

# *The Chimes*

*October 5, 2011*

## *Saint Paul's Worship Schedule*

### *Sunday*

**9:00 am: Holy Communion**

*First Sunday of month: Family Worship  
(service designed with children in mind);*

*Remaining Sundays: service concurrent with Sunday School*

**10:30 am: Holy Communion**

*Traditional liturgy*

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The Rev. Dr. Harry W. McDowell II, Pastor  
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*Mark your calendars —*

# ***Annual Meeting***

***Sunday, February 5, 2012***

***Following worship at 9:30 am  
(One service only; no Sunday School)***

***The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary;  
a luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall.***

***All members are encouraged  
to attend this important meeting  
& the luncheon that follows.***

**Chimes publication  
information**

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*The Chimes*, the newsletter of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, is published for the inspiration, education and entertainment of its members and friends. Comments and suggestions are welcome. Just mail, e-mail or deliver them to the church office.

The next issue of *The Chimes* will be published on **Tuesday, November 8**. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on **Tuesday, November 1**. Thank you!

# Pastor's Letter



***“Jesus said to them,  
‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’  
For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.”***

Mark 6:31

Dear Friends:

Summer is often a “change of pace” time; a season when we have more opportunity for leisure activities, recreation, fun things. I hope that all of you had some time of refreshment and recreation this summer. I sure enjoyed some time spent with family and friends. We even spent several days at Dutch Wonderland with all four grandchildren. I can tell you, five adults are not enough to supervise four children, four years-old and under!

Now that fall has arrived, the schedule fills up quickly, activity increases, and life takes off at breakneck speed. I want to invite you to do two things this year.

First, make worship and church activities a priority. Sunday morning worship is where we get the energy to make it through the rest of the week. It is where we are fed with that food that is unlike any other meal: the Bread of Life, the Cup of Salvation. I not only love our Sunday morning worship, but I get so much energy from the enthusiasm of all the children!

The second invitation is related to the passage above. With all of the hustle and bustle at church, school, and in the community, take the time to “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” Jesus wasn’t just talking here about physical rest, but also what might be called “rest in prayer and the word.” I invite you to set aside some time every day for the reading of scripture and for prayer.

As busy and hectic as our schedules are—more so if you have young children—taking time in “a deserted place” is essential for that rest, nourishment, and strengthening we all need to endure.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Skip McDowell".

Pastor Skip McDowell

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## Prayers

**Please pray for our men and women in the armed services**, especially Michael Burns (son of Linda & Bob Burns) and Brandon Mader (grandson of Wendy Black).

**Prayers are also requested for:** the Albahadily family; Charline Allen (friend of Linda Stanton); Iris Behnke (mother of Pam McDowell); Bill Buchanan; Charlotte Conybear; Mary Ellen Devereaux (niece of Boofie Younkin); Alan Diehl (friend of Debbie Moran); Bill Gagliardi (friend of the Moran family); Nan Gustafson (sister of Barbara Keyser); Pat Kresge (friend of Ginger Klepfer); Carol Keiser (friend of Dottie Buchanan); Mark Kelly (brother-in-law of Carrie Kelly); Chris Marshall (friend of Erin Denman); Shirley McCall; John Messer (friend of Claudia Muller); David Miller; Jack Polito (friend of Millie Parker); Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Meghan Sheehan (friend of Beth McElvenney); Jennifer St. John (cousin of Stephanie O'Mara); and Marilyn (friend of Mary Lynn Kennedy).

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## Alternative Gift Market – Suggestions Wanted

Do you have a charity that is near and dear to your heart that you would like to have represented at this year's Alternative Gift Market? Please contact Lorie Foust ([mfoust1@comcast.net](mailto:mfoust1@comcast.net)) or Denette Stetler ([djstetler@verizon.net](mailto:djstetler@verizon.net)) with your suggestion(s). We are hoping to bring variety to this year's event and broaden opportunities for giving during the Christmas season.

