



ST. PAUL'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
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NOVEMBER 2026

Dear St. Paul's:

On Sunday, November 1, we will observe the Christian celebration of All Saints. Honoring the lives of Christian saints & martyrs goes all the way back to the 4th century, when the church marked certain “feast” days (days of observance and celebration) to give God thanks for the lives of his servants and to learn from their examples of faith. By the 9th century, Pope Gregory IV instituted the celebration of All Saints on November 1st and this has been observed in Catholic & Protestant churches ever since. Early Methodists observed All Saints, and it has been part of our heritage ever since. For us United Methodists, we celebrate All Saints on the Sunday closest to November 1st - which, this year, happens to coincide.

It is a good and right thing to look to saints - both in Scripture, church history, and modern day - as inspiration for our own life of discipleship. I think of Paul, who encouraged believers to emulate him as he sought to follow Christ. The saints of the church, and saints in our own lives, can serve as powerful reminders of what God desires of us. I have no doubt you can lift up names of individuals in your life - a parent, teacher, friend - who showed you a faithful life of Godly living. In worship on Sunday, November 1st, we will lift up names of saints here at St. Paul's who have died this year, and you will have an opportunity to name saints in your own life, people who are now with the Lord who have left a faithful mark on you. I look forward to giving thanks together for people who have shaped and formed us.

Pastor Evan

November's Communion Offering

will benefit

**PLATOR and
NICOLE
COLLAU**



This cup
is the new
covenant
in my blood,
Which is
poured
out for
you.
Luke 22:20



Monday through Friday

10am – 3pm

Non-emergent meetings with Pastor
will be by appointment only
Monday and Thursday from 1pm – 4pm.
Call church office to schedule

Hands of Providence International led by

Plator and Nicole Collau

Mission Statement

from Hands of Providence Int'l:

*To preach the gospel to the unreached and put God's
love in action by loving and caring for orphans,
vulnerable children, and the marginalized in
Southeast Albania.*

After the fall of communism in the 1990's, Plator's church has been instrumental in planting other churches and forming social ministries to preach the gospel to the unreached. Today, it operates a residential house for boys, a day care center and a food distribution program focusing on the poorest of the poor in the region. Nicole recently opened the Pastorian Café and Bakery. Please help support Plator and Nicole in your prayers and your communion offering.



Church Dinner

November 21st

Come out and join the rest of the St. Paul's family for good fun and great food! Reservation deadline is November 18th. A free-will donation box will be available. For more information, please call the church office.



Altar Flowers

Say it with Flowers!

If you would like to honor a special someone or mark a special event, say it with flowers! Dedicate a Sunday Service flower arrangement on the altar. Just reserve the date on the Flower Chart located in the narthex. Cost is still only \$30 and the church office can help you with any questions. Flower arrangements are yours to take away after the service.

**MIDWEEK
SERVICE**

Every Wednesday Night

Join us for a casual "coffeehouse" style service. Looking for a moment of peace in the midst of a hectic week? Every Wednesday at 7:00(ish) pm we gather together in the youth room to pray, worship and meditate on God's word over coffee, tea, and sweet treats.

Everyone is welcome to attend!



GriefShare continues at St. Paul's
Tuesdays at 7pm

GriefShare is a network of 15,000+ churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. It is designed for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

You are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. You will be able to continue with GriefShare through the next 13-week cycle and view any of the videos you have not seen.

Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements:

- Video seminar with experts
- Support group discussion with a focus
- Personal study and reflection

Healing from your grief is not easy. It is a long, sometimes painful process.

The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. St. Paul's has been hosting this important program with tremendous success. Meeting time is 7pm – 9pm in the Youth Room.

Learn more about GriefShare at www.griefshare.org



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Tuesday, November 10TH

7pm – 9pm

Join us for encouragement, support and valuable tools to navigate the season.



Come on down for coffee, tea, juice and a snack during Fellowship time every week after 1st service. Just follow everyone else down the hallway into Norcross Hall. It is an enjoyable, casual time to chat with friends and welcome new visitors.

We are always in need of volunteers for this ministry. If you or a group would like to sign up to host a fellowship hour, call the church office for more details or find the sign-up sheet near Norcross Hall. *Donations of baked goods are ALWAYS NEEDED and very much appreciated.*

Please keep our sanctuary clean

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!

ABSOLUTELY no drinks other than water and absolutely no food items are permitted in our sanctuary. Please respect our efforts to keep our pews and carpeting clean for worship.

STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST

Stronger Hearts For Christ is led by Don Blair. It is a fun, hour long workout of cross training exercises for every skill level. Classes are held every Monday and Thursday beginning at 6pm. There is no better time to start than NOW!



If you or anyone you know is ill or is going into the hospital, please call the Church office so we can inform Congregational Care. Thank you.

A vibrant poster for Youth Worship Ministry. The background is a mix of yellow and orange with stylized flames and stars. The text "YOUTH WORSHIP MINISTRY" is prominent in the center. Above it, "6TH-12TH GRADE" is written. To the left, "REAL PEOPLE. REAL GIFTS. A REAL GOD." is written. Below the main title, it says "LEARN * CREATE * SERVE * GROW" and "MORE THAN MUSIC. A LIFE OF WORSHIP." There are four circular icons representing different activities: Music (Vocals, Instruments, Songwriting), Spiritual Practices (Prayer, Scripture, Devotionals), Worship Leadership (Learn, Practice, Make a Difference), and Creative Arts (Dance, Visual Arts, Media, Sound, and More). At the bottom, it says "INTERESTED? REACH OUT TO CHRISTINA TELLO" with an email address "christinamtello@gmail.com". Other text includes "ALL GIFTS. ALL SKILL LEVELS. ALL ARE WELCOME." and "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE MATTHEW 5:16".

Save the Date

TRUNK or TREAT
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 31st

Ralph's Advice to us all:

"One grin is worth a thousand growls.
Look at the people around you and say,
'I am glad you are here today.'

Now Grin!

Don't you feel better?"



Sunday, November 1st

All of us who are born again—alive or dead—are "saints." All Saints Day is an opportunity for saints who are alive to celebrate those saints who have touched our lives. On this day, we show gratitude to God for those believers who have gone before us.

1on1 PRAYER MINISTRY

ANNE MACALUSO IS GENEROUSLY OFFERING A ONE-ON-ONE PRAYER MINISTRY AND SPIRITUAL COMPANIONSHIP FOR ANYONE STRUGGLING WITH A NEED.

WOULD YOU LIKE A PRAYER SESSION FOCUSING ONLY ON YOU AND YOUR STRUGGLE? DO YOU NEED A LISTENING EAR? A PRAYER SESSION SOUNDS LIKE THE PERFECT ANSWER! WITH ALL THAT IS GOING ON AROUND US, IT IS NATURAL TO FEEL BURDENED.

LET ANNE BE THERE JUST FOR YOU.

LET HER PRAY JUST FOR YOU. YOU DESERVE IT.

SESSIONS CAN BE CONVENIENTLY SCHEDULED. EMAIL ANNE TODAY TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT
AnneMacaluso@hotmail.com





So many THANKS go to all the volunteers
who made our Fall Rummage Sale
Such a great success!

SAVE THE DATE

Our Spring Rummage Sale will be
Saturday, May 15, 2027



HONOR YOUR LOSS ... EMBRACE GOD'S HOPE
A SPECIAL SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO IS FINDING THIS
SEASON DIFFICULT. JOIN US ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
FOR PRAYER, SONG AND REFLECTION AS WE
ACKNOWLEDGE, TOGETHER, THE GRIEF AND SADNESS
CHRISTMAS CAN OFTEN BRING. BLUE CHRISTMAS IS A
SERVICE THAT INVITES YOU IN A QUIET SPACE TO
REMEMBER, TO REFLECT AND TO BE STILL. COME
ALONGSIDE GOD AND KNOW GOD IS WITH YOU
DURING THIS SEASON. SERVICE BEGINS AT 7:00

WORSHIP WEDNESDAY

ONLINE PRAYER CHECK-IN 12 NOON.

**"Be careful how you live.
You may be the only Bible
some people ever read."**

This quote by William J. Toms reminds us as believers that
others that do not read the scripture often form their
opinion of faith by observing the behavior, kindness and
integrity of Christians.

Think of the aggressive road-rage vehicle sporting an
ichthys (Jesus fish) emblem on the bumper!



Youth Yard Work

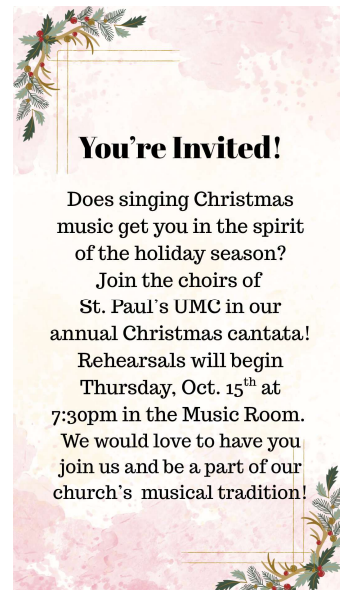
It's a win-win!

