

The Epistle

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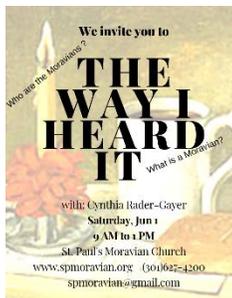
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WATCHWORD FOR 2019

"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being." (NIV)



THE WAY I HEARD IT SEMINAR

We invite you to our "The Way I Heard It" Seminar with guest speaker Cynthia Rader-Gayer, on Saturday, June 1st from 9 AM – 1 PM. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office.

SNACK AND YAK

Snak and Yaks are a wonderful way to get to know our church family better. Please join us June 2 for our Snak and Yak after service. We are also bidding a sad farewell to John Roberts as he is moving out of the area. We are grateful to Elder Sue Weiffenbach for sponsoring the Snak and Yak today.

WE HONOR OUR GRADUATES

Join us as we celebrate with our graduates on June 9th! If you know a high school, college, or trade school graduate, contact the church office so they may be honored.



WE HONOR JOE MAYO

Join us on June 9 as we honor him for his service to St. Paul's. Joe has recently moved, and the Trustees wish to honor him publicly for the myriad of ways he has given of his time, labor and abilities to our community. Thank you, Joe!

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

St. Paul's will make dads the focus of our worship service on June 16th. It is not easy to be a father today and we will offer appreciation and encouragement to the men who are seeking to be faithful in this important office. It is also a time for all of us to remember our dads and the powerful influence they have had on our lives.

COMPASSION SUNDAY

Join us on June 16 as we focus on our part in the work of Compassion International. Brother Jeff Haynie will share with us the important ministry they are doing all over the world and how we can get in on it. Jeff will speak from his heart about the way lives are changed, both far and near!



PASTOR'S BIBLE CHALLENGE

On June 23 you will have a chance to hear how God is working in our people through His Word. Participants in the Bible Challenge will share their own experience during the worship service. As we near the half-way point of the year it's a good time to consider joining the challenge. What can you accomplish in the next six months by adding Bible reading to your routine? Pastor Bill would love to talk with you about the next step you can take to bring more of God's Word into your life!

SPIRITUAL EDUCATION FUND

Our Seminary student, Lisa Andrews, has completed her second year at Gordon-Conwell Seminary and is currently taking summer classes. On a recent visit home she shared with us how God is working in her and preparing her for serving Him. She invited us to support her by praying regularly for her. Some have asked if she needs financial support and the answer is "yes." In addition to tuition she is required to pay for health care, which costs \$6,000.00 annually. You may not be aware that the Boards have created a Spiritual Education Fund specifically to support Lisa's seminary costs. Any gifts marked "Spiritual Education - Lisa" will help her and will lessen her future burden. You may also write to Lisa at: [130 Essex St.](mailto:130Essex.St.) Box 9-B Hamilton MA 01982. If you have further questions, please contact Pastor Bill!

WE RECOGNIZE OUR GRADUATES

John Roberts

Frederick Douglas Highschool,
Upper Marlboro MD

He will be attending the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the Fall



Jason Clark

Anne Arundel Community College

He will be attending Towson University in the Fall



KID'S CLUB MINISTRY

Kid's Club will be held on June 14th! Through, crafts and storytelling we continue to lead children to Christ. If you would like to serve in this exciting ministry, please contact Pastor Bill. Pray about what children you can invite to attend!

Kid's Club will take a well-deserved break for the months of July and August and return in September.

HVAC UPDATE

The Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone for their understanding and patience as we diligently work towards replacing the HVAC system (particularly the air conditioning) in the sanctuary. This type of project takes much consideration and coordination, but we are "getting there" and have made significant progress in the past 3 months. We have hired an independent engineer (Capital Engineering Group, LLC) to draw up the necessary specifications. Joint Board members were able to meet with the engineer on May 15, 2019, to better understand the technical aspects of the project and to ask questions. The great news is that the engineer's scope of effort includes: assisting us in identifying potential bidders (which is now complete), reviewing each bidder's proposal, making a final decision as to which contracting company will do the work, and lastly, ensuring that the work is done properly. Proposals are due June 20, 2019 (in a few weeks) and we anticipate the HVAC project to be completed by the Aug/Sept timeframe, so pray for a kind summer!!! Again, the trustees appreciate your continuing support.

