

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 22, 2012

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."
Hebrews 11:1*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT

PRELUDE "I Worship You" / "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"
(We encourage you to use this as a time to prepare for worship)

OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT "Our God Reigns"

OPENING HYMN "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above" Red #96

GREET ONE ANOTHER

CAROL CHOIR

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" Red #361
PRAYER CARDS *(may be passed to the ushers at the end of the aisles)*

MORNING PRAYER

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir – "Our Great God"

DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BAPTISM

NEW MEMBERS

MESSAGE *Extreme Faith* – "Living By Faith" Hebrews 11:8-10

CLOSING HYMN "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" Red #128

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "

Check our website, www.stpaulsbrick.org for last week's message:
Extreme Faith – "It's All About Faith" Hebrews 11:3-7

OUR GREETERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES ARE:

9:00 AM

10:45 AM

ACOLYTES TODAY:

Child Care is provided for infants and toddlers to age 2 during the first service in the nursery (room2). Please ask an usher to direct you.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR for today's Services are
Given by the Members of Rebecca Circle



The new sign up chart for you to dedicate the flowers on the altar for dates in 2012 is now available. The flowers cost \$25.00. We ask that you please use the envelopes provided for your payment. We all enjoy **fresh flowers** at our services each Sunday, and encourage our members to remember their loved ones by dedicating a flower arrangement for them. Please remember you must make your payment in the envelopes provided so we can know who has paid. *We will not order flowers unless payment has been received and recorded in advance.*

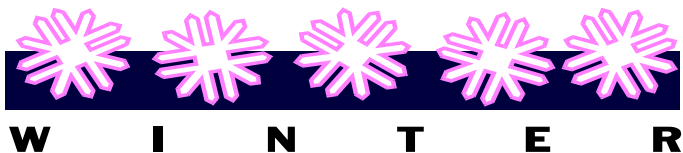
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available. Please see an usher. Equipment is also available to assist you in hearing the services. If this would benefit you, please speak to an usher.

HELP US MINISTER TO YOU!

If you or anyone you know is ill or going into the hospital please call the Church office and let us know 732-458-2080.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

SUNDAY	1/22	9:00AM	TRADITIONAL SVC – SANCTUARY
		9:00	CHILDCARE – RM 1
		9:00	SUNDAY SCHOOL
		9:00	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
		10:45	CONTEMPORARY SVC – SANC
		10:45	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
		5:30PM	JR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
		8:00	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL
MON – FRI			BEFORE/AFTER CARE 7:30-9:30AM 12NOON – 6:00PM YOUTH ROOM
MONDAY	1/23	6:00PM	CUB SCOUT TIGERS – RM 10
		6:00	CUB SCOUT WOLVES – RM 8
		6:00	CUB SCOUT WOLVES – RM 7
		6:00	CUB SCOUT BEARS – RM 6
		6:30	SR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
		7:00	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
		7:30	ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
TUESDAY	1/24	7:00AM	SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY STUDY
		NOON	BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE
		6:00	CUB SCOUT WEBELOS – RM 6
		6:00	TROOP 33 – ROOM 5
		7:00	TROOP 33 – NORCROSS HALL
		7:30	SAFEPLACE – COUNSELING ROOM
WEDNESDAY	1/25	6:00AM	MENS BREAKFAST
		9:30	QUILTERS – YOUTH ROOM
		10:00	LADIES SHARE GROUP
		4:30	CHERUB CHOIR (4 YRS OLD – 1ST GRADE)
		6:00PM	HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE
		6:00	VOLLEYBALL
		7:30	PRAISE TEAM - SANCTUARY
THURSDAY	1/26	5:30	ZUMBA
		6:45PM	FATHER/ SON BASKETBALL – NORCROSS
		7:00	CAROL CHOIR (2ND GRADE - 5TH GRADE)
		7:00	CELEBRATION CHOIR (6TH – 12TH GRADE)
		7:00	BIBLE STUDY – LIBRARY
		8:00	CHANCEL CHOIR (10TH GRADE – ADULT)
FRIDAY	1/27	6:30	BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS
		8:30AM	BULLETIN TEAM – LIB
		4:30PM	DAISY TROOP #102 – NURSERY
		6:00	PINEWOOD DERBY SETUP
SATURDAY	1/28	7:00AM	MENS DISCIPLE – LIBRARY
		11:30	PACK 33 PINEWOOD DERBY
SUNDAY	1/29	9:00AM	TRADITIONAL SVC – SANCTUARY
		9:00	CHILDCARE – RM 1
		9:00	SUNDAY SCHOOL
		9:00	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
		10:45	CONTEMPORARY SVC – SANC
		10:45	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
		5:30PM	JR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
		8:00	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL



RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS
January 15, 2012

Worship Attendance Last Sunday	232
Membership	519
Sunday School	49

<u>Giving</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Mortgage Giving</u>
Received last Week	\$7,333	\$982.50
Needed per Week	\$9,918	
Special Offering	\$2,281.65	

The amount shown as **Received last Week** reports envelope and loose offerings and does not include other monies received. Needed per Week is the amount needed to meet the budget that was passed at the Church Conference.

