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Dear Friends,

I take this opportunity to introduce you to The Reverend Patricia Mullen who will be leading worship services and sharing pastorally with you during my sabbatical time, June 20 through August 21.

Pat is a native of Nebraska, growing up in the little town of Alma, near the Nebraska – Kansas border. Pat graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in psychology. While at college she met her future husband, Mike, a physics major; they were married on the University of Nebraska's campus.

Pat prepared for ministry at Christian Theological seminary in Indianapolis and was ordained within the Disciples of Christ (Christian Churches) denomination. Our United Church of Christ enjoys the closest of "partnerships" with the Disciples. Currently, Pat holds membership in First Christian Church, Lemoyne, and in Grace U.C.C., York, in order that she may minister in both denominations.

Following her ordination in 1998, Reverend Mullen served as Associate Pastor with Huntington Christian Church and later as Pastor of Central Christian Church of VanBuren, both located in Indiana. Since moving to the Lewisberry area, Pat has served as Interim Minister for Emmanuel U.C.C. of York, and she is now walking alongside the Road To Vitality Team of St. John's U.C.C., Mifflinburg, as their "Vitality Coach." Pat is also serving on our Penn Central Conference Road To Vitality Task Force.

Pat and Mike have a daughter, Sara, of Philadelphia and a son, Steven, of Catonsville, Maryland. They enjoy greatly the time they can spend with their four grandchildren.

Pat loves to do extensive gardening work. She is looking forward to this opportunity of getting to know and of serving the good folks of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Stoverstown.

Grace and Peace Be Yours In Fullest Measure,

Pastor Dennis Weidler



See you in church

JUNE SPECIAL DAYS:

Birthdays

- 1 Diane Altland
- 2 Amanda Jacoby
- 6 Courtney Loesch
- 7 Jeni Brenneman
- 8 Mark Sterrett
- 9 Diane Klinedinst
- 9 Amos Altland III
- 11 Terry Miller
- 20 Ryan Bankert
- 22 Robert Henry
- 23 Braden Gobrecht
- 23 Cody Bollinger
- 24 Melissa Altland
- 25 Barbara Senft
- 26 Linda Herman
- 29 Jena Hull
- 30 Kayla Gentzler

Baptismal Birthdays

- 2 Sherry Dubbs
- 10 John Brenneman
- 10 Blaine Smith
- 13 Jocelyn Kern
- 15 Kenneth Church
- 23 Larry Bare

Wedding Anniversaries

- 6 Robert & Deborah Henry
- 7 Abraham & Juanita Bupp
- 9 John & Jeni Brenneman
- 10 Stephen & Janice Hoke
- 12 Robert & Joyce Dubbs Jr
- 15 Chip & Darlene Hoover
- 17 Dwight & Cheryl Shaffer
- 18 Larry & Virginia Thoman
- 26 Steve & Jennifer Miller
- 30 Art & Sandy Welliver



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Members

Bob & Deb Henry
Greyson Stough

Members & Friends in assisted living and nursing homes

Janet Booz
Gerry Gentzler
Grace Gladfelter
Mildred Gobrecht
John and Rachel Lau
Anna Smith
Jeannie Wallick
June Whitecomb



Members of the military and their families

Eric Brown
Chris Glass (Husband of Sarah Glass)
Matthew Mitzel
Jake Pate (civilian)
David Stricker Jr.
Benjamin White

Friends

Jo Feeser
Family of Mike Zeigler, Sr.
Bonnie Shearer
Noah Wischhusen



Offerings:

Sunday School Offering will be forwarded on to PAL(Provide A Lunch)

Worship offering, June 12 will benefit Strengthen The Church.

Thank you!

Who among us cannot identify with Paul when he laments, “*I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do (Romans 7:19)*”? In the summertime, it is easy to just “go with the flow” when we picnic or vacation. It is at those times when we let down our guard that accidents happen. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 3.7 million consumers have made unplanned trips to their hospitals’ emergency departments ... in just one summer!

We often hear safety tips and warnings in regard to swimming, biking, hiking, picnicking, swimming, etc., and it can be easy to tune them out, thinking, “Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. I’ve heard this before! I’m careful!” So ... I’d like to devote this month’s article to safety issues you may not have heard before! For much more comprehensive listings, check out the websites of the *American Academy of Pediatrics*, and the *U. S. Consumer Safety Commission*.

- If the outside temperature is 85° or higher, discard all food that has been sitting out for an hour. If the temperature is under 85°, throw it away after 2 hours.
- Never bring charcoal grills indoors [garage]. Burning charcoal produces deadly carbon monoxide.
- If your plans include camping, and you want to heat the inside of your tent or pop-up, use only those portable heaters equipped with oxygen depletion sensors (ODS). Heaters also produce carbon monoxide (CO). One which is equipped with an ODS will automatically shut off if oxygen levels begin to fall in the enclosure. Certain camping lanterns can also cause CO poisoning
- Create three safety layers around your swimming pool – a fence, an alarm, and an eagle-eyed adult!
- So-called, “safe” fireworks, such as sparklers can reach temperatures above 1000°, burning users and/or bystanders.
- “Children who are not licensed to drive a car should not be allowed to operate off-road vehicles. [They] are particularly dangerous for children younger than 16 years who may have immature judgment and less developed motor (muscle) skills.” (www.aap.org)
- A cushion of at least 9” of wood chips should be distributed under playground equipment to serve as a shock absorber for falls.
- The *American Academy of Pediatrics* recommends, “communities continue to develop skateboard parks, which are more likely to be monitored for safety than ramps and jumps constructed by kids at home.”

