



Circuit Rider

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
714 Herbertsville Road
Brick, NJ 08724

July/August, 2014

Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe it's been a whole year since the Darbys moved to Brick. It has been a great year for us and we want to thank you all for your friendship, encouragement and welcoming us into the St. Paul's church family. There have been a number of adjustments and adaptations to make as we get acclimated to our new environs but overall, your hospitality has enable us to feel at home in this new area. Besides the joy of making and building new friendships, there have been a number of notable blessings being a part of the St. Paul's family.

- I was struck immediately, by the level of St. Paul's fellowship activities. Whether it is through the wonderful fellowship dinners, the UMW and UMM programs, Sunday morning fellowship hour, or the initial "meet the Pastor" gatherings, there has been ample opportunities to make and build relationships as a basis for significant ministry.
- I have a great appreciation for my staff who work so hard among you to keep the wheels of the St. Paul's ministry rolling along. Janice, Barbara, Hector, Bill Nadler and al the custodial staff have been a huge help to me orienting me to the plans, policies, practices and standard operating procedures of this church's vital ministry.
- I have thoroughly enjoyed being involved in St. Paul's awesome music ministry. Barbara, all the choir directors, and worship team leaders are great at enhancing our worship services with their gifts and talents.
- I feel blessed to team up with Hector and the youth ministry leaders to see our children and youth get established and grow in their faith in Christ. Through Sunday School, VBS and youth groups we touch a lot of young people's lives. I particularly enjoyed co-leading our recent confirmation class with Hector
- It has also been great to watch our St. Paul's Christian School in action. At all levels Barry, Edie and all our teachers and staff are doing a tremendous job providing a whole different dimension to our dynamic strategy for reaching and making disciple for Jesus Christ.

These are only a few of the notable things that come to mind as I reflect on this first year with you. There are many other things over this time that have touched and blessed me as your pastor. I am thankful for so many of you who serve so diligently to honor the Lord and pray that, as we move forward, we will see many more lives transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, many more souls brought into His Kingdom. God bless you and keep you as we grow, in every way, in the coming Conference year. I am blessed to be appointed to St. Paul's to serve another year.

In His Regard, Pastor Al

Youth

Matthew 25:34-40

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.' ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' ⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

"Everyday 1.1 billion people have to wash with, bathe in, and drink more dirty water. That's the same as the population of North America and Europe. We can't live with that. Can You?" This was the question asked in a video presented to our youth to get them invested in our 30 Hour Thirst. In years past the youth had participated in the 30 Hour Famine to help feed the poor. This year we will be raising money to buy water filtration systems from Compassion International. We're coming to the realization that having access to clean water affects all components of life including food.

The goal of our 30 Hour Thirst is threefold. First, we aim to recognize and minister to the thirsty in our own community. The night of Friday, July 18th the youth will host a carnival for children at the Maple Leaf Recreation Center. Through games, music and skits we hope to share the love and Good News of Jesus Christ. Second, we aim to recognize our own thirst for God. We will take part of that night to worship, pray and hear God's word. Finally, we will recognize the physical thirst of those around this world. We will raise money beginning that night and throughout the summer to purchase \$80 water filtration systems. Each one is able to filter about 1 million gallons of dirty water so that the people of developing countries may have access to education and food.

Please pray for the teens as they look to care for the hungry and thirsty in our world. If you would like to partner with the youth or find out more about this

project please contact Pastor Hector or visit www.water.compassion.com/about-water-of-life/

Hector Meza
Director of Youth Ministries

Prayer Help Wanted

Help needed one Sunday per month to type the weekly prayer cards. We will set you up with the template to use or you can just type it in word. If you would be willing to type the cards for the 1st Sunday of each month by Tuesday of that following week, please contact the office or Judy. Thank you and God Bless.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

St Paul's is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

If you have any questions, please speak with Pete Buckley or Jan Primrose. An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available from the church office.