If you would like the youth to come help with your leaf clean-
up, let Melissa know. She will schedule it. The kids are all
working for donations only.

Any donations will help support the youth trip
to Spruce Lake Retreat Center.

e-mail Melissa Jensen

melissa.familyministries@stpaulsbrick.org



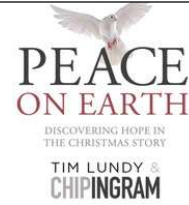
You're Invited!
Does singing Christmas
music get you in the spirit
of the holiday season?
Join the choirs of
St. Paul's UMC in our
annual Christmas cantata!
Rehearsals will begin
Thursday, Oct. 15th at
7:30pm in the Music Room.
We would love to have you
join us and be a part of our
church's musical tradition!

Publicize in *News from the Pews*

Are you planning a church event that you'd like advertised in
our weekly newsletter? Did you take some pictures at a past
event that you'd like us to share in the newsletter and/or on
our Facebook page? If either of these is the case, don't forget
to email us at media@stpaulsbrick.org.



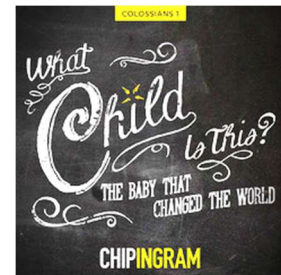
Christmas Bible Studies begin October 29th. Join us Thursdays for this four-week study by Chip Ingram "Peace on Earth" beginning at 7pm in the library.



... Followed by Chip Ingram's "The Hope of Christmas" Bible Study on December 3rd.



... Followed by Chip Ingram's "What Child Is This?" Bible Study on December 10th



The Worship Committee will once again be offering Christmas Eve luminaries. Ordering details will be available soon. There is no fee, but donations are appreciated to offset costs. This is a beautiful way to honor a loved one or a memory. Luminaries are yours to take home after your service.

Get Ready!
Coming February
2027



Take your pick! Many bible studies have started up this fall. Check out the schedule below. Contact Joy in the church office for more details.

- ✓ **Sunday 10:45am – Bill Probert leading in the book of John**
- ✓ **Monday 7pm – Women's bible study**
- ✓ **Wednesday 6am – Men's breakfast bible study**
- ✓ **Wednesday 10:00 - Women's bible study**
- ✓ **Thursday 7pm – Bill Beaver leading A bible study in the library**



Mark your calendar! The next Senior JOY luncheon program will be on

Thursday, November 19th

Our time together will begin at 11:30 with lunch and fellowship, followed by our devotion time. Join us in the Youth Room. Please bring your own sandwich, but beverages AND desserts will be provided. Extra desserts are always appreciated.

All are welcome!

*Our definition of "Senior" is
"anyone available in the daytime"!*



Are one of these mission opportunities nudging you to join?

St. Paul's Mission Team is busy in a few different local areas. Contact Doug Buechler or "News In The Pews" for updates and more information.

Below is a sample of the Missions Team's upcoming schedule. No prior experience is required – only a desire to serve others. Consider joining them in any of these projects:

- **Sisters Academy After School Program.** Asbury Park. Tuesdays, 3-4pm
- **Clothing Closet.** Asbury Park. 1st & 3rd Saturday mornings
- **Dina's Dwelling.** East Brunswick. November 19th, December 16th and 17th.
- **Sister Jean's Kitchen.** Atlantic City. Preparations for upcoming Code Blue Shelter. November 7th and 13th, December 4th and 5th.
- **American Legion.** Bushkill, PA. Assisting local veterans with restoring American Legion Hall. November 27th and 28th.



Scripture and Prayer Opportunities

Would you like to read scripture from the pulpit? Perhaps you feel inspired to lead the congregation in its morning prayer. We would like anyone who may be interested to have the opportunity to participate in either of our services. Please email Jim at j.kroeze@me.com for more information.

**Never too early to save up and plan
for the next Sight & Sound adventure!**



**Sight & Sounds
Theater**

"2027 Jonah"

July 20, 2027

Jonah Live on Stage!

Jonah is a prophet and a man desperately trying to outrun his calling from God—a calling that leads straight to his enemy, Nineveh. After uncharted adventures lead him off a storm-tossed ship and into the belly of a giant fish, Jonah believes all hope is lost. But in the depths, will he learn how to receive grace and extend mercy, even toward those he opposed the most?

