# ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

January 2022

# "Life that increases every day"

Dear beloved St. Paul family, Happy New Year!

In Confucianism, the so-called 'Five blessings' is about living a long life, earning a lot of money, living a healthy and peaceful life, doing good to others, and dying comfortably. Among them, people consider the longevity of life first and the most. A century ago, the average life expectancy was only about 40 years at most. But now, things have changed a lot. Due to the remarkable development of medicine, human beings' average lifespan or life expectancy is increasing, and we are now approaching the era of 'hundreds' of years of life. However, how long can you live to say that you are blessed with longevity? It is said that it will be difficult to exceed 120 even if medical science advances further. If so, most modern people are already enjoying the blessing of longevity.

Even in the Bible, 'longevity' is taught as a blessing from God. "The fear of the Lord adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short." (Proverbs 10:27, NIV) If living long is a special blessing only given to those who fear God, we must say that all modern people are God-fearing people. But we can't say that because far more people do not fear God. So, then, how should we understand this verse today? Just as we cannot say that we fear God unconditionally just because we live longer, we cannot say we are evil because we live a short life. Longevity taught in the Bible is not the 'length' of life but an explanation of the 'content' of life. It's not about how 'long' you live, but 'how' you live.



The literal translation of the original Hebrew word, longevity, would be translated as 'to live a long life/time.' And in the English Bible, it says, 'add days.' On the other hand, 'the lifespan becomes shorter' or 'they do not live long' literally means 'the years will be shortened.' Of course, 'add' and 'shorten' are contrasted here, but rather, 'days' and 'years' are contrasted more strongly. That is why, day by day, a life that increases' is compared with a life where the number of years remaining noticeably 'reduces.'

As you see, the fundamental difference comes from the 'fear of God.' Those who include God in their lives will live an 'additional life' every day, and those who do not live a 'decreased life' every day. Just because you live long doesn't mean you're lucky. After all, it's a once-in-a-lifetime life. Everyone, without exception, is destined to die. Therefore, the important thing is not how long you live but what content you will live with during the time given to you. No matter how long we live, we cannot live as long as Methuselah in Genesis. He lived to be 969 years old (Genesis 5:27). The world may envy him. But the Bible does not admire his longevity. Instead, we focus more on Enoch, who lived only 365 years of age. Enoch walked with God (Genesis 5:24). He lived a daily 'additional life' in God. That is the blessing given to those who fear God. We use 'fear' in negative ways mostly. But in the Bible, we use it for awe, respect, and our relationship with God.

It's January 2022, and we just turned another page in our lives. What's your new year's resolution? Please add 'fear of God, have a genuine relationship with God' at the top of your list. We don't know what's coming, but this 'fear of God' will help us have hope and faith to go through whatever comes to us.

Happy new year! Have a blessed year!

~~ Pastor Baek



December saw St. Paul Uprising! Uth do some "Christmas Season outreach." On Sunday, Dec. 5, we assisted with our St. Paul family's "Angel Tree" project. We utilized our gathering time to hear from Miss Sandy (Artz), our Angel Tree coordinator tell us about the project and who it helps. We then "quality checked" tags and bagged gifts according to the families who would receive them. We used the rest of our time together to find out about "Snow Camp" available to our group in late February. The group overwhelmingly decided it would be a great winter retreat now that the "Wave" (previously "ROCK") youth retreat facilitated by the UMC Baltimore Washington Conference had been downgraded to a virtual event. We look forward to a new Christ-centered winter experience at Snow Camp!

On Saturday, Dec. 11, a portion of our group and advisors along with other St. Paul family caroled passers-by at the Solomons Island boardwalk pavilion. We caroled for about an hour, being joined by total strangers for parts of our caroling. We thank God we presented a "face" on our group that felt inviting to people to "just join in" and we pray those within hearing of the carols we sang, though few in number (it was pretty windy and rained for about 10 minutes) heard the truth of God's love for them in Jesus through the words of our songs. We finished the evening's activities by grabbing dinner together at Roy Rogers in Solomons.

As of this writing, we look forward to our last Uprising! Uth gathering of 2021 on Sunday, Dec. 19...as insane as it sounds. We'll be taking a look at Christmas and Jesus in some fashion and along with getting answers to some bigger questions about both, we may just also hear the answer to the age-old question "Why is it that 90% of all pet chinchilla's in the United States are named 'Dusty'?"

We sincerely wish each/all of you the Joy of Christmas, the complete joy and abundant life Jesus promises to those who will trust in Him with our lives, and a God-focused, Christ-centered joy-filled New Year 2022. All God's Very Best 2&4 Each/All of You!



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>dave4godsteens.stpaul@comcast.net</u> or at 443-624-1349.



#### Farewell 2021! ~~ Welcome 2022!

My prayer is 2022 will be better than 2021! It has been an honor and privilege to have served as your Church Council chair in 2021. Again, prayerfully as we go through a continuing pandemic and a General Conference with a pending vote of UMC separation, the leaders of the church will guide and direct you in a Godly manner.

