

# *The Chimes*

*August 3, 2010*

## *Saint Paul's Summer Worship Schedule*

*(In effect through Rally Day, September 12)*

### *Sunday*

**9:30 am: Holy Communion**

*Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
415 E. Athens Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003  
The Rev. Dr. Harry W. McDowell II, Pastor  
610-642-3211 610-658-3262 (fax)  
[www.stpaulsardmore.org](http://www.stpaulsardmore.org)*

*“Music of the Night”  
Hymn-Fest*

*THIS Thursday, August 5  
7:00 pm in St. Paul’s Sanctuary*

*Led by Wayne Wold & Keith Hampton*

*Don’t miss this annual event sponsored by  
Augsburg Fortress during their two-day music clinic  
hosted by St. Paul’s.*

*All are welcome!  
There is no charge for this event.*

*INSTRUMENTALISTS:*

*If you are a capable player, please come to a “jam session”  
with Wayne Wold & Keith Hampton  
Thursday afternoon, August 5, at 2:30 pm.*

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*The Chimes*, the newsletter of Saint Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, is published monthly 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 **Wednesday, September 8**. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on **Tuesday, August 31**. Thank you!

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## Baptism

**Benjamin Bradford Barron**, son of Nicole and Brad Barron, was baptized on July 18.

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## Change of Address

Lois Connell  
539 N. Ramos Lane  
Green Valley, Arizona 85614 – 5698

The Norquist family  
107 Morlyn Avenue  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

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## Prayers

**Please pray for our men and women in the armed services**, especially Michael Burns (son of Linda & Bob Burns); Christopher Crowell (son-in-law of Linda Martin); Elizabeth Hernandez (friend of Nicole Barron); and Brandon Mader (son of Amy Black).

**Prayers are also requested for:** Charline Allen (friend of Linda Stanton); Larry Areheart (friend of Andy Heller & Jane Knappe); Bill Buchanan; Kent Clelland (brother of Christine Stallkamp); Charlotte Conybear; Diane Coombs (friend of Linda Martin); Janet Feldman (sister of Julia Friedgen); Frank Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Nicole Holobovich (friend of Toni Whaley); Ginger Klepfer; Hilda Knox; Melanie Kolb; Chris Marshall (friend of Erin Denman); Howard Marshall (cousin of Tom Keyser); Bruce McCluskey (former member and friend of Elaine Hardenbergh); Matt Schnaath; Cynthia Smith; and Ray Williams.

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## Sunday School

The Sunday School is looking for volunteers for the upcoming school year to be part of the teaching teams. If you are a Saint Paul's member, minimum age ninth grade, who would like to help share the Good News with our children & youth, please contact Liz Cassidy at [lizandbart@comcast.net](mailto:lizandbart@comcast.net) or Mary Lynn Kennedy at [mmorris@haverford.edu](mailto:mmorris@haverford.edu).

**WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

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# Thank You

*(The following letter was sent to Saint Paul's by the Coordinator of the Aquarius School Feeding Program, which was the recipient of this year's Vacation Bible School offering. For more information about this program, see the article, "Vacation Bible School 2010," beginning on page 5.)*

We wish to acknowledge receipt of \$604.65 on 14 July 2010. Please accept and extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for this donation to your Church Community, especially the children who so generously reached out to the children here in Cape Town.

Yesterday we had some of our sponsors present to witness the school children receiving their soup and bread. The children also received raincoats—these children get really drenched on their way to school in winter and at times the teachers have to send them back home because they cannot remain at school in that state. We took lots of pictures and will send them on to you as soon as we have them developed.

Jesus said "Suffer the little children to come unto me" and these school children need all the love and hugs we can give them.

May God bless you all abundantly.

*Kind regards,  
Clive Kolbe, Co-ordinator*



What a picnic feast those in the **Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) program** had last month when Saint Paul's helped out—nachos, burgers, dogs, pasta salad, potato salad, fresh fruit, potatoes au gratin, deviled eggs, Caesar salad, and brownie sundaes. It was so nice that so many people shared the Light of Christ with those who don't have a place to call home.

