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## Welcome to our New Pastor!

Pastor Dave McMillan's first service at St. Paul's will be July 2. Pastor Dave is a native of SE Pennsylvania and is currently serving Lincoln Park Community UMC in Reading, PA. Due to parsonage renovations, Pastor Dave will be staying with his mother at Maris Grove in Glen Mills, PA from June 28 until the week of July 17. He will then be able to move into the parsonage.

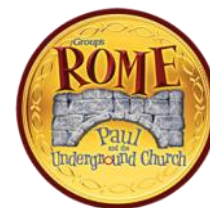
To help Pastor Dave get to know all of us, it has been suggested that name tags during the summer would be quite helpful. Blank tags will be provided at church before service, or bring your own if you prefer.

Please take the time to introduce yourself and welcome Pastor Dave. There will be normal coffee time after services in July but on July 16, a special welcoming reception will be held after service. Make sure to join us at that time as we officially welcome Pastor Dave and his family.

## St. Paul's Vacation Bible School 2017

### Rome - Paul and the Underground Church

Vacation Bible School will be held July 10-14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The children will participate in fun-filled activities, storytelling, games, crafts, and more. There will also be snacks!



## News from United Methodist Women

The April issue of UMW magazine, *Response*, features an article about Red Bird Mission, which is one of the Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church and is in Beverly, KY. The UMW are major supporters of this mission. Please check either the bulletin board by the office or the library to read the article. Included in the article is a picture of Suzanne Pohli, a former member of St. Paul's who now lives and volunteers there.

Marie Van De Wall, former member of St. Paul's, is one of the speakers at UMW's **Mission U** this summer. Mission U is a Peninsula-DE Conference event sponsored by United Methodist Women. Marie will be speaking on the Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States focusing on Red Bird Missionary Conference, the Alaska United Methodist Conference and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. She will give an overview of these three conferences. Dates for the conference are July 14-15, 2017 in Dover, DE. You can attend one or both days of this event. More information, including cost is in the brochure on the bulletin boards next to the office and the library. Women, men, and children are invited to attend this conference.

This morning was the last of our men's breakfasts. For close to six years, on the first Wednesday of each month, we have met at a local diner for a brief devotion, breakfast, and brotherly fellowship.

On each of these Wednesdays, I have begun my devotion by asking each of the men in attendance to answer a question: What are you most grateful for? What is your fondest childhood memory? Who has been the most influential male figure in your life and why? These questions have provided a segue into my theme for the morning. With one breakfast left, I had struggled a bit with coming up with my final theme and question.

In all honesty, what came to me came mostly out of a feeling of insecurity. After six years of ministry, had I left any kind of mark upon the church as their pastor? More specifically, had I ever communicated well, well enough to be remembered, the Christian beliefs that I believe are so vital to a healthy faith. And so, after a brief introduction, I asked each of the fourteen men in our group to complete the following sentence "I believe in...". At first, I was a little disappointed in the answers that were being given. There were a few men who began by professing a belief in God, another who believed in truth and living truthfully. But, most of the men spoke primarily of their belief in family and church.

I imagined that most, if not all, of the men, felt their belief in God was a given and went on to express their belief in the goodness and value of human relationships. I have to say that, at least initially, I was selfishly a little disappointed. I was hoping to hear answers that were more doctrinaire - statements of faith somehow mirroring the beliefs I had tried to communicate from the pulpit and elsewhere over the past six years: my belief in God "who is and was and evermore shall be" (Romans 1:8), "...in whom we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28), "who is love" (I John 4:28) and is "always working for good in the world" (Rom 8:28); my belief in Jesus "in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" (Colossians 1:19), "who came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10), and to be "our peace..." breaking down the dividing walls of hostility that exist between us (Ephesians 2:14), calling each of us "to take up our cross and follow him... knowing that "all who will save their life will lose it. But, all who lose their life for his sake and the sake of the gospel will find it" Mark 8:35); my belief in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life (Genesis 2:7), who is the power within us to make all things new again (Galatians 2:20), who gives gifts for the building up of the Church (I Corinthians 12:1), who fills us with the fruit of the spirit... "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22), and "who prays for us when we do not know how to pray with sighs and groans to deep for words" (I Corinthians 12:1); my belief in the Church and the great commission to "go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit" reassured that our Lord is with us always (Matthew 28:19).

