**MAY**

**Wednesday, 1st**

6:30 pm Men of St. Paul’s

7:30 pm Confirmation

**Thursday 2nd NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

7:00 pm Service at American Legion

Pavilion, JFK Blvd.

**Saturday, 4th**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 5th**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 amWorship Service/Communion

Sunday School

11:30am-noon Children’s Choir

6:00 pm Senior Youth Group

**\*\*\*\*50/50 RAFFLE\*\*\*\***

**Wednesday, 8th**

9am-2 pm Scrappers

1:00 pm To Live Is Christ

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

**Thursday, 9th**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, 11th**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 12th MOTHER’S DAY**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 amWorship Service

Sunday School

11:30am-noon Children’s Choir

**Monday, 13th**

7:30 pm Consistory

**Wednesday, 15th**

1:00 pm To Live Is Christ

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

**Thursday, 16th**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

\*\*\*\*TIDINGS DEADLINE\*\*\*\*

**Friday, 17th**

7:00 pm Pallet Painting Fundraiser

**Saturday, 18th**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 19th**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 amWorship Service

Sunday School

11:30am-noon Children’s Choir

12-5pm SYG Car Wash

**Monday, 20th**

7:30 pm Transition Team Meeting

**Wednesday, 22nd**

9am-2 pm Scrappers

1:00 pm To Live Is Christ

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

**Thursday, 23rd**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, 25th**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 26th**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 amWorship Service

Sunday School

11:30am-noon Children’s Choir

**Monday, 27th MEMORIAL DAY**

Church Office Closed

**Wednesday, 29th**

1:00 pm To Live Is Christ

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

**Thursday, 30th**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Pastor Rich takes Friday Off.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

June 1 – Deadline for Scholarship Applications

Weyer’s Moving Sale

June 3 - Golf Outing

June 9 – Confirmation

June 23 – Graduation Sunday

June 30 - Pastor Rich’s Retirement Party

May 2019

Greetings,

Memorial Day is an American holiday, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, originated in the years following the Civil War.

Every man and woman gave their lives so our nation, so you and I would have peace.

You only have to read the morning newspaper or watch the news to understand Jeremiah’s remark, **“Peace, peace when there is no peace,” - Jeremiah 6:14**

I believe it is safe to say America is at war. I am not referring to wars our military is involved with around the world. I am not referring to the war our political parties are waging against each other, or our war on gun control, immigration reform, racial injustice, etc.

As Paul said, **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”**

Our war is **against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.** No military force or legislation is going to bring peace.

If we want peace we need to learn from Judah. 2 Chronicles 14:1 **When Asa became King of Judah, ‘The country was *at peace* for ten years’** (v.1). This peace was a gift of God, **‘God kept the peace’** (v.6 MSG).

How did peace come about? The answer, which the chronicler gives is at least threefold:

**Seek God wholeheartedly**

It was when they ‘prayed desperately to

God’ that God ‘delivered them.’ Asa commanded Judah to seek the Lord. He said to the people, **‘We have this peaceful land because we sought God; He has given us rest from all troubles’**

They sought God wholeheartedly and **‘God gave them peace within and without – a most peaceable kingdom!’**

**Obey God fully**

Asa said to Judah, **‘Obey God’s laws and commands.’** The prophet Azariah said, **‘If you forsake Him, He will forsake you’**. This passage is an example of God’s faithfulness to us when we do choose to obey him fully.

**Rely on God totally**

They relied on the Lord, the God of their ancestors. **‘They trusted God.’**

Asa called on the Lord his God and said, **“Lord, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you”’**

This is what it means to be fully committed to the Lord. The result was that the Lord his God was with him. There was peace and rest.

Peace, Peace let it begin you! Seek God wholeheartedly, Obey God fully and rely on God totally.

I pray for rest and peace in my own life, in your life, in the church, in our land and between nations.

Godspeed

Pastor Rich

**WORSHIP**

5 - COMMUNION

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father

12 - MOTHER’S DAY

Psalm 105

Your Kingdom Come

19

Matthew 16:24-26

Your Will Be Done

26 - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Matthew 6:25-34

Give Us Our Daily Bread

**LORD’S PRAYER SERIES**

Jesus said, This then is how you should, PRAY: Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name…..

How many times do you think you have said the Lord’s prayer? How many time do you think you have prayed the Lord’s prayer?

There is a difference between saying it and praying.

