



**St. Paul's Church of Palmer
Universalist-Unitarian**

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NEWSLETTER

CHURCH CALENDAR

Services are at 10 AM in Sanctuary

May 3	Craig Nowak	
10	Rev. Jon Rehmus	
17	Rev. Stephen Howard	
24	Rev. Bill Baughan	Memorial Day Sunday
31	TBA	

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

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour is the time when we get to touch base with and care about each other. Verna Besaw makes that time "sweeter" for all of us. Thank you Verna for bringing goodies to coffee hour week after week. You are truly our "Coffee Hour Angel."

Anniversaries and Birthdays

May 2	Barbara Clark	May 14	Larry Boulanger
3	Rob Faulkner	19	Linda Henrichon
4	Heather Harvey	20	Holly Boulanger
5	Jim Keydel	26	Joan Allen
8	Art Alois	30	Patti Dineen
10	Barbara Foy	31	Mary & Gene Papineau
13	Brad Salzmann		

Cares, Joys and Concerns

Brad Salzman is improving more and more every day! Glad you're getting back to normal Brad!

Our sympathy goes out to Jane Alois upon the death of her father, Homer Denniss. Our condolences to Jane and her family – husband Art, daughter Kate, and brother Jim. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's on Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00 am.

Food Share

A Food Share Box is located in Fellowship Hall near the coat closet. Please feel free to place your non-perishable items in this box. 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 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

Community Meals are held the 4th Saturday of each month. If you would like to donate a food item or make a monetary contribution, you can let Barbara Stone know at 413-283-5257. The next meal will be **May 23, 5 pm.**

FYI



MAY TAG SALE

May 12-16

We are accepting useable furniture, Kitchenware, books in good shape, etc.
NOT accepting clothing, computers, printers, mattresses, encyclopedias

Call Gordon Christiansen for more information.

The **WEEKLY TAG SALE** in Fellowship Hall opened on Saturday, April 18; and will be open on Saturdays from 10 am until 1 pm.

Religious Services committee will be meeting with Craig Nowak after service on May 3. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

From your Board of Trustees: Our Furnace Fund has received \$15,310 in donations to date. If there are any more contributions, please send them to the office before June 30th. We are pleased with the savings in fuel and electricity which we are noticing since the new boilers were installed..

Joan Allen was cleaning out a bookcase and uncovered an OLD newspaper clipping – 1902! It read:

A new club was formed by the men of St. Paul's Church at a meeting this week. It will be known as Eaton Club. The chief object of this club is entertainment and a great deal of attention will be paid to athletics. The club starts with a membership of more than 20. During the winter months, a series of musical and literary entertainment will be planned.

If you would like something to appear in a newsletter, you can contact Barb Windoloski at bwindoloski@charter.net or 413-593-1936.

St. Paul's History --

St. Paul's called the Rev. Serena E. McGuire as interim minister for one year, starting September 1985. From the start there was a good rapport between minister and members. Her contract was extended to 18 months.

Late in March 1986, a heavy storm damaged the sanctuary of Second Congregational Church. The Board of St. Paul's approved sharing use of our facilities from Easter until their space was repaired in July.

In that year Earle A. Griswold died. He was a well-liked, prominent member who was generous in many ways to our church. Also in 1986 the 110th anniversary celebration of the Ladies Social Union was held in Fellowship Hall featuring a cake and photos of active members.

Serena was involved with many district and UUA events, Food Share, ecumenical services, and services at nursing homes. She left in February 1987 to obtain a library science degree in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Our next minister, the Rev. David C. Boyer, came with his wife Lisa on March 1, 1987, to begin a four-year ministry. At the trustees meeting of April 1987, a new parsonage committee was appointed, and the retirement of Mary Papineau after 30 years as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent was recognized. Lisa Boyer accepted the position of Sunday school superintendent for 1987-88.



Childbirth at 65

With all the new technology regarding fertility recently, a 65-year-old friend of mine was able to give birth. When she was discharged from the hospital and went home, I went to visit.

"May I see the new baby?" I asked. "Not yet," she said. "I'll make coffee and we can visit for a while first."

Thirty minutes had passed, and I asked, "May I see the new baby now?" "No, not yet," She said.

After another few minutes had elapsed, I asked again, "May I see the baby now?" "No, not yet," replied my friend.

Growing very impatient, I asked, "Well, when can I see the baby?"

"WHEN HE CRIES!" she told me. "WHEN HE CRIES?" I demanded. "Why do I have to wait until he CRIES?"

"BECAUSE I FORGOT WHERE I PUT HIM, O.K.?"

