

**St. Paul's Newsletter**  
**May 8, 2008**

**Sunday May 11 Services**

*Scriptures:* Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 7:37-39

**8:45 Contemporary Service**

Reader: Dottie Griffith  
Nursery: Beverly Gorsuch  
Children's Church: Shirley Marshall

**9:45 Adult Sunday School**

**Gleaners**  
Devotions: David Thomas, Jr.  
**MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM:**  
Rev. Dave & Lilly Wooten  
**Richardson Men's Class**  
Devotions: Randy Bradford  
Teacher: Phil McKelvey

**11:00 Traditional Service**

Reader: Werner Rebstock

From the  
Helm  
My brothers and sisters in Christ,

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This coming Sunday we celebrate Mothers' Day and Pentecost Sunday. This Sunday is definitely a time to celebrate the things that we have received from our Mothers and from the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day. You know that a Mothers' love is unfathomable. That is, to say, we cannot even begin to understand the depth and degree of love and care that our Mothers have for us. From the moment of our conception, they care for us in the safety of their womb and when we're born ... all through our lives, they are there for us. They provide the nurture and care that only a Mother can give. I recently saw a pewter heart gift for Mothers' day. It read: "A Mother is God's love in action." That says it all, doesn't it? Or...does it?

Think with me for a moment about when we were young and growing up, how our mothers make sure that we had something to eat, clothes on our backs, cared about teaching us even the most basic of social skills, how to eat, how to say please and thank you, how to tie our shoes and yes even how to say I love you. It's Mothers that worry over us and nurse us when we're sick and many of times, I'm sure we were the inspiration or subject of Mother's prayers. Mary Baker Eddy wrote: "*A mother's affection cannot be weaned from her child, because the mother-love includes purity and constancy, both of which are immortal. Therefore maternal affection lives on under whatever difficulties*" ("*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures,*" pg. 60).

A Mothers' love is unconditional and it is so like God's love for us. Our Mothers would worry about us when we're apart from them and they so happy to hear from us when we call or write or visit. Here's a poem that I'd like to share that I found. It's by Therese Marie Tuckness:

## **GOD'S SPECIAL LOVE, OUR MOTHER**

Mothers, you're special that we honor you today;  
by showing your love in a special way.

Praise the Lord in Heaven above;  
without your faith in Jesus you can't show others His love.

You having a task that we all must learn in achieving;  
daily share the life of Jesus for all in accepting and believing.

God bless you mothers here and everywhere today;  
may the Lord guide you and bless you each passing day.

Love like this is the best that we can offer;  
God's Love is shown through our dear sweet mother.

Therese Marie Tuckness

Isn't a Mothers' act of caring and her faithful prayers for her family the greatest gift of any that she could give? It was through her prayers and her life, her living that my Mother taught me about God's love; helping me see just a minute' part about a God who loves us so very much.

The Old Testament has something to say about God's love that we can see this connection: Look At Deuteronomy 32, verses 11 and 12: "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, takes them, beareth them on her wings: So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange God with him. The verse gives us that image of being borne up on the wings of God's love and what is it compared to? Imagine that? God using the example of a Mothers' love to show us how God enfolds us in a compassionate sphere of perfect care , being with us loving us unconditionally and wanting us to have everlasting life and a peace far beyond any expectation we have. That no matter the circumstances we might find ourselves in or how far we might stray, that God's love is there, He waits for us with infinite patience. That kind of reminds me of how my Mother would wait up for me, late at night. God is patient, waits for us, cares for and calls us 'Beloved'. He brought us gifts to know Him more on Pentecost. Have you opened them?

May God continue to bless you and your family every day. I'm keeping you in my prayers.

Yours, in Christ,

Revfred+

## Prayer List

Ann Gore	Chris Browne	Margaret Barnes
Betty Hughson	Jack Burton	Ruth Hurley
Betty Collison	Rev. David Rector	Peggy Cheesman
Michael Travers	Leona Nixon	Unsaved loved ones
Rebecca Fairbanks	Calvin Rossy	Families
Sandy Ovens	Dorothy Smith	Our Schools
Donna Lauck Cohee	Sharon Michael	Our Service Workers
Rev. Bill Sterling	Judy Turner	Those needy
Rev Kevin & Susan English	Margaret Anne Tyler	Our pastors
Brownie Marshall	Roy Tyler	Our church

## Other Updates

### Substitute Needed in Nursery

Donna Campbell will not be available for the Nursery on May 18th. We are currently in need of a volunteer to cover this position. Teenaged volunteers are welcome.

### Rent A Youth Program

The Rent a Youth program is back in full swing for the spring! Need yard work done? Need your basement cleaned out? Have some minor painting or home repair that needs to be done? Contact BJ Smith at 410.901.7388 or complete a form available at the church.

