



Circuit Rider

**St. Paul's United Methodist
Church**

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September 2009

A few weeks ago during worship I shared that we all have a job description as members of St. Paul's UMC. Ephesians 4:3 says, "*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*" Our job description is to be peacemakers. We have a calling to maintain peace with one another. God calls us to be unified but unity in a church is not uniformity. It is not everyone being at the same place at the same time. Paul told us in I Corinthians 1:10 that we are to be united in thought and purpose. We continue to commit ourselves to our purpose as a church in common fellowship to Praise God through worship, to Grow as disciples through study, to Share our faith through testimony, and to Serve others through ministry.

On September 27th we will be beginning a new series...50 Days of Faith. We have done many church wide studies over the last few years, 40 Days of Purpose, 50 Days of Prayer, 50 Days of Love. The goal of these church-wide studies has been to help us be united in thought and purpose. We unify around doing the same things but not at the same time or in the same way.

Hebrews 11:6 says, "*Without faith it is impossible to please God...*" The Bible says there's only one way to get God's approval. It is not by being more good than bad. Nor is it by keeping the Ten Commandments or by promising to be perfect or by being religious and going to church.

There's only one way to get God's smile on your life. The only way you can get God's approval is by faith in Jesus Christ, His Son. You may be a great person but without faith it's impossible to please God. You may do all kinds of great things in your life but without faith it's impossible to please God. Our faith is an essential issue. It is vital that you learn how to live by faith. That you strengthen your faith.

So for the next fifty days, between September 27th and Thanksgiving, we're entering into an eight week or fifty-day series called "Fifty Days of Faith." In this series we're going to stretch your faith, we're going to challenge your faith, we're going to deepen your faith, we're going to strengthen your faith and you're going to see all kinds of amazing things happen in your life as your faith grows.

How do you get more faith? You say, "I'd like to get more faith. How do I get it?" The Bible tells us that faith comes by hearing the word of God. Faith comes from this book – this is faith-food – and the more you get into this book, God's word, the Bible – the more your faith will develop. So we've figured out a way in the next fifty days to deepen your faith and get you into the word four different ways.

First, we're going to do eight messages on Sunday mornings. This will be an opportunity for us to corporately praise God, share our faith and learn more about how our faith in God can grow.

Second, we're going to give you a weekly, personal promise of God from the Bible. In your bulletin each week there will be a little card that says, "Faith weekly memory verse." You can pull it out put it somewhere so that

through the day, through the week you can look at it, memorize the verse, put it in your heart where it can make a difference.

Third, I put together a daily devotional guide called "Fifty Days of Faith" for you to start each morning tuning into God. I took the fifty greatest promises of the Bible and wrote a page on each of these promises. You can pick your book up after the service on September 27th. You can spend just five minutes each day, filling your life with inspiration in devotionals that will help you grow in faith.

Fourth, we are working on a Fifty Days of Faith weekly Bible study guide. I'm going to ask everybody who is in a small group to set aside your curriculum and go through this study together with the whole church. We will be coordinating and complimenting the messages, the scripture verses to be memorized, the daily devotional and the weekly study altogether because you're going to be changed in these fifty days. Your faith is going to develop. It's going to be strengthened, it's going to be challenged, and it's going to grow as you get in contact with the word of God.

If you are currently not in a small group, I want you to sign up for a special eight-week study. We need homes to sponsor the groups and people to lead the groups. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex over the next few weeks. I would love to see everyone in our church in a small group for these fifty days.

"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." Hebrews 11:6.

Pastor John

I Saw Jesus Last Week.

He was wearing blue jeans and an old shirt.
He was up at the church building;
He was alone and working hard.
For just a minute he looked a little like one of our church members.
But it was Jesus, I could tell by his smile.

I saw Jesus last Sunday.

He was teaching a Bible class.
He didn't talk real loud or use long words,
But you could tell he believed what he said.
For just a minute, he looked like my Sunday School teacher.
But it was Jesus, I could tell by his loving voice.

I saw Jesus yesterday.

He was at the hospital visiting a friend who was sick.
They prayed together quietly.
For just a minute he looked like our minister.
But it was Jesus, I could tell by the tears in his eyes.

I saw Jesus this morning.

He was in my kitchen making my breakfast
He then fixed me a special lunch to take with me.
For just a minute he looked like my Mom.
But it was Jesus, I could feel the love from his heart.

I saw Jesus today.

He was praying on his knees all alone.
He then began to cry for those he prayed for.
For just a minute he looked like a lady from our church.
But it was Jesus, I could see the compassion poured out of his prayer.

