

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 8, 2012

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."
Hebrews 11:1*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT

PRELUDE "Open the Eyes of My Heart" / "Amazing Grace"
(We encourage you to use this as a time to prepare for worship)

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN "O Worship the King" Blue #104

GREET ONE ANOTHER

CHERUB CHOIR "Love is Patient and Kind"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN "Faith Is the Victory" Blue #727

PRAYER CARDS *(may be passed to the ushers at the end of the aisles)*

MORNING PRAYER

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir - "Rejoice With Exceeding Great Joy"

DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

MESSAGE *Extreme Faith* – "By Faith" Hebrews 11:1-2

CLOSING HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Blue #686

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "To God Be the Glory"

Check our website, www.stpaulsbrick.org for last week's message:
"It's a New Year"

OUR GREETERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES ARE:

9:00 AM Walt and Elise Musterer

10:45 AM Linda Zelek

ACOLYTES TODAY: Sydney Burton and Siobhan Predham

Child Care is provided for infants and toddlers to age 2 during the first service in the nursery (room2). Please ask an usher to direct you.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR for today's Services are
Given by the Members of Rebecca Circle



The new sign up chart for you to dedicate the flowers on the altar for dates in 2012 is now available. The flowers cost \$25.00. We ask that you please use the envelopes provided for your payment. We all enjoy fresh flowers at our services each Sunday, and encourage our members to remember their loved ones by dedicating a flower arrangement for them. Please remember you must make your payment in the envelopes provided so we can know who has paid. *We will not order flowers unless payment has been received and recorded in advance.*

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available. Please see an usher. Equipment is also available to assist you in hearing the services. If this would benefit you, please speak to an usher.

HELP US MINISTER TO YOU!

If you or anyone you know is ill or going into the hospital please call the Church office and let us know 732-458-2080.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

SUNDAY	1/8	9:00AM	TRADITIONAL SVC – SANCTUARY
		9:00	CHILDCARE – RM 1
		9:00	SUNDAY SCHOOL
		9:00	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
		10:45	CONTEMPORARY SVC – SANC
		10:45	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
		5:30PM	JR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
		8:00	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL
MON – FRI			BEFORE/AFTER CARE 7:30-9:30AM 12NOON – 6:00PM YOUTH ROOM
MONDAY	1/9	6:00PM	CUB SCOUT TIGERS – RM 10
		6:00	CUB SCOUT WOLVES – RM 8
		6:00	CUB SCOUT WOLVES – RM 7
		6:00	CUB SCOUT BEARS – RM 6
		6:30	SR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
		7:00	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAY	1/10	NOON	BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE
		NOON	REBECCA CIRCLE - LIBRARY
		6:00	CUB SCOUT WEBELOS – RM 6
		6:30	TROOP 33 LEADERS MEETING – STAFF LOUNGE
		7:00	MIRIAM CIRCLE - LIBRARY
		7:00	TROOP 33 – NORCROSS HALL
		7:30	SAFEPLACE – COUNSELING ROOM
WEDNESDAY	1/11	6:00AM	MENS BREAKFAST
		9:30	QUILTERS – YOUTH ROOM
		10:00	LADIES SHARE GROUP
		1:00PM	STAFF MEETING – LIBRARY
		4:30	CHERUB CHOIR (4 YRS OLD – 1ST GRADE)
		6:00PM	HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE
		6:00	VOLLEYBALL
		7:00	LYDIA CIRCLE - PENRODS
		7:30	PRAISE TEAM - SANCTUARY
THURSDAY	1/12	NOON	MEMORIAL SERVICE – EDITH BLIVEN
		6:45PM	FATHER & SON BASKETBALL – NORCROSS
		7:00	CAROL CHOIR (2ND GRADE - 5TH GRADE)
		7:00	CELEBRATION CHOIR (6TH – 12TH GRADE)
		7:00	BIBLE STUDY – LIBRARY
		8:00	CHANCEL CHOIR (10TH GRADE – ADULT)
FRIDAY	1/13	8:30AM	BULLETIN TEAM – LIB
		4:30PM	DAISY TROOP #102 – NURSERY
SATURDAY	1/14	7:00AM	MENS DISCIPLE – LIBRARY
		8:00	UMM PANCAKE BREAKFAST
		9:30	DIRECTORY PICTURES
		2:00PM	PACK 33 PINWOOD DERBY WORKSHOP
SUNDAY	1/15	9:00AM	TRADITIONAL SVC – SANCTUARY
		9:00	CHILDCARE – RM 1
		9:00	SUNDAY SCHOOL
		9:00	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
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		8:00	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL



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Communications

E-Mail Announcements and Prayer Requests

If you would like to be on the church e-mail list to receive announcements, reminders of upcoming events and prayer requests, e-mail your information to penrodt@Comcast.net.

