**NOVEMBER**

**Saturday, 2nd**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 3rd**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 amWorship Service/Communion

 Sunday School

11:30am-noon Pageant Rehearsals:

 All students – Chapel - Music

6-8pm Senior & Junior Youth Groups

**Wednesday, 6th**

9am-2 pm Scrappers

6:30pm Men of St. Paul’s

**Thursday, 7th**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, 9th**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 10th**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

10:00 amWorship Service

 Sunday School

11:30am-noon Pageant Rehearsals:

 Speakers – Chapel

\*\*\*Deadline for Scripts fundraiser\*\*\*

**Monday, 11th VETERANS’ DAY**

7:30 pm Consistory

**Thursday, 14th**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, 16th**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 17th**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 amWorship Service

 Sunday School

11:30am-noon Pageant Rehearsals:

 All students – Chapel – Music

 Soup Swap!

6:00-8:00 pm Senior & Junior Youth Groups

 FISH

**Monday, 18th**

 FISH

**Tuesday, 19th**

 FISH

**Wednesday, 20th**

9am-2 pm Scrappers

 FISH

**Thursday, 21st**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

 FISH

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

**Friday, 22nd**

 FISH

**Saturday, 23rd**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

 FISH

**Sunday, 24th**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 amWorship Service

 Sunday School

11:30am-noon Pageant Rehearsals:

 Speakers – Chapel

 Fall Clean up

4:00pm Thanksgiving Worship Service at

 Milltown Methodist Church

**Thursday, 28th HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

 **Church Office Closed**

**Friday, 29th**

 **Church Office Closed**

**Saturday, 30th**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Thursday, Dec. 5 – Applebee’s Dining to Donate**

**Sunday, Dec. 8 – Soup Swap!**

**Sunday, Dec. 15 - Christmas Pageant**

**Sunday, Dec. 22 - Christmas Lessons and Carols/Caroling/Advent Potluck Dinner**

**Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Candlelight Services**

***Matt Murphy has been selected by the St. Paul’s consistory as the Pastor candidate to be presented to the congregation. The consistory is currently working on contract negotiations with Matt. If both sides can agree to terms, Mr. Murphy will then be presented to the congregation for election as the next Pastor.***

*Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, for family and friends, and for prayer.*

*Romans 12:3-8*

**Humble Service in the Body of Christ**

3For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your(a) faith; 7if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, (b) do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

**NOVEMBER’S BENEVOLENCE**

Our November communion offering will be given to Embrace Kids.

**MEMORIAL FUND**

JACK & DOUG WEBER

 Doris Weber

**THANK YOU!**

A great big thanks to:

John Garback for cleaning the lighted sign and letters. It looks so much fresher.

Gary Conger for electrical work in the parsonage.

Debbie Paley for set up and getting volunteers at Milltown Day.

Debbie Cheeseman & Nikki Wesen for hosting the Pallet Painting Fundraiser.

**2019 FINANCIALS**

 September YTD

Expense $22,901.87 $224,365.53

Income 19,567.13 169,524.08

-$( 3,334.74) -$(51,841.45 **)**

HEAD USHERS FOR

November

3 Team #3

10 Chuck Rucinski

17 Fran Christ

24 Karen Gourley



Photo Book of St. Paul’s Church Windows is available through Shutterfly. <https://link.shutterfly.com/e/wZt0WgHqTX>

This is not a fundraiser but something you may want to purchase as gifts or for yourself to enjoy

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL has begun. It is for children ages 3 years old through 6th grade. Sunday school begins with worship at 10am in the sanctuary. The children are dismissed to their classes after the junior sermon.

## Registration forms need to be completed and returned to Church Office or Sunday School Teacher.

**WANTED:** 12 volunteers to teach one Sunday School class per month for the next 8 months. (3 people have volunteered!) This is an opportunity to share your time and talents with our youth.

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP**

Our recent meetings have focused on Matthew 25 and Psalm 139:13-15. All 6-12 graders are invited to join us on the first and third Sundays of the month. We will be hosting a Dining to Donate fundraiser at Applebee’s on 12/5. With the flier, 10% of your bill will be donated to the Youth Group!

Mission trip forms and trip deposits are due at the beginning of November and retreat forms and payment are due in December!

Text @d3k7fd to 81010 to join the St. Paul’s Senior Youth Group.

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP**JYG meets the first and third Sundays of the month from 6-8pm. Please join us and bring a friend.

Any questions, please call Sean Sullivan at 732-565-3669.