I saw Jesus the other day.

He was at the grocery store talking to friends.
He then put his arms around them to comfort them.
For just a minute he looked like a young mother in our ladies class.
But it was Jesus, I could see the concern for others who hurt.

I saw Jesus the other day.

Taking food to the sick,
Welcoming others to his home,
Being friendly to a newcomer
And for just a minute I think he's someone I know.
But it's always Jesus, I can tell by the way he serves.

Let someone see Jesus in us today. "As the Father has sent me, so send I you."

Youth News

"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

- Jesus (John 16.33)

One promise that we have in the Scriptures that is hard for us to swallow is this promise that we *will* have tribulation. Wouldn't it be nice if all of life were comfortable, and that we could enjoy the comforts of this life without any threat of pain and suffering at all?

C.S. Lewis once said that "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." And what if it was in our pain that we would actually hear God's voice most clearly? What if we would listen to Him, seek Him, and understand Him in ways that we've never had or ever would if it were not for the pains and struggles of this life? And if God were shouting through this megaphone of pain - in all of our trials and struggles - what message would He be shouting?

I am not in any way suggesting that we trivialize or make light of the pain and suffering in our personal lives and in this world. Jesus said "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted (Matthew 5.4)." I believe that it is indeed a mystery why people suffer and why our Good and Loving Creator allows certain things in our lives and in this world to happen.

But I do know this, that God is working *all* things - the good and the bad, the joyful and the painful - all things together for good to those that love Him, to those that are called according to His purpose (see Romans 8.28).

We may never know *why* things happen in the strictest sense, but we may see God's glory and majesty in the midst of pain; knowing and trusting that He is up to something good along the way, even *in* our sufferings.

To that end, we can press on and take heart, resting in the second part of that promise, that *Jesus has overcome the world*. As a people who have placed their trust in Jesus Christ, we belong to a kingdom that He is in the process of ushering in! A kingdom

where "The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them (Matthew 11.5)."

The Apostle John wrote about a future coming day in the kingdom of God:

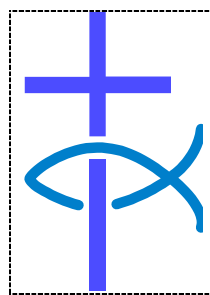
Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." - Revelation 21.1-5a

This is the kingdom that Jesus is ushering in! May we listen to the Lord's voice who calls us to follow Him, and seek to know the next step He is calling us to, even in the midst of pain. May we trust in the grace of God - which Jesus made available for us at the cross and through His resurrection - to lead us all the way to that future coming day in the kingdom of God!

Grace and Peace from Him to you,

Matt

MEMBERSHIP CLASS



Pastor John will be giving a **membership class** for individuals who are interested in joining the Church (and anyone who wishes to explore their faith). At the end of the membership class you may make your decision on joining the church. The class will be on **Saturday, September 12th** from

10am to 2pm at the Sally Ike parsonage. Contact the office (732)-458-2080 if you are interested in joining the class.

St. Paul's Music Ministry

St. Paul's new music season will soon begin and we are hoping that many of you will consider joining one of our choirs and /or instrumental groups. There are always places in our choirs and we encourage participation for your own enjoyment and fellowship as well as to sing or play for the glory of God. Many exciting things are planned this year for all groups. If you have been in choirs before or can carry a tune you should make this a singing or playing season for our Lord. The following are the groups offered by *St. Paul's Music Ministry*:

CHERUBS

4yrs. to 1st grade - Rehearse Wed. 4:30-5:30

This cute group directed by Janet Post sings once a month on the first Sunday of the month as well as all special Sundays. They also put on a musical and go to Nursing Homes to sing. This is a wonderful opportunity for your little ones to learn the joy of singing and to be part of our worship service. We really need these youngsters to sing with us so that they will continue to be part of our music ministry for many years to come. **Rehearsals begin September 16.**

CAROL CHOIR

2nd to 5th gr. – Rehearse- Thurs. 7:00 to 7:45.

This choir, led by Judy Propert, sings twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month as well as all special Sundays. They also minister at Nursing Homes. We hope that you will encourage your children to participate in this great choir—we need singers and this is a great way for your child to enjoy singing for the Lord. **Rehearsals begin 9/17.**

CELEBRATION CHOIR

**6 th grade to 12th grade- Rehearsals-
Thurs. 7:00 - 7:45PM**

Our youth choir, directed by Barbara Estelle, sings the 3rd and 4th Sundays as well as all special Sundays. We have a great time singing, dancing, and even acting. We hope you'll join us! We are looking for more youth to be part of our Celebration Choir. Please invite your friends to come out for a great time of Christian fellowship and song.

