

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 4, 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 "I'd Rather Have Jesus" (Miller/Shea arr. Ham)

*OPENING HYMN "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" UMH 126

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 107)

Leader: God calls to us from the wilderness of our lives.

People: We cry out to God to save us from all that we fear.

Leader: God satisfies all who hunger, and gives water to all who thirst.

People: We hunger and thirst for God.

Leader: Come and give thanks, for God is good.

People: We come to worship the God who calls us.

*OPENING PRAYER (Hos 11, Col 3, Luke 12)

Loving, generous God, long ago you called your people out of Egypt, teaching them to live in peace with one another in the wilderness. When they settled in the land you gave them, they saddened you by worshipping idols, putting their trust in material goods, cheating and lying and acting with violence instead of with love. When Jesus told them of your open-hearted grace, they saddened him with their greed and jealousy, and their desire to have him judge between them. Today, you call us to remember that we have died and risen in Christ. You challenge us to put away our anger and fears, and to trust that you will always fill us with good things. Help us strip away all that

keeps us from clothing ourselves in Christ, that we may be your people, showing your love to all of your creation. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN "Seek Ye First" UMH 405

EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 3: 1-11 HB 477

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12: 13-21 HB 843-844

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

SERMON "What Do You Treasure?" Rev. Shari McCourt

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

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

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13-15

*CLOSING HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" (Spiritual)

* 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; Rebecca Price, Joys and Concerns and Community Prayer; Dale Lowman, Liturgist

This Week at St. Paul UMC:

Aug. 6: National Night Out 6:30 – 8:30 pm

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

Aug. 11: Worship 10:30 am; Confirmation 2:00 pm

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

New Windsor National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6, 2019 - 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, New Windsor Firemen's Carnival Grounds, 101 High Street, New Windsor, MD 21776. Come out for National Night Out to support Master Deputy Colussy's tremendous efforts in making this a very successful event. Help is still needed to cover our booth. A sign up sheet is included in today's bulletin.

Confirmation Class will begin Sunday, August 11 at 2:00 pm.

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. 11 Lisa Kilduff

Aug. 18 Barbershop Quartet

Aug. 25 Bill O'Brien

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 – July month-to-date \$11,861.00

Attendance July 21 - 71 | July 28 - 52

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