These were the statements of belief I was hoping to hear at the men's breakfast! I think they call it "wishful thinking." Feeling anxious, in answering the question "I believe in..." I had a chance to convey what I feared had never been heard or somehow forgotten. But, after further reflection, I would like to think my fears were unwarranted. What I think I heard from the men in our group this morning was something a little more tangible, a little more accessible, God felt, lived within the bonds between a husband and wife, in the ties that bind parents to their children and children to their parents, and grandparents, the human intimacies, loves, and connections that bring meaning and purpose, ...a lived theology. I too believe in family, my own and the church family, and the God who is over and in all.

Pastor Dave

## Worship Notes

During the months of July and August, we will be following the Revised Common Lectionary and the gospel of Matthew as we follow Jesus' life and teaching about the kingdom of God.

"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Acts 2:44-47

- July 2 "I'm No Prophet" (Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Matthew 10:40-42) Communion Sunday
- July 9 "Come to Me" (Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30)
- July 16 "Extravagant Grace" (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)
- July 23 "Are You Listening" (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)
- July 30 "The Kingdom of God is Like..."  
(Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52)
- August 6 Pastor David Finch will be preaching
- August 13 Pastor David Finch will be preaching
- August 20 "Pets Are Welcome" (Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28)
- August 27 "Who Do You Say That I Am"  
(Matthew 16:13-20)

## Thank You!

Many thanks to all who supported the 5K walk for Neighborhood House which was held on June 3 at Bellevue State Park. This walk was organized and underwritten by Highmark and supports 22 different charities in our areas. Our Holy Walkamolies, led by Karen Pollack, raised almost \$850.00 for Neighborhood House.

New Castle County churches, including St. Paul's, also walked that morning at Bellevue for Friendship House. They had over 300 walkers and raised over \$30,000 for Friendship House ministries that morning. Mission Accomplished!



## Rhythms from Rob

This is a list of most of the people who regularly contributed to our music ministry over the last year. They are a blessing to our St. Paul's community, and I hope you will take a moment to express your appreciation to them for their time, dedication, and expertise. Perhaps you will be on the list next year!

### Music Ministers for 2016 - 2017

Cherub Choir: Jonah Domenick, Nora Domenick, Sage Hartsock, Milan Hartsock, Brianna Seefeldt, Ellaina Seefeldt, Colette Weber

Wesley Choir: Sophie Domenick, Hannah Kortas, Gabriella Seefeldt, Sierra Seefeldt, Charlotte Shaffer, Maddie Smith

Youth Choir: Emma Domenick, Katie Domenick, Kailer Moran, Zach Smith

Chancel Choir: Tom Butler, Lisa Chambless, Barb Crawford, Rachel Domenick, Roger Domenick, Nancy Gorman, Elaine Linton, Sarah McIlvaine, Elisabeth Parisi, Sue Raffauf, Barbara Robinson, Carole Smith, Mary Smith

JuBellation: Lynn Bittner, Lisa Chambless, Barb Carey, Laura Enghofer, Sean Kelly, Elaine Linton, Candy McCafferty, Chris Scorziello, Jen Scorziello, Linda Weamer

Worship Band: Rachel Domenick, Roger Domenick, Elizabeth Inman-Moran, Sam Inman, Chris Moran, Brian Smith, Mary Smith

St. Paul's Orchestra: Maggie Butler, Tom Butler, Barb Crawford, Dan Kennan, Emma Macturk, Ian Macturk, Nicole Macturk, Candy McCafferty, Sarah McIlvaine, Chris Moran, Shannon Sines, Brian Smith, Carole Smith, Zach Smith, Barbara Thayer

## St. Paul's Fall Kick-off Sunday & Picnic

**Sunday, September 10 @ 5:00 p.m.**

This is a celebration day when we kick-off the beginning of our program year. Save this date and plan on attending. The picnic will take place on the church back lawn. Fried chicken will be our main course. Please plan on bringing side dishes as directed in the August *Grapevines*. Yummy ice cream will be served as well. Join in on a fun night and invite friends and neighbors. Activities include: moon bounces, music, lawn games, and fellowship. Contact our Youth and Family Director at [kathleen.kennan@comcast.net](mailto:kathleen.kennan@comcast.net).

## Save The Date

Want to be part of our Youth Ministry? New and returning students and parents please plan on attending a meeting on Sunday, August 27 at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Schedules, new information, and a Q & A session will be provided. Contact Kathleen Kennan for questions.

