

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSENGER

October 2021



Greetings, St. Paul UMC Congregation!

The fall has come at our door. Summer is a season of fun and replenishment, and it is fading away. And a new season of change has arrived at our door. The leaves of trees start changing their colors, farmers prepare to harvest, and families go back to routine. Alongside the natural cycle of change, we as a congregation are also experiencing a change in our worship service.

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, emphasized the importance of participating in the Holy Communion as often as possible because the Holy Communion is a means of grace through which we can experience God's grace and love. For this reason, we celebrate the Holy Communion once a month, every first Sunday.

It has been about 15 months since I came to St. Paul UMC. I have been a witness to your faithfulness to God, and I'm thankful to God for you. As we continue to serve God and people faithfully, I'd like to mention what we do during the Communion, especially how we receive the Holy Communion. We had used a communion kit over the year and changed it to give people an option to use it or not. We started to use one loaf of bread from July this year in the Sanctuary. We still deliver the kits to online worshippers before hands. Using a communion kit is no problem at all. However, for we have the World Communion Sunday in October and Communion on the first Sunday of every month, I want to explain what it means. We use one loaf of bread to demonstrate God's abundant grace and unity in the Body of Christ.

Holy Communion connects us with God and with one another. The sacraments (Baptism and Communion in United Methodist Church are visible signs of invisible God's love and grace in

in the world. The Bible tells us that we are one family, one body. 1 Corinthians 10:17 explains that "because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." The use of a whole loaf signifies the unity of the church as the body of Christ. When it is broken and shared, we remember that we are a part of one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). The loaf should be plain bread (no frostings, nuts, raisins, artificial coloring, or other additions). Leavened or unleavened bread is equally acceptable. The use of the common loaf of bread and the common cup of juice serves as a visible reminder of the unity found in Christ. Yet, it also testifies to the reality about the oneness of the church for which Jesus prayed (John 17:20-21).

So, please remember what it means in addition to what Jesus did for us when you receive them during the worship service. Let us taste and see God's grace through visible means of God's grace. May we richly experience God's grace through our new method of receiving bread and cup.

In Christ,

Rev. Myungha Beak





St. Paul Uprising! Uth had our first gathering of the new school year on Sunday Sept. 12 with a revisit to some of our foundational beliefs about God and how God looks upon us. In the format of a "complete these statements" exercise, we reminded one another how God loves us, God knows and has that which is best...and wants that best for us, and God has an amazing, exciting, fulfilling, joy-bringing part of His plan specifically for each of our lives. We were brought to the conclusion that because all this is true, because God is, has always been, and will always be faithful, we can trust Jesus for our every next step (our "working definition" Christianity). And we were reminded that God always wants us to know and remember how very much we are loved. We then saw how these truths and the scripture that proves them true works practically in real situations in our everyday lives.

Our next two September meetings were utilized watching the movie "To Save A Life" upon which our fall series of meetings will be based. We discussed portions of it along the way, where we saw that applying our foundational truths may have helped the main characters (high school students). We'll dive deeper into the scenes and situations in the coming weeks to learn ways we might activate Jesus's love and example in our lives.

Reminder to all that if you are in grades 7 thru 12, we'd love to have U as part of The Uprising! And no matter your grade in school, Sunday school resuming will give us some great time of learning and sharing what God has for His "Youth Nation!" Sunday school gatherings run 10:00-10:50 a.m. on Sunday mornings in various classrooms. Do come, ya'll! :D

We ask for your prayers as we have returned to fall classes and extracurriculars. And as is our "tradition," we once again leave you with some great truths upon which St. Paul Uprising! Uth builds our foundation. They are: God Loves You! God knows and has that which is best...and wants that best for you! God has an amazing, exciting, fulfilling, joy-bringing part of His plan specifically for your life!...AND God has created you PERFECTLY for the joy-bringing plan He has for you! That means you can "trust Jesus for you every next step" We pray you always remember how very much you are loved by the God Who created you!

OCTOBER IS PASTOR
APPRECIATION MONTH!



Pastor

For the early Sunday mornings
For the middle of the night calls
For the wise counsel & advice
For the patience, love & sacrifice

— Thank You —
For always giving your all.
You are so appreciated!





Welcome October! This year has really gone quickly! We have come so far as a church! No masks required, Sunday School for all ages, services in the Sanctuary, Tuesday Bible studies, Heartfelt backpacks and much more!

October is FULL of happening events!

October 16th, 1-3pm, Trick or Trunk, games supplied by the Optimists, and treats galore! If you would like to participate contact Missy Lauber mLauber13@gmail.com.