Thanks to all who helped with the meal and baby-sitting: **Helene Roth, Merissa D'Antonio, Polly Johnsen, Stark Lash, Nan Dormans, Christine Faust, Cynthia Chester, Lisa Lexa-Wilson and Dave McElvenney.**

Next opportunities to join the fun, and help those in the IHN program: Monday, September 27 and Monday, December 13.

# Vacation Bible School 2010

Sixty-seven children were enrolled in Saint Paul's Vacation Bible School (VBS), held at the end of June. The theme of this year's program was "Baobab Blast."

The baobab tree is a gigantic tree, native to Africa, which creates its own ecosystem. It can grow to a height of 98 feet and a trunk diameter of 36 feet. Baobabs store water in their trunks—up to 32,000 U.S. gallons! Their leaves are used as a vegetable, and their fruit is nutritious—possibly having more vitamin C than oranges. The baobab tree provides a home to many animals, including eagles, bushbabies, and red-billed buffalo-weavers. It also serves as a meeting place where people gather and share stories.

At Baobab Blast, the baobab tree was a symbol of connection and community—a hub of activity, energy and life. In addition to learning about God's amazing wildlife creations, the kids explored connections with God, family, friends and others around the world. They became part of a supportive community—part of "God's Great Get-Together."



## The Web of Love

*From left to right: Brendan Miller, Morgan Gale, Rachel Kreiser, Brandon Foust, Robby Keyser, Denette Stetler, Clair Morse, Aiden Gale, & Grace McCabe.*

**Claudia Muller and Melissa Gale served as leaders of this year's program, supported by a wonderful crew:** Pastor Skip McDowell, Andy Heller, Joy Baxter, Julia Carstens, Natalie Carstens, Sara Denman, Katie Dormans, Nan Dormans, Caleigh Foust, Judith Harkins, Kendall Henderson, Paige Henderson, Terry Hopkins, Barb Keyser, Brynne Keyser, Katie Keyser, Jamie Koerner, Stark Lash, Lisa Lexa, Jennifer Lustrro, Kelly Mazzanobile, Lisa McCabe, Pam Mc Dowell, Brendan Miller, Emily Miller, Debbie Moran, Shannon Moran, Stephanie O'Mara,

Kris Peterson, Louise Pierce, Mark Pierce, Stephen Pierce, Helene Roth, Jason Sack, Vicki Sack, Shelby Smyrl, Linda Stanton, Denette Stetler, Kylie Stetler, and Grace Weldon. In addition, many Saint Paul's members supported the VBS program by contributing craft supplies, snacks or money to purchase supplies/snacks.



***Claudia Muller***

**VBS  
Leaders  
2010**



***Melissa Gale***

**During the opening session on each of the five days of VBS, an offering was collected. This year, the money contributed by VBS enrollees, their parents, and members and friends of St. Paul's came to \$604.64, all of which was donated to the Aquarius School Feeding Program in Cape Town, South Africa.** Aquarius is a Christian-based charity that provides support to school children in some of Cape Town's poorest areas. The program was founded by Clive Kolbe, a retired father and grandfather, who started working part-time in the schools after his retirement. St. Paul's member, Judith Harkins, got to know Mr. Kolbe (a native Capetown resident), his two children and his large extended family, during a research traineeship in South Africa in 2000. When she learned of this year's VBS theme, she realized it would be a great tie-in to the Aquarius School feeding program. *(See letter from Mr. Kolbe, p. 4.)*

Mr. Kolbe discovered that school children regularly fainted due to hunger at school and sometimes had no food over the weekend or on school holidays. Children were also kicked out of school because their families could not pay the mandatory public school fees (approximately \$25 per year).

Aquarius provides a meal during the school day to students who probably would not have any other food at home that day. In addition, the program has been able to provide some extra support for families, including: giving children food to take home, paying mandatory school fees and providing students much needed raincoats and school supplies. Although the program is small, it has a huge impact on the lives of the children and families it supports.



***Water balloons!***

***From left to right: Andrew O'Mara, Rachel Kreiser, Kelly Monaco, & Shane Leinhauser***

## VBS 2010, continued

A huge *THANK YOU* to all the volunteers, to members and friends for their generous support, and to Saint Paul's staff!

