

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 23, 2018

4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Advent

"But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:19

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENT

**PRELUDE: Brass Ensemble** "O Come All Ye Faithful"

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (Red #220)

## GREET ONE ANOTHER

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** 9:00am The Van Arsdale Family

10:45am Marge and Clem Restine

**CHERUB CHOIR** "Follow the Stars"

**CAROL CHOIR** "Gloria"

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (Red #240)  
(PRAYER CARDS may be passed to the ushers at the end of the aisles)

## MORNING PRAYER

## GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** "Sing Gloria Tonight"

**DOXOLOGY** (Red #95)

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 1:26-38, 2:18 (pg. 1591)

**MESSAGE** "You've Got Mail!"

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Angels we Have Heard on High" (Red #238)

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "Joy to the World"

Check our website, [www.stpaulsbrick.org](http://www.stpaulsbrick.org) for last week's message "God's Gift to the Nations"

## OUR GREETERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES ARE:

**9:00am:** Jan and Al Primrose

**10:45am:** Michael Rabe

**ACOLYTES:** Emily Chadwick and Travis Baranowski

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are Given by multiple members of the congregation. The Poinsettia List is included in your bulletin



## 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.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available. Please see an usher. Equipment is also available to assist you in hearing the services. If this would benefit you, please speak to an usher.

## 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.**

**Thank you to our Brass Players**

Ross Eadie, Jennifer Kreder, and George Straehle

## *Christmas Eve Services*

### *Christmas Eve Morning Service 10:00am*

**5:00 PM Family Service**

**7:30PM Candlelight Service**

**11:00 PM Candlelight Service**



## THIS WEEKS EVENTS

SUNDAY	12/23	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
		8:00	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL

**Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:30pm**

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES</b>			
MONDAY	12/24	5:00PM	FAMILY SERVICE
		7:30	CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
		11:00	CANLIGHT SERVICE
TUESDAY	12/25	<b>Merry Christmas Office Closed</b>	
WEDNESDAY	12/26	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
		6:00AM	MEN'S BREAKFAST
		7:30	PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE - SANCTUARY
THURSDAY	12/27	6:00PM	STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST- NORCROSS
		7:00	TRUELIFE YOUTH GROUP – YOUTH ROOM
		7:00	BOY SCOUTS TROOP #33 – NORCROSS HALL
		7:00	ADULT BIBLE STUDY - LIBRARY
FRIDAY	12/28	8:30AM	BULLETIN TEAM – CHURCH OFFICE
		7:00PM	YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN
SATURDAY	12/29	7:00AM	MEN'S DISCIPLE – YOUTH ROOM
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### Church Office Information

We will be open on Christmas Eve until 3:00pm

We will be Closed Christmas Day and the day after Christmas

We will Re-open on December 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

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

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



## Saint Paul's Church A United Methodist Congregation

Our Purpose is to:

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

(732) 458-2080 Church

(732) 458-2004 The Mustard Seed Preschool

[www.stpaulsbrick.org](http://www.stpaulsbrick.org)

# RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

December 16, 2018

**POINSETTIAS 2018**

Worship Attendance Last Sunday 201

Sunday School 53

Giving                      Current Expenses                      Mortgage Giving

Received last Week                      \$6,936                      \$1,243

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 December 1, 2018 is \$841,733

### 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](mailto:penrodt@Comcast.net).

All Circuit Rider articles should be emailed to Nancy Penrod at [penrodt@Comcast.net](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Office@stpaulsbrick.org).

