

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSENGER

November 2021



Why God Blesses Us

"And David knew that the Lord had established him as king over Israel and that his kingdom had been highly exalted for the sake of His people Israel."

1 Chronicles 14:2

King David learned an important lesson if he was to ensure God's continual blessing. He knew why God blessed him. It wasn't because he deserved it, though he was a man who sought God with his whole heart. It wasn't because of his great skill, though he was a great military strategist. It wasn't because he was perfect, for he committed some horrible sins during his reign as king. No, it was for none of these reasons. **God blessed David for the "sake of His people Israel."** God never blesses an individual just for that person's exclusive benefit. God calls each of us to be a blessing to others. So often, we forget this last part, "for the sake of [others]."

I read an article about the businessman, R.G. LeTourneau. He was a businessman who built heavy construction equipment and realized this only after God took him through many trials. Once the Lord became all of LeTourneau, he came to realize that the question wasn't whether he gave 10 percent of what the Lord gave him. Instead, the question was,

"What amount does God want me to keep?" To make a long story short, LeTourneau gave 90 percent of his income toward the end of his career and was a great supporter of world missions. (<http://www.giantsforgod.com/rg-letourneau/>) God blesses us for a reason, which is the Kingdom of God in other words, "for the sake of others." Let's remember who is the master of all, the source of life; God.

However, please don't miss this part. God doesn't bless believers just for the ability to give financially. God has given believers many more gifts beyond the financial; Life, time, gifts, talents, you name it. We all have God's blessings in our lives. Then, What is happening with the fruit of God's blessing on your life? Is it clogged, or is it free-flowing to others? Ask the Lord to free you to be a blessing to those in your circle of influence.

November is the season of thanksgiving. Let's count our blessings and think about their purposes. God's blessings are always with us. We don't have to be King to give thanks to God. We don't have to be a millionaire to give thanks to God. Let's count our blessings. Let's be Christians who give thanks to God, who is our source of life.

In Christ,

Rev. Myungha Beak



October saw St. Paul Uprising! Uth dive into our "To Save A Life" series which provides strategies to reach out to our peers in Jesus's love. We used situations from the movie with which our series shares titles over our first 2 October gatherings to "look beneath the surface" of person's lives. We first did a "mini-study" on icebergs to help us understand we may only see a small part of what we need to consider. (Only 20% of an iceberg is visible to onlookers.) We watched several clips from our movie and also several from the Bible series and dissected what the players in each scripture passage may have had "going on beneath the surface" that affected their attitudes, actions and words. In our 2nd gathering, we then considered how we might "resurface" and reach out to others, keeping in mind what we had learned. We read scripture and then watched an interpretation from "The Bible Series" as Jesus interacted with the Samaritan woman at the well and with Zaccheaus. We also saw and discussed what we called "The Perfect Reach" as Jesus redeemed the woman caught in adultery and transformed her life by His interaction with her, pausing then to identify the ways Jesus reached out to her in that situation and considering how and with whom we might do the same. Our "To Save a Life" gatherings always end with those "who dare" taking a "challenge card" whose contents challenges the taker to do an act of care and outreach to people during the week.

We then were contacted by Middelham & St. Peter's, asking if they could bring a "cemetery scavenger hunt" to our site and combine for "the hunt" in our cemetery. As of this writing we plan to do just that after meeting and eating pizza with them. Our "post hunt" devotion is to be about the tradition of All Saints Day. Then, since Halloween falls on a Sunday evening, we plan to show our traditional "scary Christian movie" entitled "Hangman's Curse." We'll pick up our To Save a Life series again in November.

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 go deeper into fall and our school year. And we ask that you'll always remember these 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 too how very much you are loved by the God Who created you!



November! Leaf's changing colors, pumpkins have been carved and discarded, gardens only have a few plants still hanging on, we fell back in time, so it is dark now at 5pm, Thanksgiving is coming, Advent is coming, and with Advent comes Christmas.

