



Circuit Rider

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

714 Herbertsville Road

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*"I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you,
which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice,
and I am persuaded is in you also."*

II Timothy 1:5

Paul and Timothy were great friends. They shared a common mission together, telling other people about Jesus. They traveled together. They had a lot of time to get to know each other. When you read through Acts 16 to the end of the book, you realize they shared a lot of ministry experiences together.

Timothy had a genuine faith. How did Timothy learn about God? Who taught him? Who disciplined him? What examples of faith were before him? Where does such faith come from?

For Timothy it seems his faith started when he was a child. He received faith from God but he witnessed genuine faith in two women, his mother and grandmother. Timothy's mother, Eunice and grandmother Lois, were strong believers in Christ Jesus. From childhood we are told, Timothy learned the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. His mother and grandmother taught him the Bible! There is nothing more important than teaching children the Word of God.

Eunice and Lois taught Timothy the scriptures.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

II Timothy 3:16

They didn't just teach it to him and read it to him, they lived it. They were an example of genuine faith to Timothy. They understood the power of God in their lives. They lived it. They knew what it was to be forgiven. They knew what it was to not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They knew what it was to love God and others. They knew what it was to be woman of genuine, indisputable, sincere faith. They lived it.

I am learning that our children watch everything you do. They hear everything that you say. Our children hear everything you say and they see everything you do, they model who you are.

It makes me ask some serious questions...Who am I? What am I illustrating to my children? What am I teaching my children? What are they learning from me? How are we helping them have a genuine faith in Jesus Christ?

Let me make a few suggestions of what we can do to raise a child to learn faith.

First, put the marriage first, not the child.

Husbands how you treat your wife will illustrate to your little girl how guys should treat them. And it will teach your little boy how they should treat girls.

Wives how you treat your husband will illustrate to your little girl how guys should treat them. And it will teach your little boy how they should treat girls.

Don't let their lives control you. You are the parent. You are the head of the house not them. Lead them and love them. Model for them genuine love for each other. Go out on dates with your spouse. Spend quality time together. Talk about things that are not related just to the kids. Be affectionate to your spouse. Love each other unconditionally.

Second, fill your child with the Bible (Word of God) early.

Recognize the power of the Word of God to bring salvation and faith. It starts in the home. Read and talk to them about Bible stories. Quote scripture not in a negative way but as a joy from the mouth of God. Take them to Sunday School. Put before them some serious role models and be sure to model that you are still learning as well. Attend a Bible Study. They need to see that learning God's Word never stops. Studying the Bible is for all ages. Host a home Bible study, a family Bible study, family devotions. Go to church together and sit together as a family. Answer their questions about the church, worship, and God. Help them learn how to worship the Lord with others and privately. Model that for them.

Third, pray intensely for them every day.

Let your children see that you pray when things are good as well as in times of need. Do they see you praying for them? Pray for their safety, health, relationships, friends, future spouse. Let them hear you praying for them.

What are you teaching your children? How are you helping them have a genuine faith in Jesus Christ? So often we know what we should do and do not do it. Stop thinking about what you should do and start doing it.

May God bless you as you let the Holy Spirit guide you daily.

See you in worship

Pastor John

Family Communion Sunday



On May 5th we as a church body will be receiving Holy Communion during both morning services. During the 9 am service, parents who would like to celebrate Holy Communion with their children will be asked to go to their Sunday School class and bring their child(ren) back with them to the sanctuary. Those with children will be invited to come to the altar as a family to receive communion. The rest of us as a church will receive Holy Communion in the pews

PowerPoint Help Needed

Volunteers are needed for each service on Sunday morning for help with the PowerPoint presentation. The person would be responsible to check over the slides before service and to advance the slides during service. If you would be willing to help

Youth News

Kori, Bryan, and Maggie were three teenage students involved in the youth group at St. Paul's church when I began as the youth director seven years ago. Today, the three of them are in college and are also a significant part of our youth ministry leadership team! It's been a joy to move from knowing them as acquaintances and students in the youth group to knowing them as dear friends. It has also been a joy to serve alongside them as we seek to impact the lives of our Jr. and Sr. High School students.

A few years ago, the LifeWay Research group conducted a survey revealing that 70-75 percent of students (over 1,000 surveyed) who had an active involvement in church during high school walked away from the local church during college.

Three out of four are terrible odds, yet what can we learn about the one out of the four who remained? An article in USA Today noted — "The survey found that those who stayed with or returned to church grew up with both parents committed to the church, pastors whose sermons were relevant and engaging, and church members who invested in their spiritual development."

