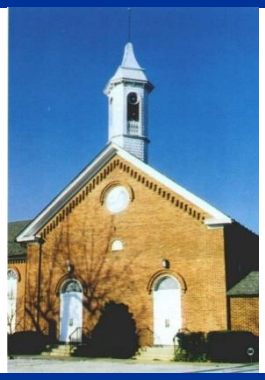

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"From the Pastor"

The world around us views the months ahead as a season of fun beginning with Halloween and ending with New Year's Eve. Clothed in costumes of bizarre creatures and Ole St Nick…. with lawns decorated with ghosts and blow-up cartoon characters…. Powered by advertisements for sales that are viewed as the engine of an economy tangled up in supply problems that may (or may not) not be untangled for the next holiday season.

Against that background on All Saints Sunday we will welcome six confirmands by the rite of Confirmation or its newer name "The Rite of Affirmation of Baptism". We will celebrate with our fellow countrymen Thanksgiving for the blessings of plenty that we too often overlook. We will look with Christians around the world for the Advent of the Savior who promises deliverance for the small and weak. And finally, we will rejoice at the birth of a child who brings that promise to all who will see in it the light of the face of God's love and grace.

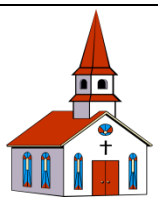
I wonder where you will find your Hope this holiday season. Will it be the glitz of bright lights and ever more fancy toys and appliances? Or will you be able to pause in the midst of cultural demands to pause… to give thanks for the promise of peace, of resurrection, of plenty, and finally the reality that God has come among us that we may see the light of Divinity.

A blessed holiday to lift you and yours,

Pr. Carl Myers

Church News

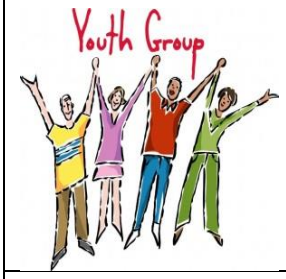
Church Services
Church Services are held on Sundays at 9am, in the sanctuary. Masks are optional, but we encourage anyone not fully vaccinated to wear a mask.



Sunday Worship Videos
Visit our Sunday Worship recorded videos: www.stPaulsUpperco.org. New videos are posted on Sunday afternoons.

Sunday School
Come join us on Sunday mornings at 10am for fun and fellowship.

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



Combined Youth Group
Come join us on the 2nd Friday evening each month at Immanuel Church. November 12th, we will be doing a Community Service Project.

Council Meetings
The upcoming council meetings are November 16th and December 21st at 7:00pm. Please give any topics for discussion to a Council member before these dates.

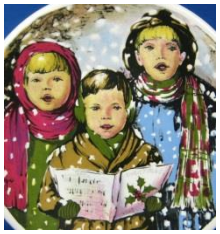
Sunday, November 14th, Annual Congregational Meeting
Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after Sunday worship. Please attend if you are able.

Christmas Program
Sunday, December 19th
Our Youth will be presenting a Christmas play during worship. Come and join us for this special worship.

Thaksgiving Day, November 25th

Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

Christmas Eve Service
Tursday, December 24th at 4:30pm and 9:00pm.



Christmas Caroling in the Pavilion
Join us for Christmas Caroling in the pavilion on Dec 19th at 3:30 pm. We will sing carols, have fellowship, and have warm drinks and cookies.

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31st

Happy New Year!

Worshiping Together

Please Join Us....

In-Person Worship

9:00am in the Sanctuary

Masks are optional, but for the safety of our most vulnerable, we encourage anyone not fully a mask.

Recorded Worship Video

St Paul's YouTube
St. Paul's webpage
St. Paul's Facebook page

Sunday School

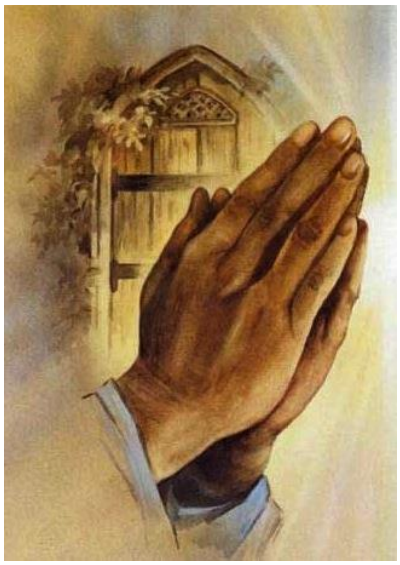
10:00am after Worship

Those in Need of Prayer

Members: Mark, Calvin, Jen, Maidie, Vivian, Colton, Bud, Carolyn & John, Carliana, Shriver, Andy, Hannah, Denise, Glenys, Matthew, Nadine, Peter, Moore family, Neuheisel family, Gene, Katie, Leon, Bri, Tom, and all homebound members.

Family & Friends: Family & Friends: Jerry, Bernie & Chris, Nunan Family, Frank, Erin, Kary, Jim & Barbara, Kevin, Jack & Elinor, Liz, Heidi, Peggy, Laura, Bruce & Jamie, Karen, Caroline, Sonia, Ashlee, Andrea & Cotey, Julie, Sherri, Katie, Marilynne, Torie, Bob, Velvia, Karla, 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.



