

The Chimes

January 12, 2010

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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2010 Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 7

*Following worship at 9:30 am
(one service only on 2/7/'10)*

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary.

Luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall.

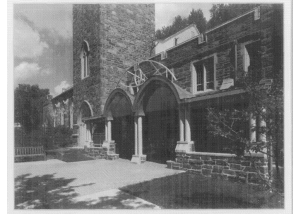
Mark your calendars!

**Chimes publication
information**

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 Thursday, February 4. Your articles are due in the office no later than noon on Wednesday, January 27. Thank you!

Thoughts from the Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ:

A few thoughts on worship...

Christmas has come and gone, yet the memories of wonderful worship, a beautifully decorated sanctuary, glorious music, and the ministries of so many that contributed to the season continue to live on! My heartfelt thanks to all who gave so willingly of their time and talents to make our Advent-Christmas worship so powerful. I'm afraid that if I start mentioning the many groups, organizations, and individuals who contributed to our worship, I will surely leave some out.

This year we had the addition of *A Service of Lessons and Carols* at 4:00 in the afternoon on Sunday, December 13. What a wonderful experience in worship that was; I hope it becomes an annual tradition. Thanks to Andy Heller and the choirs.

A huge snowfall on Sunday, December 20 caused us to postpone the annual Children's Christmas Pageant to January 3rd. Again, the children really proclaimed the birth of the Christ Child in their song. Thanks to Andy Heller, Liz Cassidy, Mary Lynn Kennedy, and Pam McDowell, along with all of the Sunday School staff.

Now we look ahead in worship...

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. We will have our usual Ash Wednesday schedule with liturgies of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes at 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm. The first service will be preceded with a soup luncheon at 11:00 am.

For the next five Wednesday evenings (February 24 through March 24) guest preachers will present our 2010 Lenten theme: "Who is this Jesus?" This theme and the preaching will be based on Jesus' "I am" sayings in the Gospel of John.

I hope you will join me on our annual Lenten journey toward Holy Week and the road to Jerusalem.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Skip McDowell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Pastor Skip McDowell

Deaths

Richard Fasold, a member of Saint Paul's since 1938, died on December 8, 2009.

Lydia Schlauch died on December 26, 2009.

Bill McCloskey, husband of Helen McCloskey, died on January 2, 2010.

We pray for the families of Richard, Lydia and Bill, and thank God for their lives and the promise of the Resurrection.

Birth

Congratulations to Karyn and Kevin Heym on the birth of their son, Samuel, on December 17, 2009. Samuel joins a brother, Benjamin, and is welcomed by grandparents Barbara and Larry Dieter.

Change of Address

Vernon and Joan Newhouse (*change in apartment number, only*)
Rosemont Presbyterian Village
404 Cheswick Place, **Apt. 363**
Rosemont, PA 19010-1248

Prayers

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, especially Michael Burns (son of Linda & Bob Burns); Clifton Connell (grandnephew of Lois Connell); and Brandon Mader (son of Amy Black).

Prayers are also requested for: Bill Buchanan; Michelle Byers (friend of Millie Parker); Jacob Joyce (son of Karen Joyce); Chris Marshall (friend of Erin Denman); Claire F. Robinson (mother of Sharon Williams); Nancy Snyder; Dolores Stevenson (mother of Debbie Moran); and Bill Whaley (husband of Toni Whaley).

Women's Bible Study Continues New Program

On December 3, the Women's Bible Study began a new program: studying the lessons for the upcoming Sunday with the aid of new study materials. This program will continue through Epiphany. We welcome all women who would like to enrich their spiritual journey during this special season in the church year. The group meets every Thursday in the Kugler Room from 1:15 to 2:15 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Keyser at 610-359-1822 or bgkeyser@comcast.net.

Library Volunteer Needed

A volunteer is needed to head the Library Committee. The main duties are as follows:

- 1) periodically update the catalog to include new titles;
- 2) re-shelve books occasionally (every two to three months);
- 3) write and submit an annual report.

