



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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News & Notes

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Summer Worship Schedule

We continue our Summer Worship Schedule with ONE service each Sunday beginning at 9:30AM.

Our Thursday evening service continues at 7:00PM each week

Special Music Prelude Sunday July 2nd

Join us Friday July 7th at Heyser Farms @ 7PM Hand Bells
(also Pizza night 4-8pm with wagon rides family event)

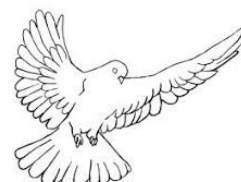
Join us for Popsicles in the Pavilion July 23rd

All families with children and teens are welcome to attend!

Brotherhood Door Painting by Ed Schukraft



July 2017



Upcoming Events:

- JULY 2 SPECIAL PRELUDE BY COMING WITH THE CLOUDS
- JULY 2 MAKING DECORATIONS FOR BIBLE SCHOOL AFTER CHURCH
- JULY 7 BELL CHOIR @ HEYSER FARMS
- JULY 23 POPSICLES IN THE PAVILION
- JULY 31 – AUG 5 BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK
- AUGUST 5 PEACH FESTIVAL IN THE PAVILION

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Pastor's Corner



“If you are
not allowed
to laugh in
heaven, I
don't want to
go there.”

Martin Luther

Changes. Last month I wrote to you about changes on our Congregational Council. This month, I would like to share some more about changes you have seen in our worship services. Some of these changes have come because we have a new Cantor (the term Tom prefers to being the Director of Music). At our staff meetings, we regularly talk about our worship services, discussing what is working and what needs to be tweaked. Tom brings a vast knowledge of liturgy and varied experiences in growing congregations that he brings to us at St. Paul's. Some of the changes have come as a result of conversations with members of the congregation and the Council. ALL of the changes have come as a result of conversations with the Worship and Music committee!

One of the big things has been when the announcements are given. The change started on Easter Sunday. This was something that had been discussed with the council over the last few years. We are working to find a time when the most people will be in the sanctuary for the announcements and when it will cause the least disruption to worship. There is no set way for this to take place, each congregation needs to figure out what works best in their context. We tried this throughout the Easter season. I realized there were some hiccups to this process, and that some announcements need to be made before worship begins. Because of that, we tried a “hybrid” version with some things announced at the beginning of worship and the bulk of the announcements at the end. That doesn't quite flow correctly. So, for now we are going to try something new.

For our next trial period, the announcements will come prior to the Prelude. This is something we have done this here at St. Paul's on some occasions, and it is something that works well in other congregations. When announcements are given prior to the Prelude that means once the music begins, we are in our time of worship, without an interruption to the flow and feel of the service. This also means the Prelude is used for what it is intended- a time of preparation for worship! This suggestion was discussed at the last Worship and Music meeting and is now being implemented on a trial basis. If it works better than what we have done before, then we will keep it this way!

One of the other changes has been our liturgical music. In our Lutheran tradition, there are many musical settings for worship, and many of them can and are under the umbrella of “traditional worship!” We usually do change the pieces of liturgical music for each of the church seasons. Over the past few years, especially over the summer we have used a combination of various settings to put together our worship service. What we are using this summer, is a different mix of liturgical music that was discussed at Staff Meetings, previewed by the Worship and Music committee and rehearsed by the choir. While these new pieces seemed very different to us on Pentecost Sunday, as the summer continues they will become more familiar! By next summer when the Season after Pentecost is upon us again, hopefully it will feel like we are returning to something familiar since we will have sung them all summer this year!

The same is true for the hymns we have been singing. Some of the hymns we are singing may seem difficult at first, but as we learn them they will become more familiar. Something to consider is that each of our personal favorite hymns was a new hymn somewhere along the line. It too may have seemed difficult to sing, and the only way it has become familiar is with repetition and time! As we sing new hymns (some of which are new to St. Paul's but do have a rich history of their own), bear with us because in the long run, these new (and new to us) hymns may just find a special place in our hearts!

Change isn't always easy, we all know that. But, sometimes change is necessary to keep things fresh! When we keep things fresh, then we are able to grow, not just in numbers, but grow deeper in faith. Over time, new things will become familiar!

