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“From the Pastor”

I am writing this on November 1... That is late for the November - December Newsletter. But even at this point there are too many questions about the pandemic and its effects to allow serious scheduling for the months ahead. It is an important season in all of our lives. From Thanksgiving thru Christmas... from “Come, you thankful People Come” thru “Silent Night”. All of us look forward to family and community. But it is at this point hard to say what the next several months will allow. I ask you to be careful, to pray, and to keep St. Paul’s community in your hearts.

I know now, that long held activities of holiday observation for Karen and I will be at least put on hold... the big family gatherings will be set aside. They just are not smart as the COVID infection rate is on the rise. And every study seems to suggest that the rates are not going to quickly turn around. As much as I hope that a year from now the worst of this will be predictably over, I hope that the traditions that have been an important part of my life will be possible again. At the same time I pray for you and your families as well as our nation and world. I pray for health and hope, for faith and faithfulness, and finally for the blessings upon all by the light of God’s Love.

Almost the only thing that I can be sure of is that there will be a congregational meeting on November 8. This will mark term ends for several parish council members and officers who have seen us through some complicated challenges. I am grateful for their diligence and consistent leadership. Fortunately the vacancies look to be filled by capable and committed members. I ask you to support them in a season that is sure to present challenges.

More than occasionally I am asked about the efforts to move toward a future that will involve some form of shared ministry. Progress on that journey is one more of the things which came to a halt when the pandemic stopped all meetings. It appears that we will remain stalled until progress with the pandemic makes it possible to look more clearly at the possibilities and challenges. In the meantime discussions continue...

Pastor Carl Myers

Newsletter submissions
are due the 15th of each
month
Please send submissions to
lori@stpaulsupperco.org.

Church News



Sunday Worship Videos

If you are unable to join us Sunday morning, please continue to worship with us on Sunday afternoons by watching our Sunday Worship recorded video at www.stPaulsUpperco.org.



Indoor Church Services

Indoor Church Services are held on Sundays at 9am. Social distancing is practiced with the use of masks and sitting 6 feet apart.



Daylight Saving Time ends

Sunday, November 1st

Turn back your clocks one hour.



Confirmation Class

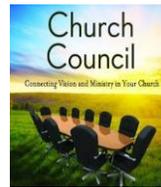
Confirmation class will be held virtually via Zoom on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm.



Election Day

Tuesday, November 3rd

Be sure to vote.



Council Meetings

The upcoming council meetings are November 17th and December 15th at 7:00pm. Please give any topics for discussion to a Council member before these dates.



Sunday, November 8th, Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after Sunday worship. Please attend if you are able.



children's program

Christmas Program Sunday, December 20th

The Sunday school has been attending virtual classes on the first and third Sundays, for the past two months. The elementary students are learning sign language for a Christmas play. The play, "The Friendly Beasts", will be a video.



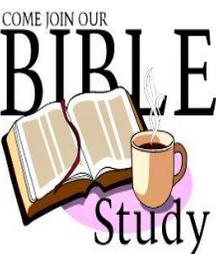
Sunday School via Zoom

Join us for Sunday school every 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10:30 via zoom. Watch your email for the zoom link. Please contact the church office if you are not receiving the link and would like to.



Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th at 4:30pm and 9pm. Please note that this is contingent on how COVID levels are.



Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study will be held on November 10th & 24th and December 8th & 22nd at 7:00 pm. We will discuss the Lectionary Readings that were not discussed in the sermon for the previous Sunday.



New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31st

Happy New Year!

Celebrations!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jordan Brown
- 7 Mike Armacost
- 12 Jack Schunk
- 23 Benjamin Baber
- 29 Rick Jones

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Ray and Laura Grabowski



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Brianna Murphy
- 11 Charles Baber
- 11 Luke Meadowcroft
- 20 Sebastian Litz
- 24 Nadine McGee

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Calvin & Mary Armacost
- 12 Shannon & Rachel Murphy
- 29 Steve & Selena Howard

Those in Need of Prayer

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

Family & Friends: Jerry, Bernie & Chris, Nunan Family, Mike, Darlene, Frank, Erin, Clyde, Kary, Jim & Barbara, Kevin, Jack & Elinor, Liz, Heidi, Peggy, Laura, Bruce & Jamie, Karen, Caroline, Sonia, Addison, Shirley, the Davenport family, 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.



