

Join Us for Thanksgiving Worship

The definition of **cornucopia** is an abundant supply of good things of a specified kind.

As this year's Thanksgiving approaches, I want to celebrate the CORNUCOPIA of St. Paul's United Methodist Church of West Deptford. Our church, thanks to individuals like you, has a more than abundant supply of love for each other and love for our neighbors! We can definitely shout praises of thanksgiving to God this season because we are a vital church congregation that understands why church is important and what it means to be a church family every day of the year!

I am celebrating our missional spirit! July 10th next summer—are you joining us as we go to RED BIRD? We would love to have your entire family on the trip with us!

I am celebrating the music of worship! Glenda is such a blessing, as is our choir and all who have shared their musical gifts with us throughout this year. Do you sing for joy when we worship together? Are you ready to join the choir? Music is such a blessing!

I am celebrating that individuals are being blessed by joining us for Holy Communion every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. We have received notes of thanks from people all across the United States who take 20 minutes on Wednesday morning with a cup of juice and a piece of bread to let God work in their lives.



I am celebrating the children's ministry of St. Paul's! Our leaders are incredible! Our teachers are awe inspiring, and our helpers are amazing! Plus the parents who have put a value on their kids knowing God and Christ makes me want to shout THANK YOU to them! Some churches have abandoned any children's program, but at St. Paul's we have a bench for the kids right across the front of our church!

I am celebrating our food pantry and all who work in it. Feeding the hungry and caring for the poor is a consistent message from God's Word. God expects us to use any and every asset we have been given to care for those who don't have, and at St. Paul's we do just that.

I am celebrating our outreach team, our healing ministry greeting cards, and all the love this church family pours out to those who need that extra loving! What a blessing to be a pastor of a church like this!

And so I have a favor to ask of you and your family. Can you join our church

family along with those who worship at Colonial Manor UMC, Westville UMC, and First UMC in National Park on Sunday November 21st at 5 p.m. for a worship service of thanks? It will be at First UMC National Park. Our choir will be singing but we need you to join us in prayer and thanksgiving along with those from the other churches for this one hour of extra "church time." Will you bring the kids and grandkids and tell them it is a lesson in giving thanks?

Songwriter Don Moen wrote a song, "I Just Want to Thank You Lord," and it should be the spirit of faith we share each day. Our calendars have designated one day of thanks, but as Christians we don't often get the opportunity to join with others to just shout or sing or worship in thanks. On Sunday November 21st at 5 p.m. we will be doing just that ... I hope to see you there.

"With a grateful heart; with a song of praise; with an outstretched arm I will bless Your name! THANK YOU LORD!"

Pastor Dave



St Paul's will be hosting the Red Cross Blood Drive on:

November 8th from 1-6 p.m.

Please contact the Red Cross at 800-RED-CROSS

or at www.redcross.org to schedule your appointment today!

**Happy
THANKSGIVING!**



ALL Prayers:

For our country
For everyone to get vaccinated
To end hate crimes
Logan S more chemo very ill
Cameron growth in thalamus seeing oncologist
Patty & Joe both need healing
Rick bladder cancer praise doing well
Michael in hosp then going to rehab
Chris to stay away from illegal substances
Brian M hosp severe covid
Nick hospitalized with covid
Autumn to be saved and drug-free
Janet B recovering at home
Dottie D hospital
Bob S hospital
Ruth S health
Evelyn's niece lost home to tornado
Terry D in rehab
Megan A double mastectomy
Sharon G hospital seriously ill covid
Bill B was in hospital
Len H oral cancer surgery & wife Cathy
Family & friends of Harold J esp daughter Christine
Betty C praise cataract surgery went well
Michael H pain from dental surgery
Mary B hospital
Gale M health concerns
Sally's neighbor house fire
Family & friends of Uncle Martin
Hal age 92 family problem
Young woman using meth many problems
Family & friends of Robert Hayes
Ida & Jack O for strength
Christian missionaries taken hostage in Haiti
Janet hip replacement
Gerry's sister-in-law biopsy
Florence & Jack H trouble adjusting to new life
Michele C chemo
Fred W chemo & wife Debbie
Family & friends of Frank G

