

ST. PAUL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

MESSENGER

April 2022



Greetings, St. Paul UMC family!

I pray that you walk with Christ sincerely. How is your Lenten journey going so far? We have a gospel reading to follow Jesus' footsteps and the gospel of John at Sunday worship and small group bible studies. I hope they have helped you experience God's transforming grace, love, and truth so that you may grow up and go deep in spirit.

As we move on to Easter, I want to help you understand John's gospel.

The purpose of the gospel of John is clear. It says, "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:30-31) So, I hope we all can have 'faith' so that we may have life in Jesus.

Through signs and sermons, the Gospel of John shows that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah, the promised Savior who fulfilled the Old Testament and also presented Him as the same Son of God (10:30) as God the Father. It is encouraging to dwell in the light, to reach the circle (having/gaining eternal life).

Also, it has important symbols to teach us the purpose of Jesus' ministry, life, death, and resurrection. Especially Life, Light, and Water are significant. God freed the people from the power of sin and saved them from darkness and death so that the life of light, the life of eating and drinking of living water, the river of living water overflowed from the belly.

How about the water? We can find Baptism with water (1:25-34), the water turned into wine at a wedding banquet (2:1-11), the living water debate (John 4), watering at the Feast of Tabernacles, and rivers of living water. And this overflowing (7:37-39) and the gushing of water and blood from his side at the time of Jesus' murder (19:34). It allowed people to experience abundant life (7:38 and 10:10), and this is the blessing that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this earth and gave through his redemptive work. All of these are related to Jesus' saving work (including the role of the Holy Spirit). It forms the basis of God's creative work of light, water, and life, and this work of creation is completed through the work of re-creation, that is, the work of redemption of the "incarnate God," Jesus Christ.

As we continue to have the Lenten journey this year with the gospel of John, I hope and pray that you will find life, light, and the living water of Jesus in your life journey and experience Jesus' transforming love. Then, we will meet the true light this Easter, resurrected Jesus, living Jesus, and celebrate our new life with resurrected Jesus together.

May God bless you and lead you to a deeper level of faith.

~~ *Pastor Baek*





St. Paul Uprising! We began our March 2022 gatherings with a meeting topic of "Church=Love." This was an installment of our "To Save A Life" series which had us examining how the "church operates" and why we do so in such fashion. We first explored some general characteristics of groups of people. We then progressed to considering what items identify a building as a "church building" and moved to exploring what makes a group of people a "church" (while emphasizing that the church isn't a building or structure but people banded together as a community of faith in Jesus Christ). We used the remainder of our time observing actions of a group and identifying "Christian acts" from others and closed out the night with a segment discussing the theology that God looks to the motive of our actions beyond just the actions themselves.

We closed out our "To Save A Life" meeting series on Sunday March 13 with a gathering theme of "Stepping Into the Bigger Picture." We began with a look at Jesus "getting into Peter's boat" in order to invite Peter to help Jesus "change the world!" (It's an interesting look into the human psyche that Peter's character first resisted Jesus even approaching him, saying to Jesus, "Hey, you can't just climb into my boat!") We pondered how many times we tell Jesus just that!) We spent the rest of our time together challenging ourselves by considering as many aspects as we could think of about what our individual and group responses would be if Jesus were to come to us as we sat together and asked 'How are you gifted and equipped to change the world with and for Me? What will you/should we do?' Some scripture passages we looked to for guidance were Philippians 1:3-6 and Matthew 28:19&20.

For our March 20th gathering we took a meaningful "break" and watched an Uprising! favorite, "The Lion King." It seems each time in our Confirmation classes when we focus on the parts of that movie which help us better understand theological topics like baptism and being created in the image of God, all those in the room request that we watch the entire movie. So, to celebrate finishing our "To Save A Life" series, we watched this classic. Next time you watch it, see if you can identify parallels in scripture and basic Christian theology. You'll never watch this movie in the same manner again!

