



**The History of
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
HARNEY, MD
1890-2015
125 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

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PREFACE- 100 ANNIVERSARY

To know the history of any Church from its beginning is of vital importance to the life of that Church and for future generations. To compile a correct history of a Church one must gather the materials of its records while they can still be had, for minute books can easily be lost and memories quickly fail us.

I have compiled herein all the historical data obtainable. Information was obtained through Dr. Gladfelter from the Adams County Historical Society and fellow parishioner Margaret Lohr.

The articles written about our various organizations were compiled by officers and members of those organizations. Articles pertaining to the Church history and vital statistics were gotten from Church officers out of their records.

This book was researched, compiled and edited by Bonnie J. Yingling; copy edited by Jerry Strickhouser.

The Committee wishes to thank all who have cooperated so freely and helped make this book as accurate as possible.

100th Anniversary Committee:

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PREFACE - 110TH ANNIVERSARY

Because we recently celebrated our 110th Anniversary in 1990, we did not venture into the task of rewriting or revising the 110 year history of our church. Instead, as a committee we agreed to update the happenings of the last 10 years, and to celebrate in a joyous reunion manner. This booklet is designed to be brief and to the point.

These past 10 years have brought us many improvements that help make us more compatible in today's world. The Congregation needs to be complimented on the many improvements we now enjoy, Praise God. So many individuals have played a part in achieving these goals, I feel it would be unfair to attempt to name names as we could miss some dear person. Besides, you can rest assured all is recorded in the book of life.

Since we have been blessed with a very dedicated and sincere pastor, we have been relieved of the task of searching for someone to fill the pulpit and we can concentrate on the work for the Lord. Reverend Charles Marshall was chosen and installed as our Pastor on September 30, 1990. Therefore, this joyous time is not only the anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's but, a milestone in our lives in the union with our God through the effort of Pastor Charlie, surely directed by our Lord.

I need to express my sincere gratitude to the wonderful people that shared the responsibility of creating this affair. One special committee person, Thelma Yingling, has been handicapped by a fracture making it difficult to be as active as she normally is. We trust she will soon be back in her usual form.

It is my prayer that this occasion will rekindle the flame of Hope, Faith and Fellowship as we venture into this new century.

Thank You,
J. Russell Wantz, Jr. Chairman

110th Anniversary Committee:

Rev. Charles Marshall, John Harner, Evelyn Slaybaugh Parrish, Charline Fowler, Holly Townsend, Joan Beall, Betty Fissel Kepner, John Ridinger, Doris Harner, & Thelma Yingling

PREFACE -125TH ANNIVERSARY

St. Paul's Lutheran Church has reached another milestone since its organization. This year marks 125 years of Christian fellowship.

I have ventured to gather the most accurate information possible. This undertaking has taken four months. Facts and figures have been obtained from the Secretary's minutes, from ledger books, and personal recounts from members about past events. Special thanks to Shirley Staley, Sandy and Guy Kump, Maud Weant, Ellen Rodgers, Sandy Mills and Pastor Matt Day for their valuable input.

To give a complete account of the 125 year history, the information from the 100 Anniversary book and excerpts from the 110 Anniversary book were included. As you will take note, a great deal has happened since the year 2000.

This book was researched, compiled and edited by Bonnie Yingling, formatted by Pastor Day and proofread by Sandy Kump. I also wish to thank anyone I might have missed naming who helped make this book possible.

I hope you enjoy reading this book and continue to pray for a prosperous future for St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

In Christ,

Bonnie J. Yingling
Committee Member and Editor

Those on the 125 Anniversary Committee:

Kristina Rodgers
Ellen Rodgers
Sandy Kump
Guy Kump
Kristina Servant
Stephanie Arnold
Lily Arnold
Colin Arnold
Shirley Staley
Pam Yingling
Bonnie J. Yingling
Pastor Matt Day



THE HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH HARNEY, MD

On June 29, 1889, some of the members of Mt. Joy's congregation, and others living in Harney and the vicinity of Harney, Carroll County, MD., took the initiatory steps to organize a congregation and erect a house of worship in the town of Harney, MD.

A meeting was called, and held at The Shoemakers Hall, at the northern part of Harney, on the above date. A decision was reached to organize a congregation. This was done with the consent and assistance of the Mt. Joy charge.

On January 6, 1890, under the pastoral care of Rev. H. M. Heilman, a congregation numbering forty-eight members was organized and the constitution was adopted. March 7, 1890, Dr. John C. Bush, John Ohler, Abraham Waybright, Martin Slagle, D. J. Hesson, and J. L. Hesson were elected as trustees to act in the name and behalf of the congregation, pursuant to the provisions of the acts of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland. The plans and preparation for the construction of a church edifice were hastened.

On Sunday afternoon, May 4, 1890, the cornerstone was laid in the presence of a large concourse of people. The Rev. Dr. H. R. Baugher delivered the address and the Rev. H. M. Heilman, the pastor placed the stone in position. It contains among other things, the Bible, the Augsburg Confession, the church devotional books, the Adams County papers, the college catalogue, and a list of the charter members and officers of the church. There were 64 charter members.

Listed are the names of persons we believe to be the 64 Charter Members:

Black, Annie E.	Shriver, Daniel E.
Black, Worthington, Jr.	Shriver, Dora
Bush, J. Luther	Shriver, Ellen E.
Bush, John C.	Shriver, George I.
Bush, Luckett A.	Shriver, Lovy
Bush, Mary E.	Shriver, Nionna, N.
Eyler, Annie M. C.	Shriver, Sarah M.
Eyler, Charles	Slagle, Ada T.
Hahn, Mary	Slagle, Dessie V.
Heck, Florence	Slagle, Emma
Hess, Daniel	Slagle, Lillie
Hess, Gordon H.	Slagle, Luther
Hess, Hannah J.	Slagle, Martin
Hess, Martha	Slagle, Mary E.
Hesson, Abraham	Smith, Mary E.
Hesson, Ann M.	Spangler, Joseph
Hesson, D. Jacob	Spangler, Joseph H.
Hesson, Hattie C.	Spangler, Laura
Hesson, James L.	Spangler, Lucy A. B.
Hesson, Leah A.	Spangler, Maggie E.
Myers, Chas. Edgar	Spangler, Mary E.
Reck Abbervilla E.	Spangler, Milton H.
Reck, Jonas W.	Spangler, Noah H.

Reck, Sabina
 Sheets, Jacob Sent.
 Sheets, Lottie May
 Sheets, Susan C.
 Shoemaker, Maggie M.
 Shoemaker, Mary K.
 Shoemaker, Samuel C.
 Shoemaker, Solomon S.
 Shriner, Emma

Sterner, Emory G.
 Sterner, John H.
 Sterner, Susannah
 Waybright, Abraham M.
 Waybright, Ann M.
 Waybright, Cora A
 Waybright, Maggie E. P
 Waybright, Samuel A. L.
 Weant, Agnes

On October, 26, 1890, the new building was dedicated. It was built of brick with a spire, 64 feet by 45 feet in size. The pulpit furniture is of walnut, the pews of beech. The lumber used was from trees cut from the farm that was once owned by Harry Yingling. The stones were taken from the farm which Luther Angell owned, and some of the bricks were made from a farm now owned by Mason Dixon Farms, which was the homeplace of Eugene Waybright, Blanche Waybright Yingling, Katherine Waybright Hall, Anna Waybright Frock, Ruth Waybright Amick, J. Fred Waybright, and Robert Waybright.

The cost of our church building was \$5,000.00 plus a lot of free labor. At the dedication on October 26th, Rev. H. H. Weber D.D. delivered the morning sermon and the evening message was given by Rev. John U. Aspers. The charge was officially effected in the fall of 1890, by a Joint Council meeting and was ratified by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of West Pennsylvania, convening at Hanover, Pa.

The first person baptized at St. Paul's was Earlington Shriver.

In 1894, St. Paul's could have purchased an acre of land from Isaiah Wantz on the Emmitsburg Road for a cemetery, but they found a more suitable place on the Gettysburg Road. It would be called Mt. View Cemetery. The burial lots were then 4, 5, 6, and 7 dollars! On August 1, 1899, the Council voted to sell cemetery lots for \$100 to Church members and \$250 for Non-members. Also on October 3, 1899, Council voted to raise the price of grave digging to \$200.

In 1896 the congregation paid to the Synod \$2.45; compared to today that is a big difference. On December 13, 1904 the Ladies Mite Society was organized. In 1909 they purchased the beautiful stained glass window, "Christ the Good Shepherd," at the cost of \$180.00. A coal furnace was purchased in 1907 for \$150 and carpet bought for \$120.74. In 1911 we purchased six glass and window sashes for the front of the church for 75c each. A front fence was put at the cemetery. In 1914, a special collection was taken to buy song books for the choir. Arrangements were made in 1921 to incorporate the cemetery into a Trust Fund.

In the early 1900's a church picnic was held the last Saturday in July at the woods on the corner of Baptist Road and Harney Road. In later years, St. Paul's used to have a church picnic on a Sunday afternoon in August, and was held at the V.F.W. pavilion in Harney.

In 1922 the first electric lights were purchased for the church and were dedicated on January 28, 1923.

In 1921 the Ladies Aid Society was started and organized. This organization raised thousands of dollars to help the church through the years.

Money from the estate of Samuel Shoemaker was to be used for a parsonage or a pipe organ. In 1926, they talked about a new genco plant for the lighting, so in 1927 they got an electric wire to the church.

In 1929, Rev. Young resigned and the church records were as follows:

Local Expenses	\$ 9,574.00
Unusual	\$ 3,764.00
Regular Benevolence	\$ 3,148.00
Unappropriate Benevolence	\$ 527.00

Our Cemetery Fund showed \$1,000, which was increasing 50%. We had 173 members in 1919 and 203 in 1929. Between 1929 and 1930, we installed a new furnace and pipes. The pipe organ was installed when the church was redone. The organ was purchased because of the gift from the estate of Samuel Shoemaker. At the same time the picture behind the altar was painted, by Roth Brothers of York, PA. from a post card size picture. The hardwood floors were put down at this time.

In February 1942, the Odd Fellows Lodge Hall, was purchased for a Parish Hall for \$525.00. The stage was taken out and the kitchen was made larger. In 1947 the altar paraments were bought: white, olive green, violet. Rev. Held suggested since red and black were not used often we would not need them just yet. In 1948, the collection plates and a piano were presented by Harner Fissel, Claude Fissel, and Walter Fissel. The large alms basin was a gift by the Beacon Light Sunday School Class, taught by Mrs. Earlington Shriver. The vases were given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George I. Shriver by their family.

In 1950, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Benner presented an altar service book. Mrs. Frederick Raycob presented the drape for the choir rail. At about this time the baptismal font was presented in memory of Elwood Fream, who lost his life in World War II. The font was presented by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fream. In 1949, we remodeled the Parish Hall.

Our baptized membership in 1950 was 435, confirmed members 275, and communing 210. The Ladies Aid had the interior of the church painted and rubber tile put in the Narthex for \$732.25. In the years that followed, the Ladies did the following: 1952 Paid the balance on the chimes of \$704.00 and purchased a music box or amplifier which is in the back room for \$138.60. They also purchased the stoles of green, white, and violet for the minister to wear for \$69.02. In 1955, the pews, floors, tower repairs, and a road in the cemetery were paid for by the Ladies Aid Society for \$1,715.36.

In 1957 and 1958, 120 hymn books were received. We bought a new pump, plastic pipe, hot water heater, ten new tables, new gas stove for the Parish Hall, with the Ladies Aid putting \$847.20 toward it.

In 1959, we sent some of our old hymn books to British Guiana. The Ladies Aid purchased sixty new chairs for the Parish Hall, for \$243.00 In 1960, there was a plaque put in the church in memory of Miss Ruth Snider. In 1961, a new furnace was ordered to be installed as soon as possible. New lights were put in the Parish Hall. The interior and exterior of the church was painted, and two round lights and two square ones to shine on the altar were put in the ceiling.

In 1962, the Ladies Aid Society purchased carpet for aisles of the church for \$1,434.50. The Junior Choir was started. Samuel Snider willed \$500.00 to the cemetery and it was put in Trust at the Birnie Trust Co. in Taneytown. A new door was installed on the side of the church by E.E. Stuller for \$77.63. A new railing for the steps at each church door, front steps, and three dozen chairs were purchased for the Sunday School Room.

In 1963, we changed from the Pennsylvania Synod to the Maryland Synod. The light that shines through the big front stained glass window was installed. A new walk at the Parish Hall was put down. Repairs were done on the church roof. The Ladies Aid Society purchased 90 child hymn books for the Primary Department for \$107.65. There was a Trust meeting about a new building for the Sunday School.

In 1964, the Ladies Aid Society had five loads of stones put in the Church parking lot for \$137.83. At this time the Building Committee presented the price of \$30,000 for building Sunday School rooms under the Church. In 1965, we had our 75th Anniversary. We also discussed adopting a new constitution and Russell Wantz, Jr. had the blueprints of the new building.

In 1966, we changed to three pocket envelopes and more land was bought for the cemetery for \$1,500.00. The total cost of our Sunday School rooms were \$32,238.00. The Ladies Aid Society purchased folding curtains, refrigerator, and stove for the Sunday School rooms for \$1,262.08. They also in 1966 and 1967, donated \$4,600.00 to the Building Fund. We received the deed for the land bought to add to the cemetery and Rev. Young resigned.

