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Dear Friends,

Through the month of October I will continue my sermon series on the Armor of God. You find the armor listed in Ephesians 6: 14-18: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, feet fitted with Gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit and prayer in the Spirit. Why is this armor necessary? An illustration I found about World War 2 helps us understand.

In autumn of 1944 and Germany had been beaten back behind its borders. The Nazi war machine was in tatters and the repeated bombing raids of the Allies all but assured that Hitler's forces would never rise again. Around the perimeter of Germany's borders, the Allies spread a thin line of forces. One person observed that Allied forces were so scattered that a man could slip between its lines without being observed.

All across Europe, there was celebration, parties, dances, speeches all rejoicing in Germany's defeat. The war was effectively over. The only problem was somebody forgot to tell Germany. Even as his forces were being shattered and driven back Hitler was devising a plan for one last onslaught. Underground factories churned out more weapons, armament and ammunition. More of Germany's young and old men were conscripted and trained for war. And as Europe rejoiced, Hitler planned.

His goal was not to drive back the Allies into the sea, as much as it was to divide the British to the North and Americans to the South, so demoralizing them that they would sue for peace on his terms. Hundreds and thousands of men died because somebody forgot that the enemy still lived and that the war was not over. What Paul is telling us in Ephesians 6 is that the enemy still lives. Jesus Christ has won the war and defeated Satan. But the battles are not completely over. And you and I had better not let down our guard. We must put on the whole armor of God and prepare for battle until Jesus comes again.

Peace,

Pastor Tim

### **Bible Study**

Our study on The Gospel of John continues through the month of October. Led by Pastor Tim the group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM in the church lounge. Anyone and everyone from the church and community are invited.

### **Women in the Word**

This Bible study for women is led by Sharon Funk. The ladies are using Kay Arthur's book Lord, Is It Warfare. Chapter 2 is the focus for October. The group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month through June in the back of the Sunday school room at 9:00 AM. Ladies, even though this group began on September 15 there is still time to join. Contact Sharon at 717-501-4339 if you are interested.

### **World Communion Sunday**

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#### **Starting October 7,**

**the adult Sunday school** class will use Andy Stanley sermons for discussion and learning. It will meet in the lounge from 10:15 – 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings. A variety of 4 facilitators will lead the session.

#### **Something New**

This year we will combine the UM Women's Thank Offering service and Church Conference. Here's how this works out. On Sunday, November 11, there is one combined service at 9:00 AM, featuring The Hosanna Ringers, a group made up of children and youth with special needs. Our congregation very much appreciated their ministry when they were here last year. Then from 10:00 – 10:30 AM our normal fellowship and refreshment time gathers in the Sunday school room. Finally, starting at 10:30 AM in the Sunday school room will be our annual church conference. Pastor Tim is a Full Elder in the United Methodist Church and has been given permission by the District Superintendent to lead the meeting. As always, the main issues put to a vote are the pastor's salary and nominations for the leadership positions in the church. Goals and plans for the future also are on the agenda. Please know that every member of St. Paul's UMC is welcome to attend, and every member has a vote. Put November 4 on your calendar as an important Sunday to be at St. Paul's. **And, remember on that day there is one worship service at 9:00 AM.**

**Reminder:** Our fall schedule will remain the same as our summer schedule. The only difference is that an adult Sunday school class meets from 10:15 – 11:00 AM in the lounge. Here is a rundown of what is offered at St. Paul's each Sunday.

9:00 AM – Early worship with Children's Church;

10:00 - 10:30 AM – Fellowship time with coffee and pastries and music by the Sunday School Orchestra;

10:15 – 11:00 AM – Adult Sunday school in the Lounge, featuring the sermon series of Andy Stanley;

10:30 AM – Casual worship and Yahweh Café;

#### **October Meetings**

Monday, October 1 – Preschool Committee

Monday, October 8 – Finance Committee

Thursday, October 11 – Worship Committee

Monday, October 15 – Administrative Council in the Lounge; leaders be ready with your reports that evening

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM and convene in the lounge, unless otherwise noted.

