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**October - November 2012**



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## **SAINT PAUL'S VOICE**

### **October/November 2012**

Jesus and the disciples are at the Mount of Olives, just prior to Jesus being crucified. “When (Jesus) reached the place, he said to them, ‘Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.’ Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed. ‘Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet, not my will but yours be done.’ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.” (Luke 22: 40-44)

Jesus is praying. What do we learn from this reading about prayer? Mainly, Jesus prays that God’s will be done. When we pray, that is the request we should make. Not what we want done but, what is God’s will for me in this prayer, in my life?

We are also made aware of how fervently Jesus prays. He prays that sweat forms, becoming like great drops of blood. I don’t know about you, but I’ve never prayed until sweat forms. Maybe I should also be praying more fervently. It is something that we should seriously consider in our prayer life. We are to pray incessantly and fervently.

Again we hear how our prayers should be said in earnest. That tells us that we shouldn’t trivialize our prayers. We should take time to step away from our hectic lives and pray in earnest. Find that quiet place and time, maybe even stopping by the church to pray. Talk to God and, as I said before, be still and listen for God to speak to you.

Perhaps, like what happened to Jesus, you will sense the presence of God’s angels to sustain you, no matter what difficulties or joys you may be praying about. Without prayer, we cannot grow spiritually nor can we hear what God is saying and doing to guide us in our daily lives

May our prayers always be said fervently and in earnest.

Love in Christ,

*Pastor Mel Strucklin*



**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER  
WE PRAY FOR:**

**MEMBERS:** Lois Armacost, Mark Armacost, Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Rosalie Croft, Matilda Griffin, Amy Goerner, Lee Hardesty, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Sydney Henry, Wade Hilgartner, Matthew Jones, Mary Louise Miller, Sara Moore, Anna Schultz, Bill Stratton, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, and all homebound members.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Genny Casper, Jim Howard, Joyce Rhoten, Georgia Winiecki, Bethany Drew, Ed Winiecki, Bettie Panagakos, Phyllis Henderson, Jan Gorecki, Barbara Bamford, Elizabeth Richards, Melissa Dowd, Shelby, Brandon, Phil Cieri, Bob Durham, Jr., Darlene Price, Karin & Chris, Billy Parr, Kathy Inman, Ian Boyer, Dave Dawson, William Franklin, Doug Forney, the Rev. Dr. Susan Hedahl, Erin Kranz, Carol Lauer, Tony Dietz, Sam Meador, Tyler, Kathy Hale, Dorothy Miller, Sue, Evelyn Orr, Larry Olney, Bill Lueberman, Jeanne Braly, Kitty Macon, Toni Nelson, Arnold Wagner, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

**WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:** family and friends of Alec Cosgaret, Logan Herr, the Wilcox family, Bill McCombs, Charlotte Forrester, Charles Pack, Eleanor Christi, Nate Baker, and Mary Albright.

May the promises of our resurrected Lord bring them peace and comfort.

**THE PRAYER:** God of mercy, hear the prayers of those who are sick or suffering, especially (names). Raise them up and anoint them with your healing presence. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions.

The Dalai Lama

There is no surprise more magical than the surprise of being loved. It is God's finger on our shoulder.

Charles Morgan

So often we don't give from our abundance. We give from what we have no use for. I have learned that God not only looks at what we give but also at what we keep.

Kathy Troccoli

Better to ask twice than to lose your way once.

Danish Proverb

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**BIBLE TRIVIA**

1. Who fashioned a golden calf?
2. What was the trade of Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla?
3. Who anointed Jesus' head with an expensive ointment known as spikenard?
4. What sweet smelling substances were brought to the infant Jesus?
5. Where was Jesus when a sinful woman poured an alabaster jar of perfume on his feet?

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# THANK YOU, THANK YOU THANK YOU, THANK YOU

to those who faithfully attend our prayer sessions.

to all who helped with VBS including all the teachers and helpers and especially Patti Schunk and Carol Hilgartner who headed it up.

to those who faithfully bring food each month for the benefit of NESAP.

to those who helped with clean out and clean up day at the church.

to John Kelly and Richard Harris for being on call in case of emergency while Pastor Mel was on vacation.

to Pastor Norma Schenning who led our worship service while Pastor Mel was on vacation and to Richard Harris for leading our Favorite Hymn Sunday..

to all those who agreed to teach and help with our Sunday School classes this school year.

to all those who attended our picnic and those who prepared for our Rally Day including Carol Hilgartner and Patti Schunk.

to all those who helped with the blood drive especially Suzi Lyons who organized it.

to the anonymous donor who has gifted Pastor Mel.

