



# CIRCUIT RIDER

**ST. PAUL'S  
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**JUNE 2026**

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Dear St. Paul's:

This month, I'm going to yield my time to Father Henri Nouwen. This Dutch Catholic priest is a hero and pastoral muse of mine. I came across this prayer recorded in one of his journals, and it spoke to me so. What a privilege it is to gain perspective on life's situations and circumstances. That is what this prayer is all about. Friends, let's make it our goal to dwell in God's undying love.

*O Lord, life passes by swiftly. Events that a few years ago kept me totally preoccupied have now become vague memories; conflicts that a few months ago seemed so crucial in my life now seem futile and hardly worth the energy; inner turmoil that robbed me of my sleep only a few weeks ago has now become a strange emotion of the past; books that filled me with amazement a few days ago now do not seem as important; thoughts which kept my mind captive only a few hours ago, have now lost their power and have been replaced by others.*

*Why is it so hard to learn from this insight? Why am I continuously trapped by a sense of urgency and emergency? Why do I not see that you are eternal, that your kingdom lasts forever, and that for you a thousand years are like one day? O Lord, let me enter into your presence and there taste the eternal, timeless, everlasting love with which you invite me to let go of my time-bound anxieties, fears, preoccupations, and worries. "Seek first the Kingdom," you said, "and all these other things will be given you as well." All that is timebound will show its real meaning when I can look at it from the place where you want me to be, the place of undying love. -Henri Nouwen*

In Christian love,  
Pastor Evan

**June's  
Communion  
Offering  
Will  
Benefit  
ASLAN  
YOUTH  
MINISTRIES**



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



The next Senior JOY luncheon program will be  
Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

This will be our last gathering until September.  
Our time together will begin at 11:30 with lunch  
and fellowship, followed by our devotion time.

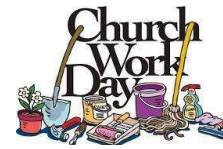
Please bring your own sandwich.  
Beverages AND desserts are provided.

**All are welcome!**

Aslan Youth Ministries is a nonprofit organization serving some of the most impoverished areas in Monmouth County, within Long Branch, Red Bank and Asbury Park, New Jersey. Since 1975, Aslan has provided community development programs with a focus on the spiritual and educational development of each child that impact and empower at-risk youth. We work with grade school and high school students and their families to have the greatest results for each child.

Each Aslan program is designed for long-term results that empower youth with the tools they need to live meaningful lives. Aslan's radical approach helps urban youth see beyond who they are at one particular moment in time. Through continual year-round encouragement and extreme adventure activities (long-distance bicycle touring, skiing, camping and Project Third World Haiti), Aslan positions children outside their comfort zones. We help them reach deeply within and overcome their fears, limitations and failures; and, with hard work and God's help, they find the strength to endure and succeed.

In 1996, Aslan was invited, and accepted the challenge, of providing life-saving services in Ouanaminthe, Haiti, located along the northeastern border of the Dominican Republic. In 2003 Aslan purchased 6 acres of land in the remote area of L'Acajou, Haiti, where we have built a medical clinic & church and grow crops on most of the land. We also have a clean water project that provides clean drinking water for hundreds of families for miles around our property.



**Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

Stay and pitch in for just an hour or two... totally your schedule. Come and help around the building and the church grounds. Call with any questions.



**"JAMIE COOK"**  
**Mission Walk for Kids**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>**

Our Sunday School kids are gearing up for  
our annual fun outdoor Mission Walk.  
Thanks to everyone that supports our  
projects and our youth.



Join us for a casual "coffeehouse" style service.  
Looking for a spiritual boost in the midst of a  
hectic week? Every Wednesday at 7"ish", 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!*

**Calling all College Grads!**

We are starting to collect our list of graduates. If you know  
of any students graduating from college, please let us  
know. We will want to recognize them in June during our  
dads and grad service.

Email your grad's names, schools and degrees to Melissa  
Jensen at [melissa.familyministries@stpaulsbrick.org](mailto:melissa.familyministries@stpaulsbrick.org)

# MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



**Albanian Mission Team is back after a successful and busy trip! The congregation appreciated seeing Doug's photo presentation.**

**Great job, Mission Team!!**

To the congregation:

A Heartfelt Thank You for Your Incredible Support of Our Mission Work in Albania. Words truly feel inadequate to express the depth of our gratitude for your extraordinary generosity. Your outpouring of kindness, whether through financial contributions, prayers, or acts of service, has been deeply moving and has made a tangible difference in the lives of so many. Without your support, we wouldn't have been able to embark on this incredible journey and share our love and commitment to the community in Albania. It is people like you who make our mission possible! We are deeply grateful to be part of such a caring and supportive faith community. Thanks again for being such a vital part of this experience. We couldn't do it without you!

