# JANUARY

**Wednesday, 2nd**

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

**Thursday, 3rd**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, 5th**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 6th**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am Worship Service/Communion

Sunday School

11:30am-noon Children’s Choir

6:00 pm Senior Youth Group

**Wednesday, 9th**

9am-2 pm Scrappers

1:00 pm Godspeed

6:30 pm Men of St. Paul’s

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

**Thursday 10th**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, 12th**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 13th**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 amWorship Service

Sunday School

11:30am-noon Children’s Choir

Soup Swap

**Monday, 14th**

7:30 pm Consistory

**Wednesday, 16th**

1:00 pm Godspeed

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

**Thursday, 17th**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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

**Saturday, 19th**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 20th**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 amWorship Service

Sunday School

11:30am-noon Children’s Choir

6:00 pm Senior Youth Group

**Monday, 21st Martin Luther King day**

**Church Office Closed**

**Wednesday, 23rd**

9am-2 pm Scrappers

1:00 pm Godspeed

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

**Thursday, 24th**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, 26th**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 27th**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am Worship Service

Sunday School

11:30am-noon Children’s Choir

**Monday, 28th**

7:30 pm Transition Team Meeting

**Wednesday, 30th**

1:00 pm Godspeed

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

**Thursday, 31st**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Pastor Rich takes Friday Off.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

February 8-10 – SYG Retreat

February 23 – Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee’s

January 2019

Greetings

As we begin our 26th year together I am struggling with what to say, knowing this is my last January greetings I will be writing.

I know the new year will bring change and with change comes many challenges.

While wrestling with what to write I discovered this prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008. It is just as relevant 10 years later and very relevant with regards to what we are all going to be faced with individually, as a church and as country.

“Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life’s uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life’s inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life’s temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: **“Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end”** (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that **“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord”** (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to [make You the foundation and center of our lives](http://peacewithgod.net/?utm_source=bgmainsite&utm_medium=pwg+Link&utm_campaign=pwg+Internal&utm_content=billy+grahams+prayer+for+the+new+year+010818&outreach=bg+prayer+for+new+year) this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

*Amen.*

Godspeed

Pastor Rich

**WORSHIP**

Jan 6 - Communion

Is 60:1-6

It Is Good For You

Jan 13

Is. 43:1-7

God Said That?

Jan 20

Psalm 36

Steadfast Love

Jan 27 - Baptism - Cayden Joseph Gille

Lk 4:14-21

Safety Check

**JANUARY ’S**

**COMMUNION OFFERING**

January’s communion offering will be given to the Milltown Fire Department.

**SR. YOUTH GROUP**

The dates of our Sunday night meetings of faith, fun and fellowship are

January 6 & 20 @ 6:00PM

**MEN OF ST. PAUL’S**

The men of St. Paul’s are invited to gather on Wednesday, January 9that 6:30pm for supper and fellowship.

**GODSPEED**

The great majority of the times I sign a letter with Godspeed. The word ‘Godspeed’ come from the old English phrase God Spede - meaning, May God flourish you.

I recently discovered a 8 week Godspeed: Video & Study Guide. There are 2 ways you can join me in this 8 week study.

1. Meet with me and others on Wednesdays, starting on January 9th @ 1pm in the confirmation room.
2. Do it when it fits your schedule, by going onto our website, go to links and click on Right Now Media. Search for Godspeed and you can watch the videos on your own computer at home by yourself, with your family or invite some friends over to view with you.

There are limited number of study guides in the narthex.

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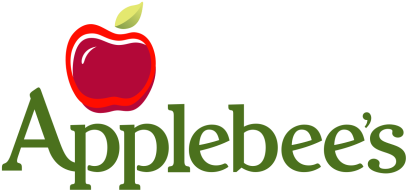
**SOUPS ON!**

**January 13**

On Sunday, January 13 you will have a chance to exchange $5 for a quart of home -made soup.

December’s Soup Swap raised $250

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

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**Applebee’s Flapjack**

**Fund Raiser**

**February 23, 2019**

**8am - 10am**

The Senior Youth Group is hosting this fund raiser for the benefit of the church.

