

JUNE 2019

ST. PAUL'S NEWS



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²⁰ “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,
²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵ “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you^[a] known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER

ENJOY!



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“St. Paul's Church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ committed to helping all people by actively practicing the Gospel in word and deed.”

PASTOR'S LETTER

Christianity really boils down to having the “right attitude” about things. So then, let's continue with what the Bible says about this: **“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who, being in the very nature of God, did not consider the equality with God something to be grasped but made himself nothing taking on the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness. And being found in the appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross!”** (Philip. 2:5-8).

Of all the things that we read about Jesus, I am ever impressed by his humility. Not once did he think of his own goals and desired accomplishments. In the words of Matthew, **“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many”** (Matt. 20:28).

In our very busy culture, it's difficult to concentrate on anything but keeping up with the bills and maintaining a certain level of comfort. There's nothing wrong with this, either! The only thing that can taint this drive “to better our lot in life” is when it becomes the sole motivation of our daily existence. We have so much to live for that we often forget to include living for Christ and others. That's what we are to take into consideration on a daily basis and that, once again, amounts to St. Paul's exhortation to imitate the attitude of Christ.

I know that it's difficult to focus on the needs of others, especially when we have “so much to do.” However, in the month of June, we normally have a little more free time. Consequently, I would encourage all of us to spend just a portion of that free time by taking into consideration the needs of others. We can, for example, set aside a little extra time for prayer and include those that are currently suffering from the consequences of floods, tornadoes, and other major disasters. We can, for example, look for ways to assist people who are struggling for survival. Yes, we can go out of our way to pray for and to think of ways to help others, and that's what Christianity is all about—having an attitude that motivates us to serve others.

As we now enter the month of June, may God bless you as you become a blessing for others.

Pastor Schultz



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 AM WORSHIP COMM.	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:00AM WORSHIP	10	11 DEACONS MTG. 7PM	12 GBARNGA MTG. 7PM	13	14 FLAG DAY 	15  SOUP KITCHEN
16 10:00 AM WORSHIP COMM. FATHER'S DAY	17	18	19	20 COUNCIL MTG.7PM	21  SUMMER BE- GINS	22
23 10:00AM WORSHIP	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10:00AM WORSHIP COMM.						

June 3 Taryn Galloway
 Helena Makor
 June 4 Gormah L. Makor
 Daniel Mastrostefano
 Michael Mastrostefano
 June 5 Anthony Miceli
 June 6 Lois Varfely
 June 11 Feta Norris
 June 14 Frieda Hervey
 June 15 Patience Freeman



June 16 Sando Ojukwo
 June 17 William Vadney
 June 20 Olivia Mulbah
 June 21 Quoi Livingstone
 Shadrech Wennie
 June 22 Joan Hencler
 Joe Norris
 June 25 Corvah Baysah
 June 29 William H. Hervey
 June 30 Joan Galloway



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 19 Mr. & Mrs. Rolf Kohm (65TH)
 June 20 Mr. & Mrs. William Mercer (44TH)
 June 21 Mr. & Mrs. Nucha Varfley (16th)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE	ACOLYTE / READER	COMM. ASSISTANT	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS
2	TITI ADEKEYE/ YOUTH	JOE NORRIS RICHARD SINNIGEN	DONNA BUCO	LEELA BALLAH SEANIAH BALLAH SOLOMON PAYE HARDLYN DAUDA
9	CHRISTOPHER DAUDA/ LISA NICHOLS		DONNA BUCO	RICK SINNIGEN MACK MAKOR ONU STEVENS ANDREW MASTROSTEFANO
16	GEORGE ROBERTS/ RICK SINNIGEN	CORVAH AKOIWALA BILL OEHLKERS	DONNA BUCO	KIM KING BILL KING DENNIS KOLLIE HELEN MILLER
23	HAWA MULBAH/ ANDREW MASTROSTEFANO		DONNA BUCO	KEVIN KEHYEI DANLETTE NORRIS GEORGE DAUDA GRACE DAUDA
30	DANE WATSON/ KEVIN RILEY	STEVEN NAGBE JOE NORRIS	DONNA BUCO	KIM KING BILL KING DENNID KOLLIE HELEN MILLER

MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL

April 25, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m., on Thursday, April 25, 2019, by Secretary David Martin. Present were: Secretary David Martin, Financial Secretary Donna Bucu, Chairperson of the Board of Deacons Joe Norris, Chairperson of the Board of Finance Richard Sinnigen, Chairperson of the Board of Social Ministry Danlette Norris, and Pastor Leon Schultz. Also present was Dawn Nahlik. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Pastor. President David Ballah joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m., and Vice President Corvah Akoiwala joined it shortly thereafter.