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**ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA** 1. Aaron (Exodus 32:4) 2. tent making (Acts 18: 1-3) 3. Mary, Lazarus sister (John 12: 3) 4. Frankincense and myrrh (Matthew 2: 11) 5. at the home of Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7:36-50)

# NEWS

## **BASKET BINGO**

Our annual basket bingo will be held Friday, October 5 beginning at 5:30 p.m. with sale of refreshments. The games start at 7. Donations of gifts for the baskets are still needed. See Sandy Baber, Mary Neuheisel, or Meg Jones with your donations. See Kelly Mountcastle to get tickets to sell.

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Our annual congregational meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, November 11. New council members will be elected and a budget voted on.

## **HARVEST HOME**

We will be celebrating Harvest Home, Sunday, October 14. The sanctuary will be decorated for the occasion and our service will reflect our thanks to God for the bounty we have been given. We will have a second offering that day for World Hunger. It is one of our ways of reaching out to those who are hungry.

## **YOUTH & FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAYS**

This is a reminder that the first Sunday of each month is Youth

Sunday. The youth are assigned a part to assist in leading worship that day. They are greeters, acolytes, lectors, collect the offering and bring forth the food that was collected that day to be offered and blessed by God. There is an assignment sheet of duties for the youth posted on the bulletin board.

That same first Sunday each month is also food collection for the benefit of NESAP. We ask our members to remember to bring food stuff that day. Check the bulletin board for current needs of NESAP.

## **HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Our annual Halloween Party will be held Sunday, October 28 after worship. There will be a trunk or treat event. Invite all your family and friends children to come dressed in their favorite costumes.

## **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

A community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 21 at St. Mark's in Hampstead. Participating churches are: St. Mark, Greenmount Methodist, Grace Methodist, St. John Methodist, and St. Paul. Time of service will be announced later.

# *Celebrations for October & November*

## **October Birthdays**

8	Mary Neuheisel
9	George Walter
10	Jim Bosley
	Jayne Folfas
11	Tammy Boose
13	Rosalie Croft
	Gene Zepp
14	Helen Utz
15	Vivian Chenoweth
17	Colleen Geldmacher
16	Samantha Henry
19	Brinlee Dubois
20	Jon Armacost
24	J.C.S. Bosley
26	Andy Geldmacher
29	Kimberly Kelly

## **November Birthdays**

2	Bobby Watson
6	Bob Durham, Jr.
7	Mike Armacost
10	Anne Durham
11	Chance Smetzer
12	Eric McGee
	Pete Panakagos
16	Sue Bosley
18	Jeff Hale
23	Benjamin Baber
29	Rick Jones




## **October Anniversaries**

6	Wade & Carol Hilgartner
	Shawn & Sara Singer
26	Charles & Sandy Baber

## **November Anniversaries**

5	Bryan & Sue Benson
15	Ray and Laura Grabowski

# October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2 300pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	3 545pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class  730 pm AA	4	5 530 pm Basket Bingo fund raiser – Arcadia Firehall	6 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
7 900am – Worship  Youth Sunday  Food Collection	8	9 300pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours  7:00pm – Council	10 730 pm AA	11	12	13 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours  800am-400pm Flea Market
14 900am – Worship Harvest Home Sunday  Second Offering World Hunger  12:15 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation Class  200-400 Crop Walk	15	16 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	17 645pm -Healing Service @ Christ Lutheran  730 pm AA	18 7:30 Prayer Session	19	20 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
21 900am – Worship  Fellowship after Worship	22	23 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	24 545pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class  730 pm AA	25	26	27 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
28 900am – Worship Reformation Sunday  Halloween Party after Sunday School  1215 - Confirmation Class	29	30 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	31 730 pm AA			



# November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
4 900am – Worship All Saints Day  Youth Sunday  Food Collection	5	6 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	7 545pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class  730 pm AA	8	9	10 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
11 900am – Worship  Second Offering: Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry  Annual Congregational Meeting  1215 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation Class	12	13 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours  7:00pm - Council	14 730 pm AA	15 7:30 Prayer Session	16	17 9:30 am Council Workshop  1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
18 900am – Worship  Installation of Council and Officers  Fellowship after service	19 1:30 Worship & Music Committee	20 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	21 200pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class  730 pm AA  730pm – Community Thanksgiving Service	22	23	24 8 am – 3 pm Christmas Bazaar  12:00 pm - 1:30pm Pastor's Office Hours
25 900am – Worship  1215 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation Class	26 Pastor Mel Vacation	27 Pastor Mel Vacation	28 Pastor Mel Vacation	29 Pastor Mel Vacation	30 Pastor Mel Vacation	



