

### Watchword For The Week

By grace you have been saved through faith,  
and this is not your own doing;  
it is the gift of God.

**Ephesians 2:8**

### CONNECT WITH ST. PAUL'S

- Church Website: [spmoravian.org](http://spmoravian.org)
- Online worship Sundays at 10 AM.  
<https://zoom.us/j/157991710>. Invite a friend.
- Kids Club Friday, April 23 at 7:00 PM.  
<https://zoom.us/j/3750206887>
- Readings for Holy Week , Monday, March 29 –  
Friday, April 2 at 7:00 PM.  
<https://zoom.us/j/3750206887>
- Meetings and Events:  
<https://zoom.us/j/3750206887>
- Church Telephone: 301-627-4200
- Pastor Bill (home): 301-627-6152

### Administrative Assistant Hours:

Week of March 28, 2021

Tuesday - Friday

9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Adline will be working in the church office  
Tuesday - Thursday.

### ZOOM HOST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Church is recruiting several volunteers who will be willing to help co-host Zoom during our Online Worship Services. Training in Zoom and PowerPoint will be provided. More information will be given if you are interested please contact Pastor Bill or the church office at [spmoravian@gmail.com](mailto:spmoravian@gmail.com)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Trustees are also seeking one or two volunteers to serve as the point of contact for our fire and security system. (preferably someone that lives close to the church) If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact a Trustee.

## ST. PAUL'S MORAVIAN CHURCH WEEKLY UPDATE March 26, 2021



### HOLY WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

March 28, 10 AM **Palm Sunday Service**

March 29-April 2, 7 PM **Readings for Holy Week**

April 4, 10:00 AM **Easter Service**



Join us for a Blessed and Inspiring Easter Online  
Worship Service.

**Easter Sunday  
April 4, 10:00 AM**



**THE LORD IS RISEN, INDEED!**

## COVID ANNIVERSARY

Editor's note: It has been a year since St. Paul's closed its building and began worshiping remotely. On March 21 we had a chance to share our experiences, particularly how God has shown his faithfulness. We are happy to share many of the reports that were received.

Appreciation of so many people normally taken for granted. Have a heightened awareness of the need for fellowship with the church family. Priorities have been adjusted by necessity. I have been reminded of my need of interaction with family and friends. Enjoyed the "forced" being in place and learning to be still and know God.

Gained a new perspective - so many problems have "shrunk" in size. Positive attitude has helped me cope. I have learned (anew) gratefulness and see that God is in everything, both good and bad. I have been able to extract the goodness of God in every situation and we didn't lose connection with church family. I used every opportunity to find a way to maintain fellowship with the people in my life.

I feel God has been holding my hand and keeping me.

Grateful to be alive and to have survived COVID. Discovered my internal hardiness. Grateful for the power of prayer, especially prayer with others and the strength it brings.

Grateful for God's continuing provision for me and my wife these last 12 months. God has faithfully responded daily to my every concern. God is concerned for us and is speaking during to us during the pandemic!

God has slowed things down and forced me to adopt a more human pace instead of racing through life. In the peace and quiet I have been able to refocus on small things. I have learned how to get along better at home and at church. It is a blessing to reconnect with those who have moved away from St. Paul's and have reconnected with us during ZOOM. The pandemic has brought God into sharper focus in my life.

God has given me strength through illness and surgeries, and given me the gift of healing.

God has given me the opportunity to reflect on who He wants me to be and how to reach his purpose for

my life through increased knowledge and experiences. God is teaching me patience to learn, especially about self.

Grateful to Pastor and his wife for their willingness to experiment with many ingenious ways to continue to worship God during the pandemic.

The pandemic has been a time of growth in God's Word, seeking and enjoying the growth and learning more about the Father.

I have become more prayerful and been blessed to see God's answers to my prayers. I have been able to remain connected with family, church and friends. Grateful for the visitors who blessed us by worshiping with us and reminded us of our mission. Grateful that we took a chance and offered the Drive-by food bank collection for the Upper Marlboro Food Bank, and how powerful the response has been from St. Paul's and the Marlton community!

### TREASURER'S WEEKLY REPORT

Church Offerings and Other Income				
DATE	03/04/21	03/10/21	03/17/21	03/25/21
Unrestricted Offerings/Income	\$ 3,637.15	\$ 6,971.67	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 4,025.47
Restricted Offerings	\$ 944.15	\$ 320.00		\$ 20.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 4,581.30	\$ 7,291.67	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 4,045.47
Pass-Through Donations				
Food Bank	\$ 190.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 140.00
Compassion International				\$ 38.00
Other Donations			\$ 100.00	\$ 1,017.05
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$ 190.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 1,195.05
Net Income Minus Expenses		(\$8,056.92)	(\$6,737.75)	(\$9,820.15)

Restricted Income is income designated for a particular use or purpose, e.g., building maintenance, flowers, donations to permanent church funds, pass-through donations, etc. All other income is unrestricted. Pass-through donations are donations to third parties outside the church, e.g., Food Bank, No Room At The Inn, etc., that are forwarded to the third party as a donation. A negative (in red) net income minus expenses means that the church is operating with a deficit.

### FOOD BANK NEWS

We collected a lot of food at the St. Paul's Food Drive on March 20th. We had a great team of people who helped sort and box the donations and deliver all of it to Trinity Church.

It's wonderful that we received so many donations from St. Paul's members and also from the community. Many people asked when our next food drive would be. We plan on another food drive in May.

We had 6 families stop by and receive a bag of food and a flyer with information about the Marlboro Churches Food Bank.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our St. Paul's Food Drive a success.

Trudy Smith