**NOVEMBER’S PRAYER OF THE MONTH**

Almighty God, You who called the universe into being, You who formed our inmost being and called us to be your people:

We give you thanks for your constant presence. Through seasons of constancy and even change, you are with us – calling us into deeper waters, calling us together in your spirit of unity, calling us out of ourselves into the world to serve others.

Grant that those pastors being called into new waters might hold fast to unending love and mercy as a buoy – a love that promised to hold onto us even as we go where your Spirit leads us. May the churches that receive them be communities of mercy and grace.

May the churches experiencing loss and change hold fast to the promise that your mission is bigger than any single pastor, local church, or annual conference. Grant that such a promise would bring both comfort and discomfort – comfort in a season of change and discomfort as it drives us all to love you and each other more.

Strengthen us to be your Church in all times and seasons of life – a place where all are truly welcomed and embraced in your love (even new pastors and church members); a place where we find ways you are active among us and calling us to join in your saving work; a place where the story of your love and grace and mercy are embodied. We offer our prayers in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**FISH HOSPITALITY PROGRAM**

Our Education Building will be used by FISH Hospitality the week of November 17th through the 24th.

YOUR help is needed to:

Unload the beds & set-up rooms (Sunday after worship)

Provide a dinner meal (all nights)

Transport residents to the shower (all weeknights)

Sleep over one night (all nights, one male and one female volunteer needed!)

Please reach out to either:

Dawn Ramsen

732-492-9976

r4withjoy@yahoo.com

Jeff Rumen

732-407-4326

jrumen@msn.com

**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.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 24

4:00 pm

All are invited to attend the Thanksgiving Service at the Milltown Methodist Church.

## Music at St. Paul’s

**Choir begins Advent/Christmas preparation**

On Sunday, Dec. 22, the Adult Choir will lead a service of Lessons and Carols, where six readings about the coming Messiah are interspersed with carols and anthems. Our rehearsals throughout November and December will be mainly devoted to preparing for this special service.

We need new singers to join us for the season! Come from 7:30 – 9 pm on Thursdays.

**Children’s Pageant Preparation**

On Sunday, Dec. 15th, the Sunday school children will present a Christmas pageant. In November and December, all Sunday school children are asked to come to rehearsals after Sunday school (11:30-noon). Children’s Choir will resume in January.

**Have a question or comment about our music ministry?** Want to get involved?

Contact Emily at esensenb@hotmail.com



**FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

HOSTS NEEDED:

You are responsible for providing treats, juice for 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 or

Tracy Rucinski 732-545-6982

traysee7413@yahoo.com.

**SCRIPT FUNDRAISING** is an opportunity for the Youth Group to raise money by selling Gift Cards at no additional costs to our supporters. Each Gift Card is assigned a rebate percentage that goes directly to the Youth Group upon purchase. Gift Cards are available in everyday categories including groceries, gas, retail, restaurants and movies. Please consider using them for your monthly purchases or as a gift during the upcoming holiday season. Order forms are in the Narthex and Church Office.

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**LOOK FOR – Advent Bible Study**

**To begin soon – watch for it in the**

**bulletin.**

**Plans to have a Wednesday, 1 pm group run by Dr. Grace and a second one in the evening TBD, run by Nikki Wesen. Call the church office if you are interested in attending so we can order devotionals.**

**Consistory Minutes**October 14, 2019

 **In Attendance:** Sean Sullivan, Don Wesen, Dr. Grace Kothari, Debbie Cheeseman, John Garback, Melanie Dwyer, Beckie Rumen, Jeff Rumen, Matt Park, Emily Sensenbach-Gopal, Dave Hastings, Debbie Paley, Debbie Kovacs, Nikki Wesen, Lois Jessen, Mike Hastings, Pastor Phil

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm. We first met as a transition team discussing pastoral candidates. Our consistory meeting began immediately after at 9:21pm.

After much deliberation, the Consistory voted to recommend Pastor Matt Murphy as our new pastor. After several interviews, and after hearing his sermon, both the transition team and consistory felt Pastor Matt is the person to lead St. Paul’s into the future. We will be talking to Matt over the next few weeks about the particulars of the position and how to move forward soon on a congregational vote.

**Correspondence**
- Lifetouch contacted us regarding a new church directory. We opted to wait until a permanent pastor is in place.

**Finances**- September’s financials show a deficit of $3,334.74. YTD amount is a loss of $54,841.45.
- Our water bill was unusually high this quarter in the amount of $2177.51. Debbie P. will contact the township to see if we need a new meter.
- After looking into it, Debbie P. concluded we are only entitled to a refund in the amount of $1104 from Lloyd’s of London.
- Daisy Rec – tithing came back Return to Sender. Debbie P. will work on getting this to them.
- September Finances were approved by Consistory; motioned by Melanie D./seconded by Jeff R.

