

St. Paul's Tidings

THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Some may look at St. Paul's as being a "small" church but I assure you it is much bigger than they, or maybe you, may think.

Consider these facts: In March 2017 we broke ground on our addition and in August of that year the work was completed - the cost

\$262,000. By the end of 2018 we owe only \$47,000. That's a large feat.

In our Christmas Eve Candle Light service, 15 individuals participated in the preparation and clean-up, reading scripture, lighting candles, special music, sharing communion, and playing the piano.

Our two weekly Bible Studies are attended by over 50% of our regular

Sunday Worship attendees. Considering the different missions we support, we received around \$12,000 in 2018, proving that St.



Paul's is a vital, active, and alive large-hearted church in the eyes of the Kingdom of God.

Great things are happening at St. Paul's and you are a part of it all.

This year, 2019, invite your family, friends, and neighbors to be a part of your "large" church.

Pastor Kim

2019

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January Red Hats

Pokeno!

When: 12 noon

Where: Garden Level Fellowship Room



Bring: Snacks **and** a wrapped or gift-bagged dish towel for a prize

Event: We will play games of Pokeno till all the prizes are won!

RSVP: Brigitte by Sunday, January 27th



Women's Fellowship

January 10 is our first meeting of the new year 2019. It is a brown bag lunch at 11:30 followed by a lesson and meeting. All women are invited and are welcome to join us.

Christian Women of Faith

This group of Christian Women meet on the third Monday of each month. Our January meeting is on the 21st at the home of Sharon S. at 6:30 p.m. Bette will provide the lesson. Please join us for an evening of fellowship and conversation.

BUILDING FUND THOUGHTS

We saw the thermometer drop to \$47,000 the last Sunday of 2018. We have in our budget to pay \$12,000 a year toward the loan which would leave us 4 more years till we are debt free. My thought is to find 35 people who can give \$1000 this year toward the loan and we could have it all paid off in 2019. I know that's a challenge, but I believe, with God's leading, it can happen. There may be some who can give much more. Make it a matter of prayer then stand back to see the handiwork of God!

A Special Game Night



Many have expressed interest in our 5th Sunday Game Nights so rather than just enjoy the activity 4 times a year in those months that have 5 Sundays, we have decided to add a "Game Night" Sunday January 20 at 5 pm. Bring your favorite game and snack and come enjoy the fellowship.

Birthday Fellowship!



Today's Fellowship potluck is provided by all the church members who have birthdays between July 1 and December 31.

Thank you to one and all!

Church Council (Dorothy)

The December meeting of the church council was held on the 12th. It has been determined that we need to redo the kitchen floor as it is not tight and there is a fear of water damage. A floor specialist is coming to check the floor and give us an estimate.

When we had the sewer back-up it was recommended that we have the roto-rooting done on an annual basis. That will now be done yearly in September. A discussion was held regarding a new technology that puts a liner into the sewer line that would keep the clay pipes from breaking. Further discussion will take place after the cost is researched.

The nominating committee will be looking for nominations for new board members for the coming term. They will be voted on at the Annual meeting on January 20, 2019. Also a change to the bylaws was discussed and that change will be presented to the congregation on January 13 and voted on at the annual meeting.

We are excited to be able to pay an extra \$10,000 on the remaining loan balance. That will occur on December 30!

Our next meeting will be January 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Dorothy

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2 7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Denny's)	3 10am Morning Bible Study	4	5
6 Reader: Carol M 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service (Team 4) Fellowship: Jul-Dec. Birthday Party!	7 6:30pm Moved Choir and Praise Practice	8 10am-3pm Quilting Ladies 6:30pm Evening Bible Study	9 6:00pm Church & Ministry 7:00pm Church Council	10 10am Morning Bible Study 11:30am Women's Fellowship	11	12 9:00am Church De-Decorating!
13 Reader: Bill C 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service (Team 1)	14 1pm Lap Quilters	15 10am-3pm Quilting Ladies 6:30pm Evening Bible Study	16 7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Church)	17 10am Morning Bible Study	18	19
20 Reader: Fred C 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service Annual Meeting (Team 2) 5pm Game Night!	21 6:30pm Christian Women of Faith	22 10am-3pm Quilting Ladies 6:30pm Evening Bible Study	23	24 10am Morning Bible Study	25	26
27 Reader: Bette S 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service (Team 3) Newsletter Items Due	28 6:30pm Choir and Praise Practice 12pm Red Hats at Church	29 10am-3pm Quilting Ladies 6:30pm Evening Bible Study	30	31 10am Morning Bible Study		