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Alan Darby	<a href="mailto:PastorAl@stpaulsbrick.org">PastorAl@stpaulsbrick.org</a>	Pastor
Hector Meza	<a href="mailto:Hector.Meza@stpaulsbrick.org">Hector.Meza@stpaulsbrick.org</a>	Dir. Of Youth Ministries
Barbara Estelle	<a href="mailto:Bestelle@stpaulsbrick.org">Bestelle@stpaulsbrick.org</a>	Dir. Music/Organist
Judy Probert, Janet Post		Choir Directors
Cathy Applegate, Pam Snyder		Choral Accompanists
Peggy Blomquist, Judy and Bill Probert		Congregational Care
Melissa Jensen	<a href="mailto:Office@stpaulsbrick.org">Office@stpaulsbrick.org</a>	Administrative Asst.
Bill Nadler, Gary Deal, Kim Gavaletz, Mike Jensen, Al Primrose, Kevin Albora		Sextons

Website Address: <http://www.stpaulsbrick.org>  
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#### MISSIONARIES

Andy & Lizet Bowen	<a href="mailto:andy.bowen@wgm.org">andy.bowen@wgm.org</a>	Paraguay
Joy Phillips	<a href="mailto:Joy.Phillips@wgm.org">Joy.Phillips@wgm.org</a>	Kenya
Billy and Joanna Coppedge		Uganda
Step of Faith	<a href="http://stepoffaithministries.org">stepoffaithministries.org</a>	Haiti

#### IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

"POPPY" WILLIAM JONES  
"GRANDPA" FRANK DARBY  
HELEN AND JACK PHILIPSON  
OUR LOVED ONES  
PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS  
RAYMOND AND KAREN JONES  
HARRY BRITTON  
HANNAH PRICE  
MY HURLEY FAMILY JIM, BETTY AND SANDY  
OUR DAUGHTER KELLY LYNN WARTMAN  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
LOVED ONES  
DOROTHY STREASER  
JAMES STREASER  
JENNA TRACEY  
PARENTS LAURA AND ED JOURDAN

#### IN HONOR OF:

GRANDCHILDREN SHELBY, COLIN, JACK AND EMMETT  
OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHURCH FAMILY

#### GIVEN BY:

DARBY'S  
DARBY'S  
JUDY AND HAROLD HENRY  
DEBBI, JEFF AND JACKLYN HENRY  
MARGE AND CLEM RESTINE  
VIKKI, BRYCE AND ZACK BRITTON  
VIKKI, BRYCE AND ZACK BRITTON  
RICHARD, HANNAH, KAREN, FAMILY  
SUSAN LINDSTROM  
CHARLES AND MARION TURNER  
CHARLES AND MARION TURNER  
CAROL KAMPF  
GEORGE BAISLEY  
GEORGE BAISLEY  
MAUREEN TRACEY  
JOYCE PATTON AND WALT JOURDAN

#### GIVEN BY:

BERY SMITHOUSER  
TONY AND LIESE DE BONA



## Mustard See Pre-School News

In addition to our on-going letters and numbers lessons, for December we concentrated on the real meaning of Christmas and the Baby Jesus. We handmade ornaments, decorated our tree and set up a nativity set, one figure at a time. We had a lesson about each figurine and role they played in the nativity. We also had fun decking halls and learning Christmas Carols.

You may also have noticed the handmade bird feeders in the trees by the church entrance. We learned about different ways animals cope in winter and in January we will also learn about winter weather.

We have a really great group of children here and it is such a joy to see them learning and growing. If you know of a child who would like to join us please contact Donna Ferguson at 732-458-2080.



# Intercessory Prayer

December 23, 2018

**“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits” Psalm 103:2**

**PRAISE** – My family and friends who support me; my family, my great-grandchild, and all You have done for me; Dana’s completion of the state of Florida Technical Support Specialist; my church family Praise for the strength you give us and the joy we have always because of our constant love we have for you Lord.

