

# The Epistle

The Newsletter of St. Paul's Moravian Church  
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## JANUARY 2019

### WORSHIP IN JANUARY

- ◆ January 6 - Epiphany Sunday - Start the new year off right by committing 2019 to the Lord as we gather around the Lord's Table for Holy Communion. We will select Watchwords for the coming year and pray for God's guidance for the months ahead.
- ◆ January 20 - Martin Luther King Sunday - Join us as we remember the legacy of a great leader!
- ◆ January 27 - Anniversary Sunday - We will celebrate our 48th birthday with a lovefeast. Come and share the joy of being alive in Jesus! We will honor the Sacristans for their service on this day.
- ◆ January 27 - Church Council - We come together as a church family to review the past year and to set the course for the year to come.

### 2019 MORAVIAN DAILY TEXTS



The Daily Texts is available in journal (\$16), large print (\$15) and paperback (\$12) editions. They are available on the table in the Narthex.

### OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays, 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM, led by Sister Dorothy Thomas

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE You are invited to join us as we pray for one another on **January 4**, at 7:30 PM

MEN'S GROUP will meet **January 29**, at 6 PM.

MEN'S BREAKFAST All men are invited to attend on Saturday, **January 19** at 8:00 AM. Join us at the Marlboro Grill in the town of Upper Marlboro.

### PASTOR'S BIBLE CHALLENGE

Most Christians I know wish they knew the Bible better. For many there is a spiritual hunger, an inner thirst to know God more deeply through His Word. There are many who have followed Jesus for decades who have never read the Bible “cover to cover” and wish they could.

Your opportunity is here! Join the Pastor's Bible Challenge for 2019. Beginning January 1, we will consistently and systematically read the Bible throughout the year.

There are several ways you can participate:

- Cover to Cover Join Pastor Bill in reading the entire Bible over the course of 2019. Go to [Biblegateway.com](http://Biblegateway.com) to find a selection of plans to help you.
- A Chapter a Day Start with the Gospel of Matthew and read through the New Testament one or two chapters each day.
- Verse a Day - Use the Moravian Daily Text (printed or online) and read one or two verses each day.

Each quarter we will check in and monitor our progress. Sign up at the Opportunity Table or email Pastor Bill. Let 2019 be the year you took a step forward and went deeper with the Word of God.

### CHURCH COUNCIL NOTICE

All communicant members of St. Paul's are notified that the Annual Meeting of Church Council will take place on Sunday, January 27, 2019, immediately following worship. Please plan to participate in this very important meeting

## ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY AT ST. PAUL'S

On January 27<sup>th</sup> at the 10 AM worship service we will celebrate the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Paul's Moravian Church! Members and friends will want to be part of this important time to remember and give thanks for all that God has done for us over the years. It will also be a time to look into the future and discover where our Lamb is leading us. Let us celebrate God's faithfulness together! St. Paul's has meant so much to so many over the years. Let us continue to serve in Christ's name as we continue on! A special offering is taken for our anniversary and you are invited to give \$1 for each year of service or \$48.

## MARLBORO CHURCHES FOOD BANK

Please bring your food donations to church with you on Sunday, January 6th. We especially need the following food: jelly, muffin mix, spaghetti pasta, and fruit.

St. Paul's is hosting breakfast this month. Please volunteer if you can. The Breakfast Crew arrives at 5:30 AM and breakfast is served until 8:30 AM.

You can arrive to help during those hours on Saturday, January 12th.

The December statistics were 146 bags given out to 47 families. Thank you for all your donations!!

Our volunteer schedule for January is:

Truck Unloading will be Wednesday, January 9th at 1 PM

Thursday, January 10th, 7 PM set up food at Trinity Episcopal

Friday, January 11th, 8 AM bag food at Trinity Episcopal – volunteers are especially needed for the Friday morning bagging

Saturday, January 12th, 7 AM distribute food at Trinity Episcopal

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE FOOD TRUCK UNLOADING:** We are trying something new with the food truck delivery and unloading. Volunteers will gather at 1 pm to move food inside the hall and produce into the Clagett building at Trinity Church. Please help if you can.

## CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS

I hope everyone had a refreshing Christmas with family and friends and a delightful New Year celebration. As we start our year once more, let us remember all the wonderful people in our lives who helped us be where we are today. It is usually at this time we make resolutions to start new habits. This is a superb opportunity to read the Bible from the beginning and reflect on all the wisdom God has given us.

The Children's Center is beginning the year off with a major goal to become MSDE accredited. We have been working toward it the past few months but will strive toward accomplishing it this year. Even though it takes time and many changes, I know our staff is more than capable in putting in the hard work necessary for this venture. As we move forward in the new year, we continue to dedicate ourselves in making St. Paul's a better place for all children and families. I want to take this time to thank each and every one of you for your support. We have reached a milestone of raising \$1,000 toward replacing furniture. We will continue with our fundraising efforts to refurbish even more of the center.

We pray that everyone will have a successful year filled with joy, happiness, and most importantly faith. Faith that God's plan will continue in your life -- and his plan for the center will lead us to reach more children in our community.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". – **Jeremiah 29:11**

Mr. Christopher Antoine  
Director



## KIDS CLUB

Our December meeting featured a great craft, delicious snacks, fun games and the true story of Christmas. In January, the staff will gather for review and planning. Please keep this outreach in your prayers and consider what part you can play.

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## More Info

Come join the us on **January 12, 2019 at 10:00am at St. Paul's Moravian Church** as we kick off our **Financial Peace University** group! Together we will learn how to take control over our finances through budgeting, saving, spending, and getting out of debt. The 9 week workshop, annual membership to Financial Peace University, annual membership to the EveryDollar budgeting app, and tons of other resources is \$109 per household. Walk this journey with us to financial freedom.

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