Tickets are available after worship or at the church office.

**myEoffering**

**Have you signed up?**

myEoffering is electronic giving that enables you to make your offering using electronic fund transfer or credit card.

It is as easy as going to:

[www.myEoffering.com](http://www.myEoffering.com) and signing up.

When traveling, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, myEoffering will allow your weekly offering to continue uninterrupted, enabling us to fund our ministry of bring God’s Love to the heart of the community.

Information about how you can sign up will be forth coming.

Faithful consistent weekly giving is essential to the financial health of our church’s ministry.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Mar 6 @ 7:30PM**

This year the Milltown Methodist Church will be hosting the joint Ash Wednesday service.

**LENT FAMILY NIGHT DINNERS**

The first of our five Wednesday night dinner will be **March 13**. The dinners start at 6:30pm followed by a worship service at 7:30pm. Suggested donation for dinner is $10.

The theme of this year’s Lenten worship services is: He Chose the Cross

**FINANCIALS**

NOV. 2018 YR to DATE

Income $ 20,247.50 $212,950.41

Expense $ 18,876.93 $264,357.25

Gain/(Loss)$ 1,370.57 ($ 51,406.84)

**Nov. 2017**  ($ 13,329.54) ($ 34,912.53)

**SCRAP BOOKING**

Do you have photos you don’t know what to do with? Join our Scrapbooking Club.

We meet every other Wednesday (1/9 & 1/23) in the social hall from 9am – 2pm, cost is $5.00, bring your lunch. Call Donna Lucid to RSVP or with any questions at 908-331-1758

**2019 CALENDARS**

They are available in the narthex, church office and social hall. Take an extra one or two and give them to your neighbors, family or friends.

**BREAVEMENT**

We extend our sympathy to the families of Donald Wesen, Sr.; Tina Spatola (Claire Hastings’ sister); and Nancy Hansen (Beckie Rumen’s grandmother).



**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).

**Consistory Minutes**

December 10, 2018

**In Attendance:** Debbie Paley, Nick Bamond, Matt Park, Greg Reeves, Dave Hastings, Tracy Rucinski, Beckie Rumen, Melanie Dwyer, Sean Sullivan  
  
Meeting called to order at 7:40pm by Sean Sullivan.   
  
November’s meeting minutes will be approved via e-mail as we did not have a quorum at this time.  
  
**Correspondence**  
- Good Day sent us a letter about snow removal and the safety of their students, parents, and staff. We will reach out for proposals and see what can be done about a snow removal contract.   
  
**Finances**- 2019 Budget approved by consistory. Motioned by Tracy R./seconded by Dave H.  
- Consistory approved an additional increase of $386 to the medical line of the budget. Motioned by Dave H./Seconded by Nick B.  
- We are receiving an end-of-year credit of $1220 from PSE&G  
- We have given out over $18,000 through our tithing to the following groups this year: World Vision, FISH, American Legion, Milltown Rescue Squad, Milltown Fire Department, Milltown PTA, INC, St. Paul’s Youth Group, First Responders, 4th of July Parade, Toys for Tots, Embrace Kids, Families in Need, SBHS, Spotswood DECA, and Milltown Little League.   
- We ended November with a gain of $1370.57; our YTD loss is $51,406.84.  
- December’s tithing is $1789 for Embrace Kids  
- Fundraisers are going well – We brought in $550 from our Pallet fundraiser, $2734.71 from the Wine & Beer Night $2734.71, and $265 from the Soup Swap.  
- December’s finances approved; Motioned by Melanie D./Seconded by Tracy R.

**Consistory**Communion  
- January 6 – Team 3  
  
Communion Offering/Benevolence  
- January’s Distribution (includes December’s Communion Offering) – Paradise, CA fire victims  
  
Worship   
Christmas Eve Services – 5 PM & 8 PM  
  
Future Dates  
- January 14 Consistory  
  
The transition teams met for the remainder of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm; Motioned by Nick B./Seconded by Greg R.