Lets Shine the Spotlight

MATTHEW MOORE WINS AT JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Matthew won several medals at the Junior Olympics AAU National Championship in North Caroline. He is a Long distance runner and pole vaulted at 7'6".

He also place 1st and 2nd place at a Regional Meet! Congratulations Matthew! Way to go!

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
23 John Kelly, Jr.
24 Nadine McGee

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12 Shannon & Rachel Murphy
29 Steve & Selena Howard

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who work so hard to give us a wonderful Trunk-or-Treat Event.

A big shout-out to the Flea Market Team that gave us another successful flea market season. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to this annual fundraiser!!

Rent Our Pavilion

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.

www.StPaulsUpperco.org
410-239-3456 - Pavilion@stpaulsupperco.org

Everything you need for a great event !

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

Congregational Meeting

The is a Congregational Meeting on November 14th immediately following worship.

Afterwards, there will be a soup & sandwich lunch hosted by the Gathering youth.

Carry out will also be available.

A freewill offering is being collected to help defray the cost of the 2022 Youth Gathering.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

Two options this year - Build your own shoebox, or, virtually build a shoebox.

To Virtually Build a Shoebox: for $25, click this link to get started: https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/

How to Pack Your Own Shoebox:

1. Pick up a shoebox at church starting October 31st and return the shoebox by November 21st. Or, pack your own shoebox.
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.

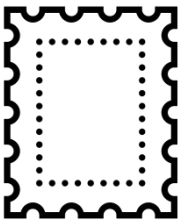
DO NOT INCLUDE: toothpaste, candy, or liquid items, including paint, glue, glitter balls, lip gloss.

More questions? Contact Sandy Baber

Outreach

Maidie & Suzi toured Shepherd's Staff in Westminster and found they have a "Blessings Closet". This area is filled with personal hygiene items, as well as, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, paper supplies, etc.
Their clients are allowed to visit the Blessings Closet no more than 3 times a week and allowed a certain number of items each visit. We went shopping and made a very nice donation to this effort.

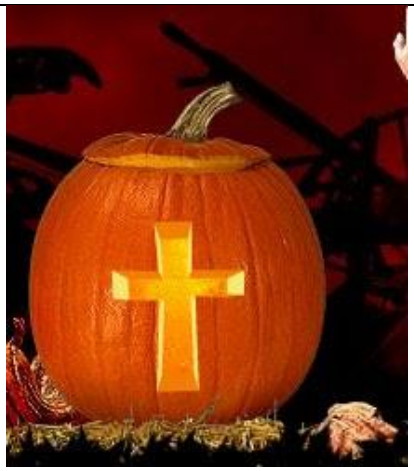
Please continue collecting cancelled stamps for Cross Keys Village to help them purchase a community vehicle; another delivery to be made shortly.



Please also continue saving old eye glasses and sunglasses. These will be collected next month for the Lions Club.

Trunk-or-Treat

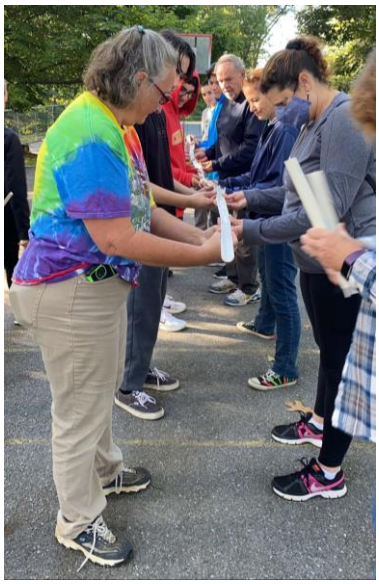
Everyone had a great time at our Trunk-or-Treat on October 31st. Thanks to everyone who decroated a trunk and came out and enjpyed the day with us!

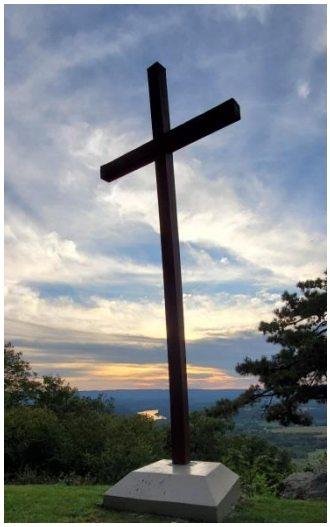


Mar-Lu-Ridge Retreat

The first weekend in October we were blessed with beautiful weather for our retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge.

We enjoyed hiking, challenge courses, fellowship, games, beautiful sunsets, and Mr. Tim's cooking. But, the best part was being together!





Combined Youth Events

We have a combination of fun activities and service projects.
We typically meet on the 2nd Friday evening each month at Immanuel Church.

- **November 12 -** Community Mini Golf service project
(prepare cold weather bags to be distributed at soup kitchen)

If you need a ride, please contact Rachel Murphy at rachel.murphy@hotmail.com.