Please contact the church office (610-642-3211) or Jane Knappe (610-789-0146 or knappej@msn.com) if you are interested in this position.

Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in this year's CROP Walk on October 18, 2009. Saint Paul's did a remarkable job as one **C**ommunity **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty. Thank you to all who walked and thank you to all who made a donation (church members, families, friends, and neighbors). We contributed over \$2,700 to relieve global famine. This is the largest contribution that our church has ever made to this annual event. I would like to give a special thank you to Bob Burns who volunteered to serve as a crossing guard during the walk.

*Thank you,
Linda Stanton
Saint Paul's Social Ministry Committee*



(The following letter was received in December '09 from the Aid For Friends Frail Elderly Outreach Center located on Townsend Road in Philadelphia. See p. 17 for information about Aid For Friends.)

Dear Pastor:

We are once again coming to the end of a year, and to a time of celebration of the birth of the Christ child. What a special time of year this is, a time to reflect on this wonderful gift that God so freely and lovingly gave to each of us. It is also a time when many people think about sharing what they have with others.

We here at the Aid For Friends Frail Elderly Outreach Center thankfully share with others every day of the year, and are so grateful that we are able to continue to do so. With the help of thousands of dedicated, caring individuals who give of their time, their resources and their talents to visit the sick and lonely, to prepare and bring food to the hungry, we are able to continue what was started 35 years ago.

I offer my gratitude and prayers to the many churches, organizations, school groups and individuals. On behalf of the disabled and frail elderly homebound, I thank you for your leadership in bringing this ministry to your church, and in helping us to continue our commitment to serve that is so greatly needed . . . today as in the past.

May you have a Blessed Christmas, full of His Love and Grace.

Sincerely,
Steven M. Schiavone, Esq., Executive Director



THANK YOU!

The Christmas decorations seem to be more beautiful every year, and this year was no exception. I would like to thank the team of workers whose talent and commitment turned the sanctuary into a place fit for a king/tiny baby. Heading the team were Mary Ellen and Bill Frey, Kevin Maurer and Jim Schneider. Others who helped were Carolyn Ashburn, Linda and Bob Burns, Carol Hammarberg, Judith Harkins, Libby Hoyer, Barbara Keyser, Alex Norquist, Helene Roth, Jim Stetler, Boofie and Don Younkin, and David Wilson. My sincere thanks to all who served our church and our Lord in this way and to all who made donations toward the decorations.

Thanks also to Mary Ellen and Bill Frey, Kevin Maurer, Jim Schneider, Alex Norquist, Jason Sack, Carol Hammarberg, Carol Henry, Evelyn Reider and Barbara Keyser, who removed the decorations and packed them in the storage closet.

Barbara Keyser, Chair, Worship and Music Committee

Stewardship Committee: Pledge Update

To date, we have received 79 pledges for 2010 in the total amount of \$275,910. If you have already pledged your support for Saint Paul's in 2010, thank you! If you have not yet pledged, we ask that you prayerfully consider pledging for 2010. You can send your pledge card to the church office or send your pledge (indicating a weekly, monthly, or annual amount) by e-mail to Frank Roth, Stewardship Committee Chair, at far4@lehigh.edu.

Thank you for your support of Saint Paul's!

Frank Roth
Stewardship Committee Chair

2010 Congregation Council Nominees

The persons listed below have been nominated for positions on Saint Paul's Congregation Council. The election of nominees will take place at the Annual Meeting on February 7, 2010.

For three year terms:

Dan Gale
David Harkins
Don Parman
Lisa Lexa Wilson

“Additional nominations may be made upon petition signed by at least five voting members and announced to the congregation not later than the Sunday preceding the annual meeting of the congregation.” (Constitutional Bylaw b3:02)

Don't Forget To Pick Up Your 2010 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2010 are available for pick-up in Fellowship Hall. The envelopes are in alphabetical order by member's last name.

