



THE LAMPLIGHTER

A Newsletter For The Members of

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

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The Power of Encouragement

“Your words have supported those who stumbled; you have strengthened faltering knees.” (Job 4:4, NIV). What a tribute are those words given by Eliphaz to his friend Job in that divine library we call the Bible!

Lincoln's phrases are part of the American language! Churchill's stirring oratory saved Britain! To the ancient Hebrews, words both good and bad had a power about them that caused concrete effects! The Good News Bible translation renders Eliphaz's tribute this way: “When someone stumbled, weak and tired, your words encouraged him to stand.” That word “encourage” gives us a wonderful picture. It comes from two French words: “en” which means (in) - - AND - - “corage” from “cuer” which means “heart.” The word “encouragement” puts “heart” into the hopeless!

A little word of encouragement can spark great achievements. In the 1700's, an Englishman named Joseph Priestley failed as a preacher and turned to teaching. On a vacation, he happened to meet Benjamin Franklin who was twice his age. Ben saw possibilities in the young teacher. “You have just the abilities to write a history of electricity,” Franklin told him, “and I will help you start by lending you my books and notes.” Encouraged, Priestley started to work. In a year, he had finished the first history of electricity! He became a man of science - - discovering oxygen, hydrochloric acid, laughing gas (nitrous oxide) - - and - - developed the first carbon dioxide fire extinguisher! Priestley had experienced the power of the encouraging word!

As the Apostle Paul was traveling through Macedonia and Greece, “he traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people . . .” (Acts 20:2, NIV). In following Paul's example, who might you encourage today? The book of Proverbs reminds us that “the tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.” (Proverbs 15:4, NIV).

“Encouragement” brings both life and health! “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.” (Romans 15:5, NIV). Be an encourager!

Peace,

Terri Rae

April Worship Schedule:

May 1st—Acts 1:1-11 (The Ascension of Jesus)

May 8th—Acts 16:16-34 (Paul and Silas in Prison)

May 15th—Acts 2:1-21 (Pentecost)

May 22nd—Matthew 28:19-20 (State of the Church)

May 29th—Acts 17:16-34 (Paul in Athens)

St. Paul's Birthdays

5/3 Tracey Blaney
 5/7 Claire Swan
 5/14 Adele Freaner
 5/14 Justin Betz
 5/15 Erika Brandenburg
 5/16 Dennis Beard
 5/16 Paul Komiske
 5/19 Nicholas Prentiss Rowe
 5/19 Matt Pluta
 5/19 Maggie Guyer
 5/25 Carol Ann Rains
 5/25 Dick Estes
 5/31 Ryan Stauffer



Gaither's Birthdays

5/2 Melissa Keefer
 5/4 Dale Keefer
 5/7 Pauline Rosier
 5/10 Lee Stirn
 5/11 Kay Donnelly
 5/13 Joshua Pickett
 5/15 Mandi Evans
 5/16 Duane Doxzen
 5/17 Bettye Stirn
 5/23 Kylie Davis
 5/25 Nikki Baker
 5/28 Robert Rosier
 5/31 Tom Arnold

St. Paul's Anniversaries

5/10 Dick & Lou Ann Estes
 5/18 Bud & Debbie Herndon
 5/22 Thiha & Elizabeth Htwar

Gaither's Anniversaries

5/14 Theresa & Chuck Davis, III
 5/26 Charles & Pauline Rosier



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.

St. PAUL'S TRUSTEE ISSUES

For all St. Paul's trustee issues, please contact Dave Lewis at k9cop1414@gmail.com or call/text at 301-602-5296 (priority only). Thank You!

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 <i>The Lamplighter</i> , 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!

"God's Not Dead 2" was so great! They definitely left room for a number 3! Remember God is good all the time and all the time God is good! I was happy to see so many youth and their parents there!! It was also great to meet Daniel Barnett, the youth coordinator from Wesley Freedom who also planned the night out with his youth! Daniel and I are going to meet and make plans for ALL to get together over the summer! That would be so much fun...merging two groups for a couple of awesome activities!!

We have some more activities coming up where Mom and Dad may attend if they'd like!! We will be making quilts for our mission trip with the UMW and serving them lunch on May 15 after St. Paul's service. Any mom/dad that would like to stay and help us would be GREAT!! We are also trying to get some help starting a Jr. Farmer's Market down in Sykesville where we would run our own booth. This would be an amazing activity to get up and off the ground in order to continue our fundraising efforts for future mission trips! We need some parent volunteers to offer craft ideas and scheduling help! Please be involved!! The church is the very best extracurricular activity you guys can participate in! Don't forget, we are of God, not of the world!