Doors, Windows, A/C etc. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As we approach summer time, please remember a few important items. Do not prop open the doors to the outside for extended periods of time. When A/C is on do not open windows or prop doors open at all. If you are the last person to leave a room please turn lights off and A/C up to 80°. Make sure all doors are locked if you are the last person to leave the building. If you have any suggestions for lowering our energy consumption please contact the office. Every little bit helps.

Music Ministry Appreciations

PRAISE TEAM

St. Paul's is very blessed to have a contemporary Praise Team. These members give up their Wednesday nights to practice in order to sing and play for Sunday services throughout the entire year. They are dedicated and hard working and their ministry to St. Paul's is much appreciated. The following are the 2013- 2014 Praise Team members:
THANK YOU ALL!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT BAND

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the great musicians who played for the Christmas Band. This Concert Band, which played for the Christmas program at the cantata, is unique in that it is made up of people from St. Paul's United Methodist Church, High Schools in the area, various colleges, and community members. We numbered over 60 members this year. We are blessed to have so many youth and adults involved in this ministry. Thank you to them—and if you can play an instrument we encourage you to join us in November!

CHERUB CHOIR THANK YOU!!!

Our 2013-2014 singing has ended. It hardly seems possible the year went so quickly
Thank you Kyle and Kyleen for your assistance during the year. Jane, you are marvelous! Thank you for all your help and piano playing.
We will end our year by singing at Brandywine Assisted Living on June 18th. Thank you to all the parents! Your kids are amazing! See you in September Janet

CHANCEL CHOIR

Thank you to St. Paul's Chancel Choir for their dedication to St. Paul's Music Ministry. They have devoted much time to our worship services, cantatas, and special events. Many of them have been part of our choir for many years. We are indeed blessed to have each and every one of these faithful servants. Thank you for singing God's praises—whether it be for your first year or your 50th year!

Director- **Barbara Estelle**

Chancel Choir Accompanist: Cathy

BELL CHOIR

Thank you to all of our wonderful "ringers". They gave much time and effort to our Handbell Choir in order to make it a very special ministry at St. Paul's. We've all enjoyed the "joyful sounds" and interesting techniques that our ringers are using in their music. Their ministry was very much appreciated by all.

We are looking forward to a great new year this September. Director, Barbara Estelle

SOUND

Our Sound technicians are essential to everything we do for worship services, cantatas, and special programs at St. Paul's. They spend hours and hours doing this job. **A SPECIAL THANK YOU to these very special people!**

DIRECTORS and PIANISTS!

Our thanks would not be complete without a heartfelt thank you to our children's choir directors, They have given so much of their time to leading our little ones in God's praises every week and we appreciate this very much. They are both dedicated and loving, special people who have shown our children how important it is to love the Lord and share His word through their joyful singing.

Thanks also to our childrens'choirs assistants. They lend their help and support at rehearsals and on Sundays. They too are dedicated to our children in a very special way.

We also want to thank **Jane** for playing piano for the Cherub Choir and **Pam** for playing the piano for the Carol Choir. They show their love for music and the children in this commitment to our music. We very much appreciate their talent and their help.

In His Service, Barbara Estelle

CELEBRATION CHOIR

St. Paul's Celebration Choir (Youth Choir) has now ended for the 2013-2014 year. We would like to thank all of our members for their hard work and dedication since September. They are a great group of youth and we have enjoyed our ministry together. They have ministered to our congregation at least twice a month as well as for special services. Thank you all for your service to St. Paul's. The following are the members of the Celebration Choir:

A special thank you also to **Judy**. She has been a wonderful assistant and choreographer. **Director, Barbara Estelle**

THE CONGREGATION!

The Music Ministry also wishes to thank all of those in the **congregation** who were part of our cantatas—actors, lighting people, narrators, children and youth, programs, publicity, help with set-up and break-down of the stage and risers, parents driving their children here for rehearsals—so many behind the scenes helpers. THANK YOU!!

Lastly, we express our appreciation to St. Paul's Administrative Assistant, Janice, for all her help throughout the year in so many ways.

FOR THE FALL!!!



