

Winner Winner, Chicken Dinner!

Be sure to join us for our Fall Chicken BBQ Dinner! It will be on Sunday, October 27 from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

You will enjoy a delicious Rode's half-chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, corn, roll & butter, plus dessert! You can't beat Rode's chicken!

GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!!

Advance tickets are \$14. There will be a few tickets available at the door for \$15, but no guarantees! To be assured of your dinner, please buy tickets in advance!

For tickets call Sharon Rutter at



856-848-5021, or email her at shrutter2@gmail.com. You may pay with cash or check payable to St. Paul's, but don't mail checks to the church!!

If you want to use a credit card, watch for a QR code to

order tickets online. It will be on our website, in our flyers and in email blasts once we have the page set up.

Don't miss out on this delicious dinner!

Rally Day for Sunday School

Calling all Sunday School students!

We'll be back in session on Sunday, September 8.

We'll start at 9:30 a.m. during the worship service by welcoming the kids with a Children's Message by Dave Fish and songs from VBS.

After church all families are invited to join us downstairs for refreshments. Then our first Sunday School class for the fall will be at 10:45 a.m.



Join us as we learn and grow together!

Mark Your Calendars!
October 26: Pumpkin Party
November 2: Bazaar



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

Friday, September 27, 12 - 5pm
Friday, October 18, 12 - 5pm

Our nation's blood supply is fragile - there is a significant need for blood donors! All blood types are in high demand. Please consider donating at this or any local drive.

**Contact the Red Cross at
800-RED-CROSS
or at www.redcross.org
to schedule your appointment today!**

Prayer REQUESTS

ALL Prayers:

For our country
 For peace
 For all those in the world who are hungry
 For everyone who is ill
 For those affected by war
 Logan S praise turned 14 thanks to prayer warriors
 Elaine W chemo every 2 weeks
 Kathie S home from hosp still needs prayer
 Sharon R infusions
 Janet B at home waiting for God's will
 Cameron always needs prayer & family
 Barbara H on hospice
 Pastor Dave
 Steve M health issues & Gerry
 Greg & family & friends of Hope T
 Sharon E tests for cancer treatment
 Janice lost husband
 Sharon found husband dead
 Bernadette E on hospice
 Denise H recovering throat surgery
 Michael V health & seeking God
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 Denise H throat surgery
 Brian P eczema low spirits
 David K hosp brain cancer trtmt & wife Laurie
 Annette recovering from surgery
 Family & friends of Debbie B
 Someone whose retirement was stolen
 Amaryllis G needs prayers
 Family & friends of Roy G
 Annette D home from hosp still weak
 Gary R covid
 Family & friends of Gail K-F
 Kim C had stroke in rehab
 Kathy R kidney procedure

Family going through difficult time

Brian M serious health & personal issues
 Homeless friends
 Friends & Family of Betty B
 All those vacationing
 Kids & teachers
 Kathy complications from kidney stone
 Bonnie D hosp heart
 Nancy D knee replacement
 Erik ill 2nd surgery & Debbie
 Ron B mass in stomach
 Andy depressed entering day program
 Heather E hosp needs prayer
 Pat D worried about daughter
 Lisa & Mitch W & fam loss of daughter
 Jacqueline praise nursing degree
 Carol D knee replacement
 Colleen praise doing better
 Kelly W ill getting tests
 Mary M ICU infections
 Pete M crushed by steel surgeries amputations
 Jake S young boy with cancer & family
 Judy's daughter & son-in-law both covid
 Family & friends of Ruby
 Scott tore tendons in shoulder
 Dottie D health

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

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Joyce N., Gerry M., Janet B., Kathie S., Sharon R., Elaine W., Cindy F., Logan S., Dave D.

Serving in the Military:

Michael Nahas, Caitlyn Um, Erynn Plasket, Dan Solano, Chris Yard, Rachel Rachuba, Donna Rachuba, Ed Schwebel, Brandon Howell, Shaina Serrano

Shut-Ins & Nursing Home Residents:

Janet B., Rosie P., Mary B., Gloria L., Barb H., Sue T., Bernice N.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 – Jacqueline Clement
 2– Colin Grassia
 5– Bela Debrececi
 5– Cathy Hurff
 9– Doris DuBois
 9– Margaret Gogolin
 11– Alice Kern
 11– Ellie Luoma
 12– Mario DiVento
 12– Samm Smith Domeraski
 13– Bill Blair
 13– Christian White
 14– Rebecca Gibson Eller
 14– Danielle Ferrara
 14– William Walsh
 18– Ginny & Rich Gibson
 19– Sandy Daws
 19– Kathie & Mike Spellman
 20– Dana & Steve Kovack
 21– Casey Kovack
 21– Amanda Strock Kaiser
 22– Mary Ann & Larry Jones
 24– Diane Favretto
 28– Olivia Ferrara
 28– Sandy & Jack Spellman
 30– Cailyn Houghton

