



THE LAMPLIGHTER

A Newsletter For The Members of

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

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October 2015

APPLE PICKING

My family and I love to go apple picking. It's become a family tradition that we started up in Boston and have continued here. Several times every fall we go out to an orchard and fill up a 20-lb bag of apples, and for the next week or so we eat fresh apples, grill apple and cheese sandwiches, cook apples in several different ways, and eventually make applesauce that we freeze and ration out over the year. It doesn't take us too long to finish up a bag. As of this writing in early September, we've already gone apple picking once and will probably go at least once more before the picking season is done. We love fresh picked apples.

On this recent trip, as I was lugging my large bag of apples back to the stand to pay, we observed that we seemed to be the exception. Most other families seemed to be going back with, maybe, a half dozen apples among them. Certainly nothing like the full, 20-lb bag I carried. Clearly not everyone was quite as enthusiastic about fresh picked apples as we are. There could have been a lot of different reasons for that: Cost ("I can get store-bought apples cheaper."), taste ("I'm not big on apples, but my family wanted to come, so I'm here."), use ("What would I do with so many apples all at once? They'll just go bad."), among other reasons. But it was surprising to see so many people just stroll through the trees and just pass by all that delicious fresh fruit just hanging there in front of them, ripe for the tasting.

God's grace is like that. As the psalmist invites in Psalm 34, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him." God's redemptive, transformative, sustaining grace is always just before us and all around us. We can come up with all kinds of great excuses, but that's all they are, excuses. God is just waiting for us to say yes to all the ways our lives can be refreshed and renewed by grace.

And God's grace works in our churches, just as in our lives. As we are considering ways that we might become fruitful congregations, we can do so knowing that everything we need to become what God hopes us to be, God will provide. God is just waiting for us to say, "Yes."

Peace,

Pastor Doug

St. Paul's Birthdays

- 10/1 Jen Mitchell
- 10/5 Brian Rains
- 10/5 Melissa Johnson
- 10/7 Ellen Baker
- 10/12 Susan Messina-Jones
- 10/12 Matthew Guyer
- 10/18 Todd Johnson
- 10/22 Robert Tabler
- 10/24 Charlene Toth
- 10/24 Lillian Mitchell
- 10/25 Val Swan
- 10/27 Tom Blaney



St. Paul's Anniversaries

- 10/17 Chris & Sue Pluta
- 10/18 Chip & Carol Bleam
- 10/19 Sheridan & Marion Anderson
- 10/21 Brian & Charlene Williams
- 10/28 Chip & Kim Purdue
- 10/28 Roger & Sandy Pickett

Gaither's Birthdays

- 10/2 Kathleen Pickett
- 10/4 Reese Baker
- 10/4 Adam Reaver
- 10/16 Esther Matulonis
- 10/20 Bob Evans

Gaither's Anniversaries

- 10/8 Robert & Megan Rosier
- 10/13 Joyce & Tom Arnold



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, would like your birthday or 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!

Well our year has kicked off already!! It's been great so far! We've had a blast....served, decorated, worshipped, watched movies, ate some food, ate more food, then ate some more food! LoL. Can't wait for this month as we have so much to do!! Thank God that He's given us these many, many blessing! Let's keep thanking Him!! Can't wait to see you this month!! Bring your friends!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCT 4 - Regular Meetings

OCT 11 - Operation Christmas Child Wrapping and Potluck. 5:00PM to 8:00PM. Please bring a dish to share, your filled shoe box and wrapping paper and tape!

OCT 18 - Regular Meetings.....possibly Haunted Hayride!! TBA

OCT 25 - Trunk or Treat at Gaither UMC. 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Dress up and bring a huge bag of candy to share with the kids!!

MARCH 11-13, 2016 - Retreat to Manidokan

JUNE 26-JULY 2 - Mission Trip to Virginia Beach, Virginia

In His Love,

Miss Kim

301-233-3203



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

St. Paul's Sunday School is Off to a Great Start!

Last month we welcomed our children back into the Sunday School Program, three new teachers joined our team, and we met some new faces. Spread the good news and invite your friends and neighbors to come join us!!

