



THE LAMPLIGHTER

A Newsletter For The Members of

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

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April 2016

APRIL FOOL'S

The month of April begins with April Fool's Day. We don't tend to pay much attention to that day in the life of the church, but there is a long tradition of "holy fools" through much of church history. Holy fools have been people who have taken Paul's words in 1st Corinthians to heart: "For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength" (v. 25) and "God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise" (v. 27).

Holy fools have often lived extremely unconventional lives, to say the least. Simeon Stylites lived on a pillar for 37 years! But, in part, because they have not valued things that the rest of us treasure like economic security, family, or comfort, they have been free to speak the truth when others have not. They have often been the only people who have stood up to some of history's tyrants. Basil the Blessed confronted Ivan the Terrible about his cruelty. They have reminded Christians of the virtue of humility, to not boast in our own greatness, and to know that even the greatest powers of this world are nothing compared to the power of God.

This Easter season, we celebrate that God has defeated even the power of sin and death. As Paul noted, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we mock even the power death has over our lives—"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"—and rejoice in Christ's triumph over all.

Peace,

Pastor Doug

April Worship Schedule:

April 3rd—UMYF Mission Service

April 10th—Confirmation Service

April 17th—Start of the Sermon Series in Acts: Acts 9:36-43

April 26th—Acts 11:1-18

SPRING DISCIPLESHIP ACADEMY

Register for the Central Maryland District Discipleship Academy on April 23rd-24th at Wesley Freedom UMC in Eldersburg. Classes offered will be: Basic Lay Servant, So You Have to Give the Sermon, Discover Your Spiritual Gifts, or Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition.



St. Paul's Birthdays

- 4/4 Judy Parrish
- 4/5 Jeannie Corbin
- 4/5 Courtney Williams
- 4/11 Noelle Htwar
- 4/13 Marion Anderson
- 4/15 Ken Talley
- 4/15 Scott Stauffer
- 4/19 Lindsay Robert
- 4/20 Michael Swan
- 4/23 Gary Rains
- 4/25 Sheridan Anderson
- 4/25 Emma Bleam
- 4/26 Tammy Blaney
- 4/28 Nancy Oursler



St. Paul's Anniversaries

- 4/18 Frank & Elaine Slujtner
- 4/20 Pauline & Douglas Sinclair

Gaither's Birthdays

- 4/1 Marsha Keefer
- 4/6 Janet Boyd
- 4/15 MeMe Luhn
- 4/16 Jessica Boyd
- 4/20 Mack Luhn
- 4/23 Michael Keefer, Jr.

Gaither's Anniversaries

- 4/9 Steve & Jackie Breeden
- 4/20 Wayne & Susan Arrington
- 4/28 Lacy & Sherri Reaver



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.

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!

We had a blast at Manidokan!! I am so proud of all of you and all of the great "choices" you all made!! Can't beat the food, fun, laughs and Spirit-filled times! Remember to keep Job 34:4 and Romans 8:26&28 in mind while making all of your important decisions...especially the hard and trying ones! You can do it...God/The Holy Spirit is always with you, holding you and guiding you!

We have a ton coming up in April, but always check the Crossings I send out to be sure nothing has changed!! Can't wait to see you guys each Sunday!! Now that we've bonded from our retreat, the meetings will be easy and fun to come to! Don't forget you can always bring a friend to share in the fun too!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 3 - UMYF Mission Trip Service: Gaither at 9:30AM/St. Paul's at 11:00AM

No Regular Meetings

April 10 - Regular Meetings: Middle School 6:00PM-7:30PM, High School 7:00PM-8:30PM

April 17 - Regular Meetings

April 23 - West River Clean Up/Service Day w/ the Missions Committee (More detailed information to come!)

April 24 - Regular Meetings

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**

Food Drive for Sykesville Fire Department Jr. Firefighters

Thank you to all the families who brought in donations to stock a local pantry for families in need! It was great to see our boxes filled to the brim!

Heifer International Mission Update

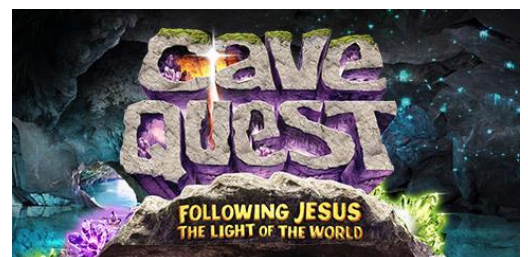
On February 28th, we wrapped up our "Water Jug" mission. We are pleased to report that our Sunday School children gave a total of \$55.06, of their own money, to the Heifer Water Foundation Fund. Thank you for your generous donations! During this final quarter of Sunday School, we will continue collecting money for Heifer International. However, this quarter we are featuring their "Andean Llama and Alpaca Project." Last month, a letter was sent home explaining the importance of these animals to the people of Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru. Every Sunday School child has a special can to collect his/her offerings in. Please be sure to have your child bring in their "Llama/Alpaca Mission Can" by May 22nd. Thank you!

