

# ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## MESSENGER

April 2023



“Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.”

- Isaiah 35:6

“Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me...”

- United Methodist Hymnal #378

A prominent image of God’s grace in Isaiah is freshly flowing ‘living water.’ Just as fresh water could transform wasteland into gardens, the living water of God’s grace could cause love to grow within the most thirsty and willful souls.

God is an unmerited gift. It is free. It is not to be accomplished or achieved. Simply receive it. And yet, over the course of our life, I realize that opening ourselves to God’s grace is threatening to some of us because it is not our normality. We live by values like these: We get what we earn everywhere we go. We get what we work for. We get what we pay for. There is no gain without pain. Even religion says, ‘if you will do this and that, then God will come into your life and save you.’ Thus, it can come across that you have to let go of your ‘normality.’

God’s motivation is love. Grace doesn’t force us; instead woos us, nudges us, seeks us, and pursues us like a lover. While grace is something we cannot earn, there is one thing we can do: Simply request or go to “means of Grace,” an ordinary channel of God’s invisible grace to encounter grace, which we all do – prayer, worship, fellowship, service, helping others, etc. For that reason, we offer Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday (April 6th, 7 pm) and Good Friday service (April 7th, 7 pm), and Easter service (Regular Sunday service hour on April 9th).

A disciple asked, “What can I do to attain God?”

The master answered, “What can you do to make the sunrise?”

The follower was angered, “Then why are you giving us all these methods of prayer?”

And the master replies, “To make sure you’re awake when the sun rises.”

Dear St. Paul United Methodist Church family and friends,

As we continue to journey to Easter and beyond, May God bless us so that we can go into a deeper and more intimate relationship with God than before. Let's keep focusing on what Jesus said and taught.

From Rev. Myungha Baek

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Rev. David S. Showalter

St. Paul Uprising! Youth continued our look into Jesus's life, teachings, and life-teachings as He took His disciples on the ride of their lives (and eternities) as He trained them to be the church when He was no longer on Earth. Centering on a curriculum which is a joint effort between "Alpha" and "The Bible Project" entitled "Life Revealed," our deep look into Jesus's life and teaching also had us exploring what Jesus and His life and teaching mean to us today through the lens of the Lukan gospel and Luke's account of how the disciples responded in the Book of Acts. "Life Revealed" episodes 4, 5, and 6 took us from Luke's gospel into the beginning of Acts. As of this writing, we will be taking a quick break from "Life Revealed" to watch C.S. Lewis's allegory of how our human condition is healed by Christ's saving work in "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" on the last Sunday of March. We then plan to join others in our St. Paul family in the "Rise Against Hunger" mission and head into Holy Week and Easter in early April. We pray and wish a Joy-Filled and Blessed beginning of spring and Easter season for each of you and we ask for your continued prayers for us as a group and individually in our continuing faith journey together.

*Youth Pastor Dave*



SMILE invites you to its **Annual Community Good Friday observance on April 7, 2023 in Solomons**. We are pleased and thankful that Fr. Nathan Beall of Middleham/St. Peter's Episcopal Church (MSP) and Fr. Bob Kilner of Our Lady Star of the Sea (OLSS) are willing to host us once more.

We are delighted to welcome new faces to this gathering. We ask that clergy gather at St. Peter's Chapel in Solomons at 11:15AM for the Procession to OLSS with the Cross, to depart at 11:30AM. Persons who also wish to process may join them.

The service at OLSS begins at 12 Noon with the entrance of the Cross and will conclude by 1 PM. Members of SMILE churches can gather at OLSS starting at 11 AM to welcome the processors and the Cross. It always seems to be a very moving time!

Please feel free to contact our committee if you have questions. I can be reached as follows: Sue Chabot, 443-758-6911 (cell), and [suechabot7@gmail.com](mailto:suechabot7@gmail.com).

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### **Sunday School**

Susan Baker, Superintendent

The main goal for Sunday School Ministry is to increase Sunday School attendance.

\*There will be no Sunday School on Easter! Celebrate the Risen Christ with those you love.

#### **Class Times: 10 – 11 a.m.**

Adult Sunday School: **Fellowship Hall**. This class is using the devotion book "Jesus in The Wild" by Dan Wilt. Average attendance 2 participants and 1 facilitator. I am happy to say Joan Sampson has agreed to help with teaching/ facilitating this class starting April 16th. We continue to look for others to help by taking a quarter.

High School Sunday School: **Youth meet in the Zone** lead by Pastor Dave Showalter, Debbie Showalter, and Missy Lauber. Average attendance 4-5 students and 3 adult teachers

Children Sunday School: **Room 11** lead by Dave Turner, Susan Baker and Susan Allor. We continue to use the materials by Group Publishing, Inc; "My One Room Classroom"; "Bible -In-One-Year". Attendance average 5 children, 2 adult teachers, 2 substitutes, Susan Allor 2/12 and Ashley Rogers 2/19; 2 visitors on 2/26.

