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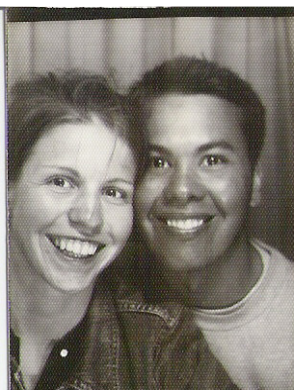
July/August 2006

Hey everyone!

I'm getting real excited to come on board and team together with all of you in the ministry God has for us at St. Paul's. Since graduating from college I've desired to be placed in a setting where I can be more fully used in my time and gifting for kingdom building than in my most recent circumstances (although it has helped me to learn what it means to be both content and fully used by God in any circumstance). Opportunities to become a youth pastor had come during that time, but I felt that those situations were not where my heart was being led. Pastor John then called me in late April about the opening at St. Paul's. As I prayed, moved ahead with the interview process, and sought counsel, I was encouraged by your church's heart to provide something meaningful for your teens. I was especially impacted by the fact that those from your senior high group were a necessary part of the interview process. Last but not least, your Pastor has been a wonderful mentor, ministry partner, and friend to me in my journey as a believer. I firmly believe that God uses our relationships as our most powerful tool in ministry and I am excited to partner with a dear friend and with your church community for the road ahead.

Grace & Peace,
Matt K

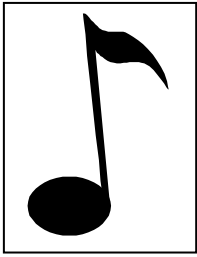
Matt is a graduate of Philadelphia Biblical University and has served in various areas of ministry over the past few years ranging from discipleship and counseling to leading worship in music and youth ministries. His spiritual journey began at age five with an encounter with Jesus Christ and His gospel message of forgiveness, and eventually culminated in his conversion and surrender to Christ at the age of eighteen. It was from that time being involved with the people of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Port Republic, NJ that Matt met



Pastor John and served together with him over the next few years in the ministry of that church. Born and raised in Atlantic City, he spent most of his life in Galloway Township, NJ and now currently resides in Langhorne, PA where he has enjoyed being part of a small, discipling church community. Playing, creating, and listening to music are some of his favorite pastimes, but his greatest desire is know God more fully and to be used of Him to establish people deeper in their faith relationship to God and in turn, grow more connected in their love relationship to one another. His heart for ministry is that the Church would be equipped to love God and others through discipling relationships and that the world would be reached by us bringing the love of Christ and our love for one another to their world. Matt also has a wonderful girlfriend named Erin who is an invaluable friend, counselor, and loved one to those whom she knows.

We welcome Matt to St. Paul's and encourage everyone to introduce themselves to him.

MUSIC MINISTRY



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. In fact: in adding up their years of service, we

have a total of over 600 years of service! The average time for each member is 15 years. Cindy and Russ D, Janet, Gordon , Milt E, Barbara Patti, Terry, and Judy have been singing with us for 30 years and over! (Judy is our longest serving member with 41 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



BELL CHOIR

Thank you, thank you to all of our wonderful "ringers". They gave time and effort to our Handbell Choir in order to make it a very special ministry at St. Paul's. Their ministry was very much appreciated by all.

We are looking forward to a great new year this September. We hope that you will consider joining us next year in this great ministry.

Director, Barbara

CELEBRATION CHOIR

St. Paul's Celebration Choir (Youth Choir) has now ended for the 2005-2006 year. We would like to thank all of our members for all of their hard work and dedication since September. 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.

Our Celebration Choir graduating seniors are Barbara and Eric. We thank them for their dedication and time for so many years. You will be very missed! God Bless you in college. They are also the recipients of the **The Gladys Boyd Music Scholarship of \$150.** **Barbara and Eric** have been in all of our children's and youth choirs as well as the Youth Plays. We thank Barbara and Eric for their years of service to St. Paul's Music Ministry.

We would also like to thank the youth that were part of our Youth Musical, "Let's Go To the Rock". We had many hours of fun and fellowship in this great youth ministry and hope to involve even more kids in our play next year.

A special thank you to **Judy S** for all the many hours she dedicated to our choir and play! She has been a wonderful assistant and is extremely dedicated to our youth and their work for the Lord. Thank you, Judy!

Also to **Milt** for all he does with the sound system and **Cindy, Steve, and Al and Jan P** for their work with the sets.

PRAISE TEAM

St. Paul's is very blessed to have a contemporary **Praise Team.** These members give up their Friday nights to practice in order to sing and play for Sunday services. They are dedicated and hard working and their ministry to St. Paul's is much appreciated.

THANK YOU ALL!

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 7. All others begin the week of September 11. We might even be in our new room by then. Please join us to sing and play God's praises as well as for fellowship and fun.

In His Name and In His Service, Barbara E

Christmas Concert Band

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the great musicians who played for the Christmas Band. This Band, which played for the Christmas program at the cantata, is unique in that it is made up of people from St. Paul's, High Schools in the area, various colleges, and community members. We are blessed to have so many youth and adults involved in this ministry. Thank you to them—and if you are 7th grade-adult and play an instrument we encourage you to join us in October.

