

# 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 18, 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 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (Showalter)

\*OPENING HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH 117

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord God, from the abundance of your mercy enrich these servants and safeguard them.

**People: Strengthened by your blessing, may we always be thankful to you and bless you with unending joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sweet Hour of Prayer" The Henchmen Quartet  
"It Is Well With My Soul"

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

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 11: 29 – 12:2 HB 975

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12: 49-56 HB 846

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

SERMON "Fence Sittin'" Rev. Shari McCourt

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "When I Lift Up My Head" The Henchmen Quartet

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

OFFERING PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH 577

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (Mason)

\* 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; The Henchmen Quartet, Special Music; Rebecca Price, Joys and Concerns and Community Prayer; Paul McCourt, Liturgist

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

Aug. 19: Mission Team 6:00 pm

Aug. 21: Friends of John Wesley 1:00 pm CLV; Church Office Open 4:00 – 8:00 pm; Food Pantry  
5:30 – 6:45 pm; A.A. & Al-Anon 7:30 pm

Aug. 22: Cards for Encouragement 10:00 am – 12:00 pm; Church Office Closed

Aug. 24: Christian Men's Breakfast 8:00 am Buttersburg Inn

Aug. 25: Worship 10:30 am; Women's Circle following worship

Aug. 26: Church Office Closed for Vacation

**The Church Office hours** for this week will be regular hours on Monday, August 19 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, but open Wednesday, August 21 from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm and closed on Thursday, August 22 and closed on Monday, August 26 for vacation time for our Administrative Assistant.

**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.

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

**Women's Circle** will meet on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> following worship. All are welcome to attend.

**UMW** will meet on Tuesday, September 3 at 1:00 pm at the home of Ruth Ridgely. We will carpool from the church at 12:40 pm.

Monthly Budget Requirement: \$9,667 – August month-to-date \$4885.00

Attendance August 4 - 57 | August 11 - 43

Church Office: 410-635-2442 • Office Hours Monday 9:00am – 5:00 pm and  
Wednesday 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm



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