From 1952 until early 1964, St. Paul's Sunday School laid aside its offering from the first Sunday of each month as a nucleus of a Building Fund, to provide for better facilities for our Christian Education Program of our congregation. Our structure under the Church started with the ground breaking October 17, 1965, and was completed October 16, 1966. Our Building Committee was:

Thelma Yingling - Chairperson
J. Russell Wantz, Jr.
George Shriver
Mrs. Wesley Mummert
Mrs. Clyde Frock
William Ridinger
Fred Spangler
Cletus Reeve

Our special Finance Committee was:

Thelma Yingling - Chairperson
J. Russell Wantz, Jr.
Francis Haines
Wilbur Reifsnider
John S. Harner

Our Finance Committee reported at the dedication that our total expense was \$32,238.00 leaving us with \$10,000 of debt. After much work, such as suppers, bake sales, donations, pledges, and by God's good grace, we were able to burn our mortgage on October 20, 1968. The pictures from the groundbreaking and mortgage burning ceremonies hung downstairs in the Sunday School Education Room for many years and is now in the memorial cabinet. We adopted the constitution in 1968 and also received our first rural mailbox.

Gifts presented for the new Sunday School Rooms were:

- Candlesticks by George Shriver
- Fair Linen cloth in Memory of Mrs. Earlington Shriver by Friends and Neighbors
- Piano and bench in Memory of Elmer Shildt by his Family
- Altar in Memory of Daniel Yingling by his Wife and Family
- In the Friendship Bible Class - a lectern was made by George Bower

Going back a little in history, in the 1940's we had Christian Endeavor, but due to lack of interest it was dropped. The Junior Choir, Luther League, and Mens Brotherhood, were all discontinued because of a lack of interest.

The Ladies Aid Society purchased four dozen chairs and two tables in 1969 for the Parish Hall. All the tables and chairs were stenciled with St. Paul's Church on them by George Ambrose. We made an official call for Rev. Luther Hare. Also at this time Mrs. Wesley Mummert asked to be

released of cleaning the church and Mrs. Maud Weant took over the cleaning responsibilities. George Ambrose and family donated two installed lights at the door of the church.

The Council took out \$100,000.00 fire insurance coverage on the church, \$5,000.00 on contents of church, \$3,500.00 on stained glass window, \$6,000.00 on Parish Hall and \$25,000.00 on liability.

In 1970, the roof on the Parish Hall was painted. We started inquiring about sandblasting the outside of the church. In 1971, we put a new walk down in front of the church.

In 1973, a new sweeper was purchased to clean the Church. The digging of graves was put up to \$60.00 The sandblasting of the church and the wall in front took place, at the cost of \$6,550 for the church and \$487 for the wall, it was done by Ken Gebhart.

A special Thanksgiving service was held to dedicate the job of sandblasting. Our guests were Rev. John Fry, Rev. Johnson, Jim Dolhoff, Rev. Sterner and Rev. Fred Faust. The service included a hymn sing and was very entertaining for everyone. Refreshments were served afterwards in the Sunday School Room. At this time, we have approximately 152 on roll in Sunday School. In church 222 confirmed members, with about 158 communing. Our active members of the Church is about 184. In the year 1973, we had 7 children baptized, 2 confirmed, and 7 marriages. We lost 6 by death and 7 by transfer.

In the beginning of 1974, we had the back stairway closed in by Mr. Plunkert, at the cost of \$1,354.00 And the lighted sign in front of the church will be made out of metal and was set like Mt. Joy's, so that it could be seen from both directions. New centers were put in the collection plates of a bright red velvet, and red paraments were ordered. The exterior of the church was painted and new bulletin boards were put in the Church Narthex and downstairs.

In 1974, we had some social events. A covered dish social was held in the basement of the Church to honor our graduates from school and our newly confirmed members. A Youth Group was started and was doing rather well. Under the guidance of Pastor Faust, there was fine cooperation between the two congregations during Lenten Season where we alternated services. Mt. Joy moved from the first setting of the Liturgy to use the Second Setting.

The lighted sign in front of the Church was finished in 1975. It displays the Church name, Minister's name, sermon titles, etc., at a cost of \$188.10. Yellow figured carpet was laid in the Narthex and down the stairs to the Sunday School Rooms, at a cost of \$350.00, paid for by the Ladies Aid Society. On May 11, 1975, red paraments were dedicated, purchased by Thelma Yingling. Sills were put on the two front doors by Walter ("Wag") Clingan and other men. Virginia Fream bought a gold plastic runner for the Narthex to save carpet.

The interior of the Church, Narthex and back Sunday School Room was painted in 1976. Also the stained glass window was removed to be cleaned and repaired. It took six weeks and cost over \$3,600. It was also during this time that Pastor Faust took a new call.

1976 also marked the Bi-Centennial of our country and to mark the occasion, Harney had a program featuring the Versitones. There was a nice turnout and it lasted about two hours.

It was voted in 1977 to put all the Church books and records in the Seminary Archives. In September of 1977, the first Senior Citizens Social was held. We also began to hold a 2:00 p.m. Quiet Hour Communion. Afterwards, everyone went downstairs to the Sunday School Education Room where singing was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served by the church council.

John Ridinger refinished two pews in 1978. In 1979, the first year under Pastor Richards' leadership, St. Paul's had their first Fall Hike on the Appalachian Trail near Waynesboro, PA. Since then, we have hiked at Harpers Ferry, Cunningham Falls, Codorus State Park, the Gettysburg Battlefield and other beautiful locations. The fall hikes were discontinued but recent interest has brought the hike back and we plan to go hiking as a group once again in November 2015.

We exterminated the bats and insulated between the roof and ceiling in 1981 at a cost of \$2,700. The Nursery during Church services was discontinued at this time. The Church had the last turkey and oyster supper served at the Parish Hall on November 21, 1981.

During 1982, a cross was made for Lenten Services by Luther Ridinger. Purple and black material, mallet, nails, whip, die, and sponge were made by Donald Yingling, Sr.

In 1983, during Pastor Traher's first year, the youth had a "Rock-A-Thon" which was held at the Harney Fire Hall. Proceeds went to the Shock Trauma Unit in Baltimore, MD. Many young people participated and the proceeds were sizable.

The last Mother & Daughter Banquet was held May 1, 1984 at the Harney Fire Hall. It was suggested the Church have a "Going Away Banquet" for everyone so on June 22, 1985, we went to Barlow Fire Hall.

In 1984, the outside of the Church was sandblasted and sealed and the woodwork painted. Evelyn Slaybaugh Parrish gave a Memorial Book to list gifts given to the church in memory of her late husband, William. The book was presented in September 1985. The Church was given a Nativity Set from the Ervin Ridinger Family and Mr. Doug Myers in December 1985. It was given in Honor of Thelma Yingling and in Memory of Daniel Yingling and Mr. and Mrs. Lake Ridinger.

In the summer of 1986, a Parish Directory was published by Olan Mills, Inc. Also on November 22, 1986, the Ladies Aid served their last Turkey and Oyster Supper at the Harney Fire Hall. The last July Sunday School picnic was in 1987 at the Harney Fire Hall.

As in years past, the St. Paul's Council sponsors an Easter Sunrise Breakfast every other year. It used to be held at Harney Fire Hall for many years but recently, we have moved the service and breakfast back to St. Paul's to encourage those who come for the Sunrise service to stay for breakfast. About 30 people from both churches as well as many from the community attended. Under Pastor Matt Day, we started asking that everyone bring egg casseroles so that everyone could participate in the Easter Sunrise Service and nobody would have to stay in the kitchen to cook.

In 1988, two metal signs were erected, one at the end of the cemetery and the other on Harney Road (on the Ralph Strickhouser property) giving the church name, denomination, and arrow for direction.

Due to the sudden death of our ever faithful Sexton, George Shriver on July 3, 1989, John Ridinger was asked to take over the position, and was assisted by Erman Chipley.

In recent years the Church along with the V.F.W., Harney Fire Company, and the Harney Lions Club, have held Memorial Day observances called "Good Olde Days." Both cemeteries in Harney are visited, then food and beverages are sold at "Old Fashioned" prices followed by local talent which is enjoyed by all. This is held at the V.F.W. pavilion building.

Parish softball games were held around the beginning of September, but interest has been lost in this activity and has been discontinued.

On September 10, 1989, St. Paul's held a congregational Meeting to discuss the purchase of the George Shriver property. It was voted down but it was voted to sell the Parish Hall.

At a Church Council meeting on October 3, 1989, it was voted to accept Pastor Traher's resignation, effective December 1, 1989. A Call Committee was formed at St. Paul's which includes the following:

Walter Dayett
Guy Kump, Jr.
Evelyn S. Parrish
Bonnie Yingling

Arlene Nasenbenne, the Supply Co-Ordinator at the Seminary arranged for Seminary Supply pastors. At a Joint Council Meeting on November 22, 1989 held at St. Paul's, voted to call Rev. Jerome Guss as our vice Pastor.

When we ended the history in 1990 St. Paul's was without a full-time pastor. The Rev. Jerome Guss, a retired pastor, was serving as our Vice Pastor. A Call Committee was formed and the Rev. Charles R Marshall took the pulpit for the first time on July 1, 1990. In July 2001, Pastor Marshall accepted a call to Middleborough, MD. His resignation was effective August 31, 2001, he served 11 years, longer than anyone since Rev. Held who served 16 years.

On October 29, 2000 St Paul's celebrated its 110 Anniversary with a grand celebration. There was a special church service with special guests and speakers, followed by a luncheon and program at Harney Fire Hall.

In March 2001, at a council meeting, the Harney Ball Club offered the ballfield land to the church along with a treasury balance of \$500.00. Council agreed that it was a good idea. A congregational meeting was held on April 8th and the vote was 61-YES, 2-NO, 1-ABSTAIN. The land transfer was completed in October 2001.

At council meeting on January 5, 2003 Shirley Staley was voted by council to take over the Financial Secretary duties held by Bruce Hoffman. Bruce had to relinquish his duties because of ill health.

On Sunday October 12, 2003 the congregation voted and Vicar Faye Snyder became our new pastor. Under Pastor Faye's leadership in April 2005, the parish held the first Volunteer Luncheon at Mt. Joy Parish Hall. Starting in 2010, it was decided to honor someone from each church who goes above and beyond by selflessly giving their time and talents. The award given from St. Paul's is called the "Good Shepherd Award".

Recipients have been the following:

2010 - John Ridinger

2011 - Shirley Staley

2012 - Betty Ridinger

2013 - Barry Rhoades

2014- Marlin (Bootie) and Barb Six

(Bootie had passed away just a few months
before so the award was given posthumously with honor)

2015 - Maud Weant

At council meeting on May 25, 2006 it was voted and passed that an extra offering would be taken the months that have a fifth Sunday. The collection will be deposited into the Brad Dayett Special Needs account to assist an individual or family in need.

St. Paul's held the first Bluegrass Sunday on August 29, 2010. This has become an annual event. Music is provided by Hanover Express featuring Harney's own Kenny Fream, a member of St. Paul's. A social is held following the program. An enjoyable time is had by all.

After serving eight years Pastor Faye announced she was retiring and preached her last sermon on June 12, 2011. A retirement luncheon was held at Mt. Joy Parish Hall following church services. Beverly Lange Donnella was obtained by the Synod to serve as our Interim Pastor until the call process was complete and a full time pastor is obtained for the parish. After a long and involved process, the Call Committee recommended a Seminarian, Matthew Aaron Day, to be our next pastor. A farewell luncheon for Interim Pastor Beverly was held at Mt. Joy Parish Hall on August 12, 2012.

Pastor Matthew Day was ordained on August 26, 2012 at St. John Lutheran Church in Linthicum, MD. Over the next several months, Pastor Matt faced a life threatening illness which caused the delay of his official Installation as our Pastor.

By the grace of God the Rite of Installation was held on Saturday, February 9, 2012 at St. Paul's. Pastor Matt has been with us for three years and during that time has used his technology skills to bring us into the 21st Century. He has a soft spot in his heart for the young and old. He is an accomplished guitar player and his voice can clearly be heard leading the worship service.

The church has been very active in helping the less fortunate. Most of the following events help others:

- 1st Car Show on July 11, 2015. Some of the proceeds went to Ruth's Harvest
- Collection of items for Survivors
- Collection of school supplies for local schools
- Food items for Ruth's Harvest
- Mitten tree at Christmas

Other activities include our Sub Sales once a month from October until April and the annual Harney Christmas Tree lighting. A hike is being planned for the Fall where both young and old are invited. A Young Adults group has formed in 2015 and they hold quarterly gatherings at different places. During the summer, we have also gone to Camden Yards to attend Baltimore Oriole games. We have also attended a Frederick Key's game as well.

In July of 2012, St. Paul's, the Harney VFW and the Harney Fire Company joined together to sponsor a two day Softball Tournament to be played at the Harney Ball field . Proceeds benefit a local child with a serious illness. Over the last few years the Tournament has been played in September.

To sum up this history the future looks bright. With a wonderful, energetic pastor as well as positive church leadership, attendance has increased and there is renewed vitality. By the Grace of God, St. Paul's will continue to prosper as we look to the future.