While most of us won't deliver the Sunday sermon and most of us are not the parents of these teens, *all* of us could become "church members who invested in their spiritual development." We all, like Kori, Bryan, and Maggie, can play our part in investing personally in another young person for the sake of their spiritual development.

With that said, I am grateful for the youth ministry leadership team that I have the privilege of serving with. Whether myself or Hector (our new youth director!) the ministry of making disciples who follow Jesus is something that cannot be done alone. Our volunteer leaders are church members who invest the spiritual development of our teens and they will be a vital part of the future of St. Paul's Youth Ministry!

Thanks so much to Chale, Jana, Adriane, Bryan, Maggie, Kori, Christina, Brian, Paul, and many others who have given their time to serve in the youth ministry with me! Our volunteer leaders have a vital role in shaping the lives of our teens as St. Paul's Church moves ahead into a brand new season.

May you also seek Jesus from a heart of deep faith, and in the leading of His Spirit find out who and how you might invest in others for their benefit and for His glory!

Rummage/White Elephant/ Bake Sale & Lunch

Saturday, May 25, 2013

10 am-2 PM

Clothing \$5/bag

Lunch Available

Donations of CLOTHING, LINENS, BAKED GOODS, JEWELRY and WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS can be brought to Norcross Hall on Friday, May 24st **only** from 9 AM-8 PM. Baked goods can also be donated on Sat. before 10 am.



**"Blessings to
Matt & Erin"**

Farewell Dinner

Please join us to Bless and Celebrate
the Kay Family!

Matt Kay has been serving St. Paul's for 7 years, not only as a Youth Pastor, but as a Friend. Our Lord is now calling Matt and Erin Kay into CRU Ministry in the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania.

We will be holding a throw back, community style, covered dish dinner to celebrate Matt, Erin, and the Kay Family on:

Friday, May 3rd 2013

@ 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Please sign up to join us and let us know if you would like to bring, a Salad, Entree, Side, or Dessert. If you would like to help or have any ideas that you would like to share or contribute, please contact: SPR Sub-committee members:

Adriane or Amanda.

Marriage Moment: Success

Brian

A marriage done right is an incredible blessing to both spouses. It can be like armor, serving to protect the couple from loneliness, frustration and temptation. It also serves as a picture to the world of the love God has for all creation. For that reason, whenever there is hardship (and there will be hardship; even loving, God centered unions are not exempt) Satan will whisper his lies, seeking to drive a wedge between you and your spouse. It is critical when times are tough that you cling to the *one flesh* you and your spouse have become (Genesis 2:24). Tough times have the capacity to drive a couple apart if their union does not have God at its core, but if they do, trouble can bring them even closer, make their bond stronger and their love deeper. Successes won together are sweeter, and with God they are nearly assured. Ecclesiastes 4:12b:

A cord of three strands (husband, wife and god) is not easily broken.

This world, however, doesn't want your marriage to succeed; society in many ways sides with Satan. I'm not just talking about the cadres of divorce lawyers waiting to make a buck on failed marriages; think of advertising executives. Most advertising is based on one simple idea: if they can make you think you are unhappy without their product, you will be compelled to buy it. Commercials for men's products almost exclusively imply "if you buy >insert product here< then chicks will dig you." Read Proverbs 5:18-19:

May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth.

A loving doe, a graceful deer—

may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be intoxicated with her love.

Does that husband care if a new car will turn the head of some random girl on the street?

Think about how, um, happy those women are in the shower with that brand of shampoo; a woman who has a husband that regularly blows her mind with his attentiveness and efforts in love and romance can say "I have no need of that product." How many books would the "Shades of Grey" author have sold if every wife was fulfilled in her own bedroom by the man she married? Song of Solomon 2:3-4 says:

Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my beloved among the young men.

I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste.

Let him lead me to the banquet hall, and let his banner over me be love.

Is that woman looking to fiction, or hygiene products, to satisfy her desires?

When times are tough, it's easy to stop trying to make marriage work.. Work demands more time, financial stress saps your energy and joy. Make the choice to love anyway. Keep communicating, even if it is just to let your spouse know that you're struggling. Honesty and vulnerability when you are down leads to deeper understanding, which fosters greater intimacy and love. If both of you are struggling, cling tightly to each other. Shared struggle and pain can forge strong lasting bonds; think of soldiers who fought together, or even a sports team making a push for a playoff spot. The key is to **know** you are in it together, no matter what happens. There is no quit, no out. Starting there, you can use the knowledge that it is "just you two against the world" to foster a sense of teamwork, of camaraderie, of oneness in mind, heart and spirit.

