



CIRCUIT RIDER

ST. PAUL'S
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Dear St. Paul's,

As another summer season is winding down, and many of us are preparing to resume our fall/school/busy work schedules. Doesn't it seem that each year, time passes more quickly!? The change of the seasons, the passing of time, the aging of all that is around us, reminds us of the frailty of this life and the everlasting faithfulness of God. How we need the Lord in the midst of this journey through life. We can exclaim with the author of Lamentations, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" (Lam. 3:22-23).

As we enter the fall, many of us have to prioritize our time. When schedules fill in with new responsibilities, some tasks or activities may cease for a time. Attention to this or that may shift and change. Let me encourage you, as we here at St. Paul's Church resume many of our studies, groups, ministries, and missions that been on sabbatical over the summer - don't let your relationship with the Lord and his people become expendable! Make a special commitment to a small group of some sort. I know that there are some exciting new Bible study opportunities coming up, as well as our ongoing recreation, music, and other small groups. This type of intimate fellowship is a marker of who we are as Methodist believers. It is vital to make such Christian fellowship and discipleship the very center of your life and how you spend your time. Make it a priority to explore new opportunities to become closer to God and His Word. Let's grow in faith together as we seek more of the Lord!

Pastor Evan

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Regular worship schedule is back in effect after Labor Day.
Traditional service at 9am or Contemporary service at 11am
And don't forget to join us for fellowship time between services!

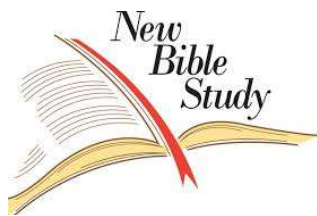
September's
Communion
Offering
Will
Benefit
Step of Faith's
Maple Leaf
Tutoring Program



Communion Offerings in 2026

To be better "pre-prayered" for upcoming Communion Offerings, here is the list of this year's benefactors:

- January: Evangelical Church of Libonik (Boy's Home)
- February: Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- March: UMCOR
- April: Rise Against Hunger
- May: United Methodist Communities
- June: Aslan Youth Ministries
- July: Haiti Clinic
- August: Matt Kay - CRU
- September: Step Of Faith – Maple Leaf Tutoring
- October: World Wide Communion Sunday
- November: Plator & Nicole Collaku
- December: Cypress Missions



Pastor Evan and Rick Young will lead a unique Bible study using the storyline from the charming coming-of-age movie *Secondhand Lions*. The film will be shown in the church library on Friday night, September 25th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The next morning, September 26th, from 8:00 a.m. until noon, the study will be held in the Youth Room. Participants will be provided a study handout. They should bring their Bible and a pen or pencil. Because this is an interactive study, attendees will discuss the issues the movie raises, participants will be limited to 14 persons so everyone has a chance for discussion. However, if there is enough interest the study will be conducted more than once. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



GriefShare is set to begin next session at
St. Paul's on September 8th

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.

Sessions will be held in the Youth Room from 7pm – 9pm
Sessions will run September 8th – December 15th

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.

Learn more about GriefShare at www.griefshare.org

"GriefShare is a safe place to talk about hard things—and heal from them." *Julie, GriefShare participant*



"What did Noah say when he finished loading all the animals onto the Ark?

"Now, I herd everything!"

Keep 'em coming, Ralph!
We always love hearing from Ralph Baker



Catch the Excitement! **BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL**



Sunday, September 13th at 9:00 AM

AGES PRE-K THRU HIGH SCHOOL

Bring a Friend!



LEARN ABOUT JESUS

**BE A PART OF A LOVING, SUPPORTIVE
GROUP WITH OTHER KIDS**

EXPLORE SPIRITUALITY

**JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME."
MATTHEW 19:14**



STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST

Every Monday & Thursday at 6pm

New program begins September 10th

The "lazy" days of summer are over!

This is a fun hour of working out. These are sessions of cross training for every skill level. See Don Blair for more info

Mid-Week Worship 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 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!

Graduations! Congratulations!

