

ST. PAUL'S MORAVIAN CHURCH

WEEKLY UPDATE

September 25, 2020

Watchword for the week

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

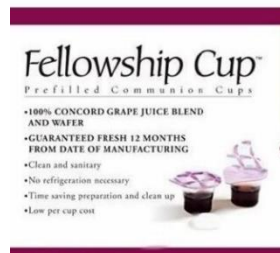
Philippians 2:5

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>
- 1 Corinthians Bible Study is cancelled for September 28 and will return on October 5.
- Worship with Holy Communion, Sunday, October 4 at 10 am. Please prepare the "elements" that represent Christ's body and blood to you to use during the service.

COMMUNION ELEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR CURBSIDE PICK UP

If you would like to pick up Communion elements for our online Holy Communion service, please contact the church office. We will put them in a bag and leave them outside the front door for contactless pick up.



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 September 28, 2020

Tuesday - Friday.

9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

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

ELSIE TAYLOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

You are invited to join us for an online memorial service in memory of Elsie Taylor on Wednesday, September 30, at 7 PM. We will join our voices and prayers together to give thanks to Almighty God for the life and faith of our sister in Christ. Please use the online link for the Virtual Worship Service which may be found at the St. Paul's Moravian Church website, spmoravian.org.



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FOOD DRIVE REPORT

St. Paul's Day of Service was held on Saturday, September 19th. Volunteers worked at collecting food for the Marlboro Churches Food Bank from 10 AM to 1 PM. God blessed our Day of Service with a beautiful, sunny day. We had about 25 cars drive thru and drop off food. We collected approximately 750 boxed or canned food items. We also collected quite a bit of pet food. (Continued on next page)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

It is important to keep you informed about the health of our church's finances so you can pray and support St. Paul's. Our giving this year has been faithful and strong and on track with our "normal" tithes and offerings. Because of the Coronavirus we have lost anticipated revenue from: building rentals, Ever Increasing Life Ministries, and the Christian Children's Center (Continued on next page)

FOOD DRIVE REPORT (Continued)

The 750 items of food are enough to fill 34 grocery bags. We will pack 90 bags for the October distribution to the food bank families. We were not able to purchase the normal variety of food from the Capitol Area Food Bank, so this food donation is a special blessing this month. Really good job St. Paul's!!

Thank you to everyone who donated food. It was great to see our St. Paul's Brothers and Sisters in person. It was also great to have such support from the community.

Halfway through our drive thru we met a mother and daughter who weren't able to donate food but were in need of food. We were able to provide them with groceries on the spot – a wonderful example of God's providential care!

On behalf of the Marlboro Churches Food Bank many thanks to Pastor Bill Andrews, Gail Andrews, Janet Armstrong, Theresa Fisher, and Tim & Trudy Smith for all their help on Saturday. They sorted, inventoried & delivered the food to Trinity Church.

We are planning another drive thru in November. More details to come.

Your continued support is appreciated.

Trudy Smith, Food Bank Co- coordinator.



FINANCIAL UPDATE (Continued)

We have faced some significant unforeseen building repair costs. As a result, we are facing a deficit of about \$12,000.00. The Trustees have been able to keep current with salaries and other regular expenses but have had to make cuts in some benevolences.

We have paid the monthly support for four children with Compassion International. We have not been able to pay for their budgeted birthday and Christmas gifts. We are hoping donors will give about \$500.00 in special offerings to make these days special for our children. We are not current with all our commitments to the Moravian Church and would welcome help with this important responsibility.

In this time of uncertainty your gifts, however large or small, mean so much to our church and its ministries. Your financial support makes all our ministries possible. There are some who are not able to give anything but would like to. And there are others with the ability to increase their giving to help us through this challenge. Whatever your financial ability, know you are a welcome and appreciated member of the St. Paul's church family.

The Board of Trustees is trusting God that we can avoid ending the year with a deficit. We need your help. If we work together as a team over the next three months - all doing our part, believing in God's faithfulness, we can fully fund the ministry of our congregation. We ask you to stand with us and together we will meet the challenge! We encourage you to pray for the Spirit's guidance and then respond with faith and joy!