Peace,

Pastor Carolyn

Associate Pastor

LUTHER ON PASTORS

Lucas Cranach was the artist of the Reformation. One of his more well known paintings is pictured below (it hangs in my living room; but not the original). The painting exhibits what was truly a priority for Luther as a Pastor. Above all for Luther, pastors were to be proclaimers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I think Luther would like the word “proclaimer” instead of the word “preacher” in that to proclaim seems to have a singular focus, while we are surrounded with folks who are having something to preach. The focus for Luther of every sermon, lecture, writing, visit and pastoral act was to point the Christian to the importance of Christ’s crucifixion.

Note in Cranach painting that Luther is pointing to Jesus hanging on the cross. The cross is placed prominently in the middle to show its centrality. The cross is placed between Luther, the proclaimer and the congregation. (It is interesting to note that the congregation mostly consists of Luther’s family and other leaders of the Reformation.) Cranach’s point is that for Luther the primary role of a pastor and the focus of his/her proclamation is Christ crucified!

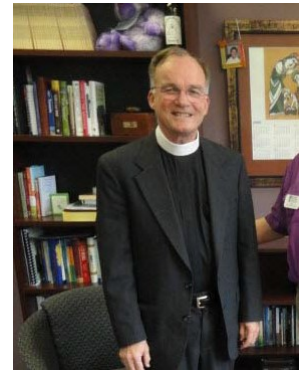
In 1533 when discussing “The Priesthood and Ministry” Luther stated, “A minister is one who is placed in the church for preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments”. For Luther the Word was clearly Christ. He said the Bible is “The cradle which holds Christ.”

Admittedly times have changed and other church matters are frequently thrust upon pastors. I was told in seminary that we have seven roles to fill (preacher, priest, teacher, chaplain, administrator, spiritual leader and servant). Show me the person who can do all of them well particularly in this day and age. It is more important than ever that we all get our priorities straight, namely to be

In Christ!,

Pastor Gerry

PS: While on the subject of pastors I ran across this quote I would like to share; “The unrealistic expectation that pastors and their families walk on water can only lead to deep disappointment and disillusionment, which can be lethal. Please stop expecting your pastor to be anything more than a frail and fragile human being like you.” [Kay Warren, a cofounder of Saddleback Church and a member of the National Alliance for Suicide Prevention]



"I gladly offer my mouth and heart to Thy service. I would teach the people and I myself would continue to learn. To this end I shall mediate diligently on Thy Word. Use me, dear Lord, as Thy instrument..."

Martin Luther



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“The Lord must have loved ordinary people because he made so many of us...”

“In every single day, in every walk of life, ordinary people do extraordinary things. Ordinary People accomplish Extraordinary things!”

Jim Valvano
N.C State
1983

Council President

June 24, 2017— Summer is now officially started, although for many of us it began earlier with those activities we associate with summer- longer days, more time in the yard and garden, graduations, and even a vacation trip. Oh yes, and then there is the summer church schedule. I enjoy this time of year because I get to see folks on Sunday whom I may not see very often. Sure, I have to either get up earlier or stay a little later than in the other seasons, but it only happens a for a few weeks, and I never know who will be there or who may be out of town in any given week. I share this thought because I hope everyone still makes the time to gather together to share the worship experience.

At the beginning of June, I attended the Synod assembly with Pastor Carolyn, Judy Hewitt, and Dave Riethmiller. This was my first time attending, and it is a gathering that requires a facility to serve over 400 people who travel from the farther reaches of Maryland and Delaware, and of course from churches closer in the center of the synod, like us. So, we utilized a good part of the Convention Center in Ocean City- oblivious to the nice weather except during breaks. There wasn't much contentious business nor the drama of electing a bishop, but I observed and took away a couple of things. The church body is strong, but leadership realizes that many traditional congregations are not growing. The response is to help congregations focus on growing in their diverse communities. This is why St. Paul's has elected to engage in the L.E.A.D. program. Living Every day As Disciples will be a 2-3 year program, adopted by the Synod and our participation is subsidized by the Synod. You will see and hear more about LEAD in the weeks ahead.

