



The Epistle

APRIL 2024

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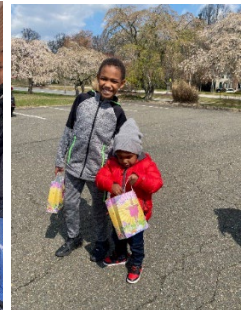
Tuesday-Friday,
9:30am-2:30pm

**Sunday Worship
Service 10am
In-Person and
Zoom**

ST. PAUL'S "HE IS RISEN" GOODY BAG PICK-UP EVENT

On Good Friday, March 29, 2024, children in the Marilton community had the opportunity to visit St. Paul's Moravian Church (SPMC) and pick up Easter Goody Bags filled with candies wrapped in Scripture verses, crayons, pencils, puzzles, coloring sheets, and colorful bottles of blowing bubbles. The event also featured Danielle Fisher and her artistic gift of face painting and balloon sculpturing and Michael Coombs as the delightful Easter Bunny, who greeted neighbors along the street, in the parking lot and in the church Narthex. It was a blessed, joyous, and wonderful occasion that served up the Easter spirit to over 20 children, along with many parents and friends of SPMC. "He is Risen, indeed!"

Board of Elders, Yvonne Maddox



WATCHWORD 2024

**You have been my help. Do not
cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
Psalm 27:9**

CHILDREN'S CENTER NEWS



We welcome April celebrating the sacrifice Jesus made for all of us when he died on the cross and rose from the grave forgiving all our sins. The children learn about how important this is to their lives and build a strong spiritual foundation. While we teach children many things, it is one of our core missions to provide a valuable religious education to our children and our community.

In April, we celebrate the Month of the Young Child. The purpose is to focus our attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. St. Paul's Christian Children's Center was founded for this very purpose – to serve those in our community and provide a play where children can learn, play, pray, and grow in a safe environment. It is important for us to remember the vital role early childhood educators provide for all families and to thank our teachers. St. Paul's CCC has provided a vital role in the support of our community including the families we served in our 40 years of existence, the sizable monthly donation we provide to the church from the tuition received from families, and the children who grow and achieve wonderful things after graduating from our program. Join us in celebrating St. Paul's by attending our Annual Parent's Breakfast later this month (date TBD).

Some of the fun activities we will do with the children include a week filled with fun and adventure. The children will participate in Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday. We encourage the parents to volunteer their time and energy throughout the month. Summer registration has started– if you know anyone who is looking for an all-day summer experience, please have them contact us. We still have openings for children ages 2-5. Visit our website at stpaulsccc.org, or call us to schedule a tour at 301-627-4202.

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."
John 11:25-26 Mr. **Christopher Antoine, Director**

FOOD BANK MINISTRY



March 9, 2024, Food Drive was a successful due to St. Paul's volunteers and the Community.

I could not have done it without the hard work of St. Paul's volunteers! The Marlboro Food Bank has not been able to provide two cans of soup in a few months. **We took care of that.** We donated many, many, many cans of soup. We received many donations of jelly, peanut butter, canned meats, mashed potatoes, vegetables, etc. On Saturday we had eleven volunteers from the Congregation. We received a monetary donation from one of our dedicated Zoom participants. Their donations purchased fifty loaves of fresh bread, snack cakes with St. Patty's Day Stickers and many other items.

We filled a full pickup truck and 10-15 boxes in my son's truck. So even with the rainy and damp weather, we were a Blessing to the families at the Marlboro Food Bank. Joey helped me deliver and unload both trucks onto the carts at the Marlboro Food Bank. The donations filled five 6' carts. I believe we were a blessing to the 50 families that are served at the Marlboro Food bank. The congregation volunteers cleaned up and put everything back in its place to prepare for Sunday Service and the business of the upcoming week. There was even a little time for socializing with each other and people dropping off donations. We talked to a previous church member when Steve was the minister, and she was a Children's Center teacher.

We talked to people from the neighborhood and passed out some events that St. Paul's is providing for Community Outreach Assistance.

Stay Tuned: Another Food Drive in the future.

John is going to help with the Social Media aspect to get the word out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at pboysj1@verizon.net for information on becoming a volunteer. **Cindy Proctor, St. Paul's Food Bank Rep**



TREASURER'S UPDATE

We finished the month of February with a deficit of \$1900. As of today, we have a surplus of \$2300 for March. For the year we have a deficit of \$4100.

Jeff Haynie, Interim Treasurer



Michael Coombs	4-1
Brent Herr	4-4
Patty Brown	4-5
Marissa Thomas	4-7
Ralph Thomas III	4-10
Sharon Hawkins	4-12
Jeff Haynie	4-13
Pat Jones	4-15
Larry Sinn	4-16
Alexis Haynie	4-25
Alice Labeodan	4-30

Each day
is a gift
to be
opened
with Prayer.



March Anniversary

CelebratingWeakness.com

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Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.
Isaiah 1:17

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Easter Monday 1	2	3	4	5	6
	9:30am Adult Bible Study 7:00pm Board of Trustees	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 7:30pm GAB Group	7:00pm Prayer Service	10:00am Board of Elders		9:30-11:30am Living Well Aging Well
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am Worship Service Holy Communion Choir Rehearsal	9:30am Adult Bible Study	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 5:00pm Men's Group 7:30pm GAB Group	7:00pm Prayer Service			Food Bank
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship Service	9:30am Adult Bible Study Tax Day	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 7:30pm GAB Group	5:00 Board of Governors 7:00pm Prayer Service	7:00pm Board of Trustees		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am Worship Service	9:30am Adult Bible Study	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 7:30pm GAB Group	7:00pm Prayer Service			
28	29	30				
10am Worship Service	6:00pm Joint Board	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 7:30pm GAB Group				