



# Circuit Rider

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St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
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From The Pastor's Desk:

The greatest mission in your life is being a parent. There is nothing more important than being a mother or father. Of all of the men and women in the Bible, the last word about Jacob's life is really unique.

It says in Genesis 49:33, "When Jacob ended his charge to his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed, breathed his last, was gathered to his people and died." As important as Jacob was to God's plan, what would be said about Jacob?

This is so powerful. "When he ended his charge to his children he died." It wasn't about his accomplishments, his career, his wealth, or his dysfunctional childhood. It wasn't even about his relationship with God. It was about being a Dad.

Jacob had twelve sons and his sons became the leaders of the twelve tribes of Israel. It was through Israel that the Messiah Jesus came. God's strategy was the priority of parenting because character is only one generation strong. Our children become who we are - not what we say.

There are five mission-critical life priorities that parents must give their children. We have to demonstrate our priorities to our children because kids learn through the repetition of our behavior and priorities. They are worship, word of God, wealth, work and intimacy.

This last priority, intimacy, is what I would like us to think about. It is through watching you that kids witness the demonstration of healthy intimacy. Dads, this is really important. There are three ways we love: morally, emotionally, and physically. How do you love your wife? Let's look at each of those areas.

First you love your wife morally. Even before you meet your wife (hear this, single dads) you are protecting yourselves morally. We are saving ourselves morally for the wife that God is providing for us. It is why men should view pornography as the plague. That stuff is disastrous because it will keep you from having the ability to love and connect emotionally and really connect physically.

Secondly, you love your wife emotionally. Emotional love is based in commitment. How you love your wife emotionally is to let her know that you are committed to her and nothing can change that commitment. To love your wife emotionally means that you are their greatest encouragers.

Third, you love your wife physically. You care for her needs above your own. I remember seeing my mom and dad kiss each other when they were not going to see each other for a while. Kids watch and are learning healthy, appropriate intimacy. Your wife might have grown up in a home with dads who were critical and mom who were critical or were abused. You are those who now are helping God restore the esteem with which they were created. Children need to see clearly that you truly love and respect your wife.

Take a few minutes, dads, and reflect how you are teaching intimacy to your children.

See You In Worship, Pastor John

**St. Paul's**  
**Celebration Choir and Youth**  
PRESENT THEIR

**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH MUSICAL**  
**“Let's Go to the Rock”**

St Paul's Youth Choir will present their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Musical on **May 20 and 21, Saturday and Sunday, at 7:30PM**. This great musical has the kids dancing, singing, and acting to great music and a great story.

We encourage you to take an exciting trip with St. Paul's youth. St. Paul's Christian School kids are also lending their talents to this fun musical. **“Let's Go to the Rock”** is a favorite of the musicals that we have done in the past. We performed this play in 1991 and 1996 and the kids and audiences liked it so much that we decided to do it again for its 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

**“Let's Go to the Rock”** is unique in that it takes a trip in time. It opens up in the present time and then goes back to the 1950s. The youth of 2006 have many choices to make. Never have there been so many options...never has there been such a need for Jesus. Parents and teens continually point out difficulties in communications with their busy schedules. How, they ask, can they get the other to sit still long enough to listen or talk about relevant things? This musical drama grabs the attention of our youth through the international and ageless language of music, all the while pointing out the truths of God no matter what the era. We hope that **“Let's Go to the Rock”** will invite youth and adults to commit and recommit their lives to the Rock who transcends all ages.

The music is 50's, upbeat, and entertaining with a fun script. The youth have been working on this since February and are anxious to share this with everyone. We hope that you will support them in this effort and invite family, friends, and other churches and their youth groups to join us.