Package Includes:

- Show ticket
- Shady Maple Smorgasbord Lunch
- Meal tax and gratuity
- Motorcoach transportation

**Contact: Tony DeBona
908-759-0553**

Weatherman Ralph Baker has

TOMMOROW'S FORECAST:

God Reigns and His Son Shines!

Go Eat PopCorn

This is a memory sentence to help you remember four of the letters written by Paul to the churches. Each word's first letter matches the term it stands for.

- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philipians
- Colossians



Trustee Work Day

November 21st

Come pitch in!



**St. Paul's Recognizes October as
Pastor Appreciation Month**

Thank you, Pastor Evan for all your support and leadership. We are grateful for your spiritual wisdom, for the love you show to your congregation and for your inspirational sermons. May God bless you in all things.

A Pastor Reflects on Pastor Appreciation Month

J.D. Hite, Senior Pastor of Powell Christian Church in Ohio reflected on Pastor Appreciation Month. He wrote that he mostly appreciates confirmation that the congregation is praying for him. He also laughed when he recalled that after one October sermon during Pastor Appreciation Month, a woman hugged him and said, "You're getting better."

Poinsettias For Christmas

United Methodist Men are taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia, please fill out the form below and return with your payment. The form and money may be placed in the collection plate, dropped or sent to the Church office.

PLEASE RETURN ORDER BY DECEMBER 13TH

The cost of each plant is \$11.00

Make checks payable to St. Paul's U.M.C.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

In Loving Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Poinsettia Quantity: _____ Total \$ Enclosed: _____

Remember to take your plant home when you leave your attended Christmas service.

Edward M. Bounds, in his book, Power through Prayer, illustrates the power and importance of a strong prayer life.

"The men who have done the most for God in this world have been early on their knees. He who fritters away the early morning, its opportunity and freshness, in other pursuits than seeking God will make poor headway seeking Him the rest of the day. If God is not first in our thoughts and efforts in the morning, He will be in the last place the remainder of the day."

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BRICK, NJ

Christkindl Market

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Sunday, December 13th
1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Help sell Christmas trees with United Methodist Men
Call Peter
732-600-8512

Share your gift of music.
Soloists, singing groups, instrumentalists.
Several time slots available.
Call Mary
732-267-0852

Set up and help decorate committee
Call Ivy
732-740-8784
or
Deb
732-678-3578

Help with refreshments and kitchen
Email Terry
happyCaterer2002@gmail.com

Create children's holiday activities
Call Kathy
732-458-0249

Vendor Registration and Management
Call Diane
732-580-7383

A Community Tradition

All Event Information and Sponsorships
Call Kim:
732-300-5364



St. Paul's Knitting and Crocheting Closet is stocked with fabulous items!

Do you know someone that would enjoy a comforting prayer shawl? The Knitting and Crocheting Ministry, led by Joy Phillips, begins making each shawl with a prayer and continues prayers throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, the final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. This important ministry provides these comforting shawls free of charge. Perhaps you are going to visit someone in a special situation, be it happy or not. Bring them a blessing! Shawls' comforting power would be a nice surprise on so many occasions, especially around the holidays; or someone facing a medical procedure; as a lap shawl in a wheelchair; as a comfort during a time of grief or stress; as a shower gift; or just a nice visit ... use your imagination. For more information, call Joy at the church office or email Joyota1441@aol.com.

CORRECTION: Contact Terry to help in kitchen at:
HappyCaterer2002@gmail.com

Is this you?

- Want to include a bible study in your life?
- Do you feel you are unable to lose weight?
- Are you finding it hard to exercise?
- Do you find it hard to stay connected to God through your busy day?
- Do you want to be free from making unhealthy life choices?
- Would you like to meet new Christian friends?

If any of these apply to you, join our support group!

Our Focus Areas

- Faith**
Grow closer to God through His Word, prayer, and encouragement.
- Food**
Make healthier choices and build a better relationship with food.
- Focus**
Find balance, reduce stress, and stay connected to God each day.
- Fitness**
Move your body, build strength, and boost your energy.
- Friends**
Build lasting friendships in a supportive Christian community.

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."
1 Corinthians 10:31

♥ Encouraging Healthy Bodies & Strong Faith

The Joy of Wellness

A Christian Support Group for Mind, Body & Spirit

Supportive community of other Christians who have discovered just what it means to submit their health to God.

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Most Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
the church library

See Liese DeBona or Ann Blais
Call Church Office
732-458-2080

Come as you are. You are not alone.