Telephone Prayer Ministry

Nancy Penrod 732-458-7641 or church office 732-458-2080.

Circuit Rider

All Circuit Rider articles should be emailed to Nancy Penrod at penrodt@Comcast.net. If you do not have access to a computer you can drop it off in the office or call Nancy at 732 458-7641. All articles should be sent to Nancy by the 10th of the month prior to publication.

Bulletin Notices

All information to be included in the Bulletin is due to the church office by **Tuesday at Noon.**

If you have access to e-mail, please send your Bulletin announcement via e-mail to Office@Stpaulsbrick.org.

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RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

January 1, 2012

Worship Attendance Last Sunday	168
Membership	531
Sunday School	24

<u>Giving</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Mortgage Giving</u>
Received last Week	\$6,613	\$1,068
Needed per Week	\$9,918	
Christmas Eve	\$4,942	\$675
Christmas Eve Attendance		688
Christmas Envelope Offering to Date		\$14,461

The amount shown as **Received last Week** reports envelope and loose offerings and does not include other monies received. Needed per Week is the amount needed to meet the budget that was passed at the Church Conference.

MORTGAGE UPDATE:

Congregational giving for the month of December, 2011, designated towards our monthly mortgage payment, was \$6,833. The mortgage balance as of January 1, 2012 is \$1,046,335.45.

Administrative Board

The next Administrative Board meeting will be on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend

St. Paul's Youth Group

St. Paul's Youth Group meets on Sunday nights for Jr. High (6th-8th grades) from 5:30-7:30pm, and on Monday nights for Sr. High (9th-12th grades) from 6:30-8:30pm.

Sunday 1/8 — Jr. High Youth Group

Monday 1/9 — Sr. High Youth Group

Submit Your Pictures!

We will be putting together the new directory in January and we need your pictures. If you have a picture of an event related to St. Paul's UMC you can submit it to the office to be included in the new directory. You can email, bring in a flash drive or bring in a picture that we will copy. Pictures are needed by January 11, 2012. If you would like to help put the directory together please contact the office at 732-458-2080 and give your name to Janice.

Breakfast for the Homeless

On the third Friday of each month St. Paul's UMC provides a breakfast sandwich for approximately 60 homeless. We are running low on funds to continue this program. You can put a donation in the offering plate and write "Homeless Breakfast" on the envelope. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Kitchen Clean up

*Monday January 16, 2012
(Martin Luther King Jr. Day)*

@ 8:00 am until Noon

If you can help please

Call Dave C. 732-458-4579

Food Pantry Needs

Many people have been coming in during the month of October and November as food stamps have been delayed. We are **very low** on many items due to the demand for food baskets. Listed below are the items most needed but just about any non-perishable is appreciated:



**Canned Fruit, Juice, Chili, Stew, Hash, Tea, Coffee and Cocoa,
Pancake mix and Syrup, Soup (we have none left!), Jelly**

Please leave all donations in the round tub by the mailboxes outside the Narthex. Thank you for all you do.

Commitment Reminder

We recently sent out letters asking the congregation to prayerfully consider their contribution to the ministries of St. Paul's. The Commitments are for the Unified budget of the church and the Mortgage Fund. **We appreciate all who have filled out and returned their Commitment card and encourage everyone who has not returned a card to do so now.** We ask that everyone please fill out a Commitment card so that we may more accurately determine what our income will be in 2012. The finance committee is determined to remain within our income without stifling the ministries and missions of the church. Thank you from the Finance Committee.

Thank You

Special thanks to all who made "The Polar Express" dinner and a movie such a success! Over 200 people attended and \$685 was raised for the Unified fund. Thank you to all who helped make this such a wonderful experience.

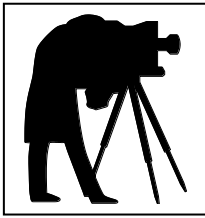
Financial Peace University Learn How to Get Out of Debt

FPU is BACK!!!! Financial Peace University is a 13 week course that teaches you how to get out of debt, stay out of debt, and financially plan for your future. More than one million families have attended Financial Peace University with amazing results. On average, these families paid off \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 in just the first 90days! Stop worrying about money, and start your journey to Financial Peace today. Classes will meet on Tuesdays night starting on February 7th at 7 pm. The cost is \$100 per family and includes all materials and a lifetime membership to the program. For more information please contact Stephanie McEwan at sjoymcewan@gmail.com. To sign up for the course fill out the form below or contact the church office.

I am interested in attending the FPU class starting February 7th.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____



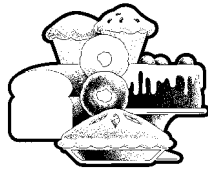
Get a Free Portrait and Help the Church!

LAST CHANCE!