#### **Ladies Day Out**

is a FREE community event! Come out and enjoy your day around town! Enter to win door prizes at the Multi-vendor Showcase (20 vendors) to be held at St Paul's from 9 AM - 2 PM, October 13. Our youth will be holding a sandwich fundraiser for lunch. Pick up a Value Bag while supplies last from local businesses (\$7 each) loaded with freebies and coupons good for additional savings at 30+ participating businesses and vendors. Hope to see you there!





Our Christian Sympathies are spoken to the family of Dale Frey, who passed away, Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. fall. Study guides are available. Just bring yourself and a Bible. Everyone is welcome.

### Community Meal

This month the meal is served on October 8 (second Monday of each month) from 5:00 – 6:30 PM in our Fellowship Hall. The menu that evening includes: baked chicken, mashed potatoes and corn, salad, roll, dessert and beverage. Don't forget, we have added after the meal an activity time for the children, led by Andrea Rider, and a Christian video for the adults in the Sunday school room. Please invite other families you know who could use a hot meal and the children's lesson. The volunteers from our church and the other area church are doing a wonderful job. Their efforts are very much appreciated.



**Please set your clocks back (1) hour Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, when you retire for the evening.**



All Saints Celebration is Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a universal observance of the Church which dates back to at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> century when all the martyrs of the Church were recognized for their sacrifice. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, we remember these members of St. Paul's who have died and gone on to their heavenly home in the last year. The names of these departed Christians will be read during worship while a white rose will be placed on the altar by the family.



Enclosed with this month's newsletter is a form to sponsor a light on the sanctuary Christmas tree in memory of a loved one, to honor a family member, mentor or friends or as a gift to help support church

programs. The tree will be lit at the 7 PM service on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>.



- 1 - Debra & Michael Maskaly; Tracy & Gregory Mummert
- 2 - Barbara & Randy Byrd
- 6 - Susan & Carl Criswell; Heather & Michael Yartymyk; Amanda & Shane McDaniel
- 14 - Melissa & Wade Young
- 15 - Ronda & Jay Vasellas; Melody & Wayne Wolfe
- 16 - Tonya & Mark Snyder
- 17 - Megan & Clyde Farling; Theresa & John Tomlinson
- 21 - Lynne & Charles McDaniel
- 22 - Cathy & Robert Frey
- 24 - Betsy & Tad Hoffmaster
- 26 - Deborah & Tyler Smith
- 28 - Cheryl & Don Nitchman
- 29 - Angela & Scott Michael



- 1 - Jay Seidenstricker
- 3 - Jean Ruby
- 5 - Harold Anderson, Jared Bailey, Lynda Howell, Trina Robertson
- 7 - Jenna Knaper, Kay Rider
- 8 - Robert Blouse
- 9 - Colette Burg, Kayla Moore, Joshua Ritz
- 10 - Laura Blouse, Nichole Koons, Tobby Steininger, Emily Sweitzer
- 11 - Lindsey Brooks, Jessica Crouse
- 12 - Mary Ann Blouse, Steven Smith
- 13 - William Frey
- 14 - Constance Angel, Erin Fake, William Koons, Jill Sawicki
- 15 - Steven Hoffmaster
- 16 - Anita Smeltzer
- 18 - Sandra Brown, Holly Smith
- 19 - Leslie Wilson
- 21 - Jamie Detter, Esther Dietz, Kathryn Trout, Norma Vasellas
- 22 - Adam Ehrhart, Kaila McGee, Robert Napp
- 23 - Amanda Wivell
- 24 - David Garner
- 25 - Gayle Grove
- 26 - Daria Henry
- 28 - Christopher McCabe, Angela Moore

30 - Christopher McCabe, Angela Moore  
 31 - Kathy Kretz, Jon Larkin, Nicholas McCabe, David Smeltzer



**Ushers**

Steven Kopp & Arthur Wells, Captains  
 Richard Barshinger                      Phyllis Gould  
    Rosemary Wise