Rehearsals begin September 17.

If you have any questions about any of our musical groups please call the Director of Music, Barbara Estelle, at the church office at 732-458-2080 Ext. #14.

CHANCEL CHOIR

10th grade to Adult-

Rehearsals- Thursdays at 8:00PM

Our adult choir sings every Sunday and alternates early and late services except on special Sundays when we sing at both services. We also minister on holidays and during special church events. Our **Christmas and Easter cantatas** are attended by many people in the community and are well known throughout the area. Our annual **Variety Show** is a fun-filled fellowship time for the whole church. God has blessed St. Paul's with many talented and dedicated musicians and we encourage *you* to be part of this great choir—new and former singers are always welcome. We need YOU! **Rehearsals begin September 10.**

HANDBELL CHOIR

**9th grade through adult- Rehearsals-
Wednesdays at 6:00-7:00.** Our talented Handbell Choir plays at different times throughout the year. You have to be able to read music. Please join us for some great bell ringing! (Who can forget last year's rhythm stick accompaniments and tricky bell moves!?) Please call Barbara if you are considering joining for the first time. **Rehearsals begin September 16.**

PRAISE TEAM

11th Grade to Adult--Our Praise Team leads songs in worship at the second service every Sunday. The teams are made up of guitars, bass, keyboard, drums, and vocalists. Please contact Barbara for more information. We are in need of people to work the sound board/system. Please call if you think you might be able to help. We play year round.

CONCERT BAND

**7th grade to Adult –
Wednesdays at 7:15-8:15 PM.**

This unique instrumental group plays primarily at Christmas. It is made up of all instruments: Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion and includes members from St. Paul's as well as the community at large. We numbered about 40+ members last year. Smaller groups as well as soloists and duets are used at various times during the year as well. Please call Barbara or the church office for more information or if you are thinking about soloing. **Rehearsals will begin 10/21** for the Concert Band

****Please note that you can join our choral groups
any time throughout the year**

Men's Basketball League

Assistance needed to help run the Adult men's basketball group on Tuesday evenings at 8pm. Looking for someone to open with small devotion and then to lock up afterwards. Contact Rich for more information.

District Resource Day on Spiritual Formation September 17, 2009

The Northern Shore District Conference will be having a Resource day on Thursday September 17th with a choice of day or evening programs. Everyone is invited to attend. If you would be interested in attending please contact the office at 732/458-2080 by Thursday, September 3rd.

Place: West Grove UMC, 102 Walnut Street (off Route 33 East near Route 18 intersection), Neptune, NJ 07753.

Schedule:

Day Session for both clergy & laity

8:30 a.m.—Gathering, including a brief opening devotional time

9 a.m. to 12 noon—**Rev. Rebecca Laird's presentation:**

The morning session will have two parts.

Spiritual Formation of the Whole Person will build a foundation for understanding the varied spiritual pathways that allow adults to cultivate a faithful way of life over the span of many decades.

Ways of Prayer for All God's People will offer participants an opportunity to identify their own and their congregation's spiritual type and explore several different ways of prayer to nurture a mature spirituality.

PLEASE NOTE: No lunch will be served. A variety of breakfast "finger foods" and beverages will be available from 8:30 am to noon.

Evening Session for both clergy & laity

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Brief opening devotional followed by Dr. Christensen's presentation:

The evening session will focus on the spiritual life as a journey inward to the heart and a journey outward in community and mission. This movement from inner to outer is ongoing and strengthened by contemplative prayer and compassionate action. Dr. Christensen will describe how the constant call to move from fear to love and resentment to gratitude fuels the spiritual journey.

Sunday School News

Welcome back to Sunday school! Our classes will begin on September 13th at 9:00 am. Children from pre kindergarten through 3rd grade will begin in church for the children's sermon then proceed to their class (classrooms will be listed in the bulletin and at the Sunday school office). Grades 4th through high school will go directly to their classes at 9:00 am. Sunday school class time will be 9:00 am to 10:20 am. Please pick up your child promptly in their classroom at the appointed end of class time at 10:20 am. Babysitting for infants through age 3 will only be available during the 9:00 am service at this time.

September 20th is Christian Education Sunday when our 3rd grade children will receive their bibles to help further their study in His word. Please come to celebrate, recognize and support both our 3rd graders and teaching staff.