Looking Ahead...

The last day of Sunday school is May 22nd. The first day of Joyful Noise will begin on June 5th. Happy Spring!

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

Mark your calendar for our April 7th Fundraiser Dinner to be held at Tony's Japanese Restaurant at 1213 Liberty Road in Eldersburg at 4:00PM.

UMW Meeting

The April meeting will be April 10th in St. Paul's Social Hall. 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

Hard to believe, but summer is almost here – and that means another UMYF Mission Trip! Each year, Miss Kim, the youth, their families, and our congregation work extremely hard to raise the mind-boggling amount it takes to send a large group of youth and chaperones on a week-long Mission Trip to help others. This year is no exception, except some of the usual fundraisers have had some unusual challenges – the traditional Spaghetti Dinner had to be cancelled, a snowstorm closed our church on a Sunday in January, and more snow curtailed attendance to the Pancake Supper that could have helped. While the Mission Committee had already planned to focus on the UMYF Mission Trip on April, and with the Youth Group providing a heartfelt and (as always) inspirational service for us on April 3rd, it is important to reiterate that the need is great and the time is short. The cost is high, but the result: priceless! Thank you for your support.

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



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Our next planned event will be to participate in Sykesville's Art & Wine Festival on May 1st. We value your input and ideas of how to get out into our community and show God's love! Any suggestions of events or promotions would be welcomed and considered.

The Next Meeting: April 3rd at 7:00PM - Join us! For questions, additional information or to sign up to help, contact Dawn Wittfelt at dawn.wittfelt@gmail.com.

Gaither's April Mission

As Bishop Marcus Matthews retires in July 2016, that sense of love and creativity will live on in an innovative building project. Our congregation has the opportunity to help create a health and sports complex on the campus of Africa University. Your gift will transform the lives of the school's 2,500 students and honor a man who has given his life to the ministry of The United Methodist Church. Please make your check payable to GUMC memo African University. If you have any questions please contact Carmella Evans at 443-277-8607.




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



PRAISE & WORSHIP COFFEE HOUSE

The Fishers of Men are going to hold a praise and worship coffee house on Friday, April 1st, from 6:00PM to 7:00PM in conjunction with Sykesville Main Street First Fridays. Stop in for uplifting music, refreshments, and fellowship in St. Paul's Social Hall.

		GREETERS	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	NURSERY
St. Paul's	4/3	Dave & Mickey Lewis	Youth Missions – No Liturgist	Maya Tzan	Carol Bleam
	4/10	Dave & Mickey Lewis	Confirmation Sunday – No Liturgist	Allison Creutzer	Megan Vogel
	4/17	Chris, Jen, Matthew, Katie, & Maggie Guyer	Tony Alvarez	Sarah Creutzer	Megan Forbes
	4/24	Richard & Kate VanFossen	Cindy Shea	Thomas Brooks	Teresa, Kaitlyn & Kelsey Ronoghan
Gaither	4/3	Tony & Esther Matulonis	Bettye Stirn	Kesi Mertz	
	4/10	The Evans Family	Janet Boyd	Chad Doxzen	
	4/17	Ed & Carol Hullett	Patty Doxzen	Veda Doxzen	
	4/24	The Bill Rosier Family	Bettye Stirn	Kesi. Mertz	



We would like to thank the Pastors, Church Staff, Choir, and Church members for all of your expressions of caring and sympathy upon the death of my brother Terry Bennett.

Dale and Susan Bennett

I would like to thank everyone for all your thoughts and prayers over the past couple of months for my Mom, Dad, and myself. Alzheimer's, especially at the end, is a very emotional roller coaster ride. Thanks to Pastor Terri Rae for all the e-mails and especially for taking time out of her day off to come sit and pray with us. Your concerns, cards, calls, and especially your prayers have helped us get through the passing of Mom and are still helping us!!! We sincerely thank you for your love and support.

Mary Beth and Jerome Hensby



To My Church Family:

I would like to thank you all for the prayers, calls and beautiful cards during my foot surgery. They helped me through the bad times to know you all were praying for me. Thanks to Gary for making me a CD of the Christmas program.

In Christian Love,
Ruby Shipley



BLANKET KITS

The United Methodist Women are requesting no-sew blanket kits (48X60) **prior to April 30th**.

If you can help out in this way, please drop your kits off on the bench outside the church office.

Thank You!

St. PAUL'S SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Paul's Scholarship Form is available on the narthex table or contact Kim Reed.