- ❖ Keira Bush graduated Howell High School and will be attending Allegheny College.
 - ❖ Abigail Johnson graduated Point Pleasant Boro High School and will be attending Rowan University.
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- ❖ Gabby Baranowski graduated Kean College and will pursue her Master's in Social Work.
 - ❖ Trent Burton graduated Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Master's in Mechanical Engineering and will join IBM as an engineering hardware developer.
 - ❖ Ethan Johnson graduated University of South Carolina and is moving to Louisiana to start the next chapter of his life.
 - ❖ Chantell Mendez graduated Montclair University with a Bachelor's in Education.
 - ❖ Kelly Thornley graduated Keuka College and will begin her career in ASL Interpreting, along with theater pursuits.

Unclaimed Treasures

If we were able to possibly help you find some unclaimed treasures, would you consider contributing part to our Church?

Many people are entitled to unclaimed monies that have been escheated to a State Administrator due to mistakes, errors, or miscommunications. If you visit the Website: MissingMoney.com you can enter your last name (and/or maiden name) and maybe leave blank the State, it will search among all State Administrators of unclaimed properties to see if there are funds that are unclaimed in your name. Be patient with common names as there may be many potential names listed and then maybe also search with a specific name and state as well.

Also, if you have transferred jobs after having worked there for some time, consider visiting The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's website for Find Unclaimed Retirement Benefits, where it will ask for your last name and last four digits of your Social Security number and will perform a search for you.

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
Rich Dworzak*

JOIN US!

Come join us Sunday mornings between services. Stay a bit after 1st service or come early enough before 2nd service. It is an enjoyable, casual time to chat with fellow members and welcome new visitors.

And remember, if you or a group would like to host a fellowship hour, call the church office. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



To our Church Family,

We are deeply grateful for your continuous prayers and comforting presence that carried us through this season of sorrow. Your outpouring of love brought us peace. Thank you for walking alongside of us during this difficult time.

With love and gratitude,
Sharon, Doug and the Buechler family

St. Paul's Office will resume normal hours of operation on Tuesday, September 8th
Monday through Friday
10am – 3pm

Non-emergent meetings with Pastor will be by appointment only on Monday and Thursday
1pm – 4pm
Please call to schedule



**NEXT CHURCH
DINNER IS ON
OCTOBER 10TH
*DELIZIOSO!***

CIRCUIT RIDER

Francis Asbury (1745–1816), the founding bishop of American Methodism, established the precedent for circuit riding. Together with his driver and partner "Black Harry" Hosier, he traveled 270,000 miles and preached 16,000 sermons as he made his way up and down early America supervising clergy. He was quoted as saying, "We must reach every section of America, especially the raw frontiers."



We must not be afraid of men, devils, wild animals, or disease. Our motto must always be FORWARD!" It's difficult to comprehend the hardships faced by Methodist "circuit riders" in early America. Methodist Church records from 1844 show a church membership of over 1 million, with 4,000 ministers riding circuits in the U.S.



**Saturday
October 3, 2026**

10am - 2pm

**Come for the treasures...
Stay for the tasty treats!**

**No price increase....still only \$5 to fill a bag with
clothing! Shop early for the best selection. Bring a
friend....enjoy lunch after "thrifting".**

A great time for a great cause!



It takes a lot of effort and participation to ensure our rummage sales generate funds to support over three dozen organizations throughout the year. The WOSP appreciates your help by donating clothing, linen, jewelry and white elephant items on the day before the sale

PURGE....So others can splurge!

**GET YOUR
RED OF
STUFF**

**Is your house feeling
"Stuffed"?**

**Now is the perfect time to get rid
of your clutter. Donate it to the
Rummage Sale! Donation day is
Friday, October 2nd**



**Many Hands Make Light Work
One person = 20 hours
Twenty people = 1 hour**

The math is simple. Whether it is a work day around the church, helping to set up the rummage sale or cleaning up after any event, please consider donating just 60 minutes to help us, so we can help others.

**CAN YOU
HELP?**

The WOSP could use help on either of these days:

- October 2nd for room set up
- October 3rd for sales and clean-up assistance

In an effort to improve overall rummage sale operations, the committee is seeking a few more people to join its team.

