



The Grapevine

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St. Paul's is a caring, Christ-centered congregation reaching out to the world by sharing the Good News through our Worship, Missions, Christian Education, and Fellowship.

September 27, 2026

Adult Sunday School Class today at 11:00 a.m.

Coke Room: Old and New: We are a journey through Numbers and Luke, alternating chapters of the old and new testament. We will be discussing the teaching of Jesus from the scripture he read.

Led by David McIlvaine

Heck Room: *Braving the Truth* by Rachel Held Evans. Don't let the fact that you have not started reading keep you away. Books are available in class. If you're reading along, come with your favorite from Part 3 quote and share why it is meaningful to you. Let's expand our faith and grow in love together.

Facilitated by Pastor Carm Evans

Nature Church: Everyone is Welcome!

Sunday, September 27 from 11:05-11:45 a.m. on the front lawn.

Bring your lawn chair and your water bottle. Contact Jeff Nicely if you have any questions: jeff@jeffnicely.com

Seeking Office Help

Looking for a way to be helpful? Have some skills you would like to use? How would you like to use your time and skills to help Barb out in the church office?

We are looking for a Tuesday morning volunteer to help out for a couple of hours. If interested contact Barb Barto in the office or Agnes Barkley (302-690-8798).

New Congregational Daily Prayer

Please pray with us at 1:14 p.m. or whatever time works best for you. Let us pray:

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of the earth—its forests and fields, rivers and oceans, and the beauty of autumn: colorful leaves, crisp mornings, abundant harvests, and the richness of creation. As the seasons change, remind us that we belong to your creation and are called not only to receive its gifts but also to care for them. Teach us to be grateful for what we have, generous with what we receive, and courageous in protecting the earth and all who call it home. May our lives bear good fruit for our neighbors, our communities, and all creation. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4, 11am-1pm

This will help us mark the end of our Season of Creation and the Feast of St Francis. This will be another drive-thru event in the front driveway. If you would like to help with planning, blessing animals, baking healthy dog biscuits (Pastor Carm has a recipe!), or supplying a few other small animal treats, contact Pastor Carm and share your area of enthusiasm.

Zoom Movie Discussion Group

On **Wednesday, September 30** at 8:00 p.m. we will launch a digital Movie Discussion Group. Many of the movies on our list are social justice topics or deal with the complexities of life and relationships. This month we encourage you to watch the 2024 documentary ***Daughters*** now streaming on Netflix. It is rated PG-13 and runs for 1 hour and 42 minutes. In this film four girls prepare to reunite with their fathers through a special dance at a DC jail in this moving documentary about the healing power of love.

Bring your popcorn and snacks to the church on Monday, September 28 at 3:30pm and we'll watch ***Daughters*** at the church in the Youth Room. Please let Pastor Carm know if you plan to attend so we can be sure you are able to gain access to the building. If you prefer, watch the film when, where, and however it is most convenient for you and then jump on Zoom to join the discussion. Feel free to share and invite family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers. Let Pastor Carm know if you'd like the link.

Today

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9:30 am Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

10:30 am Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Adult Sunday School, Adult SS wing

This Week

MONDAY (28)

5:30 pm Wilmington Handbells, Choir Room

TUESDAY (29)

9:00 am Beginner Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Pickleball, Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm AA Meeting, Coke Room

WEDNESDAY (30)

9:00 am Ugly Quilts, Asbury Room
9:00 am Int'l Women's Club, FH & Adult SS Rooms
12:00 pm Grief Group, Coke Room
1:00 pm Devotional Discussion, Heck Room
7:00 pm Al-Anon, Coke Room

THURSDAY (October 1)

8:00 am TMWC, Church-wide
8:00 am IWC Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall
9:00 am Int'l Women's Club, FH & Adult SS Rooms
1:00 pm Mahjong Fellowship, Lounge
7:00 pm Al-Anon, Coke Room

FRIDAY (2)

7:00 pm AA Meeting, Coke Room

SATURDAY (3)

9:00 am Music Together, Heck Room
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Autumn's Glow

*The feel of autumn
cool and crisp,
apple cider
fragrant wisps.*

*Colors changing
sunlit glow,
God's amazing
nature show.*

*Trees transitioning
falling leaves,
sweater weather
soothing teas.*

*Pumpkin patch
with kids at play,
mums and marigolds
on display.*

*Harvest moon
outdoor plans,
campfire glow
warm hearts and hands.*

Lorraine B

Coming This Fall

Blood Drive at St. Paul's with The International Women's Club (IWC)

IWC, who use our facility, has arranged, jointly with our Trustees to host a blood drive for the Blood Bank of Delmarva in our Fellowship Hall. The blood drive will be held on **Thursday, October 1** from 9-2. If you are able, please join us by helping others. Donors will enjoy free drinks and snacks and get a free T-shirt. Appointments can be made at www.delmarvablood.org.

Day-Long Church Retreat

November 7, 2026

HEY EVERYBODY mark your calendars now for a day-long retreat here at St. Paul's on **Saturday, November 7, 2026**. We are delighted to announce that our speaker/facilitator will be the Reverend Chris Heckert, co-author with Ashley Boggan of the book, "Calling on Fire: Reclaiming the Method of Methodism." Chris is in active ministry, serving as the senior pastor of Haddonfield United Methodist Church in New Jersey. Lunch will be served. And dessert. There will be small group discussions and opportunities to connect with one another as we journey onward in faith. More details to follow.

Mark Your Calendars

Rise Against Hunger will be **Saturday, October 17**. Plan now to participate in this meaningful event.

St. Paul's Charge Conference

November 12, 6:00 p.m., at St. Paul's

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, October 3

We will gather at the Brandywine Diner, at 8:00 a.m., for a short conversation on our faith, followed by food and fellowship. Come and join us!