So spend an hour with us and enjoy the great message, the super music, and watch their “dancing feet” as St. Paul's Youth present **“Let's Go to the Rock”!**

**UNITED METHODIST**  
**WOMEN**

Dates to Remember:

May 2 Executive Board 7 PM

May 16 Dinner & General Meeting 6:30 PM

May 20 Rummage/White Elephant/Bake Sale  
10AM-3PM

May 21 Women Speak Sunday – Pat Stoughton 9 &  
10:45 AM

The UMW will meet on Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 for a Covered Dish Dinner. All ladies are invited. The program will be Chris F who is Assistant Manager of the Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove and co-author of the book *“Ocean Grove in Vintage Postcards”*. He will be speaking on the history of Ocean Grove.

**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 this year be walking in order to raise money for Missions. The students will be asking for donations between services until the day of the walk on June 4th.

In the past the Mission walk was for the First Mile Missions obligations of our church. First Mile Missions are missions all over the globe that St. Paul's support together with all other United Methodists, doing together what none of us can do alone.

This year we are keeping the focus of the Sunday school walk to local missions that help children and will be selecting one or two local missions to support. Additionally, we will be providing Scholarships to those attending a Christian Summer Camp. This way the children can better identify with the group(s) for which they are working.

Scholarship applications are available through the Sunday School Office.

Please reach out to the Sunday school classes by sponsoring a child (or two) and help them make this Mission a success!! Please look for them between services. God bless you for your help.

### **Senior Joy**

Senior Joy will be meeting on Thursday May 11h at 12:30. Bring a sandwich, dessert will be provided. Police Lieutenant Kinney will be our featured speaker this month  
Please join us and be Blessed

### **Ocean Fun Days! 2006**

Ocean Fun Days is an event that brings together many of New Jersey's top scientists and researchers with families and friends to enjoy fun-oriented activities and exhibits designed to make learning about our beaches and aquatic surroundings a memorable experience. This event is co-sponsored by New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG), New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium, the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. This year they have added a scouting badge component for any Girl or Boy Scout looking to earn related environmental badges.

Ocean Fun days will have two locations:

*Saturday, May 20, 2006 in Ocean County at Island Beach State Park in Seaside Park.*

*Sunday, May 21, 2006 in Monmouth County at the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium in Sandy Hook Gateway National Recreational Area.*

Both events will take place between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., rain or shine.  
For more information visit the NJNG website: [NJLIVING.COM](http://NJLIVING.COM).

### **Directories**

The Directories are here! Everyone who had a picture taken for the directory is entitled to a free book. You can pick up your directory from Ruth.

### **HELP US MINISTER TO YOU!**

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

### **CHURCH CLASS**

Pastor John will be teaching several classes this Spring for individuals who wish to deepen their faith. The classes will be on a Saturday at the Sally Ike parsonage. Contact the office (732)-458-2080 if you are interested in any of the classes.

May 6 Maturity (How to grow in Christ)

June 10 Ministry (How to serve Christ)

### **Love Gift**

As you know James and Meredith Elliott will be leaving us at the end of June. Up to now, no firm plans has materialized as to where they will be going. We will inform you of those plans whenever they become clear.

There will be a celebration of their ministry at St. Paul's and the planning is just getting underway. Lorraine Beaver, Pam Snyder and Steve Bruce will be working with others to put together this celebration. Please contact one of them if you would like to help. As a Church body it would be good to send them off into whatever new ministries God has for them with a Love Gift. This month you will find an envelope included in the Circuit Rider labeled "LOVE GIFT" which should be used for this purpose. The envelopes may be sent to the office or placed in the offering plate. Please pray about giving and use the envelope so it gets properly directed.

In Christ,  
Terry  
Chairman: Staff-Parish Relations

### **OPEN DOOR NEWS**

A Big Thank You to St. Paul's United Methodist Church for their contributions to the Baby Bottle

Boomerang Campaign. Your Church contributed \$1,030.23

We also wanted to thank Joyce, our liaison for your church, for her part in facilitating and promoting this encouraging event in your church.

The Open Door is very grateful to St. Paul's and Joyce for their participation and for the blessing this becomes to many moms and babies.