Finally, I cringe whenever I drive by a home that has a trampoline in the yard! In fact *AAP does not* recommend the use of home trampolines. Children and adults are sustaining injuries, which range from sprains and strains to broken necks, head, and spinal cord injuries. Kids 15 and under account for two-thirds of all trampoline injuries, and almost 75% of all injuries involved more than one person being on the equipment at one time. According to the University of Michigan C. S. Mott Children’s Hospital even adult supervision is not always adequate. Spotters need to be big enough and strong enough to protect the jumper if he/she gets too close to the edge. Though it can be a lot of fun, perhaps this is a piece of equipment better left to professional gymnasts.

Have a blessed and safe summer!
Debbie Best, RN, BSW, MHA

We will be preparing a meal for **Our Daily Bread** on Thursday, June 30th. We are asking for Rice Krispie treats for dessert.

Share your gifts and talents this summer during **special music**. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

The SKY group will be hosting a **Fathers and Families breakfast** on Sunday morning, June 19 during the Sunday School hour (9:00 am). Please bring a canned food item that will be delivered to the community of Youngstown, Ohio when they are at the workcamp.

Youth and adult chaperones are off to Youngstown for a week (June 26 – July 1) of **Group Workcamp** activities.

A **special thank you** to Pastor Dennis for all his visits and prayers and thank you to all who remembered me with cards and prayers during my illness.
Joyce Dubbs

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE

Check out the table in the Narthex or the church website to view items up for bid during the upcoming silent auction. All proceeds will be applied to the Faith Challenge portion of our budget.

Check this out

St. Paul's receives requests for assistance when families incur hardships. These requests may be received when individuals have become unemployed, when fire or other disasters have destroyed homes or when illness has made it impossible to continue working on a regular basis. The Consistory has approved establishing an Emergency Assistance Fund. This fund is not part of our annual budget, but members can make donations through offering envelopes at anytime by just making a notation of the amount and designating it to the Emergency Assistance Fund or by using the envelopes designated for Special Offerings in the pew racks.

The Officers of Consistory will be preparing guidelines for use of funds in the account and will evaluate requests to determine whether or not help will be provided. A form will be available for members of the congregation to make requests. All requests will be kept confidential. Money will not be given directly to individuals, but checks will be written and made payable to utilities, social services or other such organizations. Gift cards to grocery stores will be another option for helping when appropriate.

You may, at anytime, begin contributing to the fund through offering envelopes. If you have any questions regarding this fund, please speak with a Consistory member.

GOOD LISTENERS WANTED! (from York Association Newsletter)

On behalf of the York Association, the Committee on Ministry offers Situational Support

Consultations to congregations in our Association that are in situations of transition, or occasionally of conflict. The major work is done by "listening teams" made up of volunteer women and men, both lay and clergy. The purpose of this work is to help congregations share and clarify their strengths and weakness, their challenges and their hopes.

Here's a testimonial about the value of this process from Mary Arnold of Salem UCC, Dover: "The York Association Listening Team members held Situational support meetings with members of Salem UCC in April 2009 after our pastor resigned. They were scheduled every hour of the day and evening and over a weekend to make it convenient for everyone to attend. A letter explaining the importance of this process was sent to all members, asking them to sign up for an appointment. 47 out of the 65-70 who attend every Sunday participated. Following that weekend, Cathy Sherry, then chair of the Committee on Ministry, shared the findings with members of our Consistory. Salem found this information was valuable when writing our congregational profile. We found that the congregation works well together, has talented members, and has a sense of heritage in Salem's long history. We celebrated our 250th anniversary a couple of years ago."

It's a big job! So we need more trained listeners. Please consider becoming trained during this training session: Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 PM at Hayshire UCC, York. Contact Committee on Ministry Chair Larry Smith at LBS004@hotmail.com, or call 717-542-3402.

Thank you!

JUNE LAY HELPERS

READERS:

5 - Kathy Sterrett
12- Mike Senft
19 - Michele Wherley
26 - Maryann Brennehan

ACOLYTES:

5- Cole Sterrett
12 - Drue Allison
19 - Kayla Gentzler
26 - Lexi Hoffman

GREETERS:

5 - Bill & Jane Bankert
12 - Matt Gobercht Family
19 - Larry & Ginny Thoman
26 - Travis Hoffman Family

NURSERY:

5 - Diane Klinedinst
12 - Jen Fritz
19 - Jess Hoffman
26 - Darcey & Jenna Hull

"The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it."

Isaiah 55:10-11, NLT



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Dear Friends of Lancaster:

Thank you for your recent Annual Fund contribution of \$130.00 in support of the ministry of theological education at Lancaster Seminary. We are grateful to receive these funds given through a special offering for the seminary.

It takes a special community to prepare and strengthen leaders for congregations, other settings of ministry, and society. Lancaster Theological Seminary seeks to bring together a gifted and insightful faculty, committed and called students, and visionary and generous donors to form such a community.

Society looks to leaders to help navigate the road from yesterday into tomorrow. The Christian church looks to its leaders, specifically, to help members grapple with the challenge of living a life faithful to the teachings of Jesus. Lancaster Seminary seeks, through its comprehensive program of academic and practical education, to produce such leaders. Thank you for investing in that cause.

Sincerely,

Kelly Lyons Schober
Executive Director of Advancement