Worshiping Together



- **Sunday Indoor Worship**
 - 9:00am in the Church – social distancing & safety required
- **Sunday School via Zoom**
 - 10:30am every 1st & 3rd Sundays
- **Sunday Worship (recorded video – available Sunday afternoon)**
 - [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](#)

Return to In-Person, Indoor Worship Details

We are now holding worship indoors! Here is what you can expect when you come to keep everyone safe:

- * Entry to the church will ONLY be up the ramp and into the overflow room.
- * Face coverings will be required inside the building at all times for those 3 years old and above.
- * Social distancing of at least 6 feet will be required.
- * There will be a “check-in” table for your attendance, temperature check and offering. Spare face masks and hand sanitizer will be available there.
- * Bulletins will be emailed prior to each service. We'll have a few printed ones available.
- * Seating will be ushered back to front in alternating pews beginning on the east side. (near the railroad tracks) Dismissal will be front to back and out the overflow room doors for the west side. The east side will be dismissed back to front through the front doors.
- * Families may sit together in groups.
- * There will be no hymnals or any other materials in the pews and pew cushions have been removed.
- * There will be no child care or activity bags provided.



- * Only 1 person at a time will be allowed in the basement primarily for restroom use. Please go before you come!
- * Quiet singing and/or humming will be allowed behind your mask.
- * Communion will continue to be prepared and served in the same manner as our outdoor services.
- * The church will be thoroughly cleaned before and after each service.

If you have a fever, are not feeling well, have pre-existing health concerns, or are not yet comfortable to worship indoors, please stay home and take advantage of our [continued on-line recorded worship services](#).

Council-elect Candidates

Installation of Council Members

Please join us on Sunday, November 15th for the installation of the council-elect candidates.



- Carol Hunt – President
- Carol Hilgartner – Treasurer
- Madison Baber – Secretary
- Susan Fleming – second term
- Mary Neuheisel – new council member

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will be held virtually on Zoom and in-person at St. Paul's Church on **Sunday, November 8th immediately following the church service**. The Zoom link will be emailed to the congregation one week prior to the meeting.

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- Approval of Minutes
- Report of the Nominating Committee and Conduct of Elections
- Reports of Officers and Standing Committees
- Reports of Special Committees
 - Presentation of 2021 budget
- Unfinished Business
- New Business



In the event of a cancellation on November 8th, the congregation will meet Sunday on November 15th.

Thank You!



MEN'S CLOTHING DRIVE

Thank you to everyone that donated to the clothing drive for the migrant workers at Baugher's Market. Everything was graciously received and certainly appreciated.

Fundraisers

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection 2020



Shoebox season is underway!

If you are interested in filling a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child - there are two options this year - Build your own shoebox, or build a shoebox online.

To virtually build a shoebox for \$25:

1. Click this link to get started:

https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/?utm_source=buildonline&utm_medium=direct&ver=1.2

2. Follow the prompts

To Pack Your Own Shoebox:

1. Pick up a shoebox at church after October 31st and return the shoebox by November 22nd.
2. Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2- 4, 5-9, or 10-14.
3. Select a medium to large "wow" item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.
4. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.
5. Donate \$9 online and receive a tracking label to Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your shoebox gift, or, include a \$9 check in your box
6. More details will be with your box.

DO NOT INCLUDE: toothpaste, candy, or liquid items, including paint, glue, glitter balls, lip gloss

More questions?: Contact Sandy Baber

Youth News

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT - Wreaths Across America



The deadline for Wreaths Across America sponsorships has been extended to November 13th.

Consider making a donation and supporting our youth. See flyer below.

The Youth groups of Immanuel and St Paul's are leading our project, Wreaths Across America [WAA] in December. Coordinating with Babylon Vaults-New Windsor, Immanuel is hosting this national event.

We invite everyone to join us for the ceremony at 12 noon on December 19th (National Wreaths Across America Day) at Immanuel Cemetery in Manchester.

Mobile Education Exhibit

The Mobile Education Exhibit represents the TEACH pillar of the WAA mission, sharing information about the veterans and how everyone, including the next generation, can play a part in remembering and honoring them.

Plan on taking a free tour of the Mobile Education Exhibit (COVID-compliant!) and learn more about the Wreaths Across America mission!

- Friday, November 6, Lowe's of Westminster - 9am-5pm
- Saturday, November 7, Babylon Vault Company, Westminster - 9am-5pm
 - Special Welcome Home Pinning Ceremony for Vietnam Veterans at 11am
- Sunday, November 8, Mt. Airy Carnival Grounds - 9am-5pm

About Wreaths Across America



Our mission to *Remember, Honor and Teach.*

While we have Veterans Day in the fall and Memorial Day in the spring, our servicemen and women sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year, to preserve our freedoms.

All throughout the year, Wreaths Across America works in a number of ways to show our veterans and their families that we will not forget —we will never forget.

Check the website to see the many ways we *Remember* and *Honor* our veterans, and *Teach* the next generation to do the same. www.wreathscrossamerica.org

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

The combined Youth Group of St Paul's and Immanuel Church ask that you sponsor a wreath!

