



The Grapevine

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St. Paul's is a caring, Christ-centered congregation reaching out to the world by sharing the Good News through our Worship, Missions, Christian Education, and Fellowship.

September 24, 2017

Children's Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

Adult Sunday School Classes today at 11:00 a.m.

"Genesis to Revelation"—We are currently studying the book of John.

Led by David McIlvaine, Coke Room

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel—Is there credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? This 6-week DVD series is about a journalist's personal investigation of the evidence for Jesus.

Led by Bob Hastings, Embury Room

Men's Breakfast at Hollywood Grill

Saturday, September 30, 8:00 a.m.

Over the coming year, I will be hosting a monthly breakfast to strengthen the relationships of the men within our congregation. Non-members are welcome as well! Each breakfast will begin with a question (so be prepared), a Bible reading and discussion, followed by breakfast and a time of fellowship. In my prior congregation, we had 14 men meeting regularly, and it turned out to be a meaningful experience. If you are able to attend, please contact Barb at the church office so I can reserve enough seats (302-478-3135). I hope you'll plan to join me.

P.S.—separate checks.

Pastor Dave

World Communion Sunday – October 1

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate our unity with other Christian denominations through our observance of Holy Communion. In our Methodist tradition, we also ask for a special offering for scholarships for Methodists seeking a college education.

Hurricane Relief—How to Help

St. Paul's is collecting items for UMCOR Hurricane relief efforts for Flood Cleaning Buckets and Hygiene Kits. You may leave items in the baskets in the Narthex. (See list of items in baskets.) We will deliver what we collect for transport to affected areas. Monetary donations should be marked with Advance #901670.

Adult Sunday School

We will have two or three Adult Sunday School classes until the end of the year. Some of the topics for the Fall will include: The book of John, Minor Prophets (all 12 of them!), The Case for Christ, and The Reformation's 500 Year anniversary. All Welcome!

St. Paul's New Member Class

For all who are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, I will be offering a New Member Class in the Church Lounge, Sunday(s) October 15, 22 & November 5, from 10:45-12 noon. The reception of New Members will be during the worship service on Sunday, November 12. Over the course of three weeks, we will consider our personal faith journeys, explore our spiritual gifts, survey Methodist history, theology and polity, discuss the vision and hopes of Saint Paul's, and finally, contemplate our membership vows to support one another through our prayers, presence, gifts, witness and service. If you are interested in attending these classes, please speak with me.

— Pastor Dave

Fall Clothing Giveaway

Mt. Joy United Methodist Church will be having a Fall Clothing Giveaway in October and is asking for donations of gently used fall clothing for men, women and children. Clothing may be dropped off at St. Paul's Mission Closet until October 12. Support this cooperative mission outreach with our sister church to those who are in need.

Today

9:30 am Sunday Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Children's Sunday School

11:00 am Adult Sunday School
12:00 pm Wesley Choir
5:30 pm Youth Choir

This Week

MONDAY (25)

6:30 pm SPRC, Lounge

TUESDAY (26)

6:00 pm JuBellation
6:00 pm Volleyball, Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm AA Meeting, Coke Room

WEDNESDAY (27)

12:00 pm Grief Group, Timothy Lounge
12:00 pm Daybreak Counseling, Library
7:00 pm Al-Anon, Heck Room
8:15 pm Men's Bible Study, Lounge

THURSDAY (28)

8:00 am TMWC
6:30 pm Worship Band
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Sisters in Christ, Timothy Lounge

FRIDAY (29)

7:00 pm AA Meeting, Coke Room

SATURDAY (30)

8:00 am Men's Breakfast, Hollywood Grill

Worship Notes

During the month of October, we continue to focus upon Christian discipleship through following the life and teaching of our Lord in the gospel of Matthew.

On the last Sunday of the month, we begin a four week stewardship sermon series entitled "*What's in a Promise?*" Come and let us worship the Lord together and learn of him "who is gentle and humble in heart".

- October 1 "Actions Speak Louder than Words" – Matthew 21:28-32
(World Communion Sunday)
- October 8 "Jesus: Our Cornerstone" – Matthew 21:33-46
- October 15 "Laity Sunday"
- October 22 "Citizens of Two Worlds" – Matthew 22:15-22
- October 29 "What's In a Promise: The Promise of Prayers" (church breakfast 10:45)

Stewardship Season – "What's In a Promise?"

Our stewardship emphasis this year is entitled "What's in a Promise?" When we were received into the membership of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church, we promised to "*faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, presence, gifts, and service.*" For four Sundays, we will explore the meaning of each of these promises. It will be our fidelity to these promises we have made that will be the tie that bind us together in Christian love. During the week of October 16, you will be receiving a stewardship letter with further information. This year's Commitment Sunday is November 19. Please begin now to prayerfully consider your financial promise for the life and ministries of our church for the coming year.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event

On October 17, Boscov's annual Friends Helping Friends event will benefit Neighborhood House. Buy a \$5 Shopping Pass Coupon at either Neighborhood House, Boscov stores, or from Rev. Connie Hastings. The coupon is for 25% off all purchases made on October 17. Mark Neighborhood House as your supporting organization. The entire coupon purchase will support their missional efforts with children and youth, families and housing programs in the Southbridge and Middletown communities. Neighborhood House is a national mission institution of United Methodist Women.

Emergency Response Training (ERT)

October 7, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Kent Island UMC

Kent Island United Methodist Church (KIUMC) is hosting the UMCOR ERT training: Making an area safe, sanitary, and secure by doing temporary repairs. This program is designed to teach people what to do and what not to do as the first people allowed in a disaster area. Each team member has a specific job (leader, logistics person, base camp manager, etc.) and teams stay no more than 3 days at a time. All teams are self-sufficient so that they are not an added burden to a suffering community.

The class offers the opportunity to discuss and practice the early response procedures. Cost: \$35 for materials (check or cash on site). Registration can be done online at <http://www.kiumc.org/umcor-ert-training.html>. Any questions please contact Rev. Amor Woolsey (amor@kiumc.org) or Elizabeth Schilling (els1027@me.com)