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

1– Ron Cervantes
 1– Michelle & Kevin Wright
 4– Merrilee Chappell
 4– Ashley Dugan
 4– Elaine Walsh
 5– Sandi DiLeo
 5– Nancy Huebshman
 7– Angela & Jason Houghton
 8– Victor Ferrara
 11– Aubrey McLaughlin
 11– Bob Rowand
 12– Leisa Keegan
 12– Deb Dameika
 13– Anthony Panetta
 14– Chris McGee
 15– Janet Brown
 16– Molly & Marc Coralluzzo
 17– Jacqueline Gullifer
 17– Ann & Jay Hamel
 17– Elliemae Rutter
 17– William Rutter
 20– Mary Sierocinski
 21– Cindy Fifis
 22– Dana Kovack
 24– Donna & Wayne Sierocinski
 25– Rori Beidle
 27– Rich & Diane Favretto
 28– Betty Chipman
 28– Debbie Richman
 28– Cheri Clement
 29– Sharon & Gary Rutter
 29– Hillary Toppin
 30– Joe Bryan Jr.
 31– Jack Heritage



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

THE LAMPLIGHTER

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Life Goes On

Moving, I believe, is always a traumatic experience. Moving and leaving behind memories from 30 years of life absolutely touches the heart in all sorts of ways!

As I write this, I can state that the move was a success. Someone new is living in the house that was the home we raised Megan and Colleen in. The folks on Whalers Cove Court who were once our neighbors to be seen almost daily are now just good friends to be seen on occasion. Although in the Biblical sense, all people are always our neighbors!

In the midst of going through closets and the attic, we found my ATARI computer! Yes, I had one of those first home “computers” that could do amazing things if you understood FORTRAN. There were games to be played and data bases to create. I took a course or two with Donna’s boss to learn how to operate this amazing device.

But time has flown, and the ATARI computer no longer is worth utilizing for work projects and I can’t find the games I used to enjoy. Each of us now has a virtual computer on our cell phones.

Back in 1980 I could never have imagined that I could use my phone as a micro-computer. I would have said “no way” if someone told me that my watch could receive messages from friends anywhere in the world and that my watch would check my steps each day and my blood pressure.

All of you know that I frequently talk about my Bible app, which is on my phone, my i-Pad, my notebook,



and my laptop. Yes, I have all of those! I do not understand all of the social media options that are out there. I do not connect on X but I think I am on THREADS. But I know that I see photos and messages every week from Richard in Uganda, Sohail in Pakistan, and lots of folks in New Jersey. When I post one of my poems, photos of Dax, or just my thoughts on life, instantaneously thousands of folks can see what I added to FACEBOOK or INSTAGRAM here in New Jersey.

THOUSANDS ... IMMEDIATELY ... MESSAGES ... St. Paul’s United Methodist Church is posting messages daily on social media too. And you know what the amazingly special part of social media is ... we can share messages to our friends and family members that we find appealing.

That brings me to each of you who consider St. Paul’s United Methodist Church a special place to worship God, where you find a faith-driven family who, along with you, loves all our neighbors, and a church you identify as yours. We need you to SHARE St. Paul’s FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM posts on your social media!

If your friends and family cannot get to church on Sunday mornings, YOU CAN SHARE our Sunday worship service on FACEBOOK merely by hitting the SHARE BUTTON. If you are on FACEBOOK, you can share my daily, hopefully humorous message, PD@930, that includes a Scripture reading, a prayer, and updates on St. Paul’s from our FACEBOOK page. Every Friday I share a recipe and on Saturday, jokes. You can share our INSTAGRAM posts and FACEBOOK memes.

Of course if you share St. Paul’s social media that means your friends and family will know you go to church. They will know you associate with a special place where God is worshiped with joy and where we pray for all who are hurting. But are you afraid to let them know?

I hope this fall that I see more and more shared messages and shared worship services popping up on my social media, because many of you are my friends, so I see what you post.

Finally, please do not mail anything to my family at our former Smithville address. If you would like our new address, just ask me for it or you can mail things to us at 69 Woodland Avenue, West Deptford, NJ 08086. It feels strange to no longer call Smithville home, but life goes on.

Blessings,

Pastor Dave

Outreach

Fall Missions Help Teens

Looking forward to cooler weather and more mission work!