### **Lay Leader**

Donna House - Lay Leader

We have had four "Minute for Ministries" that were very well received.

I want to thank Everett Baker, Paul Shippert, Susan Quisenberry and Karen Hill for leading the way on this important time of sharing. I look forward to upcoming ones in April.

I attended the District Superintendent's meeting for Lay Leaders a few weeks ago and enjoyed meeting folks in this position and having time to share ideas that are working in different churches.

### **Worship Committee:**

Susan Kennedy-Chair

Worship services during the Holy Week.

- ❖ Maundy Thursday Service: 4/6, at 7 pm, Sanctuary with Holy Communion.
- ❖ Good Friday Service: 4/7, at 7 pm, Sanctuary. Joint service with Olivet at St. Paul.
  - We will have Jesus' last seven words, and we will have seven speakers from two churches and share meditations on each word.
  - The choirs from two churches may sing together.
  - Rick Muldoon will play the trumpet during the service.
- ❖ Easter Worship: Two worship services at 9 am and 11 am

### **Evangelism**

Missy Lauber, Evangelism Chair

The Lenten Banners are up in front of the sanctuary and along the road.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM until the Eggs are gone

- The Fellowship Hall has been reserved
- The Optimists have been contacted and are doing the Egg Hunt portion and providing some games and snacks
- A simple Easter Craft will be available to do on site or take home

I am working with Pastor Baek to decide upon the ultimate purpose of the library and how it can best suit the needs of the congregation at this time. I will ask that we have no donations of books at this time as we don't really have space to put them.

## Trustees

Jack Greene, Chairperson

The goal of St. Paul Board of Trustees is to be effective trustees who function as Christian stewards of property God has entrusted to the congregation. This includes supervising and maintaining both the physical property of the congregation and gifts made to the congregation so the ministries of the congregation can be effective, and the legal requirements related to property are satisfied.

Recent tasks performed by the trustees were:

- Returning the music room/ storage room that is designated as the safe room for the SPUMPS students. Items that were stored in the room were removed off campus or safely stored in the rooms where the items would be used.
- Returning to service the air conditioning in the youth Zone room. That unit was replaced.
- Mini split ventilation systems were installed in the SPUMPS classrooms and in the Fellowship Hall.
- One of the security gates was installed in the SPUMPS wing. Two gates were purchased. The remaining security gate is scheduled to be installed during the next Trustees workday.
- A video doorbell was added to the main entrance to the Christian Life Center to allow the Office Administrator to see who is requesting entry into the CLC.
- The commodes and sinks were replaced in the SPUMPS wing bathrooms.

The Trustees welcome the report of malfunctions or suggestions how to improve the physical condition on our campus.

## SPUMPS

Susan Quisenberry, Director  
SPUMPS Preschool

SPUMPS will be hosting our annual Trike-A-Thon fundraiser event in April to raise money for research to advance in the fight against childhood cancer and illnesses. Over the years SPUMPS has been recognized as being amongst the top organizations for raising donations. Last year we smashed our goal of \$4000 by raising over \$5000! Online Registration: See registration link below.

[https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Trike/Trike?fr\\_id=138386&pg=entry%C2%A9 link share](https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Trike/Trike?fr_id=138386&pg=entry%C2%A9 link share)



## University of Maryland Extension, Charles County

The 30th Anniversary Southern Maryland Caregivers Conference will be held in Charles County on Friday, April 28th at the Richard R. Clark Senior Center. The conference fee of \$35 includes a continental breakfast, lunch, access to exhibitors and all conference materials. Note there is no online registration available. Please contact Cindy Olmsted (OlmstedC@CharlesCountyMD.gov) for more information at 301-934-0128. Registration Deadline: April 14, 2023

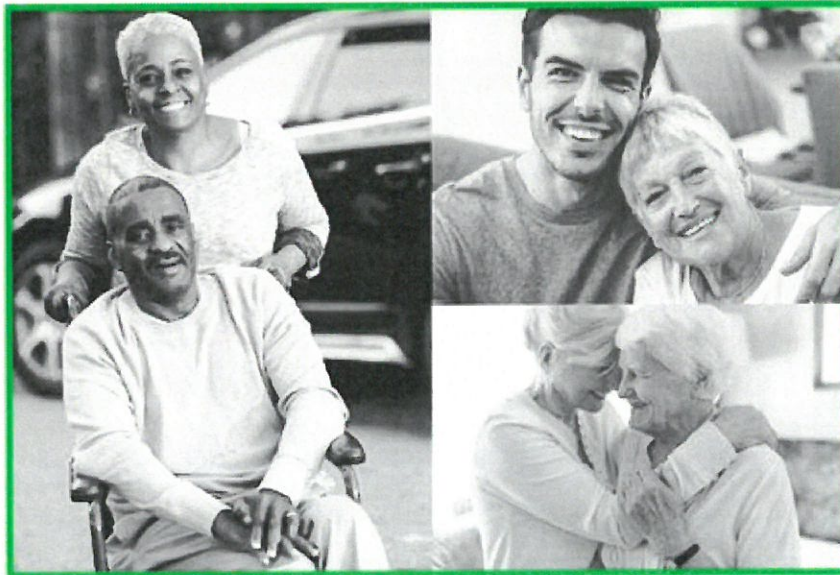
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MARYLAND

