



# Circuit Rider

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

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November 2007

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## 50 DAYS OF GOD'S LOVE

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow! This is an exciting time for our church. We have begun a church-wide focus and journey on becoming better stewards by understanding God's love toward us.

The scripture says, *"There are three things that will endure [last forever] faith, hope and love. And the greatest of these is love."* (1 Corinthians 13:13) Faith gets you in to heaven. Heaven is what we hope for. But the only thing that lasts *in* heaven is love. This has been our theme verse for this study. *"Let love be your highest goal."* 1 Corinthians 14:1.

If love is our highest goal we must understand what it is and how it acts. Here is God's definition of love. *"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable. It keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith. It is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance."* (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) If we want to understand love we must understand God's definition.

My hope and prayer is that we have been drawn together in these days as we reach out in love towards one another in the body of our church as well as our community in love.

How are you growing? On November 18<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Consecration Sunday. This will be both a time for you to share how God has been helping you grow in love as well as a time for us to show our support for the ministries of St. Paul's for the next year.

There is a calling on all of our lives. Jesus has called every one of us to not only follow Him but to do what he did. He loved people. Jesus reached out to people. He lifted people up and gave them hope. Jesus commissions all of us to go and make disciples. He came to seek and save the lost. All of us have a calling to give our lives away for His sake.

As our 50 Days move to a conclusion, continue to hear the messages on Sunday morning, read the devotional daily, memorize the scriptures, faithfully attend your small group meetings and daily intentionally show love to someone. Praise God for all that is happening in the life of our church, in your life.

Be in prayer for how God will use you in the coming days, months and years to reach our community with a message of love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Together let us Praise God through our worship, Grow as disciples through study, Share our faith through testimony and Serve others through ministry...all to the glory of God.

See you in worship,  
Pastor D

## Youth News

Hello St. Paul's,

I hope that all of you are doing well and are being encouraged in your 50 days of God's love fellowship groups. I know that the times when I've grown the most in my walk with the Lord were in small groups with other believers that I could encourage and be encouraged by, share my heart with, struggle with, and dream big dreams for serving God with. I firmly believe that the life that we're called to is a life of being connected in an intimate faith relationship to God *and* other believers.

One passage of Scripture that a mentor of mine would continually refer to is Hebrews 10:24-25, where it says, "let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Getting together for the sake of encouragement is a gift that all believers have the privilege to giving to one another, and it's a gift that will go a long way from one person's heart to the next.

Our youth group is beginning to move in a really cool direction towards *transparency*, and I'm thankful for that. The students are becoming comfortable with sharing what is really on their hearts with one another and, in turn, are inviting each other to speak encouraging words to these

things that are on their hearts. Not only that, but it's great to hear the questions that our young people are asking as some of them are being introduced to the Scriptures for the first time.

Please keep our youth ministry in prayer as we move into the fall season growing in God's grace and our relationships with one another, as some students begin their confirmation classes, and as the youth group seeks out new opportunities to serve the Lord as a group both within and outside of our church.

**Confirmation** will begin on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and the Sundays following (we will take a break for two weeks on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>). The purpose of Confirmation will be to *affirm* the faith in young believers, to *assist* them in growing in the grace of God, and to give the congregation an opportunity to *attest* to their trust in Jesus Christ. It will be a 10 week gathering that will take place on Sundays at 12:30pm. Confirmation is a ministry of the St. Paul's Youth Group and it is available for anyone from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Matt Kay (732)450-2080 (ext.15), or email at [mkay@stpaulsbrick.org](mailto:mkay@stpaulsbrick.org).

Grace & Peace,

Matt

## **Fall Festival!!!**



Come to the Fall Festival from 3:00PM to 6:30 PM on October 31, 2007. This is an outdoor event that takes place next to the Herbertsville parsonage and adjacent to the church. There will be relay races, a craft project and fun prizes. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. No sign up is required to attend this Christian alternative to "trick or treating". Hope to see you at this fun event! For further information call Jill or Ed.

Be Blest!



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT BAND**  
**St. Paul's United Methodist Church**  
**714 Herbertsville Road Brick, NJ**

This unique band is sponsored by St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Our band is open to church, community, high school, college, and others 7<sup>th</sup> grade to adult and includes professionals, students, and people who just simply love to play instrumental music. We play regular concert band literature and numbered approximately 45 members (woodwinds, brass, and percussion) last year.

