



THE LAMPLIGHTER

A Newsletter For The Members of

St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Gaither United Methodist Church

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WHAT MAKES A GOOD NEW YEAR?

What makes a good New Year? British writer Manuel Barone has this recipe: "Take twelve fine full grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they came from the great storehouse of TIME.

"Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one Year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time, (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this way) but prepare one day at a time as follows:

"Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest) eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving out this is like leaving the oil out of the salad--don't do it), three of prayer, two of good will and one well-selected resolution. Put in a dash of fun, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor."

The writer of Ecclesiastes has something similar to say: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecc. 3:1) Over the next year, so much will happen that we cannot even imagine. Some lives will begin, and some will come to an end. Some new endeavors will be started and some will be fulfilled. There will tears and laughter, mourning and dancing, silence and speech, and so much more. What will happen, we cannot even predict.

But this much we know. The God whose birth among us we just celebrated at Christmas will abide with us through it all. That is Good News. No matter what this New Year brings, we can live each day of it with faith, courage, diligence, hope, and love. Thanks be to God.

Peace,

Pastor Doug

Upcoming Worship Schedule and Preaching Series

January 3rd--Epiphany "Signs and Gifts"

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2:1-12

January 10th--Baptism of Our Lord "On the Tiptoe of Expectation"

Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon Series--New Year Resolutions to Live By

January 17th--"Slow Down"

Scripture: James 1: 19-27

January 31st--"Live Simply"

Scripture: Mark 6: 6b-12

January 24th--"Choose Wisely"

Scripture: Luke 16:10-13

February 7th--"Trust God"

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

St. Paul's Birthdays

1/5 Sarah Rains
 1/5 Katie Guyer
 1/6 Juanita Zabel
 1/7 Brianna Komiske
 1/7 Neil Dissinger
 1/10 Jackie Talley
 1/17 Roger Pickett
 1/17 Jeff Mitchell
 1/19 Jeff Swan
 1/19 Pauline Sinclair
 1/21 Kim Perdue
 1/21 David Stauffer
 1/22 Patti Alford
 1/22 Parker Tabler Mathews
 1/22 Brian Elwood
 1/23 Sue Ann Tabler
 1/25 Sandy Gawel



St. Paul's Anniversaries

1/4 Ken & Jackie Talley
 1/11 Bob & Genie Corbin
 1/19 Bob & Mary Killett

Gaither's Birthdays

1/6 Garrett Breedon
 1/8 Tony Matulonis
 1/13 R. J. Evans
 1/22 Ed Hullett

Gaither's Anniversaries

1/26 Ed & Carol Hullett



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

During the winter months, remember you can keep current on cancellations/postponements of church events by visiting the church website at (stpaulssykesville.org) or by calling the church office (410-795-0714, extension 2).



Church Announcements

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note that all announcements for the Gaither and St. Paul's bulletins must be received by the church office **no later than 12noon on Tuesday of that week** in order to be placed in the bulletin on Sunday. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

CHURCH LIBRARY

All books, CD's, etc. donated to the church library must be approved by Debbie Scheller (scheller5@verizon.net) prior to being displayed. Any donations left in the church foyer or bench outside the church office will be discarded. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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MAILING LIST: If you have an address change or correction, would like to be added to either our electronic or paper distribution list or would like your birthday and anniversary published in *The Lamplighter*, please contact the church office at 410-795-0714 with the updated information and dates.

Please specify if it is for St. Paul's or Gaither.



Hey Youth!

Happiest of New Years!! May God continue to bless you each and every day. Even when life doesn't feel like a blessing, it is!! Sometimes if we stop complaining about US and turn our thoughts to OTHERS, it really helps and eventually things turn around! Remember, "I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!" (John 16:33)

We helped others a lot last year....our mission trip to Oceanview, DE, cards and letters to several members, gifts for our adopted families, ESCAPE lunches, in-church service with the UMW, our Mother's Day service, and so much more!!