Upcoming Mission Projects & Offerings

- **September**
 - ◇ Our first Sunday offering (Sept 1) will go to Shared Ministries to support United Methodist causes worldwide.
 - ◇ On the third Sunday (Sept 15) the mission offering will benefit UrbanPromise.

UrbanPromise is a Christian nonprofit youth organization in Camden, New Jersey. It provides youth educational and developmental programs. These include an alternative high school, an elementary/middle school, after-school programs, summer camps, teen job training, boat building, environmental and experiential learning.

- **October**
 - ◇ Our first Sunday offering (Oct 6) is World Communion Sunday Offering.
 - ◇ On the third Sunday (Oct. 20) the mission offering is for Ranch Hope.

Ranch Hope, a South Jersey United Methodist ministry, cares for at-risk teens who need the structure and faith-based ministry to get their lives back on track. Founded by Rev. Dave Bailey.

Thank you all so much for your support of all our Outreach & Mission projects!

Cheri Clement

Red Bird Mission Team 2024



The week flew by! Our Red Bird team 2024 accomplished its Mission and we're all back home safe and sound!

Our youngest team member, Aubree, shouted "I can't wait to go back next year!" and we are in agreement!

We hope to have a team of 25 for Red Bird 2025 ... will you join us? We head to Kentucky on July 6th 2025 early in the morning... on the way back on the 11th we will be stopping for BBQ at The Three Pigs restaurant in VA!

Ask yourself why you did not go on this year's trip. Now, some of you are not retired, but we have had team members using their vacation time. Some of you are retired, and some that went on this year's trip are retired, too. They figured out a way to leave the couch and join the team, so maybe you can, too!

We have had individuals in their 80s head to Red Bird with us and families have come as a group. Plan on coming now ... July 6-11, 2025.

The church picks up most of the cost of the trip, but each team member is asked to contribute \$50 to reserve their spot and show their commitment.

Talk to Jim Clement and get all the deets!

SOUP SUNDAY

1st Sunday of the month

Next Soup Sundays
9/1 and 10/6.



Order online or by calling or seeing Mary Ann Jones.

Thanks to Ish at the PISTON Diner for the delicious soup!

Calling all Women to Bible Study!



We'd like to invite all the ladies of the church to our Women's Bible Study, meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. beginning on September 11. Our fantastic leader is Patty Fish, who always makes our studies relevant and interesting.

Our new book for our fall session is "Jesus: the God Who Knows Your Name," by Max Lucado.

We are all so excited to get started again! Patty says, "I think you will enjoy Max's book. I enjoy his style of writing."

Our Bible study is open to all women. Please feel free to invite your friends and/or family members. We have more than 30 women signed up already, but there's always room for more!

See Patty to sign up and get your book, or email her, pattymfish@hotmail.com. We can't wait to begin!



MEN'S BREAKFASTS are a popular event for guys. They meet on the first Saturday (Sept-June) and the third Wednesday every month at 8 a.m. at the Piston Diner. Men of all ages are invited!



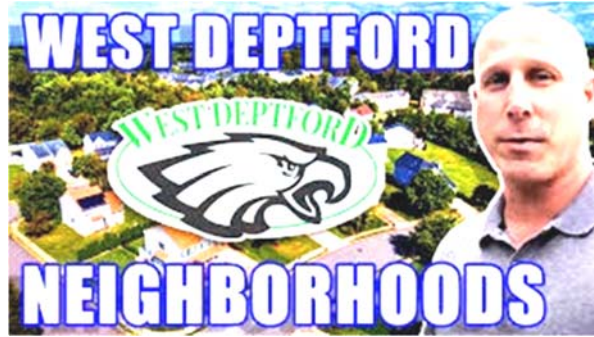
PHILLIES GAME: We had a great time watching the Phillies play the Washington Nationals on Saturday, August 17th. About 20 members and friends enjoyed a tailgate party before the game, and watched the Phillies beat the Nats. And a few even got on Phanavision!

Love Your Neighbors As Yourself!

It's Biblical ... it's a God demand, or as we might say, a God Commandment! It's in the Old Testament. The above quote is from Leviticus in the Torah in the first five books of the Bible. And very clearly it is a Jesus directive, repeated over and over again in the Gospels.

People who believe in God ... people who believe in Jesus Christ ... there are two very clear lifestyles that verify that our faith is real and not merely words. We are to LOVE GOD and walk humbly with God and yes, even in these divisive times we are REQUIRED to LOVE ALL our neighbors as Jesus loved us ... as we love ourselves ... absolute love!

