

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## February 12, 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** Handbell Choir - "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"  
"And Can It Be"

*(We encourage you to use this as a time to prepare for worship)*

### OPENING PRAYER

**CHORAL INTROIT** "Our God Reigns"

**OPENING HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" Red #64

### GREET ONE ANOTHER

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**HYMN** "God Will Take Care of You" Red #130

**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 - "God of Grace" / "Amazing Grace"  
Soloist – Christina Tello

**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* – "Faith Tested" Hebrews 11:17-19

**CLOSING HYMN** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" Red #399

### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "Christ the Redeemer" Birchwood

Check our website, [www.stpaulsbrick.org](http://www.stpaulsbrick.org) for last week's message:  
*Extreme Faith – "Why Do We Live By Faith?"* Hebrews 11:13-16

### 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



**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	2/12	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
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MONDAY	2/13	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	FINANCE
TUESDAY	2/14	7:00AM	SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY STUDY
		<b>NOON</b>	<b>BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE</b>
		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	FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY – YOUTH ROOM
		7:30	SAFEPLACE – COUNSELING ROOM
WEDNESDAY	2/15	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
THURSDAY	2/16	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	2/17		SPCS CLOSED
		6:30AM	BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS
		8:30AM	BULLETIN TEAM – LIB
		4:00PM	YOUTH GROUP SKI TRIP
SATURDAY	2/18	7:00AM	MENS DISCIPLE – LIBRARY
		6:00PM	FELLOWSHIP DINNER
SUNDAY	2/19	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
		8:00	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL

## RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

February 5, 2012

**Worship Attendance Last Sunday** 260

**Membership** 519

**Sunday School**

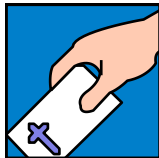
**Giving**                      **Current Expenses**                      **Mortgage Giving**

**Received last Week**                      **\$9,575**                                      **\$2,108**

**Needed per Week**                      **\$9,918**

**Special Offering (to date)**                      **\$9,057.97**

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 January, 2012, designated towards our monthly mortgage payment, was \$9,667.

The mortgage balance as of February 1, 2012 is \$1,044,657.98.

### **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.

## 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.

## LENTEN LUNCHES



Our Lenten Lunches & Devotions will be starting on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. Lunch will be from 11:45 -12:15PM followed by devotions in the sanctuary. If you can't make the lunch you are still welcome to attend the Devotions in the Sanctuary starting about 12:20PM each week. If you are interested in providing soup, dessert or crackers for one of the weekly lunches please contact Ruth or sign up in the hallway.

### ***NORTHERN SHORE DISTRICT***

***Day of Learning***

***"We Are God's Hands"***

***Saturday, March 10, 2012***

***St. Andrew United Methodist Church***

***1528 Church Road***

***Toms River, NJ***

***732-349-5367***

**For more information go to [stpaulsbrick.org](http://stpaulsbrick.org) or check the bulletin board in the hallway.**

## 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 \$9,057.97 as of February 5, 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!



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

The Annual Ash Wednesday Service with The Church of Epiphany will be held on February 22nd at 7:30 PM at St. Paul's. Be sure to join us to mark the beginning of the Lenten season

## 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-1<sup>st</sup> grade--- Wednesdays at 4:30-5:30.

**Carol Choir**- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade-5<sup>th</sup> grade—Thursdays 7:00-7:45

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

**Chancel Choir**—10<sup>th</sup> grade-**Adult**—Thursdays 8:00PM

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

**Instrumentalists** to play hymns with the organ once a month—9<sup>th</sup> 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 the church office at 732-458-2080 #14

# 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!

**February 19**

**March 18**

**April 15**

**May (no dates scheduled in May)**

**June 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# 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**

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

**(732)458-2004**

**Serving our community for 30 years**

## February Dinner Night

**When: February 18, 2012**

**Where: Norcross Hall**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**MENU**

**Surf and Turf**

**Vegetables, Salad, Bread and Butter**

**Dessert**

**For the kids Hot Dogs**



## **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.**