



ST. PAUL'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
714 Herbertsville Road
Brick, NJ 08724
www.StPaulsBrick.org

MARCH 2026



Dear St. Paul's:

As you read this, we are at the beginning of the season of Lent, the 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter (remember, we don't count Sundays, for each Sunday is a mini-Easter). Each Lent, I think to myself, "This is the Lent! My spiritual life will deepen, my relationship with God will be renewed, and I'll have made the most of this Lent." I have discovered that the way I have approached this desire for greater spirituality during Lent has focused so much on me - what I can do, how I will make Lent enriching. This doesn't acknowledge that first and foremost, it is God who acts and works. To reference John Wesley, God is looking for those who will cooperate with his gracious activity in our lives. So, perhaps the way to understand my Lenten journey, and the proper approach to all of our Lenten growth, is this: what is God doing in my life, and how can I join what he is doing? For the remainder of this season, let's hold fast to the words in Philippians 1:6: "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." It is God who does the work. Let's allow him to do it!

+Pastor Evan

March's
Communion
Offering
will
Benefit
UMCOR



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



One night only!
Mark your calendars!
Saturday, March 28th



Church Office Assistant Position Open

If you are interested in working in
the church office on an "as
needed" basis, please contact
Tammi Burton at
TLBurton1@comcast.net

HELP
WANTED



Our Lenten Lunches and Devotions are held each
Wednesday during Lent. Lunch is scheduled to
begin at 12:15, followed by devotions in the
sanctuary. If you can't make the lunch, you are
still more than welcome to attend the Devotions
in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in
providing soup, dessert or crackers for one of the
weekly lunches please contact Cathy Porzio

TODDLER
time

Location:
St. Paul's UMC
Gymnasium
714 Herbertsville Road
Brick, NJ

Still just a \$10
donation
payable at the
door.

JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY FROM
9AM - 11AM
NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for a morning of fun, learning, and movement!
Our Toddler Time program is designed for children aged
1 - 4 years old and their caregiver to attend together.
Come meet our caring staff, explore our big and bright indoor
play space, and experience how we help children grow through
play and movement!

Now hosted by The Mustard Seed Preschool

Toddler in Church:
'Our Father, Who does art in heaven,
Harold is His name.
Amen.'

STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST

Come on out and see what fun this is! Stronger Hearts For
Christ is led by Don Blair. It is a fun; hour long work-out
of cross training exercises for every skill level. Classes are
held every Monday and Thursday beginning at 6pm



Everyone is welcome!
Join us between services
in Norcross Hall



The season of Lent is right around the corner.
And with it comes rehearsals for our upcoming
Easter Cantata.

Come and help us celebrate the season by
joining the Chancel Choir in their annual Easter
Cantata! Rehearsals, Thursdays, at 7:30pm in
the Choir Room.

The cantata performance will be Saturday,
March 28th at 7pm, one night only.



GriefShare at St. Paul's

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.

Learn more about GriefShare at www.griefshare.org

Mid-Week Worship

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. Bring a friend!



Stewardship Spotlight

Periodically we would like to honor the members of St. Paul's using their God-given gifts, time and talents in remarkable ways. If you would like to nominate someone for this segment please email "media@stpaulsbrick.org" with your reasons for why this individual or group deserves recognition.



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.



Faith



Food



FOCUS



Fitness



Friends



Supportive Community of Other Christians who have discovered just what it means to submit their health to God



St. Paul's UMC Church
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Most Wednesdays
at 6:30 p.m. the
church library
See Liese DeBona or
Ann Bliss
Call Church Office
732-458-2080

What to Expect:

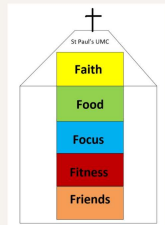
Bible studies
Video presentations
Discussions
Guest Speakers
Dining Out Nights
Chair Yoga
Lasting Friendships

Samples of Studies we are working on or have completed



Sample Topics

Healthy Eating
Weight Loss Techniques
Recipes
Mindfulness
Positive Thinking
Health Concerns
Managing our Emotions
Having a relationship with God
Faithfully Fit
Curb your Cravings
Focus your mind
Creating healthy relationships
Affirmations
Creating New Habits
Stress Relief
Prayer & Meditation
Nutrition Wisdom



Building Your Temple One Small Step at a Time

Sunday Bulletin Bloopers

- Thursday at 5:00 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become little mothers, please see the minister in his study.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday. Please use the back door.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.



Youth Wins Basketball Challenge!

Epic Kids take the win at the recent Youth Basketball Fundraiser. Ninety percent of the proceeds will support the Youth Group's mission trips and retreats. Ten percent was donated to the Unified Fund. Melissa thanks everyone who helped with the event and to all who attended.

Shout out to our refs, David and Eric!

(pictured above)

Supporting our youth is always a WIN-WIN!



ST. PADDY'S DAY DINNER SATURDAY, MARCH 7th

Come out and join others for fun and food on Saturday, March 8th beginning at 6pm in Norcross Hall. Enjoy a St. Paddy's Dinner of corned beef and cabbage and all the "fixins". Chicken tenders will also be available. Reservations are required before March 11th. A free-will donation box will be available at entrance. For more information, please call the church office

*As CH Spurgeon once noted,
the minute we find the perfect church and join,
it becomes imperfect.*



OUR LOCAL MISSIONS

Asbury Park's Clothing Closet continues on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month. See Sharon for more information. While partnering with Cypress Missions, there are volunteer opportunities galore to consider, including Sisters Academy in Asbury Park, Dina's Dwelling in New Brunswick and Delanco Camp in Tabernacle. If you would like to sign up to help with restoring and painting cabins at Delanco Camp, the following dates are open:

- ✓ Friday & Saturday, March 27th & 28th
- ✓ Weekend overnight, April 24th - 26th

Mark your calendars now for Rise Against Hunger on June 7th. Details to follow soon.

Plans are underway for St. Paul's Summer Mission Trip to Delanco Camp in Tabernacle, NJ. Fellowship, games and cabin repairs will fill the days of June 23 - 26.

OUR "AWAY" MISSIONS

We will continue our work to benefit veteran housing at the Veterans Quarters in Ashville, TN from March 8th through the 14th. Another trip from April 13th - 19th will be with the Home Depot Foundation in Austin, TX with Green Doors Veterans Housing. This will be two exciting occasions to show our military our appreciation. From May 1st until May 10th, we will have a mission team in Albania. Team members will be making repairs to the Boys Home operated by Hands of Providence International and will be working on various children's programs.

So much is happening! Come. Be a part.

See Doug between services for more information.

EASTER FLOWERS

United Methodist Men are taking orders for Easter flowers. If you would like to place an order, fill out the form below. Order and payment may be placed in collection plate on Sundays, mailed to the church or dropped off at the church office to the attention of the UMM, no later than March 29th.

Order Easter Flowers



Flowers available for purchase:

Thursday, April 2nd from Noon – 2:00pm

Friday & Saturday, April 3 & 4 from 9:00 am – 5:00pm

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

In Loving Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

TULIPS \$10.00 each **QTY:** _____ **\$** _____

HYACINTHS \$9.00 each **QTY:** _____ **\$** _____

DAFFODILS \$9.00 each **QTY:** _____ **\$** _____

TOTAL: _____

Make checks payable to St. Paul's U.M.M. Order deadline: March 29th.

Please remember to take your plants following your Easter attendance.