MORTGAGE UPDATE:

Congregational giving for the month of December, 2011, designated towards our monthly mortgage payment, was \$6,833.
The mortgage balance as of January 1, 2012 is \$1,046,335.45.

Prayer Cards and the Prayer Chain

Please note that when you fill out the prayer cards on Sunday they do not go on the Prayer Chain. The cards are taken and typed up to be in the bulletin for the following week. If you have an URGENT prayer request you can email Nancy Penrod at Penrodt@comcast.net or call her at 732/458-7641 to be put on the Prayer Chain.

St. Paul's Youth Group

St. Paul's Youth Group meets on Sunday nights for Jr. High (6th-8th grades) from 5:30-7:30pm, and on Monday nights for Sr. High (9th-12th grades) from 6:30-8:30pm.

Sunday 1/22 — Jr. High Youth Group

Monday 1/23 — Sr. High Youth Group

Food Pantry Needs

Many people have been coming in during the month of January as food stamps have once again been delayed. We are **very low** on many items due to the demand for food baskets. Listed below are the items most needed but just about any non-perishable is appreciated:



**Canned Fruit, Juice, Chili, Stew, Hash, Tea, Coffee and Cocoa,
Pancake mix and Syrup, Soup, Jelly**

Please leave all donations in the round tub by the mailboxes outside the Narthex. Thank you for all you do.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Every month we put a list of birthdays and anniversaries in the Circuit Rider. If your dates are not in the Circuit Rider and you would like to have them included please call the office, write an email or drop off a note with your name(s), the date(s) and whether it is a birthday or anniversary. Also if the date we have for your birthday or anniversary is incorrect, please let us know.

Financial Peace University Learn How to Get Out of Debt

FPU is BACK!!!! Financial Peace University is a 13 week course that teaches you how to get out of debt, stay out of debt, and financially plan for your future. More than one million families have attended Financial Peace University with amazing results. On average, these families paid off \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 in just the first 90days! Stop worrying about money, and start your journey to Financial Peace today. Classes will meet on Tuesdays night starting on February 7th at 7 pm. The cost is \$100 per family and includes all materials and a lifetime membership to the program. For more information please contact Stephanie. To sign up for the course fill out the form below or contact the church office.

I am interested in attending the FPU class starting February 7th.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Welcome New Members

Welcome to the following who are joining as members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church today.

BAKE-OFF Planning Meeting

January 22nd in between services there will be a meeting in room 5 to help organize the Bake Off all are welcome to attend.

Save the Date – Saturday March 10, 2012 2pm-4pm BAKE OFF

Needed Bakers with original recipes- Looking for dessert items. Please -No store bought or box enhanced items. We are also looking for an auctioneer and tasters. Please contact Renee for more information.

CONTACT of Ocean County – Training

CONTACT of Ocean County (24-hour crisis Intervention Hotline) will start the next (12-week) training class for telephone volunteers on Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 6:30-9:30pm in the Toms River area. **CONTACT**, a free and confidential service, has served the needs of individuals throughout the community since 1975, by providing a safe place for callers to talk about their problems with anonymity and confidentiality. For more information on training please call the **CONTACT** office at 732-240-6104.

2011 Budget Shortfall

As most of our congregation is aware, we were behind on our financial commitments for 2011. The Christmas offering was designated to help offset some of that shortfall. This offering brought in over \$14,000 which was a tremendous blessing and a huge help toward meeting these commitments. Unfortunately we still were not able to meet our obligation to the United Methodist New Jersey Conference. We ended the year just over \$18,000 short which represents approximately 4 months of apportionments to the conference. The United Methodist Men of our church generously gave \$1,300 toward this deficit from the Christmas tree sales. The Chancel Choir and Missions Committee also donated to bring the total down. Some members of the congregation have already donated bringing the total to \$3,851.65 as of January 17, 2012 that has been given toward this effort.

We support the ministries of the UNITED Methodist church through our apportioned funds. This method of giving has become a strong and generous tradition.

According the NJ Conference website “Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. In this way, each individual, each family, each congregation gives a fair share for the church's work. We combine our prayers, presence, gifts and service to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people”.

The finance committee feels an obligation to the conference to pay the amount we were supposed to pay in 2011. To that end we will have a special offering for the next 3 weeks to try to make up this shortfall and pay the amount owed. The special offering, above and beyond your regular giving, will be collected on January 22, 29 and February 5th. Please use the envelopes in the pews or you could also use your regular envelope and write “special offering” so the funds can be properly processed. We will take this offering over the next 3 weeks to make it easier on the congregation. We have approximately 250 in attendance each Sunday. This amounts to \$64 per person or \$21.33 per week per person. Obviously everyone's situation is different and we realize the economy has not been good over the last few years. Please pray about how you can help. This church has always come through when times are tough and we pray this situation will be no different.

God Bless You!

IT'S BACK! START 2012 OFF RIGHT AND ZUMBA®!