Our Sunday school program is still looking for parents to help support our program in volunteering to help with teaching, teachers aide and rotating Sundays in the nursery. Without the help of parents we can not provide this program. If you can help, please contact the church or Sunday school office with your name and phone #, it would be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September!

Coupon Ministry

Our coupon organizer is located in the hallway between the library and Norcross Hall. Please feel free to browse through and take as many coupons as you can use. You may take coupons even if you didn't bring any in. If you do have coupons that you don't use, they can be placed in the brown baskets in the Narthex and outside Norcross Hall.

Caring Hospice Services

Caring Hospice Services is seeking hospice volunteers to share a little of their time with patients and their families in the Ocean County area. Volunteers are needed to provide caregivers with a break from their responsibilities, as well as a friendly shoulder on which to lean. Volunteers give our patients and families the most precious gift – the gift of time. Training will be provided at our Lakewood office. For more information on volunteering, please call Caring Hospice Services at 888-288-2951. Thank You.

Hello Family & Friends!

From the Rinehimers

We hope you are all doing well & enjoying your summer! We just wanted to send out one last update and give you all our new contact information. As many of you may know, John now has a job with Southeast Christian Church here in Louisville, KY as the Small Groups Minister for Young Couples! He started on June 23, and we are SO incredibly excited about this new ministry and honored to be a part of what God is doing at our church! This job is a HUGE answer to prayer and truly a gift from God! Thank you to all of you who prayed for God's timing & His best in giving John the perfect job for him!

We would love to stay connected with all of you and do our best to not lose touch. We wanted to let you know that we will not be updating the blog as often, since our main purpose of the blog was to keep family, friends, & supporters up to date on our ministry in Uganda. However, I did just update the blog a couple days ago (Click here to view Blog: <http://www.ugandarinehimer.blogspot.com/>) and we may still be updating the blog occasionally...

But our main source of online communication will now be Facebook! I have not yet broken down & opened a Facebook account, but John has! So if you aren't his friend already, and you'd like to stay in touch with us this way, then please send him a friend request!

Also, I just created a Website on Shutterfly, where I will be posting updated pictures of Jackson and our family, if you'd like to just check it once in a while to see how he's growing! The web address is: <http://jacksonandfamily.shutterfly.com/>

We hope we can stay in touch with you all through phone calls, email, Facebook, or our Shutterfly website! And we just wanted to say one last HUGE THANK YOU to ALL OF YOU for supporting us financially in our ministry in Uganda, praying for us so faithfully, and for just being our friends! We love you & appreciate you all very much!

With love & gratitude, John, Erica & Jackson
Blog: <http://www.ugandarinehimer.blogspot.com/>
Web Address: <http://jacksonandfamily.shutterfly.com/>

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DINNER & GENERAL MEETING

The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 PM for dinner. This is our Membership Dinner. Come out and learn about the UMW. All ladies are invited. For more information, call Ruth.



**United Methodist Women
Rummage/ White Elephant/Bake
Sale Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009
10 am-2 PM
Clothing \$4/Bag
Lunch Available**

**Donations of CLOTHING, LINENS, WHITE ELEHANT ITEMS, BAKED GOODS, JEWELRY can be brought in on Friday, September 25st only from 9 AM- 8 PM
Kitchen donations should also be brought in on FRIDAY.**

Senior Joy

We will be meeting on Thursday September 10th at 12:30 PM. Bring a sandwich, dessert will be provided. Come and join Norris and Ruth Blair as they share their musical talents and speak about their ministry in Mexico. You will be blessed. Please join us. Ruth

Food Pantry Needs

The shelves are almost bare and we need your help to restock the food pantry. Listed below are the items needed most but just about any food which does not need to be refrigerated would help.

Macaroni and Cheese	Fruit	Powdered Milk -
Tuna Fish	Hash	-(Quart sized packets)
Chili	Juice	Jelly
	Stew	

Please leave all donations in the round tub by the mailboxes outside the Narthex. Thank you.

Greetings from Joy Phillips

I wanted to publish a new entry to my blog with a nice newsy update, but that's not happening. It's after 10 pm and I've got to get up early so I'm going to send out an email update instead.

The past 10 days have been exhilarating and busy. My WGM colleagues from Uganda, Billy and Joanna Coppedge and their 2 little girls, arrived in Nairobi two weekends ago. After acclimating to a cool Nairobi we took off last Monday morning for Tenwek. The Mango Ministries team gathered together, including families, for a welcome lunch. Right now our small team consists of Billy, Joanna, Reuben Kirui, Joseah Sang and myself. We were even invited to a home meeting at one of the missionaries homes to share about our work in Sudan that evening.