passed from covid
Mike B very ill with covid & strep throat
Wayne S with Logan
Donna S not feeling well
Tyler S ill awaiting covid test results
Friends who lost parents
Ski girls home schooling
Cathy H back injection
Deb receiving treatment for RA
Pat & Don, Pat on vent, Don Parkinson's
G family lost 23-yr-old son in accident
Sandy having surgery
Irene surgery
Sandy's niece & nephew health issues
Our food pantry organizers & workers
Betty C congestive heart failure
Barbara L battling cancer
Callie Jeanne fighting cancer
Quinn G hosp severe pancreatitis
Rose M & family burying mother
Lisa breast cancer surgery
Jeff mental health issues
Michelle's father respiratory problems
Family & friends of Pat F
Vikki G serious health problems
Chris T praise feeling better
PD's friend with covid
All those struggling with family issues
Don T having more tests

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

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:
Mary B., Joyce N., Samm S., Hope T., Gerry M., Chris S., Janet B., Terry D., Helen R., Corey T.

Serving in the Military:
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:
Bertie C., Edie M., Ron & Eve C., Betty C., Rosie P., Mary B.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2- Danielle Matlack
- 2- Tori Spinella
- 3- Carla Branyan
- 3- Shannon Martz Hood
- 3- Sandy Spellman
- 4- Meghan & Nick Beidle
- 4- Jeremy Jones
- 4- Chris Taylor
- 4- Dick Wagner
- 5- Lori Brown
- 6- Carol Grossman
- 7- Courtney Cuthbert
- 8- Mikayla Wright
- 9- Erika Haase
- 9- Mike Keegan
- 9- Ariel Morgan
- 11- Lisa Sturgis
- 11- Brayden Zirbser
- 12- Barbara A. Jones
- 12- Edith McCarson
- 12- Brenda Toppin
- 13- Daniel Davis
- 13- Michelle DuBois
- 13- Dominic Haase
- 13- Tami Kyser
- 14- Helen Rulli
- 15- Penny Budd
- 16- Katie Panetta
- 17- Mike & Joanne Keegan
- 19- Karen Dean
- 19- Daniel Dugan Jr.
- 19- John Galka
- 20- Julie Lawson
- 21- Ched Baker
- 21- Joe Jones Jr.
- 21- Beverly Lisa
- 22- Mark White
- 23- Luke Wright
- 24- Abigail DiVento
- 24- Evan Haase
- 24- Evett Heffernan
- 24- Nancy Jones
- 24- Lisa Thayres
- 24- Matthew Moore
- 24- Sierra Munyan
- 24- Sandy Wagner
- 25- Dave & Patty Fish
- 25- Deanna Kyser
- 26- Freddy Cochran
- 26- Bridget Conway
- 26- Grayson Luoma

- 27- Betsy Hosier
- 27- Jeff & Cheryl Platt
- 30- Matt Huesser

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1- Gerry Miller
- 2- Sophia Cosme
- 3- Joe & Barbara Jones
- 4- Lindsay Hammel
- 4- Pat Parker
- 5- Victoria Lisa
- 6- Jacki & Andy Forte
- 7- Nina Marie Englett
- 7- Eve Cervantes
- 7- Nancy & Tom Jones
- 8- Bryton Cooper
- 8- Carol Strock
- 9- Aaron Toppin
- 11- Emma Grace Domeraski
- 11- Richard Dyal
- 15- Ella Rose Kaiser
- 16 - Jacob Panetta
- 16- Nicole Lisa & Greg Hamilton
- 16- Amy & Christian White
- 17- Kyle Miller
- 18- Jeffrey Morris, Jr.
- 18- Aliya Rembelinsky
- 19- Kieran Hartnett
- 20- Betsy & Jeff Hartnett
- 20- Doug Brown
- 21- Mark Cervantes
- 21- Patricia Davis
- 21- Blair Weber
- 21- Rachel White
- 24- Nicholas Heister
- 24- Steven Lawson
- 25- Jesus
- 26- Margaret Reichert
- 26- Bill Urban Jr.
- 27- Rich Favretto
- 28- Ciara Bradshaw-Lisa
- 28- Alexis Favretto
- 30- Jason Keegan
- 31- Christina Yurick
- 31- Scarlett Hartnett
- 31- Gabriel Jones



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Christmas time is here!

*Christmas time is here
Happiness and cheer
Fun for all that children call
Their favorite time of the year.*

It is with these lyrics that “A Charlie Brown’s Christmas” begins. It is my absolute favorite Christmas film for many reasons, but primarily because of the moment when Linus gets up on the stage to read the Gospel of Luke’s Christmas history, finishing by saying, “That’s what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.”