Lakewood Fellowship Seventh Day Adventist Church	Wed 6:30pm Bible Study	Fri 6:30pm Discipleship Class	Sat 2:30pm Worship Service
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A TRUE HOMELESS CHRISTMAS STORY

Today a woman and her father came in to rent a truck. I had checked one in the night before and had no reservations, so she could rent the truck.

She related to me the joy today was bringing for them. They had lived in hotels for the last three years while trying to find housing for her, her father, and her adopted child. She spoke of filing application after application and fee after fee all to no avail. Today she found out that, not only had she been accepted to rent a condominium, but that it was in the same complex and not far from her sister. She and her father were ecstatic. She would have to drive the truck as her father could not due to a medical condition.

Just the same she couldn't wait to get moved in, and cook a real meal, and better yet to have some semblance of a normal Christmas and a normal family life.

God works in wonderful ways. Prayers were answered I'm sure. The way things happen isn't always obvious. Sometimes it appears in the strange string of unexplained events that come together to make someone's life just a bit better at a time when it matters most. Just thoughts for the season. Terry T

December Attendance

Sunday School		Worship Service		Tuesday Bible Study		Thursday Bible Study	
December 2:	7	December 2:	64	December 4:	10	December 6:	n/a
December 9:	7	December 9:	55	December 11:	11	December 13:	16
December 16:	7	December 16:	62	December 18:	12	December 20:	18
December 23:	6	December 23:	81	December 25:	n/a	December 27:	n/a
December 30:	6	December 30:	57	January 1:	n/a	January 3:	0
Church Decoration Dec. 1			14	Men's Prayer Breakfast Dec. 19:			6
Fundraiser Potluck and Concert Dec. 2:			52	Christmas Eve Candlelight Dec. 24:			69
Men's Prayer Breakfast Dec. 5:			7	Noon Year's Eve Game Day! Dec. 31:			17
Fellowship Brunch Dec. 13:			8				

SERMONS AND SCRIPTURE



January 6

"Searching"

Psalm 72:1-7

Ephesians 3:1-12

*Matthew 2:1-12

January 13

"Great Expectations"

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

*Luke 3:15-17

January 20

"Wedding Surprises"

Psalm 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*John 2:1-11

January 27

"Scroll Down"

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

*Luke 4:14-21

*Pastor Kim will read

BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Carol B
- 9 Judy M
- 10 Joshua S
- 12 Steven H

- 16 Cindy S
- 19 Sharon D
- 31 Bonnie H

ANNIVERSARIES

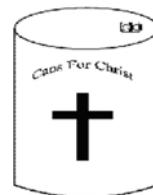
- 1 Keith and Jane A
- 14 St. Paul's Community Church (started 1894)



Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please let Sharon know!

Cans for Christ (Shauna)

Starting Balance 12/1/2018	\$ 21.70
Incoming	\$ 0.00
Outgoing (Community Family Connections)	\$ <u>21.70</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/2018	\$ 0.00



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MISSION MOMENT (PASTOR KIM)

The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with a simple prayer said by Reverend Brad Smith of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

As is our custom, this month's mission will work hand in hand with the "Souper Bowl", a nationwide effort of churches throughout the US, helping to replenish the food pantry at the Jeffco Action Center. Our food banks get depleted during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons and they need our help to replenish their deficit.

Financial gifts to the Action Center enables them to meet their mission of helping low income, low wage, unemployed and under-employed residents of Jefferson County and the homeless move along the path to achieve self-sufficiency. 93 cents of every dollar given goes directly to helping the need of their clients.

During the month of January feel free to donate to this mission with shelf-stable food donations or financial donations.



Missions