For more details, please contact
Christine Arena at crsty47@aol.com



(Thank you, Janet for your many years of love and support)

Cherub Choir Finishes Up Another Great Year!

This year was quite challenging for the Cherub Choir. I was out of commission for four months! And Amanda was also dealing with many challenges. We learned 15 songs, sang the first Sunday of each month as scheduled and sang for the St. Paul's 150th Anniversary celebration on June 28th with over 20 Cherub Alumni!

It was so exciting! These little ones never cease to amaze me!

Thank you to the parents and family members who brought the children to rehearsals and on Sundays. *Special thanks to Amanda for her patience and love.*

Cherub Choir members included:

Beatrice Rohrs-Dodge
Tucker Frake
Liliana Henningson
Aurora Henningson
Evan Nunn
William Silva

Submitted by Janet Post



Shown above: Cherub Choir and "alumni" Cherub members reunite during the 150th Anniversary celebration. A great way to give God the glory!

Would you like to read the scripture or lead us in our morning prayer? There are openings for both during Sunday services. We would like everyone to have the opportunity to participate in our worship service.

Please reach out to Jim Kroeze

j.kroeze@me.com

if you are interested or want more information.

Choir Season is Starting Soon!

If you are looking for community and love to make music, we have a ministry for you!

Cherub Choir- 4yo - 1st grade Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30pm
Led by Janet Post and Amanda Rohrs

Carol Choir- 2nd - 5th grade. Thursdays, 6:30-7:15pm
Led by Judy Propert and Christina Tello

Chancel Choir- adult choir Thursdays, 7:30-9pm
Led by Amanda Rohrs

Middle and High School students are welcome to join after meeting with Amanda

Bell Choir- middle school - adult Thursdays, 6:15-7:15pm

Questions? Ask Amanda!

arohrs316@gmail.com, or catch her after worship

Nursery
BIRTH TO AGE 4

Remember: Our nursery is available every Sunday, beginning September 13th

Brennan Manning, written in his book, *The Furious Longing of God*, May your day be marked by the love of your kind, good Father.

"Is your own personal prayer life characterized by the simplicity, childlike candor, boundless trust, and easy familiarity of a little one crawling up in Daddy's lap? An assured knowing that the daddy doesn't care if the child falls asleep, starts playing with toys, or even starts chatting with little friends, because the daddy knows the child has essentially chosen to be with him for that moment? Is that the spirit of your interior prayer life?"



Always a treat when Jeff pays us a visit!

Thank you, Judy and Jeff Propert for sharing your talents!



**TRUNK OR
TREAT
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 31ST**



**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 only \$30 and the church office can help you with any questions.



“A Night Out” Dinner

October 10th

Come out and join us for fun and food. It will be an Italian night...always a crowd favorite! Reservation deadline is October 7th. A free-will donation box will be available. For more information, please call the church office



Interested in joining St. Paul's Youth Group?

That is Great!

**We will meet on Fridays from 6-8pm
Beginning September 4th
Grades 6 thru 12**

Just email Melissa for more information
melissa.familyministries@StPaulsBrick.com

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Volleyball Season Starts September 9th

Volleyball season is just around the corner and we're excited! Last year was a blast and we are looking forward to another amazing season. Each team must have at least six players and include at least one woman. The cost is \$400 per team for each season.

If you're interested in forming a team, already have a team or wish to join one, please let Eric know. He can be reached via email at Erich12475@gmail.com or through the church office.

ALSO - Volunteers from the St. Paul's are asked to please consider helping with this ministry on Wednesday nights. At this writing, they are short-handed and are reaching out to the congregation.

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. ♥



Pray for Missions

MISSIONS UPDATE and SCHEDULE

St. Paul's Missions Team and Cypress Missions have been busy over the summer. Locally, some of the recent projects that have been completed include work at the homes of two military veterans. Repairs were also done at a foster home and recently, the team assisted in readying an apartment at Dina's Dwelling for a survivor of domestic violence and her small child.

While partnering with Cypress Missions, there are a variety of volunteer opportunities ahead. All skill levels are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to learn more about the upcoming work projects listed below. There is sure to be one that fits your schedule.

