

# 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 8, 2018

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.*

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" (arr. Joel Raney)

WELCOME

\*OPENING HYMN "Christ Is Risen" UMH 307

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Acts 4, 1 John 1)

Leader: Come and share the ample treasure of new life in Christ.

**People: We celebrate our unity as God's people.**

Leader: Christ has died and Christ is risen! Christ is with us forevermore.

**People: Christ is our advocate, our helper, our comforter in times of need!**

\*OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION (John 20)

**Holy One, like doubting Thomas, it is often hard for us to believe where we have not seen; it is even hard for us to accept your love when we have known it directly and felt the wounds carried by others on our behalf. Forgive us, we pray, for our doubt and our unbelief. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "I Want to See My Jesus" 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 "Surely the Presence of the Lord" UMH 328

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 1: 1-2:2 HB 985

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20: 19-31 HB 881

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

SERMON "Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen and Yet Have Come to Believe"

Rev. Shari McCourt

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "My Hope Is In You" (arr. Phillip Keveren)

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

OFFERING PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN "Up From the Ground He Arose" UMH 322

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "If You Will Only Let God Guide You" (Georg Neumark)

\* 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.

Pastor Shari will be on vacation from April 9 – 16. If you have a pastoral need during her time off, please contact Rev. Mary Buzby at 410-635-2371 or email her at [new\\_hope\\_pastor\\_mary@live.com](mailto:new_hope_pastor_mary@live.com).

**This Week at St. Paul UMC:**

Apr. 10: Ad Council 7:00 pm

April 11: Community Food Bank open 5:30 – 7:00 pm; A.A. & Al-Anon 7:30 pm; Church Office Open 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Apr. 12: Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church Office Closed

Apr. 14: Sisters in Faith Ministries “I Want It All” Event 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Plant Sale Order Forms** are in your bulletin today. Orders and payment are due by Sunday, April 22. Orders can be given to Barbara Misener.

**Sisters in Faith Ministries** is hosting “I Want it All” by Gwen Smith, a day of soul strengthening and joy filling principles from God’s Word. Shopping, catered lunch, special music and more. The event is April 14 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Montgomery United Methodist Church, Damascus, MD. Cost for the event is \$40.00. Register online at [www.sistersinfaithministries.org](http://www.sistersinfaithministries.org).

**Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County** will hold “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes”, a community walk to stand up against sexual violence. It is held on Saturday, April 14 beginning at 10:00 am at Dutterer Family Park in Westminster. Registration is \$35.00 for general and \$25.00 for student. To register visit [www.walkamilecc.org](http://www.walkamilecc.org)

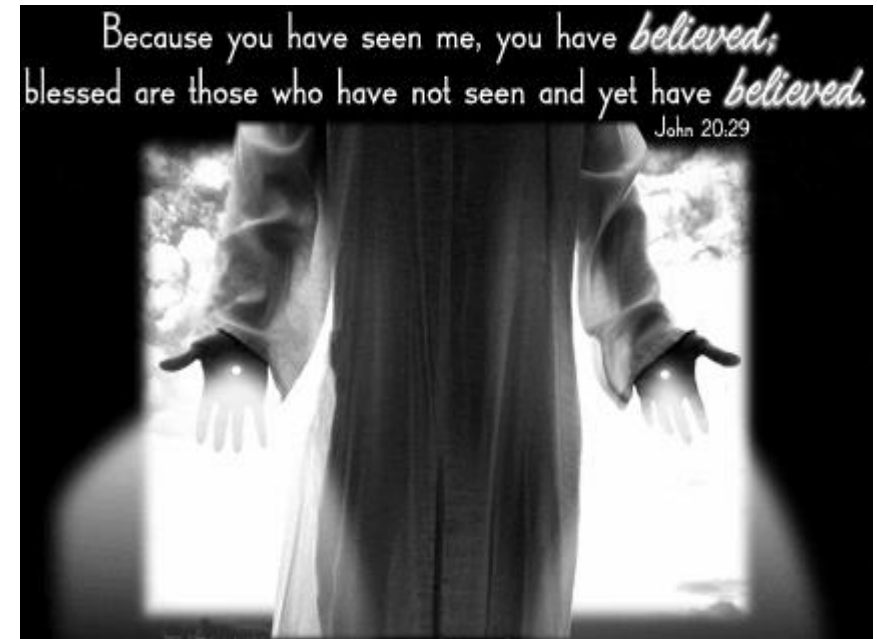
**The United Methodist Women** will hold their **Spring Tea** on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm at The Old Farm House Tea Room in Thomasville, PA. Cost is \$13.00 and tickets must be purchased in advance.

**Community Meal** will be held on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:45 pm. The menu is Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Applesauce, Bread and desserts. There is a sign up sheet for items needed on the back table.

Monthly Budget Requirement: \$9,667 – April month-to-date offering: \$3616.00

Attendance March 25 - 69 - April 1 – 27 Sunrise, 79 Easter Service

Church Office: 410-635-2442 • Office Hours Monday 9:00 – 3:00 and Thursday 3:00 – 6:00 pm  
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