

ST. PAUL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

MESSENGER

February 2022



Dear Beloved St. Paul Congregation,

Is there anyone in this world who doesn't like to receive blessings? Probably none. God also wanted everyone to live with blessings. So, he created man and said, "God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." (Genesis 1:28).

That's right. We were created to live with blessings. But in reality, many people do not think they are being blessed. Why? It is because they expect 'blessings that they inflate themselves,' not 'blessings from God.' Moreover, blessings come from above, which means gift, but people search for blessings on their own. If you miss the true blessings in the wrong place, you won't get it. David says, "The goodness and mercy of God shall follow me all the days of my life" (Psalm 23:6). If we live as God wants us to, blessings will always follow us wherever we go. There is no need to wander around in search of blessings.

Proverbs says: "Blessed are the heads of the righteous" (Proverbs 10:6). "The righteous" is used in the Bible not as a "statement" but as a "relationship term." In other words, a righteous person is not a person who is without any blemish but a person who is in a right relationship with God. A wise person who fears God is the 'righteous.' God's blessings are placed on his head like a crown (NIV Bible). Therefore, to receive blessings, we must first become 'righteous, which means we must live in a right relationship with God. Another translation, The Message, says, "Blessings accrue on a good and honest life" The good news is that God's blessings keep piling up. That's right. True happiness is not a one-time thing, and it's not like you're going to get a once in a while. It accumulates little by little every day. Then, who has such a blessing? It is a good and honest life.

The scripture tells us that true blessings are not only received in the present time. It is something you will receive over and over again after you have finished your life in this world. How can this happen? "The remembrance of the righteous is praiseworthy, but the name of the wicked perishes" (Proverbs 10:7). Indeed, the wicked cares nothing about how his descendants will remember his name, which is why they do evil things recklessly. But the righteous are different. I know that life in this world is not everything. That is why, by living a good and honest life, your descendants will remember that name as a pronoun of good fortune and call it proudly. Again, no one hates blessings. However, the blessings that the wicked expect are completely different from the blessings that God wants to give. They consider it a blessing to fill their stomachs by forcibly taking away other people's possessions by doing anything bad. You may say that many people live in those wicked ways. Let me tell you one thing. It's just a matter of time because, in the end, it's all going to be revealed.

A wise person who fears God lives day by day, accumulating blessings. He finds little happiness in his daily life and always enjoys peace of mind. We will be blessed if we let go of our desire to have more than others and obey God's word. Moreover, the blessings will pass on to our descendants who will continue to live their lives according to God's will that let the Kingdom come on earth.

That's why our life 'now' is crucial. Our future depends on our current life, 'how' we live. Our world's future is on our shoulders. As we continue to live out God's truth and grace in our lives in February 2022, let's take a deep breath and think about our life before God. Let's pursue to build up a genuine relationship with God.

~~ *Pastor Baek*



Due to the kind of weather January used to be known for...and seems to be again, we only had 1 Uprising! Uth gathering as of this writing in mid month...though we should have 2 more gatherings before month's end. We met Sunday Jan. 9th to rewatch our focus movie, "To Save a Life." We had dedicated December of 2021 to service projects and gatherings, and had been blessed with a few students new to The Uprising!, We also wished to give those who had missed the movie at the outset of our "outreach-focused" series to see it. This let us all "reset" and view the different ways our focus movie presented examples of reaching out to people today as Jesus did in His day. We'll be looking deeply into some of the "big reaches (for people)" that Jesus made in our latter January Uprising! gatherings.

February will be a "big month" as we plan to begin our 2022 Confirmation classes (see accompanying article), The Uprising! will again be preparing lunches for our Safe Nights guests, AND we'll go to our first-ever Snow Camp later in the month. We ask for your continued prayers as our St. Paul church family for things such as a well-attended, meaningful Confirmation class, a safe trip to/at/ from Snow Camp that focuses anew on Jesus our Savior, and the discernment and courage to reach out to those Jesus would have us trust Him to help us do!

All God's Very Best To Each/All of You & Yours in this new year 2022 and beyond!

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.



By: Melvin Grover

It is a new year! January has already come and gone. We have celebrated Epiphany, the Baptism of Jesus and Holy Communion. As most of you know, I love to garden, and gardening time is right around the corner. In fact, it is already past time to plant some seeds.