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## Note to Families with Young Children

We are looking for some moms and/or dads who might be interested in joining the Families with Young Children organization/planning team. Vicki Sack and Claudia Muller would love for this to be a “training year” for a few folks. Vicki and Claudia have been running the program for three years, and as their children get older, they are looking to transition some new parents into the role. Anyone interested should contact Vicki ([vickisack@verizon.net](mailto:vickisack@verizon.net)), Claudia ([cmmuller@comcast.net](mailto:cmmuller@comcast.net)), or Pastor Skip McDowell (610-642-3211). Thank you for your ongoing participation.

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## St. Paul's Has New Nursery Care Giver

Church member, Sarah Curtin, is Saint Paul's new nursery care giver. The nursery is open once again during Sunday church services.

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## Sunday School Volunteers Needed

The Sunday School is looking for volunteers (minimum age ninth grade) to be part of the teaching teams for the upcoming school year. If you have been a St. Paul's member for at least six months and would like to help share the Good News with our children and youth, please contact one of our Sunday School superintendents: Liz Cassidy at [lizandbart@comcast.net](mailto:lizandbart@comcast.net), or Mary Lynn Kennedy at [mary.lynn.morris.kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:mary.lynn.morris.kennedy@gmail.com).

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## Good News Bibles Available

The Sunday School has ten extra *Good News* Bibles (used). If you would like them, or if you know anyone who would like them, please contact Millie in the church office at 610-642-3211 or [millie@stpaulsardmore.org](mailto:millie@stpaulsardmore.org).

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## Farm House for Rent

Do you know of anyone who would be interested in renting our large farm house across the street from the church? Are they reliable and do you think they would make good tenants for the church? If you know of someone, please contact church secretary, Millie Parker (610-642-3211). The house will be available this fall. Monthly rental is \$1,400 plus utilities.

The house has three bedrooms and a renovated bathroom. The kitchen has room for a small dining table; there are two other large downstairs rooms. Washer and dryer on premise. Parking off street.



### **Families with Young Children Halloween Party!**

Sunday, October 30  
6:00 – 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Come for dinner – come in costume!  
Free will offering

*Watch for more details in upcoming Sunday bulletins.*

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## Mah-Jongg Group Seeks Players

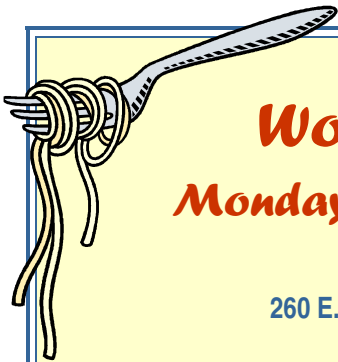
Anyone interested in playing/learning to play Mah-jongg is invited to join St. Paul's Mah-jongg group. **The group meets in the Kugler Room every Monday afternoon from 1:15 to about 5:00 or 6:00 pm.** Players take turns bringing refreshments which are shared during a mid-afternoon break in the games. Come join the fun! All are welcome—beginners, experienced players, or any level of expertise in between. Please call Judi Zucker (610-525-7582) if you have questions or would like to join the group—or just come some Monday afternoon!

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## Learn Origami at Saint Paul's

The Greater Philadelphia Paper Pholders invite all interested members of the congregation to attend origami class **the first Monday of each month**, October through August (no class on Labor Day in September). **The group meets in Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 9:30 pm**, and all are welcome (children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult). If you would like more information about this group's activities, please talk with long-time member, Belle Miller.



## *Women's Dinner*

### *Monday, October 10, 6:00 pm*

At Buca di Beppo  
260 E. Lancaster Ave., Wynnewood

#### **Menu—the *Milano*:**

Salad course (apple Gorgonzola w. house bread, Caesar salad)  
Pasta course (baked rigatoni, fettuccine Alfredo)  
Entrée (chicken limone),  
Dessert (chocolate cake)  
Beverages (soft drinks, coffee, tea)

Cost: \$21 (covers meal + gratuity)

Please R.S.V.P. to the church office (610-642-3211).

# CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 16 at 1:00 pm



*Women and girls carry water home in Geles, an Arab village in Darfur.*

You and I can make a difference helping those who are less fortunate to have more food, more education, and more clean water to drink by joining the Ardmore/Main Line Crop Walk on **Sunday, October 16**. This is the 33rd<sup>d</sup> annual Main Line Walk! We will meet at the Suburban Square parking lot (in Ardmore, across from Ruby's) for the 10k (6.2 mile) walk. If you are not sure you can walk the entire distance, the route is west on Lancaster Ave., returning east via Montgomery Ave., so you can turn around at any point, if need be. Each participating church is asked to provide a crossing guard.

CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Monies and goods will be sent to aid recent flood, hurricane, and earthquake victims, to relieve famine in Africa, and to help war refugees in Darfur, Gaza, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, and Syria. Additional projects are funded in Brazil, Myanmar, and Indonesia. Ten percent of our donations come back to feed the hungry in our own area.

Please note, contributors can specify one of many denominational charities to receive the donation. These include, for instance, Project Hope or Lutheran World Relief. If the contributor does not designate a recipient, Church World Services, a consortium of Protestant and Orthodox Churches, will quite capably direct the money to needy recipients. (*Continued, next page*)



## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- **Sign up and receive a CROP Walker envelope.**
- **Fill out the information requested and ask friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to help you help others by making a donation. If a contributor desires to designate a charity, please indicate that in the appropriate column.**
- **Return the completed envelope and donations to Linda Stanton by NOVEMBER 1. All checks should be made out to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church with *CROP WALK* on the memo line.**

If you can't walk that day, you can still participate . . . Volunteer to be a crossing guard or contribute to someone who is walking. This is a great opportunity for a fun family activity. Baby strollers and wagons are always welcome.

**See or call Linda Stanton (610-645-7752) for more information or to sign up.**



## November Birthdays

- 1 Melissa Erickson
- 2 Joanne Mullin
- 3 Helen McCloskey, Rhonda Moyer
- 4 Reed Lukasiewicz
- 5 Kathryn Kerr, Matthew Wendelken
- 6 Sarah Carstens, Paul DeLomba, Sr., Madison Tintera
- 7 William Harris III
- 8 Carolyn Ashburn, Susan Mazzanobile, Nancy McCoy
- 9 Wesley Jones, Conrad Sides, Marianne Weldon
- 10 Analynn Ewers
- 12 Weston Klimas, Logan Reasoner
- 14 Libby Hoyer, Grace McCabe, Bridget Mullin, Ray Williams
- 15 Margaret Gibb
- 16 Ellen Conybear
- 17 Amanda Janasik, Boofie Younkin
- 20 Lynda Kozarski, Lisa McCabe, Meghan McFillin, Robert Weldon
- 21 Stark Lash
- 22 Larry DeWarf, Christine Mazzanobile
- 23 Connie Cutler, Carol Hammarberg, Daniel Penne
- 24 Paige Henderson, Glenn Riggs, Jr.
- 25 Gardiner Warner
- 26 Laura Dormans, Patrick Freestone, Ava Reasoner
- 29 Angela Freestone, Dawn Klimas, Margaret Lucas
- 30 Joseph Chung, Connor McCabe

# Stephen



# Ministry

*Life brings many problems – some big and some small.*

*Sometimes we can feel completely overwhelmed.*

*Although families love and care, you may feel the need for a caring friend to walk beside you, to listen with empathy and confidentiality, to compassionately share the pain, and to lovingly reassure you of Christ's sustaining love and guidance.*

*Only God can provide the ultimate cure, but we care and are here to listen and support.*

***If you feel a Stephen Minister would be a healing influence in your life or the life of someone you care about, please contact one of our Stephen Leaders:***

<i>Beth McElvenney</i>	<i>610-853-2444</i>
<i>Hazel Pelletreau</i>	<i>610-284-6835</i>
<i>Pastor Skip McDowell</i>	<i>610-642-3211</i>

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*In case you missed it on Sunday, September 25, here's a prayer for our congregation (next page) from the Stephen Ministers.*

***“In my eyes, you are precious and honored. I love you.” (Isaiah 43:4)***

***We are your Stephen Ministers, and we are here to share your struggles and walk with you during dark times. It is our hope that if you find yourself carrying a burden, you will trust God and trust us to carry it with you. A shared burden is a lighter burden. In our community of faith, we are your confidential listeners; we are here for you.***