CAMP HOPE

Pastor Bill and Lisa will be serving on the staff of Middler conference for Camp Hope, July 7 - 13. Please keep them in your prayers.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

This year's women's retreat will be held in Wintergreen, VA on August 16, 2019. It will be a weekends of bible study, fun and fellowship in the glorious Blue Ridge mountain. Plan now to attend. Please contact Audrey Haynie at classycamaro@gmail.com or 301-440-3050.

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!

HELP WANTED: SIGN CHANGER

Do you love reading the messages as you drive in to the community? Join the sign changing team today! Please contact Pastor Bill to be part of this important ministry.

MARLBORO CHURCHES FOOD BANK

St. Paul's will be hosting the breakfast for the food bank clients in June. Please help us serve breakfast on Saturday, June 8th. Breakfast is served from 7 AM to 9 AM. The breakfast team begins cooking at 5:30 AM.

Food Bank volunteer activities for June are all held at Trinity Episcopal Church:

Truck Unloading Wed 6/5 1pm
Sorting Thu 6/6 7pm
Bagging Fri 6/7 8am
Distribution Sat 6/8 7am

Last month we served 31 families and gave out 106 bags. For June we will pack 120 bags.

"AMAZING GRACE"

My wife and I recently attended the play titled "Amazing Grace" at the Museum of the Bible. I was overwhelmed by the production! The story line was compelling and honest, the acting believable and the singing glorious! I thought I was familiar with the story about the life of John Newton, the slave trader who became a pastor. I was astounded by what I learned about the rest of his story! My heart was touched by this example of how God is able to transform a human being through the Gospel! I encourage you to attend this play - it will do you good! In fact, it would be good if our church attended this play - I'd love to see it again.

Pastor Bill



THANK YOU - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

It was St. Paul's honor to host the National Day of Prayer service on May 2. A combination of beautiful music and meaningful prayers drew the hearts of all participants to the presence of the Lord! We are grateful to our Choir Director, Barbara Masters, for coordinating the music and mass choir for the service. We are also grateful to our choir members for singing and our Sacristans for serving. We especially want to thank Janet Armstrong and Gail Andrews for coordinating the fellowship hour, and the many who helped to serve, including: Alice and Joseph Labeodan, Deb & Brent Herr, Theresa Fisher, and Joe Mayo.



CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS



The end of the school year brings many joyful events at the Children's Center.

We are celebrating the success the children in the Polar classroom had over the past year. We have 10 children graduating from our Pre-K program and moving on to Kindergarten. While all our staff helped raised them to be the bright young stars they are today, we especially like to give thanks to the Polar teacher, Ms. Antoine and the Polar aide, Ms. Jasmine. Their love and support, along with the blessings of Jesus, helped shape these graduates to be successful in their academic journey and start with a strong spiritual relationship with God. As it states in Proverbs 22:6, *"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."* We are having the graduation ceremony on June 7th from 5 – 6pm.

June also marks the end of the first school year where we implemented a few major changes to our school age program. We added clubs which gave the students choices in which group activity they wanted to participate. We also updated our technology center with new computers and software. Finally, we made continuous improvements in certain processes to help us meet accreditation standards. All in all, we had a successful school year with lots of fun, smiles, learning, and Bible studies and look forward to the next one.

As we make our way into summer, our program changes to be more active and adventurous with weekly field trips to places such as a museum, a wetland sanctuary, a theatre performance, and good old fashioned movies. All the children will enjoy swimming in the pool (or splashing for those who can't swim) and water play when the weather is at its hottest. We plan to make this summer as enjoyable as the previous ones. And while the temperature will rise, we pray that God blesses the church with cooler Sundays. Finally, the AEDs have finally arrived. We are thankful for our parents and church members who participated in the spaghetti dinner, and Jeff who donated the rest of the money to help us purchase it to save lives.

Our summer registrations will remain open until we start our summer program on June 17th. We are also continuing fall registrations for our School Age and

Pre-K programs. Anyone interested in attending our programs can reach us at 301-627-4202 or email us at stpaulsccc@gmail.com to schedule an appointment. More information can be found on our website at stpaulsccc.org.

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24
Mr. Christopher Antoine, Director