Please check below for the rest of the activities coming up this year and check the Crossings for any possible scheduling changes! Can't wait to serve with all of you in the coming months!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 1 - No Regular Meetings

May 8 - Happy Mother's Day No Regular Meetings

May 15 - Lunch and Quilt Making w/ UMW 12noon-3:00PM

May 22 - Regular Meetings

May 29 - Regular Meetings

June 5 - Final UMYF 2015-16 Party Time and Place TBA

JUNE 24th - JULY 2nd - Mission Trip to Virginia Beach, Virginia (Trip starts with one day at Busch Gardens)

Love You Guys!

In His Name,

Miss Kim

401-233-3203



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

Heifer International Mission

This month concludes our Andean Llama and Alpaca Project. Please be sure to have your child bring in their donation can by Sunday, May 22nd. Thank you for supporting the Heifer International Mission during the 2015/2016 Sunday School year!

Last Day of Sunday School is May 22nd

Our last day of Sunday School will be held on May 22nd. Please enjoy the church service with your families on May 29th, Memorial Day Weekend.

Joyful Noise begins June 5th!

"Joyful Noise" will begin on June 5th and will end on August 28th. Children two through fourth grade are welcome! "Joyful Noise" begins at 11:00AM. We will be offering two classes this summer:

Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade class

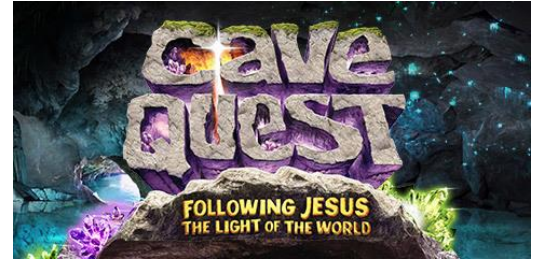
Second, Third and Fourth Grade class

We hope to see you this summer!

Our 2016-2017 Sunday School program will begin on September 11th, 2016.

St. PAUL'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

Join us this year for CAVE QUEST at St Paul's VBS! Cave Quest is an over the top, underground adventure, where kids walk away knowing what it means to follow Jesus and shine his light. Adult and teen volunteers needed! **Dates: July 11th-15th Ages: 3 to 5th grade**
Register online at: www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/stpauls2016



UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN

Fundraiser Dinner

Thanks to all who came out and supported our Fundraiser Dinner on April 7th at Tony's Japanese Restaurant. The event was a great success due to the large number of attendees. THANK YOU!

UMW Plant, Yard & Bake Sale

Come out and browse at our Annual Yard/Bake Sale on Saturday, May 7th from 8:00AM - 2:30PM. We are also still accepting donations for resale, which can be dropped off either Thursday May 5th after 5:00PM or Friday May 6th from 9:00AM-6:00PM. No clothing or shoes please. We are also accepting donations of baked goods for our bake sale. Please contact Jackie Talley for more information at jtalley0302@live.com.

UMW Meeting

The May meeting will be May 15th in St. Paul's Social Hall following the 11:00AM service. We will be joined by the UMYF and together we will be making quilts for their mission's trip. All women of the Sykesville Parish are welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us for lunch and see what we are up to!

For questions, additional information or to sign up to help contact Dawn Wittfelt at dawn.wittfelt@gmail.com.

St. PAUL'S MISSION UPDATE

Our congregation has truly been able to make a difference in our sister churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. The May Mission will focus on another church in need of our helping hands – historic Mt. Vernon UMC in the heart of Baltimore, right next to the Washington Monument.

Pastor Laura Kigweba is in her 1st year at Mt. Vernon; she started there just shortly after the unrest in Baltimore last spring. As you can imagine, this beautiful Victorian Gothic “Cathedral to Methodism” built in 1872 has seen many changes in the community throughout the years. It has also “collected” lots of “stuff” that now needs to be cleaned, moved, organized, or thrown away. We will have a “Spring Cleaning Workday” on Saturday, May 21st from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Car-pooling from St. Paul's parking lot leaves at 8:00AM and returns by 3:00PM. All you need to participate is a pair of work gloves and a smile! There will be tasks for all ages and all skill levels.

If you would like to help Mt. Vernon in another way, please feel free to make a financial donation with a notation of Mt. Vernon on the check memo or envelope. Pastor Laura also suggested gift cards in small amounts for Subway, Safeway, or 7-11 that can be given to the homeless that sometimes seek refuge in their church.

