

# ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## MESSENGER

February 2023



### New Year's Resolution

Greetings, St. Paul UMC family and friends!

We are in February 2023. We have spent 31 days of the new year. I don't know about you, but we are still in a 'NEW' year's situation to me. We must realize and acknowledge that this New Year, 2023 comes to us only once in our lifetime. Nobody in this world can have the year 2023 more than once. We will not get the year 2023 again....never. So, I'd like to ask you these questions; what is your new year's resolution? How would you live this year? What is your plan or hope for this year? Health? Money? Relationship? Work? Family? Or.....God?

I encourage you to work out your own salvation this year. I want all of us to have this in our new year's resolution. We all are Christians who believe in God, Jesus Christ died on the cross to save us, and the Holy Spirit leads us in God's way. We are the family of God because of Triune God's love, work, and ministry for us. However, please listen to the apostle Paul. He says, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). Our salvation is not like a certificate of the Kingdom of God. It's more like 'living our lives with God.' In other words, 'salvation' is not a noun but a verb. Salvation is not static. It is an ongoing experience of God's gracious presence transforming us into whom God intends us to be.

So, what do we need to do to work out our own salvation? To find it out, let's think about our life. There are things for us to do. You must use gym equipment when you go to a gym to make your body strong. Just being inside of gym building doesn't help you to be healthy. You need to move your body and challenge your muscles to be stronger. You need to move your legs on a treadmill.

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John Wesley published "The Nature, Design, and General Rules of the United Societies" in 1743. He wrote it to help people of the United Society who tried to follow his teachings. The General Rules he set were "Do no harm, Do good, Attend all ordinances of God." So, as United Methodist Church people, this rule is like our gym equipment to help us to be healthy and strong as Christians. Based on Jesus' great commandment (Mark 12:30-31; Matthew 22:34-40; Luke 10:25-37) and "New Commandment" (John 13:34-35), we need to move our body, and we need to implant this 'love' into our lives as we do no harm, do good, and attend all ordinances of God.

As we cannot get strong overnight, it would take time to get strong and healthy. We would experience many things, such as joy, happiness, and failure. Moreover, we will experience 'progress' (growth) because it's a life journey with God's help. In this journey, we are not perfect, we are still sinners in this world, and we need God's grace and love to live our lives in this world. We need God's grace more and more. Just imagine pouring clean water into a cup of muddy water. It takes time to be transformed into clean water. It takes time. Don't push or demand too much; stay patient and walk with God's help. We have examples in the Bible; To transform the disciples of Jesus, Jesus needed to spend three years with them. And they became true disciples of Jesus because of God's help (when they received the Holy Spirit).

So what is your new year's resolution? What is your hope for the new year? Let's add it to our new year's resolution, 'work out my salvation,' and add the General Rules as an action item. To work out our salvation, we must live out God's word in our lives (worship, bible study, meditation, etc.) We must serve others with God's love, such as supporting/participating in mission works, community projects, charities, etc. You can use your ideas (ways) to do it.

Let's work out our salvation together in 2023. I hope and pray that we can say, "I have been growing this year as I worked out my salvation with the General rule," when we send out Christmas cards to our family and friends later this year.

May God be with us and guide us!

From Rev. Myungha Baek

## ST. PAUL UMYF YOUTH

St. Paul Uprising! Uth began 2023 by diving (back) into our foundational belief statements and how we view and define Christianity. “Foundations Reset” challenged us to state what we refer to as “3 Big Truths” and discuss how we apply those truths. The truth statements are, of course “God loves U! God Knows and Has That Which is Best...and Wants That Best 4 U! God Has an Amazing, Exciting, Fulfilling, Joy-Bringing Part of His Perfect Plan Specifically for UR/Each Life!” Living our Christianity is “Trust Jesus For Our Every Next Step!” And “Always Remember How Very Much We Are Loved!” Getting practical, we were asked to fill in quadrants on the chalk board on what has been “harder than expected,” “easier than expected,” what has been “awesome” and what has “stunk” so far? We then talked about how knowing and believing our truth statements about God helps us in each quadrant.

