



# SAINT PAUL'S VOICE

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Please send submissions to [lori@stpaulsupperco.org](mailto:lori@stpaulsupperco.org).

## “From the Pastor”

I wish nothing so much as to be able to use this tale in a sermon... It would be much more entertaining but I don't need a sermon this morning.... And you just might not appreciate it.

I have driven countless miles in a family agreed upon goal to see the country that we live in... all of it. I have generally been a careful driver. Once upon a time I was habitually a moderately fast driver. I have been stopped enough by police to be familiar with their practices. One of my bad habits when driving long distances with little traffic has been to be casual about the white lane markers. Almost three years ago very far into the long trip to Oklahoma and very late at night I was actively looking for a place to stop and in the process being casual about lanes on an essentially vacant dual highway. I was very tired and had not yet discovered the miracle of coffee late at night. I noticed the cop sitting in the median and checked my speed which was OK. Nonetheless he pulled out to follow me for a long time. Finally his lights came on.... And I reacted... Wow here we go. I knew that I had not been speeding.

He approached and I lowered the window.... I know the routine! Karen found the registration and I gave it to the officer (I know the appropriate language). He asked me why we were on the road and where we were headed. He went to his car and five minutes later. He politely ordered me out of and to the rear of the truck.... Oh wow... here we go. He questioned me at length about who I was and where I was going. He told me to stay there and went to Karen, still in the truck, apparently to ask the same sort of questions. He was trying to catch an untruth. My blood pressure was going up. I honestly think he was disappointed. He lectured me on Tennessee law and the advertising frame on the rear license plate from the car dealer which obstructed the state of the registration. He also instructed me on the law and the need not to cross the white line on the right side of the outside lane. He dismissed me instructing me to drive carefully. You have no idea how relieved I was as I carefully pulled away.... Well, maybe some of you are familiar with the feeling?

I am white. I have never been in any trouble with the police beyond several speeding tickets and an illegal left turn that I was directed into by a cop and then given a ticket. I know all the appropriate behavior with police. Yet every encounter has been from my point of view, unpleasant bordering on adversarial. Nonetheless, I would still go to the police for protection and even advice, trusting them to enforce justice.

I do wonder, however, what could have happened if I were black, if I had let my fear boil to the top, if I was tempted to follow that fear into an attempt to get free from his grip. I wonder if I was on forcibly restrained face down on the ground and couldn't breathe...

This is not meant as a verbal assault on the police or an excuse for every idiotic bit of behavior. It is rather the reflection of a white, middle class, well-educated guy trying to understand the situation of those without my advantages and the implications of that disparity in the racially and fear charged environment which has gone on way too long.

PS... I believe that I will do my best to avoid the southern route to Tulsa.

Pastor Carl

# Church News



## Online Sunday Worship

We will continue to post our Sunday worship online at:  
[St Paul's Lutheran Upperco](#) YouTube channel or [Facebook Page](#).



## Coffee & Conversation

Join us for Coffee & Conversation via Zoom each Sunday at 10am (at least until we can meet in person). Please check your email for the Zoom link.



## Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to all those that made sacrifices for our freedom!



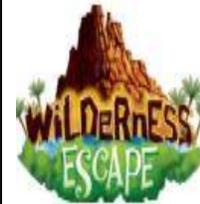
## Flea Market Dates

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 2:00pm and August 15<sup>th</sup>. Spaces still available – see our website for potential updates due to COVID-19.



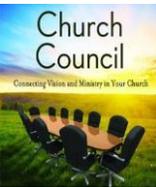
## Outdoor Church Services

Outdoor Church Services are scheduled for Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Social distancing will be practiced with the use of masks and sitting 6 feet apart.



## Virtual VBS – July 20-24<sup>th</sup>

Registration is open for our new VIRTUAL VBS! While it may not be our traditional VBS program, it will be INTERACTIVE and FUN! All materials are FREE of charge. Registration is needed by July 6<sup>th</sup>. Please check [stPaulsUpperco.org](http://stPaulsUpperco.org) for more info.



## Council Meetings

The upcoming council meetings are July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please give any topics for discussion to Suzi Lyons before these dates.



## Bible Study

Bible Study will take a break over the summer and will resume in September.

