbara Good –
58 years on August 8
- Steve & Judy Enck –
13 years on August 14
- Nikolay & Raisa Tarasenko-
32 years on August 17
- Tim & Pat Lutz –
42 years on August 22
- Steve & Donna Ozga –
45 years on August 26

Happy Anniversary!



Sandwich Sale:

The Women's Guild will begin their sandwich sales in September. Please watch your bulletins for more information.



Food Bank

The Terre Hill Food Bank has developed some new procedures for distributing food more productively in our area. If you would like to be involved in that ministry and hear about the changes please see Alta Hoshour.



The following is a list of the current foods that are needed:

- August 6 canned vegetables
- August 13 canned soups
- August 20 cereal
- August 27 crackers

Donations can be placed in the shopping cart by the side door entrance. Thank you

Choir News:

Our choir has been invited to lead worship for Bowmansville Days on Aug. 13. If you have been on the fence about joining the choir, we welcome you to join us for two Monday evening rehearsals as we prepare for this venture.

Boot Camp has been scheduled for August 19th. It is being held at the Klaassen residence from 4:00 to 9:00 PM. If you are interested in being a part of the choir it's not too late. See Sam for details.



Scouting News



Meetings:

The Scouting program will be preparing to kick off another year beginning in September. Watch for more information to come on how to get involved.

If interested in joining the scouts contact Matt Schnader at 717-484-1072 or Alta Hoshour at 717-445-6069



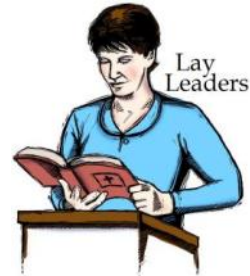
Bible Quiz

Jacob had two wives, two concubines (his wives' maids), 12 sons and one daughter. Who gave birth to the daughter, Dinah?

- A. Zilpah
- B. Bilhah
- C. Leah
- D. Rachel

Answer: C (See Genesis 30:19-21)

Monthly Volunteers



August 6 Picnic
 August 13 Community Service
 August 20 Dee Sprecher
 August 27 Sara Renninger

August 6 Picnic
 August 13 Community Service
 August 20 Bob Peiffer
 August 27 Bill Sellers

September 3 Cheryl Borja
 September 10 Mary Renninger
 September 17 Dee Sprecher
 September 24 Sara Renninger

September 3 Lynda Cooper
 September 10 Mary Renninger
 September 17 Kieran Connelly
 September 24 Deb Shelly

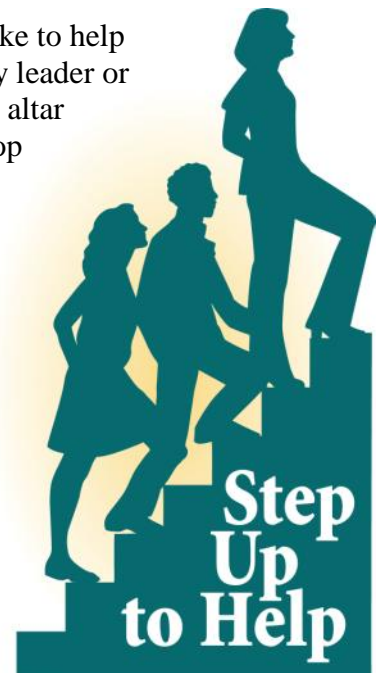
** Indicates communion



August 6 Picnic
 August 13 Community Service
 August 20 Mary Renninger
 August 27 Gretchen Martin

September 3 Kieran Connelly
 September 10 Tim Lutz
 September 17 Pete Martin
 September 24 Brian Martin

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 2017:

Checking Account

Beginning Balance	\$76,473.64
+ Receipts	10,272.40
- Disbursements	8,146.21
- Transfers	0
Ending Balance	\$78,599.83

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

June's offering only total was \$7,331.00

Financial Report



Offering Ushers



August 6	Charlie Storms Chris Storms Nancy Connelly Kieran Connelly
August 13	Bowmansville Days
August 20	Pete Martin Brian Martin Gretchen Martin Chuck Eckenroth
August 27	Lynda Cooper Clint Cooper Dee Sprecher Ron Frederick

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



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

August 6	Charlie Storms & Nancy Connelly
August 13	Tim Lutz & Chuck Eckenroth
August 20	Pete Martin & Alta Hoshour
August 27	Ron Frederick & Clint Cooper



Sponsors



August 6	Picnic
August 13	Community Days
August 20	Tim & Patty Lutz
August 27	open
September 3	open
September 10	open
September 17	open
September 24	open



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Flower and Bulletin Sponsor Sheet

The flower and bulletin charts for **2017 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 Consistory 7:00	2	3	4	5
6 Church Picnic/ Worship 11:00 @ Woodcrest	7 Boy Scouts 7:00	8 Depression & Bipolar Support Mtg @ Zion's 7:00	9 Card Club 6:00	10 Set-up for Bville Days	11 Bville Days Begin	12 Bville Days
13 Community Worship 10:00 Bville Park	14 Boy Scouts 7:00	15	16 Christian Ed Meeting 11:30	17	18 Movie Night 8:30	19 Choir Boot Camp
20 Worship 10:30 Fresh Hope 1:00 Newsletter Deadline	21 Boy Scouts 7:00	22 Depression & Bipolar Support Mtg @ Zion's 7:00	23 Card Club 6:00	24 Good Samaritan Shelter Meal 5:00	25	26
27 Worship 10:30	28 Boy Scouts 7:00	29	30	31		