- 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. For information, see Sharon Buechler.
- Beginning September 30th and continuing every Tuesday from 3pm – 4pm throughout the academic year, after-school opportunities are available at Sisters' Academy in Asbury Park.
- Sister Jean's Kitchen and other AC sites will have work days on September 4th, 10th and 24th.
- Dina's Dwelling and the Town Clock CDC will have projects scheduled for September 17th and October 29th.

Mission updates are also posted in "News From The Pews"
Contact Doug Buechler, Missions Team Leader.



**First Day of
Autumn
September 22nd**

1on1 PRAYER MINISTRY

ANNE MACALUSO OFFERS ONE-ON-ONE
SPIRITUAL COMPANSHIP FOR ANYONE STRUGGLING
WITH A NEED.

LET HER BE THE LISTENING EAR YOU DESIRE.
LET HER PRAY JUST FOR YOU. YOU DESERVE IT.

EMAIL: AnneMacaluso@hotmail.com



A New Bible Study begins October 4th
Join Bill Probert in the Youth Room after fellowship hour, as he leads a study on the book of Romans.

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9



Monday

September 7th



Save the date!

The next Senior JOY luncheon program will
be on
Thursday, September 17th

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!"

REMEMBER

TUESDAY AT NOON

is the deadline for submitting announcements for
the Sunday bulletin.

THURSDAY AT 3 PM

is the deadline for submitting announcements
from the Sunday morning pulpit.



WANTED: AMAZING VENDORS

We are now accepting reservations for Crafters, Vendors, Business'. Our spaces cost only \$25 for a 10x12 space. Contact Lori McLachlan for any vendor information at Ms.Hummy@yahoo.com or call the church office for further information. We will offer waitress service for vendors/crafters attending solo and women volunteers to sit your booth, should you need to use the facilities.

We always offer complimentary space to all Non-Profit organizations, our way of giving back and to help them gain exposure for their mission. For further information to become a Non-Profit at our event, send an inquiry to IvyKirn@aol.com.

Please include the best contact phone number.

Use the QR code on event poster to access Pet Ministry website and necessary registration form. Please print pet registration forms and bring to day of the Blessing. The new form for Pet Ashes is also on the website. Please note: we cannot accept registration forms via email for vendors. Forms for non-profits may be mailed to the church office by deadline.

15th Annual Blessing of the Animals Festival

St. Francis of Assisi Day

The Patron Saint of Animals

St. Paul's Pet Ministry is a Christ-centered ministry that shares God's love through caring for people and the pets that enrich their lives. We serve our church family, the surrounding community, pet owners, those experiencing loneliness or illness, families facing the joys and hardship of pet ownership, and those who can benefit from the comfort of certified therapy animals.

What makes us different is that unlike organizations focused solely on animal welfare or therapy work, we intentionally combine compassionate pet ministry with the Gospel. Whether we are offering therapy dog visits, collecting pet food, celebrating a new puppy, grieving the loss of a beloved companion, praying with a family, or hosting the Blessing of the Animals, our purpose is always to demonstrate the love of Christ and invite people into a caring Christian community.

We invite you, your pet, and your family to our 15th Annual Blessing of the Animals, where all pets are celebrated by receiving an individual blessing from one of our pastors.

Last year we were touched when several families brought the ashes of pets who had gone over the Rainbow Bridge. We will be remembering "Angel Pets" with a special certificate.

The day will also include the following:

- * Brick Police K9 Unit Demonstration. Watching these Officers and their K9's working together is nothing short of amazing. St. Paul's has now raised the funds to purchase Ballistic Vests for K9 Diesel (2022) and K9 Jax (2025).
- * Pet and owner, children's activities, making memories together.
- * Shelters/Rescues with their "Adorable Adoptables" looking for their "Furever" homes. Your new best friend is waiting to meet you!!
- * Crafters and Vendors, with offerings to spoil your pets as well as yourself.
- * Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with a Patriotic Picture of your pet and your family.
- * All of these activities will make you hungry! Food and drink purchases will be available.

We look forward to greeting you at our Blessing of the Animals, Pet Adoption, & Crafter/Vendor Festival!

