

# St. Paul's Newsletter

**Sunday, January 3, 2010**

**Scriptures:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**8:45 Contemporary Service**

Reader: Lisa Hines  
Nursery: Michelle Smith & Allison  
          Jacobs  
Children's Church: Mary Ruth  
Brotemarkle & Heather Travers

**9:45 Adult Sunday School  
Gleaners**

Devotions: Peggy Cheesman  
Teacher: Mary Ruth Brotemarkle  
**Richardson's Men**  
Devotions & Teacher: Randy  
Bradford

**11:00 Traditional Service**

Reader: Fred Redmer

From the Helm

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The prophet Isaiah tells us that: "A Child is born to us, a son is given to us" The Christ, the Son of God is with us (the meaning of Emmanuel...God with us) Isaiah Chapter 9 Verse 5

So many of you have participated in Saint Paul's Ministries, that it's difficult to thank every one of you in person. You have recognized Christ in one of His most heart breaking and distressing disguises which is that of the poor. Please know that my prayer of blessing and my deepest thanks for being part of our Parish's outreach to "the least of these, who are members of Christ's family", and of ours. I can see that you're growing spiritually, continue seeking His face and ask for more ways to understand His love for us and our expression of that love in our life.

May God bless you for welcoming Christ in the guise of those who come to the parish door for help, and in supporting the homeless and refugees.

Thank you for seeing Him in "swaddling clothes" and bringing Him gifts like warm winter clothes for Him in Appalachia and for helping Christ keep that roof over His head, heat, light, and running water, prescriptions, etc. through the financial support you have given to helping hands.

Thank you for clothing Christ in the blankets and coats, socks and gloves you have provided for the homeless poor of Dorchester County through Salvation Army, Lutheran Missions, Robin Hood shoppe and other Clothing ministries.

Thank you for feeding Christ as He seeks shelter from the winter elements at the Cold Weather Shelter, or when He is served by you on our soup days and by the thousands of pounds of groceries you have donated to our food pantry.

Thank you for traveling to find Christ in other countries, helping Him avoid death by malaria, starvation or persecution; all accomplished by your support of our foreign missions.

Thank you for visiting Christ in prison and for you caregivers, and parish nurses, and Eucharistic ministers...thank you.

Thank you for all you have done to make Christ, in all His many disguises welcome here at Saint Paul's. As a community of faith in this "Child born to us" let us wish one another the joy of Christ, Emmanuel. He comes to us in so many different guises, and during this holy season may we all experience the continued joy and peace of His coming, and may we continue to feel the leading of His Holy Spirit to recognize Him when He is near and needy.

May God continue to bless your family into a Holy, Happy and Prosperous New Year. I pray this for you in Jesus' name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Please continue praying for peace, Our Nation, its' leaders and our Community.

Yours, in Christ,  
Revfred+

### Prayer List

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|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Chris Browne      | BJ Smith & Family          | Unsaved loved ones     | Those needy |
| Rev. David Rector | Mike Wingo                 | Families               | Our pastors |
| Margaret Barnes   | Dave Ryan, Jr. &<br>family | Our Schools            | Our church  |
| Wanda Hurley      | Rose Andrew                | Our Service<br>Workers |             |

## Updates

### Children's Church Needs Assistants

Children's Church is in need of adult helpers during the early worship service on Sunday mornings. Safe Sanctuaries requires at least two adults in attendance during any activities with children. Therefore, an adult will be needed to serve only as an assistant during Children's Church. Anyone interested in helping out is asked to contact Youth Pastor B.J. Smith.

### Poinsettias Are Here

The poinsettias that were ordered from the Gleaners Sunday School Class are in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Church, and may be picked up at any time. **Please be sure to pick up your poinsettias by Sunday, January 3, 2010.** Any flowers remaining after Sunday will be given away.

## Condolences

Our sympathies go out to Youth Pastor BJ Smith and his family for the loss of his father, John Smith. Mr. Smith passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2009. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Youth Pastor BJ Smith & family, 200 Hayward Street, Cambridge, MD 21613.

## Special Christmas

St. Paul's UMC would like to thank everyone who donated clothing, toys and money, in an effort to make this Christmas a happy one for a local family in need. A blended family with eight children under the age of 12 years presents a special challenge for one Cambridge family. All of your contributions and good wishes will go a long way towards making this Christmas a very special one for all.

## Upcoming Events

### Lady's Prayer Breakfast

The next Lady's Community Prayer Breakfast is scheduled to be held on Saturday, January 16, 2010, at 8 a.m. The location of this prayer breakfast is the Salvation Army, 200 Washington Street, Cambridge. Everyone is asked to please bring a canned goods donation. For more information, please phone 410-228-2442.

## Upcoming Calendar

|                            |                                   |   |  |  |                               |                     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 27<br>8:45a Holy Communion | 28                                | 29  | 30<br>Four:12 - Liberty Winterfest Trip                  | 31<br>Four:12 - Liberty Winterfest Trip  | Jan 1, 2010<br>New Year's Day | 2<br>chapel wedding |
| 3<br>11a Holy Communion    | 4<br>5:30p Relay For Life Meeting | 5<br>6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall | 6<br>6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting<br>7:30p Choir Practice | 7<br>1-6:10p Blood Bank in Fellowship Hall<br>2:30p St. Paul's Singers @ Mallard Bay<br>6-8p Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary | 8                             | 9<br>4p Baptism     |

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| 10                      | 11<br>7p Martha Circle Meeting at Elizabeth Harp's home                                       | 12<br>6:30p Finance Committee Meeting in Fellowship Hall<br><br>6:30p Cub Scout Meeting | 13<br>6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting<br><br>7:30p Choir Practice                            | 14<br>2:30p St. Paul's Singers @ Chesapeake Woods<br><br>6-8:30p CCA PTO Meeting in Parlor<br><br>6-8p Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary<br><br>6:30 Methodist Men Dinner Meeting in Fellowship Hall | 15<br>8:30-9:05a CCA Donuts with Dad                            | 16 |
| 17<br>11a radio         | 18<br><b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>  | 19<br><b>SOUP DAY PREP.</b><br><br>6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall           | 20<br><b>SOUP DAY</b><br><br>6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting<br><br>7:30p Choir Practice     | 21<br><br>6-8p Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary   | 22  | 23 |
| 24                      | 25<br><br>5:30p Relay For Life Meeting in Fellowship Hall<br><br>6:30p Church Council Meeting | 26<br><br>6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall                                    | 27<br><br>6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting<br><br>7:30p Choir Practice                        | 28<br><br>5p Lloyd's VFC Spaghetti Dinner<br><br>6-8p Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary  | 29<br><br>6p CCA PTO Pot Luck Dinner Meeting in Fellowship Hall | 30 |
| 31                      | <b>Feb 1, 2010</b><br><br>5:30-8:30p Relay For Life Meeting in Fellowship Hall                | 2<br><br>6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall                                     | 3<br><b>Groundhog Day</b><br><br>6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting<br><br>7:30p Choir Practice | 4<br><br>1-6:10p Blood Bank in Fellowship Hall<br><br>2:30p St. Paul's Singers @ Mallard Bay<br><br>6-8p Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary   | 5   | 6  |
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| 14<br>St. Valentines Day                            | 15<br>President's Day  | 16<br>SOUP DAY PREP.<br>6:30p Cub Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall | 17<br>ASH WEDNESDAY<br>SOUP DAY<br>6:30p Four:12 Youth Meeting<br>7:30p Choir Practice | 18<br>6-8p Praise Band Practice in Sanctuary  | 19 | 20<br>wedding |
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