Here is a message from their website: “Come and see, then become a part of our proud history and promising future! With anticipation of all you'll discover, we bid you welcome.”

Join us! Thanks for all of your continued support of the mission work of St. Paul's!
Ridia Dearie, Missions Chair rande65@jhu.edu



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

May 1st from 12noon-5:00PM, St Paul's Outreach will be holding an event in conjunction with the Town of Sykesville's Art & Wine Festival. Come out and help showcase our church and all we have to offer to our community! Tour our murals and stained glass, as well as displays of our missions, groups and projects. We will be serving beverages, popcorn, and will even have a moonbounce for kids, and a welcoming place to relax in our social hall. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Dawn Wittfelt at 443-244-7799 or dawn.wittfelt@gmail.com .


Next Event: Relay for Life - June 4th from 4:00PM-12:30AM. Let's put a team together to walk in this wonderful event. Please Contact Dawn Wittfelt 443-244-7799 or dawn.wittfelt@gmail.com

Gaither's May Mission

Fisher House: We will collect monetary donations to support the needs of families that are staying at the Fisher Houses while their loved ones recover from illness and injury after returning from Military Deployment. Your donations will also help in funding any repairs that may be needed to the buildings. Detailed information about the Fisher House and how funds are used can be found in the designated mission's information area. Please make your check payable to GUMC memo: Fisher House.



You can now find all related missions information in the hall at the bottom of the stairs by the Upper Rooms.

		GREETERS	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	NURSERY
St. Paul's	5/1	Alex, Aubrey, Kyle & Nicholas Johnson	Amy Johnson	Sarah Creutzer	Carol Bleam
	5/8	Jeff & Val Swan	Todd Johnson	Allison Creutzer	TBD
	5/15	Bob, Susan, Matthew & Jason Coates	Rich Luebke	Thomas Brooks	TBD
	5/22	Nancy Oursler	Amy Johnson	Maya Tzan	TBD
	5/29	David, Kim, Jenna, Katie & Carly Reed	Brian Williams	Sarah Creutzer	TBD
Gaither	5/1	Charles & Pauline Rosier	Jessica Steeves	Kesi Mertz	
	5/8	Amy Hoffman	Janet Boyd	Kesi Mertz	
	5/15	Jean Hershberger	Patty Doxzen	Veda Doxzen	
	5/22	Jeff & Valli Adams	Bettye Stirn	Chad Doxzen	
	5/29	Tom & Joyce Arnold	Jessica Steeves	Kesi Mertz	



**Nursery
Volunteers
Needed**

St. PAUL'S NURSERY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers in St. Paul's Nursery. Providing a warm, nurturing environment for our babies and toddlers helps develop trust and mutual respect. As children learn that church is a trustworthy place, and adults there can be trusted, this becomes the basis for trusting God. If you are interested in helping with our little ones, please contact Carol Bleam at carolbleam@gmail.com or at 443-845-2491.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Sunday, 1 May – **St. Paul's Outreach Event w/Sykesville Art/Wine Festival** – 12noon to 5:00PM with Moonbounce for Kids Too!
- Monday, 2 May – **Prayer Circle** – 7:00PM in St. Paul's Sanctuary
- Thursday, 5 May – **Thursday Bible Study** – 12noon in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204
- Friday, 6 May – **United Methodist Women's Spring Yard/Bake Sale Set-up**
- Saturday, 7 May – **United Methodist Women's Spring Yard/Bake Sale**
- Sunday, 8 May – **Mother's Day!**
- Monday, 9 May – **Prayer Circle** – 7:00PM in St. Paul's Sanctuary
- Wednesday, 11 May – **Summer Newsletter Deadline**– This will be the last newsletter until September
- Thursday, 12 May – **Thursday Bible Study** – 12noon in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204
- Sunday, 15 May – **St. Paul's Sunday School Teacher/Social Meeting** – 10:15AM in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204
- **United Methodist Women's & UMYF Blanket Tying Meeting** – 12:15PM in St. Paul's Social Hall
- Monday, 16 May – **Prayer Circle** – 7:00PM in St. Paul's Sanctuary
- Thursday, 19 May – **Thursday Bible Study** – 12noon in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204 – This will be the last class until September.
- **United Methodist Men's Dinner Meeting** – 6:30PM in St. Paul's Social Hall
- Sunday, 22 May – **St. Paul's Scholarship Reception** – 12:15PM in St. Paul's Social Hall
- **E.S.C.A.P.E. Ecumenical Hymn Sing** – 2:00PM at Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church
- Monday, 30 May – **Memorial Day** – Church Office will be closed
- Wednesday 1, June to – **Annual Conference** – Both pastors will be attending. If you have an urgent need,
Friday 3, June please feel free to contact either pastor.
- Saturday, 4 June – **United Methodist Women Will Host the Strawbridge Boys' Luncheon** – in St. Paul's Social Hall
- **Relay for Life** – 4:00PM to 12:30AM – St. Paul's Sunday School Basement
- Sunday, 5 June – **Laity Sunday**
- Monday, 6 June – **Prayer Circle** – (Last gathering until September) 7:00PM in St. Paul's Sanctuary
- **Worship Committee Meeting** – 7:00PM in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204
- Tuesday, 7 June – **St. Paul's Administrative Council Meeting** – 7:00PM in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204
- Wednesday, 8 June – **Last Choir Practice until September**
- Sunday, 12 June – **Last Day for the Choir until September**
- Monday, 13 June – **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – 2:00PM in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204