Hang in there, smile, spread God's word and if you ever need a reminder, read the book of Job! If he could hang in there, we certainly can! :)

Love you lots! Can't wait for all that's coming up!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 3 - Regular Meetings Middle High 6:00PM-7:30PM, Senior High 7:00PM-8:30PM

Jan. 10 - Regular Meetings

Jan. 17 - Dinner and a Movie Out (Movie and Dinner TBA)

Jan. 24 - Regular Meetings

Jan. 31 - No Regular Meetings

MARCH 11-13, 2016 - Retreat to Manidokan

JUNE 26-JULY 2 - Mission Trip to Virginia Beach, Virginia (Busch Gardens first!! Paid for individually!)

**Be sure to check my newsletter "Crossings" for any possible changes to this schedule as it is more recent!
Thanks!!**

In His Love,
Miss Kim
301-233-3203



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

Happy New Year!!

Thank you for bringing your children to St. Paul's. As you make your New Year's resolutions, please keep our Sunday School program in your thoughts. Along with our Heifer International Mission Project, we do collect offering in the classrooms every Sunday. As Christian parents this is a great opportunity to cultivate a spirit of giving in our children.

Winter

Winter is a beautiful time of year. However this season does bring the flu and other germs. We kindly ask that if your child is ill to keep them home so that they may heal. We will certainly be praying for their speedy recovery! Also, the Sunday School would love any donations of Kleenex. If you have a box that you would like to donate, you may drop it off at the welcome table. Thank you!



**UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN**

UMW Meeting Schedule

Upcoming UMW Meetings follow the 11:00AM service at St. Paul's on January 10th, February 14th, and March 13th. Hope to see you there!!!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 9th from 4:00PM – 8:00PM

All are invited to join us in this pre-Lenten celebration and fundraiser!

Pancakes & Sausage. \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family.

Save the date! Invite your friends and neighbors!

St. PAUL'S MISSION UPDATE

Our #1 Mission, as voted by the congregation survey, is the **UMYF Mission Trip** that takes place each summer. We have all seen and heard about the truly amazing work that is being done not only for the residents in need, but also for our youth whose lives are forever impacted by the experience. Our adult chaperones have also had life-changing experiences through their participation. It is hard to imagine a better way for members of our church of all ages to form such strong bonds, witness "God Sightings" and to lay strong foundations both literally and figuratively!

As the saying goes, "it takes a village" but for us that means our whole church. The trip is costly and we need to diligently fundraise throughout the year to assist the UMYF and this important mission. Our January focus will be to get a good start for this summer, so please consider supporting the UMYF Mission Trip in January.

The next Missions Committee meeting is open to all and will be held directly after the 11:00AM Service at St. Paul's on **January 3, 2016**. A great way to start the New Year by helping others – please join us!

Thanks for all of your continued support of the mission work of St. Paul's!

Ridia Dearie, Missions Chairwoman rande65@jhu.edu



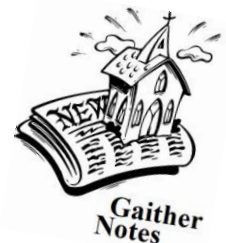
3rd ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT


Save the dates of January 15th -17th as the women of the Sykesville Parish will gather again at the West River Retreat Center for a weekend of worship, study, prayer, fellowship, and fun. The theme this year is "Peace: A Gift of God" led by Pastor Terri Rae. We will explore peace in our personal lives, peace as an experience of grace, and peace in our personal relationships. The cost will be \$110 for the weekend—two overnights and five meals. Email Pastor Terri Rae if you can attend. Checks can be made out to St. Paul's UMC and earmarked "Women's Retreat."

Registration deadline is Friday, January 8th.

Gaither's Missions

GUMC will not have a mission for January 2016. We will have our annual missions update and brunch on January 31st. This is a wonderful time for the congregation to come together for reflection and fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Carmella Evans at 443-277-8607.