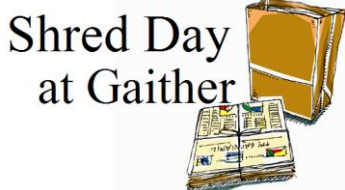
The deadline for the completed application is Sunday, April 24th. If you have questions or need more information, contact Fran and Wayne Straitz at 410-781-6146 or at wstraitz@gmail.com.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Friday, 1 April – **Praise & Worship Coffee House** – 6:00PM to 7:00PM in St. Paul's Social Hall
- Sunday, 3 April – **Mission Sunday Presentation** – 9:00AM at Gaither
11:00AM at St. Paul's
- **Outreach Committee Meeting** – 7:00PM in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204
- Monday, 4 April – **Prayer Circle** – 7:00PM in St. Paul's Sanctuary
- Thursday, 7 April – **Thursday Bible Study** – 12noon in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204
- Sunday, 10 April – **Confirmation Sunday**
- **United Methodist Women's Meeting** – 12:15PM in St. Paul's Social Hall
- Monday, 11 April – **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – 2:00PM in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204
- **Prayer Circle** – 7:00PM in St. Paul's Sanctuary
- Wednesday, 13 April – **May Newsletter Deadline**
- **Gaither's Administrative Board Meeting** – 7:00PM in Gaither's Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, 14 April – **Thursday Bible Study** – 12noon in St. Paul's Education Building Rooms 202 & 204
- **United Methodist Men's Dinner Meeting** – 6:30PM in St. Paul's Social Hall
- Monday, 18 April – **Prayer Circle** – 7:00PM in St. Paul's Sanctuary
- Tuesday, 19 April – **St. Paul's Trustee Meeting** – 7:00PM in Pastor Terri Rae's Office
- Saturday, April 23 to – **Central Maryland District Spring Discipleship Academy at Wesley Freedom**
Sunday, April 24 **United Methodist Church**
- Sunday, 24 April – **Coffee Sunday Hosted By The United Methodist Men**
- 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!**
- 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 Meeting** – 12:15PM in St. Paul's Social Hall

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



The Shred Mill, a professional shredding company, will be in the parking lot at Gaither United Methodist Church on Saturday April 30th from 9:00AM to 12noon. **Accepted items include:** paper files with paper clips/binder clips/staples, newspapers, magazines, floppy disks, and credit cards. **Items not accepted are:** x-rays or cardboard. There will be no limit. A donation is requested.

2016 BUDGET vs ACTUAL

Income:	Annual Budget	Thru 2/29/16
Envelopes & Loose Plate	\$ 425,463	\$ 63,474
Sunday School Offerings	\$ 1,000	\$ 123
Gaither UMC	\$ 37,648	\$ 6,135
AA Social Hall	\$ 600	0
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 2,500</u>	\$ 1,264
	<u>\$ 467,211</u>	<u>\$ 70,996</u>

EXPENSES:

Salaries & Conference Obligations	\$ 295,720	\$ 48,436
Apportionments	\$ 49,791	\$ 8,299
Program Expenses	\$ 47,900	\$ 6,734
Church Maintenance and Utilities	\$ 57,300	\$ 11,105
Parsonage Maintenance and Utilities	\$ 9,200	\$ 975
Insurance	<u>\$ 7,300</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$ 467,211</u>	<u>\$ 75,549</u>
		\$ (\$4,553)

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

The above figures are actual income to expenses. Due to the fact that many expenses occur later in the year these may be misleading. Based on the annual budget for the 9 Sundays through February, we needed \$80,863, so we are behind \$9,166 on expected income.

Mission for Jan – UMYF: \$1,374
 Building/Cap Imp: \$216
 Lent: \$1,231

Mission for Feb – Wilson UMC: \$1,122
 Human Relations Day: \$25

Scholarship Fund: \$600
 UMYF Fundraiser: \$1,425

We are very appreciative of all the offerings and donations that were received in 2015. We were not able to fully fund the annual expenses of the church in 2015. We were able to keep the budget to under a 1% increase for 2016. 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 it to your 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.



Gaither is having a plant and flower sale this year to go along with the UMW’s “Spring Fair” on Saturday, May 7th. Pre-ordering saves \$2.00 per hanging basket and .50 per special potted plants, reflected on the pre-order form. You may pick up your pre-order plants on May 7th from 10:00AM – 3:00PM at St Paul’s church. We will also be selling extra hanging baskets, flowers and perennials on May 7th. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions please call or email Carol Hullett at 410-489-9956 or cdhullett@gmail.com.

SUMMER CAMP

Information regarding West River and Manidokan Camps, both United Methodist Church Camps, is available on the back table at Gaither and the narthex table at St. Paul’s for summer camp sign-up!



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

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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

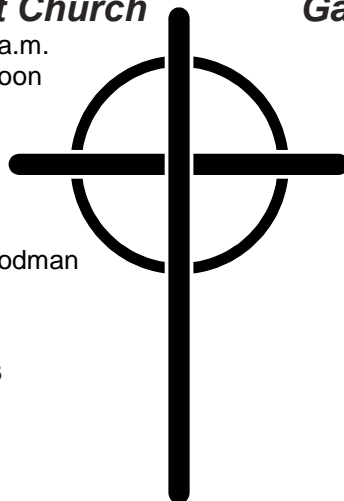
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Church Treasurer: Denton Boyd
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Lay Leader: Carmella Evans



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