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Pastor's Corner

We certainly have much to be thankful for here at St. Paul's Church – our Lent/Easter season was a real celebration of our life together, made possible by the efforts of so many people – and isn't that the definition of church: a community of believers who offer their gifts and talents to the glory of God that others may come to know the Good News.

Thank you so very much for so much:

- to the Chancel Choir: for all for your especially wonderful music during the season, culminating on

Easter – the Hallelujah Chorus was amazing! It was a very special worship experience on Easter.

- to the 15 readers who participated in the telling of the Story on Palm Sunday and at the Tenebrae.

- to all those who provided soup and bread for the Tenebrae dinner and for all those who set up/worked in

the kitchen/cleaned up and for all those who attended.

- to those who donated flowers in honor of or in memory of friends and relatives. And to those who

decorated the sanctuary for our Easter celebration. And for those who delivered flowers to

those unable to be in worship.

- for providing special fellowship hours during the season

- for the 12 Church World Service Health kits and the "makings" for more.

- for the 13 prayer shawls lovingly created to provide comfort to others

- for the 6 prayer shawls delivered to those in need of extra prayers and to those who delivered them
- for the 100 bead crosses we distributed on Easter, from the Church School
- for the 70 Easter message eggs distributed to the Nursery School families with an invitation to worship.
- for those who prepared and served Communion, both at the Tenebrae and on Easter Sunday
- for those who spruced up the grounds and the sanctuary in preparation for this festival Sunday
- for all those who contributed in quiet ways to our life together in Christ.

We are blessed!

Now for some bittersweet news: we have been blessed for many years by the musical talent and also for so many hours of working to keep our building in good repair by James Sorrell. James has submitted his resignation – he'll be moving to Florida!

He writes, “after my years of making glorious music at St. Paul’s another opportunity has been offered to me in which I can consolidate my work and expenses into one church and one home in Florida. I truly appreciate what St. Paul’s has done for me in the past and it is with regret that I tender my resignation as Director of Music effective Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018.

“I am grateful for having the opportunity of working with such a fine group of people and offer my best wishes for the church’s continued success.”

We shall certainly miss James in our life together and we will celebrate his ministry among us on Sunday, May 20. As soon as the details of this celebration are settled, you will be receiving the information – watch your mailbox/emails!

Thank you, James, for serving God here at St. Paul’s in so many ways! May God continue to bless you and your ministry.

A small group of the Church Council is gathering information from the UCC and other resources to help us discern our future needs and to identify how those needs will best be filled. We’ll keep the congregation posted on our thoughts and welcome yours as well. Thanks to Bev Apple, Gwen Canfield, and Angela Guerreiro for their expertise, and time and effort on this project!

Blessings to us all in this season of Eastertide as we look ahead to what’s next in our ministry here at St. Paul’s. We need your input and your participation. I give thanks to God for each person in our community and appreciate so very much your presence.

See you in worship!

- *Rev. Cindy Reynolds*

Welcome Amanda!

Welcome to our new soprano section leader in our choir! Amanda Simms is a graduate student at Montclair State University working towards her masters of music in vocal performance. A Vermont

native, Amanda currently lives in Bloomfield. She received her bachelor of music degree in vocal performance at Kean University, where she also played percussion in the symphonic wind ensemble and percussion ensemble. At Montclair, Amanda is involved in the operas, graduate chamber ensemble, solo voice studies, as well as both choirs at Montclair. Most recently she performed with NJSO for Harry Potter 3: The Prisoner of Azkaban: in Concert, and Mozart's Requiem.

Worship & Music

<p>Scripture:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, April 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Acts 4: 5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3: 16-34 John 10: 11-18</p>	<p>Scripture:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, April 29, 2018 Fifth Sunday of Easter Choir Recognition Sunday</p> <p>Acts 8: 26-40 Psalm 22: 25-31 1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8</p>
<p>Scripture:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, May 6, 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Acts 10: 44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5: 1-6 John 15: 9-17</p>	<p>Scripture:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, May 13, 2018 Seventh Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Acts 1:15-27, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5: 9-13 John 17: 6-19</p>
<p>Scripture:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, May 20, 2018 Pentecost Sunday</p> <p>Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Psalm 104: 24-35b Acts 2: 1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b - 15</p>	<p>Scripture:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, May 27, 2018 Trinity Sunday</p> <p>Isaiah 6: 1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8: 12-17 John 3:1-17</p>

Please check out our website www.stpaulsuccnutley.org. Rev. Reynolds' sermons are posted to the Pastor's Page each week. Thanks to Angela Guerriero for her updates.

Watch (and friend) our Facebook page for news and postings about our life together. If you have pictures or information to share, please email Cindy at cinrev15@gmail.com or Angela at angela@tempotherapy.com

Communion Offerings

Thank you for your contributions to communion offerings to date this year:

February: Mountainside Hospital Chaplaincy	\$ 61
March: One Great Hour of Sharing	\$227
April (to date): Integrity House	\$105

April Communion Offering: Integrity House

Integrity House was founded in the late 1960s by David H. Kerr, a parole officer who noticed that his clients struggling with substance abuse had very few counseling options in Newark, New Jersey. He started informal counseling sessions in garages and backyards that inspired the community, attracting more and more participants over time. Over fifty years later, Integrity House has grown into a multi-track treatment center, with an additional location in Secaucus. Serving over 2,500 clients each year, Integrity House is now the largest treatment facility funded and licensed by the State of New Jersey. Your communion offerings throughout April will support their continued efforts in addiction treatment throughout New Jersey. Thank you!