Yes, friends, Christmas time is here! In fact, I saw Christmas decorations in a few stores early in October but no manger scene. I have heard people complaining that they might not be able to buy the presents that their kids want because of the problem we are experiencing shipping goods this year. I have heard some folks who are already energized to complain about clerks who don’t say Merry Christmas. Since Christmas time is here, is your home filled with “happiness and cheer” as you again think about God’s forever gift to us?

Have you sat down with your family to listen to Chris Tomlin’s brand-new Christmas album, ‘Emmanuel: Christmas Songs of Worship,’” featuring songs that share “what Christmas is all about?” If you have a piano or keyboard, do you sing ‘The First Noel’ with renewed energy along with your family? Are you excitedly counting down the days until Advent to worship God in preparation of Christmas? And then are you telling the kids to get just as excited about the birth of Jesus Christ and our Christmas Eve service as they are for the guy who has flying reindeer pulling him through the sky?

I cannot even begin to imagine a year when our collective Christmas season



priorities need adjustment more than 2021. We continue to travel through the “season of Covid” with fewer families in worship all across America than in the last 100 years. When I focus on the year 2035 as a key year in the viability of St. Paul’s, don’t you wonder which young adults will have enough faith in Jesus Christ to be taking on leadership roles at this incredible church we love when that year arrives? I know I wonder and worry.

As we leave our church sanctuary on December 24th singing JOY to the WORLD, will you join me in looking skyward to say THANK YOU GOD ... for Jesus, our Savior.

Who can you invite to come to our two Christmas Eve worship services with you and your family? Who needs to rediscover the reality of God and Jesus Christ amongst your friends and neighbors and family members? Once the clock ticks onto Christmas Day we all know that the focus will be on the tree, not the cross, and brightly wrapped packages opened by little ones with smiles on their faces! We will take their photos but on Christmas Eve not many of us will be taking selfies to share on our social media saying, ‘Hey look, I am at church worshipping God and celebrating what Christmas is all about.’ It seems that the Son of God’s value is less than a bright red nose whose song all the kids know.

There’s a book sitting here at home. It’s worn out and the pages are frayed but I read something interesting that I’d like to share: “*The shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go right now to Bethlehem and see what’s happened. Let’s confirm what the Lord has revealed to us. They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about the child. Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds had told them. Mary committed these things to memory.”*

Imagine in 2021 if people who had the story revealed to them hurried to worship with joy and shared what they knew... If joy was present and excitement evident as the story of Christmas’ impact was there... I bet those hearing the story just might be amazed.

*Christmas time is here
We’ll be drawing near
Oh, that we could always see
Such spirit through the year.*

Blessings,

Pastor Dave



Outreach

Wrapping up 2021

Upcoming Mission Projects & Offerings

- **November**
 - ◇ Our first Sunday offering (Nov. 7) will benefit our Discretionary Fund.
 - ◇ On the third Sunday (Nov. 21) the offering is for the Neighborhood Center of Camden.

The Neighborhood Center in Camden focuses on a two-generation approach to lifting families out of poverty. They are committed to providing a safe space for Academic achievement, Athletic accomplishment, and a flourishing Arts program.

- **December**
 - ◇ Our first Sunday offering (Dec. 5) is United Methodist Student Day.
 - ◇ Our third Sunday (Dec. 19) will be supporting the Angel Wreath & Shared Ministries.

Everyone looks forward to the Angel Wreath Mission. We hope this year you will be able to do some shopping for the needy in our community.

Many thanks to all of the St. Paul's family for your generous outpouring of support to our Mission Projects even during these unprecedented times. We remain a community of love for all.

Ruth Schultz



MEN'S BREAKFAST: Our men still get together twice a month for breakfast and talk. All men are invited. They meet on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Piston Diner. Come on out!



COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving

WORSHIP SERVICE

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and bless his name. Psalm 100:4

Thanksgiving Worship

Sun., Nov. 21

5:00 pm

National Park UMC

Bring food donations to church to benefit local food pantries



Heaven and Nature Sing

We are hoping this will happen this year! Save the date & watch for more info!

