

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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October & November 2010



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SAINT PAUL'S VOICE October/November 2010

“...Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” (Matthew 19: 14)

It is our duty as Christians to teach our children the ways of the Lord. They must learn about the stories of the Bible and the teachings of Jesus. It is not only the parents who should be teaching the children but all of us adults. We are blessed this year to once again have team teaching in each of our Sunday school classes. This will allow them to alternate weeks and to be available when one is sick or has a conflict in schedule. Hats off to all those who have volunteered, to bring the Word of the Lord to our young folks.

With that thought in mind, Carol Hilgartner and Patti Schunk have geared up our Sunday School with some new materials. They will be providing each of our students with a Sparks Study Bible for appropriate ages of the students. They have worked hard to bring many youngsters to our Christian Education program. It is expected that there will be between 25 to 30 students in our classes. At that rate we will soon run out of space. Thank God for the work of the teachers, the support of the council, congregation, parents, and for the children's willingness to learn.

May all those involved in our Christian Education program know that God is leading them and is with them. All your hard work will not be forgotten. Your work is of value in God's world and may God strengthen you and give you wisdom throughout the year. Our children are being blessed by your teachings.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Strucklin



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

MEMBERS: Lois Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Kim Boose, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Michael Durham, Matilda Griffin, Cassie Harris, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Sydney Henry, Glenys Hunt, Matthew Jones, Mary Louise Miller, Matthew Moore, Sara Moore, Bill Stratton, Shari Underhill, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, Lorraine Walter, and all

homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Genny Casper, Esther Watson, Carol Graff, Debbie Hahn, Bill Peters, Jim Howard, Braylynn, Joyce Rhoten, Shirley, Ex Officio Bishop Mocko, Becky Norwood, Bill Higgins, Christine Wheeler, Pastor Dick Michael, Georgia Winiecki, Emma Miller, Jesse McGee, Renee Adams, Carly Schulman, Tim Underhill, Linda Moran, Kate Johnson, George Martin, Mitch Guthall, Marla, Spike Bradford, Carol Mayer, Herb Wessel, Kenny Morris, Wendy Bonus, Will Franz, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: family and friends of Oneida Jones, Betty Hann, Patricia Driver, Maria Anastasia, Claude “Jimmy” Cline, Margarete “Mickey” Derreth, Baby Grayson, Bayard Bollinger, Pastor Gene Alexander, and Larry Wagner.

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

THE PRAYER: Great and merciful God, you lift up those who are bowed down. Be with all who are lonely, hurting or depressed, and all who are in need of your loving presence, especially (names). Hear us, O God. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.

Aristotle

Courtesies of a small and trivial character are the ones which strike deepest in the grateful and appreciating heart.

Henry Clay

We should never be ashamed to own that we have been in the wrong, which is but saying that we are wiser today than we were yesterday.

Alexander Pope

Little progress can be made by merely attempting to repress what is evil; our great hope lies in developing what is good.

Calvin Coolidge

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Who was the apostle to the Gentiles?
2. Who brought Peter to Jesus?
3. Who was banished to the island of Patmos?
4. Who requested special places for themselves in Jesus’ kingdom?
5. Who were the sons of thunder?

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU

to all those who donate to our scholarship fund to help our members who are furthering their education.

to Jayme Folfas, Vivan Chenoweth and Maidie Brown for being our delegates to Carroll Lutheran School.

to all those who participate in our nursing home worship services, especially Shirley Stratton who provides the music for hymn singing.

to Pastor Norma Schenning who filled in for Pastor Mel while she was on vacation. Also thank you to Sarah Morris who led our Favorite Hymn Sunday and covered any emergencies while pastor was out of town.

to all those who help make our blood drives a big success especially Suzi Lyons for heading them up and arranging donors with her crew of volunteers.

to all those who will be teaching in Sunday School this year helping our children to learn about our Lord.

to Carol Hilgartner and Patti Schunk for heading up our Rally Day and to all those who brought food for the church picnic. A good time was had by all and the children had fun birthing their butterflies.

to Shirley Stratton who filled in for organist Beth Hannon at our Healing Service in September.

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA 1. Paul 2. Andrew 3. John 4. James and John 5. James and John

NEWS

MISSION STATEMENT

Again, just a friendly reminder to refresh you about our new proposed mission statement. Pastor Mel frequently uses it in her sermons, in a prayer petition and as part of the benediction. It was approved by the council and will be presented at the next congregational meeting for final approval: **LOVE, SERVE, AND TEACH GOD'S WORD.**

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, November, 14 immediately following worship. New council members, budget and approval of a new mission statement will be voted on at that meeting. An agenda of additional business will be sent out in a letter to all voting members.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Emily Hilgartner who was awarded a \$250.00 scholarship from the Pauline and Emory Hoffman Scholarship Fund. Emily is attending Stevenson University and is studying for a career in the medical field.

HARVEST HOME

We will be celebrating Harvest Home on Sunday, October 17 during worship. A second offering will be received for the benefit of World Hunger. Please be generous.

FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAYS

The first Sunday of each month we bring food items that will be blessed during the service. The items are given to NESAP for their food pantry. Periodically Pastor Mel will let you know what items are really low and are urgently needed.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

A fun day is planned for October 31, after Sunday School classes. Costumes will be judged and many games will be played. Invite your neighbors and friends to join us.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

St. Paul will be the host this year of the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 25 at 7 p.m. Our children's choir will be providing special music. St. Mark, St. John, and Greenmount Methodist Churches will be participating. Come and give thanks to the Lord



Celebrations for October & November

October Birthdays

2	Ruth Hardesty Mary Steger
5	Bill Peters.
9	George Walter
10	Jim Bosley Jayme Folfas
11	Tammy Boose
13	Rosalie Croft Gene Zepp
14	Rodney Hale Helen Utz
15	Vivian Chenoweth
16	Samantha Henry
19	Alicia Warren Brinlee Dubois
20	Jon Armacost
21	Carrie Durham Mike Durham
24	J.C.S. Bosley
28	Logan Bradford
29	Kimberly Kelly
30	Scott Hale

October Anniversaries

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

November Birthdays


2	Bobby Watson
6	Bob Durham, Jr.
7	Mike Armacost
10	Anne Durham
12	Eric McGee Pete Panakagos
14	Tommy Green, Sr.
16	Sue Bosley
18	Jeff Hale
20	Bobby Fuller, Jr.
22	Lauren Hancock
23	Benjamin Baber
29	Rick Jones



November Anniversaries

5	Bryan & Sue Benson
18	Vernon & Gladys Walter
26	Jesse & Claudia McGee

October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 530 pm Basket Bingo fund raiser – Arcadia Firehall	2 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
3 900am – Worship Youth Sunday Food Collection	4	5 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	6 730 pm AA	7	8	9 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours 800am-400pm Flea Market
10 900am – Worship	11	12 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm – Council	13 730 pm AA	14	15	16 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
17 900am – Worship Harvest Home Sunday Second Offering World Hunger Fellowship after Worship 200-400 Crop Walk 1:30 register	18 1:30 Worship & Music Committee	19 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	20 6:45pm – Healing Service @ Christ Lutheran 730 pm AA	21	22	23 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
24 900am – Worship	25	26 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	27	28	29	30 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
31 900am – Worship Reformatior Sunday  Halloween Party after Sunday School						

November

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14 900am – Worship Second Offering: Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry Annual Congregational Meeting 4:00 CLS delegate meeting	15	16 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	17 730 pm AA 645pm -Healing Service @ Christ Lutheran	18	19	20 9:30 am Council Workshop 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
21 900am – Worship Installation of Council and Officers Fellowship after service	22	23 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	24 730 pm AA 730pm – Community Thanksgiving Service, St. Paul's	25	26	27 10 am – 3 pm Christmas Bazaar 12:00 pm - 1:30pm Pastor's Office Hours
28 900am – Worship	29 Pastor Mel Vacation	30 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours Pastor Mel Vacation				



Christmas Bazaar

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

www.stpaulsupperco.org

Saturday, November 27, 2010

9am 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
Christmas Quilt

Secret Santa

Crafts



Baked Goods

Gift Items

White Elephant



Raffle tickets:

\$2 for one

\$5 for three

The Lord's Laughter

From the *Joyful Noiseletter*, October 2010 edition

A new church secretary was trying to open a combination lock on an office cabinet. The pastor had told her the combination, but she couldn't remember it.

She went to the pastor's office and asked her for help. The pastor went to the room and began to turn the dial. After the first two numbers, she paused, looked heavenward, seemingly quietly praying.

Then she looked at the lock, turned to the final number and opened the lock.

"Pastor your faith is awesome," the secretary marveled.

"No problem," the pastor replied. "The number is on a piece of tape on the ceiling."

via Rev. Karl R. Kraft
Glassboro, (NJ) UMC

A clergywoman and mother shared this story at a district United Methodist meeting in New Jersey.

The clergywoman was quickly vacuuming the living room floor of her home where her three-year-old child was playing. In a hurry, the mother approached the child, then said, "Lift up your feet!"

The child responded, "We lift them up to the Lord."

Via Rev. Donald DeGroat
Midvale United Methodist Church
Wanaque, NJ

When an elderly man was told that he needed an operation, he insisted that his son-in-law, a famous surgeon, perform the operation.

On the operating table in the hospital, before he was given anesthesia, the old man asked to speak to his son-in-law.

"Doctor," he told his son-in-law, "I have complete confidence in you. Don't be nervous, do your best, and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me.... Your mother-in-law is going to come and live with you and your wife..."

via Bart Van Giessen
Texas Township, MI

Sunday School

NOT EVEN

RAIN NOR BEE could stop the Family Picnic and Rally Day held on Sunday, September 12th. With the anticipation of bees and rain, tables were set-up indoors for the picnic on Sunday. Thanks to Rob Holtz, Colleen and Jed Geldmacher for helping with this task on Saturday afternoon and to all who helped with the clean-up on Sunday. A big THANK YOU goes out to all who brought food or purchased drinks to share with the 64 people who attended the picnic. (34 Adults – 30 Students)

RALLY DAY was celebrated by introducing the students to the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly. Each student took home a chrysalis; and their hope that during the week they would see their butterflies emerge, dry their wings and begin their migration flight. If you were outside last week you may have spotted one of our butterflies on the way to Mexico.



On September 12th, St. Paul's hosted their annual Sunday School kick-off. After a picnic, each Sunday School student received a monarch butterfly chrysalis. It took only a few days for two of our three butterflies to emerge and we

let them go. The last to emerge, mine, was taken to Bear Branch Nature Center in Westminster, MD. The Naturalist placed a tracking sticker on its wing and released it. As my butterfly migrates to Mexico, other groups in the Monarch Watch Program will catch and tag migrating monarch butterflies. If they find a tagged butterfly, they will record the tag number and report it to the program. The University of Kansas will send a team to Mexico to capture and release monarchs, hoping to find the tagged butterflies. I am looking forward to following my monarch butterfly's migration.

Natalie Panagakos

**SO WHAT IS NEW WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS YEAR:
Six New Teachers - A Kindergarten Classroom
and
All New Curriculum**

COME JOIN US ON SUNDAY AT 10:15 AM

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, October 31 – Halloween Party

Thursday, November 23rd – Students will be singing at the community Thanksgiving Service to be held at St. Paul's.