

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 21, 2018

"And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed." Mark 1:35

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT

PRELUDE- "Blessed Be the Name" with "He Is Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAISE "Come Christians Join to Sing" (Red #158)

GREET ONE ANOTHER

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Near to the Heart of God" (Red #472)
(PRAYER CARDS may be passed to the ushers at the end of the aisles)

MORNING PRAYER

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Celebration Choir: "Doubly Good"

DOXOLOGY (Red #95)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:29-39 (pg.1553)

MESSAGE "Margins"

HYMN OF RESPONSE "O For a Heart Praise My God" (Red #417)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Faithful Heart Rejoices"

Check our website, www.stpaulsbrick.org for last week's message: "God's Vision"

OUR GREETERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES ARE:

9:00AM The Chadwick Family

10:45 AM Bill and Carole Carter

ACOLYTES TODAY: Bryan Chadwick and Tyler Oliveria

Child Care is provided for infants and toddlers to age 3 during the first service in the nursery (room 2). Please ask an usher to direct you.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR for today's Services are given by Rebecca Circle



THE SIGN UP CHART FOR THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR IS IN THE NARTHEX.

We invite you to celebrate an event or remember loved ones by dedicating a flower arrangement to them. We all enjoy *fresh flowers* at our service each Sunday, and you are welcome to take them home after the second service. The flowers cost \$25.00. We ask that you please use the envelopes provided for your payment when you sign up. Payment must be received to order flowers.

Thank you.

HELP US MINISTER TO YOU!

If you or anyone you know is ill or going into the hospital please call the Church office and let us know 732-458-2080.

Our weekly events are updated frequently to keep you posted on the happenings of the church.

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsbrick/>



New Lenten Bible Study- Coming Soon!

Small Group studies will begin after Ash Wednesday
We will be using the text by John Ortberg,
"Who Is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus."



Small Group Sign-up will be available soon!
Be on the Look Out!!



THIS WEEKS EVENTS

SUNDAY	01/21	9:00AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY
		9:00	CHILDCARE- RM 2
		9:00	SUNDAY SCHOOL K- HIGH SCHOOL
		9:00	YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
		10:10	FELLOWSHIP-NORCROSS HALL
		10:45	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
		10:45	ADULT BIBLE STUDY – YOUTH ROOM
		6:00PM	DUST TO GLORY – LIBRARY
		6:00	JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP
		8:00	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL
MONDAY	01/22	6:00PM	STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST – NORCROSS
		7:00	STAFF PARISH RELATIONS - LIBRARY
		7:00	BIBLE STUDY - STAFF LOUNGE
TUESDAY	01/23	NOON	BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE
		7:00PM	SOCCER PRACTICE – NORCROSS HALL
		7:00	PRAYER AVALANCHE - CHAPEL
		7:00	MEN'S PRAYER GROUP
WEDNESDAY	01/24	6:00AM	MEN'S BREAKFAST
		10:00	THE QUILTERS - YOUTH ROOM
		10:30	WOMEN'S SHARE GROUP- LIBRARY
		4:30PM	CHERUB CHOIR – 4 YR TO 1 ST GRADE
		6:00	HANDBELL CHOIR- MUSIC ROOM
		6:00	VOLLEYBALL – NORCORSS HALL
		7:00	MID-WEEK WORSHIP - YOUTH ROOM
		7:30	PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE
THURSDAY	01/25	5:30PM	SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP - PARSONAGE
		6:00	STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST- NORCROSS
		7:00	TRUELIFE YOUTH GROUP – YOUTH ROOM
		7:00	ADULT BIBLE STUDY – LIBRARY
		7:00	BOY SCOUTS TROOP #33 – NORCROSS HALL
		7:00	CAROL CHOIR – 2 nd GRADE TO 5 TH GRADE
		7:00	CELEBRATION CHOIR – 6 TH GRADE TO 12 TH GRADE
		8:00	CHANCEL CHOIR- MUSIC ROOM – 10 TH GR.- ADULT
FRIDAY	01/26	8:30AM	BULLETIN TEAM - LIBRARY
		7:00PM	FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - LIBRARY
SATURDAY	01/27	7:00AM	MEN'S DISCIPLE – YOUTH ROOM
SUNDAY	01/28	9:00AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY
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RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

January 14, 2017

Worship Attendance Last Sunday	173
Sunday School	53

<u>Giving</u>	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Mortgage Giving</u>
Received last Week	\$9,838	\$4,006
Need per Week	\$9,348	

The amount shown as **Received last Week** includes offerings received at last week's Sunday services. Note: envelope giving includes only the amount on the TITHE/UNIFIED line.