I invite you to join me on a journey through the Lord’s Prayer. Starting Sunday, May 5th I will begin a sermon series, focusing on each petition in the prayer and it’s significance for our lives.

We are going to honor our Mother’s at worship on Sunday, May 12th with

carnations and a drawing to win one of four $25 gift cards for Chili’s, Olive Garden, Kohl’s and Amazon. Plus five $5 Dunkin Donut Cards.

**PRAYER of the MONTH**

Dear God, at the start of each day, help us to recognize you above all else. Enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see you, and notice how you're at work through our lives. Give us wisdom to make the best choices, fill us with a desire to seek after you more than anything else in this world. Let your Spirit and power breathe in us, through us, again, fresh and new. Thank you that you are greater than anything we may face in our day. Thank you that your presence goes with us, and that your joy is never dependent on our circumstances, but it is our true and lasting strength, no matter what we're up against. We ask that your peace lead us, that it would guard our hearts and minds in you. We ask for your grace to cover our lives this day. We love you Lord...we need you. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**LOVE FOR LANDON BENEFIT**

Saturday, June 22

2pm - 6pm

@ Bar Anticipation

703 16th Ave, Lake Como, NJ 07719

$25 Admission includes:

All you can eat Backyard Barbecue, salad and fruit bars, desserts.

Live music by

Johnny Fish and the Fins

Also available: 50/50, Raffles, Tricky Tray and more.

**MAY ’S COMMUNION OFFERING**

May’s communion offering will be given to Love for Landon Benefit. Landon Hartz was born with WOLF-HIRSCHORN SYNDROME, a rare chromosomal deletion that has far reaching effect on a child’s development. The cost of medical care and specialized equipment can be overwhelming.

**SR. YOUTH GROUP**

This month’s Sunday meeting dates and times.

**May 5** @ 6:00PM - 8:00PM

**May 19 @** 12:00PM - 5:00PM Car Wash

Regular meeting of fun, fellowship & faith.

**FINANCIALS**

MARCH YTD

Income $22,260.29 $59,684.95

Expense $22,671.41 $71,543.82

Gain/(Loss)($ 411.12) ($11,858.87)

Previous Year to Date ($11,417.36)



**50/50**

**Tickets $20 ONLY 500 Tickets**

**Drawing: Sunday, May 5 @ 11:30am**

Tickets can be purchased: After our weekly Sunday worship; At the church office (M-F 9am - 1pm); Message via Facebook; Call the office 732-828-0020; email stpaulschurch@optonline.net Winner does not have to present to win.

# This is a Benefit for the Sr. Youth Group Savannah, GA this summer.

**BREAVEMENT**

Our sympathies to the family of Helen Soulea, who died April 5, and Vera Baier, who died April 8.

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**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

**12:00PM - 5:00PM**

**All free will donations will benefit the Sr. Youth Mission Trip**

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**NAT’L DAY OF PRAYER**

**Thursday, May 2**

This year’s theme is UNITY

**“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” - John 13:34-35**

The National Day of Prayer Service on May 2 will be held at the American Legion Pavilion on JFK Ave in Milltown. The service time is 7pm.



Golf Outing

**Monday**, **June 4**

Concordia Golf Club

3 Clubhouse Dr, Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Shot Gun Start @ 10AM

Cost $80

Includes 18 holes with cart.

Food and beverages after

at the American Legion Pavilion

JFK Drive, Milltown, NJ

Call Church 732-828-0020 for more info.

Registration flyer attached.

Benefit for St. Paul’s Church

**SCRAP BOOKING**

Do you have photos you don’t know what to do with Join our Scrapbooking/Crafting Club. We meet two Wednesdays a month in the social hall from 10am – 2 pm, $5.00, bring your lunch. Call Donna Lucid to RSVP or with any questions at 908-331-1758.

**GRADUATING?**

Do you have someone in your family that is graduating this May or June.

Please let the church office know so we can acknowledge their accomplishments and invite them to worship on Graduation Sunday which is June 23rd.

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATIONS**

Scholarships are granted to qualified high school graduates of the class of 2019 AND presently enrolled college, technical or degree students for the furtherance of their education ataccredited college, university, business or trade school.

The scholarship shall be for one academic year. Applicants may submit for continuance for a maximum of 4 years of assistance.

Each student is required to submit an application. These applications are available via e-mail, on our website www.stpaulsmilltownnj.org or can be picked up at the church office.

Email [carolstpauls@optonline.net](mailto:carolstpauls@optonline.net) for an application.