October 17th, Laity Sunday, Beth Rogers is coordinating the service. Personally, I am excited for what she has in store for us.

October 23rd, it is the fall and with fall comes **Church Conferences!** This is the date Saint Paul UMC will be having ours.

What is a Church Conference? For those that are unaware of what this Conference is all about, let me give you some information. During a Church Conference the District Superintendent or an ordained elder presides. They bring an inspiring meditation. Then the business of the church is discussed and voted on. Items that are voted on are such things as removal of persons from the "roll book", this year there is 80 plus names (maybe you know some and where they are), the church office has sent out letters seeking them out to return to the church, it is a three-year process. The leaders of the church (Church Council, Trustees, Finance Committee, Staff Parish Relations Committee and the Nominations Personnel, Leadership committees) are elected. The compensation packages for the pastors are presented and voted on. All these reports have been reviewed by the church council and are passed on for the church's approval.

Who is eligible to vote? All members in good standing with SPUMC have a vote.

Where is the conference being held? This year due to the increasing number of Corona virus cases it will be held virtual. If you would like to attend, you need to register. The church office has sent out invitations to the zoom meeting. If you would like to attend and have not received an invitation, please contact the church office or find the link to register within this newsletter. Copies of these forms should be available no later than October 17th for your review prior to voting.

We are having the 9am and the 11am service in the Sanctuary. Have you noticed the changes? The pew directly behind the organ has been moved to the back. The shorter pew allows for a wheelchair to be placed there. There is a screen in front of the electronic equipment, looks good!

Windows are being replaced in the Fellowship Hall, and several broken windows in the Christian Life Center are being replaced, along with a sliding door in the parsonage. Thank you, Trustees, for taking care of the church facility.

Packing backpacks! 9am on Tuesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. These backpacks assist in feeding those less fortunate children.

The "YTH" is back! The Uprising is meeting once again. The "YTH" is planning a yard sale, date to be announced later.

Whew! If you have not been attending your church there is no better time than the present. What's missing??? UR!!!

Christ IS Alive!

Melvin Grover

Church Council Chairperson



St. Paul UMC Finances as of 30 August 2021

	Actual (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Annual Budget	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 277,789.54	\$ 273,355.24	\$ 416,976.61	66.6%
Expenses	\$ 231,208.83	\$ 279,916.98	\$ 416,976.61	55.4%

The St. Paul UMC congregation has contributed an additional \$37,536.89 in benevolent (Restricted) giving thus far in 2021 making \$315,326.43 in total contributions year to date.



The major focus of your trustees this month will be to:

Get the new mini-split heat pumps installed in the old wing. This will be a major efficiency improvement for the church and should save significant on utilities to heat and cool that wing.

Oversee install of new windows in the Fellowship Hall and undercroft.

Oversee replacement of sliding door on parsonage ground floor.

We completed our annual accessibility review and have improved wheelchair access to the sanctuary by installing a shorter Pew so that a wheelchair can be accommodated.

The Pastor is feeling lonely as folks have moved to the rear pews. We will be relocating the Sanctuary monitors to improve viewing angle and hope for more balanced seating. :)

Please remember to consider using Amazon-Smile for your on-line ordering and if you select St. Paul as your charity, the church will benefit from your purchase.

Your Trustees

From Your



Everett Baker



As we work through this season of the church, let us all remember these verses.

Ephesians 4:25-27
New International Version

25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. **26** "In your anger do not sin"^[1]: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, **27** and do not give the devil a foothold.

Even when we disagree, we are still a family, for the lord. Let us work to further the kingdom of God and keep the devil at bay!

Church Conferences Update -- Because of the uptick of COVID-19 virus, and for the safety of others, the Conference is changing all church conferences to **virtual**.

St. Paul's Church Conference is scheduled for **Saturday, October 23rd @ 10am**. Everyone **MUST** register themselves in order to attend the virtual church conference. To register, please follow the below link:

<https://bwcumc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwuc-mpqTljE9SOGkDvmtijjw8qmNbebNNG>

Once you register, you will receive an email confirmation from the Washington-East District Administrator. You will receive the zoom information for the church conference as we get closer to our church conference date.



St. Paul UMC,

It is that time of year when pumpkins are starting to appear and it is time to host our annual Trunk or Treat event. This year the Trunk or Treat is October 16th from 1-3. We need volunteers to decorate their trunks and pass out candy, We also are taking candy donations. The Optimists have volunteered to do games again this year for us. The biggest ask for this event is for a champion for this event to come forward as I am unable to attend the event due to my work schedule. I can and will work beside whoever is going to champion this event to make sure they have everything that they need. Please contact me at mlauber13@gmail.com or 240-216-9014 with any questions.