30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

# caregivers conference

APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>  
FRIDAY  
8 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

RICHARD R. CLARK  
SENIOR CENTER  
1210 Charles Street  
La Plata, MD 20646



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## *Prayer Requests*

Call the Prayer Chain when you need a 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  
Andy & Beth Rogers ..... 410-326-6346  
Dave & Debby Showalter ..... 410-326-2150  
Susan Leins Baker.....410-326-6234

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## **SMILE Food Pantry**

Hi Pantry Volunteers,

We have an immediate need for a volunteer(s) to pick up the perishable donations Friday mornings at 8 am from the Weis Solomons and Lusby stores. The food is set aside for us in carts, and just needs to be loaded into your vehicle, brought into the pantry, weighed, recorded, and set up on the shelves. This usually takes about 1 hour from start to finish. If you can help with this service opportunity, please let me know! We are VERY thankful to Joan and Jesse Sampson for their faithful pick-ups for these past few years!

If every Friday is too much commitment, but you would be willing to help out once or twice a month, we can put together a schedule for this too. It's a great way of supporting SMILE in a behind the scenes effort. Just let me know!

Thanks for all you ALREADY do for SMILE - please pass this along to anyone else you think may be interested in helping out too!

Call at 410-326-0009 during store hours, or visit our Link: <http://smileinc.org>

### **“SMILE” FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

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

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ann Hood	4/1	Barbara Gardner	4/11
William Kindsvater, Sr	4/1	Donna McCready	4/11
Heather Weitzel	4/2	Josh Langley	4/13
Henry Weitzel	4/2	Julianna Felsher	4/14
Alison Halstead	4/6	Sketch Lynch	4/14
Emily Halstead	4/6	Olivia Turlington	4/14
Jake Busey VI	4/8	Nathan Carver	4/21
Jennifer Hudson	4/9	April Minin	4/25
Hartlyn Turner	4/9	Allen Fissel	4/29

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### OFFICE CONTACTS & INFORMATION

**Senior Pastor:** ..... **Rev. Myungha Baek**  
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### ***SPUMC COVID Statement***

*“COVID 19 and its variants are still with us. Health Care Professionals continue to recommend vaccinations and booster shots. St. Paul believes masks are a personal choice and will continue to provide them at the entrance along with hand sanitizer. And as always, if you don’t feel well, please stay home and visit us online!”*

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### LOST AND FOUND

SPUMC has a "Lost and Found" basket stationed in the lobby of the Christian Life Center.

*Contact Kathy at the church office if you have any questions.*

**Submissions for the May  
Messenger are due April 15.**

Thank you

### GIFT CARDS

Every Sunday, food cards for Giant and Weis are available to purchase in the CLC. This assists in our operating budget.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Worship (9 am & 11 am) 10am - SS classes 6pm - Youth - The Zone	SPUMPS Closed / Spring Break 6:45pm - Bible Study @	9am - HeartFELT 6:30pm - Bible Study Library 7pm - BS Troop/FH	6:15pm - Praise Band, AC 6:30pm - Choir Practice @ 7:30pm - AA, FH	6pm - Trustees, Library 7pm - Maundy Thursday	11am - SMILE Service 7pm - Worship Good Friday 8pm - AA/FH @ FH	11:30am - Rise Against 6:30pm - System set up -AC
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Easter Worship (9 am & 11 am) 10am - SS classes 6pm - Youth - The Zone	SPUMPS Closed/Spring 6:45pm - Bible Study @	9am - HeartFELT 10:30am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Bible Study Library 7pm - BS Troop/FH	6:15pm - Praise Band, AC 6:30pm - Choir Practice @ 6:30pm - Lay pastor 7:30pm - AA, FH	5:30pm - Finance / FH @ 6:30pm - Council /Library @ 7pm - BS Troop #451 FH @	Newsletter Articles Due Office Closes at Noon 8pm - AA/FH @ FH	6:30pm - System set up -AC
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