Applications must be completed and returned by June 1. Scholarships will be presented to the recipients on Sunday, June 23 during our Sunday worship service.

**MOVING SALE**

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

9AM - 2PM

Diane and I are having a moving sale in the social hall. We have furniture, Christmas decorations, frames, panda and eagle nicknacks, tread climber, wall prints, kitchen items

**CONSISTORY MINUTES**

April 8, 2019

**In Attendance:** Greg Reeves, Debbie Kovacs, Nick Bamond, Sean Sullivan, Debbie Paley, Karen Gourley, Lois Jessen, Beckie Rumen, Dave Hastings, Tracy Rucinski, Pastor Rich

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm by Pastor Rich who opened with a devotion from Psalm 16:8 – “I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.” We are reminded to seek God first and let him lead the way. Let go of what doesn’t matter and do not worry. (Matthew 6:31-34)

March’s meeting minutes were approved with a small edit. Motioned by Karen G/seconded by Beckie R.

**Correspondence**  
- We received a request to support Spotswood DECA ($500) and Milltown PBA ($200). We will use part of April’s Communion Offering for these causes. Approved by Consistory - motioned by Sean S./seconded by Nick B.  
- God With Us Church (Korean Presbyterian) contacted us about possibly needing a new place to worship. Two suggestions/contacts in Edison and North Brunswick were provided by members of consistory and Pastor Rich will reach out to them.  
  
**Finances**- Our March tithing to INC is $1457.  
- We have received a total of $2177 in donations for Capital Improvements.  
- We had two non-budgeted expenses recently (insurance and snow removal). Had we not had these, we would have broken even in March.  
- Financials for February and March were approved; motioned by Sean S./seconded by Dave H.

Insurance Update:- Brotherhood Mutual Insurance as of April 1 is $18,425 annually. Since we did not have coverage for the first 3 months, we will pay Brotherhood $13,819 this year for the last 9 months of the year.  
- Selective Insurance (WC & Liability) is cancelled as of 4/1. This cost is $1,177 quarterly.  
- Lloyd’s of London (Property) cannot be cancelled until June 1. We paid $8,554 for the first 3 months.  
- Instead of paying $36,819 for insurance in 2019 we will be paying $22,373

**Consistory**Communion  
- April 18 – Maundy Thursday – Team 3  
- April 21 – Easter (Team 4 and 1)   
- May 5 – Team 2

Communion Offering/Benevolence  
- April’s Communion Offering – Rescue Squad  
- May’s Communion Offering – Love for Landon  
  
**Ministry Teams**  
Church & Family  
- We have fallen approximately $300 behind in covering the expenses of the Lenten Dinners. Suggestions to fix the shortfall included revising the RSVP system for attendance and reminding the congregation of the $10 per person suggested donation.

Spiritual Life  
- Holy Humor Sunday will be on April 28th. Pastor Rich will be ice bucketed and the chaperones will be pied in the face. There will also be some extra fun and excitement during our worship service.   
- Our National Day of Prayer service will be held on May 2. Lois Jessen is leading.

Education  
- Wednesday Adult study (To Love Is Christ, To Die Is Gain) is going well. The study can be accessed through the St. Paul’s website: [www.stpaulsmilltownnj.org](http://www.stpaulsmilltownnj.org) then click on links and then click on RightNow Media. Once in RightNow Media, search for Philippians: To Live is Christ, to Die is Gain by Matt Chandler; Password: ucChr1st!  
- Senior Youth Group  
 - Mega 50/50 drawing will take place on 5/5 at our Cinco de Mayo coffee hour. We will set up a table outside the church on Easter to sell more raffle tickets. See Tracy Rucinski for more information.

Property  
- We still have a list of work projects. Pastor Rich shared one idea of putting each task on an index card with a deadline and then displaying these on a board in a prominent location. The hope is to have members of the church take a card and agree to complete the task by the date noted. We also discussed reaching out to the community and/or groups who use our facilities.   
- One of the doors in the Social Hall needs painting – Dick MacDowell has offered to do it.

Transition Teams  
- An update was sent out to the church via e-mail. Next steps are finalizing the interview questions and then scheduling interviews with potential candidates.

Future Dates  
- Consistory – May 13  
  
Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm, Pastor Rich closed the meeting with Prayer Concerns and the Lord’s Prayer. Motioned by Lois J./Dave H.

**PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE**

St. Paul’s pastor profile has now been submitted to the RCA, as well as previously being submitted to the UCC, to help expand our search for our next Pastor. Along with the numerous seminaries (and their alumni platforms) we have already contacted in NJ, we are now expanding our search/contacts into the Pennsylvanian region. We have received a few inquiries/resumes from interested candidates which are currently under review. The transition team’s most recent meeting focused on how we can continue to spread the word regarding the position and establishing a standard interview process.

**HEAD USHERS FOR**

**MAY**

5 Consistory Team #2

12 \*Garret Conger Mother’s Day

19 Grace Kothari

26 \*\*David Hasting

**MEMORIAL FUND**

VERA BAIER

Ethel Varinecz

**RESURRECTION WINDOW**

Vera Baier

Jane Osman

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

HELEN SOULEA

Van Liew Cemetery Assoc.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Paul’s Church Pallet Painting Fundraiser

Come join us for an evening of fun and friendship and

return home with your very own keepsake!

St. Paul’s Church (social hall)

Friday, May 17th

7:00 pm

$45

Any questions please see Debbie Cheeseman or Nikki Wesen.

The more the merrier so let your family and friends know!

\*Net proceeds from this fundraiser will be deposited into the church’s General Fund.

## Music at St. Paul’s

**Holy Week music**

Thank you to all those who shared their musical gifts during Holy Week!

**National Day of Prayer**

On Thurs., May 2, our praise band will play at the American Legion for Milltown’s National Day of Prayer Service.

**Looking ahead**

On Sun., June 30, our own “St. Paul’s Symphony” will be providing special music for Pastor Rich’s last service. Do you sing or play a musical instrument? Speak with Emily about how to participate!

**Musical ensembles**

Children’s Choir meets after Sunday school, from 11:30 to noon in the chapel of the church school building, and we welcome new singers in grades 1-6.

Adult Choir rehearses from 7:30 to 9 pm on Thursdays in the choir room.

Come join us; new singers are always welcome!

Praise band rehearses Saturdays from 9-10:30 am and Sundays 8-9 am, both in the sanctuary. We welcome new musicians and particularly could use an additional bassist and occasional sound technician.



**FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

HOSTS NEEDED:

You are responsible for providing treats, juice of the children and milk for coffee.

Coffee, cups, plates, napkins, plastic utensils and sweeteners are provided.

SIGN UP TO HOST

@ coffee hour or contact:

Julie Park 732-545-4266

[mj1park@optonline.net](mailto:mj1park@optonline.net) or

Tracy Rucinski 732-545-6982

[traysee7413@yahoo.com](mailto:traysee7413@yahoo.com).

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Please join us as we celebrate

Pastor Rich Weyer,

His ministry, his friendship,

his legacy…

Sunday, June 30th, 2019

2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Reservations required!

For Tickets or Information, please contact:

Carol @ 732-821-6420 or calagowski@gmail.com

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Please leave a message if no one is available.

Church Secretary Mrs. Carol Lagowski

Office hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Financial Secretary Mrs. Debbie Paley

(address inquiries to church office)

Please address all financial inquiries to the Church Office.

NEXT TIDINGS DEADLINE –

Thursday, May 16th

**2019 CONSISTORY**

Elders:

Melanie Dwyer

Karen Gourley

David Hasting

Lois Jessen

Matt Park

Greg Reeves

Nikki Wesen

Deacons:

Nicholas Bamond

John Garback

Debbie Kovacs

Robert Ramsen

Tracy Rucinski

Beckie Rumen

Sean Sullivan

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Save time and prevent mistakes by writing your parishioner number on your checks and envelopes. Example: 002W

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Please notify the church office if any of the following changes occur in your household: address change, phone number change, email change, marriage, separation/divorce, death, birth, adoption, adult child(ren) moving out, or a family member being moved to a rehab. or nursing home.

We would like to keep our membership list up-to-date, but we need YOUR cooperation to do so!

ST. PAUL’S CHURCH

62 South Main Street

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**MAY, 2019**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 1 – Men of St. Paul’s

May 2 – National Day of Prayer

May 5 – Communion - 50 /50 Raffle

May 5 & 19 – SYG

May 8 & 22 – Scrappers

May 13 – Consistory

May 17 – Pallet Painting Fundraiser

May 20 – Transition Team Meeting

May 27 – Memorial Day

**TIDINGS**

**Worship Service 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School 10:00 a.m.**

**Rev. Richard H. Weyer, Pastor**

**DATED MATERIAL**

April 23, 2019

