

Watchword for the week

So, teach us, O God, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Psalm 90:12

ST. PAUL'S MORAVIAN CHURCH

WEEKLY UPDATE

November 13, 2020

ST. PAUL'S SCHEDULE

- Online worship Sundays at 10 AM.
<https://zoom.us/j/157991710>. Invite a friend
- Online Evening Prayer. 7:00 pm Wednesday. A time to pray for the world, our church family and you!
<https://zoom.us/j/3750206887>
- Sunday, November 22 Pastors Prayer Challenge Huddle after online worship

CONNECT WITH ST. PAUL'S

Connecting with St. Paul's is easy. You can find the information you need at the Church website: spmoravian.org.

If you have a need you are welcome to contact Pastor Bill for conversation, prayer, or other assistance. 301-627-6152

Administrative Assistant Hours:

Week of November 16, 2020

Tuesday - Friday.

9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Marissa will be working in the church office on Tuesday and Friday

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

St. Paul's is a proud participant in the Upper Marlboro Community Thanksgiving Service. The service will include musicians and clergy from our local churches. Join us on Monday, November 23 at 7:00 pm via the Virtual Sunday Service link.

TREASURER'S WEEKLY REPORT

Church Income

DATE	10/20	10/27	11/3	11/10
Offerings	\$ 3,670.00	\$ 10,667.29	\$ 11,505.00	\$ 7,044.63
Other Income	\$ 20.00	\$ 4,083.34		\$ 2,041.67
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,690.00	\$ 14,750.63	\$ 11,505.00	\$ 9,086.30

Pass-Through Donations

Food Bank	\$ 20.00	\$ 97.14	\$ 330.00	\$ 350.00
Compassion Int'l				\$ 238.00
Other Donations		\$ 36.00	\$ 441.00	\$ 20.00
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$ 20.00	\$ 133.14	\$ 771.00	\$ 608.00

2020 Fiscal Year Income Minus Expenses on 11/12/20 (\$5,331.97)

CELEBRATING A MIRACLE!

Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.

Psalm 115:1

In the Bible God performs big, spectacular miracles for His people: the exodus, feedings of thousands, the resurrection of Christ. We don't often see such blockbusters today, but God is still doing miracles! The pandemic has seriously affected our church finances. We have turned to God in prayer and made the need known to our people. God has responded by pouring out a river of financial blessing on St. Paul's through our giving! We praise God for His faithfulness and the faithfulness of His people!

God's word cautions us to guard our hearts when God acts powerfully. We must be careful not to take the credit and the glory for a work of God. We must not mimic our atheist neighbors and give all the credit to our smooth marketing and the sentimental feelings of our donors.

Some people are reading this with alarm, afraid that this miraculous good news will cause people to conclude, "Problem solved!" and stop giving. They think fear of financial ruin for St. Paul's has motivated the "miracle."

Pride and fear are not faith! Each denies the reality of God in its own way! St. Paul's is a community of faith – faith in the Living God! And God's word tells us clearly, "for we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Cor. 5:7 Let's continue to trust God, celebrate, and give God credit for this gracious, generous miracle! God is Good!

'TIS THE SEASON!

The season of Advent, our time of preparation for Christmas, will kick off on November 29. We have something special planned each Sunday through the end of the year!

We are especially seeking volunteers to create an Advent wreath in their own homes and to perform the lighting over Zoom each week during the worship service. If you are interested in being part of this innovative way to honor Christ and our tradition, contact Pastor Bill.

FOOD BANK

Thanks for the dessert donations for the Thanksgiving bags. The bags will be given out on Saturday along with a turkey for each family. The dessert mixes just fit at the very top of very, very full bags. Good job St. Paul's and all the Marlboro Churches Food Bank Churches. We are very thankful to God for all the blessings to the food bank, especially this year.

We are planning another drive thru food drive on Saturday, November 21st from 10 AM to 2 PM. Our drive thru in September was a great success. We used all the food we collected for the bags we gave out in October. Please bring your non-perishable food to St. Paul's on the November 21st Food donations are very helpful currently, because we are not able to order our normal variety and quantity from the Capital Area Food Bank. Thank you for your support and for your prayers. Your continued support of the food bank is greatly appreciated by many families in Upper Marlboro!

SHOE BOX TIME ~ 2020

So far nearly 50 cardboard boxes have been picked up! Information on how to participate is available on the church website.

All gift boxes must be returned or delivered to St. Paul's by **Saturday November 21**, when you may drop your gift box off in person during the Food Bank Food Drive Thru.

For more information visit

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>. Remember you can always pack a shoebox online by visiting the site (additional information below).

