

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 29, 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 "We Will Glorify"
(We encourage you to use this as a time to prepare for worship)

OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT - "Our God Reigns"

OPENING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Red #103

GREET ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Red #454
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 – "Down By the Riverside"

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.

MESSAGE *Extreme Faith* – "A Spouses Faith" Hebrews 11:11-12

CLOSING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Red #127

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Praise to the King" Medley

Check our website, www.stpaulsbrick.org for last week's message:
Extreme Faith – "Living By Faith" Hebrews 11:8-10

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 In Loving Memory of my Husband, Jerry and
My Angel, Lisa Marie by Eva



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.*

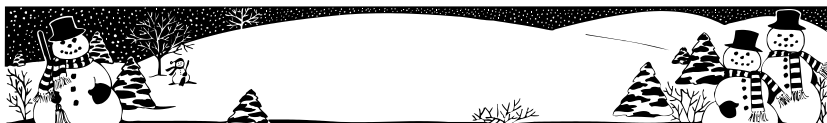
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available. Please see an usher. Equipment is also available to assist you in hearing the services. If this would benefit you, please speak to an usher.

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	1/29	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
MON – FRI			BEFORE/AFTER CARE 7:30-9:30AM 12NOON – 6:00PM YOUTH ROOM
MONDAY	1/30	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
		7:00	STAFF PARISH RELATIONS
TUESDAY	1/31	7:00AM	SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY STUDY
		NOON	BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE
		3:30	SPCS BASKETBALL PRACTICE
		6:00	CUB SCOUT WEBELOS – RM 6
		6:00	TROOP 33 – ROOM 5
		7:00	TROOP 33 – NORCROSS HALL
		7:00	CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL MEETING - LIBRARY
		7:30	SAFEPLACE – COUNSELING ROOM
WEDNESDAY	2/1	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	2/2	3:30	SPCS BASKETBALL PRACTICE
		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	2/3	8:30AM	BULLETIN TEAM – LIB
		4:30PM	DAISY TROOP #102 – NURSERY
SATURDAY	2/4	7:00AM	MENS DISCIPLE – LIBRARY
SUNDAY	2/5	9:00AM	TRADITIONAL SVC – SANCTUARY
		9:00	CHILDCARE – RM 1
		9:00	SUNDAY SCHOOL
		9:00	ADULT BIBLE STUDY
		10:45	CONTEMPORARY SVC – SANC
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RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS
January 22, 2012

Worship Attendance Last Sunday	270
Membership	519
Sunday School	70

<u>Giving</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Mortgage Giving</u>
Received last Week	\$5,552	\$1150
Needed per Week	\$9,918	
Special Offering	\$6,265.65	

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.

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the parents of Chloe Marie and Brody Austin who are being baptized at the 10:45am service today.

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 1/29 — Jr. High Youth Group

Monday 1/30 — 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.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to the following who are joined as members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church last Sunday.

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 Women gave \$1,150.46 towards the deficit and United Methodist Men of our church gave \$1,300 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 \$6,265.65 as of January 22, 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 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!

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 ***

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: _____ ***

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

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 at 732-270-4698 or the church office at 732-458-
2080 #14

ANGELS IN FEBRUARY (2nd graders -5th graders)

The Angels will be having a pajama movie night on Sat. February 11 at 7:00 PM in the youth room at SPUMC. We will be watching a Veggie Tales movie. Kids are encouraged to bring a sleeping bag or blanket, and find a comfy spot to watch the flick. If you have any questions regarding the Angels youth group, please contact Ed

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.



St. Paul's Christian School

Come see what our families have discovered...