As of February 1990:

Baptized: 379
Confirmed: 292
Communing: 150

As of January 2000:

Baptized: 266
Confirmed: 204
Communing: 89

As of December 2014 Membership is:

Baptized: 302
Confirmed: 201
Communing: 69

CHURCH MEMORIALS

CATHEDRAL LIGHTS IN NARTHEX AND CHURCH

<u>In Remembrance of:</u>	<u>Given by :</u>	<u>Date:</u>
Mr.& Mrs. William Hoffman	Mr. & Mrs Curvin Study	1/19/86
Deceased Members of Men's Bible Class	Men's Bible Class	2/09/86
Florence Angell	Luther Angell	3/23/86
Florence Angell and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hoffman	Ruth and Bruce Hoffman	4/13/86
Melvin G. Patterson and Armor & Laura Leatherman	Ethel E. Patterson	4/13/86
Deceased Member of Ladies Bible Class	Ladies Bible Class	4/13/86
Daniel Yingling	Thelma C. Yingling	4/20/86
Marth Ridinger, Nevin Ridinger and Mary Agnes Bower	Golda Ridinger	5/25/86

RED ETERNAL LIGHT

3/86

In Remembrance of: Daniel Yingling
Given by: His Wife, Thelma C. Yingling

NIGHT LITE

1/4/87

In Remembrance of: Vern & Margie Ridinger
Given by Herbert & Julia, Treva, Franklin, Arthur, Teresa, Jason & Amy, Ellen Kristina and James Rodgers

CLEANING OF PAINTING IN CHURCH:

10/11/87

In Remembrance of: Mr. & Mrs. John Waybright
Mr. & Mrs. John Reeve
Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Waybright

REFINISHED CHURCH FLOORS:

7/88

In Remembrance of: Bonnie Ridinger (Daughter)
Given by: John T. Ridinger & Family

NEW ALTAR LINENS:

4/89

In Remembrance of: Mary Baker
Given by: Ladies Aid Society

CARPET IN NARTHEX & BACK SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM:

8/89

In Remembrance of: Dale E. Kump (Guy's Brother)

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Guy Kump, Jr. & Family

PASCAL CANDLE STAND:

In Honor Of: Thelma C. Yingling

Given by: Her Son, Donald Yingling, Sr.

CATHEDRAL LIGHT FOR CHURCH:

4/30/86

In Honor of: Monica Reifsnider

Given by: Wilbur & Robert Reifsnider

LIGHT FOR ORGAN:

In Honor of: Anna Shildt

12/87

Given by: Her Daughter, Mary Catherine Shildt

PAINT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS:

9/86

Special Gift by George Shriver

REFINISHING OF PEWS:

Special Gift by Clara Special Gift by Golda

11/30/86

Special Gift by Early (1 pew) Ridinger (1 pew)

7/88

Mr. & Mrs. Guy Kump, Jr. (23 pews)

7/88

RED FLOWER VASE & ELECTRIC CORD:

9/24/89

Special Gift by Julia & Francis Haines

ALTAR CANDLES

9/24/89

Special Gift by the Shriver Family in memory of their son, Doug Shriver.

CHOIR GOWNS

05/90

Given by Evelyn Parrish in honor of Michele Koons (1)

Given by Thelma Yingling in memory of George Shriver (1)

Given by Thelma Yingling in memory of Harry Clutz (1)

Given by Ethel Patterson in memory of Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Leatherman(1)

Given by Ethel Patterson in memory of Melvin Patterson (1)

Given by George Ambrose, Jr. in memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Ambrose, Sr. (2)

Given by Gamette & Sheridan Grimes in memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Reeve (2)

PLAQUE

Plaque above the altar and the one at the front door.

09/90

Given by Dawn Ridinger in memory of Daniel Yingling and Mr. & Mrs. Lake Ridinger and in honor of Thelma Yingling.

CHOIR GOWN

January 1995

Given by Mrs. Clara Early in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Reaver.

ALTAR CANDLES

1/17/93

Given by the Shriver Family in memory of Douglas Shriver.

SAFE

01/95

Given by Mr. & Mrs. Luther Angell in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Franklin E. Hoffraan, Sr. valued at \$94.84.

ALTAR BRASS REFINISH

09/96

Given to the glory of God, Altar Brass was refinished by Stambaugh Metal, Inc. for \$455.00.

TAPE RECORDER & PLAYER

06/97

Given to the glory of God in memory of Pamela Rhoades.

CHANCEL RAILING, WIRELESS MICROPHONE AND SOUND SYSTEM TAPE DECK

10/98

Given in memory by Luella Moose in memory of Frank Moose.

NEW MARKER PINS AT MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY

2/19/02

Given by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lehigh in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Welty Sr. and in honor of Earl and Ethel Welty.

WITH ONE VOICE HYMNALS

2/03

Majority of the hymnals were given in memory of Ethel Patterson by her daughter, Shirley Staley. 110 regular print and 10 large print books were purchased at \$10 each. In June 2003, the new books were placed in racks.

NEW ROPE WHEEL ON BELL

7/8/03

In memory of Bessie and Earl Welty, Sr. by Mike and Susan Lehigh. Mike Lehigh and Earl Welty, Jr. installed the rope well on June 7, 2003. The approximate cost \$725.00.

FUNERAL PALL

11/16/03

Given in memory of Thelma Yingling by Sandra and Robert Flickinger.

PROCESSIONAL CROSS

2/04

Given in memory of Thelma Yingling by the Memorial Fund.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

7/2/04

Dawn Ridinger Snyder created a Memorial Garden in memory of Thelma C. Yingling. A "Thank You" was sent to Dawn and her sisters, Robin Thompson and Laurie Grubbs, Granddaughters of Thelma.

THREE OUTDOOR LAMP POSTS

8/06

Given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Welty, Sr. and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Welty, Jr. by Mike and Susan Lehigh

LARGE WOVEN BANNERS

5/07

Given in memory of Katherine Wise by daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Robert Flickinger.

FRONT DOORS

1/31/11

Given in memory of Francis Haines, Roy Snyder and Ralph Vaughn. The two doors were purchased from Win. R. Perry at a cost of \$4,010.00. Leonard Bowers made two wooden crosses from the old doors which hang in the church.

ALTAR LINENS

6/20/11

Given in memory of Wade Weant and David Lewis.

GREEN PARAMENTS

5/00

Given to the glory of God by an anonymous donor. They were used for the first time in August 2000.

OIL CANDLESTICKS

8/5/12

Given in memory of Douglas Shriver who passed away July 6, 1992 by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shriver and family.

ELW SERVICE HYMNAL

9/23/12

Given by members in honor and memory of loved ones.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OUTDOOR BANNER

7/15

Given to the glory of God. Outdoor Banner Pole was crafted by Rodney Yingling.

125TH ANNIVERSARY PROCESSIONAL BANNER

Given to the glory of God by Bonnie J. Yingling.

CHALICE AND PATEN

10/25/15

Given to the glory of God and in memory of all those who have been fed around the altar and in celebration of 125 years of ministry by the Pastors Matthew and Diane Day

In 1987, two Handicapped Parking signs were added to the front of the Church parking lot for members. A check was presented to the Church from the Estate of the late Martin Luther Valentine for \$10,000.00, to be held in Trust, the Church can use only the yearly earned interest.

Other Major repairs and additions made to building which were taken from 110 anniversary book and from other records:

- July 1990 -Ken Dehoff painted the church and had gutters and spouts replaced.
- February 1991 - We bought 2 loads of stone for the parking lot. Carroll Hively built a new banner chest.
- March 1991 - The Parish House was sold for \$13,947.00.
- April 1991 - New furnace was installed by Aero Oil Co. for \$4,360.00.
- May 1992 - Donald B. Smith of Hanover made some roof repairs.
- September 1992 - Mike Kennedy made some woodwork repairs around the windows for \$690.00.

- October 1992 - Stone and topsoil was purchased for the parking lot.
- June 1993 - Doug Mummert black topped the parking lot for \$11,764.00.
- July 1993 - McCormick Line striping marked the parking lot.
- August 1993 - E.J. Chimney Sweeps cleaned the chimneys for \$3,500.00.
- October 1993 - John Cole installed electric switches in the front of the church for \$240.00. J&R TV made repairs to the speakers. Robert R. Miller made gutter repairs for \$1,875.00 A sump pump was purchased for the basement.
- March 1994 - Robert G. Miller made repairs to the spouting for \$190.80.
- April 1994 - Alexander Plumbing installed an ultra violet light on the water pump for \$1,800.00.
- August 1994 - C..I. Harman made repairs to the slate roof for \$2,690.00.
- May 1995 - Doug Mummert extended the parking lot for \$2,750.00.
- September 1995 - Ray M. Williams worked on the exterior woodwork for \$3,200.00.
- November 1995 - Robert Flickinger purchased the cement bumpers for the parking lot.
- 1996 - Robert Flickinger purchased signs for the parking lot.
- May 1997 - Donald B. Smith made repairs to the slate roof for \$190.25.
- October 1997 - Modem Comfort Systems installed a 5 ton air conditioning unit for \$3,500.00. Blaine Flickinger rewired and installed receptacles in the altar and choir areas for \$421.38.
- September 1998 - J.A. Hood installed and rewired a new panel box for \$449.78: Harry Mummert edged, cleaned and sealed the parking lot for \$1200.00.
- October 1999 - Robert G. Miller made more repairs to the roof for \$580.00. J.A. Hood added 4 receptacles and a sub panel in the basement, and repaired overhead phone lines for \$658.75.
- July 2000- Alexander Plumbing installed 2 new commodes for \$553.65. Ridinger Painting painted the Sunday school room for \$2,365.00.
- March 2001- Rodney Yingling made a portable ramp to be used for funerals.
- April 2002 Evangelism Committee suggested an upstairs bathroom be built.
- June 29, 2003 -Bid to build bathroom was submitted by J.R. LaFaivre for \$13,458.00. A Vote was taken on Sunday, June 29, 2003 by congregation: 44-YES 0-NO.
- June 30, 2003 -Shirley Staley purchased a new copier at Eicholtz for \$1,295.00

- October 14, 2003 Scott Shriver built a new shed behind the church, it is to be shared by Ladies Aid, Primary Dept. and the Sunday School, cost is \$950-\$1,000 to be divided three ways. On November 2003, the shed was in place.
- May 10, 2004 - Organ was refurbished at a cost of \$15,548 paid by Organ Fund and Mission Investment Fund and also Ladies Aid donating \$500.00. On January 23, 2005 we had a re-dedication of the organ with a recital by Tim Braband and Jane Eiker.
- October 19, 2005 - Bid proposed for handicap ramp from Gene Angell at a cost of \$3,548.00.
- February 23, 2006 - Cement was poured for ramp and constructed by Gene Angell. It was paid in full June 7, 2006.
- March 5, 2006 - During church service, Pastor Faye and congregation dedicated the beautiful archives cabinet made by Leonard Bowers.
- August 27, 2012 Exterior of church painted by Baker's Custom Painting for \$6,275.00
- February 9, 2013 - An Acorn Chairlift was purchased and gifted by John and Betty Ridinger at \$2,850.00
- July/August 2013 Purchased a beautiful mahogany baby grand piano for \$8,267.75. Paid \$4,133.88 on July 31, 2013 and paid in full on August 5, 2013 with a check for \$4,133.87.

CONFIRMATION AT ST. PAUL'S

In 1988, St. Paul's had three confirmands. Kristina Kump, was confirmed on May 22, 1988. Johnny Fream and Tammy Spangler were confirmed in the Fall of 1988. Since 1988, we have confirmed a number of individuals.

CONFIRMANDS SINCE 1988

Sarah Beth Strickhouser	June 6, 1990	Joshua Lee Forsythe	June 11, 2000
Stephanie Yingling	June 6, 1990	Amy Teresa Ridinger	June 11, 2000
Melissa Yingling	June 6, 1990	Joel Robert Yingling	June 11, 2000
Michelle Koons	June 6, 1990	Julie Rae Yingling	June 11, 2000
		Amanda Grace Beall	June 11, 2000
Scott Christopher Kump	May 26, 1991		
		Ashton Mae Slaybaugh	June 3, 2001
Pamela Sue Rhoades	June 7, 1992		
Holly Renee Yingling	June 7, 1992	Jillian Marie Clingan	July 7, 2002
Craig Rodney Yingling	June 7, 1992	Jason William Slaybaugh	July 7, 2002
Dinah Faye Strickhouser	May 30, 1993	Kelly Ann Cole	June 1, 2003
Chad Lynn Yingling	May 30, 1993	John Carroll Cole, Jr	June 1, 2003
Jeffrey Richard Yingling	May 30, 1993		
		Amanda Beth Bowers	June 6, 2004
Vincent Stonesifer	May 22, 1994	Emily Michelle Bowers	June 6, 2004
April Renee Weishaar	May 22, 1994	Kevin Arthur Ridinger	June 6, 2004
		Laura Marie Slaybaugh	June 6, 2004
Steve Walter Clingan Jr.	June 4, 1995		
Jason Earl Lehigh	June 4, 1995	Melissa Lynn Topper	October 4, 2009
Jeremiah Matthew Selby	June 4, 1995		
		Courtney Kay Servant	June 29, 2014
Catherine Michelle Lookingbill	May 26, 1996		
James Russell Yingling	May 26, 1996	Clayton Shriver	June 7, 2015
Sarah Elizabeth Marshall	May 18, 1997		
Aaron Bernard Shorb	May 18, 1997		
Adria Michelle Stonesifer	May 18, 1997		
Jason Arthur Ridinger	May 31, 1998		
Adam Wiles	May 31, 1998		
Heather Lynne Slaybaugh	May 23, 1999		
Kayla Michelle Nichols	May 30, 1999		

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH COUNCIL AND OFFICERS
1990**

Walter Dayett, President
Richard Yingling, Benevolence
J. Russell Wantz, Current
Mike Lehigh, Building Fund Treasurer
Evelyn S. Parrish, Secretary
Bruce Hoffman
Shirley Staley
Elwood Strickhouser
Eugene Waybright, Financial Secretary

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH COUNCIL AND OFFICERS
2000**

Walter Dayett, President
Barry Rhoades, Vice Preseident
Richard Beall, Benevolence
Johnny Fowler, Jr., Current
Oliver Parrish, Building Fund Treasurer
Pam Yingling, Secretary
John Harner
Guy Kump

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH COUNCIL AND OFFICERS
2015**

Kristina Rodgers, President
Glenn Fream, Vice President
Stephanie Arnold, Secretary
Karen Tawney, Treasurer
Bonnie Yingling, Building Fund Treasurer
Heather Livelsberger, Benevolence Treasure
Evelyn Parrish, Organ, Memorial Fund, Brad Dayett/Special Needs Treasurer
Shirley Staley, Financial Secretary

ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS 1990

Bruce Hoffman	Superintendent
Francis Haines	Assistant Superintendent
Julia Haines	Secretary
Louise Strickhouser	Assistant Secretary
John S. Harner	Sunday School Organist
Mary Catherine Shildt	Sunday School Pianist
Holly Yingling	Librarian
Sarah Strickhouser	Librarian
Craig Yingling	Librarian
Jeff Yingling	Librarian
Dinah Strickhouser	Librarian
Thelma Yingling	Home Department
Virginia Sheaffer	Assistant Home Department
Doris Harner	Primary Superintendent
Ellen Rodgers	Assistant Primary Superintendent
Thelma Yingling	Assistant Primary Superintendent
Evelyn Parrish	Assistant Primary Superintendent
Sandra Kump	Cradle Roll Department
Susan Yingling	Primary Pianist

PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL - 1990

Tiny Tots Class - Ages 0-4

Teacher: Thelma C. Yingling (Teaching since 1943)

Asst. Teacher: Bonnie J. Yingling

Students: Mike Thompson, Joel Yingling, Julie Yingling, Brandon Rippeon, Brock Rippeon, Ashton Slaybaugh, Timothy Mathna, Amy Ridinger, Kevin Schue, Sarah Dennis, Jessica Dennis, Kelly Cole, Jason Slaybaugh

Little Jewels Class - Ages 4-6

Teacher: Evelyn Slaybaugh Parrish (Teaching since 1965)

Asst. Teacher: Pam Yingling

Students: Heather Slaybaugh, Jason Ridinger, Jimmy Thompson, Jodi Shriver, Stacey Unger, Richard Schue

Sunbeams Class - Ages 6-8

Teacher: Sandra Kump (Teaching since 1982)

Asst. Teacher: Susan Yingling

Students: Cassie Lookingbill, Jason Schue, Aaron Shorb, Jimmy Yingling, Adria Stonesifer, Tony Strausbaugh, Jackie Yingling, Seth Hoffman

Helpers Class - Ages 8-10

Teacher: Ellen Rodgers (Teaching since 1977)

Students: Angie Strausbaugh, Carrie Tawney, April Weishaar, Vincent Stonesifer, Jason Lehigh, Steve Unger, Steve Clingan

Junior Class - Ages 10-12

Teacher: Maud Weant (Teaching since 1959)

Students: Stacy Raab, Pam Rhodes, Dinah Strickhouser, Mike Unger, Craig Yingling, Holly Yingling, Jeff Yingling

Junior High Class - Ages 12 - ?

Teachers: Guy Kump, Jr. (Teaching since 1982)

Lois Dayett (Teaching since 1982)

Students: Allen Haines, Tina Rodgers, Sarah Strickhouser, Kristina Kump, Scott Kump, Stephanie Yingling, Jimmy Rodgers, Michelle Koontz, Mike Raab, Melissa Yingling

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
1990**

Women's Bible Class - 1990

Enrollment - 17 Inactive Members
17 Active Members

Teachers from 1920-1990

Mrs. Earlinaton Shriver
Mrs. John Sanderson
Mrs. Herbert Schmidt
Mr. Bruce Hoffman

Men's Bible Class - 1990

Enrollment - 9 Inactive Members
10 Active Members
2 Shut-ins

Teachers from 1920-1990

The Rev. L. K. Young
The Rev. John Sanderson
The Rev. Herbert Schmidt
John H. Harner
Bruce Hoffman

Assistant Teachers- 1990

Francis Haines
Treva Ridinger

ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS 2015

Maud Weant	Superintendent and Secretary
Bonnie Yingling	Home Department
Assisted by: Maud Weant	
Louise Strickhouser	

Ellen Rodgers	Primary Department
Sandra Kump	Cradle roll
Stephanie and Colin Arnold	Pianists

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Past till the Present

Dr. John Bush
Samuel Shoemaker
Emory Sterner
Solomon Shoemaker
Archibald Lambert
Ernest Sentz
Nevin Ridinger
Charles M. A. Schildt
Mervin Eyler, Sr.
Elmer Schildt (served 1924-1950)
John S. Harner (served 1946-1947)
George I. Shriver (served 1965-1989)
Bruce Hoffman (served 1989-2003)
Maud Weant (2003-Present)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 2015

St. Paul's no longer has the Women's and Men's Bible class. After 1990, we started the "The Adult Sunday School Class."

There are four teachers who rotate the teaching responsibilities. The four teachers are:

Lois Dayett
Guy Kump
Shirley Staley
Douglas Heiges

Members of the class include:

Lois Dayett
Douglas Heiges
Guy Kump
Evelyn Parrish
Oliver Parrish
Betty Ridinger
John Ridinger
Shirley Staley
Louise Strickhouser
Maud Weant
Bonnie Yingling

The focus of our discussion include the Bible and modern times. If you want to broaden your knowledge of the Bible and have an enjoyable hour, come and join the class.

HISTORY OF THE YOUNG ADULT CLASS

The first Sunday School Class for young adults was the "Friendship Bible Class", started in 1956, taught by Claude Fissel. The class numbered around 20 students, but due to poor health, Mr. Fissel retired in the early 1970's.

Following Mr. Fissel's retirement, George Selby taught the class for about six months. Next, George Shriver taught for several years, then Maud Weant taught for a few years.

In 1982, with 3 students, Lois Dayett and Guy Kump, Jr. started teaching. Class enrollment had grown to about 10 Students.

In 2014, Stephanie Arnold started up a Teenage Class. Currently she has between two-three students coming every week.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT OF THE PAST AND PRESENT

The Primary Department was started in 1920. Superintendents from beginning to present have been:

Minnie Hess
Laura Leatherman
Beatrice Waybright
Thelma Yingling
Monica Reifsnider
Doris Harner
Ellen Rodgers

We are very proud of our Primary Department. We have an average attendance of 12. In 1990, the average was 40. We have five classes downstairs, ages 1-16.

Ellen Rodgers became the Primary Superintendent in January 1996 and still is today.

We are involved in several activities throughout the year. In the Spring, we make a craft that the Home Department delivers to our shut-ins and we have an Easter Egg Hunt and each class has a party.

During the Summer, we hold Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday at night for the Sunday School and any child in the community of Harney and beyond. On the Sunday following Vacation Bible School, we review our week at VBS during the church Service.

The first Sunday in September is Promotion Sunday, when children having perfect attendance receive pins and children going onto the next class receive a Promotion Certificate.

In the Fall, we have a Halloween Dress up party.

During December, we make a craft for our shut-ins and the year ends with the Christmas Program the Sunday evening before Christmas. The children enjoy their recitations and parts in the pageant. Then the Primary Department have their Christmas parties in their rooms and are treated to candy and an orange.

When anyone has a birthday, teacher or Students, their picture is taken and put up on our Birthday Bulletin Board.

We stay very busy throughout the year.



PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL 2015

Tiny Tots Class - Ages 0-5

Teacher: Kristina Rodgers (Teaching since 1995)

Students: Autumn Shorb
Hope Ridinger
Cole Morningstar
Chase Dreschsler

Little Jewels Class - Kindergarten and 1st Graders

Teacher: Kristina Servant (Teacher since 2008)

Students: Averee Servant
Isabella Drechsler
Brieanna Shorb
Cullen Livelsberger
Abigail Shorb

Sunbeam Class - 2nd and 3rd Graders

Teacher: Sandy Kump (Teaching since 1982)

Students: Kasper Shriver
Tanner Yingling
Ethan Livelsberger
Lily Arnold

Helpers Class - 4th grade - 6th grades

Teacher: Karen Tawney (Teaching since 2003)

Students: Bryce Servant
Colin Arnold
Jeremy Drechsler

Newly Formed Teenagers Class

Teacher: Stephanie Arnold (Teaching since 2014)

Students: Clay Shriver
Courtney Servant

HISTORY OF OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

John S. Harner had been St. Paul's faithful Organist since 1948, he was Assistant Organist in 1946 and 1947.

John was married to Doris (Wilhide) Harner, they lived on Taneytown Pike, Taneytown, MD. They had a son, Steve, and a daughter, Brenda Stonesifer. John and Doris had four grandchildren.

John's first instructor was Mrs. John Sanderson, then Mrs. George Harner, of Taneytown; Mrs. Doris Baker of Hanover, and lastly Mr. David Shaum of Taneytown. John studied on St. Mark's organ located on Carlisle Street in Hanover, Pa.

For over 42 years, John had played for over 150 weddings! Various churches John had played at are:

- Mechanicsburg Lutheran
- Hanover United Church of Christ
- New Oxford Catholic
- Taneytown Catholic
- Ardentsville Lutheran
- Mt. Joy

Preceding John as organist was Marie Fream. Other Organists include, Mrs. Mildred Rummel and Assistant Organist Thelma (Harner) Worley. John was assisted during Sunday services by Mary Catherine Schildt. Betty Ridinger took over musical responsibilities on October 5, 2003 after the death of John Harner. When needed to play, Mary Catherine Schildt would assist Betty. Betty served as organist until December 25, 2011 after arthritis made it difficult for her to play.

In January of 2012, Tim Bangerd was brought on to play the organ and lead the choir. Under his leadership, we had a great expansion of our music ministry including concerts, new liturgies and new hymns. Tim left our congregation on December 28, 2014 to play the organ at Trinity United Church of Christ in Hanover, PA. Tim is a very gifted, young man and had parishioners rocking in the pews to his rhythmic playing. Also during Tim's time with us, St. Paul's purchased a beautiful baby grand piano from Kramer's Music. The piano has been a wonderful addition to our worship. On February 1, 2015, Lauren Stair began her music ministry with us.

LEAD PIANIST - LAUREN STAIR

Hello, my name is Lauren Stair. I am a sixth grade mathematics teacher at Glenwood Middle School in Howard County, MD. I have grown up in the church. As a child I attended Westminster Baptist Church where I watched my grandmother play the piano for services. She has always been the inspiration behind my playing. I have played the piano for twenty years now having started when I was five at my grandmother's knee. My parents eventually changed churches and I became a member of Grace Lutheran Church where I served as a junior confirmation

leader, member of their youth leadership team and as their interim traditional worship leader. I also directed one of the Christmas pageants while I was in high school. While attending Frostburg State University, I was employed by Welsh Baptist Church as their traditional pianist and eventually transitioned to a keyboardist in the praise band as their church changed directions. I am so thankful that St. Paul's has asked me to join you in this new chapter of worship. I look forward to growing with you and seeing the wonderful things that God has in store for us through worship. *(Taken from Lauren's initial biography handed out to the parish before she began her ministry as our musician).*



CHOIR HISTORY PRIOR TO 1928

Harry Clutz, father of Thelma C. Yingling, was choir director. The choir back in those days went from house to house for practice and get togethers.

Dorothy Bowers played the piano, and Beulah Turner was the first organist on the present day organ.

Choir Members just prior to 1928 were:

Claude Fissel
Walter Fissel
Viola Shildt Fissel
Marie Ohler Fissel
Isabelle Eckenrode Kalbflesh
Ruth Waybright Amick
Mildred Shriner Benner
Gladys Haines
Blanche Haines
Dorothy Spangler Bowers
Pauline Spangler DeGroft

CHOIR MEMBERS OF 1948 AND LATER

Three original members were: Elmer Shildt, Luther Ridinger, George Fream

Some later members were:

Ray Harner
Elwood Harner
Garrett Reeve
Maxine Fream Bowers
Betty Fream Bowers
Doris Harner
Shirley Staley
Elmer Shildt, Jr.
Mary Catherine Shildt
Sandra Wise
Doreen Haines Smith
Janet Haines Forsythe
Alice Rodgers Rhoades
Kenneth Strickhouser
Connie Mummert
Mary Florence Reeve Helwig
Florence Oneida
Reeve Plank

CHOIR MEMBERS 1990

Luther Ridinger
Jerry Strickhouser
Doris Harner
Mary Catherine Schildt
Maud Weant
Lois Dayett
Sarah Strickhouser
Melissa Yingling
Michelle Koons

In anticipation of St. Paul's 100th Anniversary, new choir robes were purchased. The robes are a beautiful deep shade of red with white accents, and were worn for the first time on Easter Sunday, April 15, 1990.

CHOIR MEMBERS 1990-2015

At the present time, we do not have an active choir. While Tim was our organist, we had four choir members. When Lauren became our pianist, it was not possible to have a weekly choir rehearsal because Lauren lives a great distance away from church. However, we hope to have choir rehearsals begin again this fall.

The following were choir members from 1990-2015:

Sarah Marshall	Shirley Staley	Amy Beall
Ashley Wiles	Betty Ridinger	Lois Dayett
Luther Ridinger	Sarah Strickhouser	Maud Weant
George Ambrose	Charline Fowler	
Jerry Strickhouser	Missy Yingling	
Mary Catherine Schildt	Evone Weant	
Joann Beall	Doris Harner	
Casse Lookingbill	Tony Nichols	

LADIES AID SOCIETY (1921-2000)

The Ladies Aid Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Harney, Md., was organized on May 18, 1921.

Anyone agreeing to pay 60¢ a year dues could become a member of the society.

The purpose of the society was to help in the administration of the affairs of the church, to purchase items for the church, to help in keeping it in repairs and do such other good works as the society may see necessary.

The first officers were:

President - Mrs. Earlington Shriver
Vice-Pres.- Mrs. William Hockensmith
Secretary - Mrs. Luther Harner
Treasurer - Miss Ruth Snider

The society sent flowers to any member in the hospital, also flowers were given for a deceased member. Today flowers for a deceased member are given by the church.

When the society was organized, members were to pay 1¢ for each year of their age to the treasurer, this has been discontinued.

The society had income by serving public suppers and banquets, refreshment stands at public sales and food sales. At one time they had what they called a traveling box, which was passed from member to member, each one buying something and putting something in to pass on. They also had rainy day bags, a penny would be put in everyday it rained in the year. They had an apron social, they made a small apron, put money in and returned at the end of the year, also pigs were made out of material, then on Groundhog Day or near to the date, we had a social and the pigs were turned in with money in them.

The ladies sold waxed paper, vanilla, metal sponges, sewing kits, greeting cards, tongs, wonder sheets for your oven to catch the droppings, clothes hangers, floor wax, shampoo, plastic bags, candy, cookie presses, trays and many other articles, some of which were made by members and sold.

Items purchased for the church by the society have been numerous, listed are just a few:

1921 - Paid 1/3 of price for light plant. 1 Ton of coal each year, when we had a coal furnace.

1947 - Altar table, altar linens

1930 - Cross and candlesticks

1939 - Christian and American flags

1944 - Honor plaque for those serving in WWII, who were church members

1947 - Olive green, white & violet Normandy paraments

1948 - Contributed to the Cemetery

1952 - Three stoles for Rev. Held

1950 - Interior painting of the church

1952 - Chimes

1955 - Helped pay for the driveway in the cemetery 1955 - Refinished pews and floor & repaired

tower 1957 - Helped pay for hymnals of the past & present 1957 - Bought hymnals for Junior Choir and Primary Dept.

1962 - Carpet in the aisles and pulpit

1966 - Contributed to the Building Fund

1967 - Curtains to divide Sunday School rooms 1970, 1973, 1984 - Gave toward sandblasting church outside at various times
1972 - Gave toward new choir gowns
1976 - Paid S.L. Ehrhart to repair large window in front of church with many contributions also.
1976 - Covering over large window in front of church 1977 - Public address system
1984 - Paid toward printing machine for Secretary
1988 - Purchased letters for bulletin board outside church
1988 - New altar linens. Paid for stone for parking lot at different times. Paid for altar flowers when not reserved by anyone

The society gave fruit baskets to shut-ins at Christmas, but in recent years the Sunday School has been doing this. The society now gives a geranium at Pentecost to shut-ins.

In years past the ladies had Capsule Sisters, then in March they had a covered dish social for all members and their families, when the Capsule Sisters were revealed and new ones taken. The ladies had other social gatherings throughout the year.

Presently they just have a Christmas Party, where each member takes a gift to exchange.

At the present time there are 15 members and 3 Honorary members.

Present officers are:

President - Thelma Yingling
Vice-Pres.- Beatrice Shriver
Secretary - Treva Ridinger
Asst. Secretary- Evelyn Parrish
Treasurer - Bonnie Yingling
Pianist - Mary Catherine Shildt

Flower Committee - Katherine Hall, Katherine Wise and Louise Strickhouser
Altar - Maud Weant

The dues were \$2.00 a year.

In 1953 the Society had their highest membership, 74.

Past Presidents and years served are:

Mrs. Earlington Shriver (1st Pres.) 24 years
Mrs. Charles Hoffman - 1 year
Mrs. George Clabaugh - 3 year
Mrs. Ralph Conover - 1 year
Mrs. Chester Moose - 1 year
Mrs. Wilbur Reifsnider - 12 years
Mrs. Dewey Orner - 1 year
Mrs. Luther Harner - 2 year
Mrs. Ernest Fream - 1 year
Mrs. Clyde Frock - 12 year
Mrs. Thelma Yingling 11 year

Without knowing who all the Charter Members were, here is a list of early members between 1920-1930:

President - Mrs. Earlington Shriver
Vice-Pres.- Mrs. William Hockensmith
Secretary - Mrs. Luther Harner
Treasurer - Miss Ruth Snider

Miss Hannah Eckenrode
Mrs. Granville Study
Isabelle Eckenrode
LaMora Study
Mrs. Ben. Marshall
Marion Marshall Haines
Mrs. Charles Hoffman
Mrs. Chester Moose
Mrs. George Clabaugh
Mrs. Charles Shildt
Mrs. Emma Shriner Hesson
Mrs. Luther Fox
Mrs. Martin Hess
Mrs. A. C. Leatherman
Mrs. John H. Harner
Mrs. Vern Ridinger

For our 100th Anniversary, the Ladies purchased red velvet to make a new choir curtain, Thelma Mummert consented to make it.

THE LADIES AID SOCIETY'S LEGACY

Since the year 2000, the Ladies Aid membership steadily declined. At the meeting on April 6, 2000, there were only four members present. Those Four ladies were the officers: Maud Weant (President), Betty Fissel Ridinger (Vice-President), Evelyn Parrish (Secretary) and Barb Six (Treasurer).

After 90 years, this organization decided to disband. It was decided that the money in the saving account and CD's would be given to the St. Paul's Current Fund for church expenses. On November 14, 2011, a check for \$21, 147.12 was presented to Karen Tawney, St. Paul's Treasurer.

This group of fine ladies had been such a valuable asset to the church and because of their dedication, they were able to help purchase many items for the church. Below are items purchased since 1990.

Sept 2000 - Plaque honoring the service men of the congregation was purchased and engraved by Crown Trophy at a cost of 249.84. The plaque was presented at the 110th anniversary of the church on October 29, 2000.

Aug 2001 - Purchased new bibles for the church at a price of \$9.99 each.

Jan 2003 - Purchased pew cushions at \$4,290.00

May 2010 - Paid \$2,090.00 to Edwards custom flooring for carpet in upstairs Sunday School room and church Narthex.

HOME DEPARTMENT 2015

For many years, Thelma Yingling and Bea Shriver were in charge of the Home Department. Then Ruth Hoffman took over this position. Currently, Bonnie Yingling who is assisted by Maud Weant and Louise Strickhouser visit the shut-ins twice a year.

The Monday after Palm Sunday has been a good day to visit. Everyone enjoys receiving their palms and the children of the Primary Department make an Easter hanging and provide a yummy treat for everyone.

Then in Advent, we visit them again and bring a Christmas gift from the Primary Department and freshly baked cookies. Everyone has an enjoyable time reminiscing about the “good olde days” of Harney.

At the present time, there are seven shut-ins from our congregation. Listed below are their addresses. They love to receive cards and letters.

Catherine Hall
Transition Health Care
595 Biglerville Road.
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Arnie Seaman
SpiriTrust Luthern
1075 Old Harrisburg Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Thelma Mummert
SpiriTrust Luthern
Room 226C
1075 Old Harrisburg Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325

George and Ruth Selby
5927 Conover Road
Taneytown, MD 21787

Robert Reifsnider
SpiriTrust Luthern
1075 Old Harrisburg Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Toki Roderger
5918 Conover Road
Taneytown, MD 21787

HISTORY OF THE PARISH SECRETARY

Rev. Clifford Stierle, who served the parish from 1964-1965 published a parish newsletter, and at that time Shirley A. Staley volunteered to assist in that project. When Rev. Stierle accepted another call in 1965, Shirley agreed to take over production of the newsletter.

As time passed the job grew to include not only the newsletter, but bulletins, annual reports, special programs, correspondence, care of office equipment and miscellaneous jobs.

Since there was no parish office, Shirley provided space in her home to carry out the work. During her service as secretary Shirley worked with Pastors Eugene Young, Luther Hare, Fred Faust, Robert Richards and Alan Traher. In addition to regular pastors, she worked with interim Pastors Weigley, Wentz, Sterner, Mechtly and Harner.

In 1985, after 20 years in the position, she advised the Joint Council she planned to retire. Connie Coale agreed to assume the responsibilities of Parish Secretary. The equipment and files were moved to her home and she served from 1985 until 1987.

Cheryl Slaybaugh was the Secretary for St. Paul's and Mt. Joy Church for 14 years and resigned in 2002. She typed and printed the Sunday bulletins weekly and the monthly newsletter. Cheryl accepted this position in October 1987 following the resignation of Connie Coale.

Ellen and Kristina Rodger took over in January 2003 to print the Newsletter and Church Bulletin. In 2006, the parish hired Mrs. Sandy Mills to take over the position.

OUR CURRENT PARISH SECRETARY

Sandy began working for Mt. Joy – St. Paul's Parish in March 2006 and was brought to the Parish during Pastor Faye Snyder's tenure. Sandy is originally from Western Pa., - Mt. Pleasant, Pa., (in Westmoreland County). She graduated from Mt. Pleasant Joint High School in 1963 and went on to work for the U.S. Government in Washington, D.C., and at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia for a number of years.

Prior to coming to work at the Parish, Sandy owned and operated "Mills Typesetting and Editing Service" for 28 years, which she operated out of her home. Sandy finds the work at Mt. Joy – St. Paul's to be very interesting and sometimes challenging. However, she loves her job! And enjoys working with the Pastor and the folks at Mt. Joy – St. Paul's.

Sandy has been married for 50 years to Jerry T. Mills, whom she met at Ft. Belvoir, while she was working there and he was stationed there as a soldier. Sandy and Jerry reside on Ridge Road in Gettysburg.



CUSTODIANS IN PAST YEARS

The following ladies have served as Custodians of St. Paul's:

Beatrice Shriver
Treva Ridinger
Douglas Fox

Dorothy Wantz
Grace Spangler
Thelma Mummert

The bulletin board in the narthex of the church is designed and displayed throughout the year by Bonnie Yingling. She also has made many banners which hang in the church throughout the year.

OUR CURRENT CUSTODIAN

St. Paul's Custodian is Maud Weant. Maud keeps the church clean and ready for all services and special events, such as communion, baptisms, weddings, etc. It takes Maud between six and eight hours weekly to perform her duties.

Maud resides in Harney at 6018 Conover Road. Despite the loss of her daughter, son-in-law and husband in recent years, Maud always remains her usual, jovial self. On the bright side, Maud has two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

Being a good custodian is no accident. Maud was a Domestic Engineer (Housekeeper) by occupation. Two years ago, Maud had some health issues and Barry Rhoades started assisting her with cleaning and other duties, such as changing the altar linens, ordering the altar flowers and preparing the cups and bread for Holy Communion.

Maud has been St. Paul's Custodian since 1970 and this year marks 45 years in this position! She was a teacher in Sunday School and taught Confirmation classes from 1967-1974.

Maud received "the Good Shepherd Award" in May 2015 in grateful appreciation for all her years of service as Custodian at St. Paul's.

SEXTON

St. Paul's Sexton is John T. Ridinger. John accepted the position in July 1989, after the death of George Shriver.

John's Sexton duties involve unlocking the Church doors, checking the heat and opening and shutting the windows, changing light bulbs and winding the clock.

Today, John lives in a cottage at the Brethren home in New Oxford with his wife, Betty. John has two children, John and Patricia, and one deceased daughter, Bonnie, and four grandchildren.

John was the first recipient of St. Paul's "Good Shepherd Award" in 2010. John is very active in several clubs - Conewago Carver's, Miniature carousel Building and Circus Fans of America. John enjoys carving bird and carousels. God has blessed him with an amazing talent!

ASSISTANT SEXTON

St. Paul's no longer has an Assistant Sexton. Erman Chipley, who served as the Assistant Sexton, passed away on March 17, 1995. Erman would ring the church bell at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and unlock the church when asked. He lived beside the church on 5914 Conover Road, with his wife Norma.

CARETAKER

Robert Lookingbill and his wife, Margaret stopped mowing at Mt. View Cemetery in April 2001. Amy and Richard Beall took over mowing the cemetery in May 2001. Ecker's lawn Service currently mows at Mt. View and Sunrise Cemetery.

Robert Lookingbill passed away on October 7, 2007. Margaret Lookingbill continues to mow the lawn at St. Paul's. Margaret has five children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. This year makes forty years Margie has been mowing the church lawn! Thank you for your dedication, Margie!

Over the last few years, Bonnie Yingling has trimmed the hedges, tends to the flowers, and takes care of the weeding. The Thelmas Yingling Memorial Garden is also mainted by Thelma's family.

SUNRISE CEMETERY



In 1886, the United Brethren church was built in Harney. The Rev. H. A. Slighter was pastor at the time. The church cost \$1, 200 to build. The church was not built until 1886, but as early as 1857, religious meetings were held in homes.

Sadly in the early 1960s, the church closed its doors. On July 12, 1992, St. Paul's congregation voted to take over ownership of Sunrise Cemetery from the United Brethren Church, but only after all legal proceedings would be completed. After receiving a new corporate Tax ID number, the church took possession. Jerry Strickhouser, treasurer, handed over the books to the council on August 10, 1993. The cemetery had a healthy balance of \$17,400 in savings and a CD worth \$17,000.

In May 2001, Carroll Hively agreed to help Franklin Ridinger with the Cemetery fund and in December 2001, Carroll was appointed assistant Caretake of both cemeteries.

Through the years, the Sunrise cemetery has been mowed by Charles Bridinger; Elwood, Louise, Kenny and Jerry Stickhouser; then in 2006 by Michael Lawrence and Mowing Magic Lawn Maintenance; then from 2007 to current, Ecker's Lawn service.

For the last three years, the Harney Lions Club as part of "Make a Difference Day" in October, has straightened and repaired numerous tombstones in the cemetery.

Presently, a grave lot costs \$100 for church members and \$200 for non-members and the cost for opening a grave is \$550.



MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY

In a deed dated May 12, 1894, property was sold for \$150 to the Trustees of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church from Josiah G and Lucinda Wantz for burying ground and no other purpose. The parcel being part of a tract of land called "Rich Level."

The Trustees of St. Paul's Church were:

Amos J. Lightner
Samuel C. Shoemaker
George S. Valentine
George M. Ott
Joseph Spangler
Martin Slagle

Caretakers in the past have been:

Elmer Legore
Sam Hahn
Franklin and his father, C. Herbert Ridinger

Franklin Ridinger is the current Caretake, assisted by Carroll Hively. Franklin recalls that back in 1964, the cost to dig a grave by hand was \$35. Today, the cost is \$550.

Past treasurers of the cemetery fund have been Walter (Wag) Clingan and George Shriver.

Today, both Franklin and Carroll are treasurers.

Mowers from the past to present include:

- Robert and Margaret Lookingbill
- Richard and Amy Beall
- Michael Lawrence
- Mowing Magic Lawn Maintenance
- Ecker's Lawn Service



Marlin (Bootie) Six would fill in to mow at times and help plant grass seed in the new section and gather up flower arrangements that had blown off the graves.

A new shed was purchased and paid for on November 11, 2013 by the Cemetery Fund.

Presently, a grave lot costs \$100 for church members and \$200 for non-members and the cost for opening a grave is \$550.

CEMETERY CARETAKER

Franklin Ridinger has been Caretaker since 1964. Franklin is the son of C. Herbert and Julia Rldinger, he has a brother Arthur and a sister, Ellen Rodgers.

Franklin is a life-long member of St. Paul's Church and lives just a few miles from Harney. In March of 2015, Franklin retired from Southern States/Carroll Petroleum where he delivered heating oil

CEMETERY ASSISTANT CARETAKER

In May of 2001 Carroll Hively was appointed Assistant Caretaker of both cemeteries assisting Franklin Ridinger.

Carroll is the son of Carroll and Catherine Jane Hively. Siblings include one brother living and one deceased and two sisters. Carroll and his wife Pat have two daughters, four Grandchildren and four Great-Grandchildren.

Carroll has been a member of Harney Lions Club since 1991. During that time, he has held Region and Zone Offices and is currently Vice-President of Harney's Club.

Some of Carroll's talents include being a skilled carpenter. He built the beautiful lectern in the church narthex in 1996 and also helped put the roof on the basement addition in 1966.

Carroll retired in 2005 from the Carroll County Government/Roads Dept.

*Carroll Hively
(pictured second from
the right) along with
the Harney Lions Club
come together annually
to help maintain the
tombstones in the
Sunrise cemetery.*

(Photo Credit:
Marti Hobson)



**OUR CONGREGATION
SONS AND DAUGHTERS
WHO HAVE SERVED AS LEADERS IN THE
CHURCH OF OUR LORD AND MASTER**

The Rev. L. A. Bush, D. D.
Deceased

The Rev. Thurlow Null Deceased

The Rev. Harry O. Harner Deceased

The Rev. Elmer W. Harner, D. D.
Deceased

The Rev. Ivan Sterner Deceased

The Rev. Mervin Eyer, Jr.
2605 Talbot Road Baltimore, MD 21216

The Rev. Brad Dayett
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Spring Grove, PA
(Preacher at our 125th Anniversary service)

MINISTER'S WIVES

Mrs. Hattie Hesson Sanders, Deceased

Mrs. Mary Hess Reed, Deceased

Mrs. Vesta E. Hockensmith Waybright, Deceased

Mrs. Mildred Shriver Benner, Deceased

PASTORS AND STUDENTS WHO HAVE SERVED MT. JOY AND ST. PAUL'S PARISH

H. M. Heilman	1887-1893
W. G. Minnick	1893-1908
Prof. Rev. Sanders - Supply	
Emory Stockslager	1908-1920
Leslie K. Young	1920-1929
John Sanderson	1930-1934
Herbert Schmidt	1934-1938
Paul B. Beard	1938-1942
Dr. Wilabee Rex - Supply	1942-1946
Charles E. Held	1946-1962
Sabo - Student	9/62 - 12/62
John W. Fry - Vice Pastor	1962-1964
Clifford Stierle	1964-1965
Eugene Young	1966-1967
Ronald Weagley - Student	1967-1968
Dr. Abdel R. Wentz - Vice Pastor	1968-1969
<u>Also Served with Dr. Wentz:</u>	
Rev. Hilber	
Dr. M. Roy Hamsher	
Rev. Willis Brennehan	
Rev. Edwin Wentz	
Charles Liser - Student	
Ronald Weagley- Student	
George Fitch - Student	
Jack E. Keeier	
? Wallden	

Luther Hare	1969-1971
Edward Neiderheiser - Student	1971

Ivan Sterner - Vice Pastor	1971-1974
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Also Served with Rev. Sterner:

Professors, Gettysburg
Dr. Herman Stuempfle
Dr. Roger Gobbel

Also Served with Rev. Sterner:

Seminarian Students

Fred Faust
Jim Dolhoff
Bill Ritter
Dennis Shell
Peter Cummings

Fred Faust	1974-1976
Rev. James Tipton - Vice Paster	1977
Ivan Mechtly - Student	1977-1978

Robert Richards	1978-1982
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Rev. J. Wilson Harner- VicePaster	1982-1983
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Alan Traher	1983-1989
Rev. Jerome Guss - Vice Pastor	1989-1990

Seminarian Students:

William Burkett
Gregory Berger
Jeff Milsten
Bob Wagner
Paula Ouderkirk
Jennifer Dyer
Valerie Horlacher
Deitrich Viking

Charles Marshall	1990-2001
Faye Snyder	2003-2011
Matthew A. Day	2012-present

Biographies of Pastors and Students

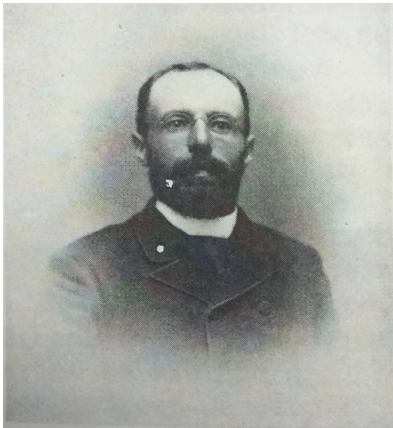
Who Have Served

St. Paul's
Lutheran Church

From 1890-2015

THE REV. HOWARD MOUL HEILMAN

Served from 1890-1893



Howard M. Heilman, son of Peter W. and Deliah Moul Heilman was born November 18, 1855 in York County, PA. Graduating from Gettysburg College with an AB degree in 1885; in 1888 he graduated from the Gettysburg Seminary.

Heilman served as a supply pastor at Mt. Joy in 1887, then became our fulltime pastor after being ordained in 1888.

On June 29, 1889, at Shoemaker Hall in Harney, MD., some Mt. Joy members and surrounding folk of Harney, MD. took steps to organize a congregation and house of worship in Harney. The Harney church was to be a charge of Mr. Joy. On January 6, 1890, a congregation of 48 members was organized and a constitution was adopted, thus he had a two parish church.

After a busy couple of years, in 1891, Rev. Heilman requested a three week vacation. On August 14, 1891, Brother S.D. Reck was appointed by the Mt. Joy Council to confer with the chairman of the Harney Church Council as to what amount salary to give Pastor Heilman for the present year. Mt. Joy decided to give \$430.00, though it is not known the total salary.

He married Annie Clara Link in 1875. They had two daughters, Euphemia and Lenetta.

In 1893, Pastor Heilman left our parish to accept a call in Bethany, Altoona, Pa. Rev. Heilman died on October 26, 1928.

THE REV. WILLAM GARDNER MINNICK

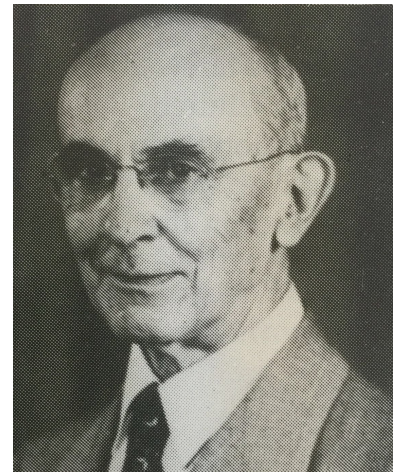
Served from 1893-1908

Born June 21, 1866, the son of Ezra and Henrietta M. Minnick in Middletown, Md. He graduated from Gettysburg College in 1890 and from Gettysburg Seminary in 1893. This parish was Rev. Minnick's first charge, and he faithfully served 14 years, 1 month and 2 weeks.

Rev. Minnick was called to preach a trial sermon in September of 1893, later the Joint Council decided to confer with Rev. Minnick and offered a salary of no more than \$650 for one year to preach the Gospel.

Here is a rather funny incident about a century ago, which was a custom back then. This article was published in the "Star and Sentinel" of January 7, 1896:

"One of the pleasant incidents of the time, Jan. 2, was a surprise donation visit to the Mount Joy Lutheran parsonage occupied by Rev. W.G. Minnick, pastor. About twenty-five families of the congregation and a few of the M.E. Church dropped in with substantial tokens of Appreciation of his service among them. The visit was so unexpected that the cool and self-ion for which Mr. M. was noted, forsook him, he not surmising what was going to happen. But when he learned no harm was intended, he recovered and the raider were admitted. Then the Rev. took a look at, the oats, 32 1/2 bushels; corn 29 bushels; then the chickens and turkey; the sacks of flour and potatoes; apples, peach and apple butter; 14 1/2 pounds of butter and canned fruits of all kinds; 38 pounds of sugar; a lot of beef and sausage; a lot of honey and jellies; and many other things; \$1.00 in cash from a member of the M.E. Church and 50¢ in cash from a



member of the reformed Church. This was presented by F.S. Cromer with a neat speech. The forenoon was spent in a social enjoyment and all felt that it was good to be there. The total of all things given amount to \$42.21."

Pastor Minnick tendered his resignation on December 15, 1907, which came as a complete surprise to his charge. The resignation was to go into effect January 15, 1908. He had accepted a call to the Third Lutheran Church in Baltimore, MD. On January 12, 1908, in the presence of a large congregation he preached his last sermon as pastor concerning 2 COR. 13:11.

During his pastorate he delivered 1,431 sermons, 850 addresses, baptized 326 infants, preached 127 funeral sermons and assisted at 6 other funerals, united 140 couples in marriage, received 455 members into both churches - 250 at Mt. Joy and 205 at Harney.

Rev. Minnick was a very popular pastor. During his pastorate, he made many warm friends who were sorry to see him leave.

He remained a bachelor all his life. Pastor Minnick died November 9, 1949.

Following Pastor Minnick's resignation, we had as a Supply pastor - Prof. Rev. Sanders.

THE REV. PHILIP THOMAS EMORY STOCKLAGER

Served from 1908-1920

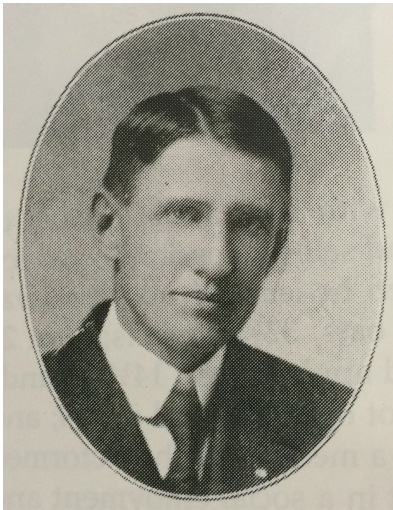
Born December 19, 1871, in Funkstown, MD. His parents were, David K. and Mary (Waltz) Stockslager.

He received his A.B. degree from Gettysburg College in 1897, graduated from Gettysburg Seminary in 1900.

Rev. Stockslager came to us from McKeesport, PA where he served from 1904-1908. After leaving our charges, he was called to Worthington, Pa., there he served from 1920-1924.

He married on April 2, 1902 to Mary Grace Peters. They had 4 children: S. Mildred, George A., Ruth M., and Glen H. Stockslager.

Rev. Stockslager died on July 2, 1947.



THE REV. LESLIE KAUFFMAN YOUNG

Served from 1920-1929

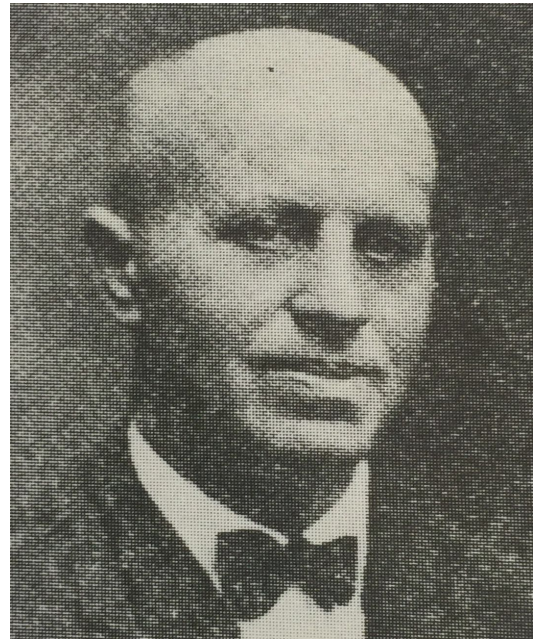
Born in Kellers Mill, PA on July 11, 1884, to Hiram and Anna (Stickell) Young.

Graduated from Gettysburg College with an A.B. degree in 1910. *He then* graduated from Gettysburg Seminary in 1913.

Rev. Young's first charge was in Accident, MD, from 1913-1920. Then he accepted our call and after serving almost nine years, tendered his resignation on September 26, 1929, to take effect October 13, 1929. Rev. Young had accepted a call to Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oberlin, PA where he served from 1929-1942.

Rev. Young was married to Effie Helena Fox, they had five children - Anna E., Grace A., Francis H., Mary L., and Leslie M. Young.

Rev. Young died while still serving the Oberlin Parish on February 20, 1942. Mrs. Young passed away on January 10, 1978.



THE REV. JOHN EMMELL SANDERSON

Served from 1930-1934

Born in Altoona, PA on March 1, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Sanderson.

Pastor Sanderson was an alumnus of Susquehanna University and graduated from Gettysburg Seminary in May 1930. He accepted our call on June 29, 1930.

A trial sermon was preached on June 15, 1930, then at a congregational meeting of both churches on Sunday, June 22, 1930, Rev. Sanderson was chosen as our new pastor. The charge had been without a pastor since October 13, 1929, when the Rev. L.K. Young resigned to accept a call at Oberlin, PA. On August 31, 1930, Rev. Sanderson requested permission to do part-time work as a machinist at H & H Machine Shop, Gettysburg, PA. Permission was granted.

On April 22, 1934, at a congregational meeting the pastor's resignation was accepted by a standing vote - the resignation was passed, being no votes against it.

He married Gracie Beckley, in 1931, a musician. They had a son, William; they later divorced. Rev. Sanderson left the ministry in 1955.

Date of his death is unknown.



THE REV. HERBERT HENRY SCHMIDT

Served from 1934-1938

Rev. Schmidt was born in Johnstown, PA on April 14, 1908 to Edward Joseph and Marie Schrader Schmidt.

Rev. Schmidt was a graduate of Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove. He was licensed by the Allegheny Synod in 1932, and was ordained in 1934. Graduated from Gettysburg Seminary in 1934.

He preached as a supply on October 7, 1934, then preached a trial sermon on October 21, 1934, and was installed on November 11, 1934, by Dr. Charles Sanders.

On February 1, 1938, Rev. Schmidt presented his letter of resignation to St. Paul's and Mt. Joy after he had received a call from Woodsboro Lutheran, in Woodsboro, MD. The resignation went into effect on February 27, 1938.

Rev. Schmidt served the Woodsboro church from 1938-1946. He served as a supply pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Gettysburg from 1952-1953. He also served as the Librarian at the Gettysburg Seminary from 1946-1964.

He married Janet Biesecker, they had two sons, David and Stephen.

Rev. Schmidt died February 21, 1964.



THE REV. PAUL B. BEARD

Served from 1938-1942

There is not much history known about Pastor Beard. It is known that he came from New York City originally.

Rev. Beard preached his trial sermon on April 10, 1938. He was voted on and was approved unanimously by both congregations. He assumed his duties on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1938.

Pastor Beard's four years at St. Paul's and Mt. Joy were very controversial indeed! At a Council meeting on March 31, 1941 in Harney, the following conversations took place. It was told by Beard Sharretts that at his home, Rev. Beard was partly under the influence of liquor and he had arrived acting peculiar, and at dinner put food on his plate, then didn't so much as taste it. This occurred in March of 1941. Later that year, on December 14, 1941, at a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing new council members, Russell Durborow charged Rev. Beard with having confessed to Dr. Hampshire (Pres. of Synod) of drinking intoxicating drinks and giving bad checks, which Rev. Beard denied, after which Russell Durborow withdrew as nominee for deacon. Allen Walker pointed out an

incident of Rev. Beard giving a check dated ahead for tax, that when taken to be cashed there were no funds! John Black, a fellow parishioner made good on the money until said date.

Having been called into another field of service, he moved to Thurmont, MD. Beard resigned his pastorate with us on November 15, 1942.

Dr. Wilabee Rex, served as our supply pastor for three years. He was a retired minister and resided in Gettysburg on Seminary Ridge.



THE REV. CHARLES E. HELD

Served from 1946-1962

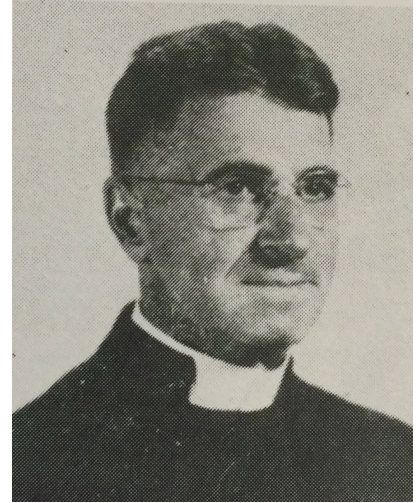
Rev. Held was born on August 8, 1890, Bethel Township, Armstrong County, Pa., to Jacob and MaryAnn (Schaffer) Held.

He attended Clarion State College, then taught school several years, graduated from Susquehanna Seminary in 1922.

Rev. Held was an avid gardener and loved flowers. Every year for Harvest Home, he would decorate the church lavishly. After retiring from our parish and the ministry on September 2, 1962, they moved to Woodbury, PA.

He married Nellie Lawrence on July 28, 1915, they had 5 children - William, Roberta, LeOra, Robert, and John (Jack). Mrs. Held was a Special Education teacher and passed away June 1961. Rev. Held died June 5, 1973, and is buried in Mt. Joy Cemetery.

From 1962-1963, St. Paul's had a student preacher by the name - Sabo. We then had a Vice-Pastor, John W. Fry from 1963 1965.



THE REV. CLIFFORD A. STIERLE

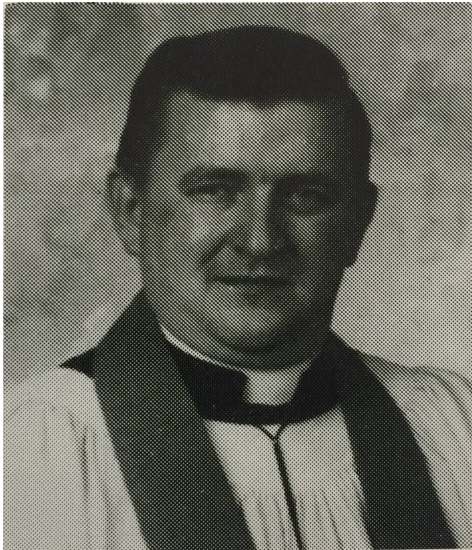
Served from 1964-1965

Rev. Stierle was born on February 12, 1933, in Wilmington DE to Clifford A. and Mary Malloy Stierle.

He was an alumnus of the University of Delaware and a graduate from the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary in 1964. Rev. Stierle was installed at St. Paul's Church on May 1, 1964. Under his leadership we developed socially; he started the Parish Newspaper with the assistance of Shirley Staley. Back then, the bulk mailing rate was \$30 a year. We began having Sunday bulletins for our worship. A Youth Program was started and some children attended a retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge.

Rev. Stierle left our ministry on June 27, 1965 to serve Temple Lutheran in Altoona, PA. He also served Salem Lutheran Church in Philadelphia and St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Williamsport, PA. He retired in 1996.

He married Carol Daily on December 10, 1966; they have 2 children, Ruth and James. Pastor Stierle passed away in 1999 and Carol passed away in 2009.



THE REV. EUGENE WILLIAM YOUNG

Served from 1966-1967

Rev. Young was born on March 13, 1908, to Sylvester, L.V. and Sophia (Saum) Young. Rev. Young was a graduate of Gettysburg College and Gettysburg Seminary.

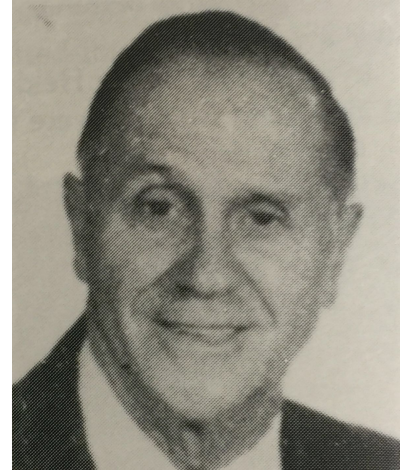
He came to us from Jefferson, MD. Rev. Young started his pastorate at St. Paul's on January 2, 1966. On May 17, 1966, Rev. Young asked the council if they objected to his working at Rosensteel's Museum in Gettysburg and they saw no objection.

Rev. Young tendered his letter of resignation on September 3, 1967, to take effect October 15, 1967. He then moved to Keedysville, MD.

He married Dorothy Marie Ernst in 1937 and they had four sons. One of their sons, Samuel, married Marilyn Rothhaupt, daughter of Lloyd and Esther (Harner) Rothhaupt.

Following Rev. Young, we had a student, **Ronald Weagley** from 1967-1968. Then **Dr. Abdel R. Wentz** came from 1968-1969, serving under him during this time included:

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| •Rev. Hilber | •Ronald Weagley - Student | •Rev. Edwin Nentz |
| •Charles Liser - Student | •Rev. Willis Brenneman | •Jack E. Keeler |
| •Dr. M. Roy Hamsher | •George Fitch - Student | •? Walden |



THE REV. LUTHER LEE HARE

Served from 1969-1971

Born to William Lee and Laura (Shaffer) Hare on May 16, 1903, in Baltimore, MD.

He graduated from Gettysburg College in 1935 and Gettysburg Seminary in 1937. He received his license from Maryland Synod in 1936, and was ordained in 1937.

Before coming to our parish, Pastor Hare was pastor of three other churches: the first in Clear Springs, MD from 1937 to 1948; then St. Mark's in Oakland, MD from 1948 to 1953; then to Bethany church in Baltimore, MD.

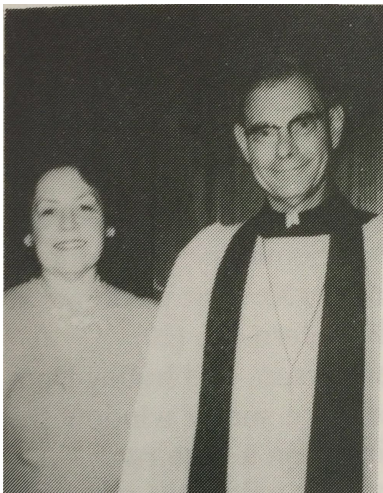
Pastor Hare held several positions in the Maryland Synod. He served, on the Executive Committee, the Executive Board, the Executive Statisticians Committee, and served as Chairman of the Stewardship Committee.

He married Winifred Lee Edwards, they had 4 children, Orison, Richard, Phil, and Wayne. Pastor Hare died in 1989.

Ivan Sterner served as Vice Pastor from 1971 till 1974. Ivan died July 12, 1985, and is buried at Mt. View Cemetery in Harney.

Serving under Rev. Sterner were the following:

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| •Dr. Herman Stuempfle | •Bill Ritter - Student |
| •Dr. Roger Gobbel | •Dennis Shell- Student |
| •Fred Faust - Student | •Peter Cummings - Student |
| •Jzm Dolhoff - Student | •Edward Neiderheiser - Student |



THE REV. FREDERICK H. FAUST

Served from 1974-1976

Pastor Faust, son of Harry and Anna (Liddick) Faust was born in Sunbury, PA. on October 31, 1944.

Frederick married Emily Benner on June 25, 1966 in Sunbury, PA. They are the parents of four children, Bryon, Frederick (Fritz), Peter, and Catherine (Katie). Fred and Emily also have two grandchildren, Graham and Mason Brezler.

Fred was our Supply Pastor after Pastor Hare left, and during his senior year at the Lutheran Seminary the family lived in the parsonage. He graduated from Gettysburg Seminary in 1974, and was ordained June 23, 1974 in Sunbury, Pa. Pastor Faust was installed as our preacher on July 14, 1974.

Prior education includes:

- Suomi College, Hancock, Michigan - A.A. Degree
- Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich. - B.A. Degree Gettysburg Theological Seminary - Master of Divinity

One of Pastor Faust's most pleasurable duties was marrying Pastor Ivan Sterner to his second wife, Gladys. (His first wife is deceased)

Pastor Faust resigned on December 31, 1976, accepting a call to Clear Springs, Md.

Other churches served include:

- St. Peter's Luth., Clear Spring, MD 1976-1993
- Himmel's Luth. & U.C.C. Rebuck, PA 1993-2007 (Retired in Oct.) Interim Pastor of 4 churches: St. Peters, Zion, St. John's, Zion (2009-2011)
- Interim Pastor of 2 churches: St. Peters Luth, W. Cameron; Zion, Trevorton 2013 to Present.

Rev. James Tipton served as our Vice Pastor after Pastor Faust left. He served in 1977. Rev. Tipton died suddenly while on vacation with his family in Ocean City, Md., on July 29, 1986.



THE REV. ROBERT H. RICHARDS

Served from 1978-1982

Pastor Richards' date of birth and parents are not known. He is a native of Philadelphia, PA. He graduated from Wittenburg University in Springfield, OH and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg.

Before coming to our parish, he had served the Summit Hill-Nesquehoning Parish in Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

Pastor Richards was installed at Mt. Joy Church on December 1, 1978.

He married Anne Watkins of Hagerstown, MD. They have two children name Rhonda and Elliott.

In June of 1981, Pastor Richards attended the Maryland Synod Convention in Towson, MD. Upon his return home he found a vacant parsonage! Marital difficulties brought about his resignation effective February 28, 1982.

Pastor Richards whereabouts are not known at this time.

Rev. J. Wilson Harner served as our VicePastor from 1982-1983. Pastor Harner died on February 12, 1998.



THE REV. ALAN D. TRAHER

Served from 1983-1989

Rev. Traher was born May 25, 1949, to Ralph and Virginia Traher, in Washington, D.C.

He is a graduate of the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and the University of Massachusetts with a M.S. in Chemical Engineering. He received his Master of Divinity from Hamma School of Theology in Springfield, OH in 1977. Before coming to Mt. Joy-St. Paul's, he served the Cripple Creek Lutheran Parish, Wythe County, Virginia from 1977-1983.



Pastor Traher accepted our call and was installed April 24, 1983.

During his tenure with us, he served as Dean of the Westminster Synod. Pastor Traher has the special gift of being an artist and he embroidered his stoles beautifully.

On Sunday, October 1, 1989, during his morning sermon, Pastor Traher announced his decision to accept a call to Glen Lutheran Church in Glen Burnie, MD. The resignation took effect December 1, 1989. He also has served the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Glen Burnie, MD from 1994-2014.

He married Lynn Sperry on June 25, 1977. They have a son, David who was born on July 14, 1986; soon after leaving, they had a second son, Paul, born Dec. 23, 1989.

After Pastor Traher, **Rev. Jerome Guss** was as our Vice-pastor till 1990

Also serving us were the following Seminarian Students:

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| •William Burkett | •Jeff Hilsten | •Paula Ouderkick | •Valerie Horlacher |
| •Gregory Berger | •Bob Nagner | •Jennifer Dyer | •Deitrich Viking |

THE REV. JEROME VINCENT GUSS SR.

Vice-Pastor from Dec. 1989-July 1990

Rev. Guss was born June 2, 1912, in Decatur Township, Mifflin County, PA. He was the oldest son of four children to Mr. & Mrs. P. K. Guss. Pastor Guss attended a country school, graduated from Lewistown High School, Susquehanna University and Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary. He also took Post-Graduate work at Pennsylvania State University and Gettysburg Theological Seminary.

Pastor Guss was married to Kathryn Mary Orner of Gettysburg on March 22, 1940, at St. James Lutheran Church in Gettysburg. Mrs. Guss died April 23, 1983. They had 4 sons.

Pastor Guss has served the following Lutheran parishes:

Marklesburg, PA and Saxton, PA	1939-1944
Addison, PA and Confluence, PA	1944-1954
St. James, Turbotville, PA	1954-1958
Bethany, Altoona, PA	1958-1966
Bendersville Parish in Bendersville, PA	1966-1982

After 43 years in parish ministry, Pastor Guss retired. He accepted the position of Vice-Pastor following Pastor Traher's resignation on Dec. 1, 1989.

The people of Harney-Mt. Joy had grown very fond of Pastor Guss. He had a reputation for delivering a powerful, meaningful sermon and attendance increased. Pastor Guss left in July of 1990 when Pastor Charlie Marshall was called as the next pastor. He died on November 17, 1991 and is buried in Bendersville Cemetery.

THE REV. CHARLES MARSHALL

Pastor from July 1990-August 2001

Pastor Marshall was born in Plattsburgh, NY on August 1, 1951 to the Rev. Arthur and Madelyn Marshall. Pastor Marshall's father was a Methodist pastor. Pastor Marshall and his wife, Caroline, have two daughters: Sarah and Joanna.

Pastor Marshall attended Syracuse University and majored in Linguistics. He graduated from Syracuse in 1972. He went to begin work on a Master degree but never completed the work. He, instead, entered into a Master of Divinity degree at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg and graduated in 1980.

Pastor Marshall preached his first sermon at St. Paul's on July 1, 1990. During his leadership the following activities were started:

- Bible Study
- God's Grand Puppet Group
- Care team which ministered to the sick and shut-in members of the church and community.
- Evangelism Committee
- Choir participated in Spring and fall community hymn festivals.

Pastor Marshall said that the puppet ministry was a great deal of fun to do during his time as pastor.

In July, 2001, Pastor Marshall accepted a call to Hope Lutheran Church in Middleborough, MD. His resignation was effective August 31, 2001. He served our parish for 11 years. Pastor Marshall said the highlight of his time at the Parish and his 35 years of ministry has been helping Pastor Brad Dayett discern a call to ministry. Pastor Marshall preached his last sermon on August 29, 2001. A farewell luncheon was held at Harney Fire Hall after the service. For the next 22 months, Shirley Staley coordinated seminarians to lead worship at the parish.



THE REV. FAYE SNYDER

Pastor from October 2003-June 2011

At a congregational meeting on October 12, 2003 the congregation voted Vicar Faye Snyder to be our next pastor. The vote was 58-YES, 1-NO, 1-ABSTAIN. St. Paul's had been without a pastor for 22 months!

Faye Snyder was born in Hanover, PA on November 28, 1944. Her parents were Clair W. and Nadine Dayhoff Warner. She was married to the late Ralph W. Snyder and they had four children and eight grandchildren. Pastor Faye still resides in Hanover today.

Pastor Faye's education Includes:

- York College of PA, Bachelor of Science, Behavioral Science
- Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, M.Div.

Churches served:

- Mt. Joy-St. Paul's Parish (2002-2011) Pastor Faye served us as a Vicar her senior year of seminary before she was called to office of Pastor.
- First Lutheran in New Oxford (2013-2014)
- St. Matthew Lutheran in Hanover, PA (2012 - Present)

On May 1, 2011 Pastor Faye sent a letter to members of the parish saying she was retiring. Pastor Faye preached her last sermon on Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011. A retirement luncheon was held that afternoon at Mt. Joy Parish Hall.

Under the leadership of Pastor Faye a new Mission Statement was proposed, voted on and adopted on July 6, 2004 by the congregations. The new Mission Statement is: "As seeds of God's love, we strive to grow in His services, by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ." Starting in April 2005 the first Parish Volunteer Luncheon was held at Mt. Joy Parish Hall. Pastor Faye was also instrumental in creating committees. Those committees started by Pastor Faye include: Mutual Ministry, R.O.C.C., Prayer Shawl Ministry, Prayer Chain, Worship and Praise, and Fellowship.

Pastor Faye was instrumental in drawing up a new Constitution and on March 29, 2009, the new constitution was adopted.



THE REV. MATTHEW AARON DAY

Pastor from July 22, 2012 - Present



Pastor Day was called on June 30, 2012 to serve as the next pastor to Mt. Joy - St. Paul's Parish. He began his ministry about three weeks later. Pastor Day is originally from Owings Mills, MD. He was born in Philadelphia where his father served Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Kensington. When he was 8 years old, his father took a new call to St. James Lutheran Church in Rockdale, MD. It was here that most of Pastor Day's formation occurred.

Though he never imagined being a pastor, it all just happened. Pastor Day graduated from Towson University in 2007 and entered into Gettysburg Seminary in 2008, though that was not his first choice. Pastor Day wanted to do urban ministry, but finances really made going to Gettysburg more doable.

While at Gettysburg, he was exposed to many different kinds of ministry. Though he still wanted to work in a city, God had other plans.

"It was during Internship Matching that I found myself interviewing with all the urban sites and coming away not very excited. But after I interviewed with many of the rural congregations, I found myself very excited to work there for a year." For his internship, Pastor Day was assigned to Rural Retreat, VA serving two multi-point congregations. After this year, he felt a firm calling to Rural Ministry and the rest is history.

In November of 2012, one week before his scheduled installation, Pastor Day was admitted to the hospital for what they believed was a case of pneumonia. However, it turned out that his pacemaker of five years had developed a serious infection. After a week and a half in the University of Maryland, Pastor Day returned home for a couple weeks of rest, but he could not drive for the next two months. Pastor Day had to rely on many people in the congregation for rides to the office and to visit members in the parish. It was during this time that he felt the closest to many in the parish. "We are taught in seminary to be careful with showing your vulnerabilities, but I had no choice but bear all my struggles to the parish." Since 2012, Pastor Matt's health has improved and he has not had any issues since.

He currently resides in Bonneville, PA with his wife, Diane (who is also a pastor) and his two dogs Maple and Louie (who usually appear in his sermons). Pastors Matt and Diane were married on June 16, 2012 at the Church of the Abiding Presence in Gettysburg. He has a passion for Rural Ministry and has been working with the Synod to develop resources and promote conversation among leaders in Rural settings. He has also brought many different liturgical traditions to our worship.

In August 2015, Pastor Day preached a sermon series on Holy Communion. After this series, much to his surprise and happiness, the parish agreed it was time to offer weekly eucharist at both congregations.



ST. PAUL'S OLDEST AND YOUNGEST MEMBERS



Carolyn Sue Yingling, daughter of James and Abby Yingling is the youngest, baptized member of St. Paul's. Carolyn was born on November 6, 2013. She is the great-great niece of Catherine Waybright Hall, the oldest member of St. Paul's.

The oldest member of St. Paul's is 93 year old, Catherine Waybright Hall. Catherine was born on June 29, 1922. Catherine has been a lifelong member of St. Paul's. Catherine is the youngest daughter of the late John and Lillie Waybright. Catherine was active in the Ladies Aid and also served as president of the Ladies Auxillary of the Harney Volunteer Fire Company.



Catherine has one son, Terry and his wife Donna. She has a great granddaughter, Tara Assi and her husband Adi and twin great-granddaughters, Adia and Adalena Assi.

Catherine has been at Transitions Healthcare in Gettysburg since August, 2010.

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN OUR HISTORY

- Meeting Shoemaker's Hall, Harney to discuss organizing a congregation, June 29, 1889.
- Congregation of 48 was organized, Jan. 6, 1890.
- Laying. of cornerstone, May 4, 1890.
- Church building was dedicated, Oct. 26, 1890.
- First person baptized was Earlington Shriver.
- Land was purchased for Mr. View Cemetery, 1894.
- Ladies Mite Society was formed, Dec. 13, 1904.
- Primary Department stated, 1920.
- Purchased stained glass window, 1909.
- Ladies Aid organized, 1921.
- Purchased electric lights for church, 1922.
- Installed new organ, 1930.
- Picture, "Jesus Knocking at the Door", painted 1930.
- Purchased the Parish Hall, 1942.
- Parish Newsletter was started, 1964.
- Groundbreak for Sunday School, Oct. 17, 1965.
- Completed the Sunday School Rooms, Oct. 16, 1966.
- Burnt Mortgage for Sunday School Rooms, Oct. 20, 1968.
- Last Mother-Daughter banquet held, May 1, 1984.
- Last July Sunday School Picnic held, 1987.

THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT SINCE 1990

Beulah Turner	June 6, 1990
J. Walter Kump	May 25, 1990
Samuel Naugle	July 18, 1990
Muriel Evelyn Wantz Fream	November 14, 1990
Marie I. Reaver Reeve	November 29, 1990
Evelyn Kathryn Wilson Mentzer	December 26, 1990
Etta G. Reaver	January 3, 1991
Monica K. Reifsnider	April 17, 1991
Zona Harner	October 11, 1991
Edna Shildt Snider	August 12, 1991
Emma I. Bridinger	December 11, 1991
Ruth Clabaugh	January 15, 1992
Wilbur Reifsnider	January 19, 1992
Claude Fissel	January 21, 1992
Esther Fuss	February 25, 1992
Douglas Paul Shriver	July 6, 1992
Ruth Clingan	October 7, 1992
Lethia Angell Kump	April 23, 1993
David Alan Leister	April 4, 1994
Oscar Mummert	May 31, 1994
Luther Angell	August 20, 1994
Linda Stambach McDaniel	December 15, 1994
Cletus N. Reeve	January 23, 1995
Ernest Reaver	February 3, 1995
Delores A. Simpson	February 14, 1995
Clarence Herbert Ridinger	May 13, 1995
Clara E. Early	November 10, 1996
Vida C. Fissel	December 21, 1996
Pamela Sue Rhoades	January 24, 1997
Virginia Carrie Shaffer	July 11, 1997
Hannah E. Moose	August 4, 1997
John Wilson Harner	February 12, 1998
Dennis Adrian Overholtzer	February 14, 1998
Susan Yvonne Spangler	July 12, 1998
Mary Alice Weant	January 5, 1999
David Reaver	October 23, 1999

Eugene Rhodes Waybright	April 19, 2000
Beatrice Reeve Waybright	July 5, 2000
Annabelle L. Reaver	July 6, 2000
Frank George Bowers	September 14, 2000
John F. Waybright	January 7, 2002
Luther I. Ridinger	March 14, 2002
Ethel E. Patterson	June 24, 2002
Bruce L. Hoffman, Sr.	January 5, 2003
Norman Lee Welty	March 5, 2003
Wesley J. Mummert	April 4, 2003
Margaret E. Reynolds	June 13, 2003
I. Beatrice Shriver	August 17, 2003
John Smith Harner	October 3, 2003
M. Thelma C. Yingling	November 12, 2003
Patricia Sherman Welty	April 11, 2004
Harry F. Yingling	June 6, 2004
Katherine V. Wise	June 18, 2004
Francis E. Haines	July 25, 2004
Ralph W. Vaughn	September 29, 2004
Patrick W. Huss	February 3, 2005
H. Marguerite Six	March 15, 2005
Gene Robert Spangler	April 19, 2005
M. Blanche Yingling	August 18, 2005
Doris Wilhide Harner	September 1, 2005
John Russell Wantz, Jr.	February 26, 2006
Olive V. Kump	April 28, 2007
Laura Virginia Ridinger	June 2, 2007
Luella F. Strausbaugh	September 26, 2007
Esther Agatha Horning	October 3, 2007
Robert L. Lookingbill, Sr.	October 7, 2007
Mabel A. Krumrine	November 10, 2007
Cassius Brent	February 9, 2008
Charlotte L. (Shirley) Clingan	June 11, 2008
Thelma A. Schue	June 27, 2008
Shirley Leister	September 12, 2009
Wade H. Weant	July 29, 2010
Elwood Strickhouser	December 19, 2010

Catherine Mae Harner	March 20, 2011
Lula C. Marshall	March 29, 2011
Jack F. Lorah	April 13, 2011
Treva C. Ridinger	July 15, 2011
Fred W. Spangler	July 19, 2011
Michael E. Selby	September 13, 2011
Kathryn E. J. Dom	May 9, 2012
George W. Clingan	August 31, 2012
Julie A. Ridinger	April 23, 2013
Marlin C. Six	March 24, 2014

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OCTOBER 25, 2015

10am - Service of Holy Communion
and Anniversary Celebration of our Church

Pastor Matthew A. Day - Presiding
Pastor Brad Dayett - Preaching

12pm - Celebration Luncheon
at the Harney Fire Company
with Recognition of Special Guests
Sharing of Stories and Special Music