# Celebrations!

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jamie DuBois
- 4 Jackson Armacost
- 10 Madison Baber
- 12 Selena Howard
- 16 Louisa Neuheisel
- 19 Samuel Jones
- 24 John Eichler

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 Rob & Denise Holtz
- 26 Tim & Denise McGee
- 30 John & Carolyn Eichler



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carrie Moore
- 8 Cheyenne Kelly
- 15 Patti Graff
- 15 Payton Kelly
- 17 Susan Fleming
- 17 Steve Utz
- 22 Rachel Mountcastle
- 23 Sara Moore
- 24 Kelly Mountcastle
- 24 Clara Neuheisel
- 26 Peter Meadowcroft

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries

# Worshipping Together...Virtually



- **Sunday Worship (pre-recorded video)**
  - [St Paul's YouTube](#) - turn on closed captioning if you have trouble hearing (click on the 'cc' on the bottom of the video window when the video starts).
    - [View past sermons on YouTube](#)
  - [St. Paul's webpage](#)
  - [St. Paul's Facebook page](#) (be sure to 'Like')

- **Sunday Coffee Hour & Fellowship (Live Sundays at 10am)**

Coffee and Conversation via Zoom will continue at least until July 19<sup>th</sup>. Watch your email for more upcoming details.

Zoom is free and easy for you to use. Just click on the link sent to your email at 10am Sunday morning, and you will be joined in the Fellowship Gathering with your Church Family. Click on/off Video and click on 'join audio' (lower left corner of the window).



## Return to in Person Worship Planning

**Great news St. Paul's! We are almost ready to gather for worship again; first outdoors, then eventually, indoors.**

For a while, it's going to look very different from the worship service we left back in March, but we are excited to take these first steps toward resuming the in-person worship experience we have been missing.

Our Return to in Person Worship committee has carefully considered Synod and Government guidelines with worshiper safety as our primary concern. As a result, we will have our **first "outdoor" in person worship service on July 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00am and held at our pavilion area.** Please watch for further details of the guidelines that have been approved by our Church Council. We look forward to seeing you on July 19th!



# Fundraisers

## Outreach Is Collecting Stamps

Thank-you to those who are collecting cancelled stamps for the Cross Keys Village.



They started their Stamp Group in 1981 and it's still going strong with 30-40 volunteers. Their mission is to provide fellowship, therapy and purpose to their day.

Over the years, their efforts have purchased many items including an underwater treadmill, various types of wheelchairs, hand chimes, defibrillator, the list goes on and on.

Please continue to bring in your cancelled stamps so the Stamp Group can continue their projects. Ask your friends and businesses to save them too! If you would like further information, contact Suzi.

Great for Outdoor  
Social Distance  
Parties!

**Reserve Now!**

for only \$100

Conveniently located off Rt 30

15773 Dover Rd  
Upperco, MD 21155

Park is about two acres and consists mostly of lawn and mature trees. The pavilion is 36' x 60' with concrete floor and wood arch roof. There are ten 8' picnic tables made of galvanized metal and PT wood. The pavilion will hold 100 people.



Everything you need  
for a great event !

- \* Covered Pavilion
- \* Picnic Tables
- \* Grill
- \* Lawn Space
- \* Playground
- \* Portable Bathrooms
- \* On-site Parking

410-239-3456 - Pavilion@stpaulsupperco.org

# Flea Market News

## 2020 Flea Market Calendar

July 18, 2020 \* August 15, 2020 \* September 19, 2020 \* October 17, 2020

Cost: \$ 25.00 Lawn space, Pavilion space \$30.00  
(No Rain Date – Non-Refundable – Non Transferable)

Time: 8 AM – 2 PM

*To reserve your space, send a completed application form along  
with your check to:*

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Attn: Flea Market  
15773 Dover Rd, Upperco, MD 21155



Download an application for a space reservation at: <http://stpaulsupperco.org/flea-market/>

Phone: 410-526-7598

Email: [fleamarket@stpaulsupperco.org](mailto:fleamarket@stpaulsupperco.org)

## Calling All Youth!

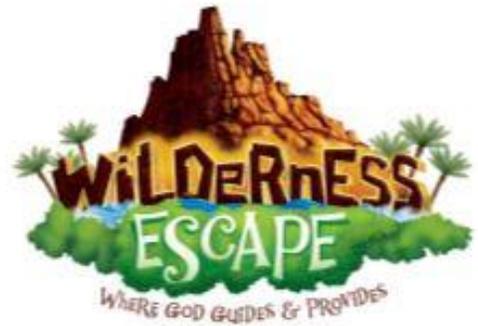
We are looking for new things we can do together. Please let us know of any ideas you might have - we are open to trying other things virtually.

YOU could even "host" a virtual activity—we will help you!

Contact [Rachel.murphy@hotmail.com](mailto:Rachel.murphy@hotmail.com) or call/text: 410-259-8861  
with any ideas.

# VBS Begins July 20-24<sup>th</sup>

## St Paul's Lutheran Church **Virtual** Vacation Bible School



### WHO:

Families with kids ages Pre-K to Grade 5

### WHAT:

A free online and interactive VBS to learn about Moses and the Israelites journey in the desert.