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Baby Blankets

Do you know someone that is going to have a baby or do you need a baby shower gift? The knitting and crocheting group have made baby blankets. They can be purchased and the proceeds will go to the roof fund. If interested contact Laura

Women's Softball!

Attention Women of ST Paul's! Softball is right around the corner! If you are interested in playing softball and are at least 14 years old, please contact Eric. Our practices are on Sundays (the first one is April 7th) at 12:30-2:30 and our Games are on Monday nights at 6:30 starting April 29th. If you like to have fun and fellowship with other Christian Women then this is where you want to be!

Thank you, Eric

SUNDAY SCHOOL WALK FOR MISSIONS

It is that time of year again. Spring has sprung and walking outdoors is wonderful at this time of year! The Sunday school classes will again be participating in a Mission Walk in order to raise money for Missions. The students will be asking for donations between services beginning May 5th until the day of the walk on June 2nd. The rain date for the walk will be June 9th.

We are keeping the focus of the Sunday school walk to missions that help children. We will be collecting Pop Top can tabs again to support the Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch, NJ. The tabs may be brought in on a continuous basis. There is a collection box in the Sunday school Office and beginning in May there will be a collection container in the Narthex as well. The proceeds of the walk will help with children's scholarships for Christian summer camp programs and Sunday school mission programs.

Scholarship applications for camperships are available through the Sunday school office and must be returned no later than June 9, 2013.

Please reach out to the Sunday school classes by sponsoring a child (or two) and help them to make this Mission a success!! Please look for the classes between services in the Narthex and outside the gym for sponsorships. God bless you for helping God's children be a contributing part of Missions in our church.

United Methodist Women

Dates to Remember:

May 7 Executive Bd. 7 PM

21 Dinner 6 PM-

Gathering - Sharing Network 7 PM

Jen will be our Guest Speaker this month. She will be discussing the loss of her son and the reason they donated his organs and the benefits of organ donations. She will be sharing the letters she received from the Sharing Network and some of the recipients. She will be joined by Claude, Andrews heart recipient, who will share his story and Jay, the man from the Sharing Network. He will be able to answer any technical questions. We will also have Andrews quilt present.

25 Rummage/White Elephant/Bake Sale 10-2PM



Perhaps you or someone you know would like to "check us out"!

Because there are so many retirement communities in the area and many families are now combining households, we would like to take this opportunity to let you know about the Rebeccah Circle at Saint Paul's.

The Rebeccah Circle is a friendly group of mature ladies that supports each other through prayer, laughter and tears. At our meetings, we prayerfully discuss concerns and devotions and enjoy a time of fellowship. Also, our circle members help at Rummage Sales and Bazaars. We support events that other circles are doing such as the Elegant Tea and the Auction. In addition, we assist services whenever women usher.

We make a donation to the Expansion Fund in memory of the deceased, if a member or their spouse goes to be with the Lord.

The Rebeccah Circle gets together every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 12 noon until 2pm for a luncheon meeting in the church library. In June and December we enjoy going out for lunch.

Please consider attending one of our monthly meetings. Bring a friend and enjoy the camaraderie. Elise would be happy to answer your questions. Please call her

Lydia Circle, Wednesday, May 8th. Call Margie for more information

Martha Circle, Friday, May 17th. Free childcare. Call Diane for more information

Rebeccah Circle, Tuesday, May 14th. Call Elise r for more information

Miriam Circle, Tuesday, May 14th. Call Jan for more information

CINDY MELLEN STIER MEMORIAL FUND

Description of Award:



The Cindy Mellen Stier Memorial Scholarship will be an annual one-time award given to a graduating high school senior intent on entering the field of education. One award will be given each in the Greenville County School

System (South Carolina) and the Brick Township School System (New Jersey). The award will be given with the hope that it may, in some way, help to flame the passion for education and learning that the late Cindy Mellen Stier so genuinely shared with those around her. The first year to apply will be next year.

Who Was Cindy Mellen Stier?

Cindy Mellen Stier was the daughter of Cathy Mellen and also a mom, a wife and perhaps most of all, an educator. She was devoted to helping others learn and better themselves. Cindy passed away in December of 2012 after a valiant battle with cancer. She was only 51.

Cindy was born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania in 1961. She grew up and spent most of her early adult years in Brick Township, New Jersey. After graduating with honors from Brick Township High School in 1980 and, as a single mother, working full-time, she received her undergraduate degree in Education in 1984 from Georgian Court University. She married Donald Stier in 1986 and started her tenure in the Brick Township School System that same year. In 1989, her second son was born. It was in these early years, that her dedication to children and learning grew into the passion for which she was most recognized. She also taught at St. Paul's Christian School for several years.