**“For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.” Psalm 62:1-2**

**SALVATION** – For my husband to be saved and become the head of the household; help with my finances and not to be back in the same boat; peace of mind for Mary Ann; peace for a world in need

**PROTECTION** – Service people around the world; breast cancer survivors Jan, Denise, and Martha; my niece Jess to have a healthy pregnancy; those in the military

**“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4**

**HEALING** – Jeff, Michelle, Nicole, Patty, Alan, Cheryl, Liz, Jane and Family; healing from cancer for Ron, Patty, Nilda, and Pam and Don’s sister Debbie; Liz, Heidi, Heidi’s mom, Uncle Ronnie, Patty and Nilda; my sister-in-law battling cancer; healing and strength for Sarah and for Jude; Lorraine, Jim, Lena and Dave; Alma with lymphedema, Andre and Jim with leukemia, Trish with back trouble, Victoria with anxiety and fibromyalgia, Ray with depression, and Raymond; Jaimie, Melissa T., and my nephew James; Michael and Mother; Milt, Lorraine, Suzanne, Doris, Kathie, Janet, Dorothy Hilner, Andre, Terry and Nancy; Robin who is undergoing radiation and chemo, Karen who is undergoing treatment at Sloan, a friend’s 19-year-old’s reoccurrence of

depression, Ron, and a friend’s husband undergoing a fourth round of chemo; Tim undergoing surgery, Renee, and a co-worker undergoing radiation; cancer concerns for Lori, Betsy, Jane, Lucille and Lorraine; my husband with mental health issues; my daughter Carol; Dawn undergoing cancer treatments; Jayce Pallon; Elise and Carol; a mother-daughter relationship, Kennedy and Sharon; Max, Dan, Eric, Andrew and Jeanne; Dawn Doll and Jackie Stanley; Renee’s husband, Dawn, Jan, Alec, Mary Ann, Christine, Trupti, Melissa, and Brian, Tim, Christine, Garry, Richard, Melissa Turner’s sister, Cindy’s sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Bill F, Robert, Andrew, Jill, Sherry, Lloyd, Steve, Bill K, Bill L. Alma, Nick, Terry and Nancy, Jane and Dan, Lorraine, Lorraine N, June P, June H, Taime, Noni, Suzanne, Dorothy, Ed, Jack, Barbara and Jack, Mich, Rosemary and family, Amelia, Doug, Cindy’s Dad, Chip, Steve, Peggy O Strength for patience for caregivers.

**“If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.” James 1:5**

**GUIDANCE** – Our granddaughter; strength and guidance for Nick; Kelly family; guidance as I move with my cat, Bella, from PA to FL after a failed marriage; the Wright family, the Gornstein’s, the Schreiber’s, the Maglione’s, and the Weissinger’s, and all those traveling for the holidays; Michael and Mother; our church and leaders of our church, local community and country; keep my grandchildren on the right path and safe; Allison, that she might find affordable housing and see God’s path for her; Mike, Brian, Joe, Danielle, Bless my children and grandchildren, family and friends. Be with us during our difficult times.

## **Emmaus Gathering 4<sup>th</sup> Day training January 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm**

All are Welcome to come. If you’re interested in Emmaus, please feel free to join us. Come and meet the local Emmaus Community here! You do not have to part of the Emmaus group to come. This will be a Cover Dish Dinner. - Please bring your favorite covered dish! Learn what is going on in the Garden State Community and enjoy good Fellowship.

For R.S.V.P. or more information, Please contact  
600-8512 or e-mail [pbandpb@aol.com](mailto:pbandpb@aol.com)

Pete Buckley 732-  
Thank you.

## Thank you from The Christmas Store Committee

The Christmas Store that we hold in conjunction with St. Thomas Church was held on December 1. Thank you all for your generous donations to the Christmas Store of \$1695 dollars. Thanks also to the Knitting & Crocheting Group for the wonderful selection of hats, mittens, scarves etc. This year your donations will provide 217 children with a gift under their tree on Christmas morning as well as items to keep them warm and food baskets with a turkey and all the fixings for a Christmas dinner. Thanks again. You are all a blessing.