Looking on the bright side, there is still plenty of time to plant a Spiritual Garden. You can do this too!

Planting your Spiritual Garden:

Plant 3 rows of peas:

Peace of mind

Peace of heart

Peace of soul

Plant 4 rows of squash:

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness

Plant 4 rows of lettuce:

Let us be faithful

Let us be kind

Let us be obedient

Let us really love one another

No garden without turnips. **Plant:**

Turn up for meetings

Turn up for service

Turn up to help one another

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow!

To conclude our garden must have thyme. **Plant and Nurture**

Time for God

Time for study

Time for prayer

This is updated courtesy of Ally Maddox and Teddi Treybig.

I had always heard of the 4 rows of "lettuce". The other is new to me, however, appropriate! "Let Us" plant this garden together this year! The Church Council is working on updating our Church goals. If you have any suggestions, please contact one of the leaders/members of the Church Council. If you volunteered for a committee, please "turnip" for the meetings!



St. Paul UMC Finances as of 31 December 2021

	Actual (YTD)	Budget (YTD)	Annual Budget	Annual %
Contributions	\$ 398,395.74	\$ 416,976.61	\$ 416,976.61	95.5%
Expenses	\$ 352,043.31	\$ 417,730.79	\$ 416,976.61	84.4%

The St. Paul UMC congregation has graciously made an additional \$49,807.89 in benevolent (restricted giving) to benefit St. Paul UMC ministries, missions, and those in need in 2021.

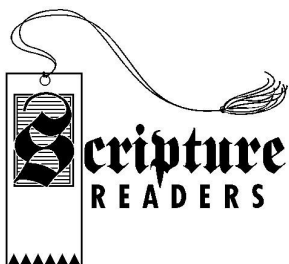


As we start the new year, many groups are in a period of transition and the Board of Trustees are no exception.

Ken Allor, who has served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the last few years, has decided to give himself a much-deserved rest and has stepped down from the Board. We would like to take a moment to thank him for all he has done for us and for the whole of the church. We will be selecting his replacement along with the rest of our Officers in the last week of January.

Returning to serve as Trustees for the next year are Jack Green, Carl Holmberg, Jeri Mead, Chris Rogers, James Ritter, and Jimmy Pouncey.

We are also pleased to announce and look forward to working with our three new members: Jim Snyder, Jim House, and Dave Sams.



Have you ever thought about serving St Paul as a reader on Sunday mornings?

The worship committee is looking for new volunteers to read the scriptures on Sunday mornings at both services in preparations for Pastor Baek's message. Readings may be in person or recorded submitted and added to the service.

If you would like to be part of the team, please email Susan Kennedy, Worship Committee chair, at sqkennedy@aol.com. Include your name and email address. New readers would begin in March.

Thank you for your consideration!

Susan Kennedy

GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS.....

LAY PASTOR MINISTRY

My name is Ben Dansberger. I am the Lay Pastor Ministry Coordinator. I grew up in the Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) Church in south central Pennsylvania during the 1950s. In 1968, the EUB church merged with the Methodist church to become the United Methodist Church, (UMC) so you could say I have been a United Methodist for 71 years. I have been a member of ST. Paul UMC since 1984, and have served in many different positions since then. My wife is Vonnie Dansberger and we have 3 children, Jenn, Paige and Ben. We also have 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

The mission of the Lay Pastor Ministry is to care for God's people offering pastoral care and comfort to everyone in our congregation. We recognize the shepherding responsibilities of all believers to one another and seek to work with the ordained pastors to provide increased care for all.

What does a Lay Pastor do?

The Lay Pastor commits to a life of Prayer, Availability, Contact, and Example (PACE). Lay Pastors are assigned to 5 or more families or members, praying for them daily, being available to them, reaching out regularly, and living in such a way as to set a Christian example. Like Jethro's advice to Moses in Exodus 18:17-23, the Lay Pastor Ministry helps the pastor to share the load of caring for others.

Who are our Lay Pastors?

