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Spiritual Care for Elder Care-Givers 2018 - Do you provide part time or full-time care for an elder? Would you like a safe place to share your joys and struggles with other care-givers? Would you appreciate companioning in nurturing your spirit? In today's American culture, many adults are providing full-time or part-time care for their elder parents, relatives, friends, or neighbors. Elder-care-giving can certainly be challenging, presenting both joys and frustrations to elders and their care-givers. This every-other-month gathering will provide participants with a time of guided prayer, supportive conversation around joys and struggles, and sharing new ideas for offering care. Come and go to these gatherings as you might need and desire. There is no need to make a commitment to each one. Each gathering will be led by Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, specially trained in Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction. Please direct your interest to Pastor Tom Lichner at tllichner@rcn.com OR [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362). Parking is available in a lot across Hamilton Street from the church. Meetings will be held at the Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton St., Allentown, PA 18102. **1:30 - 3:00 PM Wednesdays: January 17th, March 14th, May 16th, July 18th, 2018.**

Lenten Morning Reflections...Paying attention to God – Sat. Feb. 24, 2018, 9:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18102. For more information contact, Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, tllichner@rcn.com or [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

Contemplative Prayer - Prayer Around the Cross - You are invited to join with others for a time of contemplative opening to the Spirit of God in and around us. We invite God's Light to shine in our hearts and to awakening our consciousness to live lives of mercy, justice, and love. Please join together in this brief time of sacred reading, silent reflection, poetry, chanting, candle lighting, intercessory prayer, and ample space for quiet reflection. **Third Sat. of each Month, 5:00 - 5:45 PM** at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pa, 18102. Parking lot across street from church. Address inquiries to Rev. Tom Lichner at tllichner@rcn.com.

Simple Gifts – Two women plus twelve instruments equal one good time! Simple Gifts takes stage at **St Paul's Lutheran Church**, 8227 Hamilton Blvd, Breinigsville, 18031, on **January 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** This award-winning band performs on an impressive array of instruments, including two violins, mandolin, hammered dulcimer, recorders, banjo, and guitar plus more unusual instruments. All are welcome! **This concert is free however, donations will be collected of non-perishable food items for local food pantries.**

Big Band Dance – Sat. Feb. 10, 2018, 7:00 – 10:00p.m. at St Timothy, 140 S. Ott Street, Allentown. All proceeds benefit the Sixth Street Shelter. The Shelter provides temporary housing for Lehigh Valley homeless families with children. A donation jar and basket raffle for the Shelter will be available at the dance. Tickets are \$5.00/person. Contact the church office at [610-435-6512](tel:610-435-6512).

Can you provide an hour or two per week to help someone who wants to change their life? St Luke's at 417 N 7th St, Allentown still has an ongoing need for volunteers to assist as tutors or substitutes for our growing multi-level ELL Program for individuals who desperately want to learn English. No foreign language needed. **ELL days and hours are, Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We always need help; especially looking for people who a comfortable around computers.** Contact Leslie Talago or Pastor Lamb at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or stluke@enter.net.

**Crossroads at St. Paul's-Allentown:
"Lord, when did we see you?"**

Crossroads is Allentown's only day shelter, where the homeless can gather out of the cold, and hopefully improve their lives. Thanks to our partners, we are pleased to announce that Crossroads is now open **Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm, Friday, 11am-4pm and Saturday, 11am-3pm.** Additionally, a lite breakfast is served **Monday-Wednesday, 8:30am.** Contact **St. Paul's-Allentown** at [610 435-9065](tel:610-435-9065), or email jennstpauls1st@ptd.net.

With your help, we can distribute the following items to those whom we serve:

Cough Drops	Tissue Packets
Knit Hats	Chap Sticks
Hand Warmers	Bandanas

CROSSROADS
Special Ministry
ST. PAUL'S IN ALLENTOWN

St. Paul's has been known for many years as "The Church with a heart in the heart of the city!" It continues to take that challenge seriously and is now involved in an effort known as "Crossroads" which is reaching out significantly to the homeless and the helpless. Pastor Steven Shussett has set a review of this effort in a historical setting. His contribution commences here and continue in March.