We closed out our March gatherings by taking our annual (well...what had been "annual" before the pandemic!) "Where Am I?" survey. The survey asks us probing, (and we pray) thought-provoking questions about where we are in our lives and in our faith journeys. Upon completing the survey, discussing some of it if participants wish, we seal them in envelopes which are returned to us in one year to allow us to assess our growth over that past year. We look forward to both Easter and Easter break from school in the coming month of April. All God's Very Best To & For Each/All of You & Yours as we continue to trust Jesus for our every next step in this year of 2022!



2022 Confirmation Class Invitation

If you're in grades 7 thru 12 and you've never been confirmed into membership in the community of faith that is St. Paul United Methodist Church, we hope you'll consider it this coming year. Please read below and begin to consider, in consultation with your family, if you plan to attend. We'll gather a final count in January 2020 with plans to begin Confirmation 2022 in early February. (Classes will run every Sunday morning with the exception of Feb. 27 and Easter Sunday April 17. Classes will be completed just before Pentecost Sunday, June 5, on which date we'll plan to confirm.)

For Parents/Guardians of youth grades 7 thru 12, here is information to help you and your child/youth decide if they'll be part of the 2022 Confirmation class:

The classes are VERY interactive...in a fun, inviting way...and we have 2 foci: Basic understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ and how United Methodists live out that faith through participation in worship and ministry through and with your church family. This is the place for your BIG questions...and we welcome them! Please speak among your family and begin to decide if you will attend. If you, either as a parent/guardian or as a potential student, are unsure about attending, talk with someone who has attended and been confirmed. We've had students from grade 7 to junior year attend (you must be in at least 7th grade to attend Confirmation class). If you decide you'd like to attend 2022 Confirmation class or wish further information, contact Youth Pastor Dave at dave4godsteens.stpaul@comcast.net or at 443-624-1349.



St. Paul UMC Finances as of 28 February 2022

	Actual (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Annual Budget	Annual %
Contributions	\$56,142.91	\$68,757.80	\$410,241.85	13.7%
Expenses	\$60,365.75	\$65,092.74	\$410,241.85	14.7%

The St. Paul UMC congregations has graciously made an additional \$5,996.50 in benevolent (restricted giving) to benefit the ministries, missions and those in need in 2022.

Even though the pandemic is not officially over, most have returned to work, school, sports and other social engagements. We are saddened to see so many empty seats on Sunday mornings that once held a member of our church family. Where are you?

How can we help? You are missed!

- St. Paul UMC ReEntry Task Force Advisory Board



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Your St. Paul UMC Finance Committee



Baltimore-Washington Conference

The United Methodist Church

Stay or Go: Real Talk for United Methodists Exploring Their Future

April 23, 2022

9:00-10:30 a.m.

ZOOM Webinar (Registration is required)

REGISTER HERE:

https://bwcumc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_onJr6Fj3QQuYDXH8-2iiMQ

What will ministry for our local churches look like in the coming years, as the dust settles from our discussions and decisions regarding denominational separation? What will stay the same and what will change about ministry in the continuing UMC? What is the WCA's vision for the Global Methodist Church? How will the logistics of each impact local churches and individuals?

Join us for this discussion with panelists from UMNNext and the Wesleyan Covenant Association as they answer your questions about their visions for ministry after separation.

Rev. Bill Brown will serve as moderator.

Panelists will include:

Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli (UMNNext, BWC)

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith (UMNNext, Pen-Del)

Rev. Dr. Rudy Bropleh (WCA, BWC)

Rev. David Bennett (WCA, Pen-Del)

Attendees are invited to submit questions to lowershore2021@gmail.com, and topics will be selected based upon those submissions. This webinar will be recorded for later viewing.

This session will not address the process for disaffiliation or the history of how the UMC arrived at this point. For resources on those topics, please contact your District Superintendent.