Join Us for Our Annual  
**Christmas Bazaar**

For the Benefit of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Upperco

[www.stpaulsupperco.org](http://www.stpaulsupperco.org)



**Saturday, November 24, 2012**  
**8am til 3:00pm**

Located 6 miles north of Reisterstown or 4 miles south of Hampstead  
on the corner of Dover Rd. and MD Route 30-Hanover Pike



Raffle

White Elephant Table

Baked Goods

Crafts

Gift Items



## The Lord's Laughter

From the book, *Church Chuckles Tickling your Holy Funny Bone*

A middle-aged woman has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she has a near-death experience. She sees God and asks, "God, is this it? Am I dying?" God reassures her that she has another 30 years to live.

Upon her recovery she decides to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast augmentation – everything she's always wanted. She even has someone come in to cut and color her hair. She figures that since she's got another 30 years, she might as well make the most of it.

The day the doctor releases her, she walks out of the hospital, only to be hit by a speeding ambulance. She arrives in front of God and complains, "I thought you said I had another 30 years!"

"Sorry," God replied. "I didn't recognize you."

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Mrs. Donovan was walking down O'Connell Street when she ran into Father Rafferty. "Hello, there," he said. "Aren't you Mrs. Donovan, and didn't I marry you and your husband?"

She replied, "Yes, you did, Father." The priest asked, "And are there any wee ones yet?" She replied, "No, not yet, Father. The priest said, "Well now, I'm going to Rome next week; I'll light a candle for you." "Thank you, Father. That would be wonderful."

They parted ways. Some years later, they met again. The priest asked, "Well now, Mrs. Donovan, how are you these day?" "Very well, Father," she replied. "Tell me, have you been blessed with wee ones yet?" "Three sets of twins, and four singles," she said. "Ten in all." "Wonderful!" said the Father. "And how is your husband?"

She replied, "He's gone to Rome to blow out your blasted candle."

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A Sunday School teacher asked his class, "Does anyone know what we mean by sins of omission?" One of the girls replied, "Aren't those the sins we could have committed but didn't?"

# Sunday School

## WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL !

Sunday school classes began on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Our theme for this year is "When should I Pray?"

**Listed below is the Christian Ed Staff for 2012-2013:**

Pre-School: Mrs. Tiffany Meadowcroft - Teacher  
Ms. Hope Hilgartner and Ms. Cheyenne Kelly – Helpers  
Kindergarten: Mrs. Colleen Geldmacher - Teacher  
First and Second Grades: Mrs. Kelly Mountcastle - Teacher  
Third and Fourth Grades: Ms. Madison Baber – Teacher  
Substitute Teacher: Mrs. Laura Grabowski  
Jr./Sr. High Class: Mrs. Carol Hilgartner –Teacher  
Mr. John Kelly – Teacher  
Mrs. Carol Hunt – Substitute  
Music: Mrs. Mary Neuheisel  
Treats: Mr. Joshua Neuheisel, Ms. Hannah Hilgartner and Ms. Patti Schunk

### ... INVITE A FRIEND TO SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Eighty-Six attended the Family Picnic and Rally Day on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Sure hope you didn't miss it! What a beautiful day.

Many of our students won gold medals after competing in the St. Paul's Summer Olympic Games. Some students came close to winning as many as Michael Phelps.



Thanks to so many who brought food and drinks. With special thanks going out to Pete and Heather Panagakos, Richard Harris, Carol and Wade Hilgartner, and Susan Fleming.



Teachers and students were so happy to see our friend Sara Moore back in Sunday school. She had surgery in August at Johns Hopkins Children's Hospital and she is doing amazingly well.

Ms. Mary had a baby girl in August and is taking some time off from teaching music. Take care Ms. Mary and if we sing off key again when you return, it's because Ms. Patti cannot sing.

Derek DuBois who taught our senior class last year will not be teaching this year. What a great job he did teaching our students. We will miss you Mr. Derek. A calendar of Sunday school events will be given out in October.