- Our church is going strong. We had a very successful Church Conference, a new list of leaders was approved, new salaries for the pastors were approved and we all were virtual!
- Many thanks to Anna Bobkoskie for her time as SPRC chair, we welcome Becky Grover as the new chair. Rick Miller has stepped down as the Finance chair. Both individuals got the church through some very trying times. Many thanks. Karen Hill will be the new Finance chair. She is the mystery lady operating the sound system at the 9am service Sunday morning.
- "Estimate of Giving" cards are available in the Sanctuary and online. Please take the time to fill one out as the Finance committee uses them to prepare the budget. They are not monitored to see if you are keeping up with your pledge, they are an important tool for the Finance Committee.
- Safe Nights was held in one facility last winter, this year they are looking for individual churches to resume their servanthood of hosting a week. Jessica Holmberg is again in charge of this wonderful way to serve our folk that are less fortunate than us. As of now we are looking at one of the first two weeks in February. Details to follow, but it is not too early to contact Jessica to see what you can do to support this ministry.
- Where are the middle school students? Beth Rogers has a classroom and teachers willing and ready to lead Sunday school for you!
- Trunk or Treat was held on the 16th of October, early, but fun was had by all. We even had a few "trunks" from Eastern/ St. John's join us!
- One of the topics of discussion was on the expected division of the United Methodist Church. Pastor Baek promised the Church Council that he will ensure that the congregation will be well informed on the process. St. Paul United Methodist Church is a place where you can come to worship the Kingdom of God. Pastor Baek delivers a message of love and faith and very uplifting sermons every Sunday. DO NOT let this possible division stop you from worshipping our LORD and Savior here at SPUMC!
- All Saints Day was celebrated Oct. 31st. We also gathered between services for fellowship, coffee, and light refreshments. Mike, Ashley, and Carol have assumed the chairs of the kitchen committee and they are off and running.
- Personal note: For four weeks starting on the 30th of November, I will be leading an Advent study entitled "All the Good, a Wesleyan Way of Christmas", please let me know if you would like to join in on this study.

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Melvin Grover
Council Chair



St. Paul UMC Finances as of 30 September 2021

	Actual (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Annual Budget	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 310,268.97	\$ 308,780.40	\$ 416,976.61	74.4%
Expenses	\$ 261,956.52	\$ 313,559.00	\$ 416,976.61	62.8%

The St. Paul UMC congregation has graciously contributed an additional \$40,310.89 in benevolent (Restricted) giving to benefit St. Paul UMC Ministries, Missions, and those in need so far in 2021.



Your Trustees are the legal representatives of St Paul. We ensure the facility is well cared for through service contracts, insurance, funding for anticipated facility needs etc. Due to the size and age of our facility some of these facility needs are extensive and require significant funds. To name a few, we recently completed upgrade of approximately 85% of our vary old HVAC (27 years old) and boiler (58 years old) systems, new roofs (CLC-25 years old, Sanctuary-85 years old, Parsonage-28 years old). Sadly, as we all know, these items need to be replaced periodically. This is why we as a church regularly fund the building fund so that in another 20 years there will be sufficient funds to keep this house of God to still be a light in this community.

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

- 1) Remove window AC from old wing now that mini-Splits are installed. Thanks to those who helps. We did this DIY and save ~ \$30K between Fellowship Hall and old wing units. This will be a major efficiency improvement for the church and should save significant on utilities to heat and cool that wing.
- 2) Oversee install of new windows in the Fellowship Hall and undercroft. Yes, we said this last month, but windows are backlogged. We now Hope they will be in for installation this month.
- 3) Oversee replacement of sliding door on parsonage ground floor.
- 4) Reposition monitors in the Sanctuary

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

Pledge Card

The St. Paul UMC Finance Committee is in the middle of preparing the 2022 Annual Budget. The committee uses confidential Pledge Cards as a way of estimating contributions to St. Paul. It helps us plan our annual budget by letting us know how much you hope to give over a 12-month period from January through December 2022.

