



**St. Paul's Church of Palmer**  
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## NEWSLETTER

### CHURCH CALENDAR

Services are at 10 AM  
Fellowship Hall

- Feb. 1 "Field Trip" to Monson UU Church. (no service at St. Paul's)  
Come to St. Paul's by 9:30 am if you would like to carpool.  
Feb. 8 Rev. Jon Rehmus  
Feb. 15 Rev. Stephen Howard  
Feb. 22 Rev. Jon Rehmus

**\*\*\* Coffee Hour immediately following the Sunday Service in Fellowship Hall. \*\*\***

### Field Trips

The Feb. 1 "field Trip" to the Monson UU church is the second in a series of 3 trips to get acquainted with our UU neighbors in the area. We hope you will join us at St. Paul's at 9:30 am, so we can carpool and socialize on the way to Monson. If you have any questions, give Cathy Senecal at call at 283-7277. Any refreshments for coffee hour at the Monson church will be welcomed also.

Looking ahead to March, our third and final field trip of the season will be to the **Petersham UU church on Sunday, March 1**. Join us at 8:45 am at St. Paul's to carpool.

### Coffee Hour

If you are willing and able to host a coffee hour, please call June Bacon at 413-283-5290, Harriot Henrichon at 413-289-1870, or Verna Besaw at 413-283-4244 to help out.

### Anniversaries and Birthdays

- Feb. 6 Eleanore Hodson  
10 Jennifer Dziok  
Steve Thompson  
12 Nancy Senger  
16 Barb Windoloski  
21 Robin Boulanger  
Diane France

## **Food Share**

The price of oil and gas are rising again! Many people are struggling even more to put food on the table, or pay a bill. Our friends need our help! Please feel free to place your non-perishable items in the Food Share box, located near the coat closet in Fellowship Hall. Palmer Food Share at 39 Walnut St. is open on Tuesday and Friday from 10 am to 11:30 am. Those in need must register prior to receiving food, and then are eligible to receive food every 3 months. You can even mail monetary donations to Food Share, 39 Walnut Street, Palmer 01069.

## **Church Greeters**

Gordon and Irene Christiansen and Verna Besaw have graciously offered to be greeters on Sundays. If you would like to also greet, you can call the church office at 283-8185.

## **Community Meals**

The Community Meals are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. If you would like to help out you can give Barbara Stone a call at 413-283-5257. If you would like to donate a food item or make a monetary contribution, you can also let Barbara know. The February meal will be held on **Saturday, February 28**, beginning at 5:00 pm.

## **WINTER CANCELLATION OF SUNDAY SERVICE**

Because of two successive Sunday snow storms, we called off the January 11th service (Rev. Rehmus of Colrain, scheduled) and the January 18th service (Rev. Howard of Amherst, scheduled) -- both due to travel conditions. Announcement of any future cancellations will be on TV CH22 and we will have a telephone tree notification.

## **FYI**

Some February dates to remember are February 2 -- Groundhog Day  
12 -- Lincoln's Birthday  
14 -- Valentine's Day  
16 -- President's Day  
22 -- Washington's Birthday  
25 -- Ash Wednesday

Rick Dundale – we still are so grateful to you for keeping our sidewalks passable.

Don't forget that we are still collecting items for our military personnel overseas, through our former minister, Chaplain George Tyger. See Jane Alois for more information.

Healing thoughts go out to Ernie Bacon, Gene Stone, and Homer Denniss. Hope you guys are feeling better!

Board of Trustees Meeting is February 17.

## **Attention camera buffs:**

Bring your camera to church! It's time to update our website, and we need some fresh new pics, both of our members and our church, inside and out!

## LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH....

### POT LUCK BRUNCH:

St Paul's will be hosting a "Walk-ins Welcome" lay-led service on March 22. Members, friends, families and walk-ins welcome for a question-and-answer session on Unitarian Universalism followed by a pot-luck brunch.

The meek shall inherit the earth...if it's okay with the rest of you.

### St. Paul's History –

The Rev. Justin F. Lapoint and his wife Rachel arrived in October, 1972. He had a pastoral philosophy that it is the minister's role to help others find their own ministry in church and community. In 1973 a young adult social club was formed, and it reinstated the church fair as a social activity and fundraiser.

In December 1973 we entered the Unitarian Universalist Association's Sharing-In-Growth program which Justin had explained to St. Paul's members. Its purpose was to increase membership in the church. Our religious education program and youth group were revitalized, and a church member survey was completed along with an every-member canvass. The wayside pulpit was erected on the lawn facing Park Street. Occasional lay-led services became part of our Sunday morning worship life.

Because of the fuel crisis and the cost of heating our sanctuary, worship services during the winter of 1973-74 were moved to Fellowship Hall. Additional savings were made by the sharing of housekeeping duties in our buildings by a dozen families.

### Some of Murphy's Other Laws

1. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
2. He, who laughs last, thinks slowest.
3. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
4. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
5. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
6. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.



Spring REALLY is coming! Only 28 days in February!