

Everything's Online! Watch or Listen



In this time of social distancing and no interactions, the church is still active and providing worship, Bible studies and daily devotionals. You can participate through the Internet, and even if you don't have a computer or smart phone you can still listen to worship by telephone.

We've been live-streaming our worship service on Facebook for a while. Now we've added ZOOM, so even if you're not on Facebook you can still watch worship online or listen on your phone.

Here's everything you need to know:

Worship streaming on Facebook, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.: <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsUMCThorofare/>

Worship online using ZOOM, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.: <https://zoom.us/j/352579798>

Sunday School online using ZOOM, Sundays at 10:45 a.m.: <https://zoom.us/j/748591444>

Daily Devotions and updates on Facebook, every day at 9:30 a.m.: <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsUMCThorofare/>

Bible Studies via ZOOM, Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.: <https://zoom.us/j/6215058879?pwd=nsnKfaturYg>

If you don't have Internet see instructions in the box for listening to ZOOM on a regular telephone.

Blessings!

Pastor Dave

How to Join a ZOOM Meeting by Telephone

1. Dial one of the following numbers: Toll Free 833-302-1536 -or- 408-638-0968 -or- 646-558-8656.
2. You will be prompted to enter the meeting ID - the nine (9) or ten (10) digit ID provided to you by the host. It is the number at the end of the links, e.g. 352579798 for Sunday worship.
3. You will be prompted to enter your unique participant ID - Press # to skip.

Try it and let us know if you are able to connect and hear our worship service.



Watch for info on the resumption of in-person worship at the church.

Tentatively Scheduled:

Children's Day

Sunday, June 14, 2020

During worship at 9:30 a.m.

Followed by our
Annual Family Picnic

Everyone's Invited!
Stay safe and see you soon!



ALL Prayers: All who are sick & healthcare workers caring for them; Hermine M doing better but still needs prayer; Larry W having knee replacement surgery and also being treated for cancer; Frank B age 94 hospitalized with the virus; Nancy and Tom J's niece, Kelly nurse working with COVID-19 patients; Erika R nurse working with COVID-19 patients; Shirley McL from our church ICU nurse; S family on the passing of Madeline; Two families connected with St. Paul's with loved ones exposed to COVID-19; Deb and Tom B sold home moved to apartment also health issues Daniel D minor injuries during a training regimen in the Army; All of those on our service member prayer list; Family attempting to secure the needed income to pay their bills; Our Family Promise family of the week; Family Promise staff; Our President, Vice-President, Congress, and all Governors; All essential workers continuing to provide services; Jim S hurt back in a lot of pain; Dave and Barbara J health realities; Cindy F health issues; Sandi D had headaches; Edna Mae S at Elmwood Hills Rehab in Blackwood; Alfred N needs a kidney transplant; Gary B in chemo; Jacque in chemo; Uncle John S in chemo; Kathy C starting chemo lung & liver cancer; Henrietta H and Anthony C for reconciliation; Lorraine C health issues; W family on the passing of Doris; Pat L on the passing of her son from a heart attack; Praise for Paul O and his wife Jacinta N from Kenya on the birth of their son Jesse; Lillie M age 1 medical tests and her mom Jessica & grandmom Margaret; Church family with member exposed to COVID-19; Gerry's daughter's friend Joe brain aneurysm; Kathy lung cancer advanced to brain and adrenal gland, surgery tomorrow; Kevin G critically ill with COVID-19 and on a ventilator and his

mother Barbara very distraught; All of our family and friends who are residents/patients of nursing care facilities and for the staffs who take care of them; Avah & family great-grandfather passed away from COVID-19; Kenzie's uncle bad accident in Florida, in ICU and having surgery; Elaine L's friend's mother cardiac event needed stent; Families of those that lost lives in Canadian shooting; Donna S's friend with COVID-19; All who have lost jobs; Those working at home and children learning at home; Eugene H battling severe alcohol addiction Family of Nettie K B passed away age 91; Lewie F very ill with COVID-19 on a ventilator; Dorothy S needs her medications adjusted; Rose M concerned about the future of her job Chris B returning to work this Friday; Annisia M and her family financial realities of being sequestered; Family and friends of Helen who passed away from COVID-19 Jaime W and the processing of her unemployment; H family Jason lost job due to the pandemic Rose, a nurse working on the front lines doing swab testing for the virus; Erika S, a critical care nurse treating COVID-19 patients Kim a hospital nurse who is pregnant; Katie P, nurse at Inspira; Kelly F, ER & ICU nurse with COVID-19 patients; Tiffany B, nurse working in ICU w 12 COVID-19 patients

Every week: All those in need, unspoken requests, all service-men/women, our nation and leaders.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Joyce N., Felicia A., Vanessa M., Garry & Peg P., Diane W., Samm S., Hope T., Gerry M., Barbara B., Chris S., Janet B., Terry D., Helen R., Corey T.