The Open Door

## ***HELP WANTED*** ***ST. PAUL'S CHRISTIAN SCHOOL***

ALL POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE  
THIS 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

### ***KINDERGARTEN TEACHER***

- Certified in Elementary Education
- Full Time
- Knows Jesus

### ***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



# DAY

## 5/6/06

**8:00 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**8:30 AM START PROJECTS**

- 1 CLEAN CHURCH
- 2 BATHROOMS (ALL)
- 3 OFFICE AREA
- 4 STORAGE ROOMS (ALL)
- 5 OUTSIDE (ALL AROUND CAMPUS)
- 6 GARAGES

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU NEED TO KEEP IN REFERENCE TO THE STORAGE AREAS PLEASE MARK, OTHERWISE IT WILL BE THROWN OUT.

IF YOU HAVE ANY TOOLS THAT WOULD HELP EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE PLEASE BRING THEM.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT  
DAVE  
WALT or  
SEE PASTOR JOHN.

WE URGE YOU TO COME OUT EVEN IF



## PROMISE KEEPERS 2006

It is not about learning how to be a nicer guy. It's about becoming the powerful man God designed you to be.

There is *courage* bound up in you. Unleash it.  
There is *passion* and *fire* tied up in you. Unleash it.  
There is a *warrior* held captive in you. Unleash it.  
There is an *untamed spirit* held down in you. Unleash it.  
And when the power of God in you is unleashed...the adventure truly begins.

The men of St. Paul's will be attending the Conference in Baltimore Md., We will depart midday Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June and return home for dinner on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June.

The cost of attending the conference is \$89.00 which includes admission both days and a box lunch on Saturday. We will be responsible for dinner on Friday and breakfast Saturday morning.

We are currently in the process of securing a host church for Friday evening requiring each attendee to bring toiletries, change of clothing and a sleeping bag. (More information on accommodations will be provided as they become available)

## ONLY FOR 1 HOUR.

IF WE GET ENOUGH PEOPLE WE CAN HOPEFULLY HAVE EVERYTHING ACCOMPLISHED BY 1 PM.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS TRUSTEES

Interested men should see Nelson or Vern or simply return the tear-off below in the offering basket

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NAME

PHONE #

BEST TIME TO CONTACT  
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## Military Personnel

The UMW would like to continue to send cards to our service men and women. If you have any friends or relatives in the military overseas or in the United States and would like them to receive cards from us, please fill in the form below and place it in the offering basket. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Military Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship:  
\_\_\_\_\_

## News from Kids Alley

Mark your calendars!

We will be having a barbeque here at the church on June 24th for the Kids Alley children from 12 to 2.

The boy scouts will be organizing games but don't worry; there will plenty of opportunities for all of us to help out! Jenifer

Also, just a reminder that the Rummage Sale will be held on May 20th. So while you're cleaning out your closets during this beautiful warm Spring please keep us in mind! (Items can be brought in on May 19<sup>th</sup>).

worldwide die of hunger and hunger-related diseases every single day! Isn't that sad? Isn't that horrible? Isn't that wrong? This is why we do what we do...this is why we do the famine...because we try our best to do that which Jesus would do).

During the month of March our youth served our monthly fellowship dinner (the meal was awesome and the service impeccable) while Wesley O'B entertained us with a bit of Irish Jeopardy! (Watch out Alex Trebec!)

Our youth also went out and showed their love and support to several of our people by helping them out with some yard work. They worked very hard and did a great job...and they

## Youth Group News!!!

Greetings friends and fellow-believers in the Lord Jesus Christ! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Yes, I know that Easter has come and gone, but I love to proclaim this blessed truth even after Eastertide. And I thank God that "I serve a Risen Savior", and that "He's in the world today"; and I thank God that our Risen Savior will live and reign in our hearts and lives if we open our hearts and surrender our lives to Him. I pray that each of us ask the Lord Jesus Christ to be the King of our hearts and lives today, and to help us to live in His love and forgiveness, and in His wisdom and mighty power ("Christ in you" is the "hope of glory"! Colossians 1:27b).