		GREETERS	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	NURSERY
St. Paul's	10/4	Winko, Vicki, Tyger, & Honour Zan	Frank Robert	Ryan Stauffer	Fran Straitz
	10/11	Chris, Sue, & Caitie Pluta	Buzz Baker	Allison Creutzer	Teresa, Kaitlyn & Kelsey Ronaghan
	10/18	Jeff & Val Swan	Laity Sunday – Kim Pyles, Courtney Williams, Mark Whittemore, Elizabeth Htwar	Thomas Brooks	Carol Bleam
	10/25	Dick & Katie Springer	Brian Williams	Sarah Creutzer	Maddie Marks
Gaither	10/4	Amy Hoffman	Jessica Boyd	Veda Doxzen	
	10/11	Carmella Evans	Spencer Teal	Chad Doxzen	
	10/18	Tom & Joyce Arnold	Janet Boyd	Kesi Mertz	
	10/25	Ed & Carol Hullett	Bettye Stirn	RJ Evans	



UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN

Fall Yard/Bake Sale

The Fall Yard/Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10th. If you have items you would like to donate, please drop them off at St. Paul's social hall on Friday, Oct. 9th from 9:00AM-6:00PM. Please make note that we are unable to accept donations of clothing or shoes. Thank you for your support!

Other Fundraising Efforts

Our Shepherd's Staff Coat Drive will occur in September. Please see Lisa Shifflett if you have a coat to donate. We will also have our Rada Knife Sale and Boscov's Friends fundraisers. Watch for more information coming soon.

UMW Meeting

Our next regular meeting will be October 11th in St. Paul's social hall, following the traditional service. Please bring a friend!!

It's a Wonderful Life

The UM Men and the UM Women will host a trip to Toby's Dinner Theater on Thursday, December 17th to see "It's A Wonderful Life!" Doors open at 6:00PM; dinner is served until 7:15PM; the play begins at 8:00PM. Cost is \$47/person and the deadline to purchase tickets is Tuesday, November 10th. If you are interested, please contact Gil Creutzer at 410-781-0232.



**Young Adult
Connection Ministry**

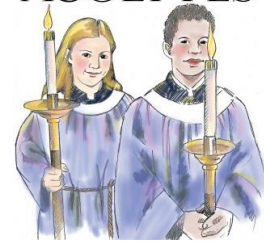
YOUNG ADULT CONNECTION MINISTRY

We are starting a new ministry! The Young Adult Connection Ministry is to help us keep in touch with the young adults in our church who are going away either for college, the military or have relocated away from family for a job. Please send family members' new addresses and any other contact information about our young adults from our church that we could include in this ministry to Debbie Scheller at scheller5@verizon.net. Thank you for helping out and pray that this will keep our young adults connected with the Lord.

St. PAUL'S ACOLYTES

If you are ten years old and above and would like to serve as an acolyte, please contact Dave and Kelly Stauffer at 410-795-2477 or dkstauffer@yahoo.com.

ACOLYTES



St. PAUL'S MISSION UPDATE



Our October Mission starts with the ever-popular Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. This year, the entire congregation is invited to join in on the fun!

On Sunday, October 11th, The In-Reach Committee will host a Pot-Luck Dinner at 5:00PM, followed by joining the Youth Group at 6:00PM for our annual stuffing and wrapping of the

boxes. Everyone needs to bring items to fill boxes or already stuffed boxes:

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

Wrapping paper and tape would be appreciated!

Wrapping not your thing? Can't make it that night? Please consider a monetary donation since each box costs \$7.00 to send. If you haven't participated in this project before, you will be amazed in the power of a simple gift.

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

Ridia Dearie, Missions Chairwoman rande65@jhu.edu

Gaither's Sunday School

Sunday School starts October 4th. Sunday school will be held after the church service at 10:15AM.

Spaghetti Dinner

Gaither will have an all you can eat Spaghetti dinner on October 4th from 4:30PM to 8:00PM. Dinner includes Spaghetti with Sauce and Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Water/Lemonade and Dessert. The cost is: adults, \$8.00; children 5-12 years, \$5.00; children under 5 years of age are free. Come and join us for food, fellowship, and fun!