In my case, it has been an opportunity to prayerfully consider my family's annual giving to the Church. The Pledge Card is not a contract. We do not track if contributions match pledges. However, if your circumstances change over the year, you can adjust your pledge by calling the church office at 410-326-4475 or by emailing the Treasurer at therren.stpaul@comcast.net. Again, your information is always kept confidential.

If you cannot make an annual pledge, you may give through our weekly offerings during worship services or donate online anytime. Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Check with Teri Herren in the church office if you need assistance with this.

The "Electronic" Pledge Cards are available to you via attachment to this E-Messenger and printed versions will also be handed out at the next couple of drive-ins and in-person services. The printed versions, once completed, can be dropped in the offering plate/basket or can be put in the "lock-box" outside the CLC doors over the next couple of weeks. Completed electronic Pledge Cards can either be emailed to our Treasurer, Teri Herren at therren.stpaul@comcast.net, or printed and physically dropped in the offering plate/basket at worship services or can be put in the "lock-box" outside the CLC doors over the next couple of weeks.

The St. Paul UMC Finance Committee recognizes that the St. Paul UMC congregation is a very, very generous group serving Christ. We thank each and every one of you for all you do to support our missions and ministries.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD

MY FIRST FRUITS...FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

In response to God's love and as an expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and his family, I plan to continue in my giving to the ministries of St. Paul UMC.

MOVING TOWARD TITHING
I am not yet a tither, but I will move toward that goal.

TITHING
I will give 1/10 of my income to God's work.

CONTINUING BEYOND TITHING
My desire is to do more than God's minimum.

MY COMMITMENT IS \$ _____ per Week.
 Every Two Weeks.
 Month.

MY ENVELOPE # IS _____

This represents an increase over last year.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

This commitment may be revised and/or cancelled at any time at my request.

From Your



Everett Baker

1 Peter 4:9-11
New International Version

9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. **10** Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. **11** If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

In this time of year, we visit upon our stewardship campaign. This passage reminds me of the Three "T"s of Tithing. Time, Talent, and Treasure. I have been given some health issues in the past year to deal with. Others have come forward to do what I could not.

God has provided for the Church and me in this time. Praise God and his plan for us! Do what you can with your gifts from God and enhance your discipleship journey through that effort!

**WHERE IS MY GIVING ON THIS CHART?
WHERE CAN I GROW IN GIVING?**

Annual Income	Weekly Income	4%	6%	8%	Weekly Tithing 10%	YEAR-END TOTAL
\$13,000	\$250	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$1,300
\$26,000	\$500	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$2,600
\$36,400	\$700	\$28	\$42	\$56	\$70	\$3,640
\$41,600	\$800	\$32	\$48	\$64	\$80	\$4,160
\$52,000	\$1000	\$40	\$60	\$80	\$100	\$5,200
\$62,400	\$1,200	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$120	\$6,240
\$78,000	\$1,500	\$60	\$90	\$120	\$150	\$7,800
\$85,000	\$1,635	\$65	\$98	\$131	\$164	\$8,500
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$77	\$115	\$154	\$192	\$10,000
\$150,000	\$2,885	\$115	\$173	\$230	\$289	\$15,000
\$200,000	\$3,846	\$154	\$230	\$308	\$384	\$20,000



POUNCEY, Jimmy	11/02
EVANS, Tad	11/03
GARDNER, Mike	11/03
NAGERS, Sophia	11/03
ULREY, Ella	11/04
READ, John	11/06
STEPHENSON, Mary	11/07
EBERT, Tylan	11/08
MILLER, Savannah	11/08
FELSHER, Jack	11/10
KING, Daniel	11/10
LEWIS, Gail	11/10
ROBERTS, Shannon	11/11
THOMAS, Nicholas	11/11
DENTON, Michael	11/12
EBERT, Ronald	11/12
GORDON, Lachlan	11/12
TURNER, Caleb	11/12
PECK, Sarah	11/14
ROBERTS, Madison	11/14
WEITZEL Jr, Matthew	11/14
GARBER, Savannah	11/15
SCROGGS, Vicki	11/15