MORTGAGE UPDATE:

The mortgage balance as of January 1, 2018 is \$872,423

Communications

E-Mail Announcements and Prayer Requests

If you would like to be on the church e-mail list to receive announcements, reminders of upcoming events and prayer requests, e-mail your information to penrodt@Comcast.net.

Telephone Prayer Ministry

Nancy Penrod 732-458-7641 or church office 732-458-2080.

All Circuit Rider articles should be emailed to Nancy Penrod at penrodt@Comcast.net. If you do not have access to a computer you can drop it off in the office or call Nancy at 732 458-7641. All articles should be sent to Nancy by the 10th of the month prior to publication.

Bulletin Notices-All information to be included in the Bulletin is due to the church office by **Tuesday at Noon**. If you have access to e-mail, please send your Bulletin announcement via e-mail to Office@stpaulsbrick.org.

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Getting Right for Giving

Jesus said in Matthew 5:23-24

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, and you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Jesus is saying here that our human relationships are vital; and of course they are. We can't follow any of the "one another" commands (love one another, pray for one another, bear one another's burdens, etc.) given in the New Testament if we are not part of a living, breathing community. For those of us who have spoken wedding vows, our relationship with our spouse is primary among these relationships. So, whenever we give, we should consider the state of our marriage.

In our church's mission statement we say that we are to support St. Paul's by giving of our time and our talents, as well as of our treasures. All can be seen as gifts to God and his church. Clearly, we need to consider our earthly relationships - including our marriages - not only when we are putting our envelopes in the offering basket, but also when we serve, giving of our time and talent... when we lead a bible study, when we sit on a board or committee, when we volunteer in the kitchen, or serve communion, or usher.

Jesus says that if we remember another person has something against us, we are to leave our gifts at the altar and make the relationship right first. For those who are married our spouse is the one we must think of first! If there is anything wrong in our marriage, that should be addressed and reconciled **before** we undertake any duties or service. When things aren't going well, it's easy to stay busy doing church things, much easier than putting in the time and effort to fix or rebuild our relationships. Going through the motions of religion is comfortable, but if we are neglecting our relationships, our marriages, it is not biblical. Religion cannot be a focus of our lives when Christ is not at the center of our marriages.

In the introduction to his book Tribe of Mentors, Tim Ferriss says "Success can usually be measured by the number of uncomfortable conversations we are willing to have, and the number of uncomfortable actions we are willing to take."

Regardless of comfort, do what is necessary to reconcile with your spouse before spending that time on things that may be good, but are not vital. In God's eyes your marriage is vital.

Prayers and Concerns

January 14 2018

Thanksgiving and Praise"

.Psalm 150 Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre; Thank you Lord for all your many blessings; Praise appreciation for God's loving correction and the Holy Spirit conviction; God's presence in my life-he is always there-I just have to be listening; MS medication is helping; The Haiti Team; Family and gifts; Birth of my new great nephew Brayden; Thank you for all the gifts you have given me. Thank you for sending your son Jesus. Thank you for all my family- bless and care for all of them.

Supplication & Blessings: Ephesians 1:3 [Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ] Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ; My daughter Taylor; Bless me Lord with your love; Gina, Bette and Joe; The Haiti Team; Dreher family as they mourn the loss of Oma; Kristen and Family, Ed Carey; My family to be safe during hard times; Protection for those in the military; Those affected by the recent natural disasters; World peace –may we live our lives so others see the Lord's spirit in our actions; Bless my son and daughter-in-law with a child; Bless and care for our pastors; Bless and care for all the service people who protect at home and around the world.