Another observation from Synod Assembly- we are not an ethnically diverse community. Not a shock when you realize our roots as a church are German with a strong Scandinavian influence, but there are historically black Lutheran congregations that are in the synod. Their leaders are passionate and they carry the Lutheran message to go out to a wider audience than you or I may encounter. The wider message is also spread through the efforts of our own Pastor Gerry. Well, he may be ours only part-time, but he delivers a powerful message to all the synod regarding the good work that the St. Dysmas communities accomplish in the prisons.

My final observation from Synod Assembly is we are truly blessed as a congregation to be situated in Fulton, Howard County, Maryland. Consider that there are local communities in western Maryland that are in economic stress where a majority of residents are on public assistance. Imagine trying to maintain or grow a congregation there. There is similar work going on in the city of Baltimore as well. Our work here to grow and thrive seems less daunting, but we will need the help of everyone to embrace the idea of reaching out, to try new things, and to be welcoming to the visitor or newcomer in our midst. See you on Sunday!

Peace,

Erik

Stewardship

ELCA

“Stewardship is a matter of the heart. My stewardship practices are a response to the boundless love God first showed me. It means that I am grateful for all that God has generously entrusted to me. As a faithful steward and child of God, I understand that (the) decisions I make, in all aspects of my life, reveal my priorities. It is a privilege to share time, talents and finances, to care for God’s earth and to serve my neighbors. Being a good steward has brought me great joy and has helped me grow spiritually. I am blessed to be a blessing.” *KATHY FISCUS Faith and Finances Ministry Team Chair, Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis*

Social Outreach will hold a special offering in July. More details later.



“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Luther and the Reformation

ELCA News

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), will host a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on Oct. 31 at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C.

Eaton will be joined by the Rev. William O. Gafken, bishop of the ELCA Indiana-Kentucky Synod and chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops; the Rev. Richard H. Graham, bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod; and ELCA Vice President Bill Horne.

The event, which will meet under the theme "Looking Back and Called Forward," will be available online via livestream for all to watch.

The event will be open to the public and available online via livestream. All are invited to participate and honor the Reformation anniversary as the ELCA bears public witness to Christ, who frees us to love and serve our neighbor, and as we look to the future to which God is calling us.

Additional details will follow as they become available. For more information, contact Rob Campbell at 773-380-2986 or Rob.Campbell@elca.org. word's power to free, renew and unite all creation in Christ.

William Gohl elected bishop of ELCA Delaware-Maryland Synod

The Rev. William J. Gohl Jr., Baltimore, was elected June 4 to a six-year term as bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election was held during the Synod Assembly June 2-4 at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, Md.

Gohl was elected on the fifth ballot with 227 votes to 225 votes for the Rev. Wolfgang Herz-Lane, current bishop of the synod. Herz-Lane, who was elected in 2010, served one term as bishop.

"I am grateful and humbled to be invited by the Delaware-Maryland Synod to bring my pastoral heart, shaped the last 17 years by my service with congregations of this synod, to this new work," said Gohl. "What a sense of possibility lays before us as we take up the glad work of sharing the good news together."