Tuesday we were off again to visit the Millenium Development Villages, near Kisumu. This is a demonstration project that is trying to attain the Millenium Development Goals. It's always a fun learning experience to visit other projects and take away good ideas.

It was then back to Tenwek for some group orientation and a time of sharing with the medical staff at Tenwek Hospital. It's been exciting to see that God has planted Sudan on the hearts of several folks we've been able to share with already.

Billy Coppedge is perfecting his story telling gifts as a way of sharing the Bible with those who are illiterate. He was able to share several stories last week and it's been exciting to see how African's really relate.

We got back to Nairobi in time for a two day WGM Sudan Board meeting that went well. Starting ministry in a new country is always a challenge.

And now tomorrow the team leaves for Sudan – wheels up by 8 am. We'll first visit Werkok and check in on Dr. Martin and Reuben's agricultural project. Then we'll head to Akot where our team will be based. Our aim these first several weeks will be to introduce ourselves to the community, share our vision to see transformed families, leaders and communities, and scope out the land. I will return to Nairobi in two weeks with a full report – and blog update!

Please go with us in prayer. Many challenges lie ahead - known and unknown. But God is bigger than the challenges so we go forward with hope and perseverance.

If I have found favor in your eyes, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." The Lord replies, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:13-14

Thank you for lifting us up in prayer and for your faithful financial support that enables us to go.

Shalom, Joy

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Mango Ministries ~ transforming communities in South Sudan

- **putting down roots**
- **bearing fruit**
- **multiplying the harvest**

“He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.” Psalm 1:3

Bishop Devadhar to Visit

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar, current bishop of the Greater New Jersey conference will be preaching at St. Paul's UMC on Sunday morning, September 20, 2009. We encourage everyone to attend and hear the bishop speak.

The Christmas Store

The Christmas Store will be holding its first organizational meeting on Tuesday, September 1st at 7:30pm. The meeting will be at St. Thomas Lutheran Church. Contact Bery S for more information.

Sunday Morning Fellowship / Coffee Hour Time

Beginning in September, people (including myself) in the form of small groups (committees, ministries, circles, missions, studies, etc) will begin to serve on Sunday mornings on a rotating basis. A schedule will be available in the Narthex for small groups and ministry leaders to sign up for this informal time fellowship time we have enjoyed over the years.

I will be available to speak to anyone wishing to know more about this opportunity to serve our Lord in the service of others.

In His Service and of His Church,
Vern

Missions is looking for 2 good people!

After leading the Lexington House mission for the last few years, Donna is looking to step down from this leadership role. The Lexington House Warming Hearts Mission is made up of volunteers who make monthly visits to this boarding home in Lakewood, providing love, support, snacks, mission bags and Christmas gifts to the residents.

Missions is looking for two people to split the responsibilities that Donna has done so faithfully. One person will coordinate the snacks with the volunteers and the other person will coordinate the prizes for the games.

If you have any interest in being involved with the Lexington House, please call Jim or Claire for more information or speak directly with Donna.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, “Here am I; send me!”” Isaiah 6:8

Leadership Appreciation

Mark your calendars for the Leadership Appreciation dinner, which will take place on **Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 6 PM** in Norcross Hall. Please call the office to let us know if you will be coming. A brief business meeting will take place after the meal. at 7:00PM. Everyone who is involved in the leadership of the church (anyone who is serving on a committee) and their families are invited to attend. For more information please call the church office at 732-458-2080.

ST. PAUL'S YELLOW PAGES

We will be printing our 3rd edition of the Yellow Pages this September. This book is for advertising your business or service. Also, if you know of a business that you have used and can recommend, they are also welcomed to advertise. **Deadline September 15th.** Forms are available in the office or the Narthex

8 ½ x 11 booklet

	Suggested Donation
Business Card	\$5 _____
¼ page	\$10 _____
½ Page	\$15 _____
1 Page	\$20 _____

We are also offering a 1 line listing for services – which would include the service you are selling (Babysitting housecleaning, dog sitting, etc), Name and phone number for \$2.

Ex- Babysitting - Mary Smith 732 555 1212, call evenings

For more information, call the office 732-458-2080 or Terry & Nancy.