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*Clockwise from left: Aiden Gale, Claire Morse, Paige Henderson, Shane Leinhauser, Robby Keyser, & Nan Dormans*



*Clockwise from center front: VBS teacher Stephanie O'Mara, Natalie Carstens, Natalie Null, Julia Flood, Grace Twohig, Kylie Stetler, Diego Contreras, Paul Denman, Allyson Coffey, Frances Wilson, Ava Sack, & Laura Mernagh*

# Next Meeting of Movie/Book Group Wednesday, August 18, in the Kugler Room

**Pizza, drinks & popcorn at 6:00 pm (\$5.00)  
Movie at 6:30 pm**

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, ten enthusiasts attended the first meeting of St. Paul's Book/Movie Group to view the classic "To Kill a Mockingbird." Luck played a large part in the timing of our movie, which coincided with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of publication of the book by author, Harper Lee.

We had only a short discussion of the issues, concerns and misconceptions regarding race and class differences this movie brought up, but we hope to pursue more about what "people of faith" (any faith) can do when faced with such challenging situations. In future settings we hope to have time to spend in follow-up conversation about the movie or book with those people who join us.

Our next movie (the group decided to wait until September for their first book) on Wednesday, August 18 at 6:30, will be "**Temple Grandin,**" a **moving inspirational HBO movie about an autistic child** who, through the remarkable persistence of her mother and herself, grows into an amazing and highly educated woman who becomes an author, speaker and teacher. Look for some "food for thought" to be sent out by St. Paul's e-mail before the movie on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you in the Kugler Room. Let the church office know you're coming (610-642-3211). The cost is just \$5 for pizza, drinks and popcorn at 6:00 pm.



## St. Paul's Financial Picture: Time period: Jan. 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010

Receipts <sup>1</sup>	+246,574
Disbursements <sup>1</sup>	<u>-307,785</u>
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>-61,211</b>
 Transfer from Endowment Fund <sup>2</sup>	 <u>+58,350</u>
 <b>Total:</b>	 <b>- 2,861</b>

<sup>1</sup> Does not include Memorials & Gifts, Cemetery or Suspense Funds

<sup>2</sup> Approved at Congregational Meeting, Feb. 7, 2010

Waneta Peart, Financial Secretary

# Council Corner

## Dan Gale, Technology Committee Chair

### **Where were you born? Where did you grow up?**

I was born in Chicago, Illinois, and I lived there until I was ten years old. I moved to Ridley Park, Penna., in 1976 with my mother, father and two brothers. In 1995 Melissa and I moved to Cincinnati, Ohio for my job but then moved back to the Philadelphia area in 1998. We have been in Ardmore ever since!

### **How do you spend your days? What is your calling?**

During the week I spend most of my day as a technology management consultant. The rest of my time is spent as a father of four young children, volunteering for the church and a couple of other local organizations while trying to squeeze in some sports and hobbies where I can.

I think being a tech geek has always been my calling. In what has now turned out to be a very profound decision in my life, my father and mother bought a personal computer for the family back in 1983 (anyone remember the IBM PC Jr.?) and I was hooked. From that point on I have been involved with computers and technology.

As the Chair of the new Technology Committee at St. Paul's, I hope to use my experience with technology to spread the word of the church and foster the community a church like St. Paul's provides in the digital age.

### **What do you do in your spare time? Hobbies?**

In my free time, what free time I do have ;-) I enjoy running, playing volleyball, and photography. I am shooting to do my 3<sup>rd</sup> half marathon in September and my first marathon in November.

### **What brought you here?**

A little over a year ago Melissa and I started searching for a church in the area. We had both been away from the church for many years and we decided that since the church was such a large part of our lives as children we wanted our children to have the same exposure and experiences. I grew up in the Lutheran religion and attended Tabor Lutheran School in Chicago so I was already familiar with the principles of the Lutheran church.