		GREETERS	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	NURSERY
St. Paul's	1/3	Dave & Lisa Balk	Rich Luebke	Thomas Brooks	Carol Bleam
	1/10	Jeff, Karen, Sarah & Allison Creutzer	Amy Johnson	Allison Creutzer	Donna Norman
	1/17	Tom, Ann Marie, Trey, & Justin Howes	Courtney Williams	Maya Tzan	Megan Vogel
	1/24	Dave & Micky Lewis	Elizabeth Htwar	Sarah Creutzer	Teresa, Kaitlyn & Kelsey Ronaghan
	1/31	Larry & Nancy Lewis	Kim Pyles	Thomas Brooks	Maddie Marks
Gaither	1/3	Tony & Esther Matulonis	Jessica Boyd	Kesi Mertz	 a new year, a new beginning
	1/10	The Evans Family	Bettye Stirn	Chad Doxzen	
	1/17	Wayne & Susan Arrington	Janet Boyd	Kesi Mertz	
	1/24	The Bill Rosier Family	Patty Doxzen	Veda Doxzen	
	1/31	Robert & Megan Rosier	Jessica Boyd	Kesi Mertz	



St. PAUL'S JOYS & CONCERNS

One of the most important parts of our worship services is the sharing of our prayer joys and concerns. For a number of reasons we are moving to a new format. Starting after the first of the year we will be asking folks to write their joys and concerns down so that we can share them before the pastoral prayer time. Cards will be provided which also have a space that can be marked private if the prayer request is only to be seen by the pastors. These cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service and passed along to the pastors. We hope this even more emphasizes the importance of lifting and supporting one another in prayer.



RECYCLE

Thanks to everyone who has saved cards for the ARC.

-It is no longer necessary to tear off the fronts. Just make sure there are no identifiable names, addresses, or phone numbers on them.

-Magazines are needed for Carroll Hospital to give to the patients. Please remove the address labels.

-Pull tabs from cans are still being donated to the Ronald McDonald house to help pay for gasoline.

The basket for these items are now located outside the church office. For more information, contact Gil or Judy Creutzer at 410-781-0232.

CHURCH LIGHTS

When using the Church facilities, PLEASE be mindful by making sure ALL LIGHTS are turned OFF before you leave. THIS INCLUDES ALL RESTROOMS. We want to be good stewards of what God has given us. Thank you!



Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Friday, 1 January – **Happy New Year** – The church office will be closed.
- Sunday, 3 January – **St. Paul's Missions Committee Meeting** – 12:15PM in St. Paul's Cry Room
- Friday, 8 January – **Deadline to Sign Up For 3rd Annual Sykesville Parish Women's Retreat to West River, Maryland**
- Sunday, 10 January – **United Methodist Women's Meeting** – 12noon in St. Paul's Social Hall
– **Outreach Committee Meeting** – 12noon in St. Paul's Cry Room
- Monday, 11 January – **St. Paul's Worship Committee Meeting** – 7:00PM in Pastor Terri Rae's Office
- Wednesday, 13 January – **Gaither's Administrative Council Meeting** – 7:00PM in Gaither's Fellowship Hall
– **February Newsletter Deadline**
- Friday, 15 January – **Deadline to Sign Up for Confirmation Class**
- Friday, 15 January to
Sunday, 17 January – **Sykesville Parish Women's Retreat at West River, Maryland**
- Monday, 19 January – **The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance**– The church office will be closed.
- Wednesday, 20 January – **St. Paul's Trustees' Meeting** – 7:00PM in Pastor Terri Rae's Office
- Sunday, 24 January – **Confirmation Class Begins** – Immediately after the 11:00AM worship service in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204. **A parent or guardian must be present for this initial class.**
– **UMYF Baked Potato Sale**
- Sunday, 25 January – **Sykesville Parish Planning Retreat Follow-up** – 7:00PM St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204.
- Sunday, 31 January – **Confirmation Class Continues** – Immediately after the 11:00AM worship service in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204.
– **St. Paul's Coffee Sunday** – hosted by the Sunday School
- Saturday, 6 February – **United Methodist Men's Church Clean-up**
- Sunday, 7 February – **Confirmation Class Continues** – Immediately after the 11:00AM worship service in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204.
– **UMYF Sub Sale**
- Monday, 8 February – **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – 2:00PM in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204
- Tuesday, 9 February – **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** – 4:00PM to 8:00PM in St. Paul's Social Hall
- Wednesday, 10 February – **Joint Ash Wednesday Services** – 12:00noon and 6:30PM at St. Paul's
– **March Newsletter Deadline**
- Sunday, 14 February – **Confirmation Class Continues** – Immediately after the 11:00AM worship service in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204.
– **Cub/Boy Scout Sunday**
– **St. Paul's Coffee Sunday** – hosted by the Cub/Boy Scouts
– **United Methodist Women's Meeting** – 12:15PM in St. Paul's Sunday School Basement
- Monday, 15 February – **President's Day Observance** – The church office will be closed.