Missy Lauber
Evangelism Chair



Anthony Bennett - breathing problems
 Ashlyn Barrett - heart issues
 Ava Brame - health issues
 Benjamin Kindsvater - Crohn's disease
 Bill Clothier - lung issues
 Charlie Rivers - heart disease
 Crystal Seibel - fighting MS
 Debi Jagodzinski - health issues
 Dorothy Gaylord - health issues
 Edith Thomas - heart attack
 Elizabeth Baltimore - stroke
 Ernie Amos
 Heather Dolan - lime & liver disease
 Jake Campbell
 Janet Cave
 Jeanne Harris
 Jeff White
 Jessica Pohlman
 Jim Bainham - health issues
 Jim Sypult - pulmonary fibrosis
 Joanna Polanski - Alzheimer's
 Joyce Matthew
 Judy Fewell
 Kirk Taylor - health issues
 Lyn Aurand's Family on her passing
 Marie Barrett
 Martha Bliss
 Martha Jefferson & family
 Rick Matthews - breathing issues
 Roger Ward - health issues
 Rose Barrett
 Sam Williams
 Sue Mackey - fighting MS
 Teresa Gibson - health issues
 Tim Allor - lime disease

Billy Bobb
 Bob Klink - lung
 Bob Wilson
 Bruce Dickonson - throat
 Cheryl Belles - ovarian
 Denise Herrington - breast
 Darlene Fromhart
 Emily Shooks
 Flora Scarcia
 George Richards
 Henry Reiss
 James Newman
 Jenne Rothwell - breast
 Jerry Curtis - bone, lung, brain
 Joe Dodson
 Jovanni Licalzi - LCH
 Keith Kretchman - lymphoma
 Kelly Smith
 Luanne Barnas - breast
 Marjorie Hall - behind the eye
 Maxwell Guidoitz - liver
 Rebecca Cecil
 Rosalinda Smith - breast
 Sandy Webb
 Sara Strange - stage 4
 Suzanne - Multiple Myeloma



Call the Prayer Chain when you need prayer for yourself or others. Activate it by calling anyone on the list, anytime, day or night. When called, they will pray for your concern and pass the concern on to the other

prayer chain members. Do not hesitate to use the power our gracious Lord has given us. Call on Him for help and guidance.

John & Sessaly Boyd	410 326-4390
Cal & Carolyn Colvin	301 862-3273
Ben & Vonnie Dansberger	410 326-2994
Ruth Dixon	410 326-3821
Ruth Humphreys	410 326-4687
John & Robin Read	443 404-8559
Andy & Beth Rogers	410 326-6346
Dave & Debby Showalter	410 326-2150
Susan Leins Baker	410 326-6234



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OFFICE HOURS:

At this time, there will physically be a person in the office as follows:

Monday:	10am to 1pm
Tuesday—Thursday	10am to 3pm
Fridays	9am to 12pm

However, the phone lines are covered during regular business hours which are:

Monday - Thursday	9am to 4:30pm
Fridays	9am to 12pm

**PLEASE ALWAYS FEEL FREE TO CALL TO SET-UP
AN APPOINTMENT IF YOU HAVE A NEED
OUTSIDE OF THOSE HOURS.**



“SMILE” Food Pantry Donations

**Non-Perishable grocery items are collected the 1st
Sunday of each month in St. Paul’s parking lot!**



**Submissions for the November *Messenger*
are due by October 20th (early due to the
Thanksgiving Holiday)!
Thank you.**



**Sunday school classes ages 4-High School
Come and join the fun and grow in Christ!
Class also available for Adults.
10-10:55**





FEWELL, Judy	10/01
CARVER, Quinn	10/02
DUNN III, Patrick	10/04
YETTER, Cameron	10/04
BEAN, Stephanie	10/05
BELL, Joseph	10/05
NUNLEY, Jason	10/05
WARD, Erica	10/05
PHILLIPS, Dylan	10/06
HOLMES, JoLoyce	10/07
TURNER, Rachel	10/07
GORDON, Robert	10/09
MCCARTHY, Karen	10/09
PATTERSON, Kerri	10/09
CARTER, Marion	10/11
GROVER Jr., Mel	10/11
SCOTT, Cameron	10/13
BENTON, Gene	10/14
HUMPHREYS, Ruth	10/14
LANGLEY, Noah	10/14
SCROGGS, Maxwell	10/14
TAYLOR, Elizabeth	10/14
BAKER, Everett	10/15
ADAMS, Cindy	10/16
LANGLEY, Leigh Ann	10/18
PECK, Joshua	10/18
MULVEY, Joe	10/19
SOFFOS, Bill	10/19
MEYER, Lauren	10/20
RICHMAN, Mitchell	10/21
SOPER, Baylee	10/21
LAUVER, Steven	10/24
BELL, Torrie	10/25
BOBKOSKIE, Anna	10/25
LEWIS, Gary	10/27
SAMS, Donna	10/28
LANGLEY, Brady	10/29
MILLER, Mikayla	10/29
ADAMS Jr., James	10/30

Christian Symbol



Grace — what a gift!