***Let us pray (continued on page 10) . . .***

**Merciful and Gracious Father,**

**Throughout the Bible you teach us again and again to care for each other, to love one another. Help us to be present completely for each other as we walk our paths of faith. Help us to trust in you and to know that you are with us in our darkest times; we are never alone. Give us courage to reach out and trust that you can work through us to listen, support and care for all your children.**

*(Stephen Ministers' response in italics)*

**If you are experiencing troubles with family or friends . . .**

*We are here to walk with you.*

**If you are feeling overwhelmed . . .**

*We are here to listen to you.*

**If you are facing a future of uncertainty . . .**

*We are here to pray with you.*

**If you are struggling with a loss . . .**

*We are here to listen to you.*

**If you have financial worries . . .**

*We are here to walk with you.*

**If a doctor has given you unwelcome news . . .**

*We are here to pray with you.*

**If you are adjusting to a new situation . . .**

*We are here to walk with you.*

**If you are experiencing grief . . .**

*We are here to listen to you.*

**If your work situation is troubling you . . .**

*We are here to pray with you.*

**If there is a problem with someone you care about . . .**

*We are here to listen to you.*

**If there is sadness in your home . . .**

*We are here to walk with you.*

**If you are afraid . . .**

*We are here to listen to you.*

***Loving God, we thank you for your presence in this community of faith and in each other. Your love sustains and strengthens us to care for each other. Help us to grow in trust and faith as we walk together. Amen.***

# *Skip a meal to Give a meal*

How much money do you spend on a coffee, snacks or meals outside of your home? That few bucks per day for a coffee or lunch can make a world of difference for others.

*FROM RALLY DAY TO THANKSGIVING, THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE IS CHALLENGING ALL MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL'S TO SKIP EATING OUT AND DONATE THAT MONEY TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA. YOU CAN TAKE HOME ONE OF OUR SPECIAL COIN BANKS OR MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION DIRECTLY AT CHURCH.*

All money collected will support the Aquarius School Feeding Program, a Christian-based charity. Aquarius provides a meal during the school day to students who probably will not have any other food at home that day. The program also provides support to families, including: giving children food to take home, paying mandatory school fees and providing students much needed rain coats and school supplies.

**A MATCHING DONOR HAS COME FORWARD, SO EVERY DOLLAR WE RAISE IS TWICE AS IMPORTANT FOR FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK.**      Funds raised so far: \$255      Total with match: \$510



## *Invitation*

*You are cordially invited to attend  
the blessing of the marriage of  
Pastor Julie DeWerth and Dr. Tim Horner  
on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 2 pm.*

*Dessert reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall of  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
132 East Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, Pa.*

*Please, no presents—just presence! This is a casual, joyful occasion to celebrate  
our marriage. We are both so lucky to have each other and all of you.  
We do not need anything but your best wishes and blessings.*

*Attire is casual. Everyone (including children!) welcome.*

## ***Attention Committee Chairpersons***

Annual reports for the year 2011 are due in the office no later than Friday, December 30. Please note that reports are expected from all committees, subcommittees and groups. Observance of the deadline will greatly assist the church office in distributing the annual report to members in a timely fashion.

<b><i>Subject of Report</i></b>	<b><i>Responsibility for Report</i></b>
Music program	Andy Heller
Annual overview	Barbara Henderson
Christian Education	Stuart Krissinger
Library	Evelyn Reider
Stephen Ministry	Beth McElvenney
Men's Bible study	Stark Lash
Evangelism	Joy Baxter
Parish Activities, Technology	Dan Gale
Property	Barbara & Bill Henderson
Staff Personnel	Robert Penne
Worship & Music	Barbara Keyser
Altar Care	Jean Krohn
Stewardship	Don Parman
Social Ministry	Lisa Lexa
Cemetery	Louise Pierce & Jason Sack
Ad Hoc Committee on Council Nominees	Barbara Henderson & Pastor McDowell

### ***Financial Reports***

Cemetery Budget & Financial Summary	Jason Sack & Kevin Maurer
Finance	David Harkins
Financial Secretary Report	Waneta Peart
Treasurer Report	Kevin Maurer
2011 Actual & 2012 Proposed Budget	David Harkins
Benevolence Payments	Judi Zucker
Endowment Fund Assets vs. Disbursements	Bill Henderson
Endowment Investment Accounts Summary	Bill Henderson
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Portfolio	Bill Henderson
Audit Committee	Barbara Henderson