A.A. Meets Every Monday and Friday at 8:00PM in St. Paul's Social Hall.

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

January 1, 2015 – Dec 31, 2015

2015 Budget Amount - \$463,745.50

<u>Income:</u>	Annual Budget	Actual 1/1 – 11/30	<u>Other Income:</u>		
Envelopes & Loose Plate	\$ 424,235	\$ 371,994	Capital Fund	\$	28,200
Sunday School Offerings	\$ 2,000	\$ 719	Memorials	\$	75
Gaither UMC	\$ 36,811	\$ 33,743	United Methodist Men	\$	
AA Social Hall	\$ 700	\$ 450	UMYF – Fundraisers/deposits	\$	12,385
			Pastor's Discretion	\$	
Total Income	\$ 463,746	\$ 406,906	Lent	\$	2,105
			Scholarship Fund	\$	1,024
			Missions	\$	29,504
<u>Expenses:</u>			Sunday School – Missions	\$	1,360
Salaries & Conference Obligations	\$ 296,126	\$ 276,720	Roof	\$	10,304
Apportionments	\$ 45,870	\$ 42,048			
Program Expenses	\$ 50,450	\$ 38,411			
Church Maintenance and Utilities	\$ 55,000	\$ 51,462			
Parsonage Maintenance and Utilities	\$ 8,800	\$ 7,118			
Insurance	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,011			
Total Expenses	\$ 463,746	\$ 422,770			
Expenses over Income		(\$ 15,864)			
			Balances:		
			Carroll Community – Checking	\$	31,736
			Carroll Community- Savings	\$	16,119
			UM Foundation	\$	79,502
Items paid from Savings					
Capital expenditures		\$ 18,056			

Checking balance includes items still to be paid – i.e. payroll liabilities, mission balances and other temporarily restricted funds. We appreciate the continued support to meet our financial needs. We appreciate the continued support to meet our financial needs. Our budget for 2016 was analyzed thoroughly and we were able to keep it relatively flat – with a modest .75% increase. We will need your faithfulness and support to help meet those amounts.

On-line giving is now available for checking accounts – Sign up at <https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1581>. If interested please email Donna Larkin at stpaulsykesville@gmail.com. Giving Envelopes are available for you to pick up. They are in St. Paul's Social Hall.

Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, January 24th after St. Paul's 11:00AM worship service and end at 1:30PM. An adult or guardian must be present with the confirmand for this opening session on January 24th. This is an **EVERY SUNDAY COMMITMENT**. No absences are allowed except, of course, for illness, and a parental contact is required to excuse for illness. Please contact the church office by Friday, January 15th, to register your child. An informational packet will be forwarded to you. Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th.



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St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Contemporary Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Staff:

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Church Organist: David Eide-Altman
Youth Coordinator: Kim Reed

Special Ministries at St. Paul's

Administrative Board Chairperson:
Pat Greenwald
Vice Chairperson: Temple Riehl
Church Treasurer: Bill Gawel
Financial Secretary: Donna Larkin
Sunday School Directors:
Charlotte Riesett/Callie Elwood
United Methodist Women President: Dawn Wittfelt
Vice President: Genie Corbin
United Methodist Men President: Gil Creutzer
Music/Choir Director: Betty May
Lay Leader: Kim Pyles

Gaither United Methodist Church

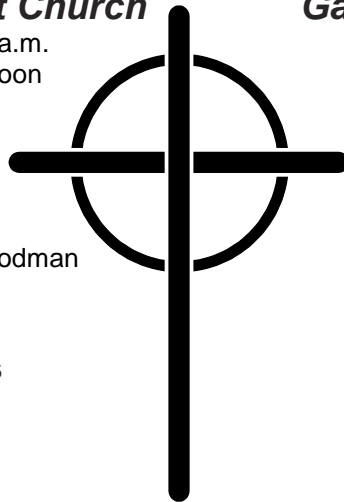
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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