Healing-; Luke 9:11 *but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed-* Dawn cancer; Melissa with drug addiction; Get well prayers for son and grand children; Terry, Raymond and Dianne; Health for expectant mothers; Alma- lymph edema, Andre and Jim leukemia, Trish- back trouble, Ray R.- depression, Jan, Martha, Denise – breast cancer, Sergio –beginning school after knee surgery, Victoria –anxiety, Ray seizures, Val- family issues; Ray-ankle and knee continued healing, Marge –shoulder pain, Myra S., Myra P.-cancer; Wright family-bless Victoria and Raymond; Gornstein Family; Maglione Family; Weissingers growing family; Beverrra Family; Tina and Hank, Terry, Chad and Susan; Stacy from depression; Patty as she has surgery on her wrist; Friend having heart problems; Friend's 18 year old daughter still suffering from depression; Barbara Marks, Lorraine, Ben Darby,

Tony D., Gil, Maureen's back, Maureen's sister-in-law; Friend's husband and dad; Daughters Carol and Cathy; Joanne F. with a brain tumor undergoing chemo; Jim F. recovering from surgery; Friend's daughter and grandson and husband; Lucille M., Mike; Susan Q. for surgery this week for breast cancer; Barbara McGaff in Brick Hospital- unknown infection and cardiac issues; Susan P's cousin; Peg Essely; Myself this week.

Guidance Proverbs 1:5 Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance. Protection and guidance for Maria, Anna, Elijah Henry; Those with financial struggles; Danielle, Michael, Brian, Joe, Sean; Bless me Lord to be your messenger of peace and love every day to those I meet both at home and work; Damien as he looks for a new job; Unspoken guidance for friends and family; Financial matters; Tracy, Athena and Makama; St. Paul's Church; My 6 grandkids-keep them on the right path in life.

Travel –Psalm 91:11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways ; Safe travel for Haiti Team; Travel mercies for all.

Stewardship Reflection 3RD Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

You're Invited

Please mark your calendars.

When: January 30th, 2018

Where: St. Paul's UMC, Brick

Time: 7PM

We will be holding our first Council on Ministries Meeting of 2018. This is a special meeting and we are inviting all members and attendees of St. Paul's UMC in Brick.

The purpose of this special meeting is three-fold:

1. For committee members to give prayerful consideration to their goals
2. To listen to our membership and open hearts and minds to change. Help your committee to understand and get a strong sense of direction in the new year so that we accomplish the goals and tasks the Lord presents us with.
3. To invite people in our congregation to see what's happening at St. Paul's.

This will not be a typical meeting where everyone is asked to do a report on their mission but instead will be a planning and dreaming meeting. It will be a time for you to bring forward your thoughts on what you would like us to accomplish this year and into the future.

Those in attendance are welcome and encouraged, to recommend goals and missions you believe our committee and church should be and active with.

Our focus should be on outreach in our church, in our community, in our state, and around the world. Also the methods we use for communication, be it in print, website, Facebook or email.

We will have a few ground rules:

- 1 There is no idea too small or too large. In other words, what have you always thought we should do but never did or never said.
- 2 If you have a great idea be willing to commit time, talent or treasure towards it. Great ideas need to be sponsored or championed. We should avoid throwing out ideas with an expectation that someone else will champion them then thinking no one cares because your idea didn't gain acceptance.
- 3 Leave the "we tried that before and it didn't work" comments at home. It's a different time and someone may have a passion that will cause success.

- 4 Focus on outreach through missions, education and worship. This is not a fundraising meeting
- 5 High level fast paced discussion, no plan to get into the trenches on every idea for this particular meeting
- 6 Please consider putting your thoughts to paper so that we can gather everything for future use. We may not get to discuss everyone's ideas but we should **get** everyone's ideas.
- 7 Respect everyone's time. I'd like to accomplish this in 1 1/2 hours but 2 at max. 9PM discussion stops

Let me throw out a couple of things just to create some thought:

- Partner program for new members for their first couple of months
 - Should we discontinue the Circuit Rider?
- Sports league open to the public that doesn't compete on Sundays
 - How do we not "miss" it when someone stops attending or is in spiritual need
 - Outreach Missions
 - More local
 - Less local
 - Worship services
 - More of them or less and why?
 - Longer services or shorter services and why?
 - More people involved in each service and why?
 - Change the music and why?
 - Change the times and why?