Paul wrote, "What then is Apollos? What is Paul? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose...For we are God's servants working together; you are God's field, God's building."

These seeds were planted at St. Paul's in Allentown long ago. Maybe it came from being an immigrant church, German speakers in an English-speaking country, strangers in a strange land. Maybe it was from giving birth to different language churches, seeing old friends leave and wanting the best for them. But seeds were planted, and at St. Paul's we have stories dating from the Depression Years. Children from a nearby elementary school walked to the church every day to receive a hot lunch. So many had so little, and the church had enough. Enough to share!

And though times in this church, and generally in Christ's church, are a lot tougher now than they were in the 1930s, St. Paul's continues to share. Last November we hosted our 38th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and the Sunday Breakfasts have been going just about as long. Since 2005, the day after fire destroyed its former home, St. Paul's has also hosted the Lehigh Conference of Churches community lunch three days a week.

The church's ministry with the marginalized changed dramatically with the tragic weather-related deaths of two homeless people in 2010. In response, a room in St. Paul's was made available for those in need of shelter from the cold. While it was not perfect, it was shelter, and it became the first overflow shelter (or warming station) in Allentown. As others hosted and improved on sheltering for the night, St. Paul's took on the day. When you have a home, when you have a job, you don't think much about where to be. But the library and other public buildings, including places like McDonald's, often discourage staying longer than an hour.

Crossroads opened four years ago, once again starting as simply a place to be out of the cold, but growing year by year, now hosting up to 60 people a day. Thanks to partners like those in the Lehigh Mission District, St. Paul's has expanded the drop-in center in a variety of ways. [**More about this next month!**](#)

Pastor Steven Shussett

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Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers. Please join us and invite your friends as we enjoy a variety of venues together.

March 13 (Tues.) – Hunterdon Hills – STEEL MAGNOLIAS -

Steel Magnolias revolves around the lives of a group of gossipy southern ladies in a small-town beauty parlor. The play is alternately hilarious and touching, revealing the strength and purposefulness that underlies the banter of its characters. Lunch included at Hunterdon Hills. **Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10 AM and will return approximately 4:30 PM**

Cost \$89.00 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Mar. 1, 2018

April 26 (Thurs) – Papermill Playhouse – THE STING –

A new musical based on the academy award-winning film. Chicago 1936. Get ready to enter a smoke-filled world of cons and capers, where nothing is what it seems, and no one is who they appear to be. Lunch at Charlie Brown's Fresh Grill. **Lunch Choices:** Chicken Marsala, Prime Rib and Lemon Dill Salmon. **Dessert Choices:** Cheesecake, Key Lime Pie or Ice Cream. Please indicate your choices at time of reservation.

Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 9:30 AM and will return approximately 6:30 PM

Cost \$99.00 Payment Deadline: Thurs. Mar. 22, 2018

Tuesday, May 15 to Thursday, May 17 – RIDE THE RAILS OF WEST VIRGINIA –

This exciting trip includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners and two train trips, the Cheat Mountain Salamander with lunch on board the train and the Durbin Rocket. Day three we will visit the Seneca Caverns. **Contact the Operation Sunshine office for a flyer with the full itinerary and pricing.** Travel Protection is available and suggested.

May 22 (Tues) – Mount Airy Lodge – ELVIS JAILHOUSE

ROCK - Come spend an afternoon with young Elvis. Not just any Elvis, but "The Worlds #1 Elvis". He was cast as Elvis in the hit musical "Million Dollar Quartet". Our Elvis won multiple Elvis competitions around the world. This high energy Elvis Tribute is filled with all your favorite hits such as: "Jailhouse Rock", "Blue Suede Shoes", "Don't Be Cruel", "Love Me Tender" and so many more. Lunch Buffet and \$15 slot play included with this trip. **Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10 AM and will return approximately 5:30 PM**

Cost \$ 64.00 Payment Deadline: Thurs., May 3, 2018