

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IN ROBERT STRAWBRIDGE COUNTRY

Our mission is to share Jesus Christ with everyone we meet.

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION
April 22, 2018 – Good Shepherd Sunday
10:30 am

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL! *You are welcome to enjoy the refreshments in the back of the sanctuary before the Welcome and after the Postlude. If you are a guest, please fill out a guest card and put it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and hope you will prayerfully consider making St. Paul your spiritual home.*

** Please stand, as able.*

Forms for Joys & Concerns are located in the Narthex & will be collected at the beginning of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

PRELUDE “The Family Prayer Song” (arr. Carol Tornquist)

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” UMH 138

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23)

Leader: Come, walk in green pastures.

People: We follow the Shepherd.

Leader: Come, lie down in green pastures.

People: We trust the Shepherd.

Leader: Come, dine at the table of abundance.

People: We are fed by the Shepherd.

Leader: Come, dwell in God’s house.

People: We live in the Shepherd’s care.

*OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 23, John 10)

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Jesus Loving Shepherd” St. Paul Choir

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” UMH 136

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalter Reading, Psalm 23 *with sung response* UMH 754

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 3: 16-24 HB 987

GOSPEL LESSON: John 10: 11-18 HB 870 -871

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURES Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “An Everyday Prayer” Rev. Shari McCourt

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY “Shepherd’s Song” (Stephen Heller)

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

OFFERING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN “Gentle Shepherd” W & S 3096

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (William Bradbury)

* MEETING AND GREETING

As the postlude ends, please take a minute to greet one another, especially those who are our guests today. You are encouraged to continue fellowship at the back of the sanctuary, with refreshments.

*GOING FORTH AS NEIGHBORHOOD MISSIONARIES

Serving in Worship today: Rev. Shari McCourt, Pastor; Ela Wiswakarma, Director of Music; Sena Roop, Announcements; Rebecca Price, Joys and Concerns and Community Prayer.

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Everett R. Ecker given by Mary Jane Ecker.

This Week at St. Paul UMC:

Apr. 23: Church Directory Meeting 5:00 pm; VBS Meeting 7:00 pm

Apr. 25: Community Food Bank open 5:30 – 7:00 pm; A.A. & Al-Anon 7:30 pm;

Apr. 26: Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Apr. 28: Christian Men's Fellowship 8:00 am at Buttersburg Inn; Cards for Encouragement 10- 12 pm

Apr. 29: Frederick District Lay Speaker Commissioning 2:30 pm

Plant Sale Order Forms and payment are due TODAY, Sunday, April 22. Orders can be given to Barbara Misenaar.

Adult Sunday School is beginning a study on Peter, led by Wally Wolff, Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. All are welcome to join in the class.

Christian Men's Fellowship will meet on Saturday, April 28 at 8:00 am at the Buttersburg Inn. All men are welcome to attend.

Cards for Encouragement will create cards to be sent to members of our congregation next Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We need some helping hands to come and join in the creating of the cards and fellowship of this ministry.

May Day Flower and Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 5, beginning at 7:00 am. A love offering breakfast will be served from 7am – 11:00 am with a menu of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy, hot apples, juice, coffee and milk. The flower sale will feature both hanging baskets as well as potting plants. A side walk sale will also be held. Sign up sheets are on the back table for donations, helpers to prepare, cook, serve and clean up. Serve where the Lord leads you.

Monthly Budget Requirement: \$9,667 – April month-to-date offering: \$7178.00

Attendance April 8 - 48 April 15 – 55

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