Thank You

Our thanks would not be complete without a heartfelt thank you to our children's choir directors, Janet Post and Judy Propert. 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 is to love the Lord and share His word through their joyful singing. Thanks also to our assistants, Judy Simeone and Cindy Davis. They have been to all of our children's and youth choir rehearsals to lend their help and support. They too are dedicated to our children in a very special way.

We also want to thank Jane Hasher for playing the piano for **all** of our children's choirs. She has shown her love for music and the children in this commitment to our music ministry and we thank her for all her dedication to these children's and youth choirs. She is very talented and we appreciate her helping us every week.

In His Service,
Barbara



Carol Choir

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the students who participated in the Carol Choir this year.

Josh, Jen and Casey will be moving on to the Celebration Choir next year.

I also would like to thank Jane H for her assistance with the choir. It has been a joy to work with a group who has been enthusiastic about singing praises to our Lord.

In Christ's Service,
Mrs. P

Cherub Choir

Thank you to all the members of St. Paul's Cherub Choir. What a wonderful group we had! We sang each month for the first service and sang for 2 services on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Palm and Easter Sundays. We put on a play called the Adventures of Charlie Cherub. It had 10 songs and everyone in the Choir had a part. We also sang at Burnt Tavern Rehab Center this year.

Thank you to Cindy D for all your hard work in the midst of a year of challenges in your family. You are so dedicated. Thank you to Kyleen who helped with keeping the kids in line and handing out stickers. Thank you to Jane H for your hard work and dedication. Jane had to play the entire Cherub play on the piano because there was no tape or CD available.

Thank you to Katie R who was always on hand to help run the tapes and CD's'. Her quiet presence was invaluable. We will miss you. All the best as you start college. Katie has been with us for 5 years.

And finally thank you to all the parents and grandparents who faithfully bring the children each week. Hope you all have a happy summer. See you in September.
Love, Janet Post

25 Years of Dedicated Service!

In June we celebrated Bill's 25 years of dedicated service to the people of St. Paul's. Bill has been invaluable over the years keeping the building clean and safe. We had a cake to share with Bill on one Sunday. If you see "Mr. Bill" please take the time to thank him for his years of service.



Our theme this year is "Treasure Cove", where we will discover the riches of Christ together! So come on out and meet "Chester" the Treasure Chest and all his friends, as we go out on an exciting treasure hunt each day and learn that **Jesus Christ is our greatest treasure, and that He treasures each of us with all His heart!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION WALK

Over the past month, the Sunday school classes have been gathering sponsors for their annual Walk to benefit Missions. This year the proceeds are for the benefit of Christian summer camp scholarships as well as the Kentucky and Mexico missions

I am excited to report that the walk was a SUCCESS and the children raised \$976.45 and there is still some more to be collected. With over \$1,000.00 in pledged sponsors this has been our best year yet!! Give them a pat on the back for their hard work and dedication to the Mission work being done at St. Pauls. Their example is one to follow! Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers, the Sunday school office staff, St. Paul's Christian school, the senior high for our field games and those involved weekly with help setting up the tables. We could not have done it without everyone's help. And last but certainly by no means least, the members of St. Pauls thank you for all of your support!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Sunday school teachers will be teaching the last day of Sunday school for the summer on June 18th and I would like to thank each and every teacher and staff for their enormous dedication and commitment to the children of this church. They have taken their talents and God's purpose in their lives to dedicate to your children every Sunday for 10 months of the year, please join me in taking the time to thank them.

Our dates for this year's Vacation Bible School are **August 7th to the 11th, 2006 (Mon-Fri)**, and our **times are 9 AM to 12 Noon daily** (with a **12 Noon to 1 PM** "Celebration time" on **Friday the 11th**).

We have **Pre-K** for ages **4 and 5**, as well as **Kindergarten through 5th grade**. **Registration fee is \$3 per day or \$15 for the entire week** (Please feel free to call for our **scholarship program** if you have a need). Please just fill out the form available in the bulletin or drop by the office. You can also mail the form to St. Paul's to register your child (Enclose a check or just pay at the door on August 7th). If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office at (732) 458-2080

HELP WANTED

Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents to our Sunday school, Nursery and Vacation Bible school programs. We are always in need of help and we can not offer these programs without our dedicated volunteers. Our children need YOU! Please help. For more information please contact Pastor John or Kathy D. Thank you!

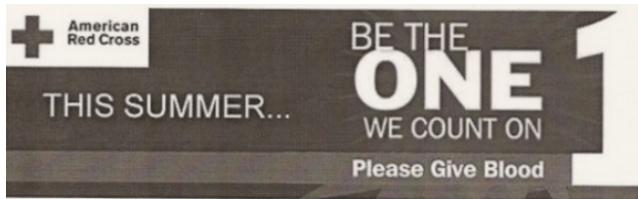
Food Pantry

Our Church pantry is in need of the following items:

Powdered Milk	Juice
Pancake Mix & Syrup	Peanut Butter
Canned Meats and Main Dishes	

If you can help, please bring these items and leave them in the plastic tub under the mail boxes.