After Christmas, Pastor Baek is taking vacation and will return on January 5th. Yours truly will be delivering the message on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January. We will be celebrating Holy Communion on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January as well as Epiphany and the Baptism of Christ. If you need a Communion kit, please contact your Lay Pastor or the Church office by the 6<sup>th</sup> (the actual day of Epiphany!)

Shoeboxes, Angel Tree were just a couple of outreaches for our Missions Committee.

- The "YTH" and guests Christmas Caroled on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December at the Solomon's Pavilion.
- Please read through the articles presented by our church leaders explaining their committees and what the committees are engaged in. Thank you to those chairpersons for submitting their articles. There will be more next month.
- Do you like to sit around home and play with your computer? The Media committee is looking for assistance in operating the sound board and the other equipment behind that screen! Thank you, Pastor Baek, Jack Greene, Karen Hill and Hunter Lohr for taking care of this week after week.

Enough said. I pray that each and everyone of you had a very blessed Christmas.

Christ IS Alive! Melvin Grover, Council Chair



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 <u>sqkennedy@aol.com</u>. Include your name and email address. New readers would begin in March.

Thank you for your consideration!

Susan Kennedy





## St. Paul UMC Finances as of 30 November 2021

	A	Actual (YTD)	E	Budget (YTD)	A	nnual Budget	Annual %
Contributions	\$	367,722.61	\$	344,695.80	\$	416,976.61	88.2%
Expenses	\$	320,342.65	\$	347,056.43	\$	416,976.61	76.8%

The St. Paul UMC congregation has graciously made an additional \$46,270.39 in benevolent (Restricted) giving to

benefit St. Paul UMC Ministries, Missions, and those in need thus far in 2021.

SAVE THE DATE: SAFE NIGHTS January 30 – February 6, 2022

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Safe Nights is an ecumenical ministry that provides a safe, warm place in the winter to spend the night for the qualifying homeless in Calvert County. Safe Nights is taking place at St. Paul UMC during the week of January 30 through February 6, 7pm to 7am each day. As a part of this ministry our guests are provided with two hot meals and a bagged lunch. During our week of service, we will need volunteers to set-up, prepare meals, stay overnight, clean, etc. We will also need help setting up the rooms on Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> and breaking down the rooms early in the morning on Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>. The volunteer sign-up will be hosted virtually with more information coming out in early January.

A training opportunity specific to St Paul's Safe Nights volunteers will be provided early in January to get additional information. If you have any questions, would like more information, or would like to be added to the volunteer email list, please do not hesitate to contact Jessica Holmberg at jholmberg114@gmail.com.

SPUMPS will have their Open Enrollment for the 2022-2023 School year on Tuesday, January 18th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Susan Quisenberry Director of SPUMPS Preschool



From You



# **Blessings and Woes**

<sup>17</sup> He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, <sup>19</sup> and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

<sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you

<sup>23</sup> "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

Love always, Your Lay Leader

# Monday Night Women's Bible Study

Are you interested in finding out about Bad Girls in the Bible? If so, starting in January (date TBD) the Monday Night Women's Bible Study will be studying Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs. We would love to have you join us. We will order the books and workbooks for the study. The cost of the book and workbook for the study should be less than \$20.00. Please contact Debby Showalter, Becky Grover, Missy Lauber or the Church office with any questions.

Thanks,

Missy

## GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS ......

I am Beth Rogers and currently am blessed to hold the position of Sunday School superintendent. My parents raised their six children in the Methodist Church as a way to teach good moral principles but there was never any discussion of a relationship with Jesus Christ in our home. I wandered away and it was not till after the birth of my first child in 1981 that God's amazing prevenient Grace culminated in bringing me to meet my Lord and Savior, Jesus, and my walk *with* Him began. Delving deeply into a study of the Bible was the most important step I took at that time and I encourage all of my precious family (this includes our 3 children and their spouses, 11 grandchildren and all of you at St. Paul) to do the same! I have served here in many ways over the past 30 years such as in Bible Studies, prayer groups, as associate Lay leader, in missions, as a lay servant and as a lay pastor. Please ask God to reveal how He would have you share your gifts at St Paul. In Sunday school we are teaching the children to meet Jesus, learn what the Bible teaches us and to do what it says. I currently have a tremendous team of teachers: Robin Read, Jeri Mead, Dave Showalter, Susan Baker, Mike Rogers and Anna Bobkoskie. We also have some wonderful subs with Carol Howard and Donna House. We have a place for you if this is where God is leading you. We would love to meet more of your chil-



Hello, my name is Diane Schmidt. I am the current Missions Chair for St. Paul since 2017 and have been active with this church since 2011. I joined as a member in 2018. I have served on various Boards and Church Councils throughout the years. I was active on the Chesapeake Ranch Estates Board of Directors for 5 years. I also served as Evangelism Chair for Good Samaritan Lutheran Church in Lexington Park and for King of Glory Lutheran Church in Newbury Park California.