## 233rd Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference - Down to The River to Pray

### Report and Impressions from St. Paul's Delegates

#### From Rev. Connie Hastings:

I always find Annual Conference very intense. There are the wonderful times of worship and celebration, gathering of persons in the conference that I haven't seen in a long time, and a Holy-Spirit-electric-current that undergirds the entire three days. At the same time, there are many responsibilities and processes that need to be met, and I am pulled in several directions to be faithful to all that has been given to me.

Having Annual Conference at the Riverfront in Wilmington was a welcome change of venue for me, but at the same time I knew it was difficult for those smaller churches who lack resources to support their delegates who needed to find lodging in an area where there is considerable expense involved. Persons in rural areas find inner city traffic even more daunting than those of us more accustomed to its navigation. For this reason, I was grateful for Neighborhood House and the Wilmington District United Methodist Women (including Debbie Demeter and Ginger Morley) for hosting a free lunch and tour and providing bus transportation to Southbridge. Doing so extended great hospitality within the connection and helped churches outside the Wilmington District see firsthand the great outreach and mission of this national mission institute of The United Methodist Women and the recipient of conference apportionments.

When Annual Conference is complete, one of the most lasting questions is what happened on the voting of the resolutions. It must be emphasized that resolutions are not considered "law" in the local church and conference; "law" for the UMC is The Book of Discipline. Instead, resolutions are policy. Now while some of them do not seem to greatly affect the day-to-day procedures of the local church (i.e. Resolution 9 in Recognition of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation was passed with no dissenting votes), others are of more significance because as policy they could be brought into litigation should a law suit be brought forth in that particular issue. That is why Safe Sanctuaries policy is strongly adhered to by local churches.

Rachel and Mike have discussed the Resolutions involving social issues. So I want to address Resolution 10 Relating to Computer Network and Internet Access Policy. This resolution pertains to the use of internet and church computer networks, its limitations, system passwords, virus detection, privacy rights, and other issues related to a church's computer network. I strongly suggest this be reviewed and signed by the appropriate persons at St. Paul's, even if in some areas it is already implemented or stronger than what the resolution states.

Anyone interested in reading all the resolutions and the amended versions can do so on The Peninsula-Delaware Conference website, [pen-del.org](http://pen-del.org).

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**From Mike Rominger:**

1. I was disappointed that a resolution to address LGBT bullying was amended to encompass all bullying. The amended resolution passed. If I had been quicker, I would have pointed out that only targeted actions produce results. The “Nothing But Nets” malaria campaign would be nowhere as effective if it had read “No more infectious diseases caused by mosquitoes.” I can think of other campaigns that generate enthusiasm and support because people can relate to the specific target. I have no doubt the amendment sponsors were well-intentioned, but by broadening the scope, I fear they have killed the endeavor.

2. I was encouraged that there is a timetable and well-structured plan (The Way Forward Commission) to address the gay issues that continue to perplex the UMC. I hope that there truly is a resolution that keeps us intact.

3. I enjoyed speaking to many clergy friends and their spouses. Those conversations always remind me that the issues we face at St. Paul’s are not unusual. They are, in fact, the norm that comes with dealing with people. I am continually amazed that people go into the ministry knowing full well that there will be tough times ahead just because of the tensions between clergy and parishioners. Maybe it’s because they don’t know what’s ahead that they venture forth. We should be eternally grateful that clergy and parishioners go forth voluntarily into uncharted waters.

4. I chatted with Jonathan and Donna Baker, missionaries to The Congo, and formerly of Aldersgate in Wilmington and Epworth in Rehoboth Beach, about the impact of climate change in The Congo. There is nothing like first-person accounts to drive home the issues. I look forward to hearing more from them.

Regards  
Mike Rominger

**From Rachel Domenick:**

This was my second year attending Annual Conference, and it was amazing and inspiring. There were many great ideas to bring back to St. Paul’s! These are some of the things I noticed or made notes about:

Dance Ministry - there was a lovely group of teenage girls who did an interpretive/liturgical dance together. I have seen some liturgical dance before, but these girls were particularly impressive.

Tools on the Annual Conference website - it sounds as if there is a lot that is put out by AC that we may not be aware of or are under-utilizing. Mission Insite addresses missions needed in our neighborhood. We are such a mission driven church, and I know that many of us would love to help more locally - something to look into.