February Birthdays

- 1 James Conybear
- 2 Daniel Dry, Jr.
- 3 Deborah Keyser, Ryan McCluskey, Connor Perry, Ginette Wendelken
- 4 Andrea Dormans, Noah Isenberg, Donald Reimer
- 5 Samantha Hansell, Jennifer Reimer
- 7 Elizabeth Bennett, Annick Cachon, Isaac Cachon, Rolf Johnson, Benjamin Lucas
- 8 Susan Janasik, David Williams
- 10 Charlotte Conybear, Sean Hopkins
- 11 Bryan Aronchick, Dottie Buchanan
- 12 Tyler Kunsu, Lisa Nagle
- 13 Eleanor Nagle, Hannah Nagle
- 14 Grant Gale, Elizabeth Krissingner
- 15 George Koerner, Elise Poole
- 16 Pamela Carroll, Anders Lauersen
- 17 Lilly Aleardi, Colin Marshall, Devany Penne
- 18 John Byrne, Jack Denman, Sharon Robinson, Steven Schaefer, Mark Wren, Jacqlyn Wurst
- 20 Sara Dimitri
- 21 Gerard Cachon, Elizabeth Lash
- 22 Nan Dormans
- 23 Paul Schimpff
- 24 Joanne Cooper, Mariana Curtin
- 25 David Erdos, Wenner Smith II
- 26 Melissa Gale, Sandra Meier
- 27 Charlotte Memmel, Rebecca Memmel
- 28 Ronan Badovick, Lauren Baxter, Kristen June

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, February 28.** A sign-up chart for sponsoring altar flowers is available in the narthex, 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).

More New Members (welcomed in November 2009)



Erin and Paul Denman with children (l. to r.) Sara, Paul, Jack and James



Souper Bowl of Caring 2010

Sunday, February 7,
(after the 9:30 am service)



Please help to fill the soup bowls that Saint Paul's youth will use to collect donations for Aid For Friends as you are leaving worship on February 7. Aid For Friends, based in northeast Philadelphia, provides meals to homebound, isolated individuals in the Delaware Valley. Checks should be made out to *Saint Paul's* with *Aid For Friends* on the memo line.

Wholly Living

Health and Wellness Ministry Presentations

Third Wednesday of every month
At St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Ardmore

Presentation at 7:00 pm
(Supper provided at 6:15 pm)

Wednesday, January 20
“How to Raise Hopeful, Resilient Children”
Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Joseph Schaller

As our world seems to grow increasingly complex, parents are often overwhelmed by what “experts” have to say about raising children. In the end, most follow their instincts and try to adapt to be “good enough” parents. Our conversation will focus on certain traditional ideas as well as more recent developmental information which may be a resource for all interested in raising “good enough” children.

In addition to being an Episcopal priest, the Rev. Dr. Schaller is also a psychologist. He specializes in marriage and family therapy and regularly works with children and parents.

All are welcome!

(St. Mary's Episcopal Church is located at 36 Ardmore Avenue in Ardmore; tel. 610-649-1486.)

Scenes from Saint Paul's Christmas Pageant – 2009



Stars, Angels and Shepherds!



(Foreground, fr. l. to r.) Stephen Pierce (Joseph); Michael Cassidy (one of 3 kings, partially hidden); Ellie Marshall (Mary, partially hidden) holding Liam Stanley (Baby Jesus); Patrick Cassidy and Shane Boston (remaining 2 kings)

Saint Paul's Christmas Pageant – 2009, continued



*Christmas "Star," 2-year old James Cole Smyrl,
sleeps in father Jim Smyrl's arms.*

***Senior Friends Brown Bag Lunch
& Afternoon at the Movies***

***Wednesday, January 20
12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall***

Movie in Kugler Room (movie title to be announced at later date)

***Event is free—come and bring a friend!
Please register with the church office if you plan to attend (610-642-3211)***

Council Corner

Jason Sack, Cemetery Committee

Where were you born? Where did you grow up?