Grace strikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness. It strikes us when we walk through the dark valley of a meaningless and empty life. It strikes us when our disgust for our own being, our indifference, our weakness, our hostility, and our lack of direction and composure have become intolerable to us. It strikes us when, year after year, the longed-for perfection of life does not appear, when the old compulsions reign within us as they have for decades, when despair destroys all joy and courage.

Sometimes at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying: "You are accepted."

—Paul Tillich

RAINBOW—The Rainbow represents God’s pardon and his promises. It also symbolizes his reconciliation to faithful Christians. After the Flood, God placed a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his promise to never destroy the earth that way again (Genesis 9:12-16). A rainbow can also represent the throne of Christ, as well as his glory and final judgment.

MONTH AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1			SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17		
AA Group	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	FH	UMYF	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm	AC/L
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3			MONDAY, OCTOBER 18		
UMYF	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm	ZONE	Women's Bible Study	6:45 pm - 8:15 pm	S
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4			TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19		
Women's Bible Study	6:45 pm - 8:15 pm	S	Heartfelt Backpack Packing	8:30 am - 9:30 am	FH
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5			OLSS Basketball	4:30pm - 6:00p	AC
Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:30am - 10:30am	FH	Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	L
Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	L	Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	FH
Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	FH	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20		
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6			Praise Band Practice	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	AC
Praise Band Practice	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	AC	Choir Practice	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	S
Choir Practice	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	S	AA Group	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	FH
AA Group	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	FH	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21		
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7			OLSS Basketball	4:30pm - 6:00p	AC
Trustees Meeting	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	L	SPRC Meeting	6:30pm - 8:00pm	L
Troop 451 Rain Gutter	7:00pm - 8:30pm	PL	Cub Scout Troop 451 Den Meeting	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	FH/6/8/10/11/13/16
Cub Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	S	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22		
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8			OLSS Basketball	4:00pm - 8:00pm	AC
AA Group	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm	FH	AA Group	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm	FH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10			SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23		
UMYF	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm	ZONE	CHURCH CONFERENCE	10:00AM	VIRTUAL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11			SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24		
Women's Bible Study	6:45 pm - 8:15 pm	S	UMYF	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm	AC/L
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12			MONDAY, OCTOBER 25		
Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:30pm -10:30pm	FH	OLSS Basketball	4:00pm - 8:00pm	AC
Dawn Langley's Bible Study	10:30am - 11:30am	6/8	Women's Bible Study	6:45 pm - 8:15 pm	S
OLSS Basketball	4:30pm - 6:00p	AC	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26		
Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	L	Heartfelt Backpack Packing	8:30 am - 9:30 am	FH
Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	FH/10	OLSS Basketball	4:30pm - 6:00p	AC
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13			Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	L
Praise Band Practice	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	AC	Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	FH
Lay Pastor Meeting	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	L	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27		
AA Group	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	FH	Praise Band Practice	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	AC
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14			AA Group	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	FH
OLSS Basketball	4:30pm - 6:00p	AC	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28		
Church Council Meeting	6:30pm - 8:00pm	L	OLSS Basketball	4:30pm - 6:00p	AC
Cub Scout Troop 451 Den Meeting	7:00pm - 8:00pm	FH/6/8/10/11/13/16	Cub Scout Troop 451 TorT	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	PL
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15			FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29		
OLSS Basketball	4:00pm - 8:00pm	AC	AA Group	8:00 pm - 9:30 pm	FH
AA Group	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	FH	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31		
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16			UMYF	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm	ZONE
Trunk or Treat	1:00pm - 3:00pm	PL			

AC-Activity Center FH-Fellowship Hall L-Library S-Sanctuary
 # ONLY-Room Number FP-Fire Pit
 PL- Parking Lot LPL - Lower Parking Lot



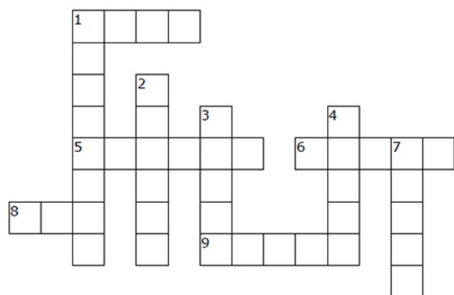


Don't Miss Church!

