



THE LAMPLIGHTER

A Newsletter For The Members of

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

www.StPaulsSykesville.org

November 2015

THANKS!

The winter of 1623 in New England was a time of famine. Corn became so scarce among the newly settled Pilgrims that Governor William Bradford had to ration it. Each person was given only five kernels of corn per day. Those days of famine passed, but it became a custom at Thanksgiving time in New England to place five kernels of corn at every plate as a reminder of the sacrifices and courage of those sturdy pioneers of earlier years.

That custom made people think about those unearned assets that enrich human life. Such thinking as that leads to thanking. In fact, our word "thank" comes from the Old English word "thencan" which means "to think."

When you eat your dinners this month, use those five kernels of corn as symbols to think about five precious blessings we have:

- The first kernel of corn stands for the beautiful bounty of nature. How dependent we are on the few inches of earth under our feet and the few miles of air over our heads.
- The second kernel of corn stands for the ordinary men and women of our past who have stepped forward at the right time to do extraordinary things.
- The third kernel of corn symbolizes the work that we have to do. Of course, at times, we dream of getting away from it all, but every one of us has our important work to do.
- The fourth kernel of corn stands for friends and loved ones. As Emerson said: "Friends are not only for vacation time but for days of shipwreck; not only to be with us on our pleasant rambles, but to be with us as we travel over the rough roads of life."
- The fifth kernel of corn stands for God. Nature, history, and personality point to God's power, God's purpose, and God's presence. That makes us think. Thinking people are thankful people who sing: "Now thank we all our God, with heart, hands, and voices."

Peace,

Terri Rae

NOVEMBER PREACHING SERIES—A SEASON OF GRATITUDE

Sunday, November 1st "All Saints Sunday" Hebrews 12:1-2

Sunday, November 8th "Giving Thanks for the Gift of Life" I Chronicles 29:10-25

Sunday, November 15th "Giving Thanks in All Circumstances" I Thessalonians 5:16-22

Sunday, November 22nd "Giving Thanks for God's Provision" Psalm 23

Sunday Evening, November 22nd at 7:00PM Thanksgiving Service at Gaither

Sunday, November 29th "Chrismon Service" Luke 21:25-36

St. Paul's Birthdays

- 11/2 Lenora Steinfeldt
- 11/2 Terry Blaney
- 11/5 Alva Wilhelm
- 11/6 Sue Pluta
- 11/15 Scott Brown
- 11/17 Paula Rains
- 11/22 Ridia Dearie



St. Paul's Anniversaries

- 11/20 Jeff & Jen Mitchell
- 11/25 Jim & Pam Jackson

Gaither's Birthdays

- 11/1 Michael Baker
- 11/1 Denton Boyd
- 11/1 Lacey Davis
- 11/5 Susan Rosier
- 11/7 Joyce Arnold
- 11/11 Gloria Schneider
- 11/16 Linda Shell
- 11/22 Marian Young
- 11/23 Lucille Lease
- 11/27 Steve Breeden
- 11/28 Susan Arrington
- 11/29 Deborah Basford

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

As we approach 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 <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!

Happy Thanksgiving! May God bless you with all of your holiday wishes and much happiness. Remember to always thank Him for everything He's already given you! He loves you so much and is always waiting to hear from you!

We have a lot coming up this November especially with our Spaghetti Dinner! That's a huge night of fundraising for us! Mission Trip bound...Virginia Beach here we come! Can't wait to help all those in need and share God's word with them!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOV 1 - Spaghetti Dinner 4:30PM-7:00PM

NOV 8 - No Regular Meetings

NOV 15 - Regular Meetings

NOV 22 - Meet at Denny's for dinner at 5:00PM then to Gaither's Thanksgiving Service at 7:00PM

NOV 29 - No Regular Meetings-Happy Thanksgiving

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



St. PAUL'S FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is hard to believe that we are in our final unit of the Fall curriculum! Here is an overview of what the children/youth have been learning in November:

Twos: Jacob & Esau, Genesis 25:19-28, God blesses us.

Preschool through Older Elementary: Blessings & Birthrights, Numbers 6:24, The Lord bless you and keep you.

Tweens: Dive Deeper into Samuel and the Kings

7th through 12th Grade: Continuation of individual Bible studies on various topics.