It is never too early to be thinking of next year's activities. PLEASE- if you have been thinking of joining any of St. Paul's Choirs and/or instrumental groups please do so next September. Our first **Chancel (Adult) Choir rehearsal will be Sept 4.** All others begin the **week of September 8** except the Christmas Band that will begin in November. Please join us to sing and play God's praises as well as for fellowship and fun.

SO BLESSED FOR 36 YEARS!

36 years ago I was given the opportunity to be the Director of Music at St. Paul's. I have been blessed to have been the music director here for most of my adult life, raising three children and seeing our grandsons baptized at St. Paul's. It has been a wonderful journey with the very talented musicians (and friends) in all of the musical groups that praise our Lord every Sunday. I am so very thankful for every one of these people. Also, my husband, Milt, has always been there to help with everything and I thank him with all my heart.

God has given me the wonderful opportunity to praise His name and worship Him through music. I feel very blessed and pray that there will be many more years of service to our Lord.

In His Name, Barbara Estelle



Did you know?

St. Paul's Chapter of the United Methodist Women is committed to helping support over two dozen missions in its annual budget.

One of those missions is
THE OPEN DOOR PREGNANCY CENTER in
Toms River



The mission of The Open Door is to share the hope and love of Jesus Christ, encourage an understanding of the sanctity of life, provide life-affirming alternatives to abortion, and support these alternatives with compassionate and practical care. Clients are served without regard to age, race, income, nationality, religious affiliation, disability, or other arbitrary circumstances.

The Open Door is a 501c3, non-profit, Christ-centered ministry whose doors opened on Mother's Day 1985. Those facing an unplanned pregnancy, struggling with a past-abortion, wondering about the dangers of casual sex, trying to be the best parent they can be to their baby, in need of diapers, formula, maternity or baby clothing will be helped. The director of The Open Door explains "that all their services are free of charge because of the tremendous support from folks who see the evidence of how God works in the lives of those who come through our door. She continues that, "those that do visit us are always blessed because in some way, on some level, they have been met here by the One that died for them, Jesus Christ. It is because He lives that we work and serve at The Open Door."

There are many services available. From a simple, no charge pregnancy test to in-depth peer counseling and abstinence support, The Open Door has been a tremendous presence in so many lives for almost thirty years. One curriculum that has

been well received is their "Earn While You Learn" parenting program. Its teaching addresses pregnancy, parenting, baby care, and practical fatherhood classes. A trained instructor leads the class through videos and discussions. Diaper and wipe vouchers are earned for class attendance. In addition, monthly shopping time in their baby boutique is awarded to program participants.

There are many ways to assist the efforts of The Open Door. Monetary donations, gift cards and prayer support are always appreciated. Looking for a place to volunteer? Use your God-given talents to directly support this ministry. Volunteers are needed to fill the following roles: counselors, receptionists, parenting class instructors, materials inventory control coordinator and administrative assistants. More information is on their website, www.TheOpenDoor.com

Please remember this worthy recipient during the next UMW sponsored fundraiser.

UMW

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MOVIE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23rd 6:30 PM

"PRINCESS BRIDE" MOVIE AT 7

All church family is invited.

This Movie is referred to in our October speaker, Jennifer Sands', message,

New Church Directory

It has been three years since our last directory!! Many things have changed so we are planning to have a new directory for 2015. We hope to schedule pictures to be taken around November near Thanksgiving and early January. This will make it convenient for any families with college students who will be home for the holidays. We are putting together a committee to organize the directory with Lifetouch. We will be having a meeting on **Wednesday, July 9th at 3pm**. If you are interested in helping please plan to attend the meeting or call the office at 732-458-2080.

Ladies Share Group

Our group is starting a new study in the fall: I & II Kings. We meet on Wednesdays at 10AM at the home of Nancy If you would like to join us. call or e-mail Nancy so we can order you a book. We have a time of fellowship, study and prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THANK YOUS

Please thank the wonderful people who are all a part of our Sunday school staff. God has chosen such a great team of people to help with all the aspects of our program.

Congratulation Graduates!

Congratulations to the following students who graduated this year:



Welcome New Members

The congregation welcomed the following into membership at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Brick on Sunday, June 8th.

Food Pantry Update

Thank you for all you do!