Rev. Dr. Johnsie W. Cogman
Washington East District Superintendent
410-309-3472

you're
invited



Holy Thursday Service

April 14, 2022 @ 7pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday Service

April 15, 2022 @ 7pm in the Sanctuary

Sunrise Service

April 16, 2022 @ 6:15am in the Cemetery

Easter Services

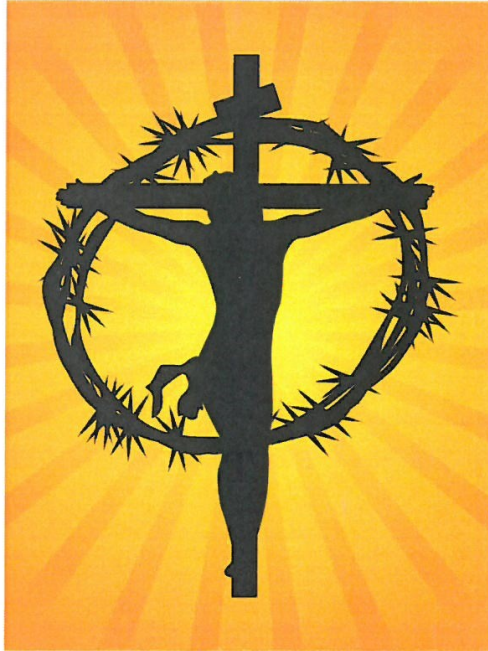
April 16 2022 @ 9am & 11am in the Sanctuary

St. Paul United Methodist Church

11000 H.G. Trueman Road

Lusby, Maryland

SMILE ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES, INC.



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022

11:00 AM Processional starting at St. Peter's Chapel

11:30 AM Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea

People may gather at St. Peter's Chapel on Solomons at 10:45 AM for prayer and then at 11:00 AM join the Processional to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Church (new church). "The Way of the Cross" service will start at 11:30 AM. **If inclement weather go directly to the church.**

ALL ARE WELCOME

EASTER EGG HUNT

FACE PAINTING • GAMES • AND MORE!

April 16
11 am-1 pm

St. Paul UMC
11000 H G Trueman Rd.
Lusby

> **Contact: Church Office:**
(410) 326-4475/stpaulumcinfo@gmail.com<



CANCER Support Group

- 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
- 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
- William Cave

- 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
- Maxwel 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





BARRETT, Marie	04/01
HOOD, Ann	04/01
KINDSVATER Sr., William	04/01
WEITZEL, Heather	04/02
WEITZEL, Henry	04/02
HALSTEAD, Alison	04/06
HALSTEAD, Emily	04/06
BUSEY VI, Jake	04/08
HUDSON, Jennifer	04/09
TURNER, Hartlyn	04/09
FRALEY, Bryan	04/10
GARDNER, Barbara	04/11
MCCREADY, Donna	04/11
LANGLEY, Josh	04/13
ENTWISLE, Elaine	04/14
LYNCH, Sketkh	04/14
TURLINGTON, Olivia	04/14
PURCAREY, Jody	04/16
ULREY, Richard	04/20
CARVER, Nathan	04/21
MININ, April	04/25
FISSEL, Allen	04/29



**Submissions for the May
newsletter deadline is
April 20, 2022
Thank you.**

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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!

Some of the April 2022 Special Days ~

- Palm Sunday — April 10, 2022
- Maundy Thursday — April 14, 2022
- Good Friday — April 15, 2022
- Easter — April 17, 2022
- Earth Day — April 22, 2022
- Administrative Professionals Day — April 27, 2022
- Secretaries Day — April 27, 2022