WE OFFER:

- NURTURING CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT AND VALUES WITH SMALL CLASSES
- WEEKLY CHAPEL
- HALF-DAY 3 & 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM
- FULL DAY PRE-K
- FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN
- CERTIFIED TEACHERS
- COMPETITIVE SCHOLASTIC AND SPORTS TEAMS
- FOREIGN LANGUAGE
- VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, ART, COMPUTERS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- BEFORE AND AFTER CARE
- ST. PAUL'S CHURCH MEMBER DISCOUNT

NURSERY SCHOOL
THRU
EIGHTH GRADE

OPEN HOUSE WEEK a **REGISTRATION**

February 6 - 10, 2012

9:00- 3:00

February 8, 2012

6:30—8:30 PM

*Visitation is always welcomed and encouraged.
Please call to schedule a visit.*

(732)458-2004

Serving our community for 30 years

NORTHERN SHORE DISTRICT SEEKS SUPPLIES FOR UMCOR KITS

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) supply kits help care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. They also sustain life by providing basic necessities to people who lack access to essential supplies. Your help is needed now by donating supplies for Birthing Kits. At the Northern Shore District Day of Learning, March 10, 2012, we will be offering a UMCOR workshop –“Helping Hands of God”. In this workshop those who attend will be assembling Birthing Kits that will be shipped to an UMCOR Relief Depot and used in the birthing process of babies in far off countries, where there is no availability of the items in these kits.

Supplies/items listed below are needed for each birthing kit that we will assemble together.

Items must be NEW:

- New travel size 2 -3 Oz or smaller bar soap
- A roll or large sheets of 4ml plastic to be cut at workshop on District Day of Learning (no shower curtains)
- A box of single edge razor blades (no shaving razors)
- Receiving Blankets 30x30 or 32x32 found in Wal-Mart (no fleece or flannel)
- Box of Ziploc gallon size bags
- Envelope containing \$1.00 for shipping cost
- A roll of cotton string.

You can bring the supplies and place in box in the Narthex by Sunday March, 4 or drop off at one of the following locations by March 9:

The GNJAC Conference office building, 1001 Wickapecko Drive, Ocean NJ 07712/ Monday through Friday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

The Lacey United Methodist Church, 203 West Lacey Rd., Forked River NJ 08731/Thursday mornings, 9 am to 12 noon.

St. Paul's First Annual Bake-Off



Bakers Needed!

If you love to play with dough and flour and can create yummy goodness in your kitchen, then you are invited to enter your original recipes in our first annual bake-off. The contest is for any dessert item, which includes NO store-bought or box enhanced items. It is open to anyone of any age who attends St. Paul's UMC or St. Paul's Christian school as well as friends and family. There will be a \$10 registration fee for each entry. For each recipe entered, bakers will need to submit three of each item (i.e. pies, cakes, batches of brownies or cookies, etc.). One will be for public tasting, one for the judges and one to be auctioned. The original recipe must also be submitted two weeks prior, on February 24th.

Tasters Needed!

If you are not on speaking terms with your oven, that's ok. We also need tasters to come to our bake-off! Tickets will be \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Each taster will be able to sample all of the entries and vote for their favorite for a People's Choice award. We will also have select judges to taste all items and award a Grand Prize! There will be cookbooks for sale with all of the submitted recipes. After the tasting, all of the entries will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. All proceeds will go towards the church utilities and maintenance.

When: Saturday March 10

Times: 1 pm - Drop-off and set up of baked items

2pm - 3pm Tasting, tasting, tasting!

3pm - 4pm Auction of baked items and judges results

Sign up to be a baker in the Narthex or in front of Norcross Hall in-between services. Or contact Diane, or Renee

2012 WARMING HEARTS PROGRAM

The following is a list of scheduled visits to the Lexington Boarding Home in Lakewood for 2012. We are always looking for volunteers. Come when you are available! We leave the church at approximately 1:10 p.m. Follow us or meet us there!

January 15

February 19

March 18

April 15

May (no dates scheduled in May)

June 10 (2nd weekend due to Father's Day)

July 15

August 19

September 23 (Fourth Sunday per Rabbi's request)

October 21

November 18

December 16 Christmas Party

Thank you again for supporting the Lexington House Mission. If you have any questions or suggestions please call Claire, or Jim.

Attention: Church (and School) Van Drivers

Due to insurance requirements St Paul's must keep a current copy of your driver's license on file. If you drive the vans for any of the groups in the church please make sure we have a current copy of your license. You may stop by the office any weekday between 8am and 4pm to get a copy made. You may also drop a copy in the administrative assistant mail slot. In addition, for any groups which have drivers using their own vehicles for church activities, it is recommended that a copy of their insurance card be made and kept on file.