Well, we certainly have had a "fun-filled" and "action-packed" winter/spring with our youth! We started off the month of February with our first annual "Youth vs. Adults" Fundraiser basketball Game, followed by our annual Winter Ski Retreat (both of which were absolutely awesome!).

Towards the end of February we had our annual "30-Hour Famine", and the youth made me very proud by fasting for 30 hours and by raising nearly \$2,000 to love and help desperately poor and starving children throughout the world (Just for your information, about 29,000 children

did most of it without too much complaining ("I'm tired", "My hands are dirty", "I have a blister", "When's lunch", and so on). Seriously though, our youth made me very proud by keeping the command of 1 John 3:18..."Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth").

Coming soon we have "The Walk for Life" on April 29<sup>th</sup> (We meet at 9 AM at St. Paul's) to benefit the "Open Door Pregnancy Center and help save the unborn, the United Methodist Men's Family Day at Ocean Grove on May 6<sup>th</sup> (I strongly encourage all of our families to attend...it will be fantastic!), and our "Christian Youth Explosion" outing to Great Adventure on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> (we gather at 9 AM to go together)!

On a praise note, we were blessed to have 4 new kids at our Junior-High meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> (Jennifer and Sean, who are siblings, along with their friends Kara and Kathleen). They are some great kids to add to an already wonderful group of Junior-High youth! God is on the move! Praise God!

The Angels (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group) also have several things going this May/June including our Sleepover Party on June 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>!

Please let me know if you need a calendar-of-events for either the Angels or Junior-High group.

Well, that's all for now. Please keep all of our youth and youth leaders in your daily prayers as we strive to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ our Lord. I pray that we will follow Jesus even when He leads us to places that are very difficult to go ("For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an

example, that you should follow in His steps." 1 Peter 2:21); and I pray that we will know the Peace and Joy that comes from walking with the King.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor James

## IN FAITH WE GROW STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

### FINANCIAL UPDATE REGARDING THE 20 YEAR MORTGAGE

Monthly Mortgage Payment.....	\$9,637.03
Expansion Givings For March.....	\$10,013.00
Current Balance of Mortgage (Interest Rate = 5.75%).....	\$1,330,184.05

### Today's Reading

**Scripture Reading:** Nehemiah 4:9, Hebrews 10:24

**Key Thought:** The work of God is to be done by the people of God giving according to the will of God.

### Today's Reflection

A John Wesley statement to his parishioner perfectly sums up the Law of Constructive Contribution: Go and read the third chapter of Nehemiah and learn that he who repaired the dung gate was counted of as much honor as he who worked on the gate of the fountain. All did their bit; you and I can do no more. As a believer and as a member of this church body, you are standing shoulder to shoulder with others in the work of God. You are not working alone. But you are making a contribution that no one else can make. You have a place to fill, a role to play that no one else can. Without a doubt, you will encounter opposition. Your personal circumstances may seem to conspire against your successful completion of the task before you. You may be criticized by others who don't like how you're doing our part. You may even begin to question the worth of what you're doing. Do what Nehemiah did. Pray. Set your defenses against the opposition. And keep going. Fulfill your role with confidence in God and persistence in doing good. Don't let your part of the wall remain undone. You will be rewarded.

# FELLOWSHIP DINNER

# SATURDAY, MAY 13TH 6 PM



# SALE

**Rummage/ White Elephant/  
Bake Sale & Lunch**

**Saturday, May 20, 2006**

**10 am-3 PM  
Clothing \$4/bag  
Lunch Available**

Donations of CLOTHING, WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS, LINENS, BAKED GOODS, JEWELRY can be brought to Norcross Hall on Friday, May 19th only from 9 AM - 8 PM. Baked goods can also be donated on Sat. before 10 am.