Thank you, Bery



The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on July 17, 2006 from 01:00 PM - 07:00 PM. The drive will be held here at St. Paul's UMC-Brick in Norcross Hall. For your convenience we are offering the ability to schedule your appointment by calling the office at 732-458-2080. Scheduling your appointment ahead of time means less waiting for you and better use of the personnel. Each year 4.5 million Americans would die without life saving blood transfusions... and your single blood donation could help save up to three lives. I encourage you to please schedule your donation today.

New Address for James and Meredith

James and Meredith E
 c/o First United Methodist Church of Blairstown
 PO Box 364
 Blairstown, NJ 07825

(Actual address is 10 Stillwater Rd, but mail must be addressed by PO Box number)

Walk for the Ages

Benefit for United Methodist Homes

This year's twelfth annual Walk for the Ages will take place in Ocean Grove on Saturday, July 8th. Registration starts at 9:30 PM. at the Francis Asbury Manor. The Walk begins at 10:30 PM.

Proceeds from the 2.5 mile Walk benefit the Fellowship Fund which helps The Homes to live up to its commitment that no resident is ever asked to leave because of exhausted financial resources.

Normally we take a Communion Offering for the Homes, but with enough support for this year's walkers, we'll be able to meet our obligation and have fun too! Refreshments and a free beach pass will be given to all completing the Walk.

If you'd like to participate as a walker or sponsor a walker from Saint Paul's, please contact Virginia R. Sponsorship forms will be available in the Narthex this Sunday.

ATTENTION!!!

*Anyone wishing to be an usher...
 (and current ushers)*

Are you interested in being an usher on Sunday mornings? Would you like to assist in serving Communion? Do you already take part in this ministry? If you would like to be a part of this ministry or already assist in this area please fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

Please check all that apply:

___ First Service (9 am)

___ Second Service (10:45 am)

IN FAITH WE GROW STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Monthly Mortgage Payment.....\$9,637.03
Expansion Givings For May..... \$9,274

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE EXPANSION FUNDS WERE PLEDGED THE AMOUNT GIVEN WAS LESS THAN THE ACTUAL MORTGAGE PAYMENT.

Today's Reading

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:1-3,
1 Chronicles 29:13-14

Key Thought: Consistent giving facilitates consistent ministry.

Today's Reflection

Paul's instruction in 1 Corinthians 16:1-3 is not a legalistic demand that we give a certain amount of money every week to the Lord's work. It is simply a recognition that the needs of the body can be met in a decent and orderly fashion, without a lot of fuss or fanfare. The offering he was referring to was a onetime collection for the suffering saints in Jerusalem. But many needs in the church are not so dramatic. Electric bills must be paid. Buildings and equipment must be maintained for good stewardship. The salaries of faithful workers must be met. Those kinds of ongoing needs require ongoing support. That's where consistent, regular giving is so important. And what we put in the offering each week is just as much an act of worship and an expression of devotion as the songs we sing or the Scriptures we study in a church service. Giving regularly is a wonderful demonstration of

His Lordship over our resources and our gratitude to Him for His consistent, unfailing care of us.

Stewardship Speakers: Bill and Pat S regarding tithing

This is what we believe:

1. Tithing is giving 10% of your gross income. To determine if you are giving 10%, write down what you presently give. How far away from 10% is this amount? Make the conscious decision to increase this amount, in increments of 1%, each week, until the 10% is reached.
2. Tithing is done whether we are in church or out of church. Vacations and sick time mean that we are not at the church; however, the church is still in operation. We tithe not only because we are expected to freely give because we have freely received, but also to help the ministries of the church. Being active members of several church boards in Kentucky and Tennessee brought this home in a monumental way.
3. Make a pledge to the building fund is over and above tithing. Giving to missionaries is over and above tithing and pledges.

This has worked for us for more than 20 years. As part of our budget, we find that we can get along without the money given to tithing, pledge and missionary support. And that's our story.

SPREAD THE WORD

ST. PAUL'S CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NEEDS TO FILL THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.

PHYS ED TEACHER/AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM -PART-TIME

- Certified in Physical Education
- responsible for our sports program
- part-time, grades K-8
- knows Jesus
- willing to coach

NURSE – FULL-TIME

RECESS & LUNCH MONITORS

1 ½ HOURS PER DAY

- Tuition discount and pay given.
- set-up of lunchroom
- monitoring lunchroom and/or playground

➤ clean up (take tables and chairs down, clean floor, etc.)

➤ Time: 11:30 - 1:00 (M through F)

For all positions please submit:

- Copy of Resume
- 2 written character references
- statement of faith
- copy of your teaching certification or license

Please submit the above to:

St. Paul's Christian School
714 Herbertsville Road
Brick, NJ 8724

Any questions please call us at 732-458-2004