I was born and raised in Delaware County, Penna., spending the majority of my younger days learning about life in idyllic Chadds Ford, Penna. I attended high school in Delaware (Archmere Academy) and college in DC (The Catholic University of America).

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

I am the Communications and Strategy Leader for the Mid-Atlantic area of Ernst & Young LLP working mostly in Philadelphia but also in Baltimore, Washington, DC and Richmond. I spend my days working hard, raising/indulging my kids (Ava & Michael), and catering to my wife's every need. I would say my calling is to be a good father, a good husband and a good person.

What do you do in your free time? Hobbies?

Although free time is quite scarce with work and kids, I enjoy golf, skiing, photography, consignment/antique shop hunting, attending Philly sporting and cultural events, and taking Vicki out to dinner when time permits.

What brought you here? What keeps you here?

Vicki and I met while we were both working and living in Washington, DC. We moved to Center City, Philadelphia in 2000 to take advantage of a job opportunity for myself and to be closer to our respective families (Vicki grew up in Lancaster). Shortly after Ava was born, we moved out of Center City to intelligently designed, new urban Ardmore. We absolutely love this area for the great schools, proximity to Philly and, of course, Saint Paul's.

Annual Camping Weekend!

For Saint Paul's Third through Eighth Graders



Bear Creek Lutheran Camp in Bear Creek, Penna.



January 29 – 31



Plan to leave St. Paul's at 4:00 pm Friday afternoon & return at 11:00 am Sunday.



\$60 per camper: includes lodging (heated cabins with separate facilities for boys & girls), food, and roundtrip transportation. Adult chaperones will accompany the group.



Scholarships are available—see Pastor McDowell.



To register for this event, contact Bill or Barb Henderson (610-642-3953 or barbhenderson@comcast.net) or the church office (610-642-3211).





Women of Saint Paul's
Please join us on Tuesday, February 9
for the next Women's Dinner.

Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Auspicious Restaurant
11 Cricket Avenue, Ardmore

We have chosen an auspicious time to eat at this Chinese restaurant—February 14 is the Chinese New Year! We hope to have at least 18 people attend, since 18 is a lucky number in Chinese tradition.

The cost is \$18.00. Order whatever you wish from the Auspicious' menu and enjoy it with a glass of wine (to be provided). Make checks payable to *Saint Paul's*.

Please RSVP to millie@stpaulsardmore.org by **February 4** if you plan to attend.

♥ **Families with Young Children**
Valentine's Day Party ♥

Tuesday, February 9
6:00 – 7:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Please contact the church office to register for this event (610-642-3211 or millie@stpaulsardmore.org). (Watch for additional details in upcoming Sunday bulletins.)

Saint Paul's Women's Retreat

***Friday evening & Saturday, February 19-20, 2010
Franciscan Spiritual Center, Aston, PA***

***Topic: "God's Hands"
Leader: Pastor Marcia Bell***

Rev. Marcia Bell is currently serving as the Director of Student Services at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and as the bridge pastor at Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church in Perkasie, Penna. Pastor Bell received her B.A. from Susquehanna University, her Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and was ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1989.

COST

\$80 per person (covers program, Friday night lodging, breakfast & lunch on Saturday)

SCHEDULE

Friday 6:00 – 6:45 pm: arrive at center; 7:00 pm: program introduction & fellowship

Saturday—retreat will end by 3:00 pm

Registration & Information

If you are interested in participating in this event, please notify Millie Parker in the church office (millie@stpaulsardmore.org or 610-642-3211). If you have questions or need more information, please contact Diane Pringle (dianep@design.upenn.edu or 215-386-3257). Registration checks should be made payable to *St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Women's Retreat* on the memo line. Give your check to Millie or Diane; please do not put your check in the offering plate.

THE AID FOR FRIENDS PROGRAM: WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

We are 16,000 volunteers from all walks of life, and representing just about every religious orientation, color, creed and economic status. We live in every corner of the five-county Greater Philadelphia area.