A.A. Meets Every Monday at 8:30PM and Friday evenings at 7:00PM and 8:30PM in St. Paul's Social Hall.

2016 BUDGET vs ACTUAL

Income:	Annual Budget	Thru 3/31/16
Envelopes & Loose Plate	\$ 425,463	\$ 101,431
Sunday School Offerings	\$ 1,000	\$ 152
Gaither UMC	\$ 37,648	\$ 9,412
AA Social Hall	\$ 600	\$ 0
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 2,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,476</u>
	\$ 467,211	\$ 112,471
 EXPENSES:		
Salaries & Conference Obligations	\$ 295,720	\$ 68,245
Apportionments	\$ 49,791	\$ 12,448
Program Expenses	\$ 47,900	\$ 10,440
Church Maintenance and Utilities	\$ 57,300	\$ 16,900
Parsonage Maintenance and Utilities	\$ 9,200	\$ 1,412
Insurance	<u>\$ 7,300</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
	\$ 467,211	\$ 109,445
		\$ 3,026

\$8,985/per week needed to meet the budget

Other		Income	
Capital Improvement	\$241	\$8985 x 13	\$116,803
Scholarship	\$1,402	Actual	\$112,767
Memorials	\$952		(\$4,035)
Missions	\$7,841		
Lent	\$2,159		
UMYF –Fundraisers/Deposits	\$6,107		

We ask that you please prayerfully and thoughtfully consider your tithes and offerings for 2016. A small increase each week can help. If you use the envelopes in the pews, please write your full name on the envelope -this will help us make sure we put to the correct account. If you need envelopes please contact Donna Larkin at stpaulssykesville@gmail.com. Online giving is available for Checking – there is a link on the Church Website under What’s Happening – Email any questions to Donna at stpaulssykesville@gmail.com.



We would like to thank our friends and family at St. Pauls for all of their thoughts and prayers during my mom, Alva Wilhelm’s, illness and passing. We have a wonderful, caring church family here, and we felt your love and support during this difficult time. We would like to especially thank Pastors Terri Rae and Doug for their daily visits to comfort and encourage our mom, Kim, and sister Lynda. We are blessed to be a part of the St. Pauls’ family. In Christ’s love,

Joe, Kim, Bill, and Tom Pyles

Gaither is having a plant sale on May 7th at St Paul UM Church. We will have extra hanging baskets, annual and perennials for sale. If you placed a pre-order form for you plants, please pick them up between 10:00AM and 2:00PM that day. Thank You for your support. Carol Hullett 410-489-9956



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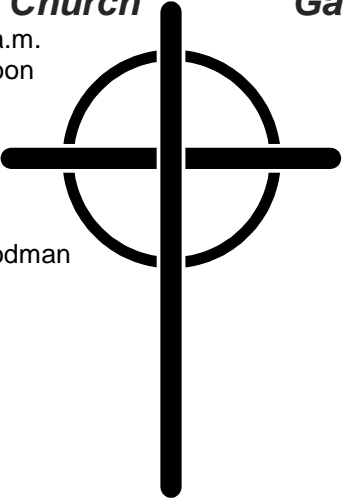
Contemporary Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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Special Ministries at St. Paul's

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Pat Greenwald
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Church Treasurer: Bill Gawel
Financial Secretary: Donna Larkin
Sunday School Directors:
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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

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Sunday School 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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