Fun activities including music, storytime, crafts and games EVERY DAY!

All materials provided.

### HOW:

Register now—while supplies last! Go to [www.StPaulsUpperco.org](http://www.StPaulsUpperco.org) for registration form and more information.

Any questions, email [VBS@StPaulsUpperco.org](mailto:VBS@StPaulsUpperco.org).

### WHEN:

VBS videos posted each morning Monday July 20 - July 24.  
(remains available online thru August)

### MEET MOSES AND PICK UP YOUR MATERIALS!

Church parking lot on Thursday, July 16 from 6-7pm  
or Friday, July 17 from 3-4pm

*\*Let us know if you cannot pick up on either of these dates\**



# Youth Group Paint Night

With the COVID pandemic going on, we have been trying new ways to keep connected and still have fun. Our new Virtual Youth Group Paint Nights have been a big success! Supplies are provided free through non-contact drop-offs to their house, and then we meet & paint together via Zoom.

Here are some paintings that were created:

Thanks to all those that participated!



Pic of Zoom on June 19 Paint Night



Pic of Zoom on May 18 Paint Night

# Thank You!



I can't thank you all enough for helping to make Nathan & Joey's birthday so special with a drive by birthday parade. You all went above and beyond and they really had a great day!



Ashley & Rachel Mountcastle thank you for your generosity and support for their NESAP-Humane Society Food Drive to help others in the community and those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.



# MLR at Home Begins July 5<sup>th</sup>



The staff at Mar-Lu-Ridge have been working hard the last few weeks to put together some awesome videos and activities for you to do at home with your families this summer!

We are trying our best to keep the materials needed for activities limited, so that as many people as possible are able to participate.

With that in mind, there are a few things that you may want to have on-hand to fully enjoy the activities coming your way beginning July 5th! Of course, none of these materials are required, and you can definitely still participate if you don't have all materials.

We encourage creativity and adaptability!

- Construction paper in assorted colors
- Markers/coloring utensils
- Scissors
- Yarn/colorful string
- Recycled plastic water bottles
- Tape and/or glue
- Washable paint in assorted colors
- Large sheets of paper or large paper grocery bags
- Gimp/lanyard material
- Toilet paper/paper towel rolls
- Nut butter/Crisco
- Bird seed
- Marshmallows
- Toothpicks/skewers
- Plastic/paper stackable cups
- Cookies of your choosing

*These videos will be available on MLR website beginning July 5<sup>th</sup>*

Also beginning July 5<sup>th</sup>, we invite you all to join us for worship each Sunday and Thursday evening on Facebook. You'll see our summer staff and volunteer pastors joining together in joyful worship for our community.

# In-Person Worship Begins July 19<sup>th</sup>

Following current advice from the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Baltimore County, and CDC COVID guidelines for Gradual Return to Worship, St Paul's Lutheran Church, with an abundance of precaution and safety measures, will start Sunday outdoor worship services at the Pavilion, on Sunday, July 19 at 9 am. Please keep in mind that based on the evolving guidance and concerns as COVID continues to be monitored, these safety measures could change accordingly.

We ask that you not come to the in person service, if you have any signs of illness or have been recently exposed to a COVID positive person, or are considered to be at a higher risk for severe illness.

Please review this video <https://youtu.be/Swf0dgDv3ZQ> prior to attending outdoor worship.

Precautionary measures for the return to gathering for your safety:

*Please wear a mask and practice social distancing at all times.*

## **For outdoor worship:**

- Please assess yourself for any signs of illness prior to leaving your home.
- Please stay home if you have any signs of illness (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.)
- If the service is cancelled due to inclement weather, we will not hold service that day but will have virtual worship for online viewing on Sunday afternoon.
- We will have a check-in person perform a brief temperature check as you arrive. If you have a temperature of 100.4 or above, we kindly ask you to refrain from in person worship that day. Your temperature check will not be documented.
- Please wear a mask and you will be directed to sit at the picnic tables which will be set up and marked for social distance seating or bring a lawn chair to sit socially distanced in the grass area. Families may sit together.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Bulletins will be emailed to you prior to the service for you to print, if desired.
- We plan to implement a **no contact** communion and offering.
- We will be taking attendance of all who attend each week, so we can be prepared if we have to implement contact tracing at any time.
- We will have a speaker system in place.
- At this point in time, it is requested to use the church bathroom for emergencies only. The porta pots may be used "at your own risk".

We will continue to provide virtual worship services which will be available to view later in the day on Sundays at <http://stpaulsupperco.org> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOvnEf8eHah01BMJZlYrQ>.  
You may choose what is best for you, your health, your risk level, and your family.