Serving in the Military: Daniel Domeraski, Rachel Rachuba, Gabby Townsley, Ed Schwebel, Joseph Bangle, Kailey Roller, Jaime Dan Solano, Brandon Howell, Chris Yard, Shaina Serrano, James T. Adams, Jr.; Donna Rachuba

Shut-Ins & Nursing Home Residents: Jean K., Jackie Z., Bertie C., Harriet L., Ron & Eve C., Betty C.; Rosie P.; Edie M.

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Danielle & Frank Ferrara
- 1- Lauren Jones
- 2- Gary Rutter
- 2- Tyler Sierocinski
- 3- Bob & Rosalyn Platt
- 3- Blaine Zirbser
- 4- Cheryl DiVento
- 5- George Tait
- 6- Elaine Blair
- 6- Mike Hauck
- 6- Erin & Emil Vatshev
- 6- Jeanette Whipp
- 6- Jackson White
- 7- Ron & Eve Cervantes
- 7- Ann Hamel
- 7- Dan Taylor
- 9- David Delaney
- 10- Fred & Judy Cochran
- 10- Sandy & Dick Wagner
- 10- Bryan White
- 11- Billy Blair
- 11- Jason Miller
- 12- Connor Huesser
- 12- Ed & Linda Ruple
- 16- Jennifer Blair Yearby
- 17- Don Davis
- 17- Leigh Klinger
- 18- Majorie Rowand
- 18- Rob Rowand
- 19- Nancy Campbell
- 20- Rita Thomas
- 20- Abigail Furey
- 20- Nicole Lisa
- 20- Vicki Cusack
- 21- Christopher Bailey
- 22- Sandi & Mike DiLeo
- 23- Makenzie Previtali
- 24- Jim Doerrmann
- 24- Ed Donisi
- 24- Linda Ruple
- 25- Mike DiLeo
- 26- Landyn Blair
- 26- Kyle Mancuso
- 26- Cody Huesser
- 27- Mary Budd
- 27- Jeff Stone
- 28- Charlie & Deanna Kyser
- 28- TJ Stevens
- 29- Ruth & Bob Schultz

- 30- Izabella Reichert
- 30- Ashley Seaton
- 31- Matthew DuBois
- 31- Tami Kyser

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Makai Montgomery
- 2- Jennie Troxell
- 3- Heather Gibson
- 5- Bethany Golle
- 5- Michael Jones
- 6- Renee Conway
- 6- Rich Grossman
- 6- Jay Hamel
- 6- Cindy Miller
- 6- Carol Withers
- 7- Jason Houghton
- 7- Paula Carter
- 7- Garry Purnell
- 7- Kristina Rutter
- 8- Collin Dechen
- 9- Steven Spellman
- 10- Stephe Miller
- 12- Kelsey Rinear
- 12- Kali Dugan
- 13- Judy Brown
- 13- Kim Dechen
- 14- Eddie Yurick
- 15- Claudia Ruggeri
- 16- Dave & Denise Hosier
- 16- Barbara Jones
- 17- Matt Moore
- 17- Amy White
- 17- Jillian Platt
- 18- Angel & Nina Cosme
- 18- Kathy Reitz
- 18- Jean Speakman
- 19- Joe Jones Sr.
- 19- Cheryl Platt
- 19- Wayne Strockbine
- 20- Sharon Eichel
- 20- Madison White
- 21- David Keegan Jr.
- 24- Jordan Weems
- 25- Kelly Haase
- 25- Justin Stone
- 25- Diane Wonsetler
- 27- Ryan DuBois
- 27- Ed Yurick
- 29- Skylar Cooper

THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Out in the World Doing Good

"You will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Dear church family and friends,

Jesus' last words right before ascending into heaven took a moment to instruct those of us who follow Him ... those of us who believe in Him ... that we are to be witnesses of our faith literally *"to the end of the earth."*

In these days of isolation when I sit in my office answering phone calls of people who are struggling with their lives I often think about all of you. I think of the times when we have been together as a church family sharing love and laughs. I have paused to think about past worship services at St. Paul's and during Holy Week I longed for human companionship; I wanted to hear the echo of "HE IS RISEN INDEED!"

Almost every day when I am here in church I look at our front door whose stained glass brings colorful light into the narthex. I look at that door because these weeks of separation have verified to me that God's church is not about a building nor a weekly happy gathering of friends. God's church is people of faith going out into the world and taking the light of Jesus Christ to others! God's call to us is not to sequester our faith once a week in place called church; rather God's call is to live our faith each and every day as witnesses to God's truth and love!