Our following two Uprising gatherings in January were centered on a curriculum which is a joint effort between “Alpha” and “The Bible Project” where we look deeply into Jesus’s life and teaching and all Jesus and His life and teaching mean to us today. We’ll be spending some time in this study while doing other things like our ultra meaningful-and-fun trip to Snow Camp in the coming weeks! We’ve invited our families to join us in viewing the Christian comedy movie “Family Camp” by improv geniuses “The Skit Guys” for our last Uprising Uth gathering in January.

We pray and wish a Joy-Filled and Blessed 2023 for each of you and yours and ask for your continued prayers for us as a group and individually in our faith journeys.

All God's Continued, Absolute & Extravagant Best 4 Each of U & UR Families!

*Youth Pastor Dave*

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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

Ben & Vonnie Dansberger..... 410-326-2994

John & Robin Read ..... 443-404-8559

Dave & Debby Showalter ..... 410-326-2150

Cal & Carolyn Colvin..... 301-862-3273

Ruth Humphreys ..... 410-326-4687

Andy & Beth Rogers ..... 410-326-6346

Susan Leins Baker..... 410-326-6234

## FINANCE

Karen Hill, Chair

### Financial Summary – 2022

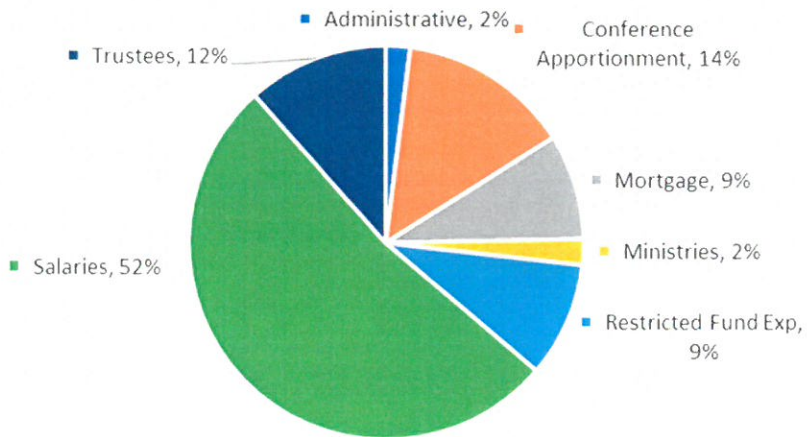
#### 2022 Summary

Unrestricted Income	320,790.65
Operating Expense	<u>363,633.98</u>
	(42,843.33)
Restricted Income	69,479.56
Restricted Fund Expense	<u>38,022.51</u>
	31,457.05
<b>Total Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>(11,386.28)</b>

#### 2022 Expense Summary by Category

Administrative	7,972.58
Conference Apportionment	56,336.54
Mortgage	34,851.36
Ministries	8,453.36
Restricted Fund Exp	38,022.51
Salaries	209,726.12
Trustees	<u>46,294.02</u>
<b>Total 2022 Expenses</b>	<b>401,656.49</b>

St Paul UMC - 2022 Expense Summary

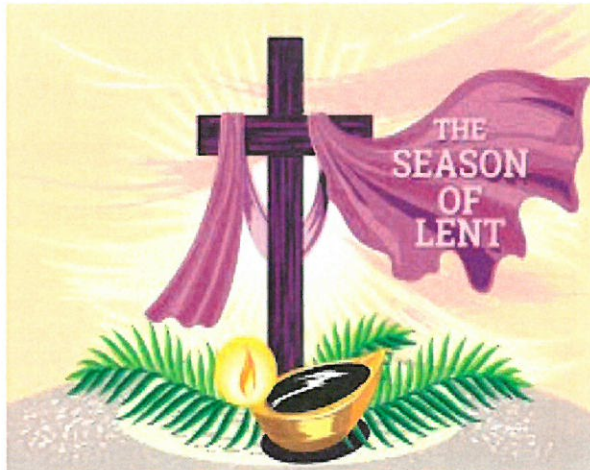


- Administrative
- Conference Apportionment
- Mortgage
- Ministries
- Restricted Fund Exp
- Salaries
- Trustees

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St. Paul UMC will have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m.