*Halloween Stories  
in the Old Dutch Schoolhouse &  
Candlelight Tours  
of St. Paul's Cemetery*

*(a benefit for the restoration & maintenance of the schoolhouse)*

**Friday, October 28 & Saturday, October 29**

**6:30 pm: Children's Halloween Stories (children only)**

**7:00 & 8:00 pm: "Case of the Singing Skull"  
(All ages, seating is limited)**

**Cemetery tour features fascinating tales of notable figures  
from Lower Merion's past**

**Refreshments provided**

**Purchase tickets at the cemetery on Friday & Saturday evenings:**

**\$5 for children 12 & under**

**\$10 for teens & adults**

**Questions: Call Saint Paul's church office at 610-642-3211.**

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 1	
12:00 noon	Deadline for November <i>Chimes</i>
7:00 pm	AA/2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Meeting Room
Thursday, November 3	
9:00 – 11:15 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:00 – 2:15 pm	Women’s Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children’s choir rehearsal
7:15 pm	Council meeting/2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Meeting Room
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
Friday, November 4	
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Girl Scouts/Church basement
Saturday, November 5	
8:30 am	Men’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
Sunday, November 6—All Saints’ Day	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Holy Communion ( <i>Family Worship—no Sunday School</i> )
10:30 am	Holy Communion
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
Monday, November 7	
6:30 – 9:30 pm	Greater Philadelphia Paper Pholders/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry/Kugler Room
7:00 pm	AA/2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Meeting Room
Tuesday, November 8	
TBA	November <i>Chimes</i> published
7:00 pm	AA/2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Meeting Room
Thursday, November 10	
9:00 – 11:15 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:00 – 2:15 pm	Women’s Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children’s choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
Saturday, November 12	
8:30 am	Men’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
Sunday, November 13	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 & 10:30 am	Holy Communion
6:00 pm	Confirmation class/Kugler Room
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
Monday, November 14	
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 15	
7:00 pm	AA/2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Meeting Room
Thursday, November 17	
9:00 – 11:15 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:00 – 2:15 pm	Women’s Christian Fellowship/Kugler Room

6:30 pm	Children's choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
<b>Saturday, November 19</b>	
8:30 am	Men's Bible Study/Kugler Room
<b>Sunday, November 20—Commitment Sunday</b>	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 & 10:30 am	Holy Communion
TBA	Cooking for the hungry/St. Paul's basement kitchen
6:00 pm	Confirmation class/Kugler Room
<b>Monday, November 21</b>	
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry/Kugler Room
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, November 22</b>	
7:00 pm	AA/2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Meeting Room
<b>Wednesday, November 23</b>	
7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist / St. Paul's Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, November 24—Thanksgiving Day: Office Closed</b>	
<b>Friday, November 25—Office Closed</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 26</b>	
8:30 am	Men's Bible Study/Kugler Room
<b>Sunday, November 27—First Sunday in Advent</b>	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 & 10:30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Monday, November 28</b>	
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, November 29</b>	
12:00 noon	Deadline for December <i>Chimes</i>
7:00 pm	AA/2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Meeting Room

## Women's Retreat – Save the date!

The next women's retreat will be held **Friday evening and Saturday, February 10-11, 2012**, at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, Pa. The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phelps Ollikainen will lead the group in discussing "A Worshipful Life." Watch for more information in future issues of *The Chimes*. Questions? – Contact Diane Pringle: [dianep@design.upenn.edu](mailto:dianep@design.upenn.edu).

## Gifts of Flowers for the Altar

Consider becoming a weekly or monthly sponsor of altar flowers for Sunday morning worship. The cost of the flowers is \$25 per week, \$100 or \$125 per month. A sign-up chart for sponsoring altar flowers is available in Fellowship Hall, or you may call Dottie Buchanan at 484-420-4969 to make your request. Once you have signed up, you will receive confirmation of your sponsorship and information about how to make your payment. The dedication(s) for your flowers will be published in the appropriate Sunday bulletin(s).

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Change Service Requested  
Time Dated Material