Some fundraisers to consider:
1) TD Bank is offering $10 donations to the church for anyone who currently has an account. They are offering $50 donations for new accounts. More information to follow.
2) American Recycling Resources asked us if we would like to keep a dumpster on our property to collect clothing items. These would then be sent to a third world country and we would be compensated based on the amount collected. We need to ask about a town ordinance regarding the dumpster.

**Consistory**Communion
- November 3 – Team 3

Communion Offering/Benevolence
- October’s Communion Offering – Fish
- November’s Communion Offering – Embrace Kids Foundation
- December’s Communion Offering – Ronald McDonald (approved by Consistory; motioned by Dave H./seconded by Don W.)

**Ministry Teams**
Church & Family
- We received great feedback regarding Milltown Day.
- Our most recent Senior Luncheon was attended by 43 individuals. Some feedback consisted of appreciation for all that consistory has been doing, a comment regarding Sunday School needing some direction, and Communion serving.
- The new bench and memorial plaque for Greg Reeves is completed. We will have a dedication on Sunday, 11/10.

Spiritual Life
- Sean Sullivan will offer a refresher on Communion for Consistory members on Sunday, 10/20 prior to the service.
- We will have our window dedication on Sunday, 10/20. Dave Hastings will provide a cake for coffee hour.

Education
- We currently have 22 children registered for Sunday School.
- We are in need of 12 volunteers who are willing to take one Sunday/month to relieve our Sunday School teachers.
- Background checks will be completed soon for Sunday School teachers. Cost is $29/person.
- Neil Marotta is looking for materials for our older children in Sunday School.
- Jeff Rumen offered to lead our Advent Bible Study.

Property
- One of our doors to the Sanctuary was left unlocked this past Sunday. It is the head usher’s responsibility to ensure all doors are locked at the end of the service.
- Our church sign is in need of cleaning. John Garback offered to do this.
- The Senior Youth Group will take over the duties for our church sign.
- We will have a Fall Cleanup Day on Sunday, November 24th
- We are currently paying $140/week for our cleaning services. We have opted to remain with this company moving forward.
- All windows in need of repair in the Education building have been replaced.
- The pastor’s office was repainted this month by Ed Lucid.
- The women’s bathroom in the social hall needs a new seal.
- Nick Bamond is working on replacing the baseboard in the social hall.
- A new faucet needs to be installed in the parsonage.
- Outstanding items – garage saddle, hole in boiler room floor, parking lot paved/painted in spring

Future Dates
- Consistory – November 11 (we will approve our 2020 budget and discuss Consistory nominees: Grace Kothari, completing Greg Reeve’s term; Jeff Rumen, completing Rebecca Krakowski’s term; and Don Wesen, completing Rob Ramsen’s term)

Meeting adjourned at 10:02pm, Pastor Phil closed the meeting with a prayer. Motioned by Lois J./Dave H.

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**SOUPS ON!**

November 17

On Sunday, November 17th you will have a chance to exchange $5 for a quart of home

made soup.

If you are willing to make some soup there is a sign up in the narthex or contact Pam Sarch @732-501-5837.

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**FALL CLEAN-UP**

**Volunteers needed! Bring your rakes, leaf blowers, clippers, garden tools and don’t forget your gloves.**

**Help is needed to prepare the grounds for winter.**

**Meet in the social hall after coffee hour on November 24.**

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DINNER

December 22 at 5:00pm

We are seeking volunteers for our Advent Dinner. Please email or call the church office to sign up.

ST. PAUL’S CHURCH

Founded in 1872

So. Main St. & W. Lakewood Ave.

Rev. Richard H. Weyer, Pastor Emeritus

Emily Sensenbach-Gopal,

Director of Music

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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.

 **2019 CONSISTORY**

Elders:

Melanie Dwyer

Karen Gourley

David Hasting

Lois Jessen

Grace Kothari

Matt Park

Jeff Rumen

Nikki Wesen

Deacons:

Nicholas Bamond

John Garback

Debbie Kovacs

Tracy Rucinski

Beckie Rumen

Sean Sullivan

Don Wesen

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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

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**NOVEMBER, 2019**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov. 3 - Communion

Nov. 3 &17 – Senior Youth Group

Nov. 3 & 17 – Junior Youth Group

Nov. 6 – Men of St. Paul’s

Nov. 11 – Consistory

Nov. 6 & 20 – Scrappers

Nov. 17 – Soup Swap!

Nov. 24 – Fall Cleanup

Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving

**TIDINGS**

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

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

**DATED MATERIAL**

October 28, 2019