Cindy moved with her family to Georgia in 2000 and started working for Forsyth County Schools in Cumming. It was at this time that she first enrolled in graduate level courses at Kennesaw State University. In 2003, the family moved again, this time to Greenville, South Carolina. There, she went to work as a teacher for Greenville County Schools. Cindy earned a Master's Degree in Divergent Learning in 2005 from Columbia College and

moved into an Instructional Coach position at Bethel Elementary School. Her passion for learning drove her to continue her own education and, at the time of her passing, she was just a few credits shy of her Ed.S. degree.

The Cindy Mellen Stier Memorial Fund is a division of CHARITYSMITH: National Society of Memorial Funds, a 501(c)3 public charity dedicated to the creation and governing of memorial endeavors. All donations are tax deductible in accordance with federal tax law. Receipts for tax purposes are sent within two weeks of donation.

Please consider asking if your employer participates in a gift matching program. If so, your donation may be matched by your employer. For more information please contact CHARITYSMITH.

Donations can be made using one of the following secure methods:

Online: Donate with a credit card or your PayPal account by going to . <http://www.cmsmf.org/> and clicking on the link

By mail: Send your donation check payable to:
Cindy Mellen Stier Memorial Fund
c/o CHARITYSMITH Nonprofit Foundation
13100 Filly Lane, Truckee, CA 96161

By Phone: Donate with a credit card by calling our office at 800-276-6546.

If you have any questions regarding this donation or memorial fund, please contact CHARITYSMITH Nonprofit Foundation **EIN 87-0636433**.

I pledge to fund both scholarships in excess each year through my personal donation. The goal going forward is to grow the program so that it becomes self-supporting and we can increase the amount and number of scholarships given each year. I would like to add a scholarship for Spartanburg County Schools (all districts combined) and include Charter schools in the future.

If you are able to support this program at any level, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. If you are not able to join us, I ask only for your positive thoughts and best wishes for the program.

Peace to you all, Don Stier

1st Annual Brick 5K Race

Saturday, May 11, 2013

Sign-in 7:30am



Race and Walk – 9am start

St. Paul's UMC at 714 Herbertsville Road in Brick, NJ will be holding the inaugural Brick 5K race which will include a 2 mile Health Walk and Kids Run on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 9am. The race is a hybrid course starting out in the back parking lot at St. Paul's on a trail and continuing on through the neighborhood to the southwest, the course will cross Lanes Mill Road and then head for the Saw Mill bicycle path before looping back the same way to the church. Awards will be given out to the top 3 male and female winners, top 3 winners in each of the age categories (male and female), First Brick resident (male and female), First Mom and First 1st Responders (Police, Fire, EMS).

In addition we will be holding a 2 mile Health Walk. The Health Walk will start in the back parking lot going through the trail and then looping through the neighborhood to the southwest. After the 5K and Health Walk, while the results are being tabulated we will be holding fun races for the children in the field at St. Paul's.

Cost to enter is \$25 before May 3, 2013 and \$30 thereafter. Each 5K and Health Walk pre-entry guarantees a short sleeve T-Shirt. Cost for the Kids race will be \$5 (no shirt). Each pre-registered participant in the Kids races will receive a medal. For more information go to www.stpaulsbrick.org and click on the 5K link at the top of the page or call the church office at 732/458-2080. You can also register on-line at www.raceforum.com/Brick5k

This is a fundraiser to benefit the roof fund. **We need your help** to make it a success. We are looking for people to help with food for the race, get water and set up the water stations, help design and procure prizes and awards, help with advertising and soliciting items for a bag to be given to each participant, **lots** of people to be stationed along the path of the race to make sure runners and walkers stay on course and finish line helpers. Signup sheets are in the Narthex.

We need lots of people to make this a great success. We have jobs for anyone who wants to help. Please call the office to volunteer.

Interested in Becoming a Member of St. Paul's?

Recently several people have indicated that they are interested in joining the church. To become a member at St. Paul's UMC we request that you first attend a membership class so that you will understand what membership means. Our next class will be **Saturday, May 4th, 2013** and will be from **10am to 2pm** in the library.

If you would be interested in taking the class please contact Laura or call the office. We will keep your name on file and contact you when we get closer to the class to confirm your attendance. If you have any other questions please contact Laura or the office.

Join us for a Farwell Luau!!!