And in loving our neighbors and obeying God we open up an incredible opportunity to follow the last command of Jesus Christ, which is to make disciples throughout the world. To share our faith, which begins with loving God and loving all our neighbors, and to be invitational to our neighbors, our co-workers, our friends, and yes ... even to our family members. Inviting others to discover what we have ... God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.



walls of our Church Street building. Is that you? Will you bring your children? Will you share your smiles?

St. Paul's can only grow when those who love our church, like you, invite others to worship with us. When faithful members of the church tell people who don't go to church how wonderful it is to go to church. When folks who sit in our pews on Sunday excitedly tell people who are searching for a joyful non-judgmental church where God and Christ are worshiped, that they can find that special church right here in West Deptford. Can you imagine how happy they would be to discover St. Paul's on West Deptford's Family Fun Day?

Most of you are reading this before SEPTEMBER 21st, which means that YES YOU CAN volunteer to be out amongst our neighbors at the Family Fun Day at RiverWinds. YES YOU CAN smile a smile of joy and tell folks passing by our booth that we have an awesome church where they would be welcome. YES YOU CAN ... express joy and show love of all of our neighbors because of your faith. Will you?

On SEPTEMBER 21st you have an opportunity to celebrate St. Paul's United Methodist Church, to be invitational, and to show love for all of your neighbors by volunteering to share some of your time at West Deptford's Family Fun Day. St. Paul's once again will have a booth, and wouldn't it be great for our neighbors to see the joy and love we share on Sunday mornings? Wouldn't it be great to invite families and individuals to come to a church where all God's people are always welcome? Wouldn't it be great to celebrate your love of God and Christ by sharing a smile with our neighbors in West Deptford?

Jim Verfaillie has once again stepped up to lead our team on SEPTEMBER 21st but he can't do it by himself. Frankly, he should have lots of St. Paul's members excitedly telling him that they will be there to celebrate our church beyond the

YES YOU CAN!! See you in church on Sunday, but let's have a great joy-filled gathering at West Deptford's Family Fun Day!! If you miss Fun Day ... still invite someone to come to church with you!

Blessings,

Pastor Dave

Fellowship Is Back! Please Sign Up!

Our After-Church Socials will begin again on Rally Day, September 8th. The Sunday School will take care of the first week, but we need volunteers to bring snacks and help with setup and cleanup starting September 15. There will be a sheet passed around in church, so please sign up! Many thanks to Nancy Huebshman, who has been donating supplies and creamer to keep us going!

Fellowship has always been an important part of our church and it has been very quiet down in Hickman Hall all summer. Help us change that by coming downstairs after church each week for coffee, snacks, and good conversation!



Molly Hosier,
Fellowship Coordinator

WHAT'S HAPPENING



A GREAT FRIEND: We were thrilled to have Bernice Nolte in church on August 4, visiting from Pitman Manor. Altar flowers were given in honor of her 94th birthday. Patty and her mom extend many thanks to Nancy Huebshman and Michael Huebshman for the beautiful arrangement.



RED BIRD TEAM posed on Miss Hazel's new porch after a week of mission work. See the article on page 4 for all the info.



GUIDING LIGHTS met for a pool party and dinner at Mary Ann's home. We had a great time, as always! We will begin our monthly meetings again in September. Any ladies of the church interested in joining our group, see Bev Betz.



Help Needed for Family Fun Day!

We are registered for West Deptford Family Fun Day on Sept 21. Volunteers both young and old are welcome.

It will be a great time to offer St. Paul's as a welcoming place for all of our neighbors to worship. So many are lost, need hope and may not have a church they call their own. Our goal to share everything that we offer for our community. We pray that everyone may come to know how having Jesus in their lives matters.

Contact me for any questions.

Thank you and have a great day.

Jim Verfaillie

Children's Ministry



Over 70 children learned lessons and had a great time at Vacation Bible School!



Born to Run

“Everybody’s out on the run tonight but there’s no place left to hide” - Bruce Springsteen

I was a student at the University of Buffalo when I first heard BRUCE. New Jersey folks and probably folks around the world know who is being referred to through that simple BRUCE!

I have had the good fortune of seeing him perform numerous times including once with a small group of young people at Asbury Park’s ‘Stone Pony.’ Bruce’s anthem remains, ‘Born to Run.’

As we head into the autumn season of 2024, it’s his song that is resonating with me, both as the pastor of St. Paul’s but also as an individual. We were born to run ... not to sit back, not to gather dust, not to withdraw— but to be faith activists in life as long as we can energetically go out into the world using the skills and abilities we are gifted with.

The photo above comes from Kampala Uganda, which has the worst traffic realities I have every



seen in my life. But somehow drivers navigate that traffic every day, even though vehicles are inches away from cars, vans, buses, and motorcycles that might be going in a totally different direction.