EBERT, Jillian	11/19
GIBSON, Teresa	11/21
GARNER, Diann	11/22
LANGLEY, Sarah	11/23
CORNETT, Irene	11/26
GARDNER, Tara	11/26
NASH, Cathy	11/27
MASON, Camron	11/29



**NATIONAL
COLLECTION
WEEK**

NOV. 15-22

PACK A SHOEBOX

 Samaritan's Purse®
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

Last day to turn in boxes at St. Paul will be Wednesday the 10th



St. Paul family....If you love to make the advent season bright with the sounds of Christmas hymns, we need you for our original Christmas Cantata "Christmas Through the Angels Eyes" . This song celebration of Jesus' birth uses familiar hymns and requires minimal rehearsal for participants. We will meet for 5 Wednesdays @ 7PM, hold 1 Wednesday Dress Rehearsal @ 6:30PM and 1 performance on December 19 @ 9AM. We are in need of readers as well. Please consider giving of your talents and time this holiday season to bring the gift of song to our St. Paul family this year. All ages welcome! ~~~ Sherry Mervine

Office Contacts & Information

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Youth Pastor: Rev. Dr. Dave Showalter
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Office Administrator: Teri Herren
Church E-Mail: therren.stpaul@comcast.net

OFFICE PHONE: 410.326.4475

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

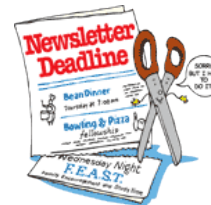
However, the phone lines are covered during regular business hours which are:

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 *December Messenger* are due by November 17th (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





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



MONTH AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1			TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16		
Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S	Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:00am - 10:00am	FH
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2			WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17		
Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:00am - 10:00am	FH	SMILE Turkey Organizing	4:00pm - 9:00pm	L/K
Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00pm - 8:00pm	L	Praise Band Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	AC
Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH	Choir Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	S
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3			THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18		
Praise Band Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	AC	OLSS Basketball	5:00pm - 6:00pm	AC
Choir Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	S	SPRC Meeting	6:30pm - 8:00pm	L
AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	Cub Scout Troop 451 Den Meeting	7:00pm - 8:00pm	FH/6/8/10/11/13/16
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4			FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19		
OLSS Basketball	5:00pm - 6:00pm	AC	OLSS Basketball	4:00pm - 8:00pm	AC
Trustees Meeting	6:30pm - 8:00pm	L	AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH
Cub Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	S	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20		
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5			SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21		
OLSS Basketball	4:00pm - 8:00pm	AC	UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE
AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22		
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7			TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23		
UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE	OLSS Basketball	4:00pm - 8:00pm	AC
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8			WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24		
OLSS Basketball	4:00pm - 8:00pm	AC	OFFICE CLOSED	12:00pm	N/A
Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S	Praise Band Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	AC
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9			THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25		
Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:00am - 10:00am	FH	OFFICE CLOSED	All Day	N/A
Dawn Langley's Bible Study	10:30am - 11:30am	6/8	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26		
Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00pm - 8:00pm	L	OFFICE CLOSED	All Day	N/A
Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH/10	AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10			SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28		
Praise Band Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	AC	UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE
Lay Pastor Meeting	6:30pm - 8:00pm	L	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1		
AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11			TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2		
OLSS Basketball	5:00pm - 6:00pm	AC	Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:30am - 10:30am	FH
Church Council Meeting	6:30pm - 8:00pm	L	Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00pm - 8:00pm	L
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12			WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24		
AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH	OFFICE CLOSED	12:00pm	N/A
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13			THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25		
Cub Scout Troop 451	8:00am - 5:00pm	FP/AC/FH	OFFICE CLOSED	All Day	N/A
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14			FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26		
UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE	OFFICE CLOSED	All Day	N/A
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15			SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27		
Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S	AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH
			SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28		
			UMYF 6:00pm - 7:15pm ZONE		
			MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1		
			Women's Bible Study 6:45pm - 8:15pm S		
			TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2		
			Heartfelt Backpack Packing 9:30am - 10:30am FH		
			Melvin Grover's Bible Study 6:00pm - 8:00pm L		
			Boy Scout Troop 451 7:00pm - 8:30pm FH		

