

The Epistle

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WATCHWORD FOR 2018
*"I will sing to the Lord as long
as I live; I will sing praise to
my God while I have being."*
PSALM 104:33

SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School will resume for students age 4 and above on September 8, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served. Join us as we seek to grow in our love and knowledge of God!

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be on September 8 instead of September 1.

SNACK AND YAK

Please join us on Sunday 15 for a special Snack and Yak after worship service. The Ruiz Family and the Board of Governors are joining forces to present a light luncheon in celebration of the baptism of Justus James Philip Ruiz and in honor of the staff and families of the Christian Children's Center. All are welcome to share the joy of this occasion.

KID'S CLUB NEWS

Kid's Club resumes on September 20 at 6:30. Please pray for this powerful outreach ministry of our church! The Kid's Club staff will gather for fellowship and planning after worship on September 8. If you would like to be a part of Kid's Club, speak to Pastor Bill, there's room for you!

JESUS KING OF ANGELS

Jesus King of angels Heaven's light
Shine Your face upon This house tonight
Let no evil come Into my dreams
Light of heaven Keep me in Your peace

The universe is vast Beyond the stars
But You are mindful When a sparrow falls
And mindful of the Anxious thoughts
That find me Surround me And bind me

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WOMEN'S RETREAT



This year's women's retreat will be held in Wintergreen, VA on September 13 - 15, 2019. It will be a weekend of Bible

study, fun and fellowship in the glorious Blue Ridge mountains. Plan now to attend. Please contact Audrey Haynie at classycamaro@gmail.com or 301-440-3050 or Gail Andrews at gailandrews@verizon.net.

MEN'S RETREAT



A retreat for men will be held September 27 - 29 in Wintergreen, VA. The program, led by Pastor Bill will include time for rest, reflection, study, worship, good food, and fun! Men

who would like to attend are invited to contact Jeff Haynie or Pastor Bill. There is room for you!

THE YARD SALE NEEDS YOU!

The Yard Sale will be held on October 5. Your help is needed with set up, clean up, Snack Shop, Sweet Shop any time between the hours of 8 AM and 2PM. Sign up in the narthex today or for more information contact Trustee Monique Abbitt.

THANK YOU!

We are very grateful to brother Gary Kirkeby for serving as organist on August 18 and 25 while sister Barbara Masters has taken some well-deserved vacation time.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

We extend our Christian sympathies to the family of sister Gail Andrews whose mother entered the more immediate presence of the Savior on July 30th. We are grateful to all those who supported the family through their assistance with the many responsibilities. Sister Gail asks us to keep the family in our prayers.



*The family of
Edith P. Nasta*

*is grateful to God for her life,
for your friendship and for your kindness
and prayers.*

Dear St. Paul's family,

We're so grateful for the love, kindness, and support shown us at the loss of Gail's mother.

She was blessed with a long life. Many family members and friends gathered for a memorial service to celebrate her life. She is missed!

Thank you for your continued love & prayers.

Love
Gail, Pastor Bill, Jessica, Lisa and Family

OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL Classes will resume in September.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays, 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM, led by Sister Dorothy Thomas. We are studying Timothy. All ladies are invited to study with us.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: The group is studying, "Discipleship, the Growing Christian's Lifestyle". We meet on Sundays at 8:45 AM. We would love to have you join us!

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE You are invited to join us as we pray for one another on September 6th, at 7:30 PM at the church.

MARLBORO CHURCHES FOOD BANK

We gave out 96 bags to 28 families in August. We are packing 110 bags this month. Thank you to everyone who helped with the volunteer activities in August. We were expecting to be short of volunteers, but many people came out and helped us in August. I've heard that there is still a need for help on the Wednesday truck unloading and the Friday bag packing, please help if you can.

Please bring your food bank donations to church by Sunday, September 8th.

Food Bank volunteer activities for September are:

- Wednesday, September 11th, 1 PM Truck Unloading at Trinity Episcopal
- Thursday, September 12th, 7 PM set up food at Trinity Episcopal
- Friday, September 13th, 8 AM bag food at Trinity Episcopal – volunteers are especially needed for the Friday morning bagging
- Saturday, September 14th, 7 AM distribute food at Trinity Episcopal

A PRAYER TO PRAY WHEN YOU'RE ANXIOUS

(From Philippians 4:7)

Compose our spirits to a quiet and steady dependence on your good providence, that we may take no thought for our life, nor be anxious for anything, but by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, still make known our requests to you our God. And help us to pray always and not faint; in everything to give thanks and offer up the sacrifice of praise continually; to rejoice in hope of your glory; to possess our souls in patience; and to learn in whatsoever state we are, there to be content.
—John Wesley

COMPASSION CORNER

I would like to introduce you to the children we at St. Paul's sponsor.