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" John 20:19 (NIV)



Based on John 20:19-31



ACROSS

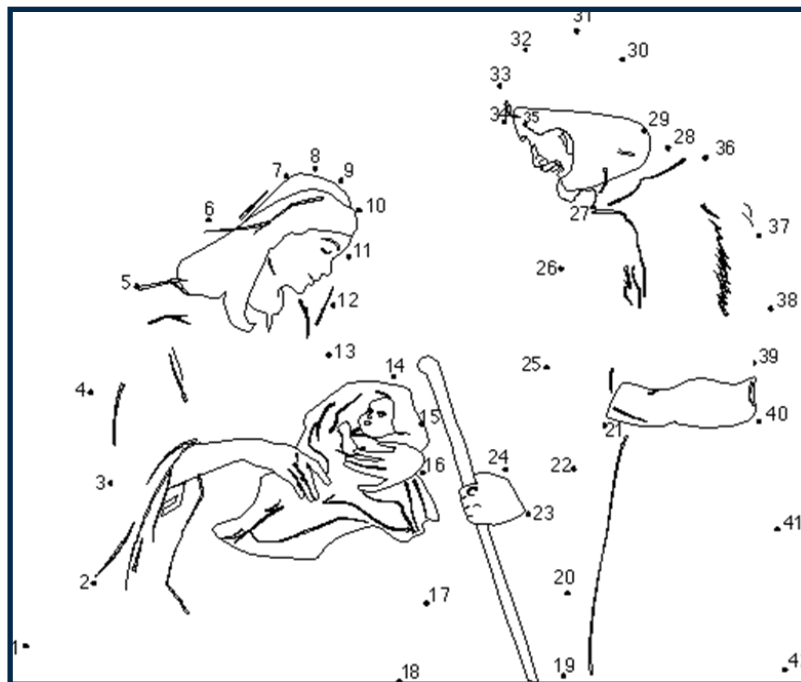
- 1. An entrance into a building or room
- 5. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
- 6. To be in a state of pleasure or delight
- 8. Breaking a religious or moral law
- 9. The body parts at the end of the arms

DOWN

- 1. Unwilling to believe that something is true
- 2. Not open
- 3. To believe in something for which there is no proof
- 4. A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
- 7. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war

NAILS	PEACE	DOOR	DOUBTING	HAPPY
THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	HANDS	FAITH

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Church Word Search Puzzle

P Y K S U B N T F A K R T P N
 O R B L K B M A E N M P E W S
 H T T L Q V F B E H K Z P E C
 S S T E E P L E Q W E Y E T W
 I E A B Y A L R E T S I N I M
 B V U U L I S N N O M R E S M
 K Y X I N I Z A S O I X R V U
 L X T G Y V S C Y A R P E J S
 T I J L S P Y L Z W W R A O I
 B F H E I R D E K N T M D L C
 R I Y P N I X O R G A N I S T
 I C M S G E E L B I B A N D K
 O U N O I S R O B E S J G W C
 H R S G N T L H K M M O S Z H
 C C C W G S C R O S S A Y H M

BELLS
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Your St. Paul UMC Finance Committee

Special dates

- World Communion Sunday, *October 3, 2021*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 31, 2021*

A singular focus

When we try to focus on too many things at once, sometimes we end up doing nothing well. During a visit to their house (see Luke 10:38-42), Jesus tells Martha that only one thing is needed and that Mary has chosen rightly. Surely Jesus doesn't mean that quiet devotion is needed while serving others is not. But when we let ourselves get "worried and distracted by many things," we may lose sight of the one crucial thing: love.

St. Francis is credited with the following quote: "God came to my house and asked for charity. And I fell on my knees and cried, 'Beloved, what may I give?' 'Just love,' God said. 'Just love.'"

And in Galatians 5:6 (NRSV), St. Paul writes, "For in Christ Jesus ... the only thing that counts is faith working through love." Amid all the worthy pursuits that fill your days, remember to choose rightly – by choosing love.



Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them



DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7, NRSV



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INDOOR/DRIVE-IN Worship Service in the Sanctuary/Sanctuary Parking Lot

EVERY SUNDAY: 11:00am - "LIVESTREAM" INDOOR Worship Service in the Sanctuary