You need to be assured just in case you have been wondering ... St. Paul's is busy doing church every day of the week. The leaders and volunteers who have stepped up to



do more and the staff members of our church who have not stopped doing their jobs provide the assurance our community needs that there is a church representing Jesus Christ at 74 Church Street in West Deptford. We are feeding hundreds of hungry and needy people each month while bringing God's peace to many others.

The amazing reality of these times is that we have become a global church. We have families in Malaysia, Bangladesh, and Uganda who have joined us regularly for worship and morning devotions. A family at "the shore" had not been to church in 10 years—they found us and now have reconnected with God. Tanya in Kentucky whose home we worked on this past summer on our Red Bird Mission trip is a regular. We have even received offerings from some of those watching online.

I do not know when our doors will open again. On that wonderful day we will rush to worship God and Christ as the remarkable and loving church family known as St. Paul's. I do not know when I can again feel Megan's arms around me giving one of her all too tight squeeze hugs that reflect her amazing love for everyone but especially for her dad. I do not

know when ... because truthfully no one knows but I am very glad that I made the decision to close our doors to gatherings. We all now know how insipid the COVID-19 virus is, and to gather close to one another would only put friends, family and their friends and family at risk of death. I cannot emphasize the absolute need to continue to wear masks and gloves when you are at the store and that we all need to wash our hands (for at least 20 seconds) repeatedly throughout the day.

The people of St. Paul's are out in the world ... we are delivering the message of Jesus Christ to more people than ever before but **if you or your family need something, anything**, please contact me (856-845-6638). No one should be embarrassed about needing something. If you need a mask we will get you one. If you need food we will provide it. If you have financial needs let's talk, and if you need someone to talk with because you are worried or afraid or confused, that is one of the things a pastor is for.

There are too many names to thank here but please know I celebrate all who have stepped up in my prayers!

In Proverbs we read, "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due when it is in your power to do it." As a church we have been blessed and so we are busy doing good ... I hope and pray that you are finding ways to do good for those whom you can help even in these difficult days.

Blessings!

Pastor Dave

Spring has Sprung

Warmer days are here and while the rainy skies are giving way to more sunshine, our Mission continues.

Upcoming Mission Projects & Offerings

- **May**
 - ◇ Our first Sunday offering (May 3) will benefit United Methodist Communities.
 - ◇ On the third Sunday (May 17) the offering is for the Neighborhood Center in Camden children's program.
- **June**
 - ◇ Our first Sunday offering (June 7) is for Native American Awareness Sunday
 - ◇ Our third Sunday (June 21) will be supporting St. Paul's Vacation Bible School

Many thanks to all our church family for your continued dedication to our Mission Projects even during these unprecedented times. We truly are stronger together.

Ruth Schultz

WE MAKE A *living* BY WHAT WE *get*.
BUT WE MAKE A *life* BY WHAT WE *give*.
-WINSTON CHURCHILL



Food Pantry Helping in Pandemic

With the situation in our country, many people have gotten laid off. The need for food has exploded, and our food pantry is responding.

Our Food Pantry is still open on the second Wednesday of each month for people to come get food. Social distancing is in place so there is limited contact

between people and our volunteers, and everyone wears masks. We are also taking calls and delivering food baskets to those who need it. Carol Strock is spearheading this effort with the help of Don and many volunteers.

Extending grateful thanks to our food pantry volunteers: Sandi DiLeo, Norm Branyan, Merrilee and Bill Chappell, Jim & Cherie Clement, Joe & Lynne Hoffman, Steve & Gerry Miller, Lori Holland, Kim Gibson, Hope Hooley, and of course Don & Carol Strock. There have been many other offers to deliver food or pack food baskets. We are so lucky to be blessed with a church that steps up where help is needed!

If you need food, please email StPaulsWDFoodPantry@gmail.com .



Carol Strock

National Day of Prayer Will Be Online

The West Deptford Area's community gathering for the 2020 National Day of Prayer will be hosted online by St. Paul's United Methodist Church of West Deptford on Thursday May 7th at noon, Pastor Dave Delaney announced today.

"We have worked with Township officials each of the last few years to ensure that all of our neighbors can join together in prayer, and this year's global pandemic is not going to stop our community from praying together. In fact, this year perhaps more than any previous year all of our community needs to be in prayer together."



when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." The president is required by law (36 U.S.C. § 119) to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

The National Day of Prayer is observed together by neighbors and clergy representing all faith traditions. The West

Deptford program has traditionally featured music, readings, and prayer. The details for West Deptford's Online Community Day of Prayer on May 7 will be announced at a later date. Those interested in participating in the observance can contact Rev. Delaney at 856-845-6638. Informational updates will be posted to the church website.

On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer. The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance, designated by the United States Congress,

Thanks for Wendy's Night!



We were still able to do our Wendy's Night fundraiser, even though the dine-in part of Wendy's is closed. While we seriously missed seeing each other and eating together, we still had quite a line-up at the drive-through!