Did you get your picture taken in November or are you signed up for January? If not you need to sign up right away so you do not miss this incredible offer!!!! You do not need to be a member to take advantage of this offer – everyone is welcome and encouraged to get their picture taken! Every family that has a picture taken will receive a \$25 credit towards the purchase of pictures. This is enough for a free 8x10 family portrait or a 5x7. Or you can use this credit towards the purchase of other portrait packages that will be available. Olin Mills has been doing the directories at St. Paul's UMC for many years and always does a fabulous job on your pictures. *The photographer recommends that you do not wear blue shirts as this will blend in with the background.*

The date the pictures will be taken are **January 14**. You can call Jan Primrose at 732-840-2186 during the week. The church will get free brochures and directories if enough people come out (every family counts whether a member or not). So come get a free picture and help the church too.

BAKE-OFF Planning Meeting



We are planning to have a BAKE-OFF on March 10, 2012 as a fundraiser for the church. We will be having people submit their baked items for judging and possible sale afterwards. In addition we are thinking of putting together a cookbook of the recipes used by the various chefs.

If you would be willing to help organize and run the BAKE-OFF please come to a quick meeting in room 5 between services today or contact Renee Schiess for more information.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday January 14, 2012

8:00—11:00 A.M.

The United Methodist Men of St. Paul's
Will be having an All you can eat
Pancake Breakfast.

At St. Paul's United Methodist Church
714 Herbertsville Road
Brick, NJ

\$5.00

(Under 12 \$2.50)



All ladies are welcome! On Tuesday, January 17th, St. Paul's UMW will hold a Covered Dish Dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by Installation of Officers. Join us for a delicious dinner and warm fellowship as we welcome the new year, new officers and new opportunities to serve. Included in the night's agenda,

Jen Burns will share highlights of her trip to Africa.

Come out and hear about Jen's trip to Lesotho, Africa. She will also educate us on the important work done for the women and children of Africa by the organization, Touching Tiny Lives with pictures and stories. So, mark your calendars, ladies!

Marriage Moments – A Resolution for the New Year

Brian Collis

Ruts: we all fall into them. Very subtly, routine becomes ingrained and you start doing things because, well, that's what you do. You forget why, or how it started, you just do it... mindlessly. The longer the pattern holds, the harder it becomes to change. Some repeated behaviors are positive. A routine can be a good thing if it removes decisions that cause undue stress, if it stops conflicts before they start. There is a dark side to routine though.

It becomes hard to change even when the change is for the better. Look at your relationship: look specifically at activities and behaviors that are always the same and ask whether or not they are having a positive or negative impact on your marriage. It's been said that the definition of insanity is to do the same things over and over and expect different results. If your marriage is not all you and your spouse want or need it to be, then maybe doing things differently is in order.

In weightlifting, if one does the same exercise all the time it becomes less and less effective. As the body gets used to the motion, it becomes more efficient at it and the muscle building gains of that exercise diminish. This is called a plateau - to move beyond a plateau, you have to do something different; catch your muscles off guard by making them do something they aren't expecting.

Marriage relationships are no different. If you are in a rut, then your love is not growing to its full potential - time to shake it up a little bit, break out of the routine. New activities done together are great ways to spark conversations, find out things you didn't know about each other. Abandon comfortable activities and behaviors that have become stale and replace them with ones that provide opportunities to talk, learn and grow. If necessary, turn off the TV. Turn off the computer and mute the phones. Get to know that person you decided to spend the rest of your life with all over again. Consider Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 10:23:

All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify.

There isn't necessarily anything wrong with the things that you and your spouse are doing, the routines you've settled into. Ask yourself though, are they EDIFYING? Are these things helping your love to grow, your relationship to strengthen? Resolve for the New Year to change things up so that these things are EDIFYING.

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ANGELS (2nd-5th graders)

IN JANUARY

The Angels will be bowling at Ocean Lanes in Lakewood on Sat 1/21/12 at 3:00 PM. As always, each child needs to be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions regarding the Angels youth group, please contact Ed Pino at angels@stpaulsbrick.org or on his cell phone at (732)865-0555.

Senior JOY

Senior Joy will be held on January 19th at 12:30 PM. Bring a sandwich- dessert and beverage will be provided.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Every month we put a list of birthdays and anniversaries in the Circuit Rider. If your dates are not in the Circuit Rider and you would like to have them included please call the office, write an email or drop off a note with your name(s), the date(s) and whether it is a birthday or anniversary. Also if the date we have for your birthday or anniversary is incorrect, please let us know.

January Dinner Night

When: January 21, 2012

Where: Norcross Hall

Time: 6:00 pm



MENU

Beef Stew Chicken Pot Pie
Vegetables, Salad, Bread and Butter

Dessert

For the kids Hot Dogs