

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IN ROBERT STRAWBRIDGE COUNTRY

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

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

7th Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019

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.

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

PRELUDE "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" (Norse melody)

*OPENING HYMN "A Charge to Keep I Have" UMH 413

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good.

People: May the Lord give strength to the people!

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is Good!

People: God is our refuge and strength.

*OPENING PRAYER (The Book of Common Prayer 232, Proper 14)

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to love according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lisa Kilduff, Soloist

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

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" UMH 529

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 HB 974

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12: 32-40 HB 846

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

SERMON "Faith: The Assurance Hope" Rev. Shari McCourt

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Lisa Kilduff, soloist UMH 94

OFFERING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN "I Want to Be Ready" UMH 722

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (Hughes)

* 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 of St. Paul; Diane Jones, Director of Music; Lisa Kilduff, Guest Soloist; Rebecca Price, Joys and Concerns and Community Prayer; Tom Downs, Liturgist

This Week at St. Paul UMC:

Aug. 12: Wakefield Valley 4-H 7:00 pm

Aug. 14: Food Pantry 5:30 – 6:45 pm; A.A. & Al-Anon 7:30 pm

Aug. 18: Worship 10:30 am

Confirmation Classes have been postponed until September. The first class will be held Sunday, September 22 at 2:00 pm.

Adult Sunday School will not meet during August. They will resume classes in September.

Budget Forms for 2020 are in today's bulletin. Each Committee needs to complete a form and turn in to the Finance and Development Committee by September 1.

The following musicians will be sharing their talents with us over the summer months during the Special Music time in our Worship Service. The schedule for the remainder of the summer is:

Aug. 18 Barbershop Quartet

Aug. 25 Bill O'Brien

St. Paul will once again be hosting **Cluster Meetings** for the congregation to gather in small groups to get to know one another better, to have an opportunity to share ideas with Pastor Shari, and a time to socialize. We are looking for hosts for the following times and dates:

Tuesday, August 20 3:30 pm

Wednesday, August 21 6:30 pm

Please email the church office if you are willing to host.

The new Church Directories have been delivered. If you have any corrections or changes to your information, please complete the insert in today's bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

St. Paul will be serving at **Loaves and Fishes** on Saturday, August 17. We are in need of donations of #10 cans of green beans and large jars of applesauce. Also, volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal are needed. We will be leaving from St. Paul at 10:30 am on the 17th.

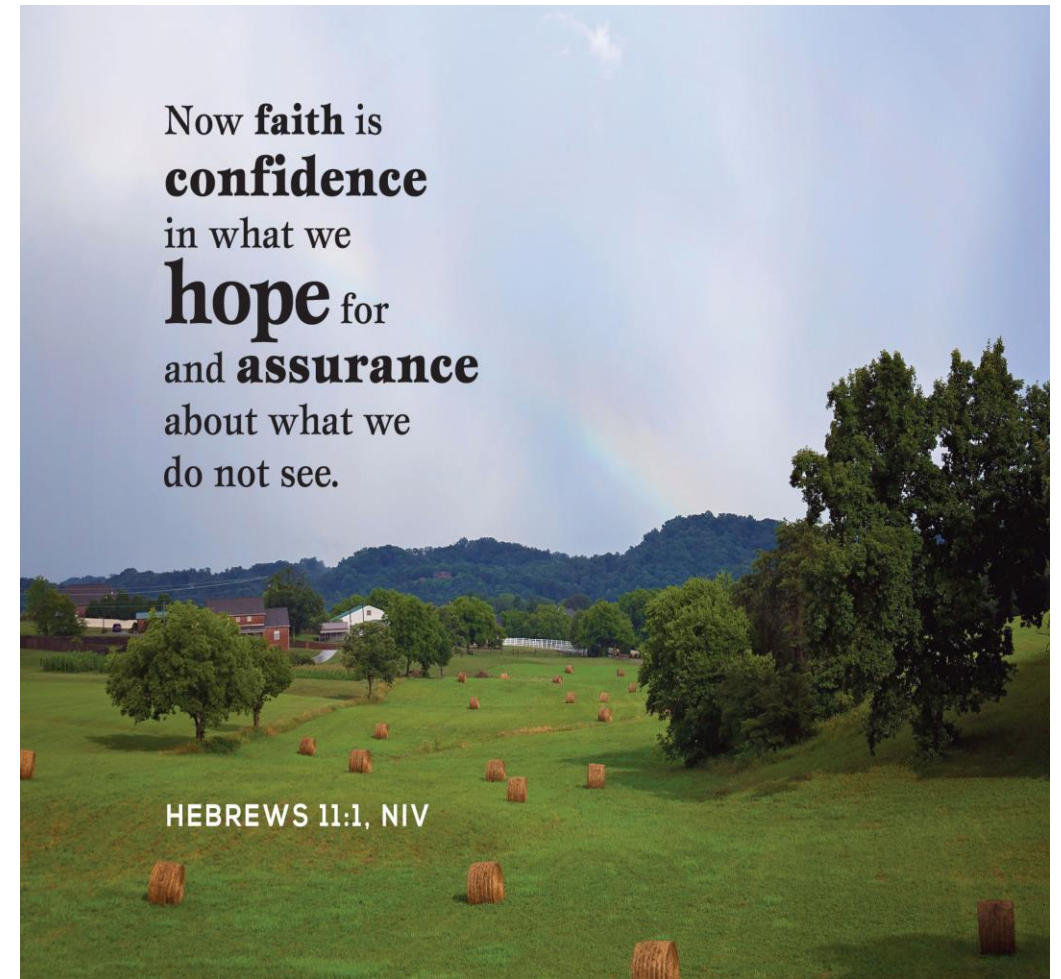
Missions Team will meet on Monday, August 19 at 6:00 pm. They will be having a Whoopie Pie Sale on Sunday, September 1st. Help is needed to make the pies on Saturday, August 31 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Salespersons are needed on Sunday, September 1st. A sign up form is in today's bulletin.

Monthly Budget Requirement: \$9,667 – August month-to-date \$3474.00

Attendance July 28 - 52 | August 4 - 57

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Thursday 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm



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