The Anchor Class, sponsor of Wendy's Nights, extends many



thanks to all those who drove through. While our portion will probably be less than if we were all able to dine in, it is still a help to our finances.



Watch for our next Wendy's night, probably in October.

Sunday School Goes On!

Thanks to our incredible Sunday School Superintendent Elaine Luoma, our children have still had Sunday School every week during this pandemic.



Elaine was quick to set up a ZOOM One-Room Sunday School for the kids, and she has been teaching a lesson every week that all the kids have enjoyed. About a dozen families are participating, with 20 or more children. The class is also live streamed

on Facebook for anyone that wants to watch.

Thank you, Elaine, for keeping our kids in touch with Jesus through weekly lessons!



SCOUTING SUNDAY: We welcomed the Sierocinski's Girl Scout Troop to our worship service in March. The girls put on a wonderful program showing the good work they do. Thanks to Donna Ski, Harley, Mary & all the other girls!



Current Events

ZOOM BREAKFAST: Instead of meeting at the Country House as they usually do on the third Thursday of the month, our men met on ZOOM. Although each had to make his own breakfast, it gave the guys a chance to talk things over. Blessings to Gary Rutter for taking photos!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY POP!
Bob Platt turned 93, and he received a drive-by birthday party with a bunch of great-grandchildren. Happy Birthday, Bob!



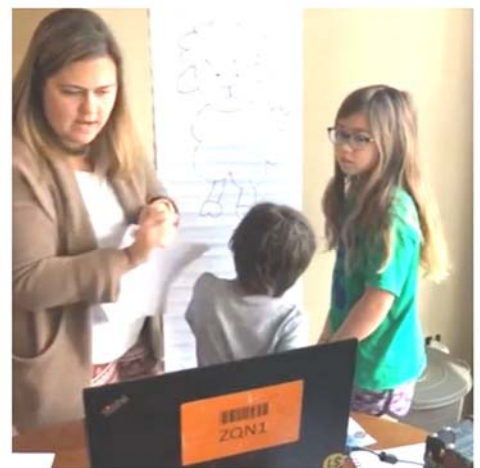
YOUTH GROUP is still going strong, meeting monthly with about five churches participating. The kids met in person in March, but April's meeting took place on ZOOM. Blessings to PD, our District Superintendent Myrna Bethke, and all the youth leaders from the churches that participate.



Children's Ministry



Our St. Paul's Children continue to worship and share the word. From special St. Patty's Day smiles - to Children's Messages that fill our church with the laughter and joy on Sunday worship mornings - to our Sunday School continuing to meet via ZOOM - St Paul's continues to be a beacon of faith, family and love.



It's Not New, but...

THE INTERNET IS THE FUTURE OF ST. PAUL'S

The truth is St. Paul's was ahead of the game before the pandemic hit. We were already streaming our worship service to the world and one of our Bible Studies has a regular member who has never set foot in the State of New Jersey in her entire lifetime.

St. Paul's has stepped right up to connect with the world and didn't miss a beat nor a Sunday worship service nor Sunday School class once our doors had to be closed. Every Sunday our worship services are streamed using FACEBOOK and ZOOM (live at 9:30 but they continue to be available for later viewing). Every Sunday our One-Room Sunday School classroom has streamed a wonderful message of faith for kids providing an important interaction just like they receive in Sunday School. Our Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening Bible studies are active and providing a blessing for all who participate.

We have expanded our online connections for the church family and the world. Every morning at



9:30 a.m., Pastor Dave is streaming a 15 minute devotion on our Facebook page that includes his cooking lesson on Fridays and Saturday funnies filled with jokes we can all share for the weekend. Our Men's Breakfasts on the third Wednesday and first Saturday of the month are also streamed live.

Our church family shared in Holy Communion online for the first time ever on Maundy Thursday. We held our first ever online Special Church Conference in April. People are giving online using their credit cards and PayPal.

not made the jump to the Internet yet. We will have a program to obtain inexpensive tablets for anyone who does not have a computer so that they can connect with our church.

Please let your friends know about stpaulsalive.org, because perhaps one of them does not have Jesus in their life but through our worship services, daily devotions, or Bible studies they just might connect!

Blessings!

Pastor Dave



Yes, we realize that we have a few members who are not connected online but when our doors open again online worship, online Sunday School, online Bible Study, online daily devotions, and yes, even online shared meals are not going away.

We hope to have a TECH TEAM in the coming months whose members can train those who have

THANK YOU !!

Many thanks to our faithful members who have been calling every member of our church family every week during this pandemic. You are awesome!

Beverly Betz • Carla Branyan
Vicki Cusack • Donna Delaney
Kim Gibson • Lori Holland
Denise Hosier • Mary Ann Jones
Dana Kovack • Elaine Luoma
Samm Smith • Don Strock