On November 18th we will celebrate St. Paul’s at our annual Church Conference with our District Superintendent, Rev. Glenn Conaway. We will have a potluck dinner. We will be looking forward while reflecting on our past achievements. But we need people like you... to not only come to the

dinner and bring a dish to pass but also to share your vision, to share your ideas, to share your talents, and to share your energy for our church and for God and Christ!

I look back at all that this church has done since I became your pastor. The Ukrainian candles are lit each week because Ukrainians said thank you, St. Paul’s. The medical clinic in Sierra Leone has battery power. People in Kentucky have homes that are more livable than they were before St. Paul’s teams arrived. Hungry people in Gloucester County have been fed, and each year an incredible number of kids have discovered God at our Vacation Bible School! It has taken people with ideas, people willing to step up in leadership roles, and people willing to share some of their time.

We celebrate the church on September 8th with Rally Day! We celebrate the church on November 18th at our Church Conference! What role are you willing to take on to add to the celebrations over the next year? I will be talking more about these challenges on Sundays, but why not be the one who comes to talk with me? We need each one of you to ensure that St. Paul’s is as vital and energetic in 2035 as it is in 2024!



WORSHIP:

We were so lucky to have special music and also have some of our kids participating in worship.

From top left: Charlie Taylor, Carla Branyan, Scarlett Hartnett; (bottom row) Logan Sierocinski, Molly Coralluzzo, Dominic Haase. It was the first time Dominic read scripture, and he did a great job!

St. Paul's Calendar

September-October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 1 9:30am Worship 11:00am Soup Sunday Second Offering: Shared Ministries	Labor Day	10:00am Deptford Designers	7:00am Holy Communion 7:00pm NA Mtg 7:30pm Evening Bible Study Zoom			8:00pm AA meeting
8 9:30am Worship: RALLY DAY 10:45am Sunday School		9:00am Food Pantry setup HH 6:30pm Woman's Club of WD HH	7:00am Holy Communion 8:30am St. Paul's Food Pantry 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Trustees Meeting 7:00pm NA Mtg 7:30pm Evening Bible Study Zoom	7:00pm Choir practice		8:00pm AA meeting Choir Picnic at Bela's
15 9:30am Worship 10:30am Megan's Pretzel Sunday 10:45am Sunday School 2nd offering: Urban Promise	7:00pm Leadership Team	10:00am Deptford Designers	7:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm NA Mtg 7:30pm Evening Bible Study Zoom	6:00pm WC Garden District Council Hickman Hall 7:00pm Choir practice		1:00pm West Deptford Family Fun Day 8:00pm AA meeting
22 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	9:00am Food Pantry using Hickman Hall 7:00pm Guiding Lights HH	9:00am Food Pantry setup HH	7:00am Holy Communion 8:30am St. Paul's Food Pantry 10:00am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm NA Mtg 7:30pm Evening Bible Study Zoom	7:00pm Choir practice	11:30am Red Cross Blood Drive	8:00pm AA meeting
29 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School		October 1 10:00am Deptford Designers 6:30pm Woman's Club Workshop HH	7:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm NA Mtg 7:30pm Evening Bible Study Zoom	7:00pm Choir practice	Girl Scouts - Autumn Mums planting	8:00pm AA meeting
6 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Soup Sunday World Communion Sunday Offering		9:00am Food Pantry setup HH 6:30pm Woman's Club of WD HH	7:00am Holy Communion 8:30am St. Paul's Food Pantry 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Trustees Meeting 7:00pm NA Mtg 7:30pm Evening Bible Study Zoom	7:00pm Choir practice		8:00pm AA meeting
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20 9:30am Worship 10:30am Megan's Pretzel Sunday 10:45am Sunday School Mission offering: Ranch Hope	Family Promise Week	9:00am Food Pantry setup HH	7:00am Holy Communion 8:30am St. Paul's Food Pantry 10:00am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm NA Mtg 7:30pm Evening Bible Study Zoom	7:00pm Choir practice	6:30pm Sunday School Pumpkin Party	8:00pm AA meeting
27 9:30am Worship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Chicken BBQ	9:00am Hickman Hall Bazaar setup all day					
	7:00pm Guiding Lights HH		7:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm NA Mtg 7:30pm Evening Bible Study Zoom	Halloween Reformation Day 7:00pm Choir practice		9:00am - 2:00pm Sunday School Bazaar 8:00pm AA meeting

RED BIRD TEAM in church.
 Aubree spoke for the group and her enthusiasm was incredible!