Friday,
December 3, 2021

Christmas Carol Sing

Seven in 2021

There is a commonality amongst the SEVEN NEW MEMBERS of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Yes, if you miss the worship service on November 7th (another 7 in the mix) you probably are unaware that during this era of ever-shrinking churches we have grown.

We are fully aware that we have people literally around the world worshipping with us! We have families bringing children to Sunday School! Our sanctuary is getting closer to having 100 individuals and more in worship each week plus there are hundreds worshipping online....

But seven individuals felt it was so important to their lives to not just worship at St. Paul's, but also to become members. They came because they were invited. They came because as one wrote, "St. Paul's has a special energy that you can feel." Another wrote, "St. Paul's



has a wonderful sense of family and I want to be part of that!"

A special place ... special energy ... a wonderful sense of family! Seven individuals who are becoming members of this church. One of the wonderful family also took the time to let these special people know about our church. In 2022, who will you be asking to come to church? Which of your friends or family members will be excited to become a member because of "the special energy" that our church has filled with love of God and of all of our neighbors?!

We are so thankful for each of these special individuals who has joined St. Paul's and we look forward to their active participation in our ministries during the coming months. Please be sure to get to know these very special people who are now officially members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church of West Deptford, a place where all people are welcome to worship God!

Darrin Brown
Betty Chipman
Pat Drosnes
Cathy Hurff
Carol May
John Pagano
Peggy Pagano

Please join me in welcoming these folks into our church family.

Blessings,

Pastor Dave

Bazaar, Donations & Pageant Preparation

Don't miss the Bazaar on Saturday, November 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lots of white elephants, bake sale, deli table, jewelry, breakfast & lunch!

Collecting Used Clothing

The Sunday School is again collecting items for the **Bargain Thrift Center** in Philadelphia.

During December and early January we will gladly accept the following SOFT items:

- Bags of used clothing, please NOT moldy or smoky

- Shoes & accessories like purses, belts, hats, etc.
- Household linens like sheets, towels, blankets, curtains, etc.
- Soft toys like stuffies and dolls

NO furniture, mattresses, electronics, books or appliances!

Thank you all for your donations!

Sunday School Pageant

We look forward to again presenting our children in a Sunday School pageant.

This year it will be on Sunday, December 19 at 9:30 a.m.



All kids should attend Sunday School as much as possible during November & early December to practice their parts. Families are invited to join us for the pageant and the party that will follow after church.



GUIDING LIGHTS have resumed in-person meetings, now at the church because there are so many! Ladies of a certain age are invited to join! See President Bev Betz or any Guiding Light. The more the merrier!



Order *Your* Poinsettias

The Guiding Lights are selling
Poinsettias \$8 each

Colors:

Prestige Red or Whitestar

*Order forms in church
or call Carol at (609) 617-1724*

*Pick-up at the church at
either Christmas Eve service or
see Carol to pick up Friday morn.*

Orders due Dec. 5.



Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 24

5 & 7 p.m.

Service of Carols and Candlelight

Please Join Us!



**Sunday School
Pageant
& Party**

Sunday, Dec. 19

**Pageant @ 9:30 a.m.
Party @ 10:45 a.m.**

**All families
are invited!**



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY has been reading about the women of the Bible, led by Patty Fish. The group of over 20 women meets weekly for very interesting lessons and discussions.

Here's What's Happening!

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Special Sunday Service

December 26th

JOIN YOUR VOICES WITH OURS
~ AS WE SING FROM OUR SOUL ~

9:30AM

Fall Bazaar & Yard Sale!

ST. PAUL'S UMC

Saturday, November 6
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

- ◆ Jewelry ~ Toys
- ◆ Holiday Decorations
- ◆ White Elephants
- ◆ Boutique
- ◆ Breakfast & Lunch
- ◆ Baked Goods & Deli
- ◆ Homemade Soup

All proceeds go to support St. Paul's Sunday School & VBS program!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

The Anchor Class meets every week and studies the Bible. Anyone interested in joining this group of ladies is welcome!



WORK DAY with many of the Leadership Team in October. All the tables and chairs were power washed and a lot of picking up and cleaning was done. Thanks to the leaders, who demonstrated with their actions what it is to be a servant of the church!

Children's Ministry



THE KIDS ARE BACK!

Sunday School started with a bang as we heard the kids sing one of their VBS songs. And Children's Messages are back in church, too, with Dave Fish giving his usual interesting and entertaining lesson to the kids, large and small.