**Please join us and invite your instrument playing friends as well!**

**\*\* We start practices this coming Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 PM.**

**PRACTICES-** Wednesdays—in music room at St. Paul's

**October 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 7, Nov. 14, Nov. 28 at 7:30-8:30PM**

**December 5, Dec. 12 practices are 7:30-8:45PM**  
 (No practice on Nov. 23—Happy Thanksgiving!)

**DRESS REHEARSAL** in Sanctuary  
 Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

**CONCERT**  
**December 15 and 16**---Saturday and Sunday nights followed by Chancel Choir cantata

Be here: 7:00 PM  
 Concert start: 7:30 PM

Director: Barbara Estelle

**Shoeboxes Needed**



It's time to prepare for this year's Operation Christmas Child Project. Please help by bringing empty shoeboxes to church.

I'll collect them from the Narthex each week.

Thanks! Virginia

**THANK YOU**

Just wanted to send a huge THANK YOU to the entire body of believers at St. Paul's. Thanks to all those who supported my recent move through prayer, coming to the luncheon, gifts, helping to pack and load the truck....to those who have called, emailed, sent cards and letters...I can't express in words how much your support means...each one of you has shown me God's love in your own special and unique way. I continue to pray for St. Paul's and all of you as you grow as a church family. The move went well and I am trying to get my feet firmly planted on the ground down here...it truly is a different way of life, not bad, just different. I hope to see you all very soon, until then God Bless You All. With Christ's Love, Colleen

**The Christmas Store**



Once again the time of the year has arrived when we start getting ready for another Christmas Store. If you would like to work on this year's store, please join us November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Library at St. Paul's. There are many jobs to be done both before and on the day of "The Christmas Store".

For more information please contact the church office, Bery or Walt

**WORK/MINISTRY  
TEAM OPPORTUNITIES**

**UGANDA**

**AUGUST 8 - 23, 2008**

A work team is scheduled to join our missionaries, John & Erica Rinehimer, in Uganda! If anyone has any interest in joining the team, please speak with Pastor John or Jim Kroeze, both are planning on going on this trip. World Gospel Mission will be making all travel arrangements. The ESTIMATED cost is \$2,600.00.



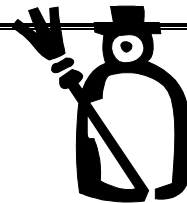
***Mexico Mission Trip***

We are planning a mission trip to Mexico from Saturday December 29, 2007 to Saturday January 5, 2008. We will fly from a local airport on Saturday morning and arrive in San Antonio Texas on Saturday late in the afternoon. We will see the local sites in San Antonio and drive approximately 3 hours to Del Rio Texas on Saturday night. After attending church on Sunday we work Monday through Friday in Accuna Mexico at the orphanage. The approximate cost of the trip is \$400 for the airfare, and approximately \$100 for lodging for the week.

We will need to book our flight in early November, so please let Jim Kroeze know if you are interested in going on the trip this year. All ages are welcome. Please call Jim if you are interested in being a part of great mission trip *with* Ruth and Norris at New Fountain of Life.

**Kentucky Mission Trip**

If you're interested in going on a Mission trip to Kentucky in the early Summer time of 2008 please contact Laura or Scott We plan on bringing our family since we feel it's so crucial for the children to see the bigger picture and would love for other families or individuals that are feeling led to join us. I've spoken with the Springers, and right now the possibilities for the mission trip are wide open. The project or specific mission for us will be determined by the size and skill level of the members that join the mission team. Once we get a core group we'll determine an exact date and exact mission based on the group's availabilities, God given talents, and abilities



**Delanco Camp Meeting Winter Retreat**

All members of St. Paul's UMC are invited to the Delanco Camp Meeting Winter Retreat taking place in Lancaster, PA at the Eden Resort Inn and Suites February 29<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008. The theme for the weekend is "Growing in Holiness". The speaker for the weekend is Dr. Thomas H. McCall, assistant professor of Biblical and Systematic Studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. To encourage more people from St. Paul's to attend the church is giving a \$25 up-front discount per person. This will be a great opportunity for you to get away, relax and recharge your spiritual batteries. For more information contact the office at 732-458-2080

**Jewelry Wanted**

Deborah Circle is now collecting used jewelry to sell at the UMW "Holiday Shoppe and Attic Sale" in November. A box will be in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you!

## Joy's August 2007 Monthly Memo This & That

Nairobi, Kenya

I'm staying in the house of friends while they're on Homeland Ministry Assignment. It's a Sunday afternoon and I'm perched on their front porch with a book, enjoying the tropical foliage, brightly colored sunbirds, hearing the monkeys scramble on the roof while watching a string of planes begin their descent into Wilson airport. It's good.