In our search for a church we decided to come to one of St. Paul's Families with Young Children events. We already knew a couple of members of the congregation and it was such a great event! Our children were immediately comfortable and our discussions with Pastor Skip sealed our decision. Besides, Pastor Skip was the first Pastor I had ever seen carrying a

Blackberry. . . I knew it was the place ;-)

## What keeps you here?

I think the answer to this goes back to my very first conversation with Pastor Skip. During that conversation Pastor Skip asked me what I was looking for in a church. I was a little surprised by the question because I was used to church being church and not really thinking about what I wanted out of it. I thought for a moment, looked around at what was going on at the Families with Young Children's event, watching my children having a blast with the other children and parents and said "This—an extension of family and a feeling of community—this is what I want from a church." We started coming to St. Paul's the very next week and officially became members in early 2009. Just a few short months later all of our children were baptized by Pastor Skip in his first ever quadruple baptism ;-)



# STEPHEN MINISTRY



*"Life is like a stained glass window—many of the colored panes are bright and uplifting, others are of dark hues and appear uninviting, yet they offer balance to the whole story in the window. Stephen Ministry offers God's light especially through the dark panes (different states of brokenness) that are often part of everyone's life journey. With prayer, caring and better understanding, life becomes whole again with new dimensions of hope, love and God's light."*

*Carol White, Stephen Minister, Delaware*



Jesus is the Good shepherd, and he wants to make sure each and every one of his sheep are well cared for. The Stephen Ministry at Saint Paul's also wants to make sure that each member of the congregation is well cared for. When your life seems to be in that "dark place," be good to yourself and allow a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey.

If you or someone you know thinks you could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Skip McDowell (610-642-3211) or a Stephen Leader: Beth McElvenney (610-853-2444); Hazel Pelletreau (610-284-6835); or Toni Whaley (610-896-7193).

# ***“Raising Dough”—A Path to Inspirational Giving***

*“Raising Dough” introduces gift planning concepts and opportunities in a recipe format. These opportunities range from gifts during your lifetime to gifts made at or after death. This is the second in a year-long series of recipes for inspirational giving that the Stewardship Committee is presenting each month in “The Chimes.” Feel free to contact either Carol Hammarberg or Don Parman if you would like to receive the complete “recipe box” to see which opportunities might best fit your individual situation. Individual counseling through professional advisors is available at no cost if you have questions.*

## ***Month 2 – Beneficiary Designation***

Grandpa Desi likes things simple. He likes 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:19 because it reminds him that all he needs to do in life is accept God’s love and pass it along to others. Desi does not think that he can make a gift now, but he wants his congregation’s music program to get whatever stock he has left in his brokerage account when he dies. Desi never bought stock himself, but his father left a bunch for him in the only company that his father had ever worked for—a corner gas station—Exxon. The only tool Desi needs is a form from his broker that names his congregation as beneficiary. The results will be a gift to the church music program at his death, a tax deduction for his estate, and many years of capital gains taxes completely avoided.

### ***The Recipe***

#### *Ingredients:*

- ❖ Bank account, brokerage account or insurance policy

#### *Tool Needed:*

- ❖ Designation form

#### *Results:*

- ❖ Gift at death
- ❖ Tax deduction for estate
- ❖ No capital gains tax on sale

#### *Costs:*

- ❖ None

***“We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19)***

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## September Birthdays

- 1 Susan Groff, Andrea Hagemann, Bill Jones, Kevin Maurer, Peter Pavlenco, June Wille
- 2 Claudia Muller
- 3 Alison Sweeney
- 4 Elizabeth Brown, P. Albert Lucas
- 5 Charles Bode, Jr., Kami Wendelken
- 7 Polly Johnsen, Don Parman
- 8 Mark Allen
- 9 Elaine Hardenbergh, Frederick Zimmer, Jr.
- 11 Kelsey Stanton
- 12 Jim Smyrl
- 13 Paul Denman, Jr., Max Muller
- 14 Lois Connell, Jane Knappe, Debbie Moran, Elizabeth Williams
- 15 Damien D'Antonio, David Lynch, Jakob Scheidly
- 16 Nancy Groff
- 18 Marcus Gustafsson, Pat Miles, Heidi Rodrick-Schnaath
- 19 Matthew McGeever, Allison Memmel
- 20 Brad Badovick, Manfred Bierschwale, Elizabeth Buchanan, Kevin Copeland, Samantha Jones
- 21 Luke Boston, John Hunt, Jr., Amy Lukasiewicz, Steve Schmidt, Lorraine Zook
- 22 Terri Maciolek
- 24 Kim Curtin, Mark Pierce
- 25 Sean Dewey, Carolyn Joseph
- 26 Ellie Marshall
- 28 Mark Johnson
- 29 John Chung, Ian Hagemann, Thomas Wilkes
- 31 William Henderson, Jr.

