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 St. Paul United Methodist Church
of Hellertown



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News! Worship on February 13 at 10:30 a.m.!
Cupid or Christ?

The St. Paul UMC congregation and guests will worship on the **Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany** with retired **Pastor Eric Ritz**, who, on the **Eve of St. Valentine's Day**, will ponder with you the subject of **Cupid or Christ?** The readings chosen for the day are **Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Leviticus 19:18; and 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a** • **Anna Mae Yeager** is February's worship leader and lay reader. • **Sunday's hymns** include *Ye Servants of God* (181), *The Summons* (2130), *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (121), and *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (384). • **Come to worship! Come to celebrate, praise, and give thanks! Join us by LiveStream on YouTube!** Let God feed your soul! Embrace the sacred! You'll find previous worship services uploaded on the church's YouTube Channel [here](#).



Souper Bowl of Caring Is on February 13!

Souper Bowl of Caring is coming to St. Paul Church on **Sunday, February 13!** The Souper Bowl of Caring program empowers youth and unites communities to tackle hunger using the “Big Game” energy between the LA Rams and the CIN Bengals. Its vision is to transform the Big

Game into a nationwide movement inspiring people to give locally and collectively impact hunger. **Eileen Grau requests that you bring cans of soup to the service to be given to the Hellertown Food Bank!**



NEW EDITS! Looking Ahead into February!

Pastor Bill and Kathy are residing in Florida during February. Weekly **Zoom Bible Study** and the **Monthly Prayer Meeting** will meet this month. While he’s away, Pastor is preparing for the coming **Season in Lent**, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 2nd**. He’s also designing a church-wide **March**

Forum on *Understanding the Life Cycle of a Local Church*. The goal is to help our congregation take a reality check on the status of St. Paul’s effectiveness in ministry and mission. The Pastor is planning the worship services for the month as well. On **Sundays, February 13 and 20**, a St. Paul favorite, the **Rev. Eric Ritz**, will preach! On **Sunday, February 27**, the guest preacher is the **Rev. Barbara Lee**, former pastor at Fritz Church and currently serving as the associate pastor at Allentown: Asbury Church. The **Worship Leader/Lay Reader** in February is **Anna Mae Yeager**. If you need **Pastoral Care**, contact Pastor Bill using the church cell phone **(610-969-5086)**, and he will help you access the care you need.



February Is Black Church Music Month at St. Paul UMC!

For **52 years**, the American people have celebrated **Black History Month** in February! The annual observance is an opportunity to appreciate the black experience in the Americas beginning in 1619 to the present day to remember important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. SPUMC will honor the month by **appreciating Black Church music**. Our esteemed **church musician, Barbara Hulett**, will offer pre-service music and some preludes and postludes written or performed by black church musicians. Many famous Black Americans began their careers in secular music after first learning music in the Black Church. Also, worship elements in our services will highlight the month.



NEWS! Temporary Covid-19 Policy Lifted Effective Sunday, February 13!

While unvaccinated people in Northampton County continue to run an **extremely high risk** of contracting the Covid-19 infection, cases have **dropped recently**, and the test positivity rate. The recently enacted **Temporary Covid-19 Policy will end on Sunday, February 13**. We still **recommend** that people wear face masks or shields during the service and **require it during hymn singing**. We thank you for your cooperation and caring!



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