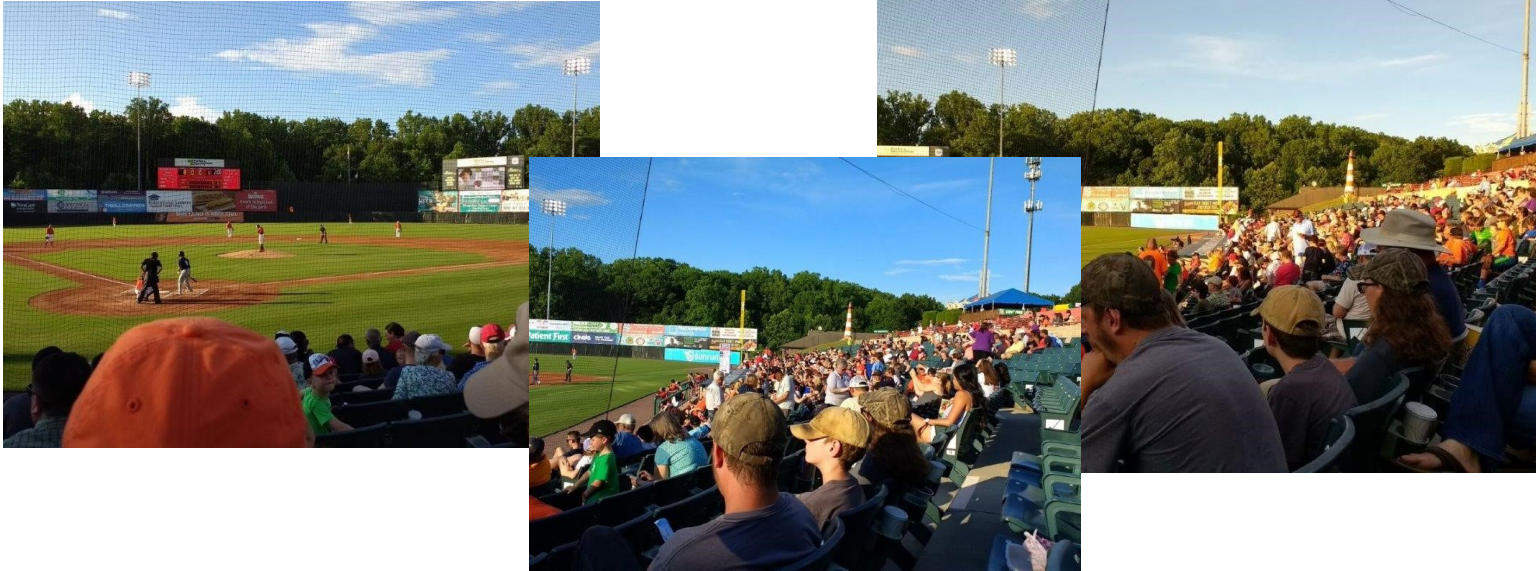
Gohl has served as a pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Baltimore since 2007. He served as evangelism coordinator for the ELCA Delaware-Maryland Synod from 2004 to 2010 and was pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Glen Burnie, Md., from 2000 to 2007.

The bishop-elect earned a Bachelor of Arts from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa., one of 26 ELCA colleges and universities. Gohl earned a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, one of eight ELCA seminaries.

For details and updates on the reformation events please visit www.ELCA500.org

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Bay Sox Game



St. Paul's Senior Fellowship

The Senior Fellowship luncheon will resume on September 19th. Anyone 60 years of age or older is invited and encouraged to attend. Please consider joining us for fellowship and fun. We meet 11:30am on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month. Each month we have a theme and enjoy wonderful food, fellowship and fun! September will feature a visit from the Howard County Historical Society. If you would like more information, **please** call or email Joe and Cathy Dymek at (410-531-1057 or jcdymek@verizon.net)



Men's Brotherhood

The Men of St. Paul's gather on the 2nd Saturday of each month for breakfast, a brief business meeting and devotions. All males in the congregation are welcome and invited to attend! The June meeting is Saturday the 8th at 8:00AM. There will be a discussion about the current Brotherhood and Property Committee Projects.

Music— Notable Events

Youth Choir-

Tuesdays from 6:15-6:45pm.

Bell Choir-

Meets in the Bells Room, Tues at 7pm

Chancel Choir-

Thurs from 7-8:30pm

Audio Recordings

Check out the website for St Paul's service's recordings. All services from the last 2 months can be found under Gallery/Audio. Just click on the media player link. Hearing assistance is available. Please ask an usher.





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Last But Not Least

Theology on Tap

We will gather for Theology beginning at 6:30pm at place and date to be determined. For more information please contact Pastor Carolyn.

“Like” us on Facebook!

We're on the Web!

www.stpaulslutheran.info

For a while now we have had a St. Paul's Facebook group, well now we have a public page! Find us and click “like” and watch us for announcements! Tell your friends too! www.facebook.com/StPaulsFulton

Women's Daily Grace June 28th (Women of the ELCA)

At first blush, Jesus' parables are quite ordinary: a traveler hits the road, a man plants a garden, laborers work hard at a temporary job. But the plot lines always take surprising twists that can be easy to miss. Parables are popular teaching tools because they let hearers gain a little distance from a sensitive or difficult topic. They shake us loose from preconceived notions and encourage us to consider that we might not have all the answers. Like a good movie or book, a parable can open our eyes to truths about ourselves, about God and about the world in which we live. As we ask “what does this mean?” the parable does its work, engaging, provoking, challenging, empowering, encouraging, and inviting us into relationship with the One who speaks in veiled language for the purpose of revealing the hidden things of God. This message is adapted from “The Power of Parables” written by Audrey West in the November 2011 issue of Gather magazine. Today we remember Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, who died around 202.