Come and celebrate with Pastor John and Family in bidding them Aloha 'oe. It will take place on Saturday, June 8th at 6pm in Norcross Hall. We will be having a covered dish dinner and ask everyone who plans to attend to bring a dish to share. Please call either Judy Baum or Marge Winters to let us know how many in your family will be attending and what kind of dish you would like to bring. We will also need some desserts, beverages and paper products.

We will be collecting a love gift for JD and Paula. If you would like to contribute please put your gift in an envelope and mark on the front of it "Pastor John Love Gift" and put it in the offering plate. You can also bring it to the party and we will make sure that they get it. Please come and show your love and appreciation to our long time Pastor and Friend.

Judy
Marge

May Dinner - Italian Night

When: Saturday, May 11th, 2013

Where: Norcross Hall

Time: 6:00 pm

MENU

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Meat Lasagna

Vegetable Lasagna

Bread & Butter, Salad

Dessert

*and for the children - Chicken strips and Mac &
Cheese*

***Sign up and enjoy a great meal and great
fellowship. Hope to see you all there***

Boy Scout Troop 33 Pasta Dinner



Life Scout Steven L is hosting a Pasta Dinner to fund his Eagle Project.

The dinner will be held on May 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A donation of \$10 per adult & \$5 per child 12 and under is appreciated. Small children 5 and under are free.



St. Paul's United Methodist Church May 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Weekly Events & Meetings - - - 9:00 Sunday School rooms 4,5,9,10 youth 9:00 Adult Bible Study - Library 9:00 Trad. Worship Service 9:00 & 10:45 Childcare- Rm 1 10:10 Fellowship – Norcross Hall 10:45 Contmp. Worship Service 10:45 Adult Bible Study – Youth rm. 12:30 Women’s Softball 5:30pm Junior High Youth Gr 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	6:00 Cub 33 – Tigers – Rm. 9 6:00 Cub 33 – Wolves– Rm. 10 6:00 Cub 33 – Bear Den 1 – Rm. 7 6:00 Cub 33 – Bear Den 2 – Rm. 8 6:00 Women’s Softball 6:30pm Senior High Youth Group 7:00pm Monday Night Bible Study – Nursery Before/After Care 7:30-9:30am 12noon – 6:00pm Youth Room	6:00 Men’s Softball 7:00 Boy Scout Trp 33 – Norcross (except 3rd Tues) 7:30 Safe Place – Staff Lounge Before/After Care 7:30-9:00am 12noon – 6:00pm Youth Room	6:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30 The Quilters – Youth room 10:00 Ladies Share Grp- lib. 1:00pm Staff Meeting 4:30pm Cherub Choir 6:00 Golden Dragons LAX 6:00 Handbell Choir 6:00 Volleyball 6:00 Girl Scout troop 352 7:30 Praise Team Practice Before/After Care 7:30-9:30am 12noon – 6:00pm Youth Room	6:00pm Men’s Softball 7:00 Carol Choir 7:00 Celebration Choir 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 Chancel Choir 8:00 Youth League Before/After Care 7:30-9:30am 12noon – 6:00pm Youth Room	9:00am Bulletin Team – lib 4:30pm Girl Scout troop 102 (every other wk) 6:00 Black Dragons LAX Before/After Care 7:30-9:30am 12noon – 6:00pm Youth Room	7:00AM Men’s Disciple
			1	2	3 5pm Dinner for Matt and Erin Kay	4 4PM Troop 33 Pasta Dinner
5	6 4:00PM BTSA Pictures 7:00 Trustees	7 7:00pm UMW Exec Mtg 10:00AM Choose JOY Study	8 7:00pm Lydia Circle	9 12:30pm Senior Joy	10 4:00PM BTSA Pictures	11 7:00AM 5K setup 9:00 5K race, 2 mile Health Walk, Kid’s Fun Run 6:00PM Fellowship Dinner
12	13 7:00pm Finance	14 10:00AM Choose JOY Study 12noon Rebeccah Circle 6:30 Girls for Christ 7:00PM Miriam Circle	15	16	17 6:15am Breakfast for the Homeless 7:00pm Martha Circle	18 8:00 UMM Pancake Breakfast
19	20 7:30pm Administrative Board	21 6pm UMW Dinner 7pm Gathering 7pm SPCS Spring Concert	22	23 SPCS Field Day	24 SPCS closed 9AM Rummage Sale Setup	25 10:00AM Rummage Sale
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed 7:30pm SPRC	28 6:30pm Girls for Christ	29	30	31 6:00pm Black Dragons Banquet - Norcross	