Each month, we use this space to call upon the generosity of our congregation. Here is the list the items of which we are most in need of on our pantry shelves. Due to your past kindnesses, our list is short

POWDERED MILK PANCAKE SYRUP

Although the food pantry receives some items from Ocean County Hunger Relief, its major source of donations is you, the congregation. It is only by your generosity and support that the pantry is able to continue serving the needs of our neighbors. For more information on helping the food pantry with your donation or your time, please call Sue.

Perhaps the next time you are shopping, you'll consider picking up just one of the items listed that are in short supply.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,' Matthew 25:34- 35

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!

Congratulations to the following students who were confirmed in their faith at St. Paul's on Sunday, June 15th and have become members of the congregation.

SAVE THE DATES!

**St. Paul's 2014 Vacation Bible School-
WORKSHOP OF WONDERS:
Imagine And Build With God!
Our exciting week takes place
Aug. 11th through Aug. 15th.
Registration forms are available in the
office**



**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL**

Our program this year is
WORKSHOP OF WONDERS:
Imagine & Build With God!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We can't
do it without you!

Our VBS program will take place the week of
August 11th through August 15th.

I can help with VBS by:

- leading a class** **assisting with a class**
- writing nametags VBS mailings
- set design
- set-up on August 10th break-down on August 17th

**If you can volunteer please contact Judy Baum
@ 732/714-0578 or Jan Primrose @ 732/840-
2186.**

If you are interested in helping to enrich the life
of a child, please complete the form below and
place in the offering plate or the VBS mailbox.

Name _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Days Available: (please circle) M Tu W Th
Fr All Week

NEW ST. PAUL'S COOKBOOK

We are still collecting recipes for the new
cookbook. The recipe collection sheets available in
the Narthex contain all the instructions regarding
wording, abbreviations, categories, etc., so you may
want to pick one up for your information. We want
to use every recipe submitted to us. However, if we
get several versions of the same recipe, we reserve
the right to decide which ones to use. We need a lot
of recipes and we know you have a lot. If you have
any questions, please call Carol Kampf (732-840-
9496), Margie Moss (732-458-4857) or Mary Burns
(732-202-7788).

Attention Crafter's

The Pet Ministry of Saint Paul's UMC, Brick
is looking for crafter's to be part of our
Blessing of the Animals, Pet Adoption Day and
Craft Fair

Saturday, September 13th 2014

All those interested can contact the Pet Ministry at:

Petministry@stpaulsbrick.org or Mary

Applications are currently being accepted.

A 10x10 space is just \$20.00

You can pick up an application also from Bob or
Noelle

Event is being held at: Saint Paul's

Attention All Men of St Paul's

The United Methodist Men's Group will be holding
it's September 13th meeting helping the Pet
Ministry at the "Blessing of the Animals". We need
help to Cook, with Traffic Control and to Clean-up
after the event. We will also be holding a
breakfast/prayer session prior to the Blessing event
at 8am. Volunteers are needed from 8am to
430pm. If you are able to help please contact Bob
or Dave to sign up. Contact:
Petministry@stpaulsbrick.org Thank you all and
God Bless.

Car Wash!!

William Findlay DeMolay Chapter of Pt. Pleasant
Beach is holding a Car Wash fundraiser in the St.
Paul's Church parking lot. The event will be on
Saturday July 5th from 9 am – 1 pm. Please come
out to have your car washed to support the young
men of Wm. Findlay Chapter, DeMolay –
Thank you. Raymond Wright, Junior Past Master
Counselor of William Findlay DeMolay Chapter of
PPB NJ



Marriage Moment

Temple Maintenance 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 is well known. Paul tells us:

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”

Verse 18 provides the context for this idea; it is talking specifically about sexual sin as using the body in ways that dishonor God instead of honoring him. What if we took the architectural metaphor further though? What if this idea of our bodies as temples had more far-reaching implications?