Lectionary Readings for the Month

July 2- Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

July 9- Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16- Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 23- Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8;
Psalm 86:11-17;
Romans 8:12-25;
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30- Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12;
Psalm 119:129-136;
Romans 8:26-39;
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



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By: Kerry Griffin

St. Paul's Archivist

June 28, 2017

Tales from the Archive is a presentation from the Archive at St. Paul's.

Contributions of items of significance to the Church History or contributions of stories are welcome and encouraged.

It is the goal of the Archive to preserve the Church History and make selected portions of it known to the congregation from time to time.

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What's happening in the Archive?

- ◆ Follow-up from Cemetery Committee meeting. (Permits are in process)
- ◆ July feature, St. Paul's 1st Parsonage 1901

St. Paul's 1st Parsonage 1901

As some of you may know, St. Paul's parsonage hasn't always been here in Fulton. The first parsonage was located on route 29 near exit 13 going north. The property has been sold and construction has been under way for some time now and the original parsonage has been torn down to make way for new construction. So at the suggestion of Jack Frost, I thought it appropriate to remember the parsonages' passing.

The Beginning

St. Paul's congregation secured eleven and thirteen-sixteenths (11-13/16) acres of land improved by a log dwelling and frame house on Old Columbia Road, now Route 29 at a cost of \$450 in 1901. This property was bought from Mr. Joseph Harding.

The log dwelling was located near Route 29. The frame house was near a spring and was moved up and placed in front of the log house joining the two together. After the houses were joined the congregation was canvassed for voluntary contributions to pay for the parsonage.

The log house consisted of a kitchen downstairs with two rooms above it. The floor was laid width wide boards leaving large cracks between the boards. The frame house consisted of two rooms upstairs with a center hall and stairway. As one ascended the front stairs there was a landing at the top and one stairway that went up from the log kitchen into these two bedrooms. The outside porch on the south side of house was not closed in.

In September 1911 Rev. L.P. Propst came as Pastor there were three outbuilding on the property: smokehouse, chicken house and barn.

The Thirties and Forties

Florence Bassler Wolfel, granddaughter of Pastor L.P. Propst and his wife Florence Propst remembers visiting her grandparents at the original parsonage. Florence and her first cousin Louise Wessel spent the night. They loved swinging in the hammock on the front porch to watch the traffic go by on Old Columbia Road (Rt.29). Just a few would pass by per day. There was very little traffic at that time.

Wednesday, December 21, 1932 Edward & Ethel Miles were married at the parsonage after a very deep snow in the evening around 8PM.

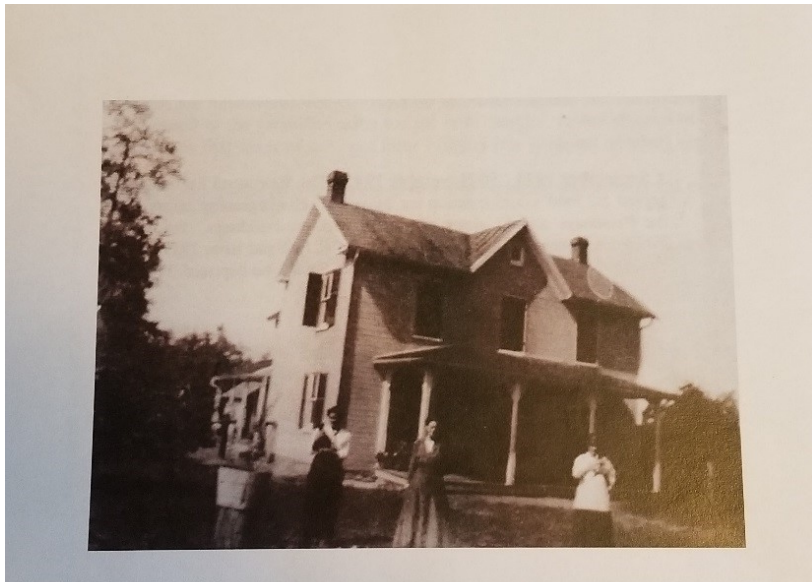
June Picket was baptized there. She remembers what she was told about that day July 3rd, 1933. She supposes that the family came down from Pennsylvania for the 4th of July since she was baptized on the 3rd. (June is originally from Pennsylvania.) June was born April 3rd and Pastor Propst performed the baptism. Her baptism certificate is shown page ten.