### Tax Stimulus Payment Informational Lunch

Tuesday, May 13th at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall bring a brown bag lunch and listen to Mary Handley talk about the tax rebate program.

There is a lot of confusion about the stimulus checks the government will be handing out to Americans. These checks are not income tax checks nor are they determined by the amount of income folks earn. Anyone who files income tax will automatically get a check, usually \$300 for senior citizens, \$600 for working individuals with an additional \$300

for each child in the family.

Senior citizens who do not file income taxes STILL QUALIFY to get a check if they get at least \$3,000 in social security or veteran's benefits. In order to get a check all an individual needs to provide is their name, address, social security number, and the amount of social security or veteran's income earned last year. THAT'S IT! Even if the senior gets other income like a pension, the government doesn't need to know about it because this is not an income tax credit, it is a stimulus check.

The information is put on a very simple tax form and mailed off. Seniors will begin getting their checks in May. Applying for this money is a one time thing and they do not have to fear that they will have to file taxes next year. Seniors may apply for the stimulus check until October 2008.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Ladies Community Prayer Breakfast**

Ladies Community Prayer breakfast will be held Saturday, May 17th @ 8am at Waugh UMC at 425 High Street. The phone number is 410-228-5189.

Upcoming Health Ministry Events:

May-Game Party

June-Picnic at Great Marsh

#### **LOCAL WOMEN OF FAITH GATHERING**

What was your first reaction when you fell in love with Jesus? Didn't you want to share your experience with everyone and didn't you want everyone to feel the same joy you were feeling! Jesus does that to all of us.

This was the feeling I had coming back from my first Women of faith Conference last year. I was walking with my head in the clouds for days after. My body had returned to home, but my spirit was still way out there in Jesus Land.

As much as I enjoyed the event, my finances were less because of the expense of the bus, room, and ticket. The church graciously provided my ticket because there was one free. As I counted the money I spent for food and the arrangements for the event, I was taken back. I felt the pressure of women who might want to go but could not spend the time or take the money from their household budgets.

Our follow up meeting was a time of reflection for all of us. All agreed about the concern I was feeling that maybe some women were being left out. We all agreed on this point and then began to form plans to solve this problem. All were excited to have some form of the Women o Faith Conference here. The more we exchanged ideas, the more dedicated we became. All were agreed and enthused that we could do this. After all, we were the *Women of Faith*.

This May 17, we will be holding our third local gathering. While we are still in the formation stages, we have settled on some format. We will be using the Women of Faith DVD to open the gathering. Their Praise Songs are just great.

Because of the response of the women, we will be using our own people for the message and the skit and praise music. This gathering, we will be having a plant swap with your name on the plant. Whoever gets the plant will become you prayer partner, so we will be connected until the next gathering in August.

We have a continental breakfast that our women bake and provide free. All of this is part of our mission outreach for women. We so want you to come on a Saturday morning, rest, eat, praise Jesus and pray with us, and leave renewed. Pastor Pam Bockart, Spedden, Beckwith and Antioch Churches, Office #410-228-7725.

### Upcoming Calendar

May 4 1p United Way @ Shorebirds 6:30 Young Adults at BJ's	5	6	7	8 2p Singers @ Chesapeake Woods 6:30 Methodist Men Dinner Mtg. 7p Four:12 Youth	9 7p Bible Study	10
<b>11</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	12 1:30 Mary in Music Room 7p Sarah @ Betty Lloyd's home 7p Martha @ Joyce & Ruth Thomas home; Mary Ruth Devotions 4p-8p Relay for Life Bank Night	13 12n Tax Stimulus Brown Bag	14 12n Ruth Circle in Fellowship Hall	15 7p Four:12 Youth	16 7p Bible Study	17
18 11a Radio	19 7p UMW	20 6:30p Finance Committee Meeting in Music Room	21	22 7p Four:12 Youth	23 7p Bible Study	24
25 Memorial Day 8:45 Communion	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	27 Garden Club Set up 6:30p Church Council Meeting in Music Room	28 Garden Club Flower Show	29 12n-7p Blood Bank 7p Four:12 Youth	30 7p Bible Study	31
<b>June 1</b> 11a Communion	2	3	4	5 2p Singers Mallard Bay 7p Four:12 Youth	6 7p Bible Study	7

8	9 7p Martha 7p Sarah	10	11 12n Ruth in Fellowship Hall	12 Block Party	13 7p Bible Study	14
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22 8:45 Communion 11a Radio	23	24	25	26 7p Four:12 Youth	27 7p Bible Study	28
29 8:45 Communion	30	<b>July 1</b>	2	3	4 4th of July	5