With the assistance of Babylon Vaults and various local civic groups, we will place 300 wreaths on the graves of veterans. We invite everyone to join us for the ceremony at **12noon on December 19th** (National Wreaths Across America Day) at Immanuel Cemetery in Manchester.

Each wreath sponsorship is only \$15.

To ensure sponsorship gets credited to our cemetery, please do one of the following two options:

- (1) mail
 - *make checks payable to 'Wreaths Across America'
 - *write on the memo line on your check: **Group #MD0316 and Cemetery ID #MDIMAN**
 - *mail checks to *Babylon Vault Company · 925 Wakefield Valley Rd · New Windsor, MD 21776*
- (2) online
 - *use THIS link: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/164670/Overview/?relatedId=0>
 - *click on "Sponsor Wreaths"

Please submit your sponsorship ASAP.

Many different people, factors, and processes are completed to make this event successful.

Wreath sponsorship needed by November 13th



Please help us color all the stars on the wreath to meet our goal!
One star = 10 sponsored wreaths

Mar-Lu-Ridge



Upcoming Events

All events will operate in accordance with our COVID safety practices.

Please note that some events may require advance registration to help us ensure safety measures for all.

Giving Thanks Auction: November 19-22

We hope you'll join us for our very first online auction the week before Thanksgiving. We will be auctioning handmade crafts, MLR goodie bags, and more!

Check the website for more information:

<https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/2020/08/25/giving-thanks-auction-november-16-22/>

*If you are interested in donating handmade items for auctioning, please contact the office (301-874-5544)

Advent Family Gathering & Bake Sale: December 6

Join us on Sunday, December 6th for an afternoon of fellowship, wreath-making, and Christmas spirit! An order form for holiday baked goods provided by our very own Paulette Harvey will be available this fall. Please note that we are requiring advance registration this year, to maintain social distancing and safety measures.

Register today to let us know you'll be joining us!

1:00-4:00p.m. in Agape Hall

\$10/adult

\$7/youth age 3-14

Under 3 free

Please bring wreath frames and floral wire if you have them, we will have limited supplies available. Other crafts will be available as well. A light meal will be provided.

Fall Family Camping

We are thrilled to announce that we will be remaining open to family-unit camping through the fall season! First night \$100, additional nights \$75. Check out our FAQ (<https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/fall-2020-camping-info.pdf>) for more information, and call to reserve a spot today! 301-874-5544

Summer Camp 2021

We are still working on this. Check the website after December 1st for more info about 2021 Summer programs, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
All Saints' Day 9:00am – Worship 10:30am – Virtual Sunday School <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i>		Election Day 				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00am – Worship 2nd Offering, F&HFH Annual Congregational Meeting		Adult Bible Study 7:00pm				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:00am – Worship 10:30am – Virtual Sunday School Installation of Council Members		Council Meeting - 7:00pm 				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:00am – Worship		Adult Bible Study 7:00pm				
29	30					
First Sunday of Advent 9:00am – Worship 10:30am – Virtual Sunday School						



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
				1		2		3		4		5	
	6		7		8		9		10		11		12
9:00am – Worship <i>Food Collection</i>				Adult Bible Study 7:00pm									
	13		14		15		16		17		18		19
9:00am – Worship <i>2nd Offering, St. Dymas</i> 10:30am – Virtual Sunday School				 7:00pm – Council Meeting									
	20		21		22		23		24		25		26
9:00am – Worship Christmas Program Video Posted on YouTube				Adult Bible Study 7:00pm				Christmas Eve Services – 4:30pm Christmas Eve Services – 9:00pm					
	27		28		29		30		31				
9:00am – Worship 10:30am – Virtual Sunday School								New Year's Eve 					

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Council Directory			Council Committee Representatives	
PRESIDENT	Suzi Lyons		CEMETERY	Maidie Brown
VICE PRESIDENT	John Kelly		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	Susan Fleming
SECRETARY	Laura Grabowski		EVANGELISM	Laura Grabowski
TREASURER	Carol Hilgartner		FINANCE	Suzi Lyons
MEMBER	Sandy Baber		FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Charles Baber
MEMBER	Susan Fleming		FLEA MARKET	Carol Hilgartner
MEMBER	Bob Martin		HISTORIANS	Suzi Lyons
MEMBER	Brad Mountcastle		HOSPITALITY	Sandy Baber
MEMBER	Rachel Murphy		MUSIC & WORSHIP	Susan Fleming
			OUTREACH	John Kelly
		PARK	Susan Fleming	
		PROPERTY	Rachel Murphy	
		SHEPHERDS	Laura Grabowski	
		STEWARDSHIP	John Kelly	
		YOUTH	Bob Martin	
			Sandy Baber	
			John Kelly	