**Head Ushers**

Oct. 7 - Arlene Neff  
 14 - Carol Gillmen  
 21 - Lisa Petzar  
 28 - William Wise

**Nursery Helpers**

**(9:00 AM)**

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**November 15<sup>th</sup>**



**Church Stewardship  
 August, 2018**

Balance 01/01/2018	100,649.91
Receipts:	
Envelopes	147,567.00
Loose Offering	2,361.75
Sunday School	391.00
Mid-Week	747.80
Maintenance	1,389.00
Lent	660.00
Easter	1,586.00
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Rental/weddings	4,576.72
Bulletins	600.00
Advent	5.00
Pre School	12,310.00
Staffing	1,389.00
Miscellaneous	4,928.32
Goldman Hall	3,333.34
Parking Lot	1,811.77
Total	179,656.70

Expenses:	
Salaries	113,528.73
Related to Salaries	27,494.22
Administration	4,698.49
Program	4,324.44
Miscellaneous	1,216.33
Property	47,667.86
Outreach	17,598.75
Total	216,528.82

Balance 08/31/2018                      63,777.79

**Our Stewardship this Year to Date, September 17**

Receipts needed per week	6,502.00
Total Receipts to date	191,228.82
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**Attendance**

Aug. 26 – Worship 65  
 Sept. 2- Worship 102 Yahweh 19  
 Sept. 9 - Worship 69 Yahweh 17  
 Sept. 16 - Worship 70 Yahweh 21



There are still a few spots open for the Fall Semester. We offer a 2-day class for children three years of age and a 3-day class for children 4 years of age. The school year runs from September thru May.

Parents interested in this program can contact the church office by calling 717-244-2355. For more information on the preschool program, please visit [www.saintpauls-um.com](http://www.saintpauls-um.com)



Dear Church Members.

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Our theme for the 3-day preschool class for the month of October is fire safety. We will discuss fire safety rules, emergency situations, and learning to dial 9-1-1. We will also conduct a fire drill with the students.

We will be going on our first field trip of the year to Flinchbaugh's Orchard & Farm Market. The kids get a tour of the orchard, pick some apples, learn about farm life and finally sample some homemade apple cider. We will also enjoy Halloween with our first classroom party for the year. The students have an opportunity to dress up in their costumes and parade around the block.

Failor's Photography came to take a class and individual pictures at the end of last month. Pastor Tim has also started our chapel time with the students and they respond so well to him and his lessons.

Our October is full of exciting experiences that makes learning fun for the students.

As always, thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely  
Patience Martin

Dear Church Members,

We have completed our first month of preschool, and we had a wonderful beginning. As we move into October, we will continue introducing the letters of the alphabet. October is fire safety month. We will be discussing the technique of stop, drop, and roll. In addition to that discussion, we will be making a visit to the Red Lion Fire Department as our field trip. The children will be able to see a firefighter in full gear and look at the fire trucks. October also brings Halloween, so we will have a party with costumes at the end of the month. I love seeing all the cute little ghosts and ghouls!

Tammy Rutzebeck

Sincerely,



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Sarah Gillmen

Eric Grove  
Joyce Wise

William Wise

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- 6 - Amy & Jonathan Anderson
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- 22 - Judy & Thomas Harbaugh
- 24 - Jo Ann & Jay Seidenstricker
- 25 - Nancy & Harold Anderson; Ruth & Luke Myers
- 28 – Gwendolyn & Kenneth DeShong
- 29 - Barbara & Philip Anderson



- 1 - Paul Deller, Dorothea Gipe
- 2 - Samuel Brown, Abby Clark, Steven Jamison
- 3 - Alexander Dinsmore, Lori Jackson
- 4 - Meagan Grove, Cynthia Kern, Shirley Koons
- 6 - Vernon Baldwin, Kristi Inners, Sue Smith
- 7 - Blain Donagher. Scott Smeltzer. Jesse Townslev