Both my husband and I are originally from Connecticut – we met up at the University of Connecticut in 1979. We moved out to California after college for several years and then returned to the east coast to Maryland in 1996. We love Maryland living and Calvert County. We have 2 grown sons who live in the local area. I have a BS degree in Biology and had a career for many years in the Research and Clinical Laboratory fields.

I have a heart for missions and volunteer work and enjoy working to serve in Faith helping those in need. Our Current Missions Committee members are:

Sandy Artz	Susan Baker	Carla Milling
Barbie Ritter	Kathy Pinkowski	Beth Rogers

Ongoing Advent missions each year include Operation Christmas Child/ Samaritan's Purse shoe box ministry, Food for the Poor catalog ministry fundraiser, and Angel Tree of Calvert County. Other continuing missions throughout the year include:

*Gideons Bible Ministry	*Heartfelt – Supplying food for the weekends
	for needy children and their families
*Mission Aviation Fellowship	*End Hunger - Our support for this organization this year
	included a donation from our church
*Farming for Hunger	towards the construction of their new facility which will
0	serve those in Calvert County.
*Care Net Pregnancy Center	*Camp Joy - Youth Group activity
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\*SMILE Ministries – We are a representative support Church along with others – parishioners serve as volunteers from Saint Paul.

\*Safe Nights of Calvert County - We are looking forward to once again participating this season.

We welcome your interest and participation in any of these ministries throughout the year!



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 Polanskl - Alzheimer's Jovce 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





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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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Cal & Carolyn Colvin	301 862
Ben & Vonnie Dansberger	410 326
Ruth Dixon	410 326
Ruth Humphreys	410 326
John & Robin Read	443 404
Andy & Beth Rogers	410 326
Dave & Debby Showalter	410 326
Susan Leins Baker	410 326

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ULDOON, Brian	01/01
RIGHT, Mark	01/01
CCREADY, Ann	01/02
OUNCEY, Sarah	01/04
OGERS, Andrew "Sam"	01/07
ACKIEWICZ, Myrna	01/08
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"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 February newsletter is January 19, 2022 Thank you.

#### **Office Contacts & Information**

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Teri Herren therren.stpaul@comcast.net

#### OFFICE PHONE: 410.326.4475

#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Church E-Mail:

At this time, there will physically be a person in the office as follows:

> Monday: Tuesday—Thursday Fridays

10am to 1pm 10am to 3pm 9am to 12pm

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

> Monday - Thursday Fridays

9am to 4:30pm 9am to 12pm

#### PLEASE ALWAYS FEEL FREE TO CALL TO SET-UP AN APPOINTMENT IF YOU HAVE A NEED **OUTSIDE OF THOSE HOURS.**

# MONTH AT A GLANCE

#### KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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Meeting	4:30pm - 5:30pm	L	Boy Scout Troop 451	7:00pm - 8:30pm	FH
Melvin Grover's Bible Study	6:00pm - 8:00pm	L	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19		
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Church Council	6:30pm - 8:00pm	L	AA Group	8:00pm - 9:30pm	FH
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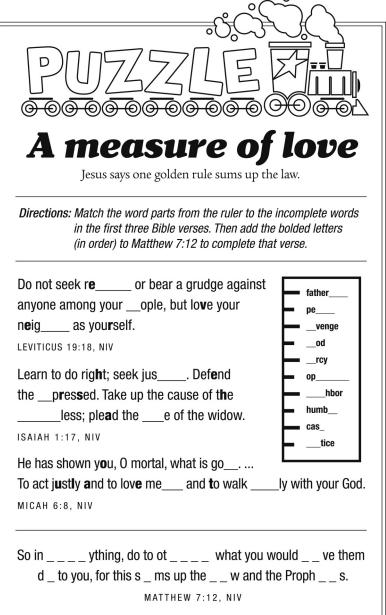






Complete each friend pair from the Bible, using the verses as hints. Then write the circled letters in order on the blanks below to complete Proverbs 17:17.

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Naomi &		Ruth 1:22			
Paul &		Acts 16:25			
Joshua &		Numbers 14:6			
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Job &	<u>B</u>	Job 2:11			
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Апзиет: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, have, do, sums, Law, Prophets

Answer: Hushai, Festus, Ruth, Silas, Caleb, John, Bildad, Elisha, Job, David, James, Mary, Martha, Paul, Lazarus, Elizabeth, Eliphaz, Moses; A friend loves at all times.

#### ~ January 2022 ~

#### DISASTER RELIEF Support for the recent Tornados

Giving through the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. **Every cent of your contribution goes directly to the relief and recovery project.** Administrative costs are covered by a special annual offering, "One Great Hour of Sharing". You will hear more about that special Sunday near Lent.

• Donations can be made through our church. Please mark your check or envelope as Tornado Relief. The project number is Advance # 901670

For our online giving you may go the UMCOR website:

https://advance.umcmission.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx

UMCOR is among the first on site and the last to leave.



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Your St. Paul UMC Finance Committee

# January 2022 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in January are:

- New Year's Day, January 1, 2022
- Epiphany, January 6, 2022
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 9, 2022*
- Religious Freedom Day, *January 16, 2022*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 17, 2022

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2022

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

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





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