Approval of Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the Mar. 21, 2019, Church Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Dan Robinson sent in his Treasurer's Report for the period Jan. 1 through Mar. 31, 2019. Total income during this period was \$52,470.70 and total disbursements were \$50,332.13, resulting in a surplus \$2,138.57. Current offerings are \$310.00 less than budgeted. The balance of Memorial Funds as of Mar, 31, 2019, was \$249,359.41.

Pastor's Report. Pastor reported that Claire Lamore died on Mar. 20 and that he conducted her funeral on Mar. 23. Two young men have expressed an interest in being confirmed. Approximately 200 people attended the Easter service. Steven Nagbe has put St. Paul's on Instagram, a social media platform. It is now possible for people to chat with Pastor about his sermons.

Deacons. Joe Norris reported that the Deacons met on April 9th and discussed using alternative music before and after the worship service in an effort to appeal to young people. Steven Nagbe volunteered to play this music, but hopes that others will step forward to help. Recently, a large eighteen wheel truck has been parking opposite the church on Sunday mornings, taking up multiple parking spaces. David Ballah spoke with the police about this. They referred him to our city councilman, and David asked Julius Kolawole to speak with the councilman. The Deacons continue to discuss purchasing a \$7,000.00 projector for use in the worship service, but they are not moving forward with this at the present time.

Finance. Rick Sinnigen said that the Board of Finance had nothing to report.

Trustees. David Martin reported that insurance for the church has been obtained with the Philadelphia Insurance Companies effective May 1, 2019. The annual premium will be \$20,423.00. This is approximately \$6,000.00 more than what we had been paying to our current insurer, Guide One, which declined to renew our policy because of excessive claims. The policy with Philadelphia initially excludes coverage for sewer line backups. When the three recommended remedial measures to prevent the sewer line backups have been completed and a period of one year with no claims has elapsed, we can apply again for this coverage. Work on the first measure, installation of check valves to prevent the toilets in the basement from overflowing, was begun today by F.G. Lees and Son. Gordon Chandler, our roofer, has also begun work on the second measure, disconnecting the conductors so that water from the church roof will not go into the sewer line but will be deposited onto the lawn. Gordon's company will also undertake the third measure, the construction of a canopy over the outdoor stairwell which serves as a fire exit from the school basement. This will prevent water from accumulating in the stairwell and leaking into the school basement. With our permission, Children's Friend is converting the two restrooms in the school into one large restroom and installing a new exhaust fan.

Social Ministry. Danlette Norris reported that there will be a potluck luncheon on May 5 to welcome new members. A five year anniversary celebration for the Gbarnga Lutheran Mission Project is being planned for the fall. There has been a problem with members borrowing items from the kitchen and then not returning all of them. The Council addressed this problem under new business.

Old Business. There was no old business.

New Business. Church Property. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the policy that church property may not be removed from the premises.

Elections. David Martin noted that at the Voters' Meeting in May 2018 approximately one half of the members of the various boards were elected for one year terms expiring June 30, 2019. This was done in order to get us back on track and comply with our By-Laws which call for one half of the board members to be elected on the even years. David gave the chairs of the various boards a list of their members whose terms are expiring and asked the chairs to determine if these members are willing to be nominated for two year terms expiring June 30, 2021. An election will be held in June.

Leftovers. On some occasions leftover food has been brought to the church for consumption at the coffee hour or church dinner. It was the consensus of the Council that this practice is potentially hazardous and should not be allowed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to prohibit leftover food from being brought into the church.

Recorded music. There was discussion about the recent use of recorded music before and after the worship service. The Council agreed that a notice should be placed in the worship folder inviting feedback from members about the practice.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. with recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Martin, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the May. 2019, Church Council meeting.

SAVE THE TREES. Last October, St. Paul's participated in the Providence Neighborhood Tree Planting Program. We planted approximately 20 trees on the streets around the church and school building (Elmwood Avenue, Carter Street, and Bucklin Street). These young trees need to be watered if they are to survive. A Thrivent Action Team led by David Martin has begun this task, but more volunteers are needed. If you can spare two hours once a month, you can help beautify our neighborhood and counteract climate change. See David for more information.