MONTH AT A GLANCE

KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FRIDAY, April 1			SUNDAY, April 17 - HAPPY EASTER		
OLSS Basketball	5:00pm - 6:30pm	AC	Sunrise Service	6:15am-7:15am	C
AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH	MONDAY, April 18		
Saturday, April 2			Office Closed for Holiday	9:00am-4:30pm	
Backup for B& G Banquet	3:00pm-10:00pm	AC/K	Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S
B&G Banquet	3:00pm-10:00pm	FP/FH	TUESDAY, April 19		
SUNDAY, April 3			Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:30am - 10:30am	FH
UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE	Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00pm - 8:00pm	L
MONDAY, April 4			Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH
Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S	WEDNESDAY, April 20		
TUESDAY, April 5			NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE FOR May MESSENGER		
Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:00am - 10:00am	FH	Choir Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	S
Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00pm - 8:00pm	L	Praise Band	6:15pm-7:45pm	AC
Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH	AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH
WEDNESDAY, April 6			THURSDAY, April 21		
Praise Band	6:15pm-7:45pm	AC	SPUMPS	8:00am-4:00pm	UPL
Choir Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	S	Cub Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:0pm	FH/6/8/10/11/13/16
AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	FRIDAY, April 22		
THURSDAY, April 7			SPUMPS	8:00am-4:00pm	UPL
Trustees Meeting	6:00pm-8:00pm	L	AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH
TUESDAY, April 12			SUNDAY, April 24		
Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:00am - 10:00am	FH	UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE
Bible Study	10:30pm-12:00pm	L	MONDAY, April 25		
Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00pm - 8:00pm	L	Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S
Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH	TUESDAY, April 26		
WEDNESDAY, April 13			Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:00am - 10:00am	FH
Praise Band	6:15pm-7:45pm	AC	Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00pm - 8:00pm	L
Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S	Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH
Lay Pastor Meeting	6:30pm-8:00pm	L	WEDNESDAY, April 27		
AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	SPUMPS	8:00am-4:00pm	UPL
THURSDAY, April 14 - MAUNDY THURSDAY			Praise Band Practice	6:15pm - 7:45pm	S
Office Closed for Holiday	12:00pm-4:30pm		Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S
Holy Trinity Service	7:00pm - 8:00pm	S	AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH
FRIDAY, April 15 - GOOD FRIDAY			THURSDAY, April 28		
Office Closed for Holiday	9:00am-12:00pm		SPUMPS	8:00am-4:00pm	UPL
Good Friday Service	7:00pm-8:00pm	S	Cub Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:0pm	FH/6/8/10/11/13/16
AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH	FRIDAY, April 29		
SATURDAY, April 16			Christian Rock Concert	3:00pm-11:00pm	AC
Easter Candy Dash	11:00am-1:00pm	UPL	AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH

ROOM KEY:

AC ~ Activity Center **FH** ~ Fellowship Hall **L** ~ Library **S** ~ Sanctuary

ONLY ~ Room Number **FP** ~ Fire Pit

UPL ~ Upper Parking Lot **LPL** ~ Lower Parking Lot **C** ~ Cemetery



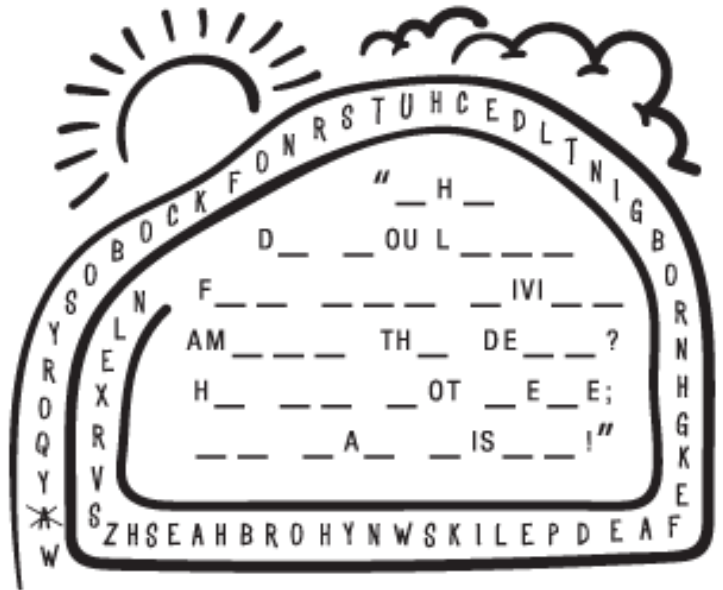
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EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV



SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center — just like Jesus' empty tomb!



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EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00am "LIVESTREAM"
INDOOR/DRIVE-IN Worship
Service in the Sanctuary/Sanctuary Parking Lot

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