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering

Registration is now open for the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering! The Gathering will take place in Minneapolis July 24-28, 2022 after being postponed in 2021.

We are very excited to have 11 youth from St Paul's attending! We have all worked very hard over the last three years to raise funds to pay for our trip, which costs approximately $1,000 per participant.

Please continue to support us as we plan additional fundraisers into 2022.

- We will host a soup & sandwich lunch after our annual congregational meeting on November 14. If you do not feel comfortable to stay and eat, please consider carryout.

- We will hold our annual Mario's Italian Restaurant, though it may be a carryout event - stay tuned.

- We also plan to again sell Gertrude Hawk Chocolates for Easter.

Thanks to all who have supported us, both monetarily and through prayer!

Advent Family Gathering

Mar-Lu-Ridge
Camp & Retreat Center

December 5, 1-4 p.m. - Agape Hall

Join us for crafts, wreath making, and a community meal and campfire – the perfect way to begin the Advent season!

Adults $10, ages 3-12 $7, under 3 free

Light meal and craft supplies included, bring your own wreath form.

Click here to register.

Email to *mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org* or call the office at *(301) 874-5544* to register.

Sunday School Calendar

Any questions or to sign up, please contact Ms. Susan at SusanF795@gmail.com or call/test 443-744-6511.

NOVEMBER 2021

Nov 7	10:15am	Sunday School Classes
Nov 12 Friday		Youth Group: Service Project (Prepare Cold Weather Bags)
Nov 14	10:15am	Fellowship Sunday Sunday School Group Activity -during Congregation meeting Introduce Christmas Play
Nov 21	10:15am	Sunday School Classes / Play Rehearsal
Nov 28	10:15am	Sunday School Classes / Play Rehearsal

DECEMBER 2021

Dec 5	10:15am	Sunday School Classes / Play Rehearsal
Dec 10 Friday		Youth Group Friday
Dec 12	9am	Christmas Play during Service
	10:15am	Fellowship Sunday
Dec 19	10:15am	Sunday School Classes
	TBD	Christmas Caroling / Potluck Dinner
Dec 24 Friday	4:30pm 9:00pm	Christmas Eve Services
Dec 26		Merry Christmas! (no SS classes)

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am – Worship 10am - Sunday School Confirmation Class – 7:00pm					 Community Service Project	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9am – Worship **Congregational Meeting after Worship** *2nd Offering – Farmer& Hunter* Confirmation Class -- 7:00pm		 Church Council – 7:00pm				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9am – Worship **Installation of council members** 10am - Sunday School Confirmation Class – 7:00pm						
28	29	30				
First Sunday of Advent 9am – Worship 10am - Sunday School Confirmation Class – 7:00pm						

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am – Worship 10am - Sunday School Confirmation Class – 7:00pm					 Joint Youth Group	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am – Worship 10am - Fellowship *2nd Offering – St. Dysmus* Confirmation Class – 7:00pm						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9am – Worship Christmas Program 10am - Sunday School Christmas Caroling in the Pavilion – 3:30pm		 Council Meeting – 7:00pm			 Worship - 4:30pm Worship - 9:00pm	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9am – Worship 10am - Sunday School						

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Council Directory	
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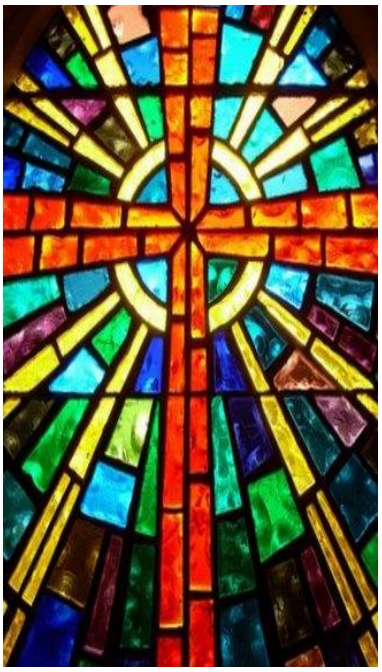
VICE PRESIDENT	Susan Fleming
SECRETARY	Madison Baber
TREASURER	Carol Hilgartner
MEMBER	John Kelly
MEMBER	Bob Martin
MEMBER	Brad Mountcastle
MEMBER	Rachel Murphy
MEMBER	Mary Caine



Council Committee Representatives	
CEMETERY	Maidie Brown
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	Susan Fleming
EVANGELISM/ FELLOWSHIP	Bob Martin
FINANCE	Carol Hunt Brad Mountcastle
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Charles Baber
FLEA MARKET	Carol Hilgartner Suzi Lyons
HISTORIANS	Susan Fleming Carol Hunt
HOSPITALITY	John Kelly Susan Fleming
MUSIC & WORSHIP	Mary Caine
OUTREACH	Mary Caine
PARK	Bob Martin Brad Mountcastle
PROPERTY	Susan Fleming Bob Martin
SHEPHERDS	Rachel Murphy
STEWARDSHIP	Brad Mountcastle Mary Caine
YOUTH/CHRISTIAN ED	Madison Baber Rachel Murphy