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## 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. **Flowers are needed for Sunday, August 29.** A sign-up chart for sponsoring altar flowers is available in Fellowship Hall, or you may call Dottie Buchanan at 610-789-8092 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).

**Drive for Charlotte  
Bone Marrow Donor Registration  
Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 AM to 1:30 PM  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church**



Charlotte Conybear, age 4, is suffering from Aplastic Anemia, the life-threatening failure of her bone marrow to produce sufficient blood cells. She is currently receiving transfusions and may need a bone marrow transplant. There are no matches for her among her family or on the National Marrow Donor Program Registry.

To help Charlotte and the many other people who do not have a match, we are encouraging everyone in good health between the ages of 18 and 60 to register to become a bone marrow donor. Registration is easy—a simple swipe inside the mouth with a swab. There is no blood taken in the process. In the vast majority of cases (75%), donation is no more painful than giving blood as stem cells are taken from the bloodstream, rather than directly from the bone marrow. The other 25% of the time, bone marrow is withdrawn from the hip under general anesthesia (resulting in some soreness that goes away after a couple days).

Being a bone marrow donor is an incredible opportunity for an ordinary individual to be a hero and save a life. Please consider registering in September or online at <http://join.bethematch.org/charlottesmatch>. Click on “Join Now” and use promocode “CharlottesMatch.” If you have any questions or need any further information, please visit [www.marrows.org](http://www.marrows.org) or call St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 610-642-3211.

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Saturday, September 4	
8:30 am	Men's Bible Study/Kugler Room
Sunday, September 5	
9:30 am	Holy Communion
Monday, September 6—Labor Day (office closed)	
Tuesday, September 7	
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry/Kugler Room
7:00 pm	AA/Meeting Room
Wednesday, September 8	
TBA	September <i>Chimes</i> published
Thursday, September 9	
9:30 – 10:30 am	Community Bible Study coffee fellowship / Fellowship Hall
7:15 pm	Council meeting/Kugler Room
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
Saturday, September 11	
8:30 am	Men's Bible Study/Kugler Room
Sunday, September 12—Rally Day	
9:30 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am – 1:30 pm	Bone Marrow Donor Registration (Drive for Charlotte)
Tuesday, September 14	
7:00 pm	AA/Kugler Room
Wednesday, September 15	
7:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee/choir room
Thursday, September 16	
9:15 – 11:15 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:00 – 2:15 pm	Women's Bible Study resumes/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children's choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
Saturday, September 18	
8:30 am	Men's Bible Study/Kugler Room
Sunday, September 19—Resume two-service schedule: 9:00 & 10:45 am	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:45 am	Holy Communion
TBA	Cooking for the hungry/St. Paul's basement kitchen
Monday, September 20	
7:00 – 9:30 pm	Stephen Ministry/Kugler Room
Tuesday, September 21	
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Families w. Young Children welcoming picnic / outdoors—weather permitting
7:00 pm	AA/Kugler Room

Thursday, September 23	
9:15 – 11:15	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:00 – 2:15 pm	Women’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
6:00 pm	Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?
6:30 pm	Children’s choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
Saturday, September 25	
8:30 am	Men’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
Sunday, September 26	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:45 am	Holy Communion
Monday, September 27	
12:00 noon	Deadline for October <i>Chimes</i>
5:30 – 9:00 pm	Interfaith Hospitality Network/St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Ardmore
Tuesday, September 28	
7:00 pm	AA/Kugler Room
Thursday, September 30	
9:15 – 11:15 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:00 – 2:15 pm	Women’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children’s choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS RALLY DAY!**

**Sunday, September 12  
9:30 am**

**Rally Day is the last Sunday on which Saint Paul’s summer worship schedule is in effect. The service on September 12 will include the blessing of teachers, school children & their backpacks, and the installation of Sunday School teachers for 2010-11.**

**Please plan to join us on this day of worship & celebration ushering in a new church season!**

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Change Service Requested  
Time Dated Material