Fernando is 13 from Honduras. We have sponsored him since 2/2012. His birthday is 3/27/06.

Hilarius is 12 from Bangladesh. We have sponsored him since 3/2013 His birthday is 1/21/07.

Karen is 6 from Columbia. We have sponsored her since 3/2013. Her birthday is 2/22/2008.

Shie Lee is 5 from the Philippines. We have just began to sponsor her this month 8/2019. Her birthday is 10/26/2013

These children send us a letter each month updating us on their health, daily life, family and things they like (school, games, etc.). They pray for us and thank us for the support we send. They also ask questions such as, what songs do we sing at worship? What is our weather/seasons like? Our favorite verses and Bible stories?

They encourage us to write to them either through the mail or email. We are asked to send them a reply back each month. There is a notebook with a section for each child and a cover sheet giving an overview of them, copies of their letters from them as well as copies of letters we have sent.

Please help me as I attempt to keep up our end of this partnership. I will be delighted to walk you through your first encounter, just ask!

Blessings and thanks,

Kay Jung

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is celebrating its 26th anniversary. Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has partnered with local churches around the world to deliver [Operation Christmas Child](#) shoebox gifts to children in need in 160 countries. Each one—packed full of fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items by a family or individual—is sent with prayer that the child who receives it will experience God's love through their simple gifts. Please join us in this worthwhile project by packing a shoebox, giving your financial support and praying these gifts will bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to children all over our world. Once again, you may pack a complete shoebox on your own or you may contribute items to pack in boxes being prepared by our congregation. Please place any gift items in the collection bin in the narthex. Watch for more information in the bulletin and in next month's Epistle.



GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

HVAC PROJECT UPDATE

We are getting closer to launching the actual HVAC project. We are now considering the 3 bidders' proposals and anticipate selecting the company to do the work by 6 Sep. From there, we anticipate a 6 to 8-week process for full installation of the new system. We are taking careful consideration with choosing a company that will best serve our needs - from installation to future maintenance of the system. The Trustees and the HVAC Project Committee cannot thank the congregation enough for your understanding and flexibility this summer. We are committed to completing the HVAC project as efficiently as possible and we are sure that everyone is looking forward to the finished project.

CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS



Bells, bells, bells, / to the tin tabulation that so musically swells! School has started yet again, and the beginning of the school year brings much joy to all the children at St. Paul's. We kick off the year with a fully enrolled school age program; many children are returning while some new faces join us this year. The school agers will enjoy the many activities, lessons, and events we are planning for them this year. Additionally, the Pre-K program is starting with many fresh faces as the cycle begins anew. We take this time to give thanks to God for all the blessings he has given us so that we may accomplish our mission – to plan for the developmental stages of a child's life and to provide a caring, safe, environment, where children can play, learn, and grow in their individuality and in their relationships with God and others in the world.

The staff at the center is excited to begin the new school year. Mrs. Trainor and Ms. Plummer are working as the lead teachers in the school age program; Mr. Ryan and Ms. Victoria are working as teacher's assistants. They will plan activities throughout the year to help children grow spiritually, socially, and academically. Ms. Antoine and Ms. May are the lead teachers in the Pre-K program, with Ms. Taja and Ms. Zhanai working as aides. They will continue using the Creative Curriculum along with our Deep Blue Sea Christian Curriculum to help our young children grow and become ready for Kindergarten. We will be honoring the staff on Sunday, September 15, so please be there to show your support!

We are excited to continue working on MSDE accreditation with the goal of achieving it within the next year. Please pray for us as we continue on this challenging but rewarding journey. We are also beginning a new program to help with the social emotional development of the children called SEFEL in both our Pre-K and School Age programs. We will be working closely with the Prince George's Resource Center and PGCPS to get this program fully implemented at our center. We also want to give thanks for the support we received over the years from the Church. Without your help and God, we will not be able to accomplish our mission.

We have openings for children ages 2-5. Visit our website at stpaulsccc.org, or call us to schedule an appointment at 301-627-4202.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” - Matthew 28:19
Mr. Christopher Antoine, Director