God bless,

The Albania Mission Team of St. Paul's

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER. Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. 2pm – 4pm. St. Paul's will be the host this year. This is a great hands-on demonstration and opportunity to involve the family with the spirit of helping others.**

Every first and third Saturday mornings, from 9 to noon, St. Paul's volunteers help to operate the "Clothing Closet" in Asbury Park. Donations are sorted and shoppers are assisted in selecting their free clothing items. The "Clothing Closet" is a friendly, upbeat atmosphere and a great opportunity with minimal time and effort needed.

Family Mission Trip – St. Paul's annual family mission trip is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup>. Location is Delanco Camp in Tabernacle, NJ. Youth will tackle cabin repairs, enjoy games and foster fellowship.

Mission updates are also posted in "News From The Pews" emails.

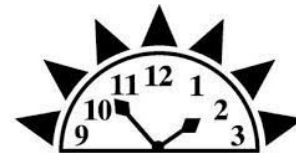
Together we

**Rise**  
**AGAINST HUNGER**  
food • community • sustainability

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>  
2pm – 4pm**

At RAH, "It Starts With a Meal" and it leads to resilience, self-sufficiency, education, empowerment and bright futures in communities worldwide. Every day RAH's meals are served around the globe in medical clinics, vocational training programs, elder care facilities and schools. Each meal is a moment to celebrate. Targeting remote, last-mile communities within hunger pockets worldwide, RAH is instrumental in helping entire families get nourishment.

If anyone sees a fellow believer in need and has the means to help him, yet shows no pity and closes his heart against him, how is it even possible that God's love lives in him? 1 John 3:17 (Passion Translation)



**SUMMER HOURS**  
▶ for ◀  
**CHURCH OFFICE**

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN 10am – 2pm  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>**



**WORSHIP  
TIMES**

**June 29<sup>th</sup> through September 6<sup>th</sup>  
St. Paul's will offer one Sunday service  
during the summertime.**

**Sunday Worship Service will be 10am**

**Brennan Manning:  
"In loving me, you made me lovable."**



**THANK YOU!**

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

**SAVE THE DATE: Our Fall Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, October 3, 2026**



**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! A shawls' comforting power would be a nice surprise on so many occasions, like 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



**Keep 'em coming!**

**We always love hearing from Ralph Baker!**

- ✓ Why did Noah discipline the chickens on the Ark?  
*They were using fowl language.*
- ✓ How long did Cain's brother despise him?  
*As long as he was Abel.*
- ✓ How did God stop Adam and Eve from gambling?  
*He took away their paradise... "Pair-of-dice"*

The Women of St. Paul's Church are organizing our yearly Baby Bottle fundraiser to support The Open Door Pregnancy Center. You can fill a bottle with extra change or dollars or write a check payable to Open Door. Your donation will help empower women facing crisis pregnancies to choose life for their unborn babies.

Bottles available Mother's Day and due back by Father's Day

Gently Used: Spring and Summer clothing in sizes newborn to 24 months (clean, stain-free, and in good condition also needed)

Donations of New: Teethers, rattles, and gentle baby formula (unopened) Welcome

**Open Door Pregnancy Center**

Due June 21<sup>st</sup>

The Open Door Pregnancy Center's Mission is to share Jesus's love and care by providing compassionate and practical care free to those in need.



**A Note from the Music Ministry**

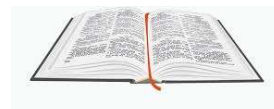
Join us as we commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Paul's UMC with a service of music and celebration on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am!

If you are not a current choir member but have been a part of the music ministry in the past you have two opportunities to be a part of the music for this special Sunday:

- Former Chancel Choir members may join the Chancel Choir for a special anthem
- Cherub Choir alumni are asked to join the Cherub Choir in singing an all time favorite!

Please contact Amanda Rohrs at aroh316@gmail.com if you are interested in being a part of either one of these special songs for the day!

**Are you interested in being a part of the Sunday service?**



**Would you like to read the scripture or lead us in the Morning Prayer one Sunday? We would like everyone to have an opportunity to participate in the service if they are interested.**

**Please reach out to Jim Kroeze at j.kroeze@me.com**

## **To Mars and Beyond:**

*Explore Where God's Power  
Can Take You!*

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church 2026  
Vacation Bible School Program**



**Send Your Kids on an  
Out-of-this-World  
Adventure!**

**We are inviting all children Pre-K (age 4) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to be a part of the excitement!**

**Join us during the week of August 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup> between 8:45am – 12:30pm.**

**Feel free to invite your friends & neighbors to register their children. Registration forms can be requested via email or paper copies are available in the church office. If you have any special placement requests, please note them on the registration form and we will try our best to accommodate you.**

**If you have any registration questions, email Melissa Jensen at  
[Melissa.familyministries@stpaulsbrick.org](mailto:Melissa.familyministries@stpaulsbrick.org)**