**Gaither
Notes**

Movie Night

Movie night at GUMC will be October 17th at 7:00PM. We will sell concession items to support the No More Malaria efforts. The movie is free. Bring your friends and family for a time of fun and fellowship.

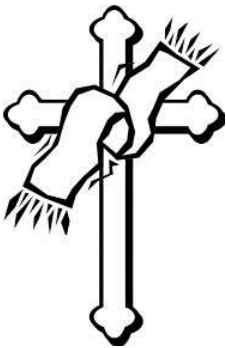
Trunk or Treat!

Gaither will host its second Trunk or Treat October 30th 6:30PM. We will have lots of fun trick or treating at GUMC's parking lot. Come see all the decorated cars and costumes. We will also have crafts, snacks and hot cocoa available to support our No More Malaria effort. Come enjoy a great time!

Gaither's October Missions

Carroll Child Care Center Adopt a Child – We will collect monetary donations. Please see details about the program in the Sunday school room. Please make check payable to GUMC memo: CCCC

UNICEF – The children of GUMC will take a collection during church on October 25th to support this very important program.



St. PAUL'S & GAITHER PARISH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

A big thank you goes out to all our ministry members that have made close to 50 shawls since our group started the beginning of this year. All distributed shawls have been well received. Please remember our shawls can be used for:

- Comfort in time of stress
- During bereavement
- During an illness and recovery
- Undergoing medical procedures
- Happy occasions

If you know someone you would like to give a shawl to, request forms are available in the card holders on the back of the church pews. Just fill one out and drop it into the collection plate or contact Jackie Talley at 410-795-8692 or at jtalley0302@live.com. Many thanks for your support of our ministry.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

Calling all volunteers! We are looking for someone to take the reins of the church newsletter. The work in organizing and assembling the newsletter can be done from the comfort of your own home. Training will be provided. If you or someone you know is looking to use their talents and to give back to the church community, here is your chance. Contact Todd Johnson at 410-461-9073 or Johnsons_3@verizon.net.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Thursday, 1 October – **Thursday AM Bible Study** – 11:30AM in St. Paul’s Education Building Rooms 202/204
- Sunday, 4 October – **Gaither’s Spaghetti Dinner** – 4:30PM to 7:00PM
- Monday, 5 October – **St. Paul’s Worship Committee Meeting** – 6:00PM in Pastor Terri Rae’s Office
– **Prayer Circle** – 7:00PM in St. Paul’s Sanctuary/Cry Room.
- Tuesday, 6 October – ***Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations (Risk-taking Mission and Service)*** – Discussion at 12Noon & 7:00PM in St. Paul’s Education Building Rooms 202/204
- Thursday, 8 October – **Thursday AM Bible Study** – 11:30AM in St. Paul’s Education Building Rooms 202/204
- Friday, 9 October – **United Methodist Women’s Fall Yard/Bake Sale Set-up** – 9:00AM in St Paul’s Social Hall
- Saturday, 10 October – **United Methodist Women’s Yard/Bake Sale** – 8:00AM to 3:00PM
- Sunday, 11 October – **United Methodist Women’s Meeting** – 12:15PM in St Paul’s Social Hall
– **St. Paul’s Potluck Diner & Operation Christmas Child Boxes** – 5:00PM to 8:00PM in St Paul’s Social Hall
- Monday, 12 October – **Columbus Day** – Church Office Closed
– **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – 2:00PM in St. Paul’s Education Building Rooms 202/204
- Tuesday, 13 October – ***Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations (Extravagant Generosity)*** – Discussion at 12Noon & 7:00PM in St. Paul’s Education Building Rooms 202/204
- Wednesday, 14 October – **Gaither’s Administrative Council Meeting** – 7:00PM
– **November Newsletter Deadline**
- Thursday, 15 October – **Thursday AM Bible Study** – 11:30AM in St. Paul’s Education Building Rooms 202/204
– **United Methodist Men’s Dinner Meeting** – 6:30PM in St Paul’s Social Hall
- Saturday, 24 October – **Parish Planning Retreat** – 9:00AM to 3:00PM in Gaither’s Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, 25 October – **St. Paul’s Coffee Sunday** – 12:15PM in St Paul’s Social Hall and hosted by the Choir
– **Trunk or Treat** – 6:00PM at Gaither
- Thursday, 29 October – **Halloween on Main Street** – St. Paul’s will give out candy, along with the Town of Sykesville from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. Come join the fun!
- Friday, 30 October – **United Methodist Women’s Apple Dumpling Prep**
- Saturday, 31 October – **United Methodist Women’s Apple Dumpling Prep**
- Sunday, 1 November – **Daylight Savings** (Don’t forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour)
– **United Methodist Women’s Apple Dumpling Pick-up** – St. Paul’s Kitchen
– **UMYF Spaghetti Dinner** – 4:30PM to 7:00PM in St Paul’s Social Hall
- Monday, 2 November – **St. Paul’s Trustee Meeting** – 7:00PM in St. Paul’s Education Building Rooms 202/204
- Wednesday, 4 November – **Joint SPRC Meeting**– 7:00PM in St. Paul’s Education Building Rooms 202/204
- Tuesday, 10 November – **Deadline to Purchase Tickets for Toby’s Dinner Theater**