Monday Night Bible Study

Monday Night Bible Study will return on MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2009, 7pm, meeting first in the church sanctuary. We will be studying I Timothy. Anyone interested is welcome to join our group. The cost of our study guide is \$15.00. The study runs about 9 weeks. For further information please contact Fran or Heidi or Rich

September Dinner

Stuffed Flounder & Meatloaf



When: September 19, 2009

Where: Norcross Hall

Time: 6:00 pm

Salmon

Meatloaf

Vegetables, Bread and Butter

Salad

Dessert

For the kids - Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese

The Kitchen Cooks

Fellowship Dinners

September is here again and we will be starting our fellowship dinners (see schedule on other side). We recently sat down and looked over our statistics for the last two years. The average attendance over that time has been between 100 and 120 (adults and children total). The average donation has been \$4.35.

We offer a comparison below for your consideration.

<u>McDONALDS</u>	<u>FELLOWSHIP DINNERS*</u>
Hamburger	Rolls and butter
French Fries	Salad
Soda	2 main courses (ex. Pork Roast and Gravy Fillet of Fish)
\$5.99 & tax	Potatoes
Total = \$6.34	Rice
	Vegetables
	Special for the Kids
	Macaroni and Cheese
	Chicken Fingers
	Dessert
	Average Donation = \$4.35

*We buy everything wholesale and prepare as much as possible from scratch using fresh ingredients.

We initiated the dinners as true fellowship (plus free entertainment when we can co-ordinate it). We were also thinking we would have some money left over to replace things in the kitchen, repair items and donate to the mortgage. That is not happening since even at wholesale prices the dinners are costing us up to \$6.50 each. Still a great deal for that amount of unlimited food (and containers to take leftovers home).

We plan to continue asking for just donations at this time. We will re-evaluate in January to see if we might suggest a minimum donation for dinners. We hope and pray that this will not be necessary. If you have any questions please contact the Kitchen Cooks – Stan or Dave

The schedule has been set, so mark your calendars and plan to attend the fellowship dinners in Norcross Hall. All dinners start at 6pm and a donation is requested to help offset the cost of food and upkeep in the kitchen. A signup sheet will be available outside Norcross Hall and in the Narthex for each dinner which is used to determine the amount of food needed. We ask that you please signup on only one sheet and cross out if you find you cannot attend. Everyone is welcome to attend.

<u>September 19, 2009</u> Stuffed Flounder and Meatloaf	<u>October 17, 2009</u> Oktoberfest
<u>November 21, 2009</u> Roast Beef and Turkey	<u>December 12, 2009</u> Italian Night
<u>January 16, 2010</u> Beef Rouladen and Chicken	<u>February 20, 2010</u> Surf and Turf
<u>March 13, 2010</u> Irish Night	<u>April 17, 2010</u> Easter Dinner – Lamb and Pork
<u>May 15, 2010</u> Mexican Night	<u>June 12, 2010</u> BBQ

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following families who had their children baptized this past month:



Bishop's SongFest

The Bishop's SongFest has been set for Sunday, September 20, 2009. Once again, hundreds of people from all over the conference will descend on the Great Auditorium at Ocean Grove for this conference-wide celebration of music. See the Sunday bulletin for more information.



St. Paul's United Methodist Church September 2009



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. 8:00 Alcoholics Anon.	6:30PM Senior High Youth	6:30 Junior High Youth 7:30 Safe Place – Rm 10	6:00AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Ladies Share Grp- Penrods 4:30PM Cherub Choir 6:30 Volleyball 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Adult Bible Study	6:30PM Alcoholics Anon. 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 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
		1 6:30 pm UMM Blue Claws game 7:00 UMW Executive Board	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day – Office closed 7:00PM Trustees	8 10:00AM Deborah Circle 12noon Rebeccah Circle 6:00PM Leadership Dinner 7:00 Leadership Meeting 7:00PM Miriam Circle	9 SPCS First Day of School 7:30 Lydia Circle	10 12:30PM Senior Joy	11 7:00PM Township 9/11 Remembrance Service – Windward Beach	12 Outside Work Day
13	14 7:00PM Finance 7:00PM Back to School K-8 th Grade	15 6:30 UMW Dinner	16	17	18	19 8:00 UMM Breakfast 6:00PM Fellowship Dinner
20 Bishop Devadhar to Speak	21 7:30 PM Administrative Board	22 	23	24	25 9:00AM Rummage Sale Setup	26 Rummage Sale 
27 50 Days of Faith	28 7:30 SPR Meeting	29	30 7:00PM SPCS High School Information Night			