June does remember Pastor Propst who died around 1946 to June's memory.

Pastor Propst in his horse and buggy is also shown facing page (Photo from Florence Wolfel). Pastor Propst served St. Paul's from 1911 to 1942. His service plaque which is in the sanctuary is shown facing page.

The Fifties

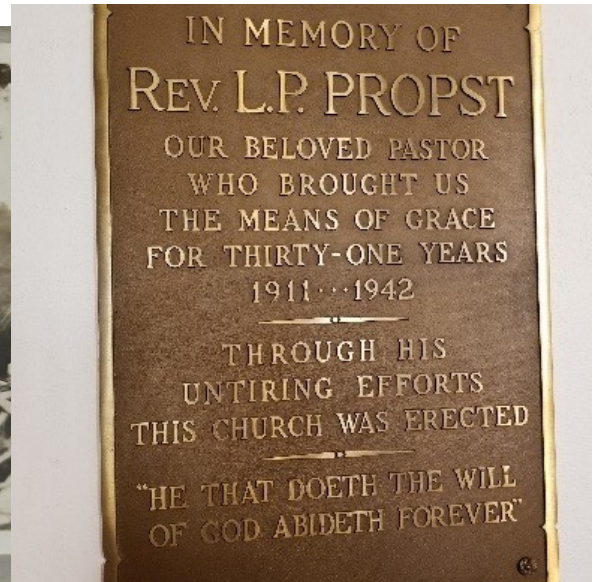
On April 11, 1954, Mr. and Mrs. James Buch, Sr. purchased the property. When the southbound lane of Route 29 was complete, Mr. & Mrs. Buch had the house moved back from Route 29 with the front facing north. The house was so well constructed that there was not a crack made in the plaster when the house was moved. Also there were no termites.



St. Paul's Archives, Original Parsonage, Rt. 29
(Pictured Grace Propst Bassler, Florence
Propst (wife of Pastor) and Vivian Propst
Wessel



Photo Source—Florence Wolfel, “On the way to Church”, Grace, Vivian &
Cecil (Children rear) Pastor L.P. Propst driving and Wife Florence (front)



Service Plaque— St. Paul's Sanctuary

L.P. Propst 1911-1942

Present Day

The property continued for many days until it was developed and the frame house was recently torn down. I am sure it holds memories for many of St. Paul's families. I am sure a peek in the Archive records would reveal many baptisms and marriages there.

If anyone has any additional memories of or connected with the 1901 parsonage or can fill in the gap between the Fifties and the present please feel free to contact me.

respectfully Submitted,



June Picket's Baptismal Certificate July 2, 1933

June Lucilla Child of Mr. Hiley A. Orndorff

And Wife Brownie Nee Hines

born at York, PA April 3, 1933

Was baptized in St. Paul's Parsonage, Scaggsville, MD on the 2nd day of July, 1933

Sponsors were the parents of the child and Pastor L.P. Propst

Popsicles in the Pavilion



June 28, 2017

Affirmation:

Dear Pastor Gerry,

I would like to thank you for your visitation. It has meant the world to me!

Diane Winn

Diane Winn is in Charlestown Retirement Home in Catonsville, (Baltimore) MD



Restoration of the Choir Room



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Remembering Those we lost in June:

- ♦ Walter Murphy June 17, 2017
- ♦ Mary Weldridge

Special Thank you to the Boy Scout Pack 62 for placing the flags on all the veteran graves on Memorial Day. We thank all those families of those who have fallen, those who have served and are serving for their service to our country!

Have a safe a Happy Fourth



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