This is not an all inclusive list and none of them have to be discussed unless you bring them up. This is just some ideas to stimulate the thought process and exemplify the depth and width we should be discussing.

Please RSVP to me by January 22nd if you will be attending.

Email: billbeaver101@gmail.com

Cell: 732-979-3108

Thank you and blessings to all,

Bill Beaver

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Help Wanted

The Mustard Seed Preschool News

We patiently and with a thankful heart continue to wait for news of our state licensing. We cannot officially open or advertise until we have that. I call The Office of Licensing frequently, to check on our status. Please continue to pray that our paperwork is in order and that we will have a visit soon.

It has been a joy to have a Storytime in our building while we wait. I would like to thank the ladies who help with Storytime. Jen Hager, Holly Kelly, Sue Miller, Bev McCarthy and Peggy O'Connor have contributed their time and talents to our new school and to the Storytime. Storytime has had some special guest come to visit. I would like to thank Sharon Buechler, Fred Fiorentino and Joella for coming and providing fun activities for the children.

The Mustard Seed continues to provide Storytime to a group of 4 year old children. We now meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 until 11:30 in Room 9. We have expanded the Storytime to include skills that our preschoolers will need next year. If you have any questions about The Mustard Seed Preschool or Storytime please give me a call.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

Donna Ferguson 732-664-4214



Mission: Church Reporter or Reporters
Status: Volunteer or Volunteers
Stewardship: Excellent Opportunity To Use Your Time and Talents.

St. Paul's UMC, Brick has so many opportunities to bring people to Christ. Behind the scenes, there are a lot of people organizing events, missions, Bible Studies, social media and much, much more. We're looking for a volunteer or volunteers to help us get the Word out via social media and print media.

Would involve active participation and conversation with various ministry coordinators, social media team and various church leaders to provide information for release to our congregation and the public.

Requirements:

1. Must be a member or regular attendee at St. Paul's UMC in Brick
2. Good communication skills
3. Committed to our Purpose:

Our Purpose is to:

- Praise God through worship
- Grow as disciples through study
- Share our faith through testimony, and Serve others through ministry.

If interested contact me at bbeaver101@comcast.net or see me in church Bill

Chocolate Festival

Proceeds to benefit Haiti Mission, St Paul's
Mortgage and Capital Improvements - hosted by
Miriam Circle and friends.

Saturday February 10, 2018
11:00am - 2:00pm in Norcross Hall

Pre-order some HOME-MADE chocolate goodies for
your favorite sweetheart or yourself! So we may
properly fill all requests, orders for the following
confections are due by **Sunday, February 4th**.
Orders may be placed in the Narthex or outside
Norcross Hall on Sunday. The Church office will also
be accepting orders.

There will also be many other chocolate treats
available at the Chocolate Festival which are not
listed here! Bring your sweet tooth or your
sweetheart for this Valentine's Day extravaganza!

*PLEASE NOTE: If possible, Orders should be
picked-up on Saturday. Please pre-order so that you
will not be disappointed.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

- _____ Chocolate Hazelnut Truffles - 6/\$6
_____ Dark _____ Milk
- _____ Valentine Assortment - \$3.50 per ¼lb. box
_____ Dark _____ Milk _____ Mixed
- _____ Chocolate-covered Cherries - 5/\$4
_____ Dark _____ Milk
- _____ Peppermint Patties - 5/\$3.50
- _____ Chocolate-covered Oreos - 3/\$1.50
_____ Dark _____ Milk _____ White
- _____ "Thin Mint" Cookies - 4/\$2
- _____ Peanut Butter Cups - 4/\$3.50
_____ Dark _____ Milk _____ White
- _____ Cashew Clusters 4/\$3.50
_____ Dark _____ Milk
- _____ Chocolate-covered Coconut
(like "Mounds") 4/\$3.50
- _____ Chocolate-covered Coconut w/Almond
(like "Almond Joy") 4/\$3.50
_____ Dark _____ Milk _____ White
- _____ Chocolate Chip Pie - \$7 _____ Nuts _____ No

*** TOTAL: _____ ***

*** ORDER FORM ON REVERSE SIDE ***

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(Keith Getty, Stuart Townend)

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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