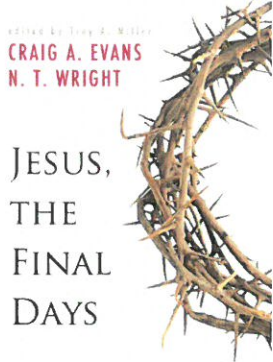
This year's Lenten season starts on February 22. We will have a service on Ash Wednesday at 7 pm. If online worshippers need ashes, please contact your lay pastors or the church office by 2/15.

We would like to thank everyone for their donations of shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**.  
Our box supply is bountiful.  
Shoeboxes are not being collected due to the great supply on hand.  
Your continued support and donations are appreciated!  
Please note on your contribution to St. Paul UMC "Shoebox" .



Thank you! Colleen & Donna

## NEW STUDY STARTING FEBRUARY 7



**What:** Jesus the Final Days “What do history and archaeology have to say about Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection? In this superb book, two of the world’s most celebrated writers on the historical Jesus share their greatest findings. Together, Craig A. Evans and N. T. Wright concisely and compellingly convey the drama and the world-changing significance of Jesus’ final days on earth”

**When:** Tuesday Evenings @ 6:30 Weekly - 1hour to 1 ½ hour each  
Approximately 6-week study

**Where:** SPUMC Library

**Leader:** Melvin Grover

**Please contact Melvin Grover or the Church office for additional information!**

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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**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

King, Patty	02/02	Turner, Dave	02/15
Rogers, Michael	02/02	Wirick, Helen	02/15
Fouse, Mary	02/03	Garber, Phil	02/16
Miller, Stefan	02/03	Kackley, Ashley	02/17
Pols, Jennifer	02/03	Benton, Ethan	02/19
Breland, Mary Lou	02/06	McCready, Ed	02/19
Kackley, Kyle	02/06	Benton, Dawn	02/20
Powell, Lynn	02/06	Carroll, Bertha	02/23
Smith, James	02/06	Garber, Dale	02/26
Thiess, Sandy	02/06	Nicholson, Kallie	02/27
Read, Robin	02/09	Younger, Thomas	02/27
Schmidt, Lewis	02/11	Pulsinelli, Stephanie	02/28
Laughlin, Anna	02/12		
Mitchell, Wendy	02/12		
Nicholson, Noah	02/12		
Riley, Anna	02/14		
McCready, Connie	02/15		



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## OFFICE CONTACTS & INFORMATION

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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.

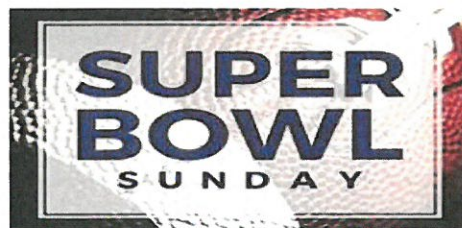
*Contact Kathy at the church office if you have any questions.*

#### **GIFT CARDS**

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



Submissions for the March *Messenger* are due February 15.  
Thank you!



We will be hosting a Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Please come and hang out with our guests and each other. If you’re able, please bring a dish to share.



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- 10am Children SS
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- 6:45pm Bible Study

- 9am HeartFELT
- 5pm OLSS Basketball
- 6:30pm Bible Study I
- 7pm BS Troop#451,

- 6:15pm Praise Band,
- 6:30pm Choir Practic
- 7:30pm AA, FH

- 7pm Boy Scouts/We
- 7pm BS Troop # 451

- Office Closes at Noon
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