Instead of just focusing on the use of the building (in this case, our bodies) let's think of its upkeep and maintenance; structures need to be taken care of. They need to be cleaned, re-painted and re-roofed. They will occasionally need new furnaces or air conditioning units, and have broken pipes fixed. Sometimes floor joists and roof rafters rot out and need to be replaced, or someone punches through wall board, and the resultant hole requires patching and refinishing. Plus, the utility bills must be paid, so there is fuel to keep all the systems running smoothly.

Our temples of the Holy Spirit, our bodies, are no different. Cleanliness is next to godliness, it is said. Keeping ourselves clean not only helps to maintain our physical attractiveness to our spouse, (and keeps us from offending other people we have to interact with!) but it can help keep us healthy too. Exercise is also “temple maintenance.” Like a building left vacant slowly erodes, so do muscles that go unused atrophy and weaken. Injuries must be tended to, and sometimes rehabilitation is necessary to restore full function to a body part or system. Food keeps all systems functioning, and making healthy choices can accomplish many things beyond simple refueling. It can help fight off disease, purge harmful substances and cleanse the body.

It our responsibility to keep our bodies in good working order. The better we function, the better we can do the kingdom work God has set aside for us to do. We don't have to do it alone though; it can be a source of joy, and a way to foster deeper intimacy if we do things with our spouse. Tony and Alisa DiLorenzo (of the ONE Extraordinary Marriage podcast) list “recreational intimacy” among the six different types of intimacy that strengthen the bond between husband and wife. (In their book Stripped Down) Exercise together! Go for walks (or runs!) or take yoga, or a self-defense class. Challenge each other in tennis or squash, or work as a team and challenge other couples.

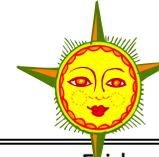
Make it a goal to have fun, and the health benefits will come without it even seeming like work!

Brian Collis +++++



St. Paul's United Methodist Church

July 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Weekly Events & Meetings - - - > 9:00 Trad. Worship Service 9:00 Childcare- Rm 1 10:45 Contmp. Worship Service 6:00pm Junior High Youth Group 7:00 AA setup 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous.	8:30 – 4:30pm Dare 2B Fit 6:30pm Senior High Youth Group 6:00pm Women's Softball 7:00pm Monday Night Bible Study – Staff Lounge	8:30 – 4:30pm Dare 2B Fit 6:00 Men's Softball 8:00 AA Meeting - Norc	8:30 – 4:30pm Dare 2B Fit 6:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30 The Quilters – Youth Room 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30 F/A meeting – Counseling Room 7:30 Praise Team Practice	8:30 – 4:30pm Dare 2B Fit Men's Softball 7:00 Boy Scout Trp 33 – Norcross	8:30 – 4:30pm Dare 2B Fit 9:00am Bulletin Team – Lib	7:00am Men's Disciple
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August 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Weekly Events & Meetings - - - > 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00 Trad. Worship Service 10:10 Fellowship – Boyd Hall 10:45 Contemp. Worship Svc. 1:00PM Volleyball 6:30 Young Adult 8:00 Alcoholics Anon.	6:00PM Cub Scout Webelos 2 – Rm. 8 7:00PM Senior High Youth	6:00PM Bear Den – Rm 8 6:00 Tigers Den – Rm 6 6:00 Wolves Den – Rm 6 6:30 Webelos 1 – Rm 5 7:00 Junior High Youth 7:30 Safe Place – Rm 10 8:00pm Men's Basketball	6:00AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Ladies Share Grp-Penrods 4:30PM Cherub Choir 5:30 Youth Bible Study – SI Par 6:00 Handbell Choir 6:30 Volleyball 6:40 Adult Bell Choir 7:00 Adult Bible Study	6:30PM Alcoholics Anon. 7:00 Boy Scout Trp 33 7:00 Carol Choir 7:00 Celebration Choir 7:00 Bible Study 8:00 Chancel Choir	9:00AM Bulletin Team 7:00 PM Praise & Worship 8:00 OC Anon	7:00AM Men's Disciple
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17	18 7 Council on Ministries		20	21	22	23 6:30 pm Ice Cream Social and Movie "Princess Bride"
	25 7:00 SPR Committee	26	27	28	29	30
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