We currently have 11 active Lay Pastors serving up to 44 families in our flocks. The ultimate goal of the Lay Pastor Ministry is to have all St. Paul members involved in the ministry either as Lay Pastors or flock members. The current Lay Pastors are:

Ron Gruver	April Minin	Marion Carter	Robin Read	John Read
Susan Baker	Everett Baker	Beth Rogers	Diane Schmidt	Vonnie Dansberger

Ben Dansberger

I would ask you to prayerfully consider participating in the Lay Pastor Ministry. Training to become a Lay Pastor takes about 8 hours. Taking the training does not commit you to becoming a Lay Pastor. That decision can be made after finishing the training. If you would like to know more about the ministry, please contact Ben Dansberger at 410-326-2994, or the church office at 410-326-4475.



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Your St. Paul UMC Finance Committee



- 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
- 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.

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| John & Sessaly Boyd | 410 326-4390 |
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| John & Robin Read | 443 404-8559 |
| Andy & Beth Rogers | 410 326-6346 |
| Dave & Debby Showalter | 410 326-2150 |
| Susan Leins Baker | 410 326-6234 |





KING, Patty	02/02	TURNER, Dave	02/15
ROGERS, Michael	02/02	GARBER, Phil	02/16
FOUSE, Mary	02/03	MALONE, Dakota	02/16
MILLER, Stefan	02/03	POWELL, Logan	02/16
POLS, Jennifer	02/03	KACKLEY, Ashley	02/17
BIGGANS, Marijayne	02/06	BENTON, Ethan	02/19
BURBANO, Kyle	02/06	REEMTSEN, Gweniveve	02/19
KACKLEY, Kyle	02/06	SMITH, Michaela	02/19
POWELL, Lynn	02/06	BENTON, Dawn	02/20
THIESS, Sandy	02/06	BIGGANS, Charlotte	02/20
BOBKOSKIE, Kolton	02/07	MASON, Madelyn	02/21
READ, Robin	02/09	BROOKS, Alan	02/22
SCHMIDT, Lewis	02/11	MALONE, Shannon	02/23
MITCHELL, Wendy	02/12	POLS, Luke	02/23
NICHOLSON, Noah	02/12	GARBER, Dale	02/26
KING, Nicholas	02/15	NAGERS, Carter	02/26
TURNER, Dave	02/15	SCRUGGS, Dylan	02/26
GARBER, Phil	02/16	NICHOLSON, Kallie	02/27
MALONE, Dakota	02/16	YOUNGER, Thomas	02/27
POWELL, Logan	02/16	PULSINELLI, Stephanie	02/28
KACKLEY, Ashley	02/17		



Submissions for the February newsletter deadline is March 23, 2022
Thank you.

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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!

Some of the Special Dates in February.....

- Black History Month — February 1-28
- Groundhog Day — February 2
- Boy Scout Sunday — February 8
- Valentine's Day — February 14
- Presidents' Day — February 21
- Transfiguration Sunday — February 27

KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TUESDAY, February 1				SUNDAY, February 13			
Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:00am - 10:00am	FH		UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE	
OLSS Basketball	5:00pm - 6:00pm	AC		MONDAY, February 14 - HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY			
Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00pm - 8:00pm	L		Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S	
SAFENIGHTS	7:00pm - 7:00am	6/10/11/13/15/17		TUESDAY, February 15			
Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH		Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:00am - 10:00am	FH	
WEDNESDAY, February 2				OLSS Basketball	5:00pm - 6:30pm	AC	
Praise Band Practice	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	
SAFENIGHTS	7:00pm - 7:00am	6/10/11/13/15/17		WEDNESDAY, February 16			
AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH		NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE FOR FEBRUARY MESSENGER			
THURSDAY, February 3				Praise Band Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	AC	
OLSS Basketball	5:00pm - 6:00pm	AC		Choir Practice	6:30pm - 7:30pm	S	
Trustees Meeting	6:30pm - 8:00pm	L		AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	
SAFENIGHTS	7:00pm - 7:00am	6/10/11/13/15/17		THURSDAY, February 17			
FRIDAY, February 4				Cub Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:0pm	S	
OLSS Basketball	4:00pm - 8:00pm	AC		FRIDAY, February 18			
SAFENIGHTS	7:00pm - 7:00am	6/10/11/13/15/17		OLSS Basketball	4:00pm - 8:00pm	AC	
AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH		AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH	
SATURDAY, February 5				SUNDAY, February 20			
SAFENIGHTS	7:00pm - 7:00am	6/10/11/13/15/17		UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE	
SUNDAY, February 6				MONDAY, February 21			
UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE		Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S	
MONDAY, February 7				TUESDAY, February 22			
Women's Bible Study	6:45pm - 8:15pm	S		Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:30am - 10:30am	FH	
TUESDAY, February 8				OLSS Basketball	5:00pm - 6:30pm	AC	
Heartfelt Backpack Packing	9:00am - 10:00am	FH		Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00pm - 8:00pm	L	
Women's Morning Bible Study	10:30am - 11:30am	L		Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH	
OLSS Basketball	5:00pm - 6:30pm	AC		WEDNESDAY, February 23			
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/10		Choir Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	S	
WEDNESDAY, February 9				AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH	
Praise Band Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	AC		THURSDAY, February 24			
Lay Pastor Meeting	6:30pm - 8:00pm	L		Cub Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:0pm	FH/6/8/10/11/13/16	
Choir Practice	6:30pm - 8:00pm	S		FRIDAY, February 25			
AA Group	7:30pm - 9:00pm	FH		OLSS Basketball	4:00pm - 8:00pm	AC	
THURSDAY, February 10				AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH	
Church Council	6:30pm - 8:00pm	S		OLSS Basketball	5:00pm - 6:00pm	AC	
Cub Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:0pm	FH/6/8/10/11/13/16		SUNDAY, February 27			
FRIDAY, February 11				UMYF	6:00pm - 7:15pm	ZONE	
OLSS Basketball	4:00pm - 8:00pm	AC					
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

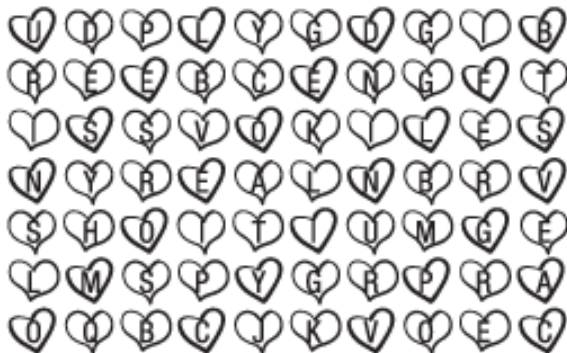


PUZZLE

The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

Directions: Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the blanks. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.



Above all, love each other D , because love
 + + + + + + + + + + over a multitude of - - - - - . Offer
 + + + + + + + + + + to one another without
 + + + + + + + + + + . Each of you should use whatever
 + + + + + + + + + + you have received to - - - - - others, as faithful
 + + + + + + + + + + stewards of God's - - - - - in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:8-10, NIV

Answer: deeply, covers, sins, hospitality, grumbling, gift, serve, grace

Puzzle!

Answer each statement (based on Matthew's gospel) True or False by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write each circled letter on the appropriately numbered line below to discover why Jesus died.

| | TRUE | FALSE |
|--|------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Jesus healed Peter's wife
<i>(Matthew 8:14).</i> | E | <input checked="" type="radio"/> N |
| 2. Jesus fed the 5,000 with two loaves and five fish <i>(14:17).</i> | R | A |
| 3. At Jesus' Transfiguration, Peter saw Jonah and Elijah <i>(17:3).</i> | M | S |
| 4. The rich, young ruler decided not to follow Jesus <i>(19:22).</i> | T | C |
| 5. Jesus said the temple had become a "den of robbers" <i>(21:13).</i> | I | G |
| 6. Famines and earthquakes are signs of the end of the age <i>(24:7).</i> | V | D |
| 7. Jesus tells a story of the six wise and six foolish maidens <i>(25:1-13).</i> | F | A |
| 8. Judas betrayed Jesus with a secret handshake <i>(26:48).</i> | P | L |
| 9. The Roman governor Polonius interrogated Jesus <i>(27:11-14).</i> | W | O |
| | | N |
| | 3 | 2 |
| | 8 | 6 |
| | 7 | 4 |
| | 5 | 9 |
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Answer: N, A, S, T, I, V, A, L, O; salvation

Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.



What you need:

- 1 cup pearly barley
- ½ cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

What you do:

1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.

2022 FEBRUARY



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