Thank you for bringing your children to Sunday School! Our teachers look forward to seeing them every week and are eager to share the word of our Lord!

HELP WANTED!!

-We are looking for someone to take over and lead St. Paul's acolytes as Kelly Stauffer is stepping down at the first of the year. Training will be provided. Contact Terri Rae or Kelly Stauffer at 443-804-0357 or Kellylstauffer@gmail.com. If you are ten years old and above and would like to serve as an acolyte, please contact Kelly Stauffer.

-We are also looking for someone to be the newsletter editor. Please consider this important position of making sure St. Paul's and Gaither members are informed of the latest information about the church and its services. Training will be provided. Contact the church office or Todd Johnson at 410-461-9073 or Johnsons_3@verizon.net.





**UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN**

Apple Dumplings Pick-up

Don't forget to pick-up your delicious apple dumplings! The United Methodist Women Dumplings can be picked up on Saturday, October 31st from 10:00AM to 2:00PM in St. Paul's Kitchen or Sunday, November 1st after the 11:00AM St. Paul's church service. For information, contact Katie Springer, Ruby Shipley or Jackie Talley.

Coffee Sunday & UMW Meeting

November 15th, the UMW will host a Coffee Sunday in St. Paul's social hall after the 11:00AM traditional service followed by a general meeting. Please bring a friend!!

Christmas Bazaar/Bake Sale

The UMW Christmas Bazaar/Bake Sale & Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, December 5th. The bazaar wouldn't be possible without your generous donations of new or gently used Christmas/seasonal items for our sale tables. If you are able to donate bazaar items, please bring them to St. Paul's Social Hall on Friday, December 4th between 9:00AM and 6:00PM. Thank you for your support!

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.

St. PAUL'S MISSION UPDATE

Thank you to all who participated in our Mission survey. We had 49 respondents for local missions, 44 for national and international choices, and 38 for regional concerns. We also had some suggestions for new missions, including an Adult Mission Trip which we are looking into. The results were tallied and those numbers are guiding our decisions this year. They have already been put into action with our September (Tanzania) and October (Operation Christmas Child) missions. At our open committee meeting, it was agreed to also honor the UMCOR refugee crisis mission given the current crisis situation, the tie-in with our shoebox mission, and to support the good work of UMCOR. It was also agreed to continue to provide information on the six UMC Mission Sundays with inserts in the bulletins. These inserts are provided free of charge by UMC; congregants can voluntarily participate.

November: St. Paul's made a previous pledge to Imagine No Malaria; we will focus on that in November in order to fulfill our pledge by deadline. With your help, we will accomplish our goal.

December: Carroll County Food Sunday, Domestic Violence Safe House, ESCAPE, and Springfield Hospital were our top 4 local concerns, so they will be our 4 Sundays of Giving choices for December.

Looking ahead: UMYF Mission Trip was voted #1 so we will be supporting that throughout the year.

Shepherd's Staff was also high on the list, so if you see school supplies at a good price – grab them! There will be another Missions Committee meeting to determine our future mission calendar. Please consider attending or email me at any time with questions or suggestions.

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

Mark your calendars for January 15th-17th 2016 for the third annual Women's Retreat at the West River Retreat Center. The theme is "Peace: A Gift of God."

Gaither's Sunday School Reminder

Just a reminder that Sunday School at Gaither has started and occurs after the church service from 10:30AM-11:00AM. All are welcome and teachers are needed.

Gaither's November Missions

Adopt a Family – We will be collecting gift cards from Wal-Mart and grocery stores in the Eldersburg area. If you cannot make it to the store to get a gift card, you can make a monetary donation and we will purchase the gift cards. We will also have a list of any specific needed items for the family in the Sunday School room.

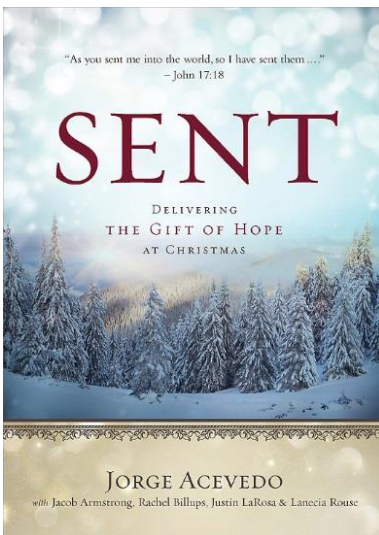


Bake Goods Sale

Baked items will be sold the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Please see a detailed list in the Sunday school room to order and purchase items.