May Communion Offering: Strengthen The Church UCC Offering



The annual Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Special envelopes will be in the pews throughout May for your use. Thank you for your generosity!

News in our St. Paul's family

Congratulations to **Becky Caporaso** on her selection to Nutley's Middle School Concert Choir. She will join Valeria Flores in this honor next year. And congratulations also to **Valeria Flores** for her selection to the elite Madrigals Choir! Keep up the wonderful work, girls.



Becky Caporaso's entry in the History Fair! Well done!

Nutley Boy Scout Troop 147 placed first in the Lenape Trail District's Annual Klondike Derby in February. The Klondike Derby is an annual event that tests the Scouts in their outdoor survival skills: congratulations to **Alvaro Flores** and all of the members of Troop 147 on this accomplishment!

Nutley High School Indoor Percussion placed first in the Scholastic Regional A Indoor Percussion Championships Sunday with a score of 96.20 for their show 'ToxiCity.' Indoor Percussion is

only in its second year in Nutley and have had win after win over the course of the season. **Evan Harzer** is part of this group – congratulations to all!

THOSE IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS

Sue Apple	Marietta Capaccio	John Clarke (Cindy)
Scot Clydesdale	John Colglazier	Ardelle Daly
Sam & Bonnie Dunn	Irene Falco	Frank Fochesato (CSN)
Carolyn Harris (Cullen)	Jenn & Kevin Foran (Sissy)	Beth Hampshire (Angela)
Toni Lamberti (Sorrell)	Manny Maciel	Mae Menchen (Ballou)
Hugo Neura (Flores)	Xavier Ross (Reynolds)	Lee Schneider
Michael Slomkowski (Lori)	Dawn Trubucco (Dana)	Laura Wood
Paula Wood	Matt (Ardelle/Sissy)	Johnny (Clydesdale)

Outreach at St. Paul’s Congregational Church



Some day the spring temperatures will be with us this year and when that day comes, the work begins to clean up our plot at the Nutley Community Garden. Angela Guerriero and Bob Zyla have coordinated this effort for many years and are always happy to have volunteers through the spring/summer months to maintain the garden. There’s nothing like getting your hands dirty in garden soil and experiencing the satisfaction of the harvest. Watch for announcements in the e-news and in the bulletin for activity dates and more information.



Donations of non perishable food are always needed at the Nutley Family Service Bureau Food Bank, temporarily housed here at St. Paul's. Items in special demand include peanut butter and jelly, pasta sauce, and tuna. You may leave your donations in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Happy Birthday!

Marietta Cappaccio	April 1	Dana DeVivo	April 3
Kathleen Melson	April 9	Peggy Kudlach	April 13
Gwen Canfield	April 21	Bob Zyla	April 29
Shelley Caplan	May 16	Tom Banks	May 18
John Campanile	May 23		

Is your birthday not listed?

Please email Lori at info@stpaulsuccnutley.org to be added to our lists. Thanks!

Call to the New Jersey Association, UCC 2018 Annual Meeting

We will be gathering at Christ Church, Summit on Saturday, May 19th. Registration is 8:30 - 9:00 AM and we should finish around noon. There will be no Lunch. The cost for this meeting is **\$5.00 per person**.

The day will consist of the business portion of the meeting where we will vote on annual reports, nominees for our commissions, and the 2019 budget, and the program portion will be a time for you to talk with our Acting Interim Conference Minister, the Rev. Roddy Dunkerson, about the current situation in the NJ Association and the future of the Central Atlantic Conference.

Annual Reports will be posted to the New Jersey Association web site as they are received.

From the Constitution:

Section 6. **VOTING MEMBERS**

(a) Each local church shall be entitled to representation at meetings of the Association by its pastor(s) with standing, the chief lay officer designated by the local church and two lay delegates, plus an additional lay delegate for each 250 member increment above 250 members, and one additional lay delegate provided such delegate is under thirty (30) years of age. Representation shall be based on the last published edition of the Yearbook of the United Church of Christ. All official delegates are voting members.

Please Register for this meeting by e-mailing the NJA Office at njaoffice@gmail.com by **May 14th, 2018.**

Would YOU like to attend as a delegate from St. Paul's Church? St. Paul's has a rich history of participation in Association activities – at this meeting you will learn more about our wider church activity, both from the past year as well as looking ahead to the future. Cindy Reynolds serves as Chair of the Church and Ministry Commission for the Association – the group responsible for all aspects of clergy standing, including Boundary Awareness Training, and for churches seeking affiliation with the United Church of Christ.

For more information, please speak with Cindy Reynolds.

Pictures from St. Paul's Easter celebration: Christ is Risen!