## MISSIONS 2019

*St Paul's Missionaries, 2019 is shaping up to be a very blessed year.*

*The Haiti team is preparing for a visit to our friends In L'Acajou on 17th of January for one week. There is still time to join the team. An experience of a lifetime! You will grow spiritually beyond belief!*

*We will be having an organizational meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room at 6pm.*

*As always, any questions please contact Doug Buechler.*

973-495-4377



The Haiti Mission Team is looking for donations of your old Prescription eyeglasses or readers and gently used Baseball Caps to take with us when we travel to Haiti in January.

Please place them in the receptacle in the Narthex Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity.

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## RECREATION YEAR END UPDATE:



*I would like to thank Billy Shaffer, and Sharon Buechler for stepping in to coach the women's softball team this season.*

*You can contact me if you have any questions about, or would like to join any of our recreation activities:*

*Women's Softball, Men's Softball, Volleyball League, Stronger Hearts for Christ Exercise Group, Pet Ministry events, Dare2Bfit summer camp, Champion Youth Cheerleading, various Soccer groups through the year, etc. If you have an "active" ministry you'd like to see here at St. Paul's that would use either the Gym or Blair Field, let me know, and we can look at adding it to the roster (based on Gym/Field Scheduling). Thank you, Mike Jensen. [Goofmj@aol.com](mailto:Goofmj@aol.com)*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offerings for your 2018 statement will end at 10am on December 31. We want to thank everyone for your prayers and support for the ministries at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

In His name have a blessed Christmas and New Year.



*Just a reminder that the Sneaker Donations for Haiti are due back by Sunday, January 6th to the box in the Narthex.*

*Thank you*

## Instructions for using the GivePlus Mobile Giving app

1. Download app to smart phone from Apple's App Store or Google's Play Store.
2. Enter zip code as "08724" on the find your church page, hit search button and choose St Paul's UMC of Brick, NJ.
3. Enter email address & password, hit "Create Account" button
4. Enter name, email & password
5. Account Created message will appear, click dismiss button.
6. When you sign in the first time, you will select whether you'd prefer to log in with your Password, PIN or your device's Touch ID. An email will be sent to you to verify your email address. Click on the link sent to you via email, and your account is created.
7. To make a donation, sign in and click the + sign on the "Give Now" page, click on the "General Operating" line or scroll down to click on a special giving line.
8. On "Fund Details" page, select frequency (one time, weekly, etc.), start date and amount, then click Add button.
9. To donate to more than one fund on the list, click "+" sign after each transaction, choose next fund, frequency and amount, then click Add button.
10. On "Payment Methods" page, enter checking/savings account info or credit/debit card info.
11. Enter info on "Account Info" or "Payment Info" page
12. On "Donation Summary" page, click "Complete Donation" button.

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## FAQ about using GivePlus Mobile

**Where can I download the GivePlus Mobile app?** The app is free to download from Apple's App Store or Google's Play Store and you are not charged a fee to make donations using the app.

**How do I find St. Paul's UMC in Brick, NJ to give to in the GivePlus Mobile app?** When you download the GivePlus app for the first time, you will be prompted to enter the zip code or name of the church to which you want to give. Enter the zip code as 08724, hit search and then select St Paul's UMC of Brick, NJ when it appears.

**Will I have to search for my church every time I want to donate using GivePlus?** No. After you select a church, it automatically becomes your "home" church. The next time you open the app, the church you last selected will already be displayed.

**What payment methods can I use to donate?** GivePlus donations can be made with all major credit and debit cards or from a checking or savings account.

**Will I receive a receipt?** If you are logged into your GivePlus account or enter your email address when completing a guest donation, you will receive a receipt via email. When you are logged in, you will also be able to view transactions in your giving history.

**I made a mistake and donated the wrong amount. How can I get a refund?** Contact the church and they will be able to credit the amount donated in error back to your account – just like when you return an item you bought at a store or online.

See GivePlus Video at: <https://vimeo.com/262292774>