Rev. Terry Teykl gave a wonderful presentation about what prayer looks like in a healthy, vital church. He talked about being a presence based church and praying for what God wants as opposed to what we want. His materials could be used as a small group study resource.

Someone mentioned that the goal of our churches was not to be color blind, but color vibrant. We should be asking ourselves, as a church, who is missing?

A Way Forward Commission has been formed (including clergy and lay persons from all over the world, conservatives, progressives, etc.) to deal with the diversity of ideas and ideals regarding the LGBTQ community. They are meeting every six weeks, with a special General Conference coming in February 2019, where they will then meet for five days addressing petitions surrounding LGBTQ issues and The United Methodist Church. The Bishop emphasized that while this is a potentially divisive issue, they are feeling a lot of hope that the church will find its way through this. We should have some more solid information about their discussions in the late summer of 2018.

Finally, I have signed up to get more information regarding the 10,000 Churches Initiative. Rev. Karen Handy is challenging churches to work to increase health and health awareness in their communities. The four focuses are 1 - Physical Activity, 2 - Diet and Nutrition, 3 - Recovery, and 4 - Mental Health. St. Paul’s is already involved or active doing many or all of these things, so I’ve asked for more information to be sent to me about participating in this challenge. This could be a great way for us to reach out and serve our local community as well as to focus on a church-wide health initiative.

While I agree with Mike in being disappointed that the bullying resolution was amended, it did still retain specific language including LGBTQ teens, which I feel was important. I was concerned that if the amendment weren’t accepted, it might not pass. It really hit home when the presenter of the resolution mentioned that one of their current members (Epworth Church in Lewis, DE) had seriously contemplated suicide as an 18 year old (he was bullied as a gay teen, even before he came out) and that he had attended St. Paul’s on Foulk Road as a youth. It’s not statistics we are talking about, but our own teens.

It is such a blessing to be able to attend Annual Conference and worship with all the other attendees. It’s a reminder that, as Christians, we are so much more than our differences.

Namaste,  
Rachel Domenick

Memorable points or quotes by Rev. Dr. Terry Teykl, guest speaker:

“We’re not a hotel, we are a go-tell.”

“Before we are to talk to our neighbor about God, we need to talk to God about our neighbor.”

“Inch by inch we draw closer to God’s vision when we pray.”

“God loves us, not because we’re lovable, but because God is love.”

“It’s time to stop making God in our image and remember we are made in God’s.”

## Church Calendar for July and August

### WEEKLY EVENTS

<u>Sundays</u>	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	11:00 am	Sunday School
<u>Tuesdays</u>	8:00 am	AA, Coke Room
<u>Wednesdays</u>	12:00 pm	Daybreak Counseling, Library
	12:00 pm	Grief Support, Timothy Lounge
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon, Coke Room
	8:15 pm	Men's Bible Study, Lounge
<u>Thursdays</u>	8:00 am	Thursday Morning Work Crew
<u>Fridays</u>	7:00 pm	AA, Coke Room

### JULY

- 4 Office Closed for holiday
- 11-14 Vacation Bible School, church-wide
- 17 Emmanuel Dining Room cooking, Kitchen
- 24 Ulter Project Dinner & Dance, Fellowship Hall

### AUGUST

- 1 MS Society, Coke Room
- 15 Emmanuel Dining Room cooking, Kitchen
- 20 Book Discussion Group, Lounge

## Thank You From United Methodist Women

Our UMW Circles thank you for your generous support of our April Mission drive to benefit the Empowerment Centers of Friendship House. The Empowerment Centers are in Wilmington, Newark, and Middletown, DE. (Friendship House would like to expand their centers which help the suburban poor and needy to include the Limestone Road and Concord Pike corridors.) These Empowerment Centers provide consultations and referrals for emergency shelter, food, clothing, and medical needs. They also help with job search mentoring and computer skills. Financial assistance may be provided for medical prescriptions, glasses, and physician co-pay.

Clients utilizing these centers are given a "Go Bag" after their meeting. The bags might contain food or hygiene items.

Through your generous donations, we provided 40 food Go Bags and 40 hygiene Go Bags. We also collected various hygiene products, diapers for babies and adults, and many pairs of new socks valued at over \$500.00. Look at the pictures of some of our collected items on the bulletin board outside of St. Paul's Library.

Thank you so much for supporting the UMW and its missions.



On Saturday, October 28, 2017, St. Paul's will be hosting the Peninsula DE Conference UMW Annual Meeting. More information to follow.