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



Thanksgiving

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K	A	E	E	C	A	R	G	P	B	U	V	Y	N
T	C	V	D	E	S	S	E	R	T	R	Y	E	K
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- BLESSING
- FELLOWSHIP
- FAMILY
- FRIENDS
- GRAVY
- SOCIAL
- TURKEY
- WORSHIP
- FEAST
- THANKFUL
- PEOPLE
- CARVE
- PUMPKIN
- GRACIOUS
- PRAYER
- REJOICE
- ENDURE
- GRACE
- DESSERT
- PEACE
- STUFFING
- CHRIST
- LOVE
- PASTURE

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Bible Quiz

In Matthew's genealogy, which woman is *not* mentioned as Jesus' ancestor?

- A. Tamar
- B. Rahab
- C. Mary
- D. Ruth
- E. Sarah
- F. Bathsheba



Answer: E (See Matthew 1:1-17.)



YOU WILL BE ENRICHED
 IN EVERY WAY TO BE GENEROUS
 IN EVERY WAY, WHICH THROUGH
 US WILL PRODUCE
 THANKSGIVING TO GOD.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:11, ESV



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Your St. Paul UMC Finance Committee

November 2021 Special dates

Some of the special days celebrated in November are:

- All Saints' Day — November 1, 2021
- Daylight-Saving Time Ends — November 7, 2021
- Veterans Day — November 11, 2021
- Christ the King Sunday — November 21, 2021
- Bible Sunday — November 21, 2021
- National Bible Week — November 21-28, 2021
- Thanksgiving Day — November 25, 2021
- First Sunday of Advent — November 28, 2021



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

READERS NEEDED ~ We are reaching out for advent candle lighting readers for the 9:00am and 11:00am services as well as Christmas Eve. Would you, a family member, or a friend be able? If so, please let the Church office know by calling (410.3.26.4475) or emailing stpaulumcinfo@gmail.com.

Honoring our veterans



Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the “opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice.” In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It’s a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.

A new Thanksgiving tradition

At Thanksgiving, we give thanks for things (food, home, clothing, work) and loved ones (family, friends, pets). But if the people we name aren’t present, they may never know how precious they are to us. This November, start a new tradition by writing notes of thanks to people you appreciate.

Follow Paul’s model of starting letters with thanksgiving: “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world” (Romans 1:8, NIV). Notice how he thanks his addressees by thanking God for them. Paul is specific too, not writing, “Thanks for everything!”

Expressing genuine thanksgiving to God and another person, you might write something like this:

Dear Judy, This Thanksgiving I’m thinking about special people in my life. You are one! I thank God for our friendship, for your strong witness for Jesus and for your willingness to lend a hand as a substitute teacher. (Your chocolate cookies are icing on the cake!) I praise God for you! Sincerely, Joan

For laughs (or groans!) around your table

Knock knock. Who’s there? Arthur.

Arthur who? Arthur any leftovers?

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Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?

It had 24 carrots.

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If you use boxed mashed potatoes ...

... Great-Grandma will turn over in her gravy.

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My family said, “No more Thanksgiving jokes.”

... but I said I couldn’t just quit cold turkey.



**CORNUCOPIA**—Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning “horn of plenty,” has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.



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