		GREETERS	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	NURSERY
St. Paul's	11/1	Rachel & Luke Fetterman	Buzz Baker	Maya Tzan	Donna Norman
	11/8	Alex, Aubrey, Nicholas, & Kyle Johnson	Rich Luebke	Emma Mathews	Megan Vogel
	11/15	Robbin Davlin	Jay McNeil	Allison Creutzer	Fran Straitz
	11/22	Julianna Howes	Todd Johnson	Thomas Brooks	Teresa, Kaitlyn & Kelsey Ronaghan
	11/29	Betsy Shifflett & Patti Aguirre	Cindy Shea	Ryan Stauffer	
Gaither	11/1	Amy Hoffman	Patty Doxzen	Veda Doxzen	
	11/8	Bill Rosier	Janet Boyd	Chad Doxzen	
	11/15	Robert & Megan Rosier	Jessica Boyd	Kesi Mertz	
	11/22	Amanda Boyd Miller	Janet Boyd	Kesi Mertz	
	11/29	Tony & Esther Matulonis	Patty Doxzen	Veda Doxzen	

Advent Bible Study



Beginning Wednesday, December 2 the Sykesville Parish will offer a three-week study: **Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas.**

God sent Christ into the world as our Savior. That's what Christmas is all about. In turn, Christ sends us into the world. But do we really understand how, where, and why we are sent? This parish-wide Advent study challenges us through story, art, and Bible study to discover what it means to be Christ's hands, feet, head, and heart.

The study will meet in the Social Hall of St. Paul's on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16. We will begin at 5:30PM with a potluck dinner and concludes by 7:30PM. **All ages are welcome! There will be different learning stations for children filled with crafts and fun.**

Sign up on the clipboards at church, contact the church office at 410-795-0714, or visit the website at www.stpaulssykesville.org.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Sunday, 1 November – **All Saints Day**
- **Daylight Savings Time Ends** – Don't forget to turn your clocks "back" one hour Saturday night, October 31st.
 - **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
- Monday, 9 November – **Communication Committee Meeting**– 7:00PM in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202/204
- Tuesday, 10 November – **Deadline to Purchase Tickets for Toby's Dinner Theater**
- **December Newsletter Deadline**
- Wednesday, 11 November – **Veterans Day** – Church Office Will Be Closed
- Sunday, 15 November – **St. Paul's Sunday School Social Meeting** – 10:15AM in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202/204
- **St. Paul's Coffee Sunday** – 12:15PM in St Paul's Social Hall and hosted by the United Methodist Women
- Sunday, 22 November – **Thanksgiving Service** – 7:00PM at Gaither
- Thursday, 26 November – **Thanksgiving Holiday** – Church Office Will Be Closed
- Friday, 27 November – **Thanksgiving Holiday** – Church Office Will Be Closed
- Sunday, 29 November – **First Sunday of Advent**
- Wednesday, 2 December – **"Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas" Advent Study** – Begins at 5:30PM with a potluck dinner and concludes by 7:30PM in St. Paul's Social Hall
- Friday, 4 December – **Sykesville Parish United Methodist Women's Christmas Bazaar Set-up** – 9:00AM to 6:00PM in St. Paul's Social Hall
- Saturday, 5 December – **Santa Comes to Sykesville**
- **Christmas Bazaar, Silent Auction and Bake Sale** – St. Paul's Social Hall
- Sunday, 6 December – **UMYF Baked Potato Sale**
- Wednesday, 9 December – **January Newsletter Deadline**
- **"Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas" Advent Study** – Begins at 5:30PM with a potluck dinner and concludes by 7:30PM in St. Paul's Social Hall
- Monday, 14 December – **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – 2:00PM in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202/204
- Wednesday, 16 December – **Last "Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas" Advent Study** – Begins at 5:30PM with a potluck dinner and concludes by 7:30PM in St. Paul's Social Hall
- Thursday, 17 December – **Toby's Dinner Theater Outing** – Doors Open at 6:00PM
- Thursday, 24 December – **Christmas Eve Services**
- 3:00PM – Early Service at St. Paul's
 - 5:00PM – St. Paul's Family Service
 - 7:00PM – Gaither Candlelight Service
 - 9:00PM – St. Paul's Candlelight Service