Support St. Paul's Methodist Church all while having a great time!

15% of all proceeds go directly back to St. Paul's Methodist Church!

Ditch the Workout, Join the Party!

*Since its inception in 2001, the Zumba program has grown to become the world's largest – and most successful – dance-fitness program with more than 12 million people **of all shapes, sizes and ages** taking weekly Zumba classes in over 110,000 locations across more than 125 countries.*

Instructor: Joella

Thursdays: 5:30 – 6:30PM

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 1st

Cost: \$30 for a 6 week punch card OR \$8 per class.

Where: St. Paul's Methodist Church/Christian School

Ages: 13 & up



For more information please contact:

Joella

Administrative Board

The next Administrative Board meeting will be on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend

Chocolate Festival

Proceeds to benefit St. Paul's Food Pantry and St. Paul's Apportionments (for 2011) - hosted by the Miriam Circle and friends.

Saturday February 11, 2012

10:00am - 2:00pm in Norcross Hall

Pre-order some HOME-MADE chocolate goodies for your favorite sweetheart or yourself! So we may properly fill all requests, orders for the following confections are due by **Sunday, January 29th**. Orders may be placed in the Narthex or outside Norcross Hall on Sunday. The Church office will also be accepting orders.

There will also be many other chocolate treats available at the Chocolate Festival which are not listed here! Bring your sweet tooth or your sweetheart for this Valentines Day extravaganza!

*PLEASE NOTE: Orders will be available on Saturday, February 11th only. Prices will not increase for the 2012 Festival, however, we will be making less EXTRA chocolates to sell. Please pre-order so that you will not be disappointed.

*** ORDER FORM ON REVERSE SIDE ***

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

- _____ Oreo Truffles - 6/\$5
_____ Chocolate Hazelnut Truffles - 6/\$5
_____ Dark _____ Milk
_____ Valentine Assortment - \$3 per box
_____ Dark _____ Milk _____ Mixed
_____ Chocolate-covered Cherries - 6/\$3.50
_____ Dark _____ Milk
_____ Chocolate-covered Oreos - 3/\$1
_____ Dark _____ Milk _____ White
_____ "Thin Mint" Cookies - 4/\$1
_____ Peanut Butter Cups - 5/\$3
_____ Dark _____ Milk _____ White
_____ Cashew Clusters 5/\$3.50
_____ Dark _____ Milk
_____ Chocolate-covered Coconut
(like "Mounds") 5/\$3
_____ Chocolate-covered Coconut w/Almond
(like "Almond Joy") 5/\$3
_____ Dark _____ Milk
_____ Chocolate Chip Pie - \$7 _____Nuts _____No
_____ SUGAR-FREE Valentine's Mix - \$4.50/box

*** TOTAL: _____ ***

If you were wondering what to do with the musical gifts that God has given you—and you enjoy singing and great fellowship—now is a perfect time for you and your children to join one of St. Paul's choirs. We can always use new members and we encourage you to help us out in singing God's praises. It is a wonderful, fun way to join together in a group that teaches God's words through song and then share these with the congregation. Please check the musical offerings below and join us.

Cherub Choir—4 years old-1st grade--- Wednesdays at 4:30-5:30.

Carol Choir- 2nd grade-5th grade—Thursdays 7:00-7:45

Celebration Choir --6th grade-12th grade—Thursdays 7:00-7:45
(Please encourage your youth to join us for song and fellowship)

Chancel Choir—10th grade-**Adult**—Thursdays 8:00PM

Handbell Choir—Wednesdays 6:00-7:15 PM
9th grade--Adult (Must be able to read music)

Instrumentalists to play hymns with the organ once a month—
9th grade-adult. Please contact Barbara if you are interested or
would like more information.

For more information about any of our groups, please contact
Barbara Estelle or the church office at 732-458-2080 #14

ATTENTION: All Softball Leaders

(Captains and Interested Persons)

There will be a meeting on January 29, 2012 after second service at approximately 12:30 to discuss the new rules for participation on the Softball teams. The meeting will be in the youth room – attendance by Captains is required.

Thank you – Ken, Recreation Coordinator

Knitting and Crocheting Group Starting

The knitting and crocheting group will still be meeting once a month to continue to work on various projects to benefit different missions associated with the church. The 80+ hat/scarf sets for the homeless at Christmas time was completed and very much appreciated. Whether you already know how to knit or crochet or whether or not you want to learn; all are welcome to come and join us on February 5th after the second service (approximately noon) in the Library

Thanks Laura

Baby Bottle Boomerang

It is time for Baby Bottles again! They will be distributed to benefit The Open Door, a pregnancy and sexual health resource center. **Baby Bottles are available in the Narthex. We ask that you return them by Sunday, February 26, 2012**

Thank You!



An easy way to help The Open Door as they minister to women and babies.



Just fill the bottles with a check, cash, or coins, and return them to church by Sunday, February 26, 2012.

As you will see from the insert inside the bottle, you may list the name and address of a person you wish to honor. The Open Door will send a beautiful card to them showing that you have made a gift for life in their honor.