## The St. Paul's Family

*Thank You!*

Thank you Rev. David for visiting me, Altar Guild for the beautiful flowers, and Mary Martha Circle too. And a big Thank-you for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers.

I am still on a journey but getting there!! My doctor said in about a year.

God Bless All,  
Jean Marsh

Dear St. Paul's UMC,

It is with gratitude that I write to you on behalf of Sunday Breakfast Mission to express our thanks for your generous and kind donation to SBM. Such donations help us provide for the care and needs of the homeless, addicted, and impoverished in our community. Thank you for your generosity  
Blessings,  
Rev. Nancy



Our condolences to Emmy Hartsock and family on the recent death of her brother, Bill Hartsock.

## Opportunity to Serve in Worship Service

All students entering 6th – 12 grades are invited to attend our acolyte pizza luncheon on Sunday, August 27 at 12:00 p.m. in Sanctuary/Kitchen. All new and returning acolytes are encouraged to come. If you have any question, please contact our youth director [kathleen.kennan@comcast.net](mailto:kathleen.kennan@comcast.net) or the church office at 302-478-3135.

## Pecometh Camp & Retreat Ministries

Don't miss the opportunity to make some great memories with your friends and family in July. First, it's our Single Parent Family Retreat July 14-16, where single parents and their kids can spend some time together—and apart—at camp! Then later in July, it's our Friends & Family Camp July 28-30, where everyone can experience the fun of camp, no matter if you're young or young-at-heart.

For more info and to register for either or both of these retreats, call Retreat Program Coordinator Megan Shitama Weston at 410-556-6900 ext 104 or visit us online at [pecometh.org](http://pecometh.org).



## June Birthdays

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 2 Nannie Brightwell                                    | 19 Barbara Jordan                  |
| 3 Jean Marsh<br>Lyn Newsom                             | 20 Alex Weigel<br>Brant Wesley     |
| 4 Jennifer Scorziello                                  | 22 Ken Macturk                     |
| 5 Adelene Lowe<br>Daniel Mitchell                      | 23 Jay Carey<br>Karen Hodgkin      |
| 7 Sage Fort<br>Hunter Fort                             | 24 Rob Lawruk<br>Fran Smart        |
| 8 Suzanna Pollack                                      | 25 Maxwell Dennett                 |
| 9 Mike Rominger<br>Meagan Demeter                      | Jenna Gill<br>Sarah McIlvaine      |
| 11 Bridget Fisher<br>Susie Lengel<br>Paul Lengel       | 26 Paul Apanowicz<br>Bonnie Croney |
| 13 Maddie Smith<br>Joanne Theibault                    | 28 Kenneth Holmes                  |
| 14 Linda Champagne<br>Winifred Hulme<br>Beth Langseder | 29 Eric McClure                    |
| 16 Jeffrey Gill  |                                    |
| 17 William Jordan                                      |                                    |
| 18 Ruth Crosby   |                                    |

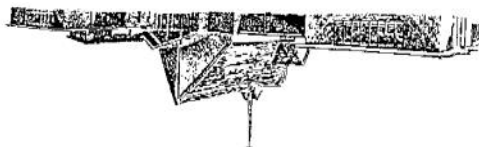


## August Birthdays

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| 1 Bev Zehr  | 24 Tim Collier  |
| 4 Scott Rickards                                      | 25 Katie Burslem  |
| 5 Hannah Clark  | 26 Karen Muller   |
| 6 Olivia Smith  | 27 Irene Barton<br>Claire Chambless<br>Marilyn Rathmann |
| 7 Mercedes Echevarria<br>Phyllis Truax<br>Craig Weber | 28 Abbie Clark<br>Rosalyn Munze<br>Ron Wesley           |
| 9 Ralph Churchill<br>Shirley Simpson                  |   |
| 10 Owen Webster                                       |   |
| 12 Doris Ferzetti<br>Jack Pullig                      |   |
| 13 Nancy Gorman                                       |   |
| 14 Shannon Bartron                                    |   |
| 15 Elizabeth Dearlove                                 |   |
| 16 Lila Echevarria<br>Katie Macturk                   |   |
| 20 Stewart Hawkins                                    |   |
| 21 Kimberly Burslem                                   |   |
| 22 Caroll Githens<br>Michael Pollack                  |   |
| 23 Christine Wesley                                   |   |



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