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 – 9/30	<u>Other Income:</u>		
Envelopes & Loose Plate	\$ 424,235	\$ 298,774	Capital Fund	\$	27,306
Sunday School Offerings	\$ 2,000	\$ 613	Memorials	\$	75
Gaither UMC	\$ 36,811	\$ 27,608	United Methodist Men	\$	
AA Social Hall	\$ 700	\$ 300	UMYF – Fundraisers/deposits	\$	12,385
			Pastor's Discretion	\$	
Total Income	\$ 463,746	\$ 327,295	Lent	\$	2,105
			Scholarship Fund	\$	1,024
			Missions	\$	19,388
			Sunday School – Missions	\$	1,415
Expenses:					
Salaries & Conference Obligations	\$ 296,126	\$ 225,142			
Apportionments	\$ 45,870	\$ 34,402			
Program Expenses	\$ 50,450	\$ 31,098			
Church Maintenance and Utilities	\$ 55,000	\$ 40,017			
Parsonage Maintenance and Utilities	\$ 8,800	\$ 6,345			
Insurance	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,767			
Total Expenses	\$ 463,746	\$ 344,771			
Expenses over Income		(\$ 17,476)			
			Balances:		
			Carroll Community – Checking	\$	48,768
Items paid from Savings			Carroll Community- Savings	\$	27,134,
Capital expenditures		\$ 4,934	UM Foundation	\$	82,610

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. On-line giving is now available for checking accounts – Sign up at <https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1581>. If interested please e-mail Donna Larkin at stpaulssykesville@gmail.com.



A little over a year ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Our church family graciously jumped into help us wherever you could, and you continue to offer hugs, smiles, meals, support, and prayers today. We are so very thankful for each and every one of you. Much love – Terry and Mike Young & family

To the Members of the Sykesville Parish,
I want to express my sincere thanks to the members of St. Paul's and Gaither congregations who've been so supportive of my candidacy for pursuit of licensed ministry. I've been overwhelmed by the love and encouragement displayed by the attendees of the Annual Charge Conference, by Pastors Terri Rae and Doug, and by the laity in general. This has been a strange and wonderful journey for me personally, and I'm very grateful for the supportive travelers I've met along the way!

Blessings,
Sam Moore Sr.





**Order Your
Poinsettias**

Poinsettias will again be placed around the altar this Christmas. You may order one or more in honor or in memory of someone by filling out the form below.

Please return your order and money to Nancy Lewis (410-489-6206) or to the church office at 7538 Main Street in Sykesville, Maryland by **Sunday, December 6th**.

Placed In Honor Of:	By:	Color
		<input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Pink with White
		<input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Pink with White
Placed In Memory Of:	By:	Color
		<input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Pink with White
		<input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Pink with White

Please make checks payable to St. Paul's U.M. Church and do not put them in with the Sunday Offering.

Your name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Red _____

White _____

Pink with White _____

Total Number of Plants _____ @ \$9.00 each = \$ _____ (by December 8th)

Check #: _____

Cash: _____

If you do not want to take your flowers home after the Christmas Eve or Sunday service please check here _____

If you do want your flowers and cannot get them on Sunday, please check here so that we can set them aside for you _____

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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Youth Coordinator: Kim Reed

Special Ministries at St. Paul's

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Vice President: Genie Corbin
United Methodist Men President: Gil Creutzer
Music/Choir Director: Betty May
Lay Leader: Kim Pyles

Gaither United Methodist Church

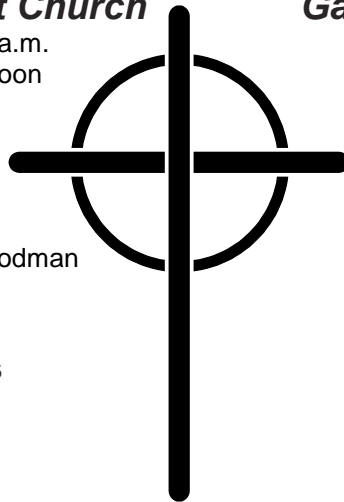
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**Church Office Hours:
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