Wilson is the airport we use in our trips in and out of Sudan. I imagine some of the planes may be coming from Sudan. Actually a week ago I was coming back from a quick trip to Lui with Pastor Simon. We went to check on how things were going since the transition to the Ministry of Health. It was a great trip. It was good to see hospital staff, community and church folks and the women who cooked for us on our compound. Everyone is doing really well and we were very encouraged. There is a new acting Administrator who also runs the TB Ward – Peter Knight. Some new staff have been seconded by the government and they were being oriented. Thank you for praying for Lui Hospital and please continue. The Board is to meet very soon and they will need to make concrete plans for the future.

While in Lui I took a picture of me and Peter Knight with a copy of the Cape May Gazette that I picked up while visiting home this summer, to show how far the local magazine travels.

The last few days I've been working on developing a plan for a mass Bible Distribution project in South Sudan. During the 20 years of civil war no Bibles got into the country. We are at a historic crossroads in Sudan today with a peace accord opening up travel and communications unseen in the last two decades. Since this peace is rather fragile this is the time to move. Early next year over 250,000 Bibles in six major languages will be sent into Sudan and placed in the homes of people who have never owned a Bible before.

This is a logistics challenge to be sure. The map shows a road between Juba, the capital of South Sudan, and several of the distribution centers but I've been assured no road exists! That leaves the option of floating the Bibles up the Nile on a barge

or flying them in. As I said . . . logistical challenges. Please pray for the team of people who will be working with this project for the next 6 – 9 months.

- Pray that the Bibles will get into the hands of families who are open to the Gospel message and who read.
- Pray that scripture and the literature that is passed out with the Bibles will be instrumental in people coming to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- Pray for revival and peace in South Sudan. .

Next weekend won't find me sitting on my porch here in Nairobi but I'll be on my way to Uganda with Reuben from Tenwek Community Health & Development. We have been asked to do an assessment of the community health work WGM has there. You may remember that a few years ago I was involved in this program. It will be fun to reconnect and get to know how the project has progressed in the last few years.

As I do a little of this and a little of that this month my new assignment continues to be finalized. In my next Monthly Memo you'll get all the details. Pray for God's direction that I can be used in exactly the way that will bring Him the most glory.

Thanks again for being a great support team. For those of you who signed up to be weekly prayers I have your names hanging in my office. Thank you Nancy & Bill Happold, the Nielsen Family, and Georgia Lamb, among many others, for being Sunday prayers!

Your prayers are making the rough road smooth as I walk in obedience to God here in Kenya, Uganda and Sudan.

Peace, Joy

PS – if you have Email and are receiving this by post send me your Email address and we can save money on postage!

Joy is serving in East Africa with World Gospel Mission and Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 76143, 00508 Yaya Towers, Nairobi, Kenya

Financial gifts can be sent to:

World Gospel Mission  
P.O. Box 948  
Marion, IN 46952



**!! 28th ANNUAL  
VARIETY SHOW !!  
November 3 2007-  
7:00 PM**

***28 YEARS OF GREAT MUSIC,  
GREAT FUN,  
& GREAT FELLOWSHIP!  
COME ONE! COME ALL! WE'RE  
GETTING READY FOR ANOTHER  
GREAT SHOW!***

St. Paul's Music Department is very excited to present its 28th Annual Variety Show! There will be great music from pop to classical. It is sure to be a great evening for us and for our always wonderful audience.

We hope the show this year will be an extraordinary time for everyone with participation by all the Choirs: children, teens, and adults will be involved in this fun time for participants and audience alike. There will be some super highlights and we're sure you and your family and friends will want to be a part of this exciting night at St. Paul's. We are truly blessed by all the great talent we have here. Besides the choirs, we will also have St. Paul's Praise Team, solos, duets, quartets, ensembles and instrumentals. There will be music for everyone—pop, Broadway, jazz, country, classical, and praise!

For 28 years this has been a wonderful time of fellowship for the whole church family. We will all be working hard to present this great collage of music to you. All proceeds will go towards the new music room.

**Please invite ALL your family and friends and join us for a great time of fellowship! After all...you don't want to miss all the FUN on Nov. 3 at 7:00!**

## **Ministry Classes**

This Fall Pastor John will be teaching the Maturity class on November 3rd from 10am to 2pm at the Sally Ike parsonage. The class is for individuals who wish to deepen their faith in Christ. Please call the office at 732/458-2080 if you plan to attend.  
November 3 Ministry Class (How to serve Christ)

## **Senior Joy**

Senior Joy will meet on Thursday, November 8th at 12:30 PM. We'll be having a hymn sing and Matt Kay will be sharing with us. Bring a sandwich, dessert will be provided. New members are welcome. Please join us.

## **CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKERS CLASS, "LAY SPEAKERS TEACH ADULTS"**

The class is offered in the Northern Shore District. Pre-registration is required. Go to the Conference Website: [www.gnjumc.org](http://www.gnjumc.org) and click on 2007 Lay Speaker School for more information and the registration form.