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

	Annual Budget	Actual 1/1 – 8/31		
<u>Income:</u>			<u>Other Income:</u>	
Envelopes & Loose Plate	\$ 424,235	\$ 263,690	Capital Fund	\$ 27,306
Sunday School Offerings	\$ 2,000	\$ 563	Memorials	\$ 75
Gaither UMC	\$ 36,811	\$ 24,540	United Methodist Men	\$
AA Social Hall	\$ 700	\$ 300	UMYF – Fundraisers/deposits	\$ 12,385
			Pastor's Discretion	\$
Total Income	\$ 463,746	\$ 289,093	Lent	\$ 2,105
			Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,024
			Missions	\$ 18,191
			Sunday School – Missions	\$ 1,360
<u>Expenses:</u>				
Salaries & Conference Obligations	\$ 296,126	\$ 200,801		
Apportionments	\$ 45,870	\$ 30,580		
Program Expenses	\$ 50,450	\$ 29,426		
Church Maintenance and Utilities	\$ 55,000	\$ 36,429		
Parsonage Maintenance and Utilities	\$ 8,800	\$ 5,436		
Insurance	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,767		
Total Expenses	\$ 463,746	\$ 310,439		
Expenses over Income		(\$ 21,346)		
			Balances:	
			Carroll Community – Checking	\$ 37,359
			Carroll Community- Savings	\$ 35,147,
			UM Foundation	\$ 82,610
Items paid from Savings				
Capital expenditures		\$ 1,947		

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. Our deficit has grown over the summer months so we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your tithes and offerings. We are in process of setting up an online giving option for checking accounts. If interested please email Donna Larkin at stpaulssykesville@gmail.com.



GAITHER UMC SPAGHETTI DINNER

Come join the folks at Gaither for a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, October 4th from 4:30PM-7:00PM. The menu will include all you can eat spaghetti, Italian bread, salad, dessert, and drink. The cost is adults \$8.00, children 5-12 years of age \$5.00, and kids under 5 years of age are free.

APPLE DUMPLING SALE

The United Methodist Women will be selling unbaked apple dumplings again this year. We will be taking orders before and after church on October 18th & 25th at \$3.00 each. You may pick up your dumpling order on Saturday, October 31st from 10:00AM to 2:00PM or Sunday, November 1st after church. Any questions see Katie Springer, Ruby Shipley or Jackie Talley.



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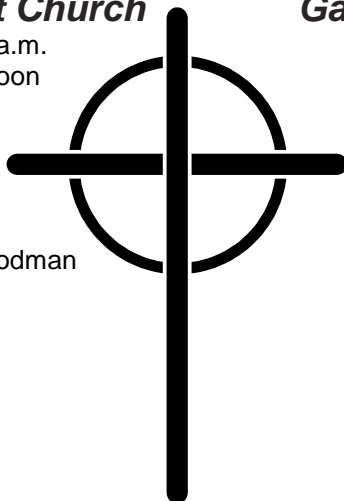
Contemporary Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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Associate Pastor Douglas D. Tzan
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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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