Since our inception in 1974, we have steadily grown, one volunteer at a time. We initially served 11 people; today we serve over 2000, providing each one with seven, free, home-cooked meals and an hour of friendly visiting each week—over 13 million free meals and thousands and thousands of compassionate, friendly visits in the years since the organization’s inception.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US AS A:

COOK—cook an extra portion of your meal and freeze it immediately. We supply the trays, menu sheets, and plastic bags.

VISITOR—every week, visit with, and deliver seven home-cooked meals to (meals prepared by the cooks), a person that you choose.

DRIVER—we desperately need drivers to bring supplies to our 300 sites and to sometimes move meals from our office/warehouse site to another site that has run short of meals.

CONTRIBUTOR—we need individual contributors, organizations, businesses, and charitable foundations to help us meet the financial obligations associated with running Aid For Friends. (Please be aware that because of our wonderful volunteer network of cooks who use their own food, visitors and drivers who use their own cars and gas, and countless other volunteers who work in the office, warehouse, maintain the building and grounds, and perform myriad other tasks, every \$1.00 contributed translates into \$6.22 of direct services to our wonderful client/friends.)

We must raise our entire budget of more than \$1 million dollars every year because all the services we provide are free—free daily meals, supplemental food, and many ancillary services to support our shut-ins and enhance the quality of their lives. To learn more about Aid For Friends and our outreach to the frail elderly, call us at 215-464-2224. (Address: 12271 Townsend Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154)

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 2	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall
Thursday, February 4	
TBA	February <i>Chimes</i> published
9:15 – 11:15 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Women’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children’s choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
Saturday, February 6	
8:30 am	Men’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
Sunday, February 7 (<i>one service only—Family Worship</i>)	
9:30 am	Holy Communion
Following worship	Souper Bowl of Caring
11:00 am	Annual congregation meeting & congregation brunch
6:30 pm	Confirmation class social activity
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
Tuesday, February 9	
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Families w. Young Children Valentine’s Day party / Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Women’s dinner/Auspicious Chinese Restaurant, Ardmore
7:00 pm	AA/Kugler Room
Thursday, February 11	
9:15 – 11:15 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Women’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children’s choir rehearsal
7:15 pm	Council meeting/Kugler Room
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal
Saturday, February 13	
8:30 am	Men’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
Sunday, February 14	
8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Holy Communion—Installation of Council members
10:30 am	Holy Communion
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Confirmation class/Kugler Room
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal
Monday, February 15—Presidents’ Day: OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday, February 16	
9:30 am	Staff meeting
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 17—Ash Wednesday

11:00 am	Soup & bread luncheon/Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Senior Friends soup & bread luncheon (<i>see above</i>)
12:00 noon	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
7:00 pm	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

Thursday, February 18

9:15 – 11:15 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Women’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children’s choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal

Friday, February 19

6:00 pm	Women’s Retreat begins/Franciscan Spiritual Center, Aston, PA
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Saturday, February 20

8:00 am - 3:00 pm	2 nd (final) day of Women’s Retreat
8:30 am	Men’s Bible Study/Kugler Room

Sunday, February 21

8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Holy Communion
TBA	Cooking for the hungry by Confirmation Class/basement kitchen
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal

Tuesday, February 23

12:00 noon	Deadline for March <i>Chimes</i> articles
7:00 pm	AA/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 24

6:00 pm	Soup & bread supper/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Holy Communion—Guest preacher: Sanford Groff

Thursday, February 25

9:15 – 11:15 am	Community Bible Study/throughout church
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Women’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
6:30 pm	Children’s choir rehearsal
7:30 pm	Adult choir rehearsal

Saturday, February 27

8:30 am	Men’s Bible Study/Kugler Room
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Sunday, February 28

8:40 am	Matins choir warm-up
9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Holy Communion
10:30 am	Holy Communion
7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal

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Time Dated Material