**DAY: THURSDAYS/OCTOBER 25,  
NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15 & 29  
TIME OF CLASS: 7:30 TO 9:30 P.M.**

**LOCATION:  
SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS/WALL UMC,  
2414 OLD MILL ROAD,  
SPRING LAKE, NJ 07762-2474**

**INSTRUCTOR: REV. MARION JACKSON**

**SEND REGISTRATION TO:  
ANNABEL WILSON  
121 ABBOTT AVENUE  
OCEAN GROVE, NJ 07756-1263  
732-775-4876**



## CHRISTMAS MISSION BAGS FOR LEXINGTON HOUSE

“CALLING ALL ANGELS”.....It is that time again when all of our St. Paul’s Angels come to the aid of the residents at Lexington House.

Each Christmas, through all of your generous contributions, the Warming Hearts Mission is able to distribute 150 mission bags to the residents, filled with their very basic needs. The following is a list of items that are needed to fill the mission bags. We would appreciate it if you could include, in the enclosed plastic bag, only the regular size (no trial or large size) and similar items.

Shampoo	Deodorant (stick or roll-on)
Toothpaste	Toothbrush
1 bar Soap (no liquid)	Lip Balm (i.e., Chapstick)

We are also looking for these additional items to distribute:

2008 Calendars	Socks (male & female; white & colors)
Butter Cookies (tin containers only, please)	Travel Size tissues
Christmas Candy (Candy Canes, Kisses, Miniature Chocolates)	
Warm Hats & Gloves	

Please place your contributions in the large container marked “Lexington House”, near the inside church mailboxes, by Sunday, December 2, 2007. If you have any questions, please contact, Donna.

As always, “Thank You Angels, for your generosity in supporting the Lexington House Mission.”



**St. Paul's UMW  
Holiday Shoppe and Attic Sale  
Norcross Hall  
Saturday,  
November 17<sup>th</sup> –  
10-2 PM**

***Homemade Lunch, Christmas Gifts & Decorations,  
Crafts, Bake Goods, Cheeses, White Elephant , Jewelry,  
Handmade Items, Candy  
Shop til you drop and enjoy a delicious lunch***

*Donations are appreciated and can be dropped off on Friday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>*

# *Church News*



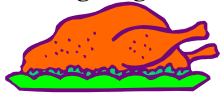
**DATE TO REMEMBER  
CHURCH CONFERENCE- NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 PM**



# St. Paul's United Methodist Church

## November 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Weekly Events &amp; Meetings - - - &gt;</b>  9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Trad. Worship Service 9:00 & 10:45 Childcare- Rm 1 10:10 Fellowship – Norcross Hall 10:45 Contmp. Worship Service 6:30PM Vortex 8:00 Alcoholics Anonymous.	7:00PM Senior High Youth	7:00 PM Junior High Youth 7:30 Safe Place – Rm 10 8:00 Men's Basketball	6:00AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Ladies Share Grp-Penrods 4:30PM Cherub Choir 6:00 Clarion Handbell Choir 6:30 Workteam Lib. & Offices 6:30 Volleyball 6:40 Carillon Handbell Choir 7:00 Adult Bible Study	2:00PM Agape Homeschoolers - Nursery 6:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Boy Scout Trp 33 7:00 Carol Choir 7:00 Celebration Choir 7:00 Bible Study – Pastor's Notes 8:00 Chancel Choir	9:00AM Bulletin Team 7:00 PM Praise & Worship 8:00 OC Anon	7:00AM Men's Disciple
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  10:00AM Ministry Class - Sally Ike Parsonage <b>7:00PM Variety Show</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:00PM Brownie Tr 1310 7:30pm Admin. Bd.	<b>6</b> 7:00 UMW Exec Bd Mtg 7:30PM Christmas Store Mtg - Library	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12:30 Senior Joy	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  7:30AM Kid's Alley 10:00AM CPR Training
<b>11</b> <b>1:30PM – Volleyball – Indoor 4's Tourney</b> 	<b>12</b> 4:30PM Daisy Troop 7:00pm Finance 7:00 Trustees	<b>13</b> 10:00AM Deborah Circle 12noon Rebecca Circle 7:00PM Miriam Circle	<b>14</b> 7:30PM Lydia Circle	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast <b>10:00AM Holiday Shoppe &amp; Attic Sale</b> 
<b>18</b>  5:00PM Celebration Dinner	<b>19</b> 6:00PM Brownie Tr 1310 6:30 SPR meet with DS <b>7:30PM Annual Church Conference</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:30PM NO Volleyball	<b>22</b> Dinner 2pm <b>Thanksgiving</b> 	<b>23</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:30pm SPR	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>