**HEAD USHERS FOR**

**JANUARY**

6 Consistory Team #4

13 Lois Jessen

20 Fran Christ

27 Tracy Rucinski

**GREETERS FOR**

6 Sandy Muller

13 Arlene Mowery & Jane Osman

20 Debbie Holsten & Gary Holsten Jr.

27 Judy Skalla

Greeters are asked to arrive at church by 9:20 a.m.

**GREETER COORDINATOR**

Judy Skalla

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## Music at St. Paul’s

**Thank you, thank you**

To all who have offered their musical gifts in our December worship: Adult Choir; Praise band; Sunday school children and Elana Kircher; soloists Nate Devine, Dawn Milburn, Pam Sarch. Thank to seven readers for giving body to our 12/23 choir program “Who Waits for Christ?” Thanks be to God for your generosity!

And thank you to all of you, the members of St. Paul’s, for lifting your voices in song as we confess together that Jesus Christ is Lord.

*Good Christian men, rejoice,*

*With heart and soul and voice!*

*Now ye need not fear the grave:*

*Peace! Peace!*

*Jesus Christ was born to save!*

**Children’s Choir**

The Children’s Choir resumes regular rehearsals on Sun., Jan. 6. We meet 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**

Resumes regular rehearsals on Thurs., Jan. 3. We rehearse from 7:30 to 9 pm on Thursdays in the choir room.

Come join us; new singers are always welcome!

**GENERAL FUND**

In honor of MICHAEL & NANCY DUFFY

Thank You! Ken & Judy Skalla

**MEMORIAL FUND**

WAYNE MITEK’S eighth year of his eternal life with God Our Father

Kathy Mitek & Family

FRANK BARBER

Phil, Carol & Dean Koncsol

Joann Sulzinsky

AL & BARBARA SHANABROOK

Jan (Shanabrook) Humphreys-Schaeffer

JACK WEBER & our son, DOUGLAS

Doris Weber & Family

**ORGAN FUND**

DOUG WEBER

Ruth C. Karren

**RESURRECTION WINDOW**

DOUGLAS WEBER

Hippeli Family

Jan (Shanabrook) Humphreys-Schaeffer

In lieu of gifts for KEN & JUDY SKALLA,

From Michael & Nancy Duffy



Thank you to all walkers, runners, volunteers, donors, vendors and sponsors for participating in our 2nd Annual St. Paul’s Santa Walk/Run which was held at the North Brunswick Community Park on Saturday, December 8, 2018.

Our goal was to bring the community together while helping to raise money for the St. Paul’s Church Youth Group’s annual summer mission trip. As it was also important to give back locally, we would like to thank everyone who donated new winter hats and gloves to “Women Aware”.

Throughout the past 25 years St. Paul’s Youth Group mission trips have been providing faith based values and sharing our love throughout numerous communities in the United States. This year we will be traveling to Savannah, Georgia to work with homeless shelters and serve the children and elderly in the city.

Your donations have helped to defray the cost of organizing our 5k fun run and your involvement in the community is truly appreciated. Thank you for helping us make the day a huge success.

Thank you,

Pastor Richard Weyer & St. Paul’s Youth Group



A heartfelt thank you to all who donated toys and money to the Toys for Tots Campaign. We veteran Marines of the John Basilone Detachment of the Marine Corps League, participate in the collection on behalf of the United States Marine Corps Reserve and are very appreciative of the support and kindness you have shown to these needy children. Merry Christmas!

Gary Rittman

Judge Advocate

John Basilone Detachment #190

Marine Corps League

ST. PAUL’S CHURCH

Founded in 1872

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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.

NEXT TIDINGS DEADLINE –

Thursday, January 17th

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

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**JANUARY, 2019**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 6 & 20 - SYG

January 9 – Men of St. Paul’s

January 14 – Consistory

January 28 – Transition Team Meeting

**TIDINGS**

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

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

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

**DATED MATERIAL**

December 18, 2018