***Immediately contact the church if you test positive for COVID after recently attending a service, so we may implement steps for rapid contact tracing.***

**As we prepare to move indoors in the Fall**, we will send out updated guidelines for indoor worship.

**Other safety measures for the church building are being implemented** for the safety and wellness of those who enter at any appointed time.

- Those who enter will have their names and date/time of visit documented.
- The church has implemented an increased frequency of disinfection and cleaning measures.
- Disinfection supplies and hand sanitizer will be available in various areas in the church.
- Seat cushions, bibles and hymnals have been removed from the pews.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Council president Suzi Lyons at [president@stpaulsupperco.org](mailto:president@stpaulsupperco.org) or 443-375-2424.

# Those in Need of Prayer



**Members:** Helen, Mark, Calvin & Mary, Hazel, Ruth, Jen, Maidie, Vivian, Colton, Bud, Carolyn & John, Carliana, Shriver, Andy, Hannah, Denise, Glenys, Matthew, Nadine, Moore family, Neuheisel family, family & friends of Shirley, Gene, and all homebound members.

**Family & Friends:** Jerry, Carol & Carroll, Bernie & Chris, Nunan Family, Mike, Chuck, Darlene, Frank, Erin, Clyde, Kary, Gloria, Jim & Barbara, Kevin, Jack & Elinor, Liz, Heidi, Peggy, Laura, Bruce & Jamie, Karen, Caroline, Sonia, Addison, Patty, Chuck, those facing job loss, and those in broken relationships.

**PRAYER:** We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. Shed his healing light on those for whom we pray. Bring into the fullness of your light all who live in the darkness of doubt, fear and hopelessness. Let the fullness of day break into all of our lives but especially those who need it most. AMEN

## A Fond Farewell.....

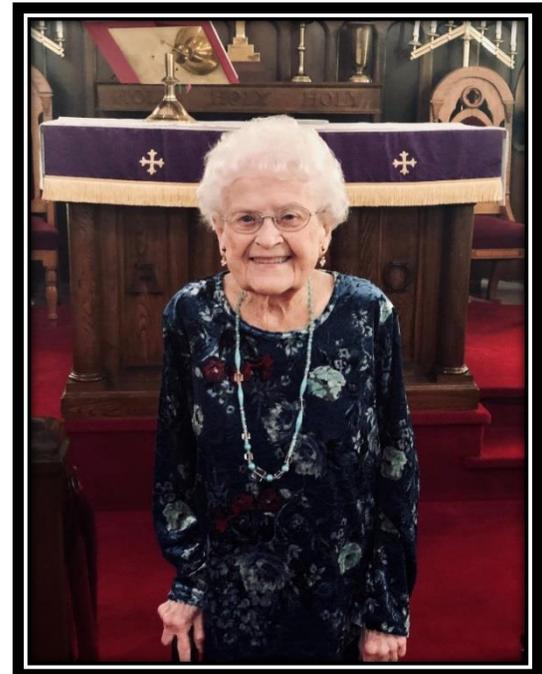
On June 24<sup>th</sup> Shirley Jane Stratton peacefully left the care of her attentive family for the arms of her God and Savior.

Shirley was born in Philadelphia and followed husband's employment with the B&O Railroad to Baltimore and west as far as Chicago and eventually back to Baltimore.

Shirley and her husband Bill became a part of the St Paul's family in April 2003. In the years that followed our congregation was enriched over and over by the generosity and spirit of Bill and Shirley.

Together they sang in the choir and volunteered in the outreach of NESAP. Bill served as Council President and as an Assisting Minister.

I first met Shirley at the Christmas bazaar table and later the bake table at my first bingo event at St Paul's... Along with keeping the candy and bazaar crafts going, she had participated in outreach and making sandwiches.



I will always remember Shirley for her persistent smile, her incredibly faithful family, and her kind spirit.

Pastor Carl



# July 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
						Happy 4th of July
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship via YouTube Coffee & Conversation via Zoom – 10am						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship via YouTube Coffee & Conversation via Zoom – 10am 2nd Offering - CLV			TAXES		See Moses & safe pick up VBS materials - 3-4 pm	Flea Market 8:00am – 2:00pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00am – Outdoor Worship	9am - Virtual VBS WILDERNESS ESCAPE	9am - Virtual VBS WILDERNESS ESCAPE Council Meeting – 7:00p m	9am - Virtual VBS WILDERNESS ESCAPE	9am - Virtual VBS WILDERNESS ESCAPE	9am - Virtual VBS WILDERNESS ESCAPE	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00am – Outdoor Worship						



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