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There is not a whole lot of material in the Bible about retirement. In fact, I found only one citation in Scripture which uses the word "retire" in the way we think of it - reaching an age at which one decides to bring a particular working career to a close. This reference is in the book of Numbers, *The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: This applies to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upwards they shall begin to do duty in the service of the tent of meeting; and from the age of fifty years they shall retire from the duty of the service and serve no more. They may assist their brothers in the tent of meeting in carrying out their duties, but they shall perform no service. Thus you shall deal with the Levites in assigning their duties.* (Numbers 8:23-26). I'll admit I was surprised to find a priestly retirement reference at all. It's nice to know the Levitical priests were not worked to death.

As we celebrate the ministry of Marlane Druckenmiller and observe her retirement we are also glad that there will be an opportunity for her to move into a new chapter in her life and pursue her talent and joy of sharing travel experiences with others. Though the beginning and ending ages of her official ministry duties varies from the Levitical span prescribed in Numbers, Marlane's ministry among us, and in her several previous congregations, has been no less consequential or revelatory of God's presence among us in the person of Jesus Christ. Also in line with Numbers we will be glad to continue to count Marlane as a partner assisting us in our service to Christ in this "tent of meeting" we call St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The verses from Numbers are nice but they are not the Scripture I believe most appropriate to the heart of Marlane's ministry and what I

believe her hoped for legacy would be. Instead let's look to our patronym the Apostle Paul.

Paul wrote to his congregation at Philippi, *"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."* (Philippians 1:3-6)

We have been very fortunate to have had fifteen years in which to share our ministry to the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Marlane. She proclaimed the goodness of God in Christ and taught us to live in love of God and one another. She has carried out her duties faithfully and diligently. She has been a good steward of the ministries entrusted to her and began many new ministries in her time at St. Paul's. It is a wonderful thing to acknowledge and celebrate what she has done and, perhaps more importantly, what she has meant to us. But I suspect that while Marlane greatly appreciates the sentiments, the gratitude, the prayers and well wishes they are not enough.

This brings us to the key phrase in Paul's opening to the letter to the Philippians, *"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."* It is clear from Paul's letter to the Philippians that he bore a special affection for the congregation at Philippi. He was very proud of what they had accomplished together. But he took particular satisfaction in knowing that the work they undertook together would be continued by the Philippians when he was no longer with them. As a teacher, preacher and evangelist Paul knew that the real measure of the effectiveness of his ministry was how well his congregations built on the foundation he had laid. The ministries who fell apart when Paul was not with them (see Corinthians) did not bring joy to his heart on account of his indispensability. Rather, Paul celebrated the congregations who thrived after he had moved on because his job was not to do ministry for them, but to empower them to take up and carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ for themselves.

I should think the goal of a good teacher is not simply to retire but to, in a sense, work themselves out of a job, having taught and shared what

they could and then stepping aside to let the students become the leaders and teachers of others. Marlane and I have often spoke of this and I believe that she would take the greatest satisfaction in how the ministries she began will be taken up and carried forward by the leaders she has taught. Marlane, like the Apostle Paul, would celebrate the confidence of knowing that the good works begun by her will be faithfully advanced until brought to completion in the day of Jesus Christ.

Let the monument to Marlane’s ministry be constructed of “living stones,” your and my commitment to carrying forward the work she has lovingly carried out among us.

On a collegial and personal note, I am very grateful to Marlane for all that she has taught me over the past fifteen years, her partnership in leadership, her patience with my shortcomings and the constant support and friendship she has shown to me and my family over the years. It is my sincere and heartfelt prayer that she may find joy and replenishment in her retirement and that I may continue to enjoy her partnership in that community which she has loved so dearly, the body of Christ we call the Church.

Pastor Frey

∞WORSHIP IN JULY∞

- July 2 6:00 PM – Holy Communion
- July 3 8:00 & 10:30 AM – Holy Communion  
9:15 AM – Sunday School
- July 9 6:00 PM – Holy Communion
- July 10 8:00 & 10:30 AM – Worship  
9:15 AM – Sunday School
- July 16 6:00 PM – Holy Communion
- July 17 8:00 & 10:30 AM – Holy Communion  
9:15 AM – Sunday School
- July 23 6:00 PM – Holy Communion
- July 24 8:00 & 10:30 AM – Worship  
9:15 AM – Sunday School
- July 30 6:00 PM – Holy Communion
- July 31 8:00 & 10:30 AM – Worship  
9:15 AM – Sunday School

**FROM THE PARISH RECORDS:**

**Wedding:** May 27 – Ryan Hiser & Alyssa Ruzicka

**Funeral:** June 13 – Raymond L. Miller

Contribution to the **Memorial Fund** in memory of **Tracy Smale** given by Howard & Connie Hunter.

Contribution to the **Renovations Fund** in memory of **Tracy Smale** given by Franklin & Dorothy Brown

**P.S. NOTE FROM MARLANE DRUCKENMILLER, RETIRED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COORDINATOR.....**

Thank you, dank je, danke sehr, gracias, merci – I cannot say thank you enough in all the ways I know for your generosity. Thank you to the Christian Education Committee for a dinner meeting and the gift of a carry on travel bag. Thank you to the Quilter’s for a lunch at Red Lobster. Thank you to the Pastoral Care Team for a dinner at Gadsby’s. Thank you to Child Development Center Committee for the dessert meeting and the special picture of the children. Thank you to members of Southeast Berks Ministerium for lunch at Brooks Café. Thank you to those celebrations yet to come. My mouth has been watering for weeks in anticipation of Bause Catering roast beef lunch. Thank you for all who have shared a congregational meal with me and those unable to attend who have offered other gifts and greetings. For those of you who did not attend the dinner I invite you to send me one word which describes my ministry with you. With these words I will create a “Wordle” picture. I will wait until I am retired to complete the picture so you may have time to send me some additional words to add.



My first two weeks of retirement will be losing the pounds I gained with all these celebrations. Then I will prepare for six weeks of recovery following a second foot surgery. In September I will begin a new

venture with New Rhoads Transportation. I will be a tour escort for some special trips.

The third Thursday of each month we will conduct tours of things in our backyard. The "In Our Backyard" Series will begin in Boyertown. Sometimes we do not see the things close to us. We will also plan some other trips as we begin to establish a list of interested persons and places to visit. These trips will be fully planned and escorted. If you are interested in what will be happening check the website [www.newrhoadstransportation.com](http://www.newrhoadstransportation.com) and their facebook page. Both Sally Rhoads and I are really excited to start this new venture. I have been wanting to be a tour guide for 35 years.

Retirement will also give me opportunity to do some other things I have longed to complete. While you will not see me every day or every week at St. Paul's, I will be around town. Sundays I will visit other Lutheran churches in our East Berks Mission District.

Again, thank you for everything. It has been a pleasure to serve God's mission field in Douglassville.



**LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR FALL APPLE FESTIVAL...**

Our annual event will be held Saturday, October 1. The committee is in need of a new chairperson and committee members. If you would like to be a part of the event, please join us for our first meeting on

Sunday, July 10, between services in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information, contact Carole Renninger at [emilyndalesmom@aol.com](mailto:emilyndalesmom@aol.com) or 484-794-2652.

--YTD Giving thru May, 2016 --				
	<u>Jan-May 2015</u>	<u>Jan-May 2016</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% chg.</u>
Offerings	\$ 148,207	\$ 150,309	\$ 2,101	1.4
Renovation Contr.	\$ 38,446	34,410	-4,035	-10.5
Total Giving	\$ 186,653	\$ 184,719	\$ -1,934	-1.04
Mortgage Balance		\$837,779.39		



**BLOOD DRIVE—Wednesday, July 20, 3:00—7:00 P.M at Daniel Boone Middle School.** To register call Rhonda Maloney at 610-213-3085 or go to [www.GIVEaPINT.org](http://www.GIVEaPINT.org) and use the code #2050.

**ST PAULS HAS ITS OWN GEOCACHE!.....**

As part of his Geocaching merit badge for Boy Scouts Luke Yambor hid a Geocache on the property at St Paul's. It is called "Paul's Treasure" and its GC code is GC6K6Q3. You can search for it at geocaching.com or access it directly using this link

[https://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC6K6Q3\\_pauls-treasure?guid=97b6b6c5-ce50-46b7-8f65-2099bf8401d8](https://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC6K6Q3_pauls-treasure?guid=97b6b6c5-ce50-46b7-8f65-2099bf8401d8)

If you find it please leave a log message for Luke!

Additionally, Luke added a Travel Bug to the Geocache. A Travel Bug is a trackable tag that looks like a dog tag. It moves from place to place, picking up stories along the way. Our Travel Bug is named "St Paul's Traveling Bug" and its code is TB7G2HR. You can track it at [geocaching.com/track](http://geocaching.com/track) or using this link

<https://www.geocaching.com/track/details.aspx?tracker=TB7G2HR>

**WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE -- WEDNESDAYS--9:00 AM**

We pray for every member of the congregation on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. If you see your name here it is not because we think you have a specific need for prayer, but to let you know you are in our prayers whatever your need may be. On Wednesday mornings we also pray for churches around the world, leaders in the ELCA, our staff and council members, our political leaders, those in the military, special requests, and many more. If you are free a Wednesday morning, stop in and join us. We are always finished before 9:30 AM. Included this month in our prayers will be: Colson Tsakonas, Pam Umbenhowe, Heather Varady, Kitty Varady, Christopher Venn, Kaitlyn Venn, Stephanie Vernon, Nathan Vernon, Kyle Vonderlinden, Tom Vroman, Erna Vroman, Lee Walley, Susanne Walley, Scott Walley, Emily Walley, Dave Walt, Danielle Walt, Zoe Walt, Cooper Walt, Gloria Walt, Jason Ware, Apryll Ware, and Jackson Ware. If you have anyone to add to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card found in the pew racks or call the church office. Please pray for those with special concerns: Amy Adam, Leroy DePrefontaine, Nati English, David Focht, Robert Geiger, Earl Hafer, Richard Hoar, Gloria Lutz, Frank McManus, Rowan Milne, Ronald Trace, Greg Trout, family and friends of Raymond Miller, and all others listed below and those we name in our hearts: Ken Albright, Sr., Delphine Altland, Michael Bach, Jane Baron, Bryan B., Robin C., Tom Campbell, Don Charlesworth, Charles Davidheiser, Mr. & Mrs. Davidson, Barbara DePrefontaine, Linda Domergue, Mary Ellen Eidell, Cindy Fake, Joanne Ferreri, Melissa Flannery, Joan Fleming, Lauren Freeman, Robert Fucinato, John Gallagher, Ida Gilbert, Michael Giorgio, Ron Glaser, Evan Glass, Judy Grabowicz, Robert Graeff, Jamie Harp, Ron Harris, June Henninger, Marie Hoar, John & Margaret Kakas, Sue Keay, Todd Kelly, Jack Lebo, Liane Lefever, Lewis M., Ronald McCarraher, Tricia Magner, Adrianna Marchewski, Charles Marquette, Jr., Harold Mest, Laurel Miller, Marianne Moyer, Dan Muldoon, Mark Muldoon, Sandy Murphy, Ron Mutter, Carol Nocera, Richard Pool, Heather Powers, Patti Pyle, Arletta Reisch, Carole Rhoades, Jocelyn Rice, Jason Roland, Susan Ryan, Gabriel Schulze, Audrey Serrian, John Serrian, Sr., Lita Sheppard, Gene Stewart, Johnna Storck, Dale Szajek, Kathy Szajek, Kim Szajek, Jeanie Templin, Linda Troil, Tom Vroman, Scott Walley, Sandy Wamsher, Millard Watson, Becky Weary, Ruth Ann Williams, Tim Williams, Jill Wrigley, homebound— Geraldine Barbone\*, Alton Brown, Frank Brown, Jennie Clouser, Grace Frey, Jan Haas, Earl Hafer, Pearl Miller, Laura Schmale, Alma Shirey, Patsy Smale. \*Non-member



Note there are Prayer Request Cards in the pew racks.

*Happy Birthday!*

7/1	Denise Millard	7/15	Mason Rotelli
7/2	Keely Woodruff	7/17	Janice Miler
7/3	Bruce Musselman	7/18	Jordan Koury
7/4	Tyler Cloutier		Emily Ridge
	Hunter Konarski	7/19	Ed Berger
7/5	Ed Chroscinski		Franklin Brown
7/6	Jeanette Root		Lorrie Monroe
7/8	Ashley Bonetz	7/20	Kris Poole
	Susan Kubovsak	7/21	Jan Haas
	Judi Simmons	7/22	Pat Oxenford
	Rylee Soto		Marley Yambor
7/9	Todd DPrefontaine	7/23	Stella Boyd
7/10	Kim Koury	7/24	Courtney Gougler
	Cindy Matosky	7/26	Kyle Vonderlinden
	Lynwood Weil	7/27	Charles Burns, Jr.
7/12	Allen Hetzell	7/28	Zachary Gougler
7/13	Tiana Gallagher		Nicholas Hilbert
7/14	David Bennis		Sue Prizer
	Franklin Brown, Jr.	7/29	Carlene Yerger
	Connie Hunter	7/30	Victoria Bennis

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO –**

Susan & James Kubovsak	7/1	20 yrs.
David & Victoria Bennis	7/3	12 yrs.
Tatum & Kris Poole	7/3	12 yrs.
Russ & Diane Hartline	7/5	19 yrs.
Dave & Danielle Walt	7/5	19 yrs.
John & Karen Lee	7/6	31 yrs.
Mark & Susan Eisenhuth	7/9	22 yrs.
John & Emily Levengood	7/10	12 yrs.
David & Lindsey Yoder	7/10	6 yrs.
Bill & Rose Stalnecker	7/11	46 yrs.
Art & Christine Yerger	7/11	11 yrs.



Stuart & Rosalynda Crichton	7/14	9 yrs.
Melissa & Patrick Woodruff	7/17	23 yrs.
Cindy & Duane Dominick	7/18	35 yrs.
Nick & Heather Freitag	7/18	7 yrs.
Gene & Nancy Stewart	7/18	16 yrs.
Albert & Brigitte Northrup	7/19	23 yrs.
Pastor & Wendy Frey	7/24	23 yrs.
Joel & Bonnie Steever	7/24	45 yrs.
Darvin & Mary Levensgood	7/25	57 yrs.

**LOVE INC. COMMUNITY MEAL.....**

Once again we will be sponsoring the community meal for Love INC. This year the meal will take place on Tuesday, July 12th at the Birdsboro Community Center. In the narthex there is a list of food donation and amounts needed for the meal. If you sign up for an item please deliver it to the community center by 5pm the day of the meal, make sure it is fully cooked, hot, and ready to serve! If you have any questions contact Jim Sarro at [jsarro27@gmail.com](mailto:jsarro27@gmail.com) or 610-310-6150.


**CHURCH PICNIC ~ SAVE THE DATE.....**

We'd like to begin an annual congregational get-together, held in conjunction with the Crop Walk, Sunday, October 9 at the Daniel Boone Homestead. A main entree will be provided by Bause Catered Events. Contact Carole